

The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

"Rain, Rain go away. Come again another day." Just make sure that day is not Wednesday. It seems like it has rained every Wednesday night for the past two months. We haven't had rain in Southern California for almost five years, but this year we have had five years of rain in two months. And most of it has been on Wednesdays. But spring is here and let's hope the rainy season is behind us.

We are closing out the month of March with our wonderful fund raiser organized by Marilyn & Hy Katlein. We'll be having dinner together followed by the play "Newsies." There may be a few seats left if you still want to go. If so, call Marilyn or Hy Katlein to inquire about tickets. It will be a fun filled night for everyone.

We have an outstanding Rail Dusters class and we know that they are starting to work on their graduation play. They are a very clever and imaginative group, and the play should be very entertaining. For those of us Trail Dusters who still do not know all of our Rail Dusters, PLEASE make sure to say hello to them at the Wednesday classes. Introduce

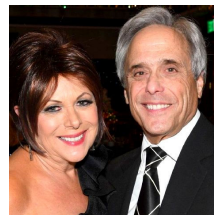
yourself, and ask them how they are doing. Remember they are going to be Trail Dusters in a few short months, and they will eventually become your good friends.

Your Wagon Masters are hard at work planning a spectacular Spring Weekend for all of us. The theme this year is "Camp Trail Dusters." and that is exactly what the weekend is, a camp for grown ups. We all have the best time every year at this event. We want to urge all the Rail Dusters to attend this weekend if possible. It is your opportunity to bond with your fellow Rail Dusters, as well as all the Trail Dusters who will be there. These are the people who are going to be your friends for a long time to come. We promise that it will be a great weekend full of fun, laughs, good food, entertainment, and friendship!

We look forward to sharing with everyone, all the fantastic things we have ahead of us.

Best Wishes
**Joni and Mark
Simon**

Presidents



Cupcake Festival Dance



Mike Seastrom AND cupcakes – a Saturday evening dance does not get any better than that!!!

Saturday, April 13th

Please join our Board as our club hosts another monthly dance with a great caller, lots of food, and good friends. Many of you already know Mike as a caller and know that he will make the evening entertaining and fun. Mike, a local caller with international recognition, started square dancing when he was 8 after losing a bet with his mother and starting calling three years later. He is the caller for the Thousand Oaks club, Buckles N Bows, travels throughout the US calling dances and festivals, and has a strong connection to the Japanese square dance community. He often travels to Tokyo to call.

Milo will be cueing our Round Dancers as they swing and sway around the dance floor while square dancers take a break and eat.

Speaking of eating, which we do well, our club members will once again be working hard in the background to provide an array of excellent snacking tidbits.

Come out and support the club, welcome our guests, perhaps make new friends and just have an all-round enjoyable evening – see flier on page 10.

Your roving reporters from Canada,

Shirley & Collin Brown
Publicity
Chairs



OUR PREVIOUS ANGEL APPRECIATION NIGHT FUN (CLASS LEVEL) DANCE



Our angel appreciation night was a night made in Heaven! The room



was filled with class members and



their angels and there was an



abundance of Trail Dusters present. Dick Hodenfield called a



fun evening of dancing. Milo Militoris did a wonderful job of cueing as usual.



Caren Blumfield and Sherwin Silver provided the “angelic” refreshments for the evening with the ever constant help of Sandy and Bob Sobel.

We always appreciate those of you who stay for a few minutes after the dance to help,

Your Dance Reporter
Caren Blumfield



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Visitation

Our April visitation is to
Boots & Slippers
 Saturday April 27, 2019
 7:15 Rounds - 8:00 Squares
 Caller: David Mee
 Simi Valley Center

Upcoming Visitation

Our May Visitation
Sierra Hillbillies
 Sunday May 5, 2019
 2:00 Rounds – 2:30 Squares
Alternating Main with Plus tips
 Caller: Darren Moorhouse
 SVC Senior Center
 Santa Clarita

Our June Visitation
Buckles and Bows
 Saturday June 22, 2019
 7:00 Rounds 7:30 Squares
 Caller: Charlie Robertson
 Cuers: Gus and Lynn De Fore
 Goebel Adult Center
 1385 E. Janss Road, T. O.

Visitation Chairs,
**Lynn & Joel
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April Birthdays

Lois Horn	2
Ken Burkenheim	2
Sharyn Starr	3
Flo Tapp	6
Judie Hirsh	12
Collin Brown	13
Robert Grossman	13
Larry Hapner	19
Francie Bordofsky	21
Arlen Miller	23
Stuart Levy	26
Dale Kaufman	27
Al Brown	28
Joyce Kopkin	28

April Anniversaries

Mimi Steinberger & Hal Rothberg	4
Judy & Stephen Levy	15

**Ilene & Mark
 Abramson**
 Membership
 Chairs



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Sunshine & Showers

The month of March brought some much welcomed sunshine from above. At the same time, several of our club family members enjoyed sunshine in their lives.

Warm congratulations to **Jill Pivnik** on the February 27th marriage of her daughter, Samantha Honey Pivnik, to Kris Kaona in Barbados. The couple first met at San Jose State where they were roommates. Following graduation, they lived together for 11 years and now have two boys; 3-year-old Gannon and 6-month-old Cooper. The couple will make their home in San Jose where Kris is in sales and Samantha is getting her teaching credential and tending bar. To all the family, we extend best wishes for a long and happy marriage – and to you, **Jill**, many years of enjoyment as a Grandma!

Lots of sunshine has prevailed for the **Kestenbaums** this past month. On March 7th **Cindy** became a grandmother for the second time when her son David and his wife Danielle welcomed a new daughter, Harlowe Leigh. Harlowe has a 4-year-old brother, Gavin, so **Cindy** is going to be busy for awhile. May these children always be a source of pride and joy to you, **Cindy**. We extend our warm congratulations!

In addition to welcoming her new grandchild, **Cindy Kestenbaum** recently learned that she is going

to be honored by Adat Ari El in Valley Village at their 40th Anniversary celebration. **Cindy** is a founding teacher there where she has taught for 36 years. This event is to be held on May 4th. Our most sincere congratulations to you, **Cindy**, for a job well done! Now it's time to wear your "Grandma hat!"

All was sunny for the first part of **Kay** and **Don Mann's** visit to Las Vegas this past week, that is, until **Kay** took a very bad fall by the hotel elevator. Thankfully, no bones were broken, but **Kay** suffered a concussion, severe bruising of her rib and stitches on the side of her head. Yet in spite of her injuries and the many colors of her bruised skin, she is still maintaining her cheerful disposition and sense of humor. After spending two days in a Las Vegas trauma center, **Kay** is now recovering at home and would welcome notes and phone calls. **Kay**, your Trail Duster Family wishes you a rapid recovery and return to good health in the very near future!

It is wonderful to be able to convey so much sunny news, and I thank the above individuals for sharing their stories. If you, too, have some happy events – either related to your family members or to you personally, I hope you will contact me by e-mail (the address is shown on page 4). with the details so that I can pass your news along to the rest of our club family. Remember, too, that if "showers" have fallen in your life, we want to know about that as well – as indicated below. Please contact me and I will call you before writing. Please note that I will not share anything unless I first speak directly with you and have your expressed permission.

May the sun continue to shine

upon each of you, and if there are showers, may they be followed by a rainbow! To those of you who will be celebrating Passover and/or Easter, may it be a joyous occasion for you and all your loved ones. I look forward to hearing from you!

Fondly,
Sunshine &
Showers Chair
Rusty Kaman



rusty_k@verizon.net

Coordinators Corner

We had a terrific turnout on March 9th at the Class Level dance. It was a great chance to see how a Saturday night dance actually feels. It takes time and practice to become a truly confident dancer, so be patient with yourself.

The Trail Dusters Annual Spring weekend will be held Friday **May 31 through Sunday June 2, 2019** at the Courtyard by Marriott in Oxnard. This year's theme is **"Camp Trail Dusters"** and we always have a really great time !!! There's a flyer on page 11 attached with all of the details - **we hope you join us.**

The class is now meeting regularly to plan/rehearse the presentation for graduation. We hope you just have a lot of fun getting together, and becoming more acquainted with each other.

Meet more of our Rail Dusters.



Paula & Avi Nudell

Paula and Avi Nudell have been married for 35 years

and have four children, three boys and one girl. They were both born and raised in Southern California. Paula grew up in the Pico/Fairfax area and Avi grew up in the San Fernando Valley. They moved to Old Agoura over 20 years ago. Paula has nicknamed her husband, "Avi the Accumulator" because he loves to collect things such as cactus and succulents. Paula, on the other hand, loves to get rid of things. What a match!

They met as undergrads at UC Berkeley where Avi studied Architecture and Paula studied Science/Pre Med. They graduated in 1981 and were married a year later. Paula became a Trojan, working towards her Masters degree in Anatomy and Avi, wisely, became a Bruin working on his Masters in Architecture. They managed to remain married in spite of being cross town rivals. Paula is an MD, board certified in Radiology, with a Fellowship in Mammography at UCLA, and specializes in Mammography and Ultrasound. She is currently a partner at Kaiser Permanente, and is the Director of the Women's Center at Kaiser Woodland Hills. Avi spent most of architectural practice with a focus on residential design and construction management and flipping properties. He is now semi-retired having suffered 3 heart attacks and one quadruple heart bypass.

Avi started his dance career at his daughter's dance studio where each year approximately 40 fathers performed a variety of professionally choreographed dances at the end of the year recital called the "Dudes Dance." Paula, while in the 4th grade, was selected to be on the Art Linkletter's Show: "Kids Say the Dandiest Things." She still has the mirror and chest of drawers

she won on the show. Paula and Avi think that the most exciting thing they have done, besides working towards getting their Trail Duster Club Badge, has been to fall in love and raise their four children. We have **Joni and Mark Simon** to thank for bringing them into our club.



Helene & Hendon Harris

Helene & Hendon have six

daughters between them and two dogs. How lucky can one man get! Are the dogs boys? You will have to ask.

Helene was born in Los Angeles and does property management and Real estate. She loves to be with her family. Hendon was born in Chicago in 1949 and went with his parents to Taiwan in 1950 as Missionaries. He returned to a Mississippi Boarding School in 1955 at six years old and then moved to Indiana with his family in 1956. He then lived in Hong Kong from 1962-1965. Hendon graduated with a B.A in History from Cal State Long Beach in 1971. In 1974, Hendon spent six months in Beirut Lebanon. Helene and Hendon have come back to dancing after close to 20 years of being away.

One of the most exciting things Helene & Hendon have done (as if his travels weren't enough) was to be invited to Buckingham Palace in July 2007, for his sister's investiture into "The Order of the British Empire." Prince Charles officiated at the event. **Tina and Earl Alden**, former Trail Dusters, brought them into the club originally in 1992.

Mark Cutter
Class Coordinator



CAMP TRAIL DUSTERS



Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters are off for our "Camp Trail Duster" Spring Weekend May 31-June 2.

We are returning to Oxnard this year and we're staying at the newly renovated Marriott Residence Inn. The awesome fun will begin there. We're excited to initiate our Rail Dusters into this traditional event.

You can check into the hotel after 3:00 pm on Friday, May 31, and prepare for our Happy Hour followed by our Banquet Dinner. Of course, lots of surprises and fun activities will await you (besides eating and drinking). We guarantee a wonderful time. There is no square dancing but bring comfortable shoes to tour the area. The weekend is very casual, so store your New Year's Eve attire away and get back to basics. Bring a warm jacket in case it is cold near the beach area and be sure to check the weather report before you pack. Don't forget your cameras or phones to take pictures of yourselves against our backdrops during the weekend. The two evenings won't end until we close down the Hospitality Room after midnight.

Saturday morning, you will wake up to a day packed with other activities. You can pick and choose your fun but whatever you choose to do from our list of "Things to Do and See" you will leave feeling that "I wish we had more time." We have booked a private docent tour (1 1/2 hrs.) of Downtown Ventura

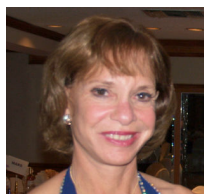
with local historian and paranormal expert, Richard Senate (cost \$10 per person at 11am), for those of you who want to join us. We will meet in the lobby at 10:30 am to carpool. We have another interesting tour scheduled out of the Oxnard Harbor. It will be a docent boat tour of the area (\$10 per person) in the afternoon around 2:00 pm. Be sure to sign up for these tours if you are interested so we can send in a head count.

You can choose to shop at the discount stores in Camarillo nearby, walk the antique stores in Ventura off California Street, or visit the Wineries nearby. Maj games will be going on throughout the day in the Hospitality Room for those of you who want to just hang out around the hotel. The tennis courts are nearby for those of you who want to play on Saturday morning.

Saturday night will include another famous Trail Duster Show. Sunday will finish with our installation of new officers, the famous unequaled joke-off by Judith Altman, and a final good-by destination lunch on the way home. **Details will follow on everything mentioned in this article for those of you who have registered to come.**

If you have not done so, please send in your deposit by April 10th (see flier page 11).

Your Head Counselors,



Caren Blumfield



Jane Lief

TICKETS AMOST SOLD OUT FOR THE VALLEY CULTURAL CENTER ON MARCH 30 TO SEE



For directions to the restaurant and theater see flier on page 12.

Many thanks to all of you for helping making this a very successful fundraiser.



Marilyn & Hy Katlein

NEXT BOARD MEETING

APRIL 9, 2019

7:30 P.M.

FLO & BILL TAPP'S HOUSE



Kitchen Korner

Dear Rail Dusters & Trail Dusters,
Eat, Dance and be Merry,

As we know, dancing works up an appetite. That is why refreshments are so welcomed at Wednesday night square dancing classes. Thanks to all of you who have been bringing fruit platters, cheese and crackers, and desserts. This year's dance classes are large and very hungry so your contributions are very much appreciated. The Rail Dusters have now been added to the refreshment list. Please let Judy Comroe know if you cannot bring your food on the assigned night. An e-mail is always sent in advance to help remind you that it is your turn.

Also, remember when it is your turn please arrive 15 minutes early to help with set-up and prepare to stay a few minutes late to help with clean up. Bring your food plated and ready to serve. If everyone participates it's so much easier for your kitchen/refreshment volunteers. Thanks for all of your help and pitching in. Warm thank you to our wonderful group - headed by **Denise Kurtzer** and **Richard Rose**, also **Judy Comroe** for the best organization in food donations and **always tremendous help and support from Sandy and Bob Sobel**

Coordinators



Flo & Bill Tapp



Judy Comroe



Denise Kurtzer
&
Richard Rose

Ways & Means

April is another month filled with holidays so we get to celebrate those as well as our Wednesday night dinners and dances. Don't be fooled because April 1 falls on a Monday, then we have Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Passover as well as Easter Sunday. Earth Day is also approaching and the date for that is Monday, April 22 and be sure to mark your calendars for Anzac Day on Thursday, April 25. If you never heard of this holiday it's because it's celebrated in Australia and New Zealand.

The point of all this is that even with all the holidays, none will interfere with our Wednesday night dinner and classes. We're "Calling all Angels" to take the lead to help increase our numbers at dinner. Please call a Rail Duster and invite them or another Angel or an Angel in Training to join us. The more club members eating with us, the more money in our treasury.

Here's the list of locations where we'll be eating in April.

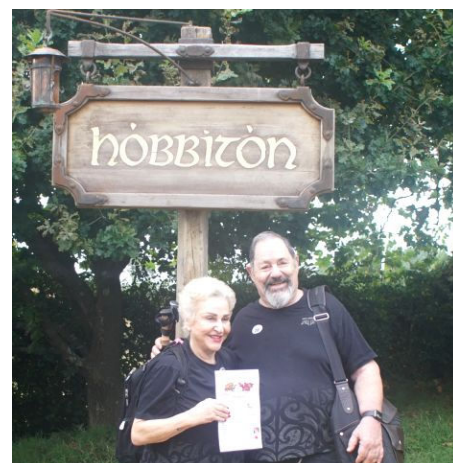
April 3	Corner Bakery
April 10	The Habit
April 17	Sharkeys
April 24	The Stand

Your hostess,
Jane Lief



Ways & Means
Chairperson
Lief.jane@gmail.com

Traveling With the Trail Dusters



Eileen & Ken Burkenheim take their Dusty Trails on vacation in Hobbiton, New Zealand and on the way to



Sky Harbor in Hong Kong



ALUMINUM FOIL TIPS

* Improve the cutting surfaces of scissors simply by cutting through 6-8 layers of aluminum foil.

* Re-soften your hard brown sugar by wrapping the block of sugar in aluminum foil and bake in a 300 degree oven for 5 minutes.

* Place a piece of aluminum foil in the bottom of a soap dish to keep the soap from sitting in a puddle of water and wearing away quickly.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Front row: Ellen Sternfeld, Diane Jubelier-Light, Randee Samsky, Madeline Johnson
Back row: Joel Ovadia, Jordan Wank, Steve Bessem, Lela Heslin

TRAIL DUSTERS INTRODUCE DUSTY TRAILS TO LAS VEGAS



Shelly Fried, Sherwin Silver, Caren Blumfield, Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig, Maureen Fried, Lana Collier, Mel Lapes, Flo Tapp, Jeri Sobel, Denise Kurtzer, Richard Rose, Ron Sobel



REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS MARCH 2019

April 3

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Marlena & Reuven Zeavy
Rhonda Eisner
Maureen & Shelly Fried
Wendy G & Steve K
Patti & Marshall Goldberg



April 10

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

June & Robert Grossman
Margie Hausman
Anita & Gary Higer
Judy & Art Hirsh
Barbara Soloman



April 17

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Lois Horn
Laurie H & Terry H
Louise S & Percy C
Madeline Johnson
Diane Townsend

April 24

Fruit
Fruit
Dessert
Dessert
Cheese & Crackers

Joan K & Arthur G
Terry K & RennyT
Sandy & Dale Kaufman
Paul Kayne
Cindy K & Alex S



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For more information call Judy Comroe (818) 932—9929- email judycomroe@socal.rr.com



Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

Dance Schedule - 2019 2ND Saturday of Month

Rounds @ 7:00 PM – First Tip @ 8:00 PM
Alternating Rounds & Tips with 1 A-1 Tip

Wilkinson Senior Center – 8956 Vanalden – Northridge

DATE	CALLER	THEME
April 13, 2019	Mike Seastrom	Cupcake Night
May 11, 2019	Vic Ceder	Strawberry Fair
June 8, 2019	Paul Waters	* Crazy Hat Dance
July 13, 2019	Ken Bower	* Watermelon Crawl
August 10, 2019	Pat Carnathan	* Pool Party
September 14, 2019	Buddy Weaver & Mike Kellogg	Pearls & Black Tie Parade
October 12, 2019	Tim Pepper	Scarecrow Ball
November 9, 2019	Rod Shuping	Great American Barn Dance
December	Dark	

** Summer Casual Attire**

ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris

For additional information call: Joni & Mark Simon 323-333-4947

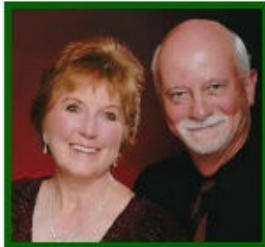


TRAIL DUSTERS

Saturday, April 13 2019

Cupcake Festival Dance

MIKE SEASTROM



Cinda & Milo Molitoris



Rounds 7:00 – 8:00 pm and between tips
Squares 8:00 – 10:00pm Plus Level, A-1 Tip
Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden Ave., Northridge



UPCOMING DANCES

- May 11 - Vic Ceder – Strawberry Fair
- June 8 - Paul Waters – Crazy Hat Dance
- July 13 - Ken Bower – Watermelon Crawl

For More Information Call: Joni & Mark Simon 323 333-4947
Website: www.traildusters.com – Singles and Couples Welcome



TRAIL DUSTERS ANNUAL SPRING WEEKEND

MAY 31 – JUNE 2, 2019

CAMP TRAIL DUSTERS

Courtyard by Marriott
600 East Esplanade Drive, Oxnard
CA 93036



COST: Double Occupancy \$ 485.00
Single Occupancy \$ 385.00

Deposit of \$100.00 due April 10 – Final Payment due May 8

Price includes: your room, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, Happy Hours in our Hospitality Suite, and entertainment Friday evening - no extra charge for the games, dancing, joke-off, shows or the fabulous and fun time you will have!
Tours for an extra cost will be announced soon.

Send payment and info below to:
Marilyn Bloom 11868 Moorpark St. Unit H Studio City CA 91604

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: TRAIL DUSTERS

Questions: Caren Blumfield, caren1224@hotmail.com or 818 216-2990
or Jane Lief, lief.jane@gmail.com or 818 881-8300

Bed Choice: _____ 1 King OR _____ 2 Queens

MEAL CHOICES:

FRIDAY NIGHT:

- _____ Chicken Marsala
- _____ Salmon/ Lemon Caper Buerre Blanc Sauce
- _____ Pasta Primavera

SATURDAY NIGHT:

- _____ Chicken Almondine
- _____ Tri Tip with Tomato Mushroom Bordelaise Sauce
- _____ Vegetable Lasagna

Your Name: _____ Amt Enclosed: \$ _____



TO ALL OF OUR TRAIL DUSTERS AND RAIL DUSTERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ATTENDING THIS FUNDRAISER ON MARCH 30, 2019.

The information of the theatre portion of the evening to see Newsies follows:



Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, 3050 East Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley, CA. 805 583-7900.

The **seats are assigned** and we will be giving out the tickets at the class, at the Golden Panda Buffet and at the theatre before the show.

Directions to the theatre: Hwy 118 west to Tapo Canyon, left to LA Ave, right to the theatre. East bound on Hwy 118 exit at Sycamore, right to LA Ave., left to theatre.

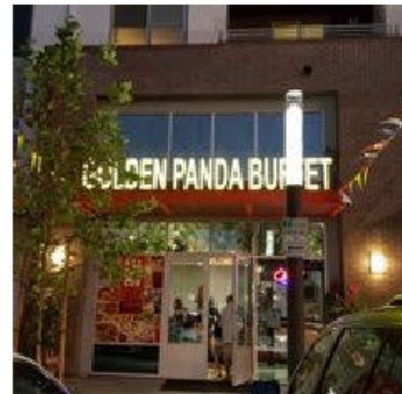
The show starts at 8:00 pm.

The following information is for those joining us for dinner

Golden Panda Buffet, 1825 Madeira Road, Simi Valley, CA. Hwy 118 west or east to

Madeira Road south exit. Pass LA Ave. and the restaurant is on the right. Parking is in the back.

Dinner is at 5:30 sharp. We got a special price which will include a soft drink, coffee, tax & gratuity. The cost for this dinner is **\$18.00** per person. Please **pay the cashier when you enter the restaurant – before you sit down for dinner.** We will have a special section reserved for the Trail Dusters.



Directions to the theatre from the restaurant are:

North to LA Ave., right along LA Ave. to the theatre 3050 East Los Angeles Ave. (pass Sycamore) and the theatre is on the right.

This is a wonderful FUNdraiser for us and we always have a great time at the theatre and as a group. Thank you all for your support.

Marilyn and Hy Katlein - hkatlein@aol.com - 818 704-1968, cell: 818 521-7868.

April Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3 Corner Bakery 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting 7:30 pm Flo & Bill Tap's House	10 The Habit 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13 Dance at Wilkinson - callers ; Mike Seastrom cuer Milo Molitoris see pages 2 & 10
14	15	16	17 Sharkey's 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	18	19 First Night of Passover 	20 
21 	22 	23	24 The Stand 5:30 p m Bay Laurel 7:00 p.m	25	26	27 Visitation at Boots & Slippers caller: David Mee Simi Valley Center see page 3
28	29	30				

TRAIL DUSTERS

Anita & Gary Higer
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Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

