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*Lawrence E. "Larry" Zuk*  
March 23, 1923 - December 11, 2015

In 1938 at the age of 15, Larry Zuk became a falconer in New York. Larry said, "He and Artie Donahue started in the sport together. Larry kept in contact with another New York falconer, Vern Siefert. Larry said, "he and Vern made hood blocks together. Doc Stabler was the first experienced falconer he met." He said, "In 1941, I went to the University of Pennsylvania. When I heard Doc Stabler was teaching there. I looked him up. I ended up living with the Stablers. I slept in Doc's snake room."

After WW II, Larry was a naval officer stationed near San Diego, California. In the beginning, Bill Turner was there. When Turner was discharged, Larry hooked up with Dan Brimm. Larry was a naval officer for the rest of the year. He was still in the navy, but he had his own car, and he lived on Redondo Beach.

On September 23, 1945, Larry and Jack Acker caught a haggard peregrine on Dana's Point. On that same day he met Paula Schuette on the beach. Paula and Larry were married in 1947. Larry named this haggard "Tlanuwa". Larry lost Tlanuwa in her 6th season while hawking near Bromfield, Colorado.

In the summer of 1946, Dan Brimm and Larry Zuk hacked three peregrines on Point Loma. they left one tiercel in the eyrie and hacked two falcons and one tiercel.

When Larry was discharged in 1946, he started driving." He zigzagged across the country from San Diego back to Doc Stabler's snake room. Larry first drove to Livermore, California to visit Minard Stevens. While visiting Minard, Larry met Kent Carnie for the first time. Next stop was Morley Nelson's home in Salt Lake City, Utah. When he started his trip, he had his haggard California Anatum and a freshly hacked tiercel. He lost that



Larry and R. M. Stabler,  
June 1947

hacked tiercel while flying him with Hal Webster in Denver. When Larry left Denver, he headed for Minnesota to visit Robert Widmeier.

Alvin Nye and Doc Stabler taught Larry how to play Lacrosse. "I even made the University of Pennsylvania's Lacrosse Team. When we moved to Colorado, I played with the Denver Lacrosse Club."

The Zuks moved to New York in 1948, where Larry completed his Master's degree at Columbia University. In 1949 on their way to Salt Lake to hawk with Morley Nelson, Larry, Paula, new baby Erica Zuk, stopped at a motel, restaurant, truck stop named the Cozy Corner, in Broomfield, Colorado. Larry drove around the Cozy Corner's section and counted 101, pheasants. Larry said, "I'm staying here ha, ha. We lived at the Cozy Corner for three years."

Pete Asborno went hawking with Larry in "Larry's territory" 2 or 3 days a week. There is a 16mm movie taken by William F. Russell of Pete and Larry hawking waterfowl at the archives. Larry said, "We took 17 Great Blue Herons in one season. We banded 16 GBH and released them back into the wild. That 17th bird was too damaged to release. I remember one flight, "when I was hawking alone. I saw the Heron and the Peregrine go down near the creek, but when I stood on the embankment overlooking the creek, I could not see the Heron or the falcon. Suddenly, the falcon popped up from under the water's surface. She still had hold of the Heron's head. Since the falcon was soaking wet, she relinquished the Heron unharmed and I turned the Heron loose."

Larry's last falcon was given to Air Force Academy in 1954.



Zuk with haggard falcon and male marsh hawk, Pete Asborno with long eared owl and passage falcon. Broomfield, Colorado-Dec. 1949



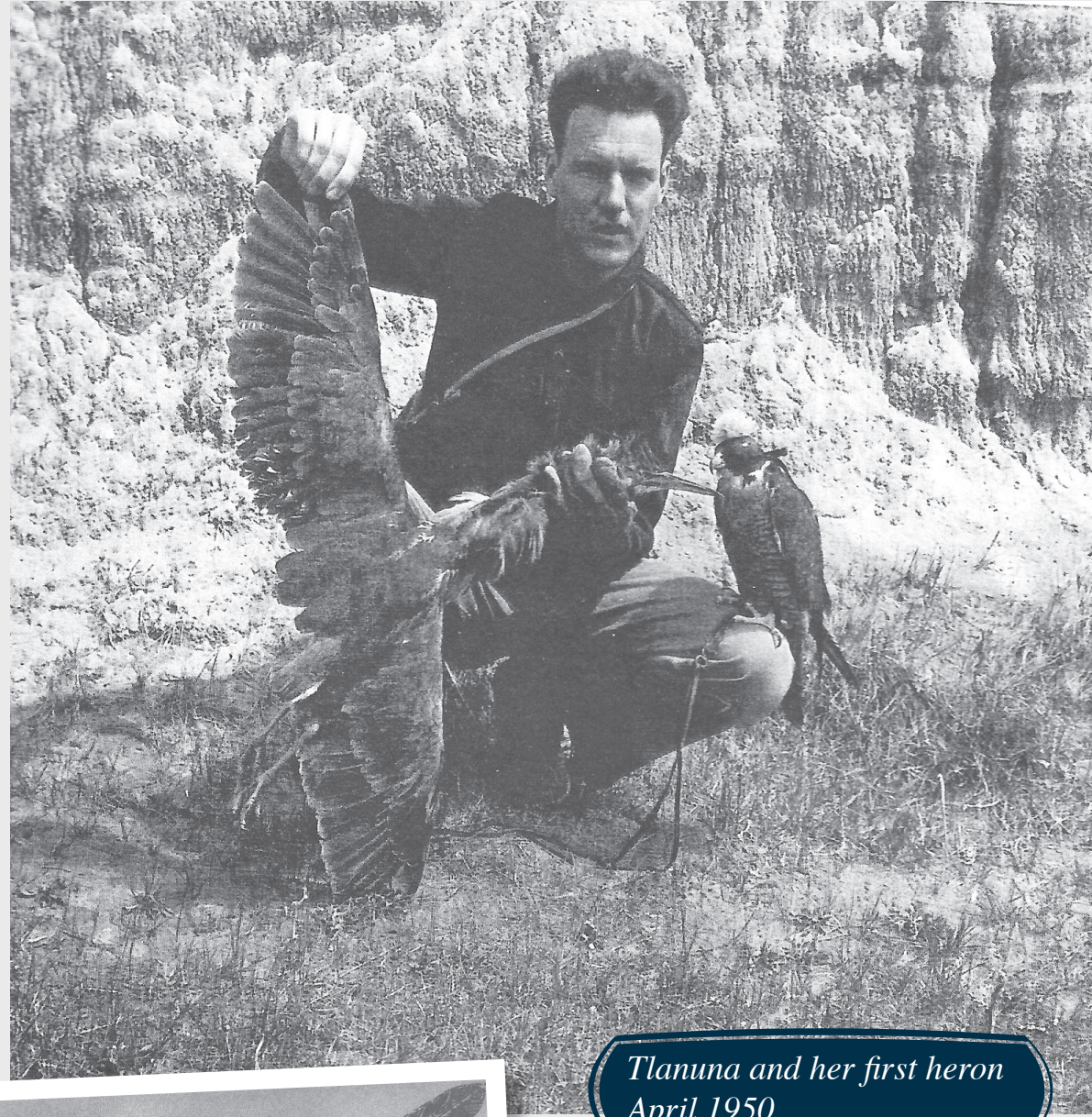
Minnard Stevens with Zuk's falcons



L-R: Larry Zuk, Pete Asborno, Bill Russell, Vinny Cassone, Stan White, Vern Seifert, Broomfield, Colorado-Nov. 1949



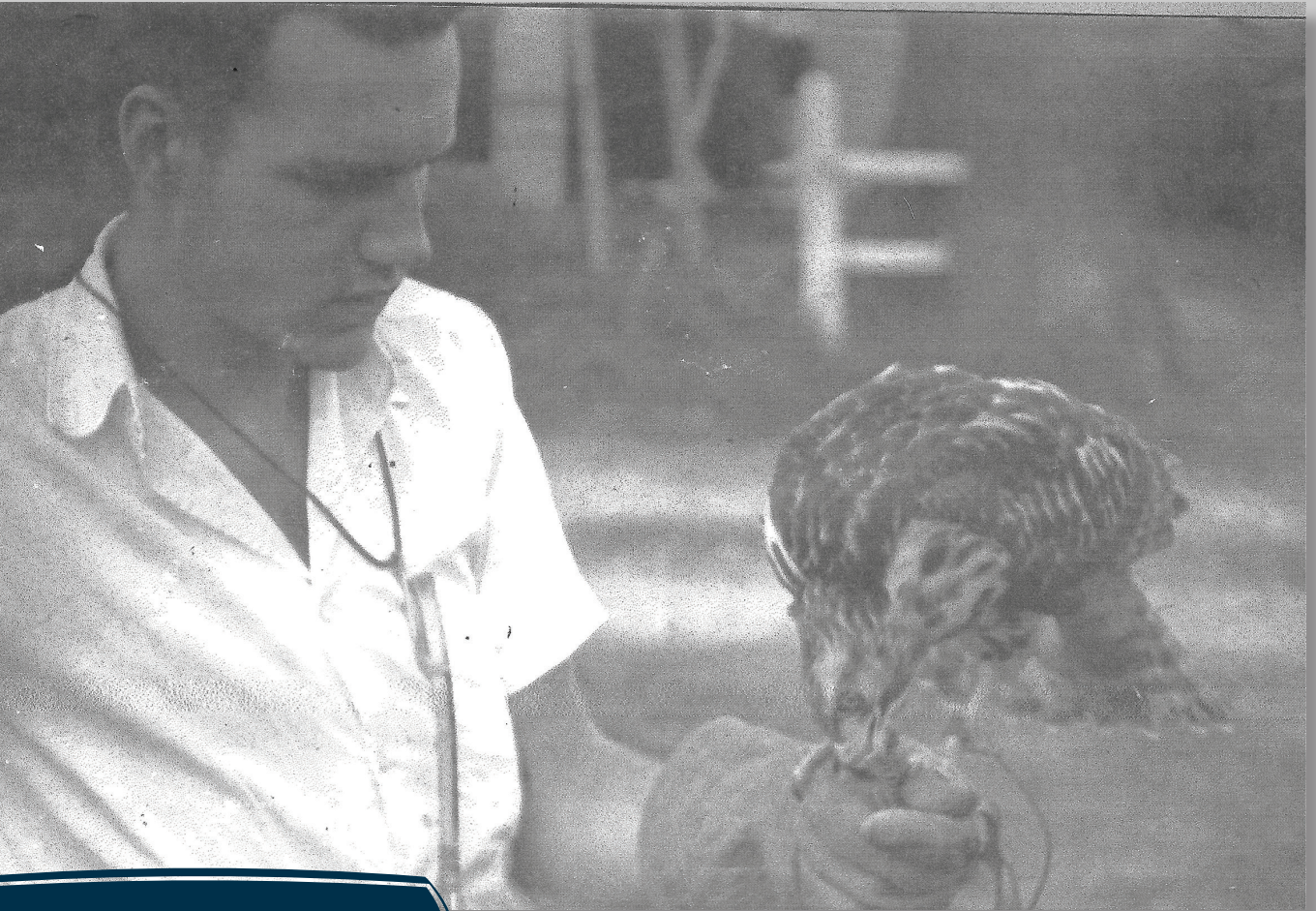
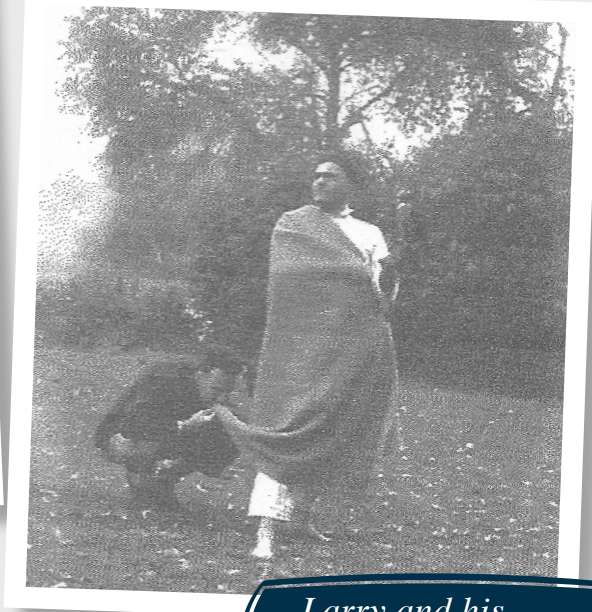
Larry at Jack Stoddart's, 2005



Tlanuwa and her first heron  
April 1950



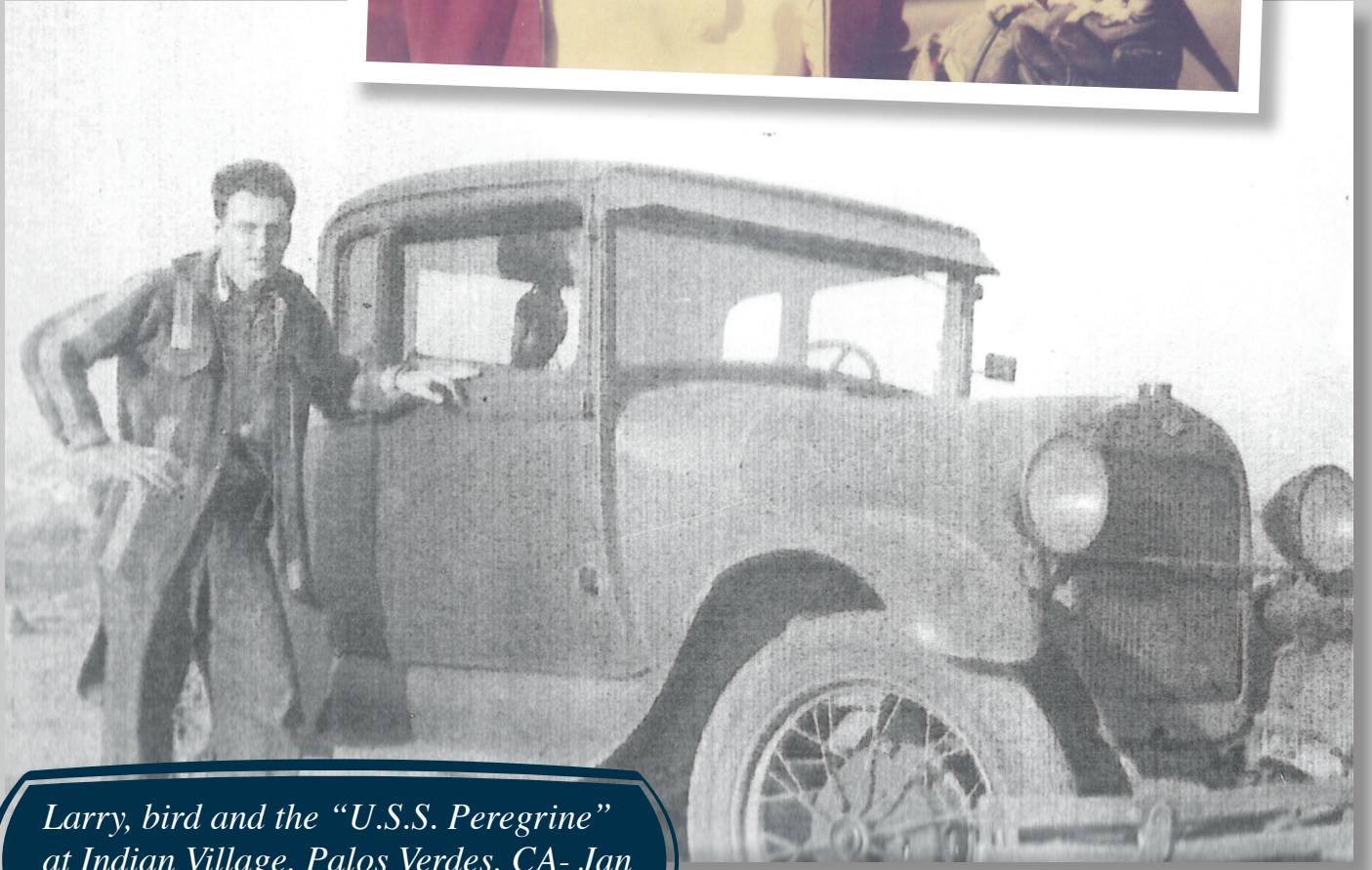
Larry and his  
idol, Doc Stabler



Larry with eyess red  
shouldered, 1942



Paula Zuk



Larry, bird and the "U.S.S. Peregrine"  
at Indian Village, Palos Verdes, CA- Jan  
1946 Photo by Paula Zuk