

# The Mighty Oak

October, 2005

Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center

NEWS FROM  
AROUND THE CENTER &  
**Senior Art Meets Street Art Meets  
the Art of Wine  
Meets the Act of Caring!**



PHOTO BY MARY GALLANT.

The October 1-2 Santa Clarita Street Art Festival was a big success and our Senior Center artists were a part of it! They chose to promote the October 15th, 14th Annual Wine Auction, which benefits our Home-Delivered Meals program. Above, Zena Hussain applies finishing touches, and art program instructor Mary Lou Carraher, lower right.

### 6th Annual Senior Art Show & Sale

September 18 was the date; artistic excellence and passion were the reasons. Displayed were a wide variety of media and genres. Turnout was light this year; artists theorized that Valley residents had a great many competing events on this day.



1. Art lovers, family, and admirers enjoyed the afternoon at the Hyatt Hotel viewing the works of art.
2. Chester Huber again displayed his artful painted ceramics, one of the few masters of an old technique.
3. SCV Senior Center art teacher extraordinaire, Mary Lou Carraher

### VICTORIOUS!

In the championship rematch with the San Fernando Senior Center pool team, Wednesday, September 14 at the Center, our "Cue Masters" were victorious! The first round of the tournament was held on August 31 at the San Fernando Senior Center.



From left to right: The SCV Senior Center Pool Mark Coleman, Team 1, Ernie Cuenco, Team 2 and Nick Nedrud, Team 1; not shown, Jim Miller, Team 2.

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# October Birthdays

Best wishes to the following SCV  
Senior Center Members  
celebrating birthdays of 85 and older!

1	Alice Kessel Vanja Knoblauch
2	Evelyn Heller
8	Ardis Newcomer
9	Honor Bloom Delmer Nielson
10	Rose Metz
12	Grace Orozco
13	Dorothy White
17	Ileen Shaheen Erma Valmassy
19	Carl Dragovich Guy Diardi
20	Ted Kastenbender
23	Angelena Donnelly
25	Nathaniel Leiter Annie Lee Scott
26	Mary Martino
28	Mary Campbell
30	Maria Duenez
31	Joseph Morfino

Please accept our apologies if we've missed any member's special day. If you don't want your birthday mentioned, please notify the office. If you haven't yet joined the Center, please register today!

## Hats Off!

### Thanks for Lending a hand...

- To Jeanne Wray for donating two cases of paper to bring this October issue of *The Mighty Oak* to you!
- To Gabriel: It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with and observe a great youth in our midst—Gabriel Cardena! He is very kind and helpful to the seniors here at the center, and we are very fortunate to have him assisting us. When people discuss “teenagers,” they cannot group them as “all rebellious,” as he is a great example of those that are helpful and kind. Of course, much credit goes to his parents, Judith Cassis and Frank Lee Cardena, for their guidance.  
—Roxanne DiNicola
- To Johnnie Vorhis, editor of the Bouquet Canyon Senior Apartments newsletter, *Good Times*, and her editorial team for five years of great issues!
- To Duane Harte, Barbara Stearns-Cochran, JoAnne Darcy, and all the community volunteers who have been working for months to ensure a successful 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Auction on October 15<sup>th</sup>!



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### NEWS FROM AROUND THE CENTER (Continued from page 1.)

#### And The Winner Is...

Hardworking craftsperson Maxine Millstein made and donated another afghan from donated yarn! On Monday October 3, staffer Robin Clough pulled the lucky raffle winner's name—*Iris Villamil*. Regretfully, neither the happy recipient nor the artisan were present to collect their glory. The raffle made \$25, and raffle tickets were just \$1!



#### Come Sing Your Heart Out!

The Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center and the Filipino-American Association of Santa Clarita present:

#### Karaoke and Dance Night

Saturday, November 19

6:00 p.m.

#### Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center

Singing, Dancing, Competitions, Finger Food, Live Band—and tons of fun!

#### Reset Your Clocks This Month!

Daylight Savings Time ends this month after midnight on Saturday, October 29th. Remember to reset your clocks **BACK** one hour on Sunday morning!

## SAVE THE DATE!

The SCV Senior Center will be hosting a Flu Clinic on November 3rd provided by the LA County Health Department. Clinic will be 8–11 a.m.

### ***Make Plans for a Wonderful Holiday with the Trips & Tours Department of SCV Senior Center***

The SCV Senior Center Trips & Tours Department has scheduled two festive daytrips to enhance anyone's Christmas experience! The first is the "Glory of Christmas" at the Crystal Cathedral on Friday, December 2. This trip includes dinner at the Knott's Berry Farm Chicken Restaurant, as well as transportation to and from the Cathedral. The bus will leave the Senior Center, 22900 Market Street, at 3:30 p.m. and return at approximately 10:30 p.m.; \$85 per person. Reservations are required; no refunds after October 21<sup>st</sup>. Everyone welcome!

The second holiday adventure on December 15th is the "Parade of Lights Cruise" to Newport Harbor, which includes a wonderful holiday dinner at the Shore House Café. The day begins with a trip to Rogers Gardens for the "Christmas Fantasy" of decorated trees, and ends with the harbor excursion aboard the *Catalina Flyer* to see the lighted boats and themed displays of Newport Harbor. Deluxe bus leaves the Senior Center at 2:00 p.m. and will return at approximately 11:30 p.m. Be sure to bring something warm to bundle up in for the cruise and make your reservations early; \$75 per person. No refunds after October 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Senior Center Trips & Tours desk is staffed from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Advance reservations required. Call Trips & Tours, 661-259-9444, extension 111.

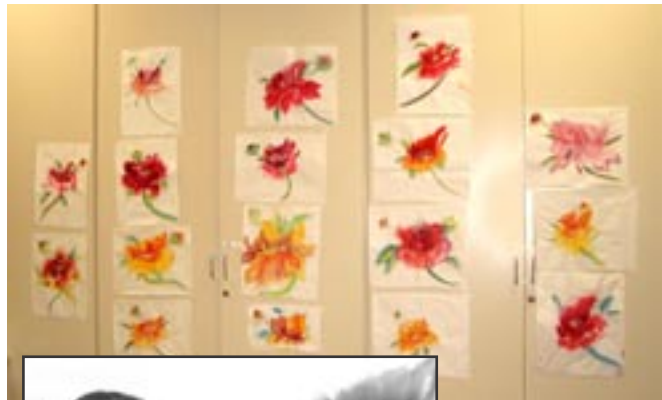
*Don't miss this opportunity to get a head start on your holiday shopping!*

*Winter Holidays Start Here!!*  
*The Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center*

# Fall BOUTIQUE

Friday, October 21  
9 a.m. until 2 p.m.  
**Come Shop!!**  
*You'll find fabulous gifts at the SCV Senior Center*  
22900 Market Street, Newhall

**Crafters & Vendors:**  
To sign up for a booth (\$10), please call Robin, 259-9444



### **Rice Paper, Watercolors, A Chinese Brush & One Great Teacher!**

Karen Mills, an established artist and expert specializing in Chinese brush watercolors, taught a three-session workshop in September that produced surprising results for many students who had never before done watercolor painting! Mills' carefully structured teaching aids and step-by-step presentation produced first-time successes to make students proud!

*(News from Around the Center continues on page 10.)*

## Senior Cinema!

**"As Good As It Gets"** starring Jack

Nicholson and Helen Hunt is our November 9th movie at the Senior Center Cinema where everyone is welcome for an entertaining afternoon. You'll want to come just to see the scene stealing dog!

Showtime is 2:30 p.m., the second Wednesday of the month in the Dining Room theater on the "Big Screen." We have free door prizes at intermission, popcorn is 25 cents, and variety acts may be offered in the future. All this and more in a familiar, air-conditioned, friendly atmosphere for only \$1 donation!

Carpool with some friends. The parking is free and access to our Big Screen is easy here at our Senior Center just off Newhall Avenue on Market Street in downtown Newhall. Transportation may be arranged if your building site manager calls the Senior Center at 259-9444 a few days before the movie.

Our state-of-the-art projector was donated by the Advisory Council and the Committee on Aging.

*Mary Gallant, House Manager*

# The Villa View

by Marty Baxter

## September at Summerhill

There are always interesting and fun things to do at Summerhill. The Activities Department is really humming these days. It's nice to have our Kathy Cook back after three months on maternity leave, Little David is thriving, and he shares his Mommy with us.

The second great piece of news is that Michele Kohl is now a member of the staff. She has conducted PACE Exercise classes at the Villa for many months, and everyone enjoys her upbeat personality and enthusiasm as well as her knowledge of all the benefits of the exercises. Michele is now also initiating innovative new programs of a different kind. "Mind Games," "If and Why," and Current Events involve sharing experiences and discussing issues and ideas. They not only stimulate mind and memory, but they are a wonderful way to better understand and know our neighbors.

We had other insights into residents' lives, when they listed their favorite songs on a recent survey form. These tunes are now a part of my monthly concerts. I play about 15 of them each program and introduce them by telling why a favorite song has special meaning.

"Always" is a favorite of three people. They all like this Irving Berlin composition, and Elinor says it was sung at her wedding. "Georgia On My Mind" is a natural choice for Jim, as his beautiful wife's name was Georgia. Bill likes "I've Got You Under My Skin," because he heard the Big Bands play it when He used to dance at Frank Daley's Meadowbrook Ballroom in New Jersey. The music is nostalgic to each person who listed a favorite tune, and the songs bring back memories to all of us.

September's busy schedule of outings included lunch at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills and at the Spinnaker Seafood Broiler in Ventura. There was also a tour and lunch at the Friar's Club in Beverly Hills, and Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" at the Repertory East Playhouse.

Ready for a nap, anyone?—Marty

## CCS Courier

News from Canyon Country Seniors

by Betty Maithonis

Hope that everyone is enjoying this lovely Fall weather!

We enjoyed a lovely party on September 17 at BCS Apartments—it was so nice to be with our other senior friends! The "Sand & Surf" theme was lots of fun and enjoyed by all.

It is heartbreaking to see the devastation in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Everyone is helping, however, and any amount of money regardless of the amount is beneficial. I have happy memories of New Orleans, staying in the French Quarter and walking down Bourbon Street. I had two cruises on the Mississippi River in a paddle boat and seeing the beautiful plantations and homes in the South. I landed in the hospital in Baton Rouge for emergency surgery and the hospital, and the care and caring staff were unsurpassed. Please help in any way that you can in the wake of this tragedy.

We have some interesting programs here—for example, we have Music Appreciation on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00–1:30 p.m. College of the Canyons is offering a Painting Class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Then there is an Exercise & Physical Conditioning class on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9–10 a.m. We also have a birthday party on the last Friday of each month. I have a September birthday, so we celebrated on September 30. Also, we have weekly Social Hour on Fridays from 4–6 p.m., and Coffee & Doughnuts on Saturdays from 9–11 a.m. All free.

Keep well and keep busy. That's always my advice! Give me your news—Betty, 424-0656

**Good Humor  
Helps  
by Gladys Gonzales**



## October Nostalgia

My mother would have been 93 years old this month, and even though she died in 1979, I still miss her; she was one of my best friends. October was an especially tough month for me that year—another dear friend died in October that same year, my sweet dog. May they both rest in peace.

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,

Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some humor out of life,  
and pass it on to other folk!

But after the disastrous hurricanes, I really don't feel much like joking this month. It's always a good time to count your blessings, however. I repeat—Count Your Blessings! How very lucky we are to live here in California where we have a shaker now and then—not several per season year after year, a lot of hot days and some rainy days and even occasional heavy winds, but never all those extreme elements of weather all at once like the hurricane states.

I have cried for those poor hurricane victims. Many of them have lost so much, family members as well as all they own. God help them and give strength to carry on! As a mother, I cry for the little children who have lost mothers and mothers who have lost their babies. It hurts me to the core to think if I should have lost my son in such a way.

I cried to think that in America people should have to wait four or five days to receive food and water. I have diabetes and know how I feel if I don't get my insulin shot or eat when and as I should. I know how

serious this disease is. God Bless the Kansas City lady doctor that went to the disaster area and began using her American Express card and personal funds to give insulin shots to those who needed them.

I'm also nostalgic when I think of the events of 9/11 four years ago. Now more than ever we must pray for peace for all mankind. Mother Teresa is said to have had a business card that read like this: "The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace." The words of this old song say it well:

"Now peace begins on earth, and let it begin with me. Now peace begins on earth; the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Power, united all are we. Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

"Yes, peace begins with me; yes, the moment is now! With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally. Yes, there is peace on earth, and yes, it began with me!!"

Love is the cement that will weave us together in this whole world of sorrow and despair. Don't forget our vets!—*Gladys*

NEWS FROM THE  
  
WHISPERING OAKS  
BY JOSEPHINE GIBBS

### October Birthdays

1	Barbaara Morton	2	Pat McBride
3	Verla Beaser	4	Louise Stamper
8	Bella Valente	18	Sandra Faith
	26	Julia Navarro	

Continental Breakfast—first Saturday of the Month

Monthly dinner—Third Saturday of the Month

#### Whispering Oaks Honors: Art Howard, U.S. Army

Art served in Korea, 1950 from Private to Sergeant; was wounded two times and hospitalized at Lettermans Hospital in San Francisco for eight months. He returned to Korea until 1954. During that time, his unit adopted the care of a little girl, Peggy, about five years old, and cared for her about three years until she was placed in a Catholic orphanage run by The Little Sisters of the Poor.

Years later, 120 G.I.s (including Art) were invited on a paid trip to visit Peggy in Seoul, Korea. She had become a nun and in the future would become the Mother Superior in the same orphanage where she had been raised. In 2000, Art received a telephone call from a priest who informed him that Peggy had passed away.

Art entered the Army for a second time serving in Vietnam from 1962-1972. He re-upped as a Warrant

Officer with an increased promotion to the rank of Major. He was wounded three more times. Following his last injury, he woke up at Lettermans Hospital where he remained for four months. He was Company Commander of the 516<sup>th</sup> Helicopter Attack Squad as helicopter pilot.

Art's medals: Five Purple Hearts, Bronze Star, Silver Star, and Soldiers Medal. He is an Honor Roll veteran who owns a brick in the Veterans Historical Plaza. Art and his wife, Ty, are tenants of Whispering Oaks.

#### Whispering Oaks Honors:

##### Robert D. Albin, U.S. Army

Robert served in the Army in W.W.II as a machine gunner. A man as a Soldier, Robert Alvin states, "I did what I was supposed to do." Wounded, he was sent from Boston Harbor to Oakland Regional Hospital. He was given a disability discharge and sent by bus to Los Angeles. His mother was there to greet him and take him home. His thoughts, "The only face I've known within a year and a half."

Not alone anymore...civilian Albin married Evelyn, went to college and became a playground director, a teacher, a principal, and the Supervisor and Director of a bi-lingual staffing office in downtown L.A. Robert and his wife have two daughters in college. He is a member of the SCV Senior Center.

Albin's Veterans Historical Plaza brick reads:

Robert D. Albin  
Mach. Gunner POW  
US Army WWII Eur.

Amen—*Josephine*

### OCTOBER 2005 ENTREES:

Monday	3	Baked Cod
	4	Macaroni & Cheese
	5	Salmon Burger or Hot Dog
	6	Glazed Chicken
	7	BBQ Pork Riblets
Monday	10	Meatloaf
	11	Chicken Supreme
	12	Salisbury Steak
	13	Chili Egg Puffs
	14	Beef Tips
Monday	17	Knockwurst
	18	Pork Chops
	19	Herb Chicken
	20	Beef Taco or Burrito
	21	Baked Cod
Monday	24	Chicken Parmigian
	25	Swedish Meatballs
	26	Tuna Salad
	27	Baked Ham
	28	Chicken Fajita
Monday	31	Boo!—Stuffed Peppers

## October Events SCV Senior Center

### *For Fun at the Center:*

**Wednesday, October 12:** Senior Cinema will be showing “Hocus Pocus” at 2:30 p.m.

**Friday, October 28:** Monster Mash Dance with Caravan playing, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., \$5. Costumes optional but encouraged!

**Every Saturday:** Bingo! *You Can't Win if You Don't Play!* 3:30–9:30 p.m., Dining Room. This is a great option for cool Summer Fun!

### *Special Events in October:*

**Saturday, October 15:** 14th Annual Classic Wine Benefit Auction “Harvesting Care, Harvesting Life,” at Le Chene French Cuisine, 11 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Fundraiser for Home-Delivered Meals & related programs.

**Saturday, October 22, November 5 & 12:** Peer Counselor Training, 9 a.m. to noon each day; please see page 10 for further details.

### *Free Lectures at the Center:*

**Wednesday, October 12:** “Lifeline—A Personal Response System,” presented by Representative Ferdinand Villegas, 1–2 p.m. in Activity Rooms 1 & 2.

**Wednesday, October 19:** “Advances in Radiology—Tomo Therapy,” presented by Dr. Robert Zimmerman, Vantage Radiation Oncology Center at Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, 1–2 p.m. in Activity Rooms 1 & 2.

**Wednesday, October 26:** “Modern Cataract Surgery,” presented by Dr. Robert Feinfeld, Providence St. Joseph

Medical Center, 1–2 p.m. in Activity Rooms 1 & 2.

### *Free Clinics at the Center (no appointment needed):*

**Wednesday, October 23:** Diabetes Clinic: Free glucose testing in the Supportive Services Modular from 10:30–11:30 a.m. Courtesy of Care South Nurses.

**Every Wednesday:** Free blood pressure checks. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Activity Room 3 by the Red Cross Nurses.

### *Service Groups at the Center:*

**Friday/Saturday, October 8 & 9:** AARP Driver Safety Program 8-hour class; call 259-9444 to register

**Friday, October 14 & 28:** Visually Impaired Assistance Service group meets at 1:00 p.m. in room A3.

**Monday, October 17:** Advisory Council meets, 9:30, A1

**Wednesday, October 26:** SCV Committee on Aging meets 5 p.m., A3

### **Senior Center Sponsored In-Housing Programs:**

*At Canyon Country Seniors:* None this month.

*At Bouquet Canyon Seniors:*

**Every Friday:** Live, Love & Laugh, 10:30 a.m. in the small dining room

**First, Second & Fourth Wednesday each month:** Blood pressure clinic, 9 a.m. in the dining room.

## AROUND THE CORNER & DOWN THE ROAD WITH TRIPS & TOURS

**Oct. 11: Spend the day in Apple Country, \$50 pp (No refunds after Sept. 16)**

Explore 14-acre Oak Tree Village with unique shops, trout ponds, gold panning, and animal park! Three lunch choices with all the trimmings at Law's Oak Glen Coffee Shop—plus take home a free whole apple pie. Bus leaves Senior Center at 8:30 a.m.; returns approx. 6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 20: Oktoberfest at Old World Village! \$40 pp (No refunds after Sept. 23)**

Includes Bavarian lunch, German entertainment and time to browse and shop. Bus leaves Center at 9:30 a.m.; returns approx. 4:30 p.m. Prost!

**Oct. 25: Shopping at Ontario Mills Outlet Mall, \$10 pp (No refunds)**

Lunch on your own. Bus leaves Center at 9:30 a.m.; returns approx. 4:30 p.m.

**Nov. 2–4: Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, \$160 single, \$120 pp double (no refunds after October 1)**

Includes deluxe bus, hotel 1 meal. Bus leaves Center 8:30 a.m.; returns approx 5 p.m.

**Nov. 10: Architectural Achievements of Los Angeles and Hollywood, \$65 pp (no refunds after October 21)**

An exciting guided tour of the town, a ride on the Red Line, three lunch choices at Taix French restaurant, and a stop at the trendy new Hollywood & Highland complex. Bus leaves 8:30 a.m.; returns approx. 6:30 p.m.

**Dec. 2: Glory of Christmas at the Crystal Cathedral, \$85 (no refunds after Oct. 21)**

Includes dinner at Knott's Berry Farm Chicken Restaurant. Bus leaves Center at 3:30, returns approx. 10:30 p.m.

**Dec. 8: Puttin' on the Ritz Holiday Musical Spectacular at Show-**

**time Cabaret, the Burbank Castaways, \$55 pp (no refunds after Nov. 7)**

Enjoy Prime Rib or Salmon and all the trimmings; price includes transportation, lunch, show, tax and tip. Bus leaves Center at 10:45 a.m.; returns approx. 4:15 p.m.

Trips subject to change. Please call Trips & Tours to verify availability. Advance reservations required. \$10 cancellation fee applies (unless trip specifies "Non-Refundable") when refund request is received at least 30 days prior to departure. The Senior Center Trips & Tours desk is staffed from 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call Trips & Tours, 661-259-9444, extension 111.

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The SCV Senior Center offers over 100 educational, recreational, and supportive programs on a regular basis. Most activities are for adults 18 and over. For more complete information, including costs or a detailed monthly calendar, please call the Center at 259-9444. Here is a brief rundown of classes and programs by category:

**Recreation & Leisure**

Bingo, *Saturdays*, 3:30–9:30 p.m., Dining Room

Bridge, *Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays*, 9:00 a.m., Rm. A1

Duplicate Bridge, *Tuesdays*, 6:45–10 p.m. in the Dining Room

Canasta, *Mondays*, 1–4 p.m., Rm. A2

Food Bingo, *Fridays*, 10:30–11:30 a.m., Rm. A1

Senior Cinema, *2nd Wednesdays*, 2:30 p.m., Dining

**Arts & Crafts Classes**

Calligraphy, *Wednesdays*, 1–2:30 p.m., Rm. A3

Group Crafts, *Mondays*, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., in Rm. A2

Mixed Media, *Tuesdays*, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., in Rm. A2  
*Thursdays*, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. in Rm. A2

Oil Painting, *Mondays*, 6:30–9:30 p.m., Rm. A3  
*Wednesdays*, 9 a.m.–12 noon, Rm. A1

Watercolor, *Tuesdays*, 6:30–9:30 p.m., in Rm. A3

**Cultural Classes**

Ballroom Dance by Barbara Wright, *Thursdays*, 7–8 p.m., Dining Room

Beginning Line Dance by Donna Yantis, *Mondays*, 2–3 p.m., Dining Room

Line Dance by Donna Yantis, *Tuesdays and Thursdays*, 9:30–10:30 a.m., Dining Room

Line Dance, by Maria Del Georgio *Wednesdays*, 6:30–8 p.m.

Tap Dance by Mary Alvidrez, *Tuesdays*, 2–3 p.m., Dining Room

**Educational & Technical Training**

Archeology & Anthropology, *Wednesdays*, 9:30–11:15 a.m., Rm. A3

Computer Training (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced in Windows and Mac)  
*Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays*, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Rm. A1

Computer Training for the Visually Impaired, *Mondays*, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Rm. A3  
*Fridays*, 12–2 p.m., Rm. A3

Ham Radio, *Tuesdays*, 1–2 p.m., in Rm. A2

**Exercise Programs**

Aerobics, *Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays*, 8:30–9:30 a.m., in the Dining Room

Chair Exercise, *Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays*, 9:45–10:15 a.m., Dining Rm.

Arthritis Foundations PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise), *Wednesdays*, 10:20–10:50 a.m., Dining Rm.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan, *Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays*, 8:30–9:30 a.m., Dining Room  
*Tuesdays and Thursdays*, 3–4 p.m. in the Dining Room

**Personal Development**

AARP Drivers Safety, *Monthly*, call for dates

Creative Writing, *Tuesdays*, 1–2:30 p.m. in Rm. A3

Live, Laugh, Love, *Fridays*, 1–2 p.m., Modular

**Health & Wellness Programs**

Blood Pressure Check, *Wednesdays*, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Rm. A3

Caregiver Support, *Fridays*, 9:30–10:30 a.m., in the Modular

Emotional Support, *Tuesdays*, 10–11 a.m., Modular  
Hearing Check, *Second Monday of the month*, 12–1 p.m., in the Respite office

Grief Support, *Tuesdays*, 11 a.m.–12 noon, Modular  
Fibromyalgia Support Group, *Second Saturday of the month*, 10:30 a.m.–noon, Room A1&2

Support Group for the Visually Impaired, *2nd & 4th Fridays*, 1–2 p.m., in Room A3

**By Appointment, call 661-259-9444:**

HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program); *1st, 2nd & 4th Mondays*, 10 a.m. to noon, Modular

DAV transportation to the VA Hospitals, *Mondays to Fridays*; call for Maria

Notary Public, *1st & 3rd Tuesdays*, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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**MONSTER MASH  
DANCE**



**October 28, 7:30–10:30 p.m.  
Live Band: Garavan!  
Costumes Encouraged; \$5**

# Out & About with Mina

by Mina Langlois

## October

October always reminds me of my childhood, and the bright blue weather of October back in North Dakota. Halloween is a holiday especially enjoyed by the children and they will soon be coming for tricks or treats. Daylight Saving time ends the last this month, too.

Today I feel so protected here in my own comfy little world—I wish I could share some of my comforts with any of the people in the hurricane disaster areas. We take for granted such small things as warmth, cold, hunger, thirst, and the safety of our loved ones. My heart really hurt when I heard of the little boy who had to give up his dog. He was so upset! The rescuers have found Snowball, and I hope the two of them will find their way back together.

Mothers with babies and children with no food or water and living in such filth, struggling to survive—we just can't imagine how bad it must have been for those victims and the fear and trauma it must leave in their hearts. They need our prayers, our understanding, and anything we can give to ease their suffering. Bless all the people who are there helping in any way they can. It must be heartbreaking to be there and see people suffering so much, but wonderful, too, to be able to help.

## Our World

The whole world seems to be in bad shape with all the talk about atomic weapons, our country divided over the war in Iraq, our soldiers being killed by the hundreds, and the tsunami/earthquake wiping out so many homes, killing and separating so many thousands. Now we have suffered a killer hurricane, Katrina, leaving towns and cities leveled, thousands left homeless, and deaths—the worst natural disaster in U.S. history!

Let us hope and pray that this is the end of these disasters! Let's pray for peace to come to our world, and a special prayer for all those who were hurt by these tragedies, as well as all those who help those in need. May you all find peace, comfort, safety, nourishment, and love.

## Back to Normal

I must get into a lighter subject, and back to what we know as normal living. I have a real problem focusing—I see double—my two eyes won't cooperate and do not agree on what they see. I have a very old pair of eyes, and glasses won't help any more, so... I went to John Taylor's class for the visually impaired at the Senior Center. It was a real eye-opener!

First I expected four or five people in class, but there were 18. Everyone was really nice and all had time to tell about their problems when the class was over. One very special lady who was wearing an eye

patch came over and talked to me. She gave me lots of info about eye patches, and where to go on the internet for more information. It sure helped me a lot. I really enjoyed the meeting, and I'll go again.

Now about the leader and how this all started: In 1999, John Taylor hung around the Blind Center at City Hall. There he met Lorenzo Murillo. Six months later the program for the Visually Impaired was started, put together by Murillo, and it found its way to the SCV Senior Center. When the program was up and ready to go, a Committee on Aging board member referred John to head the program. Five years later this October, all is going very well.

John is legally blind, carries a white cane, and has a seeing-eye dog, Ulysses, a black Labrador, who everyone at the Center loves. John leads the classes every second and fourth Friday of the month. He brings everyone together with his special qualities of understanding, loving, and caring. We are so lucky to have him at our Center!—*Mina*

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## Did You Know?

From July through October 17th, the Senior Center offers free Homeowner or Renter Assistance to qualified individuals. If you are:

- 62 years or older, blind, or disabled
- your household income last year was \$39,699 or less
- a US citizen, designated alien, or qualified alien
- owned and occupied your own home, or paid at least \$50 in rent each month...

**Please call 259-9444 for further information.**

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**Sunday September 11, 2005**

*by Shirley Newman*

It is four years since 9/11 happened.

9/11, my son's birthday.

Charles would have been 47 years old today.

Chat a way to remember his birthday!

What a tragedy happened on that day, four years ago, in New York City.

Here we are today, as a country and as individuals still trying to grasp the enormity and the shock of hurricane Katrina.

Our hearts are full, for the suffering of so many in this most recent catastrophe.

I am surprised that it took this day to motivate me to once again reach for a pad and pen and put my thoughts down on paper. It has been a year since I have written anything at all.



## “R” Challenge

by Elaine Martin

Roberta Reynolds really regretted  
Receiving the wretched news  
But the rumblings from her Rambler  
revealed  
She was about to lose

The road race from Raleigh to  
Rochester  
Where she had hoped to reign  
But ruefully Roberta realized,  
She'd never race again.

## Halloween

by Wanda J. Hale

Halloween is almost here,  
I can feel it in the air.  
Flying ghosts and witches too,  
give neighbors quite a scare.

They are moving all about,  
in front yards on each street.  
When Halloween is finally here,  
trick or treaters they will greet.

Tiny tots and teenage boys  
will come with bags in hand  
looking for delicious treats  
hoping for nothing bland.

When you answer the door  
don't be surprised,  
when Mom and Dad stand in the street  
keeping a watchful eye.

Halloween is a family time  
meant for one and all.  
Enjoy the day, have some fun  
when goblins come to call.

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## CANDYOSIS

By R. Myers

I have candyosis,  
It's a condition that's quite new,  
I fear that I'll be candyless,  
Without a thing to munch or chew.  
No chocolates and no gummies,  
I just won't survive,  
No caramels and no yummys  
I cannot stay alive.  
Desperately I hoard away  
The things that are so sweet,  
I have to have some daily  
Or my life is incomplete.  
My fear of being candyless  
Is a thing I cannot stop  
And that is why I'm making  
This ten-foot lollipop!

## Kitty Litter

by Nancy Alexandra Webb

Kitty cat, going pitty pat,  
see the leaves come tumbling down.  
Orange and red, the tree has shed  
for you a lovely leafy crown.

Drifting, sifting from the sky,  
oooh they tickle kitty's nose.  
On her fur they make her purr  
following her where e'er she goes.

Now a breeze stirs the trees  
making them flutter like fairy wings.  
Little kitty you're so pretty  
in your crown of leaves and things.

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## When 626 Dead Relatives Came to Stay

by Veronica Pinckard

The sky opened up. The plane  
landed at Los Angeles International  
Airport. Out of the tunnel came my  
nephew George and his wife Jan. They  
were visiting for the next few days on  
their way from Alaska back to England.

Driving them home to  
Valencia, after a long wait while they  
passed through Customs, we looked  
forward to a nice cup of English Tea  
to celebrate. Then...they handed me  
some floppies—those small, flat, square  
piece of plastic that you pop into your  
computer and hope to find something  
interesting on them.

Wow! What on earth do we  
have here? If I were a cartoonist, I'd  
draw picture of those floppies. Out of  
them would be streaming the ghosts of  
the past. Some of the skeletons would  
be peeking around closet doors and  
slowly making their way into the Parade  
of the Mawhood tribe. Others, with  
quite nefarious backgrounds, would be  
skulking along. Some would stand tall  
having lived an exemplary life, while  
others would be just ordinary folk who  
made up the motley tribe of Mawhoods.  
Some of those skeletons, reminiscent of  
Dickens' *Christmas Carol*, would be  
dragging chains, rusty chains, having  
crossed the Atlantic...it's not easy  
swimming an ocean with brittle bones  
and no muscles.

Alas, I am not a cartoonist.  
Those floppies contained the database  
of my family history all the way back to  
1513. Most people trace their roots the  
hard way. I was fortunate enough to be

handed a complete tree on a platter—er,  
should I say a floppy or two.

Expecting to have just four of us  
to enjoy the delights of Sunny Southern  
California, imagine how crowded the  
house became when plugging in those  
floppies. Using up reams of paper, we  
were now 626 more ancestors to add to  
the motley crew—626 of them! Dating  
back almost 500 years! The house was  
full and did I detect a myriad of cobwebs  
accompanying them? My husband,  
an American, was amazingly patient,  
though he did squawk a bit when dinner  
took second place to this rabble.

Now, when we meet relatives  
from England, we search the skies  
around Los Angeles Airport, to ensure  
no floppies are floating about in the  
ether. We have a new rule—visiting  
family members from overseas may  
now land armed only with my favorite  
brand of tea...and no floppies.

© Veronica Pinckard, July 4, 2005

## Letter to the Editor:

### *Dial-A-Ride “Hung-Up” on Ineffectual Procedures*

This past year has produced many a  
frustration for Dial-A-Ride users. They  
have had to call a week prior to need,  
and even then, had to accept a pick-up  
time far before appropriate. They have  
been kept waiting curbside for inordi-  
nate periods of time and then been  
delivered to their destination long  
after they were due. They have had  
to sit through uncomfortable rides while  
the drivers drove recklessly through  
town, endangering the riders and foot  
traffic. They have been discharged in  
areas unsafe to step. So, the question  
becomes—what can be done to fix  
Dial-A-Ride's inefficiencies?

Are the drivers familiar enough with  
Santa Clarita? Are they given time to  
look up directions for where they'll be  
going? One 80+ year-old friend, a  
regular rider who relies on this service,  
reports she has been kept waiting  
alone by the curbside in her wheelchair  
for long periods and then has had to  
be on the bus for up to an hour and a  
half for a short trip through town.  
Sometimes, if others have to be  
picked up, too, they have to be  
picked up before she can be delivered.  
Is this reasonable for a five-mile trip?  
I would hope not!

More proof that the system needs  
overhauling is the way the drivers  
drive. They have to be specially  
licensed, but, some may need  
“sensitivity” training also. I hear  
they can be rude and unreasonable to  
their challenged riders. My friend and  
others have said that there is nothing to  
grab on to

(Continued overleaf.)

**The Golden Pen** (Continued from page 9.)

during the trek, and that the drivers are often going at breakneck speeds. She, herself, sits in fear during most trips that her wheelchair may tip over or come lose in the bus. The physically challenged should not have to be put through these experiences in this day and age. There is no reason to put passengers' safety in jeopardy and to simultaneously disrespect our citizens.

Granted, Santa Clarita traffic has become overcrowded due to the City's excessive expansion, but that is no excuse for the unsafe handling of Dial-A-Ride passengers, or the inefficiencies of a much-needed service.

Joan Peterson, September 6, 2005

CC: Santa Clarita Mayor C. Smyth, Councilman Bob Kellar, SCV Senior Center, L.A. City Council

**News From Around the Center** (Continued from page 3.)

**Advisory Council Welcomes Trudy Engel**

The SCV Senior Center and the Advisory Council welcome Trudy Engel as the Castaic Lake Senior Village representative to it's monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month. All CLSV residents are encouraged to make their desires, needs, and complaints known to Trudy at 661-257-2620 so that she can fulfill her new mission to facilitate communication between the Senior Center, Committee on Aging, and our newest affordable senior housing unit.

**KUDOS Are Due**

A very delightful two days were spent by members of the art classes at the SCV Senior Center as they made a sidewalk painting at the recent Santa Clarita Street Art Festival in downtown Newhall. A special thanks to Mr. Michale Marks and his committees for their very efficient service to the artists providing them with T-shirts, badges, welcome ice water on a hot day, and free lunch tickets to a restaurant of their choice. Old friends and new

were made as participants painted and conversed over these sidewalk works of art. Those participating from the Senior Center were Yvonne Angel, Marietta Vasquez, Joan Gero, June Suzuki, Zena Hussain, and Teacher/Fine Arts Coordinator, Mary Lou Carraher.

**Senior Center Supportive Services Offers Peer Counselor Training Program**

Peer Counselor training will be offered to all those who wish to learn the skills needed to interact with homebound elders and others who need help coping with life's transitions. Training dates are October 22nd, November 5th, and November 12th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; the fee for the course is \$10; the instructor is Judith Harris.

Training will cover the emotional, social, and physical needs of older people, interviewing techniques, reflective listening, and assertiveness. Information on community resources will also be included. The course would be of interest to all those who interact with the elderly such as those involved in church visitations or caregivers.

The \$10 course fee may be waived for those participants willing to commit to volunteering one day per week for at least six months for Peer Counseling Service. Counselors make friendly visits to homebound elderly to provide socialization, support, and encouragement at a time when loneliness and depression can take a serious toll on lives already beset with illness or grief. You'll get far more than you give when you become a Peer Counselor.

Call the SCV Senior Center, (661) 259-9444 to register; the course runs three Saturday mornings at 22900 Market Street in Newhall.



It's getting to be *That* time of year...The time when we think about crafts for gifts, crafts for holiday decorating, even crafts for filling the longer evening hours of winter. That's why we're featuring the Tuesday morning Crafts Group this month! These totes were made from *grocery bags*; you may see many of them around the Senior Center—since Lana Keeler conducted her very popular workshop.

They are very lightweight, but extra sturdy, and amazingly attractive!

Lana says, "I can remember doing crafts since I was small. There were no other girls on the block where I grew up, so an elderly friend took me under her wing teaching me how to knit, crochet, and anything else she could think of! My current interest is in watercolor, and I'm having lots of fun learning to master it!"

Several crafters painted figurines and do-



nated them for sale. Those include Kathy Corey, Chester Huber, Irma Bailey, and Mary Lou Carraher.

A little boy wanted \$100 very badly and prayed for weeks, but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter requesting the \$100.

When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to "God, USA," they decided to send it to the President. The President was so amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5 bill. The President thought this would appear to be a lot of money to the little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5 bill and sat down to write a "thank-you" note to God, which read:

"Dear God: Thank you very much for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you sent it through Washington, DC., and those politicians deducted \$95 in taxes!"

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### **Medicare Adds Drug Coverage in 2006**

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Medicare's new Prescription Drug Coverage is on its way. There's a lot to know about the new Rx coverage, including:

- Benefit starts January 1, 2006
- Also called Medicare Part D
- Part D Drug plans to be announced in Oct. 2005
- Enrollment is Nov. 15, 2005 – May 15, 2006
- Insulin & Syringes will be covered for diabetic
- Beginning in 2006, Medicare will cover medications for those with Medi-Cal in addition to Medicare
- Financial help is available for those with a limited income & not currently on Medi-Cal

Those who are currently without any prescription drug coverage may be especially interested in the new benefit. Medicare Advantage managed care plans, including HMO's, will also offer the coverage.

To learn more about Medicare's New Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D), or for assistance with Medicare or related health care coverage, visit our state-registered Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counselor:

**Name:** Robert Hill  
**Schedule:** Monday 10:00 a.m.–12 noon  
(1st, 2nd & 4th Mondays monthly)  
**Appointments:** See Receptionist  
or call (661) 255-1588

All HICAP services are provided free of charge. HICAP Counselors are registered with the Calif. Dept. of Aging and provide unbiased information, counseling and assistance on Medicare and related health insurance to residents of Los Angeles County residents. HICAP is a program of the Center for Health Care Rights. HICAP is funded, in part, by the Los Angeles City and County Area Agencies on Aging, through the Older Californians Act.

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## **News & Notes from Bouquet Canyon Seniors**

Excerpts from the BCS newsletter,  
*The Good Times*

by Johnnie M. Vorhis, Editor

☞ In September, we had three new neighbors move in; four who moved out; one on the sick list, and regretfully, one friend who passed away.

☞ We'll be celebrating a lot this month! October 4<sup>th</sup> is Rosh Hashanah, October 10<sup>th</sup> we'll observe Columbus Day, October 12 Yom Kippur begins at sundown, October 24<sup>th</sup> is United Nations Day, and October 31, of course, is Halloween!

☞ On the second Friday each month beginning on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30 a.m., Robyn Wiener will lead an Adult Diabetes Support Group sponsored by the American Diabetes Association in our Sierad Multipurpose Room.

☞ The BCS *Good Times Newsletter* is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue in October! Way to go!

☞ On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> we'll be treated by a special Halloween movie by the Senior Cinema team headed by Mary Gallant. We'll be seeing "Hocus Pocus" with Bette Midler and Sarah Jessica Parker.

☞ Residents will have the opportunity to get their flu shots on October 27<sup>th</sup> at a Flu Clinic from 8:30–10:30 a.m. courtesy of Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital.

☞ The surf was up at BCS on September 17. A beach luau was put on by the Senior Center and great fun and food was had by all. DJ Ron Brown (aka the Big Kahuna) had everyone on their feet. A professional hula dancer entertained and assisted in a hula dancing contest which was both impressive and hilarious!



## TAKE A CHANCE!

The Trips & Tours desk is selling \$10 tickets for the Opportunity Drawing that takes place at 14th Annual Wine Auction on Oct. 15.

You could win up to \$1000, several smaller dollar amount prizes, or an enticing basket brimming with self-indulgent goodies! You need not be present at Le Chene's to win. The Wine Auction benefits the Senior Center's Home-Delivered Meals and related programs.



## The Word from The Willows by Fran Schaeffer Cook of the Month: Anna Mancini

As promised, today we are beginning our Cook's Tour with Anna Mancini, who has resided at the Willows for several years. Not only is she a great cook, but she is also a talented horticultural marvel who can make anything grow even in her home and balcony. Visiting with her is like stepping into a conservatory of plants and flowers, all thriving under her capable hands and our California sunshine.

She came to America from Italy as a child of 10 when her family settled in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania. Her father worked hard in the coal mines during the '30s supporting a large family. She was a gifted student and remained in school until she met the young man who became her husband. She was married at age 17, and settled into the life of homemaker becoming a mother of three. Because of the hard times of the Depression, the family moved to western Pennsylvania and settled in the suburb of McKees Rocks. However, shortly thereafter, Anna's husband became very ill and died at the age of 30, leaving her as the sole support of her family. By this time, World War II was raging and so she obtained a job making war supplies at a steel fabricating plant. She was so precise in her work that she was made a supervisor enabling her to provide adequate support for her children.

After the war, she met and later married her second husband who himself had two boys. They had one more child, a girl who became the adored little sister to her five big brothers. To this day, Anna's wonderful children are the heartbeat of her life. She is blessed with grandchildren, most of whom live nearby in California.

Throughout her life she has maintained the great talent of a wonderful cook using her heritage of fine Italian recipes and inventing many of her own. She is remarkably willing to share her secrets of fine cooking and generously provides wonderful treats for friends and neighbors, some of our parties, and Sunday pot lucks. Here's an example:

### Brussels Sprout Casserole

4 large Brussels sprouts split in half  
½ Cup fine breadcrumbs  
¾ Cup olive oil  
½ Tbs. chopped garlic  
½ Tbs. chopped fresh parsley  
Salt & Pepper to taste  
Grated Parmesan cheese—lots!

**Method:** Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Place halved sprouts in a casserole, cut side up. Add 2 Tbs. water. Mix remaining ingredients and spread over sprouts. Bake until tender and golden brown on top.

### Walnut Balls (Anna's Original)

2 ½ Cups finely ground walnuts  
8 ozs. Honey  
1 Cup flour mixed with 1 teas. baking powder,  
a dash of gr. nutmeg, and 2 Tbs. milk

**Method:** Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix ground nuts with honey and add remaining ingredients. Form into one-inch balls and place on a well-greased cookie sheet. Bake approx. 12 minutes; remove from oven and let cool on the baking sheet. When cool, roll in mixture of 1 Cup powdered sugar mixed with ½ Cup cocoa and 1 teas. powdered vanilla.

Sorry, gotta go now—I don't want my Walnut Balls to burn—they're delicious! Happy eating; see you next month.—*Fran*



### Marci Remembers the Month

Well, here it is another month and I might add, my last time doing this column. Summer is almost over and the pool is not as warm as it has been, but I can still sit and enjoy the sun and the Jacuzzi. The barbecue will be usable all winter, that is, if it's not raining.

Our girls here are working on a plan for surviving earthquakes, etc. We have all seen what happened in New Orleans so please cooperated and give them any information that might help them help you [after a disaster].

The pot luck was very nice and so much good food! Can't even name all who helped and brought food, although Debbie could use more help cleaning up—she works so hard. Also, glad to see new residents coming!

So long and I've really met a lot of wonderful people here!—*Marci*

***“Go often to the house of thy friend; for weeds soon choke up the unused path.”***

***—William Thackeray***

**From the Desk of Vickie**

For those of you who don't know it, Marci is leaving us to be closer to her family in North Carolina. I must say it's out loss. She has been not only a great helper to me, but a wonderful friend.

I have asked Bill McMahan to do her column from now on. Bill has written professionally and had a small column in New Jersey and also in the Acton newspaper. We have had items from him in our newsletter previously, and I hope you enjoy his style. He will begin with the November News.—*Vickie*

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## Postscript by Rita Roth

### OLD COMPUTERS NEVER DIE, THEY JUST LOSE THEIR HARD DRIVE

I am writing this column on my new computer. Two weeks ago my old computer became very sick. It happened very suddenly without warning; there was no inkling that it was ailing since it was performing as normally as it ever did, which if the truth be known was not all that normal, but I had learned to deal with its oddities.

It was Monday morning; with coffee beside me on my desk, I sat down to write. I turned on the computer as usual and was met with a message on the screen, I don't remember exactly what it said, but it sounded ominous. I tuned the computer off and then on again. I have this childlike belief that if you do that the problem will just go away. It didn't go away. The ominous message was still there. So I knew I had to call the computer manufacturer's tech-support people.

I always look forward to such events, secure in the knowledge that my problem will be handled in a speedy and efficient manner. So, after being on hold for a period of time during which I cleaned the bathroom, prepared lunch, and knitted two sweaters, I was connected with a gentleman who told me his name was Jason. Actually I think his name was really Rahmeed, or something of that ilk, because he had a distinctly Indian accent. I know that calls are sometime routed to India, for what reason I can't possibly fathom. Maybe the manufacturer feels that if you can't understand a word of what is being said to you during the telephone conversation, that you will simply give up, trash your computer and buy a new one. I am sure that this plan often works. Anyway, Rahmeed (aka Jason) really did

try to help me. He was extremely polite as he told me to try this and then that with the computer, but because he was very soft spoken and because of his very strong accent, communication was difficult to say the least.

Most of our discourse together went thusly. Rahmeed (aka Jason) “mumble mumble mumble mumble mumble” Me “huh?” Eventually he was able to make me understand that my computer's hard drive had bitten the dust. In a voice that was filled with sincere regret he further informed me that my warranty had expired. I was touched by his concern and I told him that, should he ever come to California he would be welcome to drop by and have a cup of coffee. I am not entirely certain but I think that there is a strong possibility that he will be joining us for Thanksgiving dinner.

So, with the knowledge that my computer would not function again without a new hard drive, I called the manufacturers's sales department. There I met up with an individual who was not at all like my Indian friend. This person addressed my questions with such a profound lack of interest that I visualized him slouched in his chair, feet up on the desk, and clad in his pyjamas and slippers. He was so laconic that I couldn't help but ask him if “he was on something.” He showed little reaction to this rather rude question, I am not even sure if he knew what I was talking about.

Eventually, he stirred himself long enough to find the price of a new hard drive for my computer, it was a little less than I expected, but still I wanted to discuss it with John before buying it, so I told him that I would get back to him, however, there was no reply and so I can't help but think that he had by this time dozed off.

Then began the discussion. Actually, there was no discussion. John's words were “I hate that computer and I don't want to fix it.” I think that he was really glad to have a reason not have to put up with the computer's quirks and snail-like pace anymore. Before I knew it he was on the phone, and a new computer was ordered. Several days later it arrived at our house, and with some effort and much cursing we managed to get it set up.

A problem arose when, after spending much time looking through the packaging in search of the owner's manual, we realized that it was stored *within* the computer. Anyway, at this point we are happy, John is spending more time researching things that interest him and he seems to be enjoying this computer; so far it has not displayed any annoying quirks and it is certainly much faster than the other one. I do feel a little sorry for the old computer which is at this time sitting on the corner of my desk, ignored and abandoned. But since both my sons and my sister have indicated an interest in restoring it to usefulness, it will probably have a new lease on life. I just hope they know what they are in for. —*Rita*

**OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND  
PRESERVATION DISTRICT  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING AT SCV SENIOR CENTER**

Representatives from the City of Santa Clarita will be speaking at the SCV Senior Center, located at 22900 Market Street in Newhall, on Friday, October 7, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. regarding a proposed Open Space and Parkland Preservation District.

As part of an ongoing effort to enhance the quality of life in Santa Clarita, and to maintain a wealth of Open Space and Parkland for the community's benefit, property owners within the City of Santa Clarita will be asked to vote on the creation of a proposed Open Space and Parkland Preservation District. This potential Preservation District would enable the City to purchase various land parcels to slow escalating urban development within and surrounding the City, protect wildlife habitats, as well as provide funding to maintain and construct more parks in the City.

"It is important that we put forth our best efforts to educate City residents regarding the potential effects of

the proposed Open Space and Parkland Preservation District so that property owners feel that they have acquired adequate information to make a 'yes' or 'no' decision when voting on the Preservation District," said Rick Gould, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

Ballots to vote on the proposed Open Space and Parkland Preservation District will be mailed to property owners during the month of October. The Preservation District requires a fifty-percent (50%) vote in favor of, or in opposition to, in order to pass.

For more information regarding the proposed Open Space and Parkland Preservation District, or the informational meeting on October 7th, please contact John Frank, City of Santa Clarita, at (661) 286-4023.

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