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# COUNTY



Young car show visitors check out sleek '72 Pantera.

## Memory Lane

■ Simi Valley Days: More than 80 vehicles, some classics, are displayed for car buffs. Chili cook-off is also part of the fun.

By JASON GRANT  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

For Richard and Linda Meister, the car show kicking off the annual Simi Valley Days festival Saturday was a chance to journey back in time.

Gazing at a majestic 1955 Chevy two-door hardtop, the middle-aged couple reminisced about cruising through town during their late teens and early 20s in Richard's first ride ever—a red-and-cream version of the same car.

"That was a good little car," recalled Richard, peering inside the exposed engine of the shiny turquoise classic. "I used to have one. . . . We used to go out riding around."

Said Linda, with a hint of pride, "I was the first girl to drive in his car."

Visitors gawked at, rubbed and even sat in some of the



Photo by GERRY DIXON / Los Angeles Times

Victor Lerma cleans fuel filter of his race car, one of more than 80 vehicles at Simi Valley Days car show. Organizers estimated that the turnout for the cook-off and car show Saturday surpassed last year's attendance of 4,000.

With their reflections visible in the smooth curves of the 1955 Chevy, the Meisters talked about Richard's loud, rumbling Chevy and the Illinois town where they lived.

"That car sat out in 25 below zero [weather] and it would start," Richard said. "Those are good little engines."

The Simi Valley couple said Richard, now 53, installed a glass-pack muffler in his used '55 Chevy. The special fiberglass muffler helped the sizable car belt out a

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## VENTURA COUNTY NEWS

## DAYS: Car Buffs and Chili Lovers

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vicious roar whenever Richard wanted one.

"They made a little bit louder noise in those days," Richard said. "It sounded like a backfire."

Ivan Delman, the car show's chairman as well as a car aficionado and onetime professional racer, said Saturday's show was open to all types of vehicles.

Vehicles ranged from classics such as a 1928 Ford T-Model—which Delman said "looks like a bathtub with four wheels and a big Chevy engine"—to a 1967 Sea-grave Fire Engine to the Quick Silver team of modern-day motorcycles that can reach 170 m.p.h. and are used for drag-racing.

The cars are not judged by professionals but by the audience, he said. The purpose of the 4-year-old show is to entertain and educate, he added.

"This is different than the normal classic car show because there are so many different types of cars here and there are no limits," Delman said. "This is a show judged by chili-eaters and car buffs."



GERRY DIXON / Los Angeles Times

Officials estimated that over 4,000 attended Saturday's chili cook-off and car show at Simi Valley Drive-In.

Car owners said they just enjoyed the chance to talk about and show off their spiffy mechanical wenders.

"They want to touch," said Lillie Fischer, 52, as she and her husband, Gary, stood near their 1928 Ford Model T. "Basically, I think a lot of them want to ride."

Beside the humongous Fire Truck 41, displayed by the Ventura

County Fire Department, 33-year-old Kim Bates gawked toward . . .

"I like looking at the designs and different ways the engines are put together," the Simi Valley boy said.

LOS ANGELES TIMES



# Chili cook-off, band, cars heat up day

By Karen Hibdon  
Staff writer

No one can accuse Steve Deveau of not being flexible.

Scheduled to be the head judge at Saturday's eighth annual Simi Valley Days Chili Cook-off and Car Show, Deveau found himself turning chef when only two competitors showed up for the International Chili Society-sanctioned portion of the event.

"I volunteered to go home and in one hour I did what it usually takes two days to prepare," the Simi Valley chef said. The 14-year veteran chili cook has competed at local, state and regional events but never on such short notice.

His efforts paid off — Deveau's Margarita Chili took first place honors in the ICS competition, acing out the husband-wife team of Dianne and Harry Dewitt of Santa Barbara, who compete separately. Dianne Dewitt's "Double D" chili took second place, and her husband's Amarosa Chili was awarded third place by the team of judges headed up by ICS judge Joel Erickson.

Some 4,000 folks flocked to the Simi Valley Drive-in for the annual Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise-sponsored event Saturday. Festivities included the cook-off, a car



Dan Beyer/Correspondent

**Wheels:** Maggie Abbott, left, of Simi Valley, Marie Fassrand of Arcadia, Katie Bohlig of Calabasas and Stacy Silber of Thousand Oaks explore the Simi Valley Days Car Show.

show and crafts fair, pony rides, a moon bounce and other activities for the kids.

Despite the heat, many chili teams had to fire up their stoves to keep the chili flowing. Vendors tooted their wares — everything from western hats to leather vests, plants to jewelry. Busiest booths by far were those selling

cal Society Barn Dance.

Bill Edwards had his wife, sister, kids and grandchildren at the event he said offered folks "a very good, relaxed time. Everyone's out having a few beers, good chili and listening to Rick Tucker."

The 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Chili Cook-off "went terrific," said chairman Craig Foster. "This was the best ever. We project we'll turn a \$10,000 profit for the community, thanks to the people of Simi Valley."

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## COOK-OFF: Things heat up at festival

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Erickson said the lack of ICS chili cooks Saturday may have been due to two regional ICS-sanctioned cook-offs elsewhere this weekend. An event took place Saturday in Escondido and on Sunday, another is set in Vista. The local win qualified Deveau for the Vista regional.

In ICS people's choice competition Saturday, Harry Dewitt won first place; his wife second; and Deveau came in third. In the amateur chili event, judges chose Dave Smith's Hair Raising Chili, sponsored by Mirage Hair Design, for first place. Second went to John Turner's Tree Frog Chili and third to B.J. Anderson and the Committee to Elect Paul Miller for Safe City Chili.

People's Choice amateur winners, were: Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley, first; Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, second; and Safe City Chili, third.

The winner in the commercial

division was the Radisson Hotel. People's choice in commercial went to Chili's restaurant.

The annual Rotary Challenge Cup was awarded to the Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley, which was already riding high on a win earlier in the day. During the first Bob Pegg Memorial Challenge Kiwanis Golf Tournament at Sinaloa Golf Course, the Kiwanis clubs of Simi Valley and Santa Susana teamed to beat the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks.

Simi Valley Days Car Show competition drew about 84 entries this year, "a little better than last year," said Chairman Ivan Delman. New this year was a motorcycle category, which drew big support from the Quick Silver Racing Team headed up by Ray Goshorn of Simi Valley.

Drawing special kudos this year, although they didn't receive prizes, were the highly customized pedal bicycles displayed by a group of teen-agers who go by the name "Schwinn Crazy," Delman,

who is retiring this month and plans to hand over the car show reins to someone else for the 1995 event, said he will recommend a separate competition for bicycles at next year's Simi Valley Days Show.

Twenty-six plaques were awarded in the competition. First place winners, were:

Competition motorcycles: Robin Gist.

Custom cycle: Harley Davidson, Judy and Dave Taylor of Simi Valley.

Race Cars: 1965 El Camino, John Lynch, Camarillo.

Special interest: 1957 Seagrave fire engine, Grant Pilling, Simi Valley.

1958 and newer: 1958 Pontiac, Manny Garcia, Simi Valley.

1946-57: 1957 Chevy convertible, Floyd Darling, Simi Valley.

1934 and older: 1932 Chevy coupe, Wayne Migacz, Camarillo.



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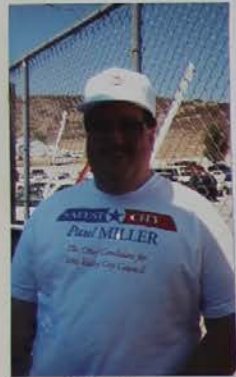




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**NEWS**  
AT A GLANCE

**SIMI VALLEY**  
**Explorers thanked**

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise thanked the Police Department's Explorer program for its services with a \$1,500 check on Thursday morning at The Clarion hotel.

The post helped the club by directing traffic at the annual Cañon Festival fund-raiser, said Officer Dwight Thompson, the Explorer Post coordinator.

"They always make a small donation," Thompson said of the Rotary. "But this year they wanted to do something extra."

The donation will be used for equipment and to pay for trips to Explorer programs out of the area.

The city's police Explorer program currently counts 13 scouts, but will probably soon add more.

"We're going to be actively recruiting more pretty soon," Thompson said.

The scouts help in routine police matters like fingerprinting and traffic control at the annual Trade Fair and Simi Valley Days events. They meet weekly and also do volunteer work for non-profit organizations.

These activities allow them to earn credits that they use to go on ride-alongs with police officers, Thompson said.





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# Golfers turn out to raise funds for DARE program

By Steve Silkin  
Staff writer

About 120 golfers undaunted by the summer heat took to the tees Friday morning in Simi Valley to raise funds for the city's DARE program.

"Each year this thing seems to grow and grow," said Bob Mitchell, on the committee from Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, one of the sponsors of the Fifth Annual Hackers Golf Tournament.

Mitchell said last year's tourney raised about \$6,000 for the Police Department's anti-drug program.

"We're hoping to do the same this year," he said.

"They spend it as fast as we give it to them," said police Capt. Jerry Boyce. DARE officers use the money for school supplies and summer camp, among other things, said Boyce, who wore a straw hat and enjoyed a beverage to refresh himself under the baking sun.

Friday's temperature in the

city soared into the triple digits at 101 — four degrees hotter than Thursday.

Boyce said his game was off Friday but his drive "was in form." Then he proceeded to hit a low one into the trees.

"We're able to laugh at some of the idiosyncrasies of golf," said Police Chief Willard Schlieter, who acknowledged he didn't play regularly. Schlieter was another golfer unfazed by the hot weather.

"I come from central Illinois, so this is great," he said as the temperature rose. "Hey, lovely Simi weather," said Assistant City Attorney Steve Millich, shielded from the sun by a jungle hat.

"Heat doesn't bother a golfer," Mitchell said. "Especially when you don't have to work."

"It's an easy game," Millich said of playing golf. "Scoring is more complicated."

Millich and Boyce, two of the founders of the event, were playing on the 10th green, along with another founder, former assistant city

manager Bob Hunt. Millich explained that the event began five years ago when "city employees wanted to do something," and launched the fundraiser with the goal of taking in about \$500. Two years later, Rotary members took it over and began drawing many more golfers and much more money.

Sponsors donated \$100, \$500 or \$1,000 and single players chipped in \$60.

This year's honorary chairman was actor Mickey Jones, now seen frequently on TV as the long-haired bearded biker-type riding a subway who draws compliments for his fresh breath.

Thursday's high and low temperatures in Simi Valley were 72 and 97.

On Friday, county officials declared a health advisory in Simi Valley and Moorpark through 8 p.m. Residents were cautioned to "reschedule outdoor activity" and children, the elderly and those with breathing problems were cautioned to stay indoors.



SCOTT WELSHING/Staff Photographer

Charity event: Dave McCormick, left, co-chairman of the fifth annual Hackers Golf Tournament, laughs with Steve Millich after collecting scorecards at Simi Hills golf course.

Unhealthful air quality was also forecast for today, along with a high temperature of 94 degrees.

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The hosts included BUDWEISER, SIMI SUNRISE ROTARY and SIMI VALLEY BANK. The event was the Annual Boys and Girls Club Golf Tournament, where people come together for only one real purpose — CHILDREN. Each year this event is the place to be and the place to be seen. With 144 golfers, a group of volunteers and donors that every organization wishes they had, this tournament was the biggest fundraiser to date, grossing \$29,656.

The Co-Tournament Chairpersons were our very own Bob Larkin, who is no stranger to this tournament, having participated in its success since its inception five years ago, and Randy Greene, who in previous years chaired the Simi Valley Days Golf Tournament as a member of the local Jaycees.

Debi Schultz, the Tournament Director, who put in so many hours that Simi Valley Bank provided her an office to work out of. And last but not least Dick Riggs, General Chairperson. For those of you who may not know, Dick has volunteered more man hours to this tournament than we could even care to imagine. Not only does he give of his time and energy to this particular fundraiser, he is quite visible during their Auction in June and currently he serves as a Director on their board.

Mark your calendar for next year's tournament. It's the place to be...

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5th Annual Golf Tournament

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DICK RIGGS & BOB LARKIN  
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# BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SIMI VALLEY



## 5th Annual Golf Tournament



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The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise is grateful for the opportunity to co-sponsor the Boys & Girls Club Golf Tournament. The youth of our community are our future and we feel the investment in them now will result in a strong base for generations to come. This year's golf tournament was a "Fun Raiser" as well as a fundraiser, and we Rotarians were proud to co-sponsor the event.

Following in the footsteps of last year's club president, Doug Wieben (1993-94), this year's president, George Berrow (1994-94) echoes his support. Having young grandchildren, George feels strongly about the continued commitment of our club to the youth of Simi Valley.

"We appreciate the many fine programs and goals of the Boys & Girls Club and we will continue to support this organization through such events as this golf tournament as well as other annual events and the ability to support any worthwhile cause is made possible by YOU the citizens of Simi Valley!"

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# NEWS AT A GLANCE

## Hunt wins fellowship

Don Hunt has been awarded the prestigious Rotary Club International "Paul Harris Fellow" award.

Hunt is the assistant general manager for park planning and development for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. The award was presented to Hunt during a recent park board meeting by Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise President George Berrow and club member Jim Lowry.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER



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## JOINT CLUB PARTY

FEB. 1994



## Rancho Simi Rotary Club will give up its charter

**WRONG TIME:** The evening group has struggled to keep up its membership.

By Karen Hibdon  
Staff writer

A Simi Valley service organization fraught with membership and image woes has decided to call it quits.

The 12-year-old Rancho Simi Rotary Club, the first of two offshoots of the Simi Valley Noontime Rotary Club, will give up its charter at the end of March, president Deborah Wollum said Friday.

The decision was made at Thursday night's meeting and comes amid threats from Rotary International to pull the local service organization's charter.

An annual pancake breakfast to benefit the Simi Valley Council on Aging's Meals on Wheels program will go on as planned April

1, but the club's major fund-raiser, an April 8 Casino Night and Country Dance, has been canceled.

"The club has decided to give up," Wollum said.

Wollum had previously thought that the membership would fight to retain its charter, which has been threatened for several years. The club is down to 15 members, she said; 25 are needed to keep a club alive.

Despite a core of members who have struggled to keep it going, Wollum said the club is just "burned out." It has also had to overcome its image as a "drinking and smoking" club, an image she says Rotary District 3240 Governor Jim Hawkins perpetuated in the media when he said nighttime clubs were often "drinking clubs."

Member Cliff Snowden, the former president of a Rotary club in Pennsylvania, said he never saw excessive drinking at Rancho Simi. The club's downfall was simply meeting in the eve-

nings, he said.

"So many work in the valley and when they come home in the evening are too tired to participate in civic affairs," he said.

When the Simi Sunrise club chartered and offered morning meetings, it pulled about two-thirds of the Rancho Simi membership, he added.

Wollum admits the club has had ongoing problems, but said that for the past six months the club has worked to correct them. She believed she had until the end of her term in June to turn the club around.

"We've been caught in a vicious circle," she said. "It's hard to entice people to join when you have such a small membership. We are a small club and have lost a lot of momentum over the years."

Rotary, an invitation-only organization, traditionally restricts membership to one business representative per club.

"The noontime club, morning club and the Concho and Thon-

sand Oaks clubs have offered membership to those who would like to stay in, even if their classification is filled," said Chuck Neault, immediate past president of the Noontime Club.

"Rotarians are going to do everything they can to keep those interested in staying in Rotary and giving back to the community an opportunity to do so," he added.

Snowden said Rancho Simi members have talked about starting a new evening club with new officers.

The hierarchy of Rotary would be willing to listen to that if we got enough support," he said.

The Rancho Simi Club was chartered in 1982 with more than 30 members. John Williamson served as the club's first president.

During its tenure, the Rancho Simi Rotary Club has sponsored fund-raisers to benefit the community, helped out at medical clinics in Baja California, spon-



DEBORAH WOLLUM  
Club president gives up

sored local youth baseball leagues, Rotary International Foundation and various other local charities.

One of the club's ongoing efforts has been its Flag Project — putting up American flags at local businesses seven times a year on major holidays.



DON HUNT HONORED — Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise member Jim Lowry, left, presents Assistant General Manager for Park Planning and Development Don Hunt with a Rotary Club International Paul Harris Fellow award. The award was presented to Hunt for his tireless work as a park district employee who best exemplified the meaning of "service above self."



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### Rotary Club gives more than \$25,000 to some local groups

From staff reports

Simi Sunrise Rotary Club has presented more than \$25,000 in donations to various organizations in Simi Valley and Ventura County.

The money was raised by the club at several major events in the past year.

Events included the Memorial Day weekend Cajun/Creole Music Festival, Simi Valley Days Chili Cook-off and Car Show, and two golf tournaments.

The golf tournaments benefits the Simi Valley Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance

Education and K-9 programs.

The club is headed up by President George Berow.

Disbursements totaled \$25,875.

Among the organizations receiving donations from the Simi Sunrise Club are Action for Kids, California Conservation Corps, Rotary Foundation, Samaritan Center for the homeless, Casa Pacifica, Toys for Tots, St. Rose of Lima Christian Services, American Red Cross, OASIS of Simi Valley, Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley, Ventura County Food Share and Thousand Oaks Little League's World Series fund.





**SIMI VALLEY**

**Third K-9 approved**

The Simi Valley Police Department will get a third dog to add to its canine team and a car for him to ride in.

The City Council on Monday approved spending more than \$10,000 in community donations and \$28,000 in city funds for the new dog and the car.

"You'll find no stronger advocate (than) me for adding a third dog," said Councilman Paul Miller, former police chief. "The people love that program. It helps to humanize the department."

The third dog will join Max and Charly on the force, and would allow canine teams to cover the city seven days a week; some of their time is now taken up by training with dog teams throughout the county.

The training boosts the dogs' proficiency and protects the city from lawsuits, according to a Police Department report issued to the council.

"We get lawsuits over every thing," Mayor Greg Stratton said. "The dog's the least of our problems."

The new car is needed because the dog handlers get a take-home vehicle so they can remain on-call for emergencies, the report states.

Also Monday, the police dog fund-raising group headed by Planning Commissioner Dave McCormick announced that two companies, Simi Pacific Building Materials and William Morris Chevrolet, will cover about \$1,000 in costs for a dog run for the canine program.

Contributions can be mailed to the Simi Valley Police Canine Fund c/o Friends of the Canines, 890 Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley, 93065. For more information, call Lt. Don Austin at the Police Department, 583-6950.

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**Rotary Club check helps SVPD K-9 fund**

**SIMI VALLEY:**  
*Department now needs another \$2,000 to buy a third police dog.*

By Bruce McLean  
Staff writer

The Simi Valley Police Department is only \$2,000 away from obtaining a third police dog after the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise donated \$5,000 to the city's K-9 fund at Monday's Simi Valley City Council meeting.

Planning Commissioner Dave McCormick, a member of the Rotary Club, presented the check to the council. On hand to thank the Rotary for the donation was Chief Willard Schieter, Lt. Don Austin,

Officer Sterling Johnson and police dog Charly.

Raising funds for a third police dog has been a pet project of the morning Rotary club and Monday's contribution adds to the \$2,750 the club gave to the cause in April. Money has been raised through the Paws for Paws golf tournament, a Cajun festival, a chili cook-off during Simi Valley Days and the sale of T-shirts and hats, McCormick said.

"We give funds to a lot of things throughout the community. This is one of the places we felt the community would best benefit," McCormick said. "By providing money to encourage the city to purchase another dog, we would have round-the-clock protection with dogs."

McCormick said the club will

continue to raise money for the K-9 fund to help pay costs associated with maintaining the dogs and to have funds available in case a dog retires or is hurt.

Austin, manager of the department's K-9 unit, said \$10,000 has been raised toward the purchase of a new dog, but said they are still \$2,000 short of the \$12,000 to \$13,000 goal.

That cost includes the price of the dog, special officer training, conversion of a police car into a K-9 unit, veterinary costs and the building of a kennel at the officer's home to house the dog.

Austin is preparing for the council an outline of the money available for the dog and the costs involved in adding another dog to the force. He hopes to have city approval sometime in January, but

said that decision would be easier if all the funds were available before finishing his cost outline.

"It would make things a lot easier if citizens contributed what we needed before the beginning of next year," Austin said.

If approval is given, Austin said a new police dog would be on the streets by the end of March or beginning of April.

"That's in a perfect world," Austin said.

One reason the department needs a new dog is the animals' once-a-week training schedule. Both dogs go for additional training at the same time, which means no dogs are available one day a week, Austin said a third dog would allow police dogs to be available seven days a week.

The past year has been a bad

one for the department's two dogs, Charly and Max.

Charly was injured earlier this year in a scuffle with a man he found hiding in a closet. The man hit the dog on the neck and threw him to the ground, chipping the animal's tooth. The dog has recovered.

Charly was also recently treated for a minor respiratory ailment, Austin said.

The department's newest dog, Max, suffered from Valley Fever after the Jan. 17 earthquake. He was treated with antibiotics and is almost completely recovered.

"This has not been a good year for our dogs," Austin said, adding that a third dog would help ease the burden when another dog is sick or injured. "In that respect, a third dog would really help."



**BRIEFLY**

**Reagan Library hours extended**

**SIMI VALLEY** — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library has extended its hours to permit more visitors to see its popular World War II exhibit that has drawn thousands of spectators.

Beginning today and continuing each Wednesday until the end of February, the library museum, located at 40 Presidential Drive off Madera Road southwest of Simi Valley, will be open until 8 p.m.

"World War II: Personal Accounts" features more than 250 artifacts assembled from all over the world. They range from the original Eisenhower jacket and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's corncock pic to Gen. George Patton's campaign

ribbons and the historic Japanese and German surrender documents. For more information, call 522-8444.

— Daily News

**Youth club offers vacation activities**

**SIMI VALLEY** — The Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley is accepting registrations from parents interested in signing up their children for the Winter Club.

The club, which features children's activities, will operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Dec. 19-23 and Dec. 27-30. The program is offered to children ages 7 to 15 for \$8 per full day, or \$5 for a partial day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities will include sports, a Basketball Against Drugs clinic, holiday crafts, Christmas caroling, and field trips.

Parents can sign up their children

at the club office on 3050 Kadota St. from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 527-4457.

— Daily News

**Rotary raises \$5,000 toward police dog**

**SIMI VALLEY** — The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise has donated \$5,000 toward the Police Department's efforts to buy a third police dog.

Dave McCormick, past president of the 60-member service organization which raises the money through fund-raisers including a chili cook-off, made the presentation at Monday night's City Council meeting.

He said the money is in addition to \$2,750 that the Rotary donated

to the Police Department in April. McCormick said a third police dog will help to provide Simi Valley with 24-hour police dog service.

— Daily News

**Firefighters donate \$10,000 to charity**

**CAMARILLO** — The Ventura County Professional Firefighters' Association raised about \$10,000 at its Third Annual Charity Ball at the Hyatt Plaza Hotel in Westlake Village on Nov. 19.

The organization, which represents about 360 fire stations in the county and Westlake Village and Malibu in Los Angeles County, gave all of the proceeds to the Alisa Ann Ruch/California Burn Foundation. The ball raises money annually for the burn foundation.

— Daily News



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## AGENDA SUMMARY ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 12, 1994

### AGENDA ITEM

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

THE ROLL CALL:

#### 1. AGENDA REVIEW:

1A. Move that all resolutions and ordinances presented tonight be read in title only and all further reading be waived.

1B. It is the policy of the City Council that upon reaching 11:30 p.m., the City Council will not address any new agenda items. Should the City Council continue to address an in-progress City Council agenda item past 12:00 midnight, the following motion is in order:

Move that the City Council meeting tonight may extend beyond the midnight deadline to conclude the item in progress or to conduct Special District business (Section 2-1.106 SVMC).

#### 1C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

(1) Presentation by the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise for the City's Canine Program

#### 1D. YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS:

#### 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2A. A public hearing to adopt a resolution implementing a new discard service fee schedule and to review the performance of the discard service franchisees (Jones)



## CHRISTMAS PARTY OF 1994

















SUNDAY PROFILE



Photo by Rick Geiger

**LEADING TROOPS:** Janie Such, Boy Scouts of America Monte Grande district executive, says her job is a "lifestyle." She sometimes works 80 hours a week.

## Woman proves she too can earn Boy Scouts honor as executive

By Rick Geiger  
Correspondent

Janie Such is a self-starter. The 28-year-old district executive for the Boy Scouts of America was recruited in 1991 while still a senior at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, where she was finishing up a bachelor's of business administration degree specializing in organizational management.

She was put in charge of the Monte Grande District, covering Simi Valley and Moorpark, with virtually no training. It's an intentional BSA technique to determine if a new recruit will "sink or swim."

Such swam. "For the first three months, I just went out there and said: 'Teach me,'" she recalled. "A lot of my immediate training came from my volunteers."

"I have about 1,000 volunteers in my region," Such said. "The volunteers are in charge, not me. I just help provide the resources. My performance is based on the volunteers."

After three months on the job, Such was sent to the BSA's National Executive Institute Part One for three weeks of intensive training.

A year later, she jumped into her metallic-red Mustang 5.0 convertible and headed up to San Jose for the BSA's Professional Development Level Two. That course took one week.

Her three-year review is coming up soon. Scout executives and her immediate area director will conduct an evaluation.

"We will jointly decide if this is for me," she said.

For Such, the BSA is neither a job nor a career. "It's a lifestyle. My phone starts ringing at 6 a.m. and doesn't stop until 11 p.m.," she says. It's not uncommon for her to get 60 to 70 calls a day, nor is it unusual for her to put in 80 hours a week.

"I didn't want a boring, entry-level job," she said. "In a lot of jobs, you can't see any progress. But in this you can see that you're making a difference. It's not just a paycheck."

The Monte Grande District is divided into Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity teams and Explorer posts. There are 65 units in all, with 1,629 Scouts and 1,012 registered adult volunteers.

Such visits each unit at least once a month. In addition, each unit has a partner: a service club, a church, and occasionally a company or corporation. Such works closely with the partners. She believes it is important for district executives to be involved in their communities.

She is a member of the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church.

Such is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, where she is public relations chairperson.

Most of her time is spent in the field. She maintains a home office in Simi Valley, and offers this phone number to anyone interested in any aspect of Scouting: 522-0964.

## Youth club pays tribute to those who helped in '94

By Karen Hibdon  
Staff writer

The 16th annual Century Club Dinner for the Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley on Saturday night was a time to recognize the community's support of the club through a year of change.

In the wake of devastating earthquake damage to the 3050 Kadota St. facility, a bright light appeared on the horizon in mid-year, when the go-ahead to finalize plans for a new facility was given. Ground-breaking for the Lemon Drive facility will take place in February.

The dinner, at the Radisson Hotel, brought club supporters together for an evening of thanks, as well as to install executive board officers and directors. Jim Lowry was master of ceremonies.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Boys and Girls Club "Oscars" awards to those who "have done so much," said Dick Riggs, the president-elect of the board of directors. Riggs was standing in for President Tim Shannon, who was unable to attend the dinner.

The prestigious President's Award went to Tim Patten and Brian Miller for the substantial impact they had on the club's finances in 1994. "From bingo to budget, these two were there for us," Riggs said.

The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Dick Odle "for his thousands of hours" on the club's behalf. Odle updated the club's computer program, creating data bases, problem solving, writing computer procedures and purchasing, and installing a back-up system.

Odle also made desks, shelves and closets and fixed doors at the club, and jumped in to assist whenever needed.

The Special Event of the Year award went to the Boys and Girls Club Golf Tournament. Accepting were Riggs and Bob Larkin, tournament chairmen, and co-chairman Randy Greene.

Pacific Beverage, Simi Valley Bank and Simi Sunrise Rotary Club were saluted for covering the cost of the tournament, allowing all proceeds to go directly to the club.

One of the evening highlights was the introduction of the club's Youth of the Year — Heather Estrella — who was selected for being "helpful and a great role model." The 11-year-old was accompanied to the dinner by her parents, George Estrella and Kris Estrella, both of Simi Valley.

She gave a short speech on what the club means to her and thanked those attending for supporting the club. She was presented with a color television.

Two new awards were presented: The Friend of the Club Award went to Jim Lowry, past president, and the Employee Extraordinary award went to Paula Mackelburg for giving her heart and soul to the children and the club. She is the club's program director.

A special recognition award was given to Jackie and Reg Richardson for their work chairing the club's annual auction for two years, planning to chair the 1995 auction procurement committee and for writing grants.

Other awards were presented to: Business of the Year — Microm Communications; Benefactor — City of Simi Valley and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District; Professional Service Award — Al Landegger.

State Sen. Cathie Wright, R-Simi Valley, helped install the club's executive board and directors. Shannon, of the Farmers Insurance Group, is serving a second term as president, with Riggs, of Simi Valley Bank, as president-elect.

The evening was a salute to the club's corporate sponsors — individuals, businesses or groups — pledging from \$50 to \$25,000 annually to support club operations. The Humantarian Corporate sponsor, from donating \$5,000 or more, were the Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley, Microm Communications Corp. and the Whitaker Corp.

Other corporate donors honored were: Pacific Beverage Co., Dick Odle, Rotary Club of Simi Valley, Simi Valley Bank, Simi Valley Star, Delmar Chiropractic, Home Savings of America, Integrated Telecommunications, Don Riggs, Troop First Estate, Oak Aired, Countywide Home Mortgage, The Party Store, Discount Holiday Store, Mid Valley Properties and Suny Corp.

Other directors installed were: Tim Patten, Simi Valley Hospital and Health Care Services, vice president of franchisee; Brian Troop, Troop First Estate, vice president fund development; Tom Patten, Simi Valley Star, vice president marketing; Dick Odle, Microm Communications, vice president personnel/human resources; and Kim Anderson, Hesco Technology, Inc., vice president operations.

Continuing board members include Pam von Billewicz, Ellen Miller, Paul Erickson, Keith Krambert, Valarie Meyer, Gary Gordon, Bill Sweeney, Bill Garick and Greg Smith.

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## NEWS

### AT A GLANCE

#### SIMI VALLEY

##### Bomb fund organized

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise has contributed \$2,000 to the relief efforts in Oklahoma City following last week's fatal bombing.

"I think everyone around the world feels for the victims and their families, especially for the children. Hopefully, this contribution, combined with donations from Rotarians around the world, will serve to relieve at least some of the monetary suffering those families will be experiencing for some time to come," said George Berrow, president of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise.

The Rotarian effort was organized by the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City.

"These funds will help with the cost of medical expenses, including hospitalization; assistance to families whose breadwinners were killed in the explosion; burial expenses for those who can't afford such costs; and many similar reasons," said Rotary Gov. Frank Angier, whose district includes Oklahoma City.

In the aftermath of the April 19 disaster, "all of us seek ways to help those affected. Our hearts go out to the injured as well as to the families who lost loved ones in this worst disaster of its type in our nation's history," Angier said.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Oklahoma City Rotary Foundation Relief Fund may send their contribution to: Oklahoma City Rotary Foundation Relief Fund, 120 N. Robinson, Suite 1909, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73102, or call (405) 235-5100.



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May 26, 1995

Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise  
P.O. Box 11  
Simi Valley, Ca. 93065

Dear Members of the Rotary,

Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the award presented at your May 25th meeting. As you may have guessed I was stunned into silence. Not only was I touched by Craig's generous presentation, but I am extremely honored to accept the Paul Harris Fellow award. I have had a casual awareness of the contribution the Rotary makes to our community, but am coming to realize the significance of this to the people of Simi Valley, and to the world community, as well. I am proud to be associated with a group of people that demonstrate a genuine caring for humanity, and continue to direct energy toward an improved quality of life for everyone. In a world of great discord, your efforts are a source of inspiration and ongoing hope.

Sincerely,

*Pat DiSanni*  
Patricia DiSanni  
Speech/Language Pathologist





Dave McCormick said he was surprised to be named the Simi Valley Business Person of the Year by the Simi Chamber of Commerce.

## Simi chamber honors tow service owner

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of hectic sometimes, but that's the way he likes it.

"I believe in putting back into the community what it gives to you," said McCormick, 48. "I believe if someone puts out an effort to make a quality place where they can raise their family, they take more pride in the community and we all benefit from it."

McCormick is the owner of Dave's Club Service at 890 W. Los Angeles Ave., a towing and road service business that he has operated since 1974.

Owning a business was always a

dream of McCormick, who said his interest in the automotive field was always strong.

"It was kind of a challenge to see if you can make a go of it," he said. "You set goals and dreams of owning your own business and see if you can make it work."

McCormick operates what has become the oldest towing service in the city with his wife, Beverly, and daughter Janice and her husband, Kevin Koch. McCormick, who has three daughters and three grandchildren, says owning a business has not stopped him from feeling a sense of duty toward his community, however.

In addition to spending long hours at his business, McCormick has served on the Simi Valley Planning Commission since Dec. 3, 1990. His other community activities include serving as past president of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, being a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, where he has been a member for more than 20 years, and being the founding president of the Simi Valley Friends of the Canine Unit, which has helped raise money for a new police dog at the Simi Valley Police Department.

He is also a founder of the Simi Valley Days Rodeo Committee, has been involved in organizing the annual Simi Valley Days event, and is the founder and past president of the Tri-County Chapter of California Tow Truck Association.

"Dave McCormick's commitment to Simi Valley is surpassed by few," Chamber Executive Director Nancy Bender said. "Through his dedication and enthusiasm, he has paved the way as a leader in our community."

Grant said McCormick has impressed his peers with his commitment to his business and the community as a whole.

"He just watches out for the community," she said.

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## VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

### Elleen Wieben

By Leonore C. Shultz

Elleen Wieben, avid volunteer for the American Cancer Society and Simi Sunrise Rotary, vows cancer isn't going to stop her from living a long and happy life.

A Simi Valley resident since 1964, Wieben received the diagnosis of breast cancer in March 1988 after having her first mammogram during her annual physical.

"I felt fine," Wieben said. "I was an officer of the bank and used to a very busy schedule with 12-hour days. I didn't realize I had three tumors."

Four doctors suggested different surgical and treatment options. She planned the National Breast Center at Van Nuys and the local number for the American Cancer Society and discovered the latest research suggested the eventual fatality rate for her type of breast cancer was the same, whether the patient had a mastectomy or a lumpectomy.

"Cancer makes you feel out of control," Wieben said. "Information helps get the control back. I'm the patient and I made the decision to have a lumpectomy. Even though I had a recurrence, I still think I made the right decision."

Wieben also had a partial hysterectomy to remove what turned out to be a benign uterine cyst. She recovered from the surgeries and radiation therapy and went back to work for Security Pacific National Bank (now Bank of America). Another recurrence caused her to go on disability last November, after serving the company for 24 years in Simi Valley.

While recovering in 1988,



Photo by Leonore Shultz

#### CANCER SURVIVOR: Elleen

Wieben donates her time to several cancer organizations as well as the Simi Sunrise Rotary.

Wieben re-evaluated her life and made major changes designed to lessen stress and increase happiness. Those changes led her to marry Doug Wieben four years ago. Doug Wieben was diagnosed with fourth-stage Hodgkin Disease one month before their marriage and he was not expected to live six months. The couple married anyway.

Doug Wieben underwent two surgeries, aggressive chemotherapy and went back to work. He's been cancer-free since his first round of treatment.

"We don't let cancer control our lives," Elleen Wieben said.

Elleen Wieben acknowledged her recent bout has slowed her down but it hasn't stopped her from volunteering.

Among her current tasks is being an adviser for Simi Sunrise Rotary's Memorial Day Cajun Music Festival in 1992. Sunrise

Rotary honored her with a Paul Harris Award for co-chairing the festival.

The festival used to be a one-day event at Sunbloom Historical Park. But Wieben suggested Rotary run it like a business and use some entrepreneurial imagination. Twenty Rotarians work on the committee for nine months and 140 Rotarians and their families and friends volunteer during the two-day event. The profits are plowed into DARE, Care 'N' Share, Meals on Wheels, the Simi Valley Senior Center and other community charities.

"It's our biggest fund-raiser," Wieben said. "We took such chances. Doug and I joked we'd have to sell our house and move away if it didn't work out."

Aside from their volunteer prowess, the couple are also recognized as inspirational cancer survivors.

"We're not bald and gray," Elleen Wieben said. "We have a lot of energy."

She and her husband serve on the first Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society Simi Valley Unit and Elleen Wieben is on the Cancer Control Board as well. The latter board's goal is to improve and enhance the information delivery system to cancer patients and their families, Wieben said.

Wieben added that the Simi Valley unit is available to answer any question from a cancer patient or nonpatient, such as how to conduct a self-examination to where to find hospital beds and wheelchairs. Volunteers are available to drive children and adults to treatments and several cancer support groups.

Wieben raised more than \$1,700 for the Cancer Society's annual Jail and Bail fund-raiser, winning their Most Wanted Person and Jake Award for raising the most money.

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## Living in a Dangerous World

I rarely watch television and never during the day, but during this past week I have spent some time doing so—looking at and learning about the massive destruction and loss of life at the Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City. I feel great sadness about what has happened. Before I entered the law enforcement profession, I studied briefly at a seminary after I graduated from the university thinking that I might pursue a career as a pastor. That didn't work out and the rest is history. The Old Testament paints a picture of the nature of man and the first recorded murder in the Bible was when Cain slew his brother Abel as recounted in the book of Genesis. Having concluded over 30 years as a law enforcement officer I am of the opinion that the nature of man has not changed during the past 2,000 or so years. As human beings we have the capacity to use our individual talents toward the common good or we have the freedom to direct our time and energy in criminal ways. Our nature allows us to be an "Adolph Hitler" or an "Albert Schweitzer." During my patrol days as a Deputy Sheriff, I encountered mostly law-abiding "working class heroes," interested not only in their own pursuits but who showed concern for those around them. I also came across individuals whom I considered to have "evil," predatory minds and who posed a definite threat to

"I would really hate to go to my grave wishing that I needed to say one more 'I love you' or give one more hug to someone important to me."

honest, law-abiding citizens. On the other side, nasty situations have always produced the heroes who have risked their lives in order to assist others in trouble and we learn about them in the papers



and on TV as well as the sick ones who engage in the wanton destruction of drive-by shootings or cowardly bombings. Despite major ad-

versity, we human beings are a tough lot and we have proven to be survivors. I hope some good will come from this horrible act in Oklahoma but at this time, I don't know what that will be. Point is, this has always been a dangerous world and will always be — despite all of our marvelous technological advances. None of us have any guarantees that we will make it through a day. Therefore, it behooves us to be up to date on what we have to tell our loved ones and not to have any "unfinished business" hanging around. I would really hate to go to my grave wishing that I needed to say one more "I love you!" or give one more hug to someone important to me.

Paul Miller



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Words will never be able to express the devastation and grief caused by the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. This senseless tragedy has filled our nation with sorrow and compassion. However, the overwhelming generosity of people helping people has been inspirational.

On behalf of the many people whose lives will be touched by your kind gift, and as Oklahomans and Rotarians, we want to personally thank you for the financial assistance you have provided to those affected by this tragic event. Support has been received from throughout the world and the monies will be used to assist the victims and their families.

Some of the daunting tasks focusing our stricken community are: formulating recovery plans, continually assessing unmet needs of victims and their families and trying to fill the gaps left by other relief organizations. Rotary's international links and broad spectrum of vocations among its membership will certainly make a difference in aiding disaster-related needs. We will be issuing follow-up reports in our recovery efforts.

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## Festival makes name for itself across country

Within a few years, Simi Valley's Cajun Creole Festival could be the premier Cajun Creole event in the country — outside of Louisiana, of course.



Tom Pfeiffer

Members of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise have been bragging about that for two years. But because they sponsor the event and because I'm a former Kwanian, their words were suspect.

Elton Sique says it's true. Elton attended this weekend's festivities on the former First Interstate Bancard lawn. He was dancing to a Creole beat beneath the new stage apparatus, which shaded both performers and dancers, when I first spotted him. He wore a white cap proudly proclaiming his Louisiana roots. Steve Angel, general manager of radio station KNTO, beckoned to him. He smiled, begged forgiveness from his partner, and shook my hand heartily.

Cajun and Creole blood courses through his veins, he said. Born and raised on a Louisiana farm, he was not the oldest of several siblings, so he had to find employment elsewhere. New York was his first stop, but he couldn't handle the snow. Eventually, he found East Nacolaus, a small community outside Sacramento.

His wife, Judith, raises Peruvian pasos there. Elton, retired after a construction injury, now travels the country attending and helping out at Cajun Creole/Zydeco festivals.

Louisiana has the biggest festival but it's strictly a Zydeco festival, Elton said. Rhode Island, which has the second-biggest, combines Cajun and Zydeco with blue grass. Elton was careful not to say Simi Valley produces No. 3, but he wouldn't say it wasn't either.

"I really think this is going to be the biggest," he said. "We're doing it," he said.

As we talked, Andre Thierry & Zydeco Magic kept a background beat. Zydeco music, Elton said, features a rub board and D-flat accordion. Zydeco is Creole music. Cajun music has a fiddle and no rub board.

Simi Valley puts on a good show despite itself. Less than 10 percent of Simi's population is Louisiana, Elton estimated, but the Rotarians have attracted some good bands and authentic cuisine.

Not everything passes muster, however.

Louisianian food should be spicy, not hot, he said. Tabasco sauce is a no-no. And some bands play with a rock beat, not a Cajun or Zydeco beat.

But that's being picky. Only the discerning ear or tongue knows better. Simi's festival is plenty authentic. Elton now has it on his list of annual stopovers. He likes meeting old friends and making new ones.

"One thing you should know about and write about as you meet all kinds of people you haven't seen in years," he said. At one festival, he met a man who wrote his name and address down for later correspondence. Elton wasn't paying attention, but later realized the man was his former brother-in-law.

Elton has no plans to hang up his dancing shoes. And, although the love for his culture runs deep, he'll never move back to Louisiana.

"I've got everything I want and more right here — and no humidity," he said.

— Tom Pfeiffer is city editor of the Simi Valley Star.



**SPIRIT OF THE BAYOU:** T-Lou and His Super Hot L.A. Zydeco Band perform Saturday at the Cajun-Creole Festival in a field at Topo Canyon and Los Angeles Avenue in Simi Valley.

## CAJUN: Festival

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Some in Compton for the sixth time to see the show and dance the day away.

"This place is improving. They're looking out for the people, giving them shade and everything," he said from under a large tent next to the dance floor.

The festival celebrates the unique mix of cultures that comes from Louisiana. Creole refers to those of French, African, Indian and Spanish descent while Cajuns are descendants of those who migrated from France to Acadia in Nova Scotia, Canada. And although it's a long way from those places, Simi Valley in many ways, through the food and music of those cultures made the long trip.



Photos by Frederick M. Brown

**SIMI VALLEY CELEBRATION:** Hyssel Charles of Pasadena pauses a moment near the American flag Saturday at the Cajun-Creole Festival.

Along with the crawfish, festival-goers could choose from an assortment of gumbo, jambalaya, red beans, sweet potato pie, bread puddings and catfish to introduce their taste buds to Cajun-Creole cooking.

And while staring down an alligator in some baysou may sound scary, staring down a stick with fried alligator meat can be almost as unsettling.

The verdict? A bit chewy, a bit greasy, but why the heck not?

And as for the ears, the nerve that connects them to the feet was instantly stimulated by the jumping rhythms of Zydeco that continuously filled the festival grounds.

Heavy on accordion, heavy on the sax with a little bit of washboard rhythm for accent, the music sent couples onto the crowded stage-front dance floor to work up a sweat and make that beer or lemonade taste a little better.

Throw in a kid's Mardis Gras parade to a jumping version of "When the Saints Go Marching In" and the picture was complete.

The sixth annual Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise Cajun/Creole Festival continues today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the greenbelt area on Los Angeles Avenue near Topo Canyon Road. Admission is \$10 at the gate for adults; children under 12 get in free. The festival also includes numerous arts and crafts booths and plenty of activities for kids.

**BEAT OF LOUISIANA:** Nicole Krause of Newbury Park dances to the bands at the Cajun-Creole Festival.

## Cajun festival has plenty of snap



Linda Horie takes time out to dine on a Cajun. Simi Valley resident Mike Long plays the spoons in tune with the Acadiana Cajun band during the two-day Mardis Gras-style festival in Simi.



Quincy Locke Special to the Daily News

## Simi fete peppered with tasty food, lively music

By Sharon D. Smith  
Daily News Staff Writer

**SIMI VALLEY** — With a bounce in his step and an umbrella in each hand, Jimmy Huey led a Mardis Gras procession around the music arena as the vibrant sound of harmonica and drums filled the air. Few could keep still Saturday as traditional Cajun band Acadiana from Ormond spiced up the sixth annual Cajun Creole Festival presented by the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise.

"Just look at the people," said Huey as he waddled around seated guests with nearly 20 people in tow, tossing out colorful beads in true Mardis Gras tradition.

Toes were tapping and heads swaying as the festival grounds filled with the curious, fun at heart, and festival followers who love what the event has to offer.

"Food and fun," said Scott Hughes of Newbury Park, handing over cash for strips of deep-fried catfish from Tammie King's Louisiana Catfish catering service of Los Angeles.

"The catfish just the catfish," said Hughes, ordering. "My friends had bought

some and I took one bite and had to come over and get my own. And I love the buttermilk pies," he said, glancing at the next booth where Daria R. Johnson, "the cake and pie man" from Canoga Park was selling his sweet buttermilk pies taken straight from Grandma's secret recipe.

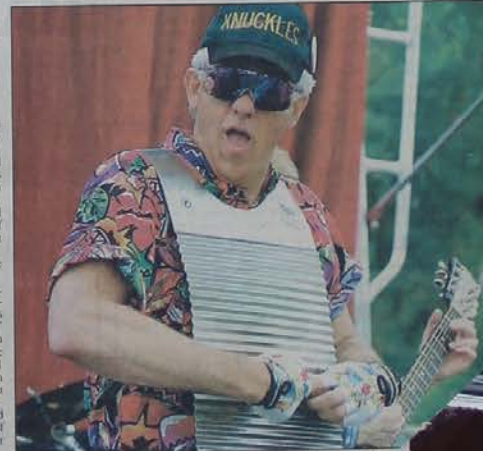
"I had the catfish. It's excellent," said Johnson, looking up and down the row of food vendors. "The jambalaya is excellent and the gumbo."

George Berrow, president of Simi Sunrise said this hometown event is catching on.

"Because it's different," Berrow said. "The music is different, the culture is different, and the food — alligators, crawdads — I think it's things you don't cook at home."

More than 5,000 people from the South Bay to Santa Barbara are expected to visit the two-day festival, which runs today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the corner of Topo Canyon Road and Los Angeles Avenue. Admission is \$10, and children 11 and under are free. Co-chairmen Paul Erickson and Ed Chapin assembled for the fete a host of artisans selling wares and craft booths for

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The rhythmic sounds of "Knuckles" on the washboard got the crowd on its feet.

## Festival dances to wild Cajun beat as Simi Valley becomes L'weeziana

By Grace McLean  
Staff writer

To the uninitiated, things could have been awfully confusing.

"All dem crawfish back home in L'weeziana comin' out dey wahle right bout now."

Huh? Crawfish? L'weeziana??

In Simi Valley??

Well, if Rod Serling is nowhere in sight and the "Twilight Zone" went off the air years ago, it must be time for the annual Cajun-Creole Festival sponsored by the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise.

And although T-Lou of T-Lou and His Super Hot L.A. Zydeco Band fame spoke of the crawfish

back in ... you know where ... the crawfish in Simi Valley were doing very little crawling Saturday.

Instead, they turned into a symbol of the down-home Louisiana flavor captured at this year's festival.

Ripping off the handkerchiefs of a bright red boiled crawfish and

pulling out the tasty spiced meat from the tail, perennial festival visitor Lisa Haley raved about this year's event.

"Every year this festival gets bigger and better. I'm so proud of the Rotary," Haley said between bites.

She should know. As a violinist

with the Zydeco Party Band, Haley has visited and performed at Cajun-Creole festivals around the state and country and ranks Simi Valley's up at the top.

Howard Calkins, a former Eunice, La., resident and renowned dancer, drove from his current

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Simi Valley resident Mike Long plays the spoons in tune with the Acadiana Cajun band during the two-day Mardi Gras-style festival in Simi.

## 2-day Simi Cajun festival in full swing

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children, as well as dance lessons and contests for kids enjoyed to the tunes of Cajun and Zydeco bands. One hundred percent of the festival's proceeds will benefit Rotary charities such as the Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Free Clinic of Simi Valley, the Wellness Community, senior citizen programs.

Feed the Homeless, D.A.R.E. and more.

"Last year, I was leaving here and asked how do you work with a group that works with so many charities," said Rick Shaw. "Then I joined."

Shaw, who with his wife, adopted a boy with part-Cajun roots, said the festival is just one way of helping his son tap into some of his heritage.

inching closer to what may have

been the longest food line winding before Mardi Gras Foods was Marie Molstad of North Hills and her husband, Steve, who were about to sample Louisiana's own Butch Fourroux's deep-fried alligator.

Grasping a skewer full of the chunky meat, Molstad bit into the hot crust and looked up.

"Um," she said. "It tastes like chicken. Taste it," she said to

daughter Marie Parker of Burbank, who backed away before resigning to give it a try.

"It's interesting," said Fourroux, pulling a batch of alligator cubes out of the deep-fryer and sprinkling it with lemon pepper. "Last year, we ran out at 2 p.m. on Sunday. This year, I brought 300 pounds. One hundred pounds more. I hope it lasts."

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## Caninedidates vie for Simi Valley Days honor

**GRAND MARSHAL:**  
Trio competing  
against three  
other entries.

By Karen Hibdon  
Staff writer

The 1995 Simi Valley Days Grand Marshal Race might be going to the dogs — but not if the other candidates have any say in the matter.

The fifth annual hoopla to select an honorary grand marshal to ride in the Sept. 16 Simi Valley Days parade began Saturday.

In the running are Patricia "Madame Pat" the Bicentennial Belle Havens; "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Mary Erick; "The Martins," and Charly, Max and Bodo, "The Featsome Threesome" of the Simi Valley Police K-9 Unit.

The candidates' sponsoring organizations are now planning a variety of fund-raisers which will determine the winner, said Jan Smith, grand marshal chairwoman.

The person raising the most money will win the honor of riding in the parade.

for use with local charities and 30 percent will be earmarked for the Simi Valley Days Committee to help put on the annual community festival.

The winner will be announced Sept. 2 at the Simi Valley Historical Society Barn Dance, which kicks off three weeks of Simi Valley Days festivities.

Havens, Simi Valley historian and director of Southern Historical Park and Museum, is sponsored by the Historical Society. Proceeds from her campaign will go toward the printing of "Simi Valley, A Journey Through Time," a book that's been in the works for five years.

Havens has lived in Ventura County since 1937 and spent her teen-age years in Simi Valley. She is married to retired Simi Valley postmaster Charles Neil Havens.

"Madame Pat" teaches a history of Simi Valley class for Simi Valley Adult School. Her campaign will revolve around this year's 200th anniversary of the El Rancho Simi land grant, thus the "Bicentennial Belle" nickname.

The Martins, married for 31 years, are running on the Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley ticket, a lucky venue since Kowalski candidates have won the grand marshal race for the past four years.



**IN THE RUNNING:** Max, left, Charly, center, and Bodo, members of the Simi Valley Police K-9 Unit, spend their off hours campaigning for honorary grand marshal of Simi Valley Days parade.

### RACE IS ON

To support a candidate for Honorary Simi Valley Days Grand Marshal, send donations to:  
■ Patricia "Madame Pat" the Bicentennial Belle: Havens, Strathern Historical Park, P.O. Box 351, Simi Valley 93062, 526-6453.  
■ "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Mary Erick: "The Featsome Threesome," c/o 3359 Bryan Ave., Simi Valley 93063, 583-5890.  
■ Dogs Charly, Max and Bodo: "The Featsome Threesome," c/o Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, Grand Marshal Race, P.O. Box 11, Simi Valley 93062, 526-0265.

viser on the campus.  
The Martins have lived in Simi Valley 28 years.

Proceeds from the couple's fund-raising ventures, including a lobster feed, T-shirt sale, and nighttime golf tournament, "will primarily go to children's programs in the community," said Jacquie Richardson, Kiwanis president. Funds will also support the

club's new partnership with Carling Neighbors, to assist area seniors.

The final candidates are putting their best paws forward as a team, said Dave McCormick who's heading up the canine campaign. Sponsors are Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, Friends of the Simi Valley Police K-9 Unit and the Simi Valley Elks Lodge.



**FROM THE PASTOR:** Simi Valley newlyweds Susan and Todd Stevenson recite their vows in front of the Rev. Kurt Fredrickson. The couple thought about writing their own vows, but decided they were too busy with work, fixing up a new apartment and making other wedding decisions so the pastor put the words together.

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#### A Brief Bio on Our New "PRES"..... President Dick Strayer

Richard L. Strayer was born in Iowa and raised in South Dakota. Dick served for four years in the U.S. Air Force in the United Kingdom where he met and married his wife, Eileen. He has three children including Susan Klimusko who is a registered nurse at Los Robles hospital, Wendy Campanella who is an electronics engineer employed as Product Manager for a large Swiss firm and son Richard Strayer is a physics major at C.S.U.N..

Dick started as a physics major at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and eventually received a bachelors in accounting and M.B.A. from U.C.L.A. and his Doctorate from U.S.C. He was employed for six years by the world's largest C.P.A. firm, Peat, Marwick.

Dick founded, owned, and operated two electronic manufacturing companies over 20 years, fourteen years with a partner and six years as a sole owner. These companies manufactured process control equipment used in the manufacture of semiconductors and related items. The company also designed an instrument for I.B.M. to control their plating process of hard drives. A piezo-electric valve was designed in conjunction with the Department of Energy for radioactive gases such as tritium, for use in Tokamak Fusion Reactors. He established a marketing organization covering 38 countries.

A second concurrent career has been as a full-time professor for 30 years at U.C.L.A., U.S.C., and C.S.U.N. He currently serves on a state committee for the development of Accounting Principles and Auditing Standards.

In addition to his recent activities in Rotary, Dick has served as trustee, treasurer, and deacon of his church, elected to Advisory council, served various positions with several youth athletic organizations and many professional organizations. He currently formed the tax-exempt corporation and is a member of the board and treasurer of the Pacific Youth Football League centered in Ventura County serving 17 clubs in four counties.

Other than community involvement, his interests include: hiking, carpentry, genealogy, and youth athletics.

If you add up the years in this article, you will conclude that Dick is 107 years old! And he says he feels it!

We're looking forward to a great year ahead, Dick!



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## ***Club History for the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, Simi Valley, California, U.S.A.***

### 1994-1995 George Bercow, President

This year actually started with the demotion of President Doug Wieben. While all the members and their guests came in costume, Doug and his wife Elleen arrived dressed in their finest. Joke's on you Dougeeee! A great time was had by all who attended and once again we showed the great friendship we all have for each other.

Under the leadership of District Governor, James V. "Jim" Hawkins, the club membership got behind International President Bill Huntley and his theme, "Be A Friend" to have a year of fun, frolic and fundraising.

The first issue of our club newsletter, "The Simi Sunrises News", by editor Paul Miller, showed we were in for a great year; and things did start off well. Our first fundraiser for the year was our DARE Golf Tournament. We made over \$6,500, all of which was donated to the Simi Valley DARE Program. Our second fundraiser was our annual Chile Cookoff/Car Show. With all members putting in a lot of effort, this was also a great success, netting the club in excess of \$9,400. By December 31st, because of the monies earned by our first two fundraisers, and money carried over from 1993-1994 Rotary Year, we were able to donate \$26,000 to various charities and groups. We were also able to donate enough money to the Simi Police Department's K-9 Program to allow them to purchase a third dog.

Club membership continued to grow during the year despite the fact that we had a few members leave us. Having started the year with a membership of 56, we ended the year with 60, for a net gain of four.

One of the goals this year was to start a Club Foundation. By year's end, we had received approval from the state and the federal governments to proceed with our objectives. The actual date of activation will be during the first quarter of the next Rotary Year.

Plans were also started to build a "Welcome to Simi Valley" sign at the eastern entrance to Simi Valley. The necessary plans have been submitted and construction should begin sometime in mid August or September, 1995.

The Club, with the help of members Kelley Gilliland and Bob Mitchell and families, hosted our first exchange student, Fernanda Martinelli from Brazil. In March, six of our members along with two spouses and five members of the Santa Barbara Sunrise Rotary Club, went to Celaya Mexico to meet with members of the Club Rotario Celaya and the Club Rotario Celaya Nat-Tha-Hi, an all women's club, to start a long term International Project between the four clubs to help the needy children of Celaya with their health needs. This hopefully will turn into a multi-club project that will benefit many, many children for years to come. To start, we donated enough money to feed 20 children, two meals a day for one year.

In April, we had our "2nd Annual Pars for Paws" golf tournament. It was a great success and earned over \$9,000 for the Simi Valley Police Department's K-9 Program. This was followed by our Cajun-Creole Music Festival held over the Memorial Day weekend. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and we were able to earn in excess of \$32,000.

Another highlight of the year was the continued growth of our "Paul Harris Contribution Program." We were able to give four Paul Harris Fellowships this year through the program. We now have over 50% of our members enrolled in the program.

Because of the success of our fund raising programs we were able to donate a total of over \$60,000 to various causes.

At the District Governors Demotion Dinner, the Simi Sunrise Rotary Club received a total of seven awards. This was a perfect ending to a very good year.

President-Elect Dick Strayer and his wife Eileen were sent to the International Convention in Nice, France. He had a chance to meet International President Herbert G. Brown of Clearwater, Florida. President Herb selected as his theme, "Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace".