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A Wind-Storm for the Record Books

By Patty Ecker

Villagers who have lived in the Village for decades and those who moved in recently had the same reaction. “Unbelievable!” said Kathy Busch, a 21-year resident. “I’ve never seen anything like this – ever.” The winds of January 19th roared through the Village for hours, destroying trees and vegetation, damaging roofs, and leaving tons of debris across our 440 acres. The good news is that no Villager was injured.

Over 325 homes had roof damage. Four houses had significant structure damage. Forty-two trees were completely uprooted, 42 others lost large branches, and uncounted shrubs, plants, and bushes blown away. Patios, fences, and outdoor furniture were broken or worse. The National Weather Service reports shows that in the Camarillo area, the wind velocity ranged from 39 mph to 63 mph to an occasional 80 mph throughout January 19th.

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Photos in this edition taken during the storm
by JON NIEMANN



Surprise windstorm caught villagers off guard. Despite warnings from weather apps, news broadcasts and other sources, the ferocity was a wake-up call. Top: enormous pine felled between Village 26 and Village 20; Lower left: Tree “hugs” a truck; Lower right: Deconstructing the fallen tree.



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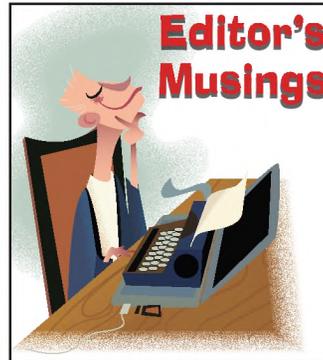
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Editor's Musings

The weather app on my phone warned of substantial wind coming. I rolled my eyes smelling hyperbole. By 10AM the hyperbole theory was gone with the wind (sorry). I walked out to my patio and my neighbor, Kathy Caldwell was pointing insistently at something. I walked further out and saw it. A huge section of tree had blown onto the roof of another home in Village 33, covering it like a reverse "tree-hugging". I called Anita Iffert, my roof-mate, and suggested a golf-cart ride. What a ride. For four hours we toured and photographed the unfolding surreal landscape LV had been transformed into. This issue will cover the unprecedented story and offer a memento of an unusual day we experienced here. I apologize for setting a few of our monthly columns aside and assure you that in the next issue we will return to our regularly scheduled programming...God willing and the creeks don't rise.

— Jon Niemann

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Blustery storm

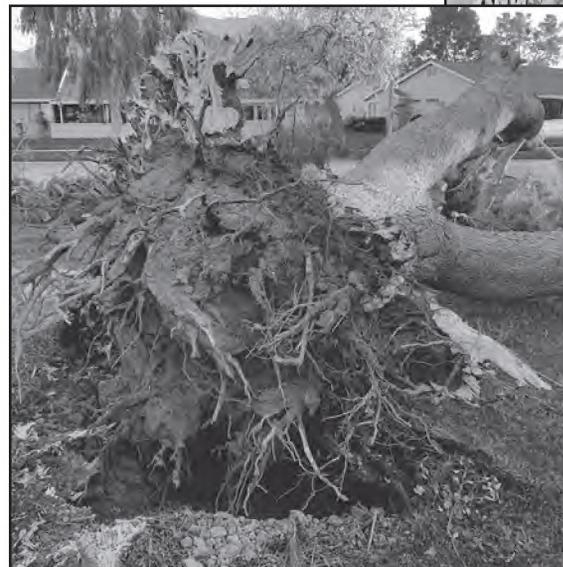
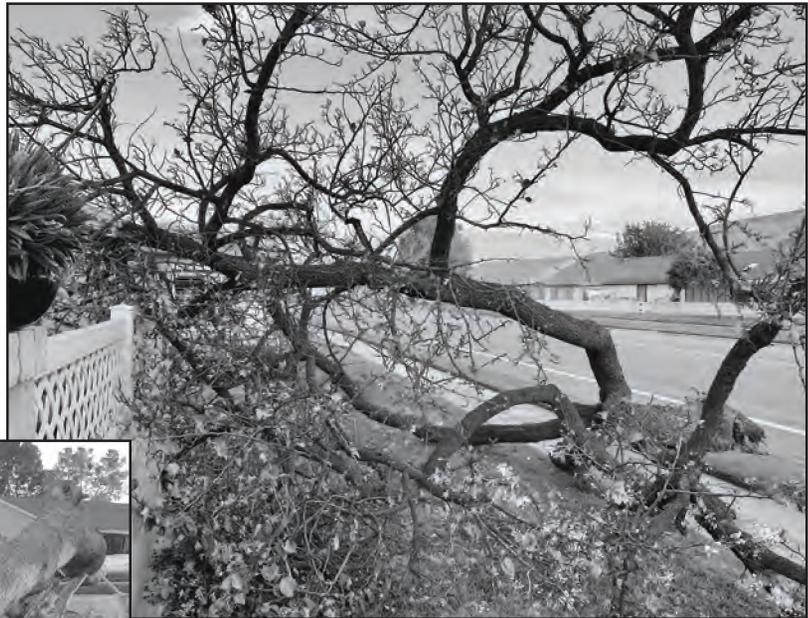
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Perhaps the most startled - and lucky - storm victims were Kathryn and Bill Robens. The large tree behind their house fell and punctured a hole in their bedroom ceiling. "I was in the dining room when the tree came down, but it didn't make much noise," Kathryn says. "When we saw the hole in the ceiling, our jaws dropped!" That single tree was "one of the three largest to come down in the Village," reports their roof mate Derek Gardner. His patio was demolished: roof, skylights, patio furniture, all crushed. Fortunately, he and his wife Sue were not hurt.

"Village Security came right out to make sure we were safe," Kathryn added. Their patio furniture and planters were smashed, too. The hole in the ceiling is patched until it can be repaired, and the Robens are philosophical, "It's been that kind of year," Kathryn adds with a smile. "But this can be repaired."

The task of repairing, removing, and replacing the results of the

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The Village was a scene of surreal images as we passed through. Fallen trees, huge branches torn off trees, beauty we took for granted the day before turned into a tableau of twisted and confusing images.

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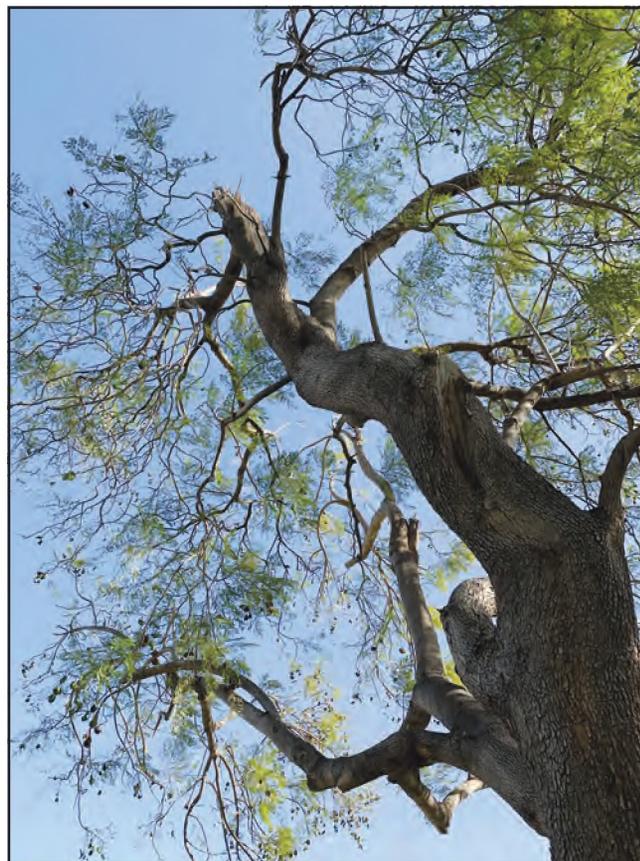
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PERSPECTIVES

By Janey Rifkin

Why the long cold winter spreads the virus exponentially

We are nearing the one-year mark with the coronavirus pandemic. After being in free-fall and disaster-mode all these past months, the long cold winter has dramatically and negatively affected the surge spreads. In fact, our country has posted more cases of the COVID-19 virus in a single day than China reported altogether since the pandemic began.

The cold weather spreads the virus more rapidly. This is partly due to the biology of the virus itself. The COVID-19 strain has more stamina in cold conditions than in warm weather. When exposed to temperatures of 80 degrees Fahrenheit, more than half the viral samples break down in just 90 minutes; whereas with temperature drops to around 50 degrees, the virus can survive on surfaces for more than 24 hours.

The winter weather also spreads the virus more widely and unequivocally. It is the wintertime surges that determine whether hundreds of thousands more lives hang in the balance. Human behavior plays a role as well. The virus loves indoor, poorly ventilated spaces. As in the recent holiday season, family gatherings abound; cold weather is less comfortable, so we gravitate indoors.

This scene is particularly dangerous for older family members who are more susceptible to developing a severe case of the virulent virus. Young people are frequently asymptomatic while carrying the virus — which is easily transmissible. (U.S. government scientists now estimate that 40% of cases are asymptomatic, and 80% of those subjects may be infected with mild cases, not aware they

are contagious to others.)

Dr. Anthony Fauci, top infectious diseases expert, said there is a brighter picture on the horizon. “I expect a semblance of normalcy by next fall, ahead of the following winter,” expressed Dr. Fauci. He cited the medical triumphs of discovering vaccines in only eight months time, to protect against the virus. (The development of past vaccines took eight years or longer.)

Vaccine rollout, a monumental task, is now underway. Coming down the pike are self-testing kits which can be administered at home, to determine whether an individual is positive or negative for the virus; and therapeutic medicinals are in process of approval.

Human behavior is hard to influence — but we are literally in a fight for our lives!

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By Joseph Benti

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*Along the way, nature and arsonist alike
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That inhaled Furnace Creek funnels
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*Our Santa Anas have come home
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From The Rockies and Great Basin
To their Pacific offertory*

*Like ancient incendiary sacrifice
They ride relentless eddies
Bestowing ember-stigmata on all below*

*Now, hummingbirds fear falling
In deeper and darker shadows
Where Chandler's Valley wives
Mull moments of muted madness*

*Fierce like the mighty San Andreas
These near-cyclonic interludes
Remind mundane dreamers--
The real always comes back home.*

Blustery storm

From Page 3 —

windstorm will be significant. For example, downed trees - many weighed as much as 50,000 pounds each - must be handled by professionals. And those professionals were in the Village right away and are expected to be working here for some time. The same is true for roofing repairs. Much of that work requires replacing shingles, which primarily were blown off older roofs, not from the hundreds of roofs that were recently replaced. The first phase of that work is to waterproof the damaged roofs, so that residents can stay safe and dry until the repair teams can actually fix the roofs.

One week after the storm, LV's General Manager Bob Scheaffer told the Board of Directors that "Our staff was phenomenal at cleaning up the Village." As the professional arborists removed the damaged trees, The landscape crew worked extended



The miracles of the day were how few homes were seriously damaged by the felled trees.

hours to remove the tons of vegetation across the Village. Much of that initial clean-up was completed three days after the storm. LV's Treasurer George Jones observed, "For most associations, this would be a financial catastrophe. In ours, it's an inconvenience."

NEWS BITES By Patty Ecker

The Little Red Hen comes to Leisure Village

Perhaps she was bored from being sheltered for months like the rest of us. Or maybe she jumped the fence into Village 31 from Santa Rosa Road by mistake. However the Little Red Hen arrived, she was enjoying a walk down the street when Villager Patti Schultz saw her. The chicken dove into the bushes where she settled for hours as neighbors searched for her family.

"I hear chickens clucking often," said Mary Ann Ryan. "I guessed

that she came from outside." Patti's check of the Nextdoor Neighbor website solved the mystery. A family who lives outside the Village was looking for her.

The reunion was rocky. The Little Red Hen was comfortable after hours in the Village and didn't want to go home. But a sturdy net and sturdier owner extracted her from the shrubs, and they headed for home. But not before giving 18 eggs (from you know who) to Patti and Mary Ann for their efforts.

IN MEMORIAM

- Mannie Abbate, Village 44
- Al Bendekgey Village 34
- Bill Deniston, Village 14
- Claire G. Estes, Village 42
- Leonard Somdahl, Village 16
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Good Storm News
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Storm Damage
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PLAYERS GUILD

By Linda O'Neill

“Love Will Keep Us Together” is our Players’ Guild valentine to LVTV viewers. There are 17 love songs in the line up from Vivian Hollander’s rendition of the 1937 Richard Rodgers’ hit “My Funny Valentine” from Babes in Arms; and Arlene Kochans’ version of 1925’s Irving Berlin hit, “Always”; to Linda O’Neill (me), doing my bluesy best with Ray Charles’ 1956 hit “Hallelujah I Just Love Her So.” Buster Hayslett will serenade country George Strait’s “It Ain’t Cool to be Crazy About You” (1986) to his wife, Sue Ellen. Bob and Macey Zarit will duet to “Do You Love Me?” from 1971’s Fiddler on the Roof. And, speaking of couples, there are eight couples participating in this show, with a combined 300 plus years of wedded bliss; all of us who are coupled,

widowed, divorced or single have one thing in common: we have all been in love.

The video presented this month marks our third pandemic presentation. We have learned a lot with each show, especially how best to film oneself and record one’s sound. In this show, Paul and Teresa will present “Love Potion #9” (1963) and “Sweet Pea” (1993). If you saw our holiday show, you’ll remember their clever songs.

“Love Will Keep Us Together” will air on LVTV (1390) on Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14 at 11 am, 4 pm and 9 pm.

LV PHOTO CLUB

By Chuck Morrow

The Photo Club wishes to invite all residents again to submit their favorite photos they wish to share. These favorite photos will be posted to the Leisure Village Smugmug

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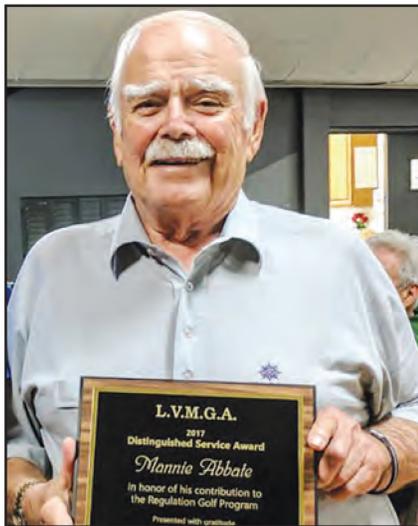
MENS GOLF

By Joseph Benti

We believe the recent passing of Mannie Abbate, who along with the late Ernie Ohmstedt, was a major force behind the success of the Club and especially our long-time Regulation Golf program, and the cohesion of LVMGA itself, deserves noting. Mannie, a Village resident for more than a quarter of a century, was seen by many as our very own “Consigliere.”

Our monthly meetings usually included his pithy comments and always served as reminders of our “institutional history.” Mannie would define and refine events or a position, usually to the best interest of the Club and its members.

After enduring a few mishaps, Mannie’s daughter Kathy moved him to assisted living in Richardson, Texas near her and her family. Mannie, 92 years old, had three



children, six grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Kathy told us Mannie was comfortable in Hospice and spoke of soon joining his late wife Rose. Smiling after a large and satisfying meal, something he loved almost as much as golf, Mannie died a few hours later.

Should any Members be interested in noting his passing, send an email to: kathyviogtsberger@wholeheartbirth.com.



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PHOTO CLUB WINNER – ASSIGNED CATEGORY



■ 1st – Gregg Gillmar / Chinese New Year

CLUB NEWS

Photo club

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account at <https://leisurevillage.smugmug.com> for all residents to view. Please send your photos to gsgillmar@outlook.com to have them uploaded to Smugmug.

The judge for the January photo competition was Robert Fields and the Photo Club wishes to thank him for his time and expertise in evaluating the photos submitted. The winner of the Assigned Category of “People” was Gregg Gillmar with “Chinese New Year.” First place in the Open Category was also Gregg Gillmar with “Hope Valley Cabin 2020.” In the Mobile Category, the winner was Spike Burlingame with “Daviana.” Frank DeSimone was the winner of the Creative Category with “Lunch Time.”

The Assigned Category for the next month’s competition is “Doors.”

If you are interested in joining the Photo Club or have questions contact: Ken Lauchner at 805-491-2432 or ken.lauchner@roadrunner.com.

WOMEN’S GOLF

By Patti Crichton

Special regards to long time Women’s Golf member, Jane



Burke, who turned 98 on January 13th. Many masked Club members and friends came by to wish her a happy day. Jane looked regal sitting in her driveway chair sporting a tiara with champagne in hand. Hope you enjoyed your special day, Jane!

We are keeping track of our Wednesday golf scores now, so that our handicaps can be updated for future Tournaments. Please be sure to have two signatures on the card to verify results. Cards are to be placed in the green box in the window by the putting green.

Speaking of the putting green, it is located beside Hole 1 on the Golf Course. Any LV resident is welcome to bring their putter and a few balls to practice putting there. It is a fun outdoor activity, even if you prefer not to golf the whole course.

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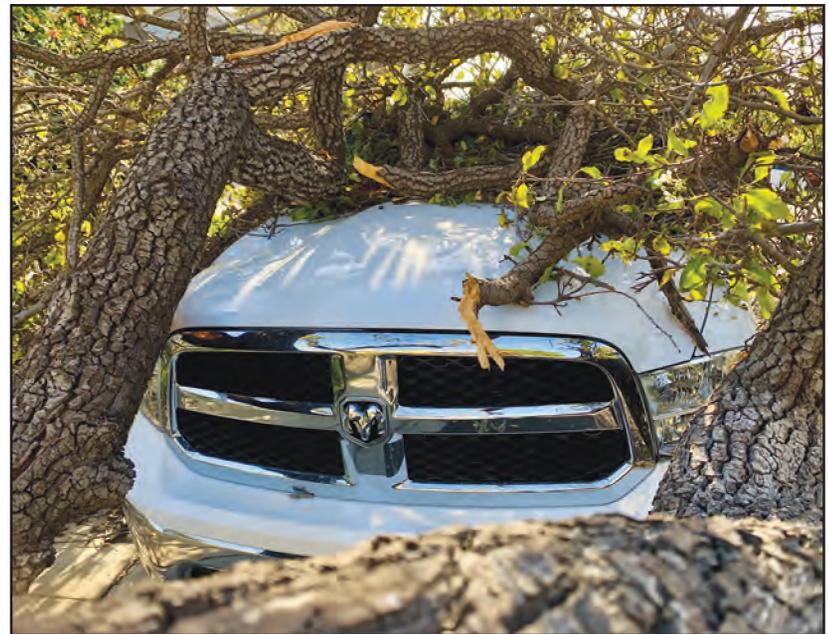
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Though the destruction was substantial, the relief that no one was injured and the property damage relatively light was certainly appreciated. The dedication of the crews that support the village came to light when the clean-up process began. There is a road ahead to recovery but we got this.



NEWS BITES

No AARP tax preparation assistance

There will be no AARP tax preparation assistance available this year in Leisure Village or anywhere in Ventura County. The decision to

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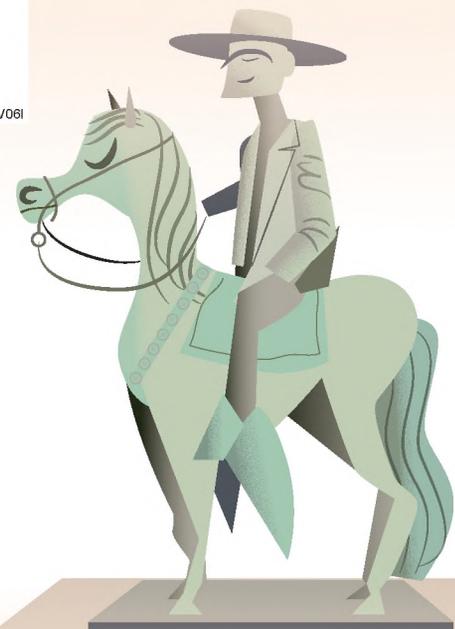
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PROPOSITION 19 PASSED

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EXPANDED SPECIAL RULES FOR ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNERS

Effective April 1, 2021: Homeowners 55 years of age and older, severely disabled, or whose property was extensively destroyed by wildfire or other natural disasters *may be eligible to transfer the taxable value of their primary residence to a replacement primary residence:*

- Anywhere in California
- Of any value, but with upward adjustments if replacement is of greater value
- Purchased or newly constructed within two years of sale
- Up to three times (previously one time), but without limitation for properties destroyed by fire

TAXATION OF INHERITED PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Effective February 16, 2021: Prop 19 *narrows the rules allowing properties to pass from parent to child and grandparent to grandchild without an increase in the property tax bill.* The taxable value can be transferred:

- To only those properties used as a primary home or farm by the child or grandchild
- If homeowners' exemption is filed within one year of transfer
- If the value of the property is less than \$1M over the original tax basis. If the property value, at the time of transfer, is more than \$1M over the original tax basis, some upward adjustment in assessed value would occur.

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