

INSIDE LEISURE VILLAGE



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An Active Senior Community

Santa Rosa Road, Camarillo, California

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Photo by Jerry Spector

The 2012-13 Leisure Village Association Board of Directors is composed of, from left, Don Marquardt, vice president; Ted Lansing, treasurer; Jerry Rosen, president; John Mayer, secretary; and Bob Ellis, director at large.

New board elected

By Bob McQuivey

The final phase of the 2012 election process within Leisure Village came off without a hitch, and 1,204 homeowners — 56.4 percent of the eligible voters — exercised their right by casting their votes for members seeking the two open seats.

John Mayer easily won a re-election bid with 802 total votes. Ted Lansing received 846, Joyce Baker 406 and Robert Kulick came in with 129.

The tax related referendum identified as 76-04 on the ballot also received favorable support with a vote of 984 in support and 25 opposed. Had this ballot measure not passed, the Leisure Village Association

would have faced increased federal taxes, and the staff at ILV therefore wishes to thank those who voted in favor of the measure, thereby saving homeowners money.

At the working board meeting that followed on the heels of the Annual Meeting, Jerry Rosen was re-elected as president, Don Marquardt as vice president, Ted Lansing as treasurer, John Mayer as secretary and Bob Ellis will remain director at large.

Last but not least, ILV staff sends congratulations to those who won in the election, thanks for participating to those that that were unsuccessful in their bids, and a special thanks to Lin Grant for serving as a director for the past four years.



Photo by Joseph Benti

Maintenance at the pool is continuing.

Busch leaving as finance chair

By Patty Ecker

One of Leisure Village's most dedicated volunteers has decided to "retire." Pat Busch, who served as chairman of LV's Finance Committee, stepped down from that position last month. "A huge loss," said LV General Manager Bob Scheaffer.

For nearly 12 years, this tall, quiet, unassuming man, with his committee members, has kept a watchful advisory eye on the fiscal health and financial activities of the LV Association. His leadership has been crucial to keeping the Village on solid footing, according to those who worked with him.

"Invaluable!" adds

Scheaffer. "He's been a huge help to me and created accounting systems that help us all."

Pat is a familiar face and voice at Board meetings, reporting monthly on the activities and intricacies of the nearly \$11 million LVA budget.

"Pat Busch is outstanding," says Board President Jerry Rosen. Thanks to him and his committee, "the financial records are in great shape. He has provided all of us with an essential service."

Pat says it is time for him to retire as Finance chair. He wants more time for family; he and his wife Cathy have six children and will celebrate their 60th wedding

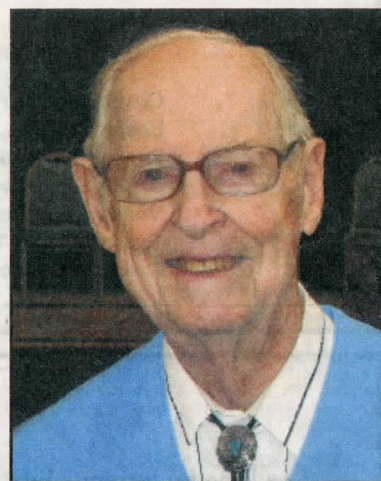


Photo by Jerry Spector

Pat Busch is retiring as chairman of the Finance Committee.

anniversary in August
When Pat and Cathy

Please see **BUSCH** on 25

LV resident says thanks to firefighters

By Patty Ecker

A plaque recognizing the bravery of firefighters is displayed at the nearby Ventura County Fire Station — an expression of gratitude from Leisure Village resident Sharon Loney to the men in Station 52 on Santa Rosa Road.

"They help so many Leisure Village residents," Sharon explained. "I wanted the firefighters to know how much we appreciate them."

The plaque was cast originally to honor firefighters

Please see **PLAQUE** on 26

Many people were taken aback at the pool being shut down so some much-needed maintenance work could be done. See story, Page 6.

After years of hiring a private contractor to sweep the streets of Leisure Village, the board has purchased a street sweeper. See Page 5.

Curious about how the current state of the housing market has affected Leisure Village? See Page 8.

Two recent events in the Village were highly successful. Read about the Women's Club Fashion Show Tea on Page 16. And read about the Pet Parade on Page 17.

July 19 workshop tackles elder abuse, caregivers

By Sue-Ellen Colp

What to do about a neighbor whom you suspect is being neglected? Do you have concerns about the health of a neighbor? What is the Adult Abuse Prevention Council? How do you report abuse?

To find the answers to these questions and more come to the meeting in the MPR July 19 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

This talk on preventing abuse, including a segment

on how to safely hire caregivers, will be given by Melanie Farber, director of the Adult Abuse Prevention Council.

This will be a very informative session. There is a lot of information that we should know about since we live in the Village and, as we get older and health is more fragile, we might need help. It is very important whom we bring into our homes, since it might affect not only us but our neighbor.

Hope to see you there.

Letters

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LVTV PROGRAM SCHEDULE July 2012

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LVTV email address: lvtvcommittee@gmail.com

Date	Day	Time	Program	*OTR 7=Old-Time Radio, Thurs. 7 p.m.
2	Mon	10 a.m.	LVA Open Board Meeting: Live	
3	Tues	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	LVA Open Board Meeting: Tape	
4	Wed	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Player's Guild: The Bickersons 2011, 30 Min.	
5	Thurs	Noon & 8 p.m.	Thursday Showcase - * OTR 7:00 p.m. See LVTV Message Board for shows	
6	Fri	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	LVA Open Board Meeting: Tape	
9	Mon	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Pacifica High School Dancers: 2009, 30 Min.	
10	Tues	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	What's Happening in LV: YNCG, Racquet Club, Music Appreciation - 32 Min.	
11	Wed	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Drowning in Debt - 32 Min.	
12	Thurs	Noon & 8 p.m.	Thursday Showcase - * OTR 7:00 p.m. See LVTV Message Board for shows	
13	Fri	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	What Was My Line? Claudia Roberts, Jerry Spector & Judy Siegel, 56 Min.	
16	Mon	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Showtyme: Beverly Wright - 2008, One hour	
17	Tues	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Women's Club: Fashion Show, 2011, One hour	
18	Wed	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Tree Trimming: 2009, One hour and 7 Min.	
19	Thurs	Noon & 8 p.m.	Thursday Showcase - * OTR 7:00 p.m. See LVTV Message Board for shows	
20	Fri	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Player's Guild: A Brazilian Musical Love Story, 7/21/11, 40 Min.	
23	Mon	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Camera Club/Writers Project, Creative Blending: 5/19/10, 55 Min	
24	Tues	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	What's Happening in LV: Pet Club, Farmers Club & Origami - 30 Min.	
25	Wed	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Women's Club: Richard Weiss, 44 Min.	
26	Thurs	Noon & 8 p.m.	Thursday Showcase - * OTR 7:00 p.m. See LVTV Message Board for shows	
27	Fri	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	What was my Line? Guests: Lois Keeler, Josette Wingo & Ken Walker, 58 Min.	
30	Mon	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	Village Voices: Norm Chapman & Florence Gillman, 40 Min.	
31	Tues	10 a.m. & 7 p.m.	LVTV Goes to the Movies: John Mayer, referee, Larry Swartz & Lin Grant	

Committees or clubs who would like to be interviewed, please call Bob O'Connor at 437-6798. LVTV Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the MPR, guests are always welcomed.

DAILY AUDIO MESSAGE BOARD: 9 a.m., Noon, 3 p.m. 6 p.m.: Narrated by Debra Guill.

*** THE OLD-TIME RADIO AUDIO PROGRAM:** Thurs. 7 p.m., featuring Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Burns & Allen, etc.

Committee Chair.....Rita Linsey - 484-8653
Board LiaisonJohn Mayer - 388-4642
Program suggestions; book review volunteers.. Judy Siegel - 384-9620
Message Board volunteers; filming eventsMark Smith - 388-1243
Volunteers for stage lighting & sound Bill Foeller - 384-4447
Guest on "What Was My Line?"Jerry Spector - 384-9039
Contribute music CDs.....Larry Forkner - 484-2095

August deadlines

Deadline for letters, club news, stories, photos and classified ads for the August 2012 issue is Thursday, July 19, at 5 p.m. The Display Advertising deadline will be Friday, July 20, at 5 p.m. Publication is scheduled for Friday, August 3. Please e-mail stories and photos to editorilv@yahoo.com. Typed copy, double-spaced, should be deposited in the ILV box in the Recreation Center hallway. Handwritten material should be submitted early to allow for typing.

VILLAGE HAPPENINGS

Coasters coasting into LV

The Coasters, one of the most popular singing groups of the 1950s, are appearing Sunday, July 15, at 2 p.m. in the AR.

This program, presented by Showtyme, will also feature terrific comedian Carlos Oscar, whom Bill Cosby described as "a comedy treasure." His jokes are appropriate for all ages.

Tickets, priced at \$10 for members and \$13 for non-members, can be purchased from Sharon Hahn at 482-2873.



The Coasters will perform in the AR on Sunday, July 15. Tickets are on sale now.

Strength-training and Zumba fill summer schedule

By Sue-Ellen Colp

Come check us out! Zumba is aerobics done to Latin music. Six weeks of classes run Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. from July 17 to Aug. 23.

Strength-training, using hand weights, spri bands and chair exercise for lots of core training, is Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. and Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. from July 19 to Aug. 23.

The one-time fee is \$20.

I am excited for the summer classes to begin and am hoping to be able to add more classes soon. Also, due to budget cuts, we need to have 20 people minimum in each of our classes.

Sign up in the office or contact Sue-Ellen Colp at 805-312-1991.



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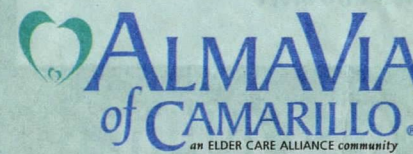
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In memoriam

Helen Koehn, V. 23

Ed Fuchs, V. 6

Sophie Lebetkin, formerly V. 20

Stanley Feldman, V. 28

To submit a memoriam call Loretta Reshes at 388-7116.

We thank you so much for all your calls, cards, goodies and tributes, as well as your love, support and prayers. We are so lucky to be living in Leisure Village.

— Roz Feldman, V. 28

We would like to express our gratitude for your loving thoughts, calls and cards (so many) during our mother's illness. This has been a difficult time for our parents and our families, and your compassion and friendship is greatly appreciated. We know how well loved our mom was by all of you and how so very much she loved being a part of this community and all of the various

clubs and activities. She had such joy participating in each and every event. We also know that our father is surrounded by love and support, and knowing that gives us some comfort.

It was mom's request that there be no services upon her death, and we are honoring that request. Funeral arrangements were handled by Perez Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in mom's memory to the American Cancer Society, Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice or your favorite charity.

Again, thank you for your kindness.

— Family of Howard and Helen Koehn, V. 23

THEATER BEAT

Camarillo Community Theatre: "1776," through July 8. "The Farnsworth Invention," July 27 through Aug. 26. 330 Skyway Dr. Camarillo, 388-5716.

Conejo Players Theatre: "Peter

Pan," July 13 through Aug. 11. 351 S. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks, 495-3715.

High Street Arts Center: Dark.

Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center: "To Kill A Mockingbird," through July

8. "The Music Man," July 21 through Aug. 26. 3050 E. Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley, 583-7900.

Elite Theatre Company: "The Miser," through July 22. 730 S. "B" St., Oxnard, 483-5118.

Rubicon Theater: Dark.

Santa Paula Theater Center: "Elephant's Graveyard," through Aug. 5. 125 S. 7th St., Santa Paula, 525-4645.

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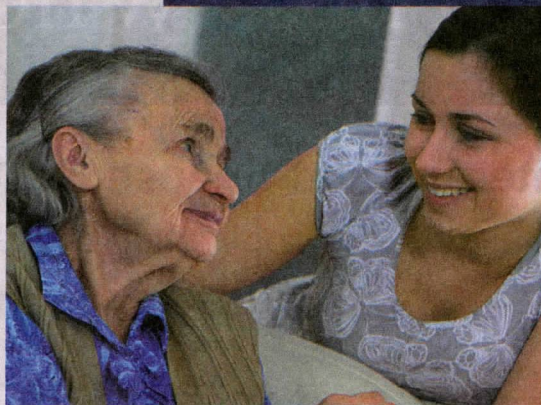
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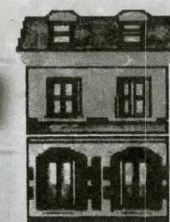
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A clean sweep: 5-ton vehicle keeps Village streets debris-free

\$92,000 machine means outsourcing is over

By Bob Cohen

Say hello to the latest Leisure Village acquisition: a Tymco model 210 street sweeper weighing in at just under 5 tons!

For as long as anyone can remember, LV has been outsourcing the task of keeping our streets clean at an annual cost, in recent years, of \$22,000. And for that price, the streets are swept just once a month. In 2010, the Purchase Research Committee, after a detailed investigation headed by Tim Hughes, recommended purchasing our own unit. At the time, while the board looked favorably on the idea, funds were not available.

Fast forward to 2012, funds were budgeted and the unit was purchased for a total cost of \$92,000. Several of our existing staff members have been

trained on the use of the machine, and our staff mechanic has been trained on its care. At the historical rate of usage, the cost payback would be just 4.5 years; however, General Manager Bob Scheaffer now plans on sweeping twice a month. In addition, the unit is available for cleanup whenever we are hit with a sudden storm.

The result: A cleaner Leisure Village and a two-plus-year payback period — a win all around.

For those interested in the design details of the unit, the Model 210 is the only lot sweeper on the market that uses a true Regenerative Air System with a high-efficiency multipass, cylindrical, centrifugal dust separator to clean the air before it passes to the blower. The blower is then coupled to a controlled jet of air that dislodges dust and debris from the street before it is vacuumed into the holding tank.



Photo by Paul Damas, compliance inspector

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Complaints about pool work are all wet

By Bob McQuivey

The recent disruption and closure of the swimming pool at Leisure Village provides a reminder to residents and staff alike that repair and maintenance of facilities constitute ongoing needs in a community that is almost 40 years old.

Beginning with visible signs of deterioration in the cement decking, noticeable increase of sand and other debris in the pool filters — and accompanied by an official notification from the Ventura County Environmental Health Division that the problem must be addressed in a timely manner — the pool was subsequently closed and repairs made using funds available from the reserve account.

It is interesting to note that little action in our community goes without criticism from the Monday morning quarterbacks and other self-proclaimed experts that call

Leisure Village home. The closing of the swimming pool during the heat of the summer season is no exception.

Recent complaints received by staff for this project included a suggestion that all the decking be replaced at one time as opposed to a piece-meal approach, notwithstanding the fact that some sections of the decking are not yet in need of replacement, but probably will need attention a year or two down the road. (Chlorine is tough on cement.)

Others believe that the work should take place during the winter months when the pool receives less use, irrespective of the fact that the work is tied into an overall annual cement contract that includes sidewalks, driveways and other associated needs throughout the community.

An evaluation by staff over the years has suggested that completing

the pool work independently and/or addressing all cement related needs during the winter would be more costly for a variety of reasons.

Also, several onlookers noted that construction activity ceased for some four days in the middle of the project, thereby delaying the time for the estimated one-week closure to almost two weeks. Records show, however, that the delay was due to the necessity for a government employee to physically inspect the project after the foundation was set, but before the cement could actually be poured, as opposed to any laziness or fault of the contractor.

In retrospect, the good news is that the pool is once again open, but the bad news is that the decking around the spa is due for replacement next year, and we can therefore expect to hear many of the same complaints once again.

But then complaining keeps some folks busy and out of other mischief.

Looking back: Symphonette debuts in LV

By Marilyn Holthouse
Village historian

- July 1977, 35 years ago: The Rhythmettes elected Piff De Simone as president.

- July 1982, 30 years ago: The LV Symphonette Orchestra debuted.

- July 1987, 25 years ago: Camrosa Water District increased water rates by 12.3 percent and sewer rates by 31 percent.

- July 1992, 20 years ago: 40 acres of grass are mowed by the landscape crew each day.

- July 1997, 15 years ago: Duane Waln was named chairperson for the ESO committee and Ann Levey for the Finance committee.



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The Wry Eye

By Joseph Benti

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A lot of their time is spent check to jowl,
Waiting for turns that can set some to growl.
About time more than how money should be spent:
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Not that the new center be state of the art,
Just have the space to work on body and heart.

AARP Safe Driving classes on tap

By Claudia Roberts

A Safe Driving Refresher class for Leisure Village residents will be taught Friday, July 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the MPR.

All licensed Leisure Village residents who have attended the longer version are invited to attend the refresher class. Each successful attendee will receive a current DMV booklet and certificate which, when presented to your insurance agency, will provide you with a discount good for three years.

If you want to improve defensive driving habits and learn how to adjust

to age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time this class is for you.

The next refresher course is Sept. 14, and the next two-day, four hour class for those of you who have never taken a safe driving class is Nov. 9 and 16 from 1 to 5 p.m. The last class was full, so please plan on signing up early. Pre-registration is required.

The cost is \$12 for members of AARP and \$14 for non-members. Your check will not be deposited until after the class.

To register, call Claudia Roberts at 482-9904.

63 percent of Village's registered voters cast ballots June 5

By Joseph Benti

According to preliminary figures, the percentage of registered Village voters who voted in the June 5 primary was nearly three times that of Ventura County and almost double

that of Camarillo's percentage of registered voters.

The results, which had not been certified as of the time of this report, showed 63.3 percent of the Village's 2,472 registered voters cast ballots

in the two precincts that serve the Village exclusively. Ventura County's turnout was 24.5 percent of nearly 407,000 registered voters; Camarillo's was 34.6 percent of its 38,595 voters.

Coincidentally, when you break

out the Village turnout, it represents more than 10 percent of Camarillo's total, the kind of participation that might send a message of importance to area politicians: Leisure Village voters do count!

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Fix-it projects can boost value

By Sharron Parker
Troop Real Estate Inc.

During these warm, sunny days, many homeowners begin projects around the house. In the past, some of those projects have been cleaning, general maintenance, painting, larger home improvements or maybe even complete remodeling. All of these maintain, or in many cases, add to the value of your home.

Due to the nature of the Leisure Village community, property values are dependent on the overall exterior maintenance of all of the homes in the complex. If the home has "Red Stake" (custom) landscaping, now may be a good time to plant, trim and remove weeds and leaves.

One project that really enhances the value of a homeowner's property, and the overall development as well, is the replacement or removal of older wood fences where the wood materials have been damaged substantially by termites or wood fungus and/or dry

rot. The Leisure Village Association has a list of properties that are seen from Leisure Village Drive or Mountain View Drive that require fencing to block the patio visibility from the street. Your property may not require a fence.

Another relatively affordable maintenance project that may increase property value is the replacement of the original wooden garage doors with the new more-modern roll-up sectional metal doors.

There are many other projects that are being made by Leisure Village owners to make their homes more enjoyable and to increase the value of their investment. Please remember that any modifications to the exterior of our homes require Architectural Committee approval and permit.

— Sharron Parker, a Realtor with Troop Real Estate Inc., can be reached at (805) 443-1998.

Real estate market picks up

By Sharron Parker

Yes, the real estate market in Leisure Village — and actually all of Ventura County — has been very active in the past few months. Available homes are unusually limited. There are currently significantly more buyers than sellers.

As I write this today, June 11, 53 homes have sold in the past three months in our Village, representing a potential turnover rate of 10 percent annually. We now have only 13 active listings. The general average of available homes has been 40 to 45.

This is truly a seller's market. Anytime a commodity is in short supply with high demand, it sells very quickly.

People often tell me that they are considering moving to a place offering meals, socialization and transportation — much as they love Leisure Village and the comfort of their home. Now may be a good time to talk to a Realtor to get more information.

A few years ago when there were many more houses on the market for sale, buyers had more choices and it sometimes took longer to sell a home.

Although prices were unrealistically high six years ago, is it reasonable to wait to see if that will happen again? During the last downturn cycle in the early 1990s, it took about 13 years for the market to get really strong again.



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Crackling crackers add spice for a summer treat or work as ideal coating for chicken

By Susan Amerikaner

We may have missed the Fourth of July, but you don't have to miss out on culinary firecrackers.

Here's a summer "no-cook" recipe for crackling crackers that are great served alone with something tall and cool to drink. You can also serve them with chili or slices of cheese.

They're very easy, but do follow the directions to let the crackers sit overnight. That's what ignites them! You can use less spice if you like. And if you have leftovers, crush them up for a great coating for chicken breasts!

I will warn you that this recipe is high in sodium. It's a definite splurge! If you're watching your sodium intake, it's better to watch fireworks on TV.

California Firecrackers

1 1/3 cups extra virgin olive oil
 1 teaspoon garlic powder
 1 teaspoon onion powder
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 2 one-ounce envelopes of dry Ranch Dressing mix (or use one Ranch and one Italian)
 2 to 3 Tablespoons red pepper flakes*
 One-pound box of unsalted or low-salt saltine crackers, multigrain or regular (You will need all 4 sleeves of crackers!)

*Watch out! Start with 1 to 2 tablespoons of the red pepper flakes, but some like it hot!

Use a large 1-1/2 to 2 gallon plastic bag. Open the bag, holding it open wide over a shallow bowl. Pour in the

olive oil. In a small bowl, combine the dry ingredients and place them in the olive oil. Close the bag and, using your hands, knead and massage the ingredients together, combining the oil and seasonings. Now, carefully place all the crackers in the bag. Yes, all of them!

Reseal the bag and turn the bag over and over again, coating the crackers with the oil-seasoned mixture. The more you do this, the better the coverage is.

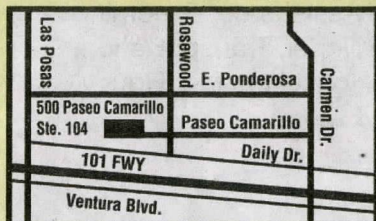
Then let the bag sit at room temperature for one hour and then turn it again a few more times. Allow the bag to sit for at least 12 hours or, better yet, overnight. Serve in a bowl or basket lined with 2 or 3 paper napkins.

Any leftovers can be stored in a covered plastic container.

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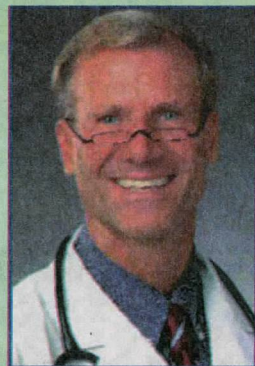
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97-year-old Village resident tutors elementary school kids

By **Patty Ecker**

"I am a rich man. My pay is a smile," says Ben Racowsky as he chats about his life.

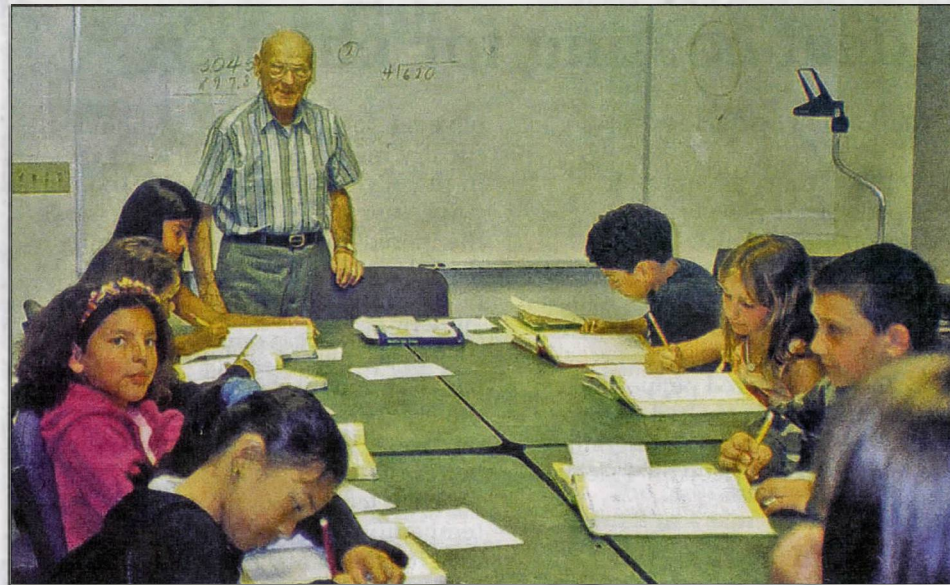
A resident of Leisure Village for 15 years, Ben is sitting in his living room, a rare quiet moment for this busy volunteer. He tutors elementary school students three days a week. He teaches a Hebrew class in the Village, is a greeter at the Herzog Winery and goes to Temple every day. An amazing schedule, particularly because Ben is 97 years old.

"I believe that each of us has a core of goodness," he explains.

It's a lesson from his mother that he follows daily.

Ben's core is particularly bright at Tierra Linda Elementary School, where Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays he tutors dozens of kids who have trouble mastering the basics of math.

"When they get behind in multiplication or division in the third or fourth grade, they might never catch up," Ben says. "So they come into my



Ben Racowsky tutors children at Tierra Linda Elementary School.

room in small groups, and we work together."

He describes how the students light up when they succeed.

"Kylie – a third grader – shouted 'I got it!' the first time she got the right answer in long division. Now she's dividing five figures."

"Mr. R (as they call him on campus) makes a huge difference," reports Tierra Linda Principal June Pack. "The teachers notice; student scores improve when kids are tutored by him."

He's been "a very big part of our school," she says, ever since he just walked on campus five years ago and said, "I'm here to help."

Mr. R. needs no guidance; he knows how to do it. That, Ben confesses, is because he flunked math in grade school, then took it over until he "became great at it." It's no accident that one of his sons teaches math in college.

His Leisure Village Hebrew class began 15 years ago because, as a newcomer, he wanted to meet people. Ben and his students have not stopped yet. He's proud of his Jewish tradition, attending Temple every day. That's where he met David Herzog, who soon recognized Ben's special attitude and invited him to help greet guests at tastings at the Herzog Wine Cellars.

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Communication — written and televised — thrives in Village

By Bob McQuivey

Effective communication throughout history has been presented in many interesting forms, with each type of conveyance suited for different cultures and associated environments. The Native Americans on the plains of the U.S., for example, reportedly used smoke signals on occasion to convey messages over seemingly long distances because of clear skies and distant visibility. The Ethiopians conditioned runners to convey verbal messages at breakneck speeds. Tribes in Africa sent important signals via the beat of drums, probably because the dense jungles obscured sight, but, on the other hand, effectively carried sounds from one village to the next (try running in a jungle).

Even in more recent times, songwriters have entered the fray with their own brand of communication, as evidenced by singer Ferlin Husky suggesting that important signs from

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above are sent "On the Wings of a Snow White Dove." By the same token, Bob Dylan further noted that the answer, my friend, is "Blowin' in the Wind," and, as David Mansfield wrote, and as displayed in the movie "The Songcatcher," someone dies and their passing is thereafter often recognized "When the Mountains Cry."

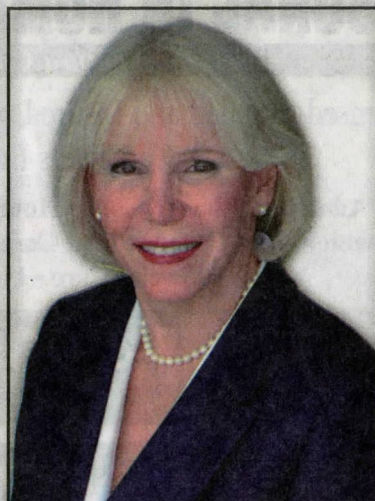
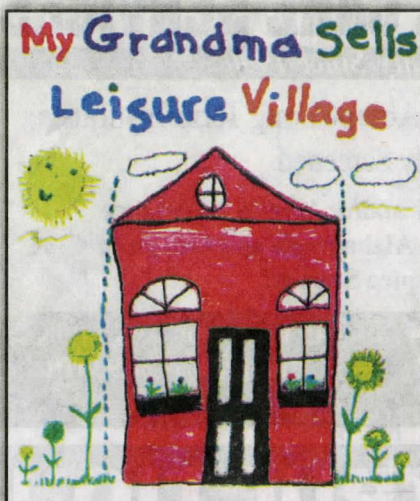
Although we may not be quite as artistic or adventuresome here in

Leisure Village, the Association has nevertheless focused considerable attention on implementing effective measures for communication as a high priority. Not only are monthly board meetings televised live on closed circuit television, but also tapes of the meetings are frequently played on a number of occasions and at various times during the week. A revolving screen on LVTV also runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, displaying activity schedules and important messages. The lobby of the Recreation Center (not clubhouse, thank goodness) also provides a shorter version of the announcements as well as appropriate posters in the lobby, not to mention other information found on bulletin boards.

Written communication includes the monthly Village Voice that is sent to all residents and homeowners, regardless of where they live, and occasional special letters and other written correspondence as

needed. Although not legally tied to the Association, ILV provides announcements and messages from clubs and other groups, in addition to other pertinent information as deemed appropriate. And the newest and most modern method of communication may be found in the email news as envisioned and implemented twice a month under the urging and subsequent guidance of Ernie Ohmstedt, chairman of the all-important Education and Recreation Committee.

The bottom line is that you don't need to look for smoke, wait for a runner or listen for the beat of the drums in an effort to be in the know about activities in our community, simply because the messages are not only all around, but also abound in many forms. Therefore, if you are late for the party, miss the boat or are unaware of any other associated activity in our community, you have only yourself to blame.



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Booster Club

By Lin Grant

Your Booster Club is comprised of individuals dedicated to making physical improvements to the Village by providing items needed by clubs and committees — those items being outside of the Leisure Village budget. Ideas, energy and manpower provide the currency for those purchases.

Our sponsored Spring Sale was a huge success. Those who both bought and/or sold left happy and we, our community, made a huge contribution to the Salvation Army with those items that weren't sold and didn't want to "go back home."

On the agenda is a talent or no-talent show, hopefully themed like the Gong Show of long years past. If you have a talent and would like to perform, terrific. But if you have no talent and would still like to contribute a funny boo-able act, please call Lin Grant at 714-878-

7323. The day will be a Sunday afternoon, but the date itself will be announced when we have enough acts to fill the bill. Talent or just being goofy — join the fun.

The Booster Club meets the third Monday of every month in the MPR at 7 p.m. Please join us and help us enhance our Village.

Travel Club

- "Meet Me in St. Louis," Cabrillo Music Theater, Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Center, Wednesday, July 25, 11 a.m. Orchestra \$34, mezzanine \$28. Deadline to purchase tickets is July 12.

- "Memphis," Pantages Theater, Tuesday, July 31. \$75 includes transportation. Meet 4:45 p.m., return at midnight. Sold out, waiting list only.

- Nethercutt Museum, Sylmar, Thursday, Aug. 16. \$78 includes transportation, guided tour and lunch at The Smoke House. Meet at 10:15

a.m., return 5 p.m. Cancel date is July 26.

Big Band

By Anne Wolfson

The Big Band will be playing in the AR from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, July 10, 17 and 24. The band is made up of professional musicians who come from various areas to practice together. All Villagers are invited to come and be entertained, either listening to pretty music or to dance if they feel so inclined. You will find this a very relaxing time, so come and enjoy!

Sing Along Group

By Anne Wolfson

The Sing Along Group will be meeting in the AR from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, July 9 and July 30. Even if

you can't carry a tune, come and have a very happy time singing old tunes with good friends. Either Irene Olson or Stan Vansant will accompany you on the piano, and you will find the words in our song books.

The Mavericks

By Margo Secia

The Mavericks held their second golf tournament in June, and we were so pleased to see all the players come out to enjoy this event. A big round of applause to all the winners.

Please mark your calendars for our Pizza and Dance Night on Friday, July 27, at 7 p.m. in the AR. We will be enjoying pizza and a DJ for your dancing and listening pleasure for this paid-up members-only get-together. So we can determine how many people will be attending and can order the pizzas accordingly, the club is selling tickets for \$1.00 per person.

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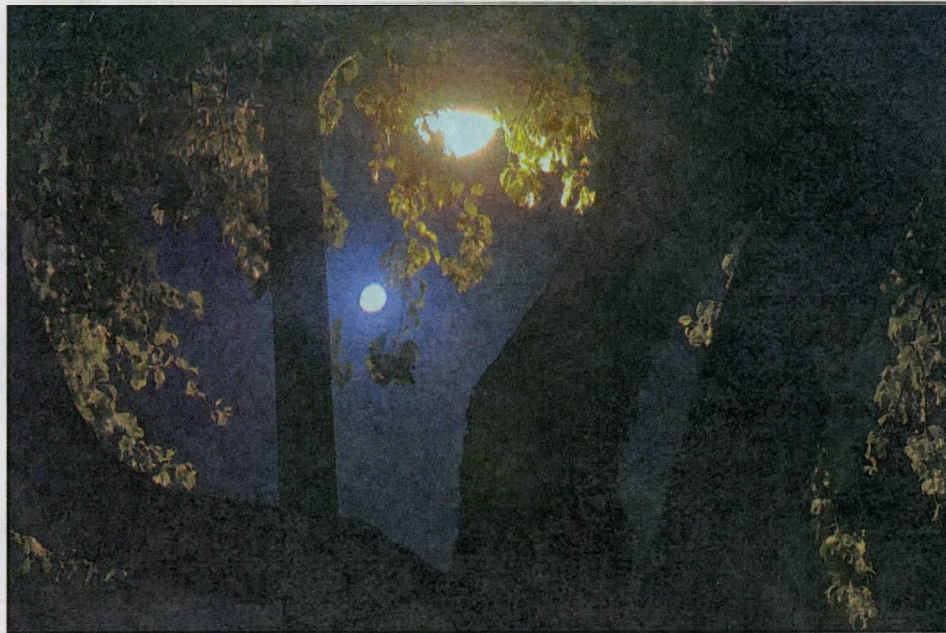
Tickets are on sale now from any board member or chairperson and they are as follows: Sharon Loney, Jeanne White, Margo Secia, Sharon Goren, Geri DeSimone, Kathy Wirtz, and Ellie Edwards. No tickets will be sold at the door that evening, so please do purchase them ahead of that date. Wine and beer will be available. Donations will be accepted. Of course, you may BYOB. We hope everyone will come and join in the fun.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either President Sharon Loney at 987-8292 or Vice President Jeanne White at 207-9869.

LV Women's Golf Association

By Jan Gerik

A good time was had by all at the



Bill Margulies took first place in June's Camera Club competition in the Assigned category of "At Night" with his photo, "Moonlight/Streetlight at 2 a.m."

Installation Luncheon on June 20. The food was great thanks to Meriam Laird and her crew.

The year's awards for our four major tournaments were given out, along with most birdies, chip-ins and

most improved golfer for the year. There were many happy winners.

Our next meeting will be July 11 at 2 p.m. Come for snacks and conversation at 1:30 p.m. in the Garden Room.

Our summer eclectic will be played July 25 and Aug. 1. Scores are kept for two weeks and then the best ones determine the winner. Questions regarding tournaments? Call Merle at 444-5225. Come out and join in the fun any Wednesday morning. We now start at 8 a.m., and new members are always welcome.

Women's Club

By Rita Linsey

In May the Women's Club board members went on a tour of Food Share in Oxnard. What a well-run operation! They distribute 9 million pounds of food per year via 150-plus partners and government programs.

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To find out more about the program go to <http://www.foodshare.com/>. There will not be a general meeting in July.

When you come to the next Women's Club meeting on Aug. 9 remember to bring along your Campbell's Soup labels and Box Top for Education coupons. Call Eldora Barton for information at 388-7006.

Justin Ramos, the young virtuoso from Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles, will be our entertainment at the Aug. 14 meeting. He is a pianist performing in musical theater productions and is the leader of JazzCats, a jazz combo.

For more information on the Women's Club, please contact Joyce Baker at 388-9766.

Village Arts

By Rita Linsey

On Wednesday, July 11, at 1 p.m. in the Pavilion, the Village Arts is

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having their summer potluck picnic.

On Wednesday, Aug. 1, there will be a demonstration from Deborah Jarchow, who has created hundreds of garments and accessories for sale and exhibitions that have brought her national and international awards and acclaim. Her designs use a plain weave so the color combinations and fiber textures can be fully appreciated.

The Village Arts club has speakers, demos and events. Don't miss seeing all the talent here in the Village at our meetings. Each month, a club member displays their art in the LV Library. For more info, contact Lindy Stein at 383-1097.

LV Musicians

By Anne Wolfson

The LV Musicians will be meeting in the AR from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 12. This group is made up of Villagers who play musical instruments and enjoy entertaining

other Villagers.

In June, Joe Aaronson performed on clarinet, accompanied by Stan Vansant on piano. Sam Arouesty was on harmonica and saxophone, Stan Vansant on piano, Jim Best on guitar, Don Stevens on trombone and Richard Weiss on piano. Anne Steigerwald sang with Richard Weiss on piano, and Stan Vansant was on soprano saxophone, clarinet and flute with his own arrangement. It was a very enjoyable evening.

If you play a musical instrument and would like to join the group, call Anne Steigerwald at 987-4603.

SAS Dinner Out

By Zelda Greentree

Last month's Dinner Out turned out to be a really big surprise. We started going out in January with nine people. In June, 27 friends came to Ottavio's and had a lovely time.


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excellent, everyone agreed to return in July for our next night out. So put July 10, the second Tuesday of the month, on your calendar. But we still need reservations. So please call Lee Edwards at 484-3289. She has again agreed to take care of this chore. If we keep increasing our numbers, we'll have to hire a hall!

See you on July 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Ottavio's.

LV Bowling

By Marty Simons

Much as it pains me to admit it, I goofed up a few weeks ago. So, in a make-good effort to fully report the accomplishments of our bowlers, I would like to credit Alan Singer with a 224 game in Week 26. There! Now I feel better.

During our summer hiatus, we are enjoying open bowling every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m.

Come on down and join us. If you are a prospective bowler, this is the time to get in some practice and establish your average. First, register at the bowling alley and receive your I.D. number. Then, between now and Aug. 10, bowl nine consecutive games (not in one day) and keep track of your scores.

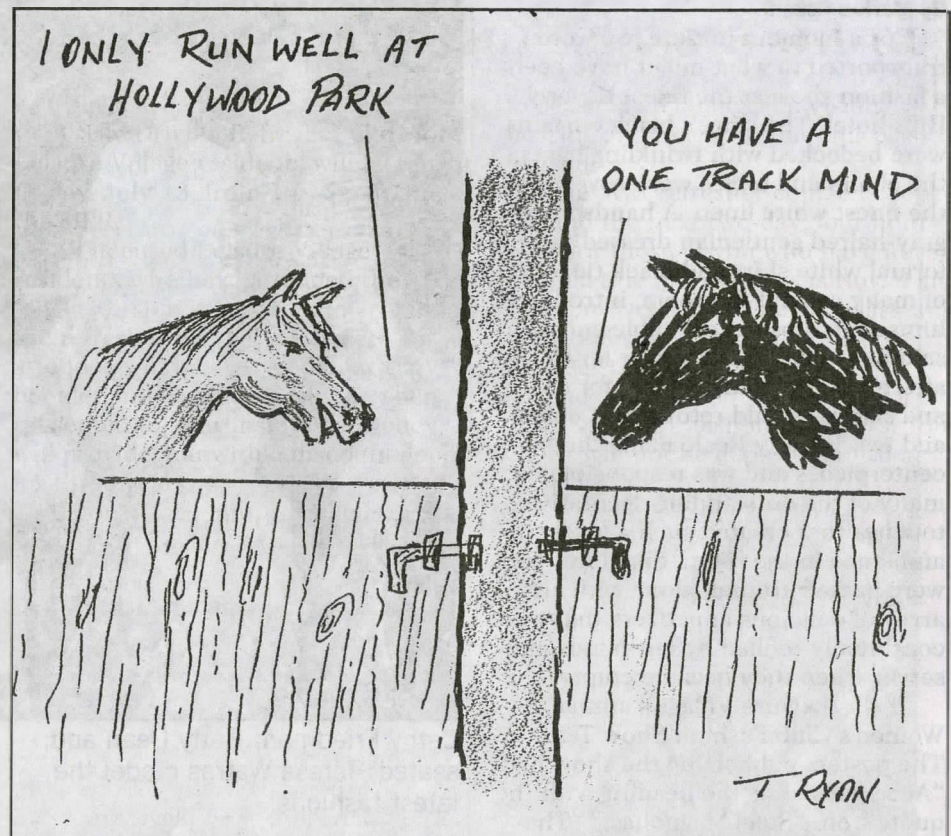
Sign-up day is Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Lanai Room. Any questions? Call Marty Simons at 987-9295 or email me at martys36@roadrunner.com.

Pinochle Club

By Jack Carlson

One of our newer members, Barbara Sletten, celebrated her birthday by baking a batch of delicious cookies for our club members. Barbara told us she had declined an invitation to celebrate her special day with her friends and

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Women's Club Fashion Show Tea makes a splash

By Marion Green

For a moment in time, we were transported to what might have been a fashion show at the finest Beverly Hills hotel. The stage's black curtains were bedecked with twinkling lights, the chairs and tables were covered in the finest white linen. A handsome gray-haired gentleman dressed in a formal white shirt and black tie, one of many around the room, introduced himself to those at our table and said he would be our server for the afternoon. He poured water for us and said he would return with coffee and tea. Beverly Reale made the centerpieces and was responsible for many of the outstanding decorative touches that created such a lovely ambiance in the room. Small nut cups were passed around, along with an array of delicious appetizers that were continually refilled by our handsome server when they became empty.

It was Leisure Village's annual Women's Club Fashion Show Tea. The posters publicizing the show had "Accessorize" as the heading with the quote from "Steel Magnolias:" "The only thing that separates us from animals is our ability to accessorize."

The show began with Joyce Baker, chairman and moderator, introducing the representative from the Dress Barn, who commented, "This is one of the most elegant fashion shows I have ever attended" as she looked into the audience and saw many guests wearing decorated hats for the occasion.

The models were our very own Leisure Village residents whose eyes sparkled as the lights shone on them and their fashions. The models were Elaine Shainhouse, Cathy Friedman, Teresa Watras, Betty Dean, Sue-Ellen Colp and Carole Miller. They enjoyed choosing their own "early casual" and "sport wear" outfits from Jones of New York and Dress Barn, with footwear by Nine West and Easy Spirit.

The audience was asked to applaud one of the models' upcoming 90th birthday. Happy birthday, Elaine Shainhouse!

During the intermission, many door prizes were awarded that were donated by generous local businesses kind enough to donate their gifts. Hats created by Millie Seidman for the recent production of "Gigi" were displayed and were later available for



Cathy Friedman, Betty Dean and, seated, Teresa Watras model the latest fashions.

sale to the audience. Along with the hat theme, members of the audience who were in the recent production of "Gigi" modeled the hats they wore in the show.

Besides being co-chairman along with Beverly Reale, Joyce Schifanelli kept the piano keys tinkling as the models came on the stage and later down the steps with the assistance of the handsome escorts dressed in tuxedos.

Kitchen volunteers under the direction of Shearon Millar planned, prepared and baked the treats. Fruit parfait with a decorated almond tea cookie was served with coffee or tea as our afternoon delight came to a close.

This is one of the Women's Club's major fund-raising events, and it was sold out! As written in the program, the club acknowledged and thanked the "Village of Volunteers" it took to pull off an event of this size. It really makes one proud to be a part of this community with so many residents who work tirelessly to put on a show like this. And when it's all done, they contribute the proceeds to help worthwhile causes and people in need.

Like me, aren't you glad to be a part of all this?



Photos by Marlene Votion

Elegance was in the air as the Women's Club hosted a fashion show tea.



Modeling outfits from Jones of New York and Dress Barn are, from left, Joyce Baker, Betty Dean, Carole Miller, Sue-Ellen Colp, Teresa Watras, Cathy Friedman and Elaine Shainhouse The slogan for the fashion show came from "Steel Magnolias:" "The only thing that separates us from animals is our ability to accessorize."



Beverly Reale made the centerpieces for each table.



Servers dressed in formal attire for the event.



Photo by Ron Langa

Gracie, a Corgi owned by Carolyn Leiter, won Best of Show and took first place in the medium dog category with her rollover trick.



Photo by Ron Langa

Bella, a mini Dachshund owned by Marion Dalin, took first place in the small dog category.

Village dogs have their day

Pet Parade draws 28 canines and 2 cats

By Mary Ann Robnett

The Pet Parade held Saturday, June 23, proved to be a huge success.

Originally organized by the Mavericks three years ago, the LV Pet Club ran the show this year.

Twenty-eight dogs and two cats were registered.

Preppy Foundation's five little dogs, dressed in assorted costumes, led the parade, followed by three dogs in

training from Guide Dogs of America. They in turn were followed by the two elegant cats and 17 small dogs, eight medium-size dogs and two large dogs.

Prizes were awarded by judges Christine Perkins, DVM, Steve White and Deena Case-Pall, Ph.D., a member of the Pet Club Advisory Board.

John Mayer was the gracious emcee who kept the party going.

There were many donor merchants (too many to list) that contributed to the parade, which culminated with hamburgers and hot dogs at the barbecue pit.



Photo by Rita Linsey

Above, Brandy, a Scottish terrier, won Best Costume for the red plaid outfit, complete with tam and miniature bagpipes. Brandy is owned by Janet Kaplan and Alan Kaplan; Alan is shown here with Brandy.

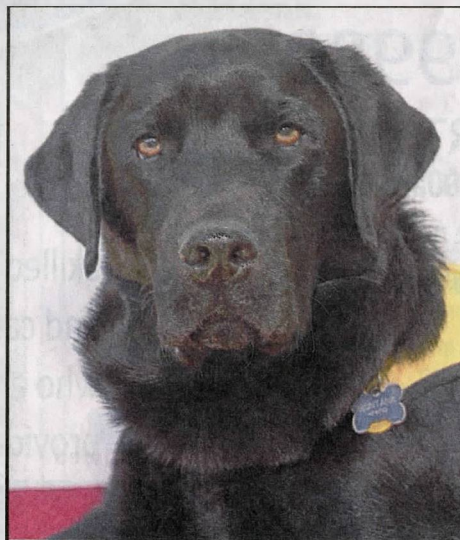


Photo by Ron Langa

Left, Trooper, a black Lab guide dog owned by Don Kanallakan, took first place in the large dog category.

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preferred to become the fourth player at her table for Pinochle. Kudos to Barbara for making a difficult decision!

Our first meeting of the Pinochle Club was in December 2010. After 19 months, we are now holding steady with four tables, but have two new members in waiting who would like to form a fifth table. If you have an interest in learning Pinochle or have not played in years, please consider joining our club. We offer a refresher crash course in Double Deck Pinochle and Racehorse, a popular version that is enjoyed by many of our members.

The Pinochle Club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m., with most games finishing by 9:30. We play in the Garden Room with the exception of one Tuesday each month when we meet in the Lanai Room. If you have an interest in Pinochle, please drop by any Tuesday at 7 p.m., or, for more information, call Jack Carlson at 388-9400 or BJ at 419-4281.

Wii Bowling

By Carole Warren

Our May*1 tournament was a huge success. Twelve finalists competed in front of a standing-room-only crowd in the MPR. A wonderful time was had by all. More tournaments are planned for future dates.

The Wii Bowling Club, which was started only six months ago, now has more than 120 members and is one of the most popular clubs in Leisure Village. We bowl on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also on Tuesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

We are planning to add more sessions on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and on Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m.

Our Thursday night schedule was recently added, and we have openings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. If you would like to join the fun, please call Joan Levy at 482-6871 to set up a time to bowl.

Wii Bowling, for those of you not familiar with it, is an electronic game that utilizes a TV set and hand controllers, all of which are provided. You do not need any special athletic ability, shoes, clothes or a bowling ball. We have three large-screen TV sets, and three teams of four each participate during each session. We bowl in the Village Room in the Annex.

We're also having a Wine & Cheese Party on June 30 for all Wii Bowling Club members. It's not too late to join the club. Dues are \$5 a year.

Interested? Call Carole Miller at 383-6715 or Paul Schifanelli at 419-4124. You'll be glad you did.

Camera Club

By Marion Green

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our scheduled professional judge was unable to attend. Our president, Ken Walker, without pictures in the competition, graciously stepped up to

act as the evening's judge.

The Assigned category was "At Night," and members submitted a variety of pictures with that theme. We were delighted to have new member Bill Margulies win first prize in that category. Second was won by Frank DeSimone, third by Bud Bradley, and Hemu Kalle and Al Sarnelle were awarded Honorable Mention ribbons.

In the Open category, Margaret Falconer received a first-place ribbon, Renee Kaplan won second and third place was given to Don Treadwell. Honorable Mention ribbons were given to Doug Demers and Sharon Forkner.

In the Creative category, where members are allowed to modify their pictures, Vic Fledge took a first-place ribbon, Jean Kohut second and Marion Green third. Honorable Mention ribbons were awarded to Jerry Spector and Verna Cryder.

The club is looking forward to a photo op field trip to the walkway at Ventura beach to help fulfill July's

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assigned category, "Water."

Once again, a new member won a prize ribbon. We like to share that news to encourage residents to consider joining our club.

Our meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. but with a slight change during the summer months. During July and August, there will be no mid-month meetings, and due to the holiday, our normal meeting for judging will be on July 11.

The August competition meeting will include the club's annual potluck earlier in the evening prior to judging. As always, residents are welcome. No camera is required. Just come and enjoy the judging and later, the refreshments.

The Stoners

By Fil Barton

With approximately 40 members,



Margaret Falconer took first place in the Open category for "Hungry Babies" during June's Camera Club competition.

the Stoners continue to meet every Monday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in the MPR room. Every week we are learning new ways of creating one-of-a-kind jewelry, such as beading,

peyote and wire-wrapping. We also continue to do minor repairs for the residents in Leisure Village. You may bring your needed repairs any Monday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. We do

request a small donation for these repairs. This money is donated to Lapidary for necessities not covered by the Leisure Village budget.

On Thursday, June 14, we had our first field trip of the year. Ten people from Stoners and Lapidary carpooled to Jalana Beach, north of Santa Barbara. We walked along the beach to the cliffs looking for travertine, fossils, marcasite and petrified wood. Some of us decided to keep our treasures, whereas others opted to donate them to Lapidary for their use in creating more slabs from which members could make cabachons.

We continue to celebrate our members' birthdays each month by gathering for lunch at various restaurants within the area.

Drop by the MPR any Monday and see what we do. We're a fun group. The majority have never thought themselves to be creative and/or artistic. Yet, these same members have been creating extraordinary, unique jewelry with ease and amazement.

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Players Guild

By Joyce Belcher

Thursday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m., the Players Guild will hold their monthly meeting in the AR. After a short meeting we will present "Casting Call at the Academy for Assorted Retired Performers." This workshop is a hilarious musical comedy spoof about retired has-been and perhaps never-should-have-been actors and actresses auditioning in their retirement community. Be prepared to laugh out loud at the funny situations portrayed in this clever play written by Marlene Daly and produced and directed by Fil Barton and Elise Perlmutter. As usual delicious refreshments will follow.

LV New York Club

By Mannie Abbate

The New York Club meets the first Thursday of each month in the AR at 7:30 p.m. All residents are welcome to join even if you were not a former New York State resident. We welcome volunteers who would like to participate in the planning and implementation of our programs during the year. The Board of Directors invites members to attend the monthly Board meetings on the last Tuesday of each month in the Garden Room at 10 a.m.

On Thursday evening, Aug. 2, we will be entertained by the "Razatappers," a singing and dance group.

For more information, contact Co-President Marc Stone at 987-2609.

Dues of \$7 are being collected for 2012. Bring your check with you if you have not paid your dues. New members are welcome.

Billiard Club

By Jack Quinn

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Billiard Room for the 9-ball tournament that starts on Monday, July 30. All club members are welcome to join this fun event.

The picnic in the park was well planned and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the volunteers that made it possible.

There will be no meeting in July or August. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 25.

International Folk Dance

By Michele Malkin

Have you ever wanted to learn folk dances from countries such as Russia, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Israel,

Japan and even the United States? Please join us Monday between 1 and 2:30 p.m. in the Sun Room. We have a great time and lots of fun. No experience is necessary. And our friend Valerie is a great teacher with a lot of patience. Don't be afraid that you have two left feet. Please join us. Any questions call Michele or email me at Catlover90230@yahoo.com.

Saturday Nite Dance Party

By Andrea Moran

Now that summer is here and there are many picnic luncheons, why not come dancing on Saturday night to work it off? We have fun and exercise too.

The lineup for July is as follows: July 7, Rhythm Kings (Fourth of July celebration); July 14, Dick Parent; July 21, Rob Correll 4 (a new group

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for Leisure Village, so let's give them a good welcome); and July 28, the Jerry Dokken Band.

It takes a lot of volunteer work to keep our dances going, so let's give them a very big thank you and join in for the fun.

Friday Night Country Western Dance Club

By Sue-Ellen Colp

A big thank you to Marshall for teaching "Outlaw" on his birthday. He did a great job, and the cake Teresa brought was so good and moist and enjoyed by all.

Next Month Judy will be teaching "Go Seven" at 8:15 p.m. in the AR. This dance is very easy to learn and will be enjoyed by all.

The dance crowds have been growing, and it is so nice to see new faces in the Village coming to our

dances. Don't forget you can go to free line dance lessons given by Sharon and then you get to practice them at the dance.

The next dance will be July 6 at 7:30 p.m. BYOB. Punch, coffee and water will be provided. Thank you everyone for bringing such good goodies! We have a 50/50 drawing and wine for prizes. A special thank you for the wine that was provided and to Landis Potter for donating a book he wrote and signed.

Come on out, join the fun and learn some new dances and meet your friends and meet new friends. We are a fun and friendly group and have lots of goodies. See everyone in July.

Mens Golf

By Rob Sollett

Beyond the regulation bag of 14 clubs and pull carts, there are golfers dedicated to the idea of less is more.

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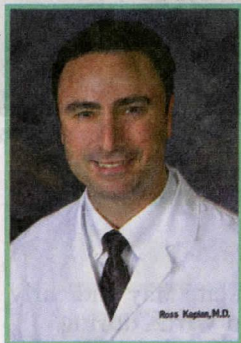


Vic Fledge took first place in the Creative category with "Rusty Scales" during June's monthly Camera Club competition.

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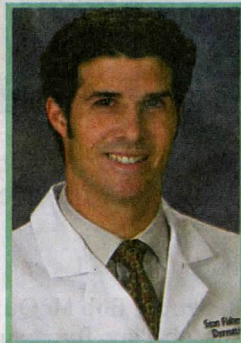
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Photo by Rob Sollett

Bill Foeller, left, with his pull cart, watches Bob McQuivey on the 6th Tee. McQuivey's off-the-shoulder bag, with all of five clubs, is in the foreground.

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Recently, Bob McQuivey won the Match Play Tournament using only five clubs carried in a small off-the-shoulder Sunday bag. Goes to show you, a full bag of clubs is not necessary to be a champ.

A tip of the hat and congrats to the winners of the Village Cup series. Paul Coffman won the Niners Cup. President Cup Winners include: Jay Balter, A Flight; Bob McQuivey, B Flight; and Ron Edwards, C Flight. Well done guys! (Yes, we stand and

applaud here.)

Hole in Ones in late May and early June include: John Wirtz, during the Saturday Open Tournaments; Norm Chapman, John Palmer and Zack Taylor during the Tuesday Tournaments. (If you're still standing, applaud.)

The new LVMGA Handbook and Roster 2012-2013 is available thanks to the generous support of Home Real Estate. (Still standing? Put your hands together.)

Regulation Golf is July 11 at Buena

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Ventura and Aug. 2 at Sterling.

The club is looking for dedicated volunteers to aid and assist in many areas. John Hisler, who has been doing a magnificent job with refreshments, is seeking a few assistants. Give him a call and be a part of the inner workings of the golf club. (Not to mention, first crack at the goodies.)

Please refer to the Golf Bulletin Boards, emails and phone tree messages for updated information.

That's all I have for now. Thanks for reading.

Racquet Club

By Trish Zakas

No club meeting in July — we will have a club picnic instead. Our next general meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR.

Have you purchased your ticket

to the Racquet Club picnic? Time is running out: Sunday, July 8, is the last day to buy tickets.

The Racquet Club picnic is on Saturday, July 14, from noon to 3 p.m. in the Leisure Village picnic area. The catered meal is \$13 for club members and \$16 for guests. Choice of entrées are either chicken, ribs or beef and you will make your selection when you pay for your ticket. Meals include side dishes, soft drinks and dessert. BYOB. People selling tickets include Sharon O'Conner at 389-6834, John Peterson at 388-1230, Norm Zimring at 389-5469, Ginny Dunnion at 484-1238 and Louise Houser at 388-1303.

Tuesday, July 10, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., LVTV will be showing a segment of "What's Happening Inside Leisure Village." Our Racquet Club will be one of the clubs featured in this installment, so tune in if you happen to be around a TV during either of those times.

Paddle Tennis: For beginners and former tennis players who

would like to give paddle tennis a whirl, the next four-week-long free classes will start in September after Labor Day. Racquets are provided during instruction. Trainees should not buy a racquet before taking the introductory course. Enrollment is limited to 10 students. E-mail Trish Zakas, trish@vcnet.com, for more information.

A new paddle tennis group has formed and is looking for additional players. Advanced beginners and above are now playing at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the courts for the months of July and August. This time slot is reserved for those who know how to play, have experience playing, and are interested in improving their skills while having fun — it is not a place to learn the basics. Marion Green at 482-6965 and Claire Scott at 646-3913 are the coordinators; check with them for further details.

Many cheers to the Costa del Sol paddle tennis team for outplaying us by one point — 8 sets to 7 sets — at the June 16 tournament here at LV.

They won the perpetual trophy this time. Our visitors from Mission Viejo provided friendly competition, and lots of laughs were had by both teams. Our next match with them is in the fall at their facility where we plan to win back the trophy.

PickleBall: Zack Taylor continues to welcome new and returning players every Monday and Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m. at the paddle tennis courts. Lessons are given on all days for this easy-to-learn game. Questions? Call Zack at 482-1065 for all the answers.

Table Tennis: Want to see some training videos and improve your game? Go to www.pingskills.com and click on the lessons tab at the top of the computer screen. There are lots of topics to choose from and more videos to watch than you could imagine. Interested in giving ping-pong a try? Call Norm Zimring at 389-5469 for days and times.

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Jazzercise

By Barbara Yago

Are you looking to energize your mind, body and spirit? Then this is an open invitation to try Jazzercise. It is a fun hour of easy dance steps combined with exercises to enhance your balance, strengthen your muscles, maintain your bone density, burn calories and relieve stress — all choreographed for our age group.

Our instructor, Renee, has more than 20 years teaching experience and is certified by The American College of Sports Medicine. She is an expert in keeping us motivated with her encouragement and humor. Renee also constantly reminds us how to modify what we do to suit any restrictions we may have and always emphasizes safety.

So, come check us out any Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. in the AR for a fun, healthy hour.

Writers Club

By Bonnie Sanders

Writers Club meets on Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. We welcome new people and encourage writers to create a story from suggested topics or any topic they might choose.

At a recent meeting the topic was "My Favorite Toy." The stories were varied and interesting, especially the one by Arlene Belier in which she shared her standing doll that she has had for 84 years.

Once a month a writer's work is displayed in the library.

Stop by and see the variety of topics about which we have written.

RV Club

By Fred Sass

The RV Club would like to thank everyone who participated in the

Pancake Breakfast. We had many compliments again this year on the food. Thanks to Sharon Loney who was in charge again this year and brought everything together.

July is a dark month for the RV Club. We have no meeting, and there is no dine-out. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. Note the hour-earlier time.

Beginner Line Dance Class

By Tina Nunnally

The class meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. in the AR. Sharon O'Connor is the dance instructor. Regular attendance is recommended in order to learn basic steps and dances. We dance to various styles of dance.

Upon request, help will be available before and after class. Contact Sharon O'Connor at 389-6834 for more information.

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"It's fun," Ben says, "and I don't even drink wine."

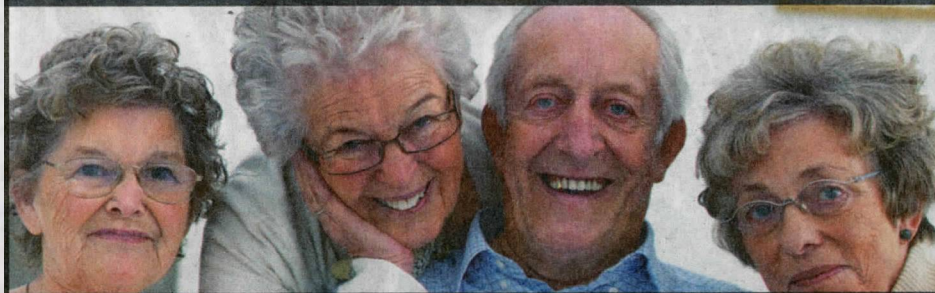
His 30-year career in the Navy began when he enlisted in 1942 because "I liked the uniform." He trained recruits during the war years, which included teaching nearly 2,000 of them to swim. Recently, he got a call from Colorado; it was a former recruit who told him that the swimming lessons had saved his life in battle.

"It made me feel good," Ben says quietly.

Messages like that are Ben's paychecks that he says make him wealthy. A stack of thank-you cards, homemade by his students, sits on his coffee table, all similar to this one from Brooke: "I went from a C to A in 1 month. Although we've had some tough times, you're great."

And Casey: "Because of you, math is my favorite subject... Thank you for tootering me." Ben Racowsky smiles, "That's worth a million."

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Busch leaves as finance chair

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moved here from their home near St. Louis, Cathy counted 180 boxes on the moving van and remembers (with a smile) that Pat signed up for the Finance Committee before they were all unpacked. A career in financial services and as comptroller for several corporations engaged him for decades.

"I was not a CPA," he explains. "I didn't want to spend my life just checking other people's figures. So I did what I liked — designing better systems."

The attraction to the Leisure Village Finance Committee was a natural.

Natural and time-consuming. When Pat estimates that he spent about 20 hours a week on Finance Committee work, Cathy laughs at his underestimation. His "desk" is

the dining room table, usually piled high with papers and columns of numbers, particularly from October until January when he worked every day as the annual budget for Leisure Village was assembled. That process — a cooperative one between LV staff and the Finance Committee — has yielded solid documents.

"Pat asks very good questions," reports Rosen, "which help us stay strong."

"I'll always be involved in Village activities," says Pat with an eye to the long-range LV Master Plan and to promoting a program that would make planned giving more attractive to residents.

And what does Pat Busch think should be changed here?

He laughs.

"I can't think of anything," he says. "This is paradise."

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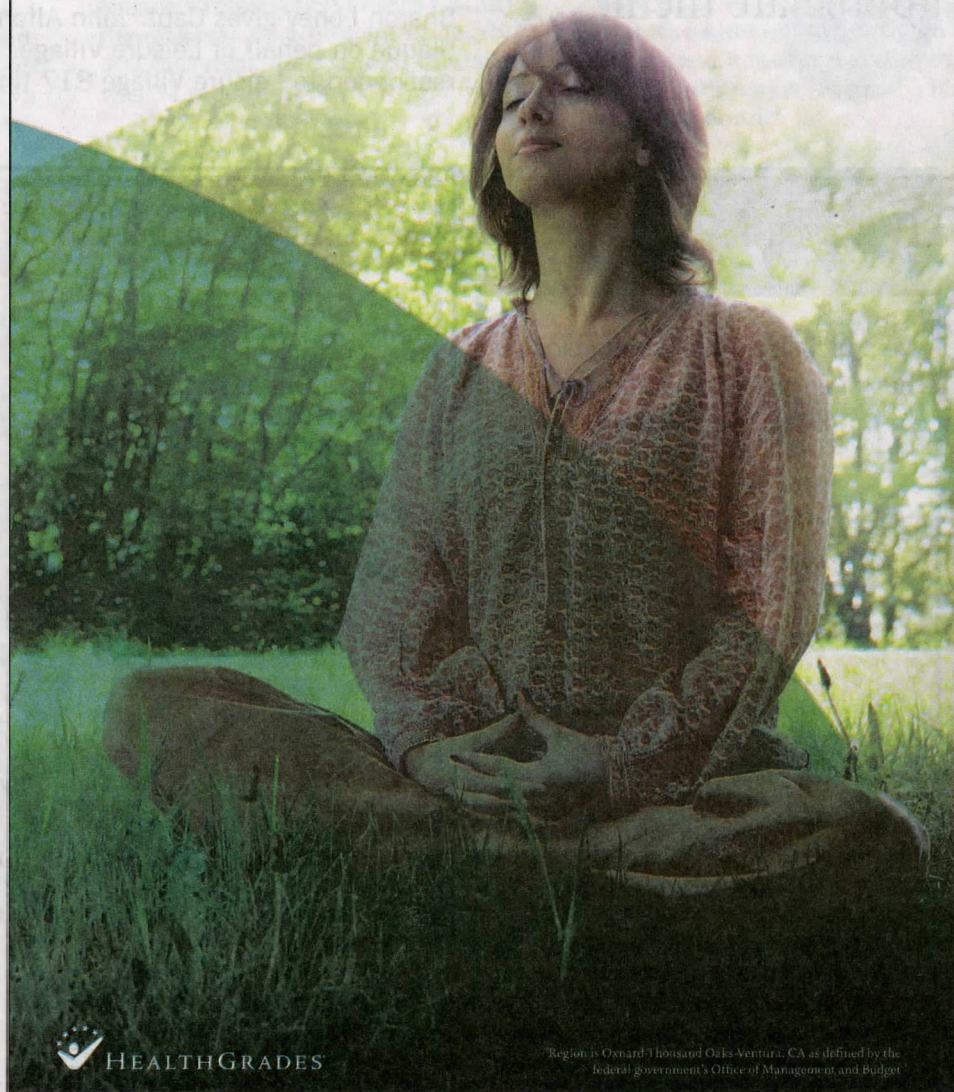
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Plaque thanks Station 52

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in Colorado; its message is now being spread around the country. Sharon bought it directly from the artist who created it.

In 2011, the firefighters of Station 52 responded to Leisure Village 817 times, according to Manny Segovia, LV's chief of security.

"They are valuable neighbors," he said.

I wanted the firefighters to know how much we appreciate them.

— Sharon Loney



Photo by Joseph Benti

Sharon Loney gives Capt. John Alford of Ventura County Fire Station 52 a plaque on behalf of Leisure Village. In 2011, the firefighters of Station 52 responded to Leisure Village 817 times.

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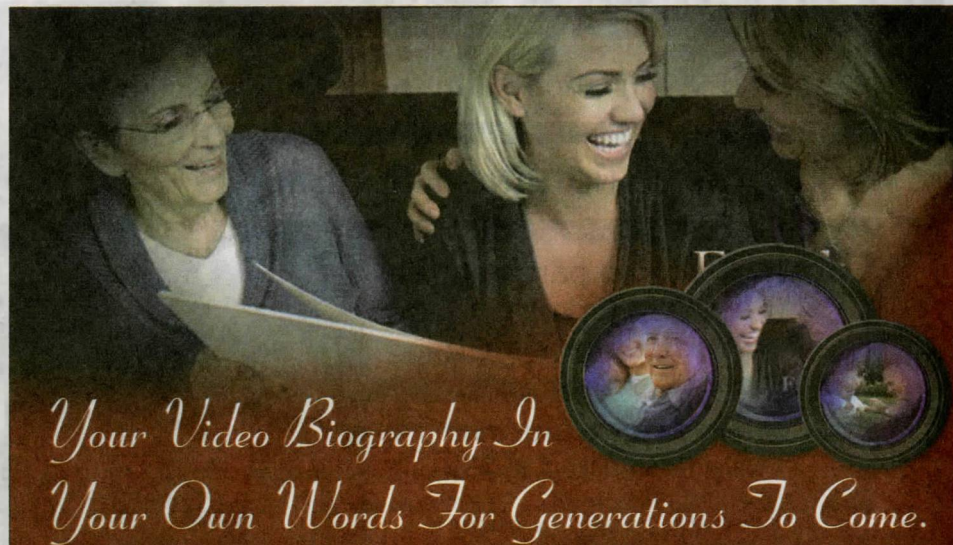
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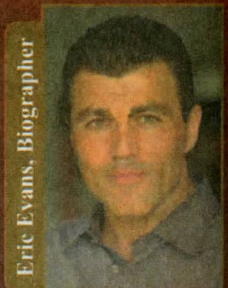
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