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Preserving Pleasanton's Past and Raising Funds For Its Future

"A Brick In Time" went off without a hitch on Saturday, November 17th — with one wheelbarrow after another leaving 450 Main Street full of bricks on their way to other destinations. The benefit for the Pleasanton Downtown Association and the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society raised over \$5,000 by offering used bricks from the old Arendt Building to the community.

"We are very pleased and excited that materials that would have gone to waste have been re-used in the community — while at the same time raising funds for that community," says Howard Sword, Construction Manager for Callahan Pentz Properties, Pleasanton, who helped coordinate the event with Pleasanton Planning Commissioner, Joyce Getty; and Martin Salmon, Property Manager for AlaCon Construction.

The public was invited to come down to 450 Main and help themselves to as many loads of brick as they could han-



Sandy MacTernan, Hacienda Del Sol and Al Berongini, Furniture on Main present wood burning stove to Grand Prize Winner Captain Gareth Hillborn.

dle — for just \$10 per wheelbarrow. Each wheelbarrow held approximate-

ly 50 bricks, and the average person carted home five loads each. Over 100

people arrived throughout the day — through the cold and damp.

Larry Annes of Pleasanton was taking home bricks to be a part of his dream house. "My dream house is all made of brick," he says. "These historical bricks will be the cornerstone of that house." Larry, who was born and raised in Pleasanton, was one of the many who were delighted at the opportunity to obtain such a historical piece of Pleasanton — many of the buyers were from out of town.

Captain Gareth Hillborn of the Pleasanton Fire Department won the Grand Prize — a wood burning stove from Furniture on Main. Twenty-four other prizes were given away, courtesy of downtown merchants.

More bricks will be available early this December, and again in the spring of 1985 — as the renovation of 450 progresses. The front and the south walls of the building will be preserved in an effort to save as much of the historical building as possible.

Amador Valley Savings Breaks Ground

Amador Savings held an official ground breaking ceremony on November 15th for their new branch office in Hacienda Business Park.

The branch will be located in Hacienda Plaza, an 80,000-square-foot, four-building retail/garden office complex located on 6.3 acres, at the corner of Stoneridge and Gibraltar Drives, in the center of the business park.

The four buildings of the complex will occupy only 29% of the site, with lush landscaping covering approximately 41% of the acreage. Three of the four buildings, approximately 31,200 square feet, will be leased as retail space. The remaining two-story office building will provide approximately 46,531 square feet of new office space.

Located across from Hacienda Center, the Park's three-towered, five-story flagship building, Hacienda Plaza will sit in the heart of the Park, in an effort to provide "a convenient retail and commercial center for the employees within the Park", according to project leasing manager, Mark Biagini.

"Hacienda Plaza is designed to attract retail tenants who can provide services required by businesses and employees in the Park, and help prevent traffic congestion," he explains.



On hand for the ground breaking were (l-r) K. Hatsushi; Sharon Theile; Ben Fernandez; Chris Bertalis; Merle Telford, and Jo Betty Allen all A.V.S.&L. Board of Directors, with Ted Mann and Ralph Arbeloa, A.V.S.&L., and A.V.S.&L. Director Bill Hirst.

"Employees will be able to take care of many lunch hour errands such as banking, without leaving the Park and tying up the city's thoroughfares."

On hand for the first tenant's groundbreaking ceremony were city council members Karin Mohr and Walt Wood; George Kallis represented Hacienda Business Park; and Ted Mann and Jo Betty Allen spoke for Amador Valley Savings.

In addition to their headquarters on

Main Street and the Hacienda Plaza location, Amador Valley Savings plans to expand their services with two more branches within Pleasanton: one on Hopyard Road and one on Santa Rita Road.

Amador Valley Savings is the only locally owned and managed savings and loan in Pleasanton. Since its founding in 1982, the association's assets have risen from \$2 million to \$63 million.

Wet Weather Warnings

In the first nine months of 1984, there were a total of 549 automobile collisions in Pleasanton. More than half, or 343 of those, were non-injury collisions, but 175 of them were the cause of human injury, and one resulted in a fatality.

According to Pleasanton Chief of Police, Bill Eastman, "There are proportionately more accidents during the wet, winter months. Less people are out on the roads, so the statistics are similar, but it's a fact that if you are driving in wet weather, you are more likely to be involved in an accident than if you were driving in fair conditions."

An important tip especially for Pleasanton drivers is, "If you don't have to drive in the fog, don't!" According to information supplied by the AAA, "Fog can reduce visibility to the danger point and occasionally cause slippery icy spots" — something you already know but an important thing to remember, nonetheless.

If you must drive in the fog, reduce speed drastically, turn on your lights using the low beam,

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In My Opinion is a bi-monthly column featuring opinions by guest editors. This month's column is by — Barbara J. Trabert, Regional Human Resources Manager, Crum and Forster Personal Insurance, Hacienda Business Park, Pleasanton.

Having my employer relocate to Pleasanton has been one of the highlights of 1984 for me. Why? Professionally, the Tri-Valley is an excellent source of employees for us. We have been able to meet almost all our staffing needs for 1984 by hiring qualified local residents. Working where you live is not only convenient, but practical and rewarding for both the employee and the employer. Pleasanton is a community that fosters corporate and community involvement, and that is a pleasure to experience.

Personally, it reduced my commute by forty minutes each way. I now have a relaxed drive up picturesque Highway 680 instead of a stressful hassle with industry-lined, pothole-filled Highway 17. It has afforded me the opportunity to get acquainted with the East Bay as a place to shop, eat, and be entertained. But most important, it has given me time for myself.

I have found myself saying many times this past year that "Life is too

short!" It is too short **not** to . . . work at a job you enjoy performing well; work with people who share your work ethic; make every effort to spend quality time outside the work area with your family and/or friends; and develop activities to keep yourself healthy, vital and interesting.

As a professional businesswoman responsible for the Human Resource function in the western region of a large insurance company, I see men and women on all levels of employment in our industry as well as in all other industries struggling to balance a successful professional life with a successful personal life. Is that so difficult? Should it be?

"Remember, you can only look to yourself for your rewards in life."

Look around you! I'd bet you know people who have reached retirement and don't know how to spend their free time — people who only talk business, even in social settings — people who have heart attacks due to an intense or stressful work/personal/lifestyle situation — people who get divorced because the balance isn't there — people who are lonely because there is no life outside work — people who spend their free time complaining because they don't like what they do, what their salary is, or where they work.

I'll say it again . . . LIFE IS TOO SHORT! If you don't like something about your life, realistically determine what it is you want, and go for it. But make a commitment, be willing to "pay

the price", and for heaven's sake — have fun doing it. Remember, you can only look to yourself for your rewards in life. It is what you do and how you choose to do it that determines who and what you will be.

- * Want to be better at racquetball? Take a lesson; practice; and play frequently.
- * Want to be involved in community service? Decide what you can offer and contact Valley Volunteer Center. They can put you in touch with individuals or organizations that can use your interest for mutual benefit. It is a great way to meet people and feel good about yourself and your contribution to your community.
- * Want to get ahead in the work place? Decide first if getting ahead where you are is what you want. If it is, then find out what you must do to get there, determine if that is realistic for you, and do it. If it is not, find the place you **do** want to be.

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- * Want to increase your time available for personal interests? Get organized and don't procrastinate; be productive while at work so extra time isn't necessary; and, the obvious one, work close to the area in which you must be to enjoy those personal interests. Wasting two or

three hours per day on the road doesn't leave much time and/or energy for personal enjoyment.

Corporations and small businesses alike are successful because they determine what they want to accomplish, assess their assets and liabilities, make a plan of action to capitalize on strengths and improve weaknesses, and commit themselves to meeting their objectives.

"Life is too short not to work at a job you enjoy performing well; work with people who share your work ethic; make every effort to spend quality time with your family and/or friends."

In many ways, You are Your Own Business. You must manage yourself and your time to your satisfaction. As we approach the New Year, spend some quality time determining where you are, where you want to be, what strengths will help you get there, what limitations may cause a stumbling block, and what you must do to reach your goals. Be realistic — don't shoot too high or too low. Write down your action plans and review them to determine your progress. Go into 1985 and strive to make yourself happy. It will do wonders for you as well as those who live and work around you.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very joyous holiday season. Best wishes in 1985.

— Barbara J. Trabert

Pleasanton Parades For "Miss Liberty"

Approximately 1,000 people turned out to watch the filming of the "Save Our Lady" parade which was held on Sunday, November 25.

Residents of Pleasanton, a town that loves a parade, had the opportunity to experience the feel of a "Hollywood"

production as cameras, crew and parade action proceeded down Main Street. The pace was slow, to catch the details and sounds of the parade and spectator reactions.

Because of sizeable donations to the Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund

through the Community's support of the Soroptimist's "Stepping Out For Freedom" fundraiser, and other community activities, Pleasanton was selected over other towns to host the parade. The film's producers wanted to illustrate the efforts of small communities throughout the nation to

"Save Miss Liberty"

The film, produced by Gateway Productions of New York will be sold to local community television stations for viewing by their audiences.

Funds raised through the sale of this production will go toward the Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund.



Santa stars in local filming production.



Gateway Productions' New York staff on the job in Pleasanton.

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Jacquie Oliverius models her "Clark Kent" reporter's hat.

Personality Profile

Working Wizardly Wonders For The Community

Some people always seem to be having more fun than others. Take Jacquie Oliverius for example. Although she has more irons in the fire than most people, and although she doesn't get paid for almost everything she does, she says, "I wouldn't trade my life for anything!"

Jacquie is very active in her community. She is Vice-Chairman of the Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Commission and the Fairlands School Educational Foundation; Publicity Director for the Foothill Band Boosters as well as a band chaperone; she manages the Pleasanton Meadows Swim team, attends Ohlone College, and teaches a sign language class at Fairlands School.

None of these activities are paid positions, but Jacquie's not complaining. "I love what I do," she says. "I really love people — that's why I get into all of the things that I do." Jacquie's motto is "Smile. You'll make yourself feel good, and everyone else will wonder what you've been up to!"

But the real secret to her enthusiasm for life is that "Deep inside my heart, I'm really only five years old!" she giggles. "Don't get me wrong, though," she explains. "I take my activities and my responsibilities very seriously — but if you can't laugh and enjoy life — well, it would be pretty boring!"

Life at the Oliverius' is anything but boring. Jacquie and her husband, Larry, live a cheerful but busy existence. Their home is equipped with an office, complete with computer, for the family member's various activities. Their children, John, 14, and Christi, 11, are happy products of their parents' bright attitudes and emphasis on individualism.

"I think it's very important to do and be what you want — not what someone else wants of you. I hate stereotypes, and I hate it when people try to push their stereotypical observations off onto others," she states. Jacquie has worked hard to breed a sense of independence in her children, as she lives it in her own life.

With a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from California State University Long Beach, Jacquie was, until a year ago, a frustrated writer. She writes poetry and short stories (see Wizard...), and spent five years as the editor for Pleasanton Meadows ShakeRoof newsletter. A year ago August she became

a weekly columnist for The Valley Times, writing a community column about Pleasanton residents which is published every Monday. Jacquie is also just two classes away from a certificate in sign language, one of her deep loves.

She really enjoys writing literature, especially fantasy, which she says she just recently discovered, by reading a lot of those types of books. "One day, I suddenly thought, 'I wonder if I could do that?'. I ran upstairs and before I knew it, I had written three pages already! So I thought, 'Why not? I might as well give it a try!'"

Jacquie is aiming for a fantasy short story, but ultimately she hopes to turn it into a book. The main character is named Quellynavanger, a half-elflike creature who is the mistress of knowledge in her kingdom. Quellynavanger is secretly the advisor to the King, but no one must know because she is a woman. The story then winds around her adventures. "Quellynavanger came right out of one of my dreams. Most things do," she says.

A vivid imagination and a love for life has done much for Jacquie so far. Where will it all take her? "I don't know yet!," she admits. "I know that I want to write more. And I know that I want to stay active in the community. Basically, I just want to keep on being happy and enjoying life! That's what being five years old is all about!"

WIZARD

By Jacquie Oliverius

Oh, Wizard, master of spells,
Commanding in your mystical presence
With mists of enchantment swirling about you.
Utterances compelling in their confidence,
Gazes that discourage doubt.
Dweller of your dungeon-like cavern
In still and silent reflection.

Halt! Judge not by appearances!
You are often not what you seem, only your
Outward guise is permitted to be observed with
the eyes.

Trust in the viewer discloses a deeper realization.
A smile lurks at the corners of your eyes,
A shy, gentle hand brushes briefly against
another's.

Your spells reveal themselves to be
A shield against injury to your soul.
Measures of solitude allow you
To drink in the melody and joy of life.

Kind Wizard, hidden by your spells,
Your true essence is known only to those
With the special magic to reach through the mists.

Local Pianist Is Guest Soloist

Local pianist, Michael Fennelly, 14, will be guest soloist in the opening concert of the Livermore/Amador Symphony season on December 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th and 'L' Streets in Livermore.

The eighth grade student, a past winner of the Valley Competition for Young Musicians, will be performing Beethoven's "Concerto No. 1".

Also featured on the program is "Incidental Music from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'" by Mendelssohn, and Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Scheherazade".

The Symphony is dedicating the December 8 program to the late Dr. James Shearer who was instrumental in establishing the community orchestra.

Tickets, single \$5, youth and senior \$2.50, are available at the door by calling 443-0751 or 846-4539.



Michael Fennelly

Valley Campus Dance Concert


Chabot College-Valley Campus will present a faculty and student dance concert choreographed by instructor Sherry Proctor. The six-part production of "Dances from the Gallery" will include ballet, modern and jazz dance styles.

Valley student choreographers Ester Jobrack, Jeanette Thralls, Patti


Carson, Barry Dahling and Deanna Constable will also present a variety of dance styles, some with holiday themes.

General admission to the December 7, 8:00 performance is \$3; staff and senior citizens, \$2.50.

For further information, call 455-5300.



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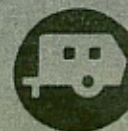
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This week in December has been the date of some very historic firsts:

- 1816: First deposit made in a savings account.
- 1854: Folding chair patented.
- 1876: Pipe wrench patented.
- 1877: First sound recording made by Edison.
- 1913: First drive-in gasoline station opens for business in Pittsburgh, PA.
- 1929: National League of Nudists organized.
- 1961: Matisse painting discovered hanging upside down (Museum of Modern Art, New York City).
- 1967: First successful heart transplant — performed by Dr. Christian Barnard.

Football Facts: The football season is definitely upon us. If you don't like football, you may while away the play-off hours playing Trivial Pursuits. Football fan or not you may be interested in knowing that the first official United States football game occurred in 1869 between Princeton and Rutgers. Walter Camp, who died in 1925 was football coach for both Yale and Stanford and is considered the father of today's game.

Christmas Shopping Hint: Holiday shopping crowds are the traditional work place of the professional pick pocket, who knows you are probably carrying more cash than usual. So be alert and cautious. The almanac gives us some unusual criminal professions from the past to watch out for:

- Flogger Stiff: Overcoat thief.
- Dead Lurker: Umbrella and coat thief who steals from hallways.
- Mat Macer: A doormat thief.
- Mush-faker: A petty thief masquerading as a used umbrella salesman.

School District Superintendent Appointed

The Boards of Trustees of the Amador Valley Joint Union High School District and the Pleasanton Joint School District have appointed Dr. Bill J. James superintendent of the districts. Dr. James is expected to assume the duties of superintendent in mid-January.

For the past 6½ years Dr. James has served as Superintendent of the Paso Robles Public Schools in San Luis Obispo County. Under Dr. James' leadership a K-12 curriculum review process was instituted, and a staff development program, with emphasis on clinical supervision, was implemented.

Dr. James has taught speech, jour-

nalism and history, served as counselor, and as high school assistant principal and principal.

In 1968, he was involved in the design and construction of the comprehensive 2,400 capacity Royal High School in the Simi Valley Unified School District, and was responsible for staffing and equipping the school.

From 1972-78, Dr. James served as Assistant Superintendent — Instructional Services in the Las Virgenes Unified School District. His responsibilities included curriculum development, staff development and supervision, evaluation of 12 principals, elementary and secondary programs and services, pupil personnel services, certificated personnel selection, school improvement programs, and adult and vocational education.

At the college level, Dr. James has taught at California Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks and California State University at San Luis Obispo.

Dr. James received his Bachelor's Degree in Language Arts and Social Science from Fresno State University. He received his Master's Degree in Counseling and Guidance from the same university. He has a doctorate from the University of Southern California in Administration and Counselor Education.

Dr. James, 51, is married and has a son at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and a daughter, also a graduate of Cal Poly, who is employed as a management trainee with J.B. Corporation.



New Superintendent, Dr. Bill James.

Football, Food & Fun At The Big Game

By Mickee Fields

It was all for a worthy cause — the Tri-Valley Community Fund and Lady Liberty herself. Forget the fact that we spent all day being driven about in a limousine, that we had prime seats for a football game most of our friends couldn't even get tickets for, and that we were wine and dined from nine in the morning until eleven that night. We only did it for charity!

The whole thing started as a lark, really. Patti LeVine, President of Pleasanton Pathways, Inc., decided that item number 16 on the Stepping Out Auction Program looked like fun. It was "The Big Game" package, donated by *The Tri-Valley Herald*.

The package included four tickets to the Cal Berkeley vs. Stanford Football game, a gourmet tailgate party on campus, dinner for four at Chatillon restaurant in San Ramon following the game, and limousine service to and from all of the above.

In spite of the fact that it was Patti's first try in the auction arena, and despite the fact that she bid against herself three times, Pleasanton Pathways was soon the proud owner of auction item 16! The football loving crew was chosen: Patti, Mike and Bernie Cooper of Bissell and Karn (who as it turned out were opportunisticly seated at our table), and your reporter. For \$825, we had bought the "Big Game."

On Saturday the 17th, we met at Mike and Bernie's to begin the day's events and wait for our limousine. It drove up promptly at 9:50 a.m. and soon we were on our way. The limousine was provided by Touch of Elegance in Pleasanton and came equipped with a bar, television, AM/FM stereo and a telephone.

After a short detour through downtown Pleasanton, (if only our friends could see us now!), we were on our way to Berkeley. The *Herald's* Editor, Tim Hunt, met us as we drove up in front of the campus, and led us to the site of our tailgate party. All four of us gasped as we glimpsed the table

set for us across the green. It was covered with a tablecloth, a beautiful floral center piece (arranged in a 49'ers helmet) and big-game color coordinated plates and glassware.

Our luncheon was beautifully prepared and served by members of the Herald staff and by Bob Warnick, Pleasanton's Director of Public Works who is a bonafide gourmet cook and happens to be engaged to *The Herald's* Sally Tockey. The first course was spinach tart followed by fresh tomato soup. Next came the main course — Rock Cornish game hens stuffed with wild rice and served with fruit compote. Because the Coopers are Stanford alum's they were served their luncheon on handsome red and white dinnerware, while ours came prepared on blue and gold.

Various wines were served throughout the meal. Bob Warnick had prepared a delicious fresh pear sorbet which cleansed our palate for a tossed-at-our-table caesar salad. Then, to our delight, Tim Hunt prepared the piece-de-resistance, an elegant strawberries flambe dessert tableside. Irish coffee and champagne closed out our luncheon as the Cal band strode by on their way to the stadium.

The game was fun, once we remembered that was why we were there in the first place. After the lavish meal, the walk uphill was a little slow, but we got there in plenty of time to see Stanford win the game 27-10. (Bernie and Mike were delighted, naturally.)

On the way back to Pleasanton, the troupes rested in the back of the limousine while watching television. After we had all gone home and changed for dinner, we were soon back in the limousine for dinner at Chatillon. Dinner was delicious although by this time we had put in quite a day and felt as if we had been drinking and eating for weeks.

The day was absolutely terrific! It will be remembered by the four of us for a very long time. Thank you, *Tri-Valley Herald*.

(More photos on page 7)



Tim Hunt, resident wine connoisseur, pour for (l-r) Bernie and Mike Cooper, of Bissell & Karn; Patti LeVine and Michele Fields, of Pleasanton Pathways.



These Alisal Elementary students were holding their "Smoke-Out" balloons until the last minute.

Sending Up A "No Smoke" Signal

For the second year in a row, two Pleasanton elementary schools participated in a big way in The Great American Smoke-Out. Donlon and Alisal school children wrote anti-smoking messages which were then wrapped in plastic and attached to helium balloons. The children then let the balloons loose carrying their message across the Valley.

According to a Cancer Society spokesperson, ten balloons had already been found by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, the day the balloons were released. KKIQ has been recording the reporting on balloon finds to date, and apparently they have been found primarily in the Pleasanton, Dublin, and Danville areas. Thirty balloons have been found so far.

The balloons faced an unusual challenge this year as they were forced to fight the wind and rain. Many of them came down quicker than the balloons that were released last year. The Great American Smoke-Out is a national event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The two Pleasanton schools, however, were the

only Alameda County schools to participate in the balloon launch.

An Alameda County branch office of the American Cancer Society held its Grand Opening on Thursday, too. The Valley office was opened to better serve this area with their educational and aid programs. The volunteers and staff of the Cancer Society wish to thank the community for their donations of time and supplies for the new office.

Special thanks goes, too, to the Pleasanton Bank of America on Main Street, and their 12 employees who donated their time to fully paint the new office. Also, thanks to E-Z Tel, who saved the Society over \$1,000 in telephone installation costs.

The new office is located at 6980 Village Parkway in Dublin. Their telephone number is 833-2784. Current programs include the "Free-Wheeler" program, a free transportation service for patients travelling to chemotherapy treatments, and the teenage self breast-exam being held in Valley public schools.

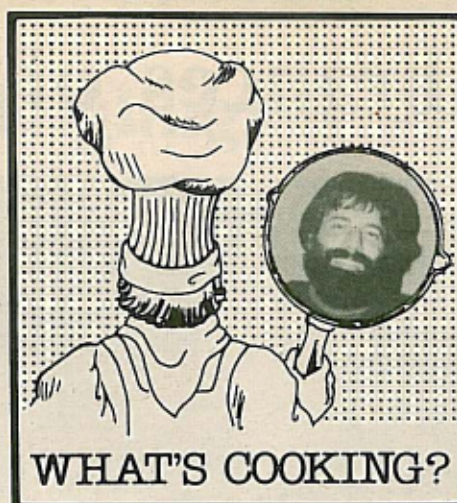
Help The Heart Association

The American Heart Association is looking for volunteers for an upcoming community canvassing effort to take place in February.

District captains for the communities of Dublin, Livermore and

Pleasanton are being sought to coordinate door-to-door donation volunteers.

For more information regarding the program, call Kris at the Valley Volunteer Center, 462-3570.



Like many accomplished cooks, Bob Pucci began cooking as a form of survival. "My parents were really into the social scene about the time I was in high school," he remembers. "So when I got tired of Swanson dinners, it was up to me to do something about it!"

Bob began slowly with hamburgers and spaghetti — the simple stuff. But now, the Pleasanton elementary school teacher is an accomplished cook, to the delight of all his close friends. "I love to entertain and cook for my friends. They appreciate it, and it's really a lot of fun for me," he says.

Bob teaches a fourth grade class at Walnut Grove Elementary. But he's been with the Pleasanton School District for 13 years. He's also taught at Valley View and Fairlands Schools. Bob never meant to be a teacher though. He was attending law school in Santa Clara, when a part-time job as a school bus driver altered his career objective.

"I didn't like a lot of what I saw in law school. So many of those people were totally in it for the money — they didn't care about helping people at all. That's just not for me," he claims. Working with kids, however, is. "I really love it when you see the excitement in a kid's face because he's grasped a new idea, his joy in learning something. Now that's rewarding."

Cooking, too, is rewarding for Bob, who likes all kinds of culinary expression. "It's a creative outlet for me in a way. I like coming into a kitchen and seeing what I can come up with, using the items that are there. I'm always thinking of new possibilities."

Bob most enjoys making and eating Italian food. "I think it must have something to do with my heritage," he jokes. But he also enjoys preparing Mexican food and other ethnic dishes. He's never taken a class, because he believes experimentation is the key. "The closest I've ever come to taking a class was when I took the microwave classes that came with buying my microwave oven!" laughs Bob.

Bob loves skiing, and every year invites a group of his friends to a cabin in Tahoe. "One friend is in charge of

the entertainment and I'm in charge of the food," he explains. Bob's the "get out of my kitchen" type, so none of the gang can interfere with his preparations.

"I really get into it. I spend time thinking and planning meals that will just knock their socks off!" he says. This Thanksgiving was the first in five years that Bob wasn't the head feast-chef. "But I'm looking forward to sitting back and just enjoying this one," he claims. "It'll be nice for a change not to have to plan and worry this time."

Bob shares his recipe for homemade chicken enchiladas with *Pathways* readers. The recipe is great for entertaining. Bob served it at a recent class Thanksgiving party, and as usual, the dish was a big hit. "Next to my homemade pasta, my friends love it the best!" he says with a smile. We're sure our readers will love it too.

CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

Filling:

- 3 chicken breasts (cooked & shredded)
- 2 cups sour cream
- 16 oz. monterey jack cheese (shredded)
- 1 4-oz. can sliced olives
- 1 cup chopped onion
- ½ tsp. cumin
- 1 tblspn. fresh cilantro
- 1 4-ounce can green chilies

Sauce:

- 1 13-oz. can tomatillos drained
- ½ small onion
- 1 clove garlic
- ½ tsp. cumin
- 1 4-ounce can green chilies
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 tblspn. oil
- ½ tsp. salt

10 flour tortillas oil

For filling — Combine all ingredients with half of cheese.

For sauce — Place tomatillos, onion, garlic, cumin, and green chilies in blender or processor and puree. Heat oil then add pureed mixture and cook 2-3 minutes. Add chicken broth & salt. Mix. Bring to a boil, reduce heat; then simmer 15 minutes. Preheat oven to 350. Heat oil in a small frying pan over medium high heat. Heat tortillas one at a time 3-5 seconds per side. Drain on paper towels.

To Assemble — Place 1-2 tablespoons of filling down center of each tortilla. Roll up and place seam side down in baking dish. Cover with sauce. Top with remaining cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes until sauce is bubbling. Serve with sour cream topping.

Win A Trip To New York!

Big Trees 4-H Club, in conjunction with Leslie Jensen and Company, participated in the Liberty Parade, held on Sunday, November 25.

To further support the renovation of the Statue of Liberty, the company has pledged 10 percent from all listings and sales, during the months of December and January, regardless of the month the actual transaction is closed.

In addition to supporting the renovation of "The Lady", the company will

also hold drawings during the year of 1985. The prize will be a one week, expenses paid trip to New York in 1986, to witness the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty.

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Remembrances of Christmas Past

Eighty-eight year old Lillie Fiorio is a Pleasanton institution. She remembers Pleasanton when it was a small farming community. "I remember standing on the wooden bridge at the end of Division Street and looking out across the miles and miles of hop fields when I was a little girl," Lillie says.

Those hop fields are now Hopyard Road, and the vast fields are now "miles and miles of houses and buildings," she says. Lillie is delighted that she has been able to see Pleasanton change and grow. "So much has happened here, but I can remember way back, just as clear as if it was yesterday!" states Lillie.

Lillie May Schneider was born in 1896, in the old Schneider home which was next to what is now the Cheese Factory, across from the Pleasanton Hotel, which was then the Farmer's Hotel. Her parents, Jacob and Mary Jane Schneider came to Pleasanton late in the 1800's and were married in 1891 at the Methodist Church, which is now part of the Odd Fellow's Hall. It was also once the Pleasanton Elementary School.

Jacob was a horseshoer who came to Pleasanton because of the track. Mary Jane was his devoted wife, and the mother of Lillie and her five brothers and sisters. Life at the Schneider's, and most of Pleasanton's early residents, was hard, but simple and happy, according to Lillie. "We were poor. But it



Lillie Fiorio poses for a picture with a Pleasanton Elementary School photograph dated early 1900's.

never seemed to matter that much because we were happy."

The family had a small dairy on their property with seven or eight cows. The old cow yard was where the Mall and part of the Cheese Factory are now. The children helped as much as possible, and were sent scampering about town to deliver milk to their customers.

The first Christmas Lillie can recall was around 1902, when she was around six years old. "We would have Christmas in our home and Mom would make a big dinner, of course. But I remember we were given songs and little poems at school that day.

Being the little ring-leader, I decided that we would entertain our parents that night!"

"We had to wait until all of the milk cans were cleaned and the bottles washed. Then I sat our parents in the parlour while I went and lined up all of my brothers and sisters in the bedroom for the performance. Then I made them all march out and told them what to do!" she laughs. "Then we started doing it every Christmas Eve!"

Unlike most children in Pleasanton today, "We never really had a Christmas tree," she says. "My father

would cut branches off of a hedge and we'd say, 'But Daddy, that's not a Christmas tree,' and he'd say, 'Just wait until I get finished with it!'"

"Every day he'd cut another branch off and wire it to the others. Before we knew it, it was the most beautiful tree you could imagine. Then, we'd put colored candles in little stands and pinch them like a clothespin on the limbs. Then you'd light them and hope they didn't catch fire! If you've never seen that, you've really missed something — it was beautiful!"

"We'd take the silver foil from my Father's cigar wrappers and wrap them around the black walnuts that were plentiful then. He'd bore a hole in them and we'd put a stick in it and hang them on the tree. And we'd buy the big chocolate cookies that were decorated with pink and white and all different colors, and we'd string them and hang them. It may sound funny, but it sure was a pretty tree!"

Lillie married Charles Fiorio in 1915, shortly after Fiorio's father, Silvio had purchased French Louie's Store on Rose Avenue. He renamed it Fiorio's Market, which it is still called today, and offered it to his son. Lillie spent twenty years working in the store, and remembers the war times most of all. "I've lived such a full life," says Lillie. "It hasn't always been easy, but God's been good to me because I've sure had a happy one!"

A Gift That Keeps On Giving

The Hope Education Center, a patterning facility for brain-injured children and adults is offering a cookbook, "Heartwarming Gifts From The Kitchen", for holiday gift giving.

The book offers a collection of time-saving holiday recipes and gift ideas. The burgundy cover and ivory pages

are loose-leaf bound for convenient handling.

The proceeds from the \$7.00 donation will benefit the Hope Education Center.

Requests for the book or additional information may be obtained by calling 462-4499 or 462-3570.

Valley Volunteer Directory Available

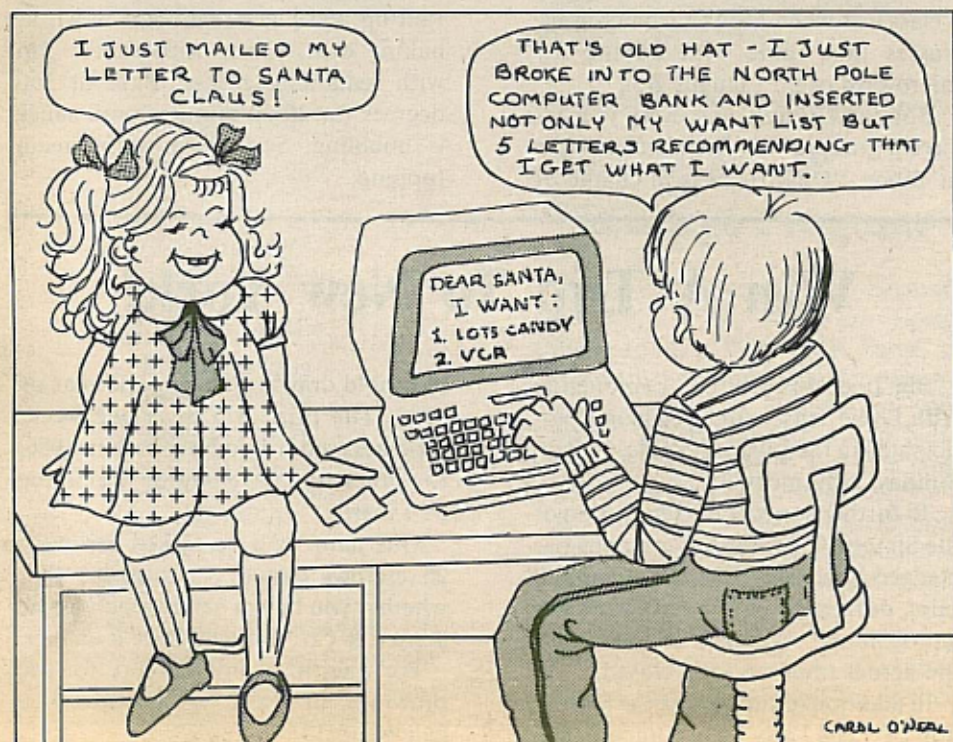
The Valley Volunteer Center's 1984-85 Directory of Organizations of the Livermore-Amador Valley is currently available through the Center, or the three Valley Chambers.

The directory is a compilation of the

Valley's service and support groups, social and interest/hobby clubs.

Cost of the book is \$5.00 if picked up, or \$6.00 if it is mailed.

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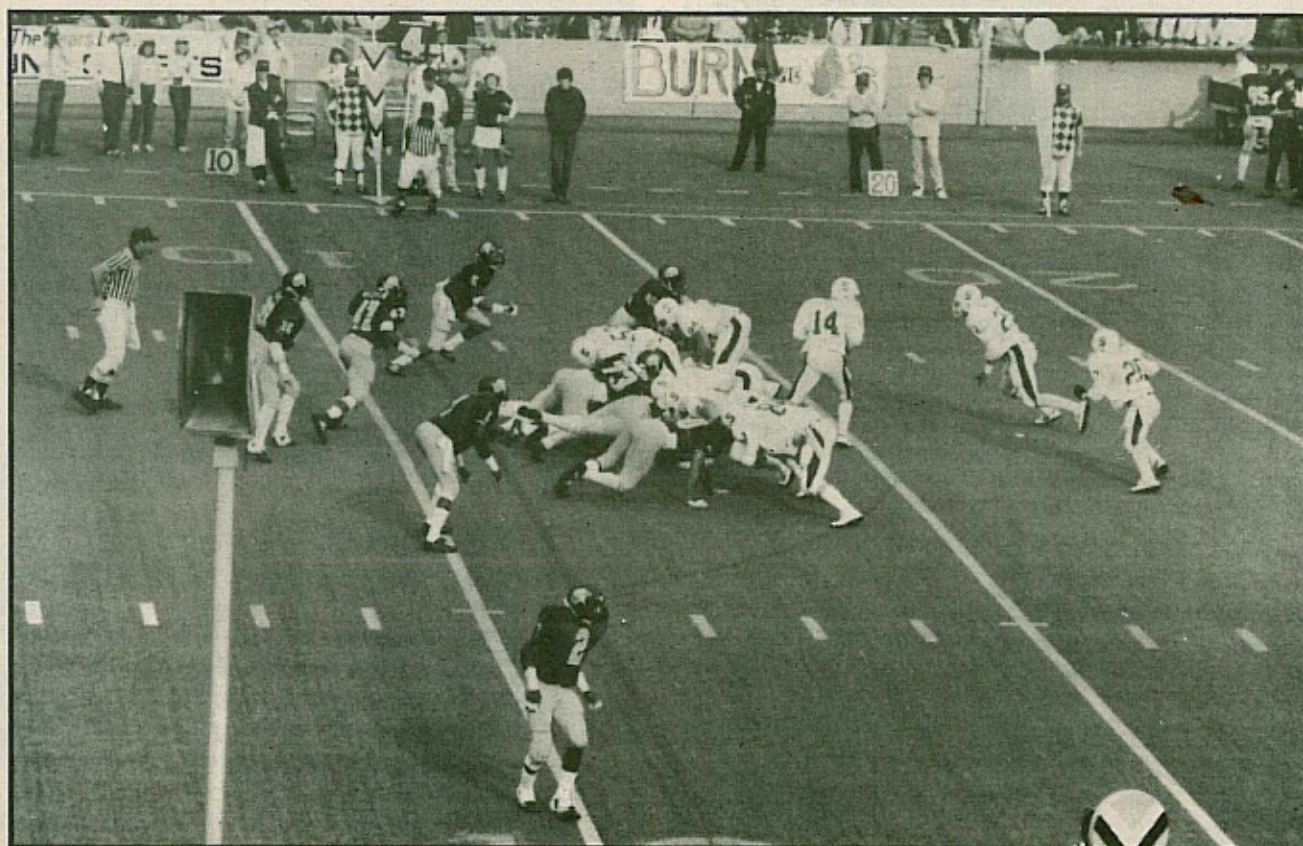
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Game Day Highlights

(See story on page 4)



The game is on! Cal's defense (dark) moves in on Stanford's quarterback (14) in this 2nd quarter play.



Herald Editor, Tim Hunt, (alias "Chef Tim") elegantly prepares the strawberries flambe tableside.



Touch of Elegance Chauffer, "James" holds the limo door as (l-r) Bernie and Mike Cooper, Patti LeVine, and Mickee Fields pause for a picture before setting out for "The Big Game."



The group sits and awaits the fourth course, while Sally Tockey and Bob Warnick (standing) prepare the Caesar Salad.



a bit of trivia

By Ben Fernandez

Since I am in a Washington frame of mind and we just went through a major election, today we will have some questions about politics and political figures.

1. In the movie "Fail Safe", who played the President of the U.S.?
2. Who was the first U.S. President to throw out the first ball at the beginning of a major league baseball season?
3. Richard Crenna played a state senator in an excellent TV series of the early 60's. What was the name of the show?
4. On the old radio show, "The Great Gildersleeve", Gildersleeve held a political office. What was it?
5. When FDR campaigned in 1932 for President, he used a famous Broadway song from the then current hit show, "Of Thee I Sing". What was the song?
6. "Sunrise At Campobello", a 1965 movie, told the story of FDR at the time he was recovering from paralysis. Who played FDR?
7. What former President of the United States once played football in the East-West game at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco?
8. Who played the governor on the television show, "Governor & J.J."?
9. Who replaced Tom Eagleton as George McGovern's vice-presidential running mate in 1972?
10. "I've Been Consulted By Franklin D" was a line from a classic song sung by Bunny Berrigan. What was the name of the song?

Answers Below

"A Christmas Carol"

Children's Theatre Workshop presents its second annual production of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol".

Opening weekend will be in the Dublin High School Little Theatre on Friday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m.; on Saturday, December 8, at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 9, at 3 p.m.

The final performance of the show will be held at the Veteran's Hall in Pleasanton. Performances will be on Friday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m.; on Saturday, December 22, at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, December 22, at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$3.00 for children and \$4.00 for adults. They will be available at Mervyn's in Dublin, and at the First Community Bank in Livermore. A limited number of tickets also will be

available at the door.

For group rates or more information, call 846-5400, Monday through Friday, from 10 to 4 p.m.

Sing A Song Of Christmas

The Valley Choral Society, directed by Edwin Flath, will present two performances of "Music of Christmas". The Choral Society will sing Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata", John Rutter's "Gloria", and baroque and traditional carols, with organ, brass and percussion accompaniment. The new Albion Brass Ensemble will join with the Valley Choral Society for both performances.

"Music of Christmas" will be presented at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, at the Presbyterian Community Church, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton 7, at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 7, at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Moco Street, Livermore.

For tickets and further information, call 462-3009, evenings.

New Zealand Exchange Program

Home-stay visits to New Zealand from April 6-20, 1985, are being offered by The Friendship Force, a non-profit cultural exchange program. Participants stay for one or two weeks in the home of hosts in New Plymouth, New Zealand, and then may travel on their own as they wish.

An information and sign-up session is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, Capital Federal Savings and Loan, 927 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Persons interested in the program, but unable to attend the December 6 session, may call 846-4265 for further information.

On The Street:

"When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?"



Mary Simms — Pleasanton Housewife — "Just a housewife, really. I wanted to raise children — and that's what I did!"

Wynn Scarlett — Telephone company employee — "I wanted to be a diesel engine engineer. My parents talked me out of it, because they wanted me to be an electrical engineer. I didn't end up being either one, but I'm happy doing what I'm doing."



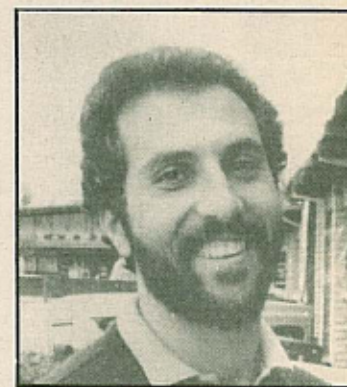
Sarah Sevey — Pleasanton resident — "My mother was a nurse — so she told my sister and I that we could be anything we wanted, as long as it wasn't nursing. I thought about being a doctor, a teacher, and a veterinarian, but I guess I never really thought seriously about what I would do. I went to San Jose State and got a degree in Home Economics. I'm not working now, but I use it at home!"



Chris Seckington — Brighton, England, resident visiting the U.S. — "I wanted to be a computer engineer — and I'm a computer engineer!"



Barbara Intelisano — Horse breeder — "I've always loved horses, so I wanted to work with horses. I didn't care what it was, just as long as I could be around them."



Ahmad Rasheed — Student, recently moved to U.S. from Palestine — "I wanted to be a pilot — for the big commercial planes. I'm now a student majoring in Business at Cal State Hayward. I just received my Baccalaureate, and now I'm going for my masters — so I guess I'll never fly planes!"

Trivia Answers

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| 1. Henry Fonda | 6. Ralph Bellamy |
| 2. William Howard Taft - 1911 | 7. Gerald Ford |
| 3. Slattery's People | 8. Dan Dailey |
| 4. Water Commissioner | 9. Sargent Shriver |
| 5. "Happy Days Are Here Again" | 10. "I Can't Get Started With You" |

Creative Coloring Kids

Winners in the Gift Gate Sanrio Happy Halloween Coloring Contest were:

Preschool:

David Kelley

1st & 2nd Grades:

Kristin Kearl
Michele Hon
Vanessa Shattuck

3rd & 4th Grades:

Sharal Carnisa
Sarah Squirrel
Gail Andrade

5th & 6th Grades:

Jeff Reber
Jessica Fox
Jeremy Kwoon

The winners all received gift packages filled with various Sanrio gift items, which were presented by Pleasanton Fire Inspector, Lee Lynch.



It's all "up in the air" for Hacienda Christmas tree decorator, Mark Glines.

Getting "High" For The Holidays

Drivers travelling along Hopyard Road last week saw Mark Glines hovering above the archway on Stoneridge Drive, marking the entrance to Hacienda Business Park, as he set about giving the Park a new face for the 1984 holiday season.

The two sixty-foot pine trees were brought down from a lumber forest in Oregon to be adorned with a complete set of "traditional holiday ornaments," says Mark. "Last year they just had white doves and bows, but this year it's much different."

Mark, a safe dealer by trade, and his assistant Tim Collins are well-known for doing "all kinds of crazy jobs", as Tim puts it. So the two men were perfect for the task at hand. "It's fun because it's sort of creative — unlike what I usually do," claims Mark.

"The original design, used last year, was developed by a landscape architect. But a lot of that just didn't work out very well," Mark explains. "This year I was able to play around with it and change what hadn't worked before." Mark claims that this year's attempt is much more intricate.

This year's decorations include

colored orbs, yards of lighting and garlands, wreaths, bows, and various other entrapments draped upon the two live Christmas trees.

Each tree is encased six feet deep in a 12-foot steel pipe. The pipe is then buried into the ground with dirt and concrete in and around it for optimum stability. All of the decorations, including the trees, have been designed to face any and all adverse weather conditions.

Mother nature posed the only real obstacle in the week-long decoration process. "It was terrible being up on the ladder, trying to hang all the lights on the trees, with the wind coming up and nearly blowing us right off!" says Mark. As for being 60 feet above the ground in a man-lift, he says, "I don't necessarily like it, but that's what I'm getting paid for! Besides," he proudly says, "it really looks great, doesn't it?"

You can drive by to see Mark and Tim's handiwork at any time during the day, or at night if you prefer to see them illuminated. The beautiful holiday scene will mark the entrance to Hacienda from now until January 3, 1985.

Handling Holiday Stress

Learn "How to Deal With Holiday Stress" from Dr. Bill Feister during a taping of Community Television's Women's Network on Thursday, December 6, at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room of Chabot Center in Hacienda Business Park.

Also featured will be an array of fascinating and affordable gifts for the man in your life.

Fern Skowland, owner of the Toad Hall Bookstore will discuss Christmas gift books for children. Fern will be

interviewed by Mary Anne Bewsher, "Window on Your Community" moderator.

Free tickets to the live broadcast are available by calling 462-3373 or 462-0380. The taped program is aired daily on Channel 30 at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. on Monday and 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Community Television is a non-profit public corporation for local access, working in association with Viacom Cablevision.

Tea With An International Flavor

The Livermore-Pleasanton Branch of the American Association of University Women will host an International Holiday Tea on Sunday, December 9, from 2-4 p.m. at the residence of Joan Leighty, 334 Cindy Court, San Ramon.

Persons attending the tea are

requested to bring a favorite tea snack from another country to give the gathering an international flair.

The hostess for the evening will share some of her holiday ideas and plans.

Further information on the event may be made by calling Barbara Hempell at 846-9739.

Community Calendar

Thursday, December 6th

Women's Network — Community Room, Chabot Center, Hacienda Business Park, 9:30 a.m. Holiday gifts and how to deal with holiday stress.

Friday, December 7th

Valley Choral Society performs Christmas music — "Christmas Cantata" and "Gloria" at Holy Cross Luthern Church, Livermore, 8:00 p.m. For more information and tickets, call 462-3009, evenings.

Dance Concert — Chabot College/Valley Campus, Room 601, 8:00 p.m. For further information, call 455-5300.

Friday-Sunday, December 7th-9th

A Christmas Carol — Dublin Theatre, Dublin High School. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees, 3 p.m. Call 846-4500 for tickets and information.

Monday, December 10th

Chabot College Concert Choir — Kirk Mechem's "Seven Joys of Christmas". Presbyterian Church, Livermore, 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 13th

Women's Network — Community Room, Chabot Center in Hacienda Business Park, 9:30 a.m. Guest Chef Sigi prepares easy dinner appetizers and festive party ideas; Jacquie Williams, manager of Alden Lane Nursery, will demonstrate how to make holiday wreaths. A local veterinarian will discuss pets as Christmas gifts. Free tickets are available by calling 462-3373 or 463-0280.

Friday-Sunday, December 14th-16th

A Christmas Carol — The Barn, Pacific Avenue, Livermore. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees, 3 p.m. For tickets and information, call 846-4500.

Wednesday, December 19th

Fourth Annual Community Christmas Party — Veteran's Hall, Main and Bernal Streets, 7:30 p.m.

Pleasanton Newcomers Cookie Exchange — 7:30 to 9 p.m. For further information, call 462-8357 by Monday, December 17.

Friday-Sunday, December 21st-23rd

A Christmas Carol — Veteran's Hall, Pleasanton. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees, 3 p.m. For tickets and information, call 846-4500.

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Raider representatives (front row, l-r) are: Brian Mutcher and Jeff Lemmo, (back row, l-r) Mark Mascari, Sr.; Mark Mascari, Jr.; Danny Lemmo and Robin Lemmo.

Junior Pigskin Champs

The Pleasanton Junior Football League Raiders are one winning football club! The junior Raiders, boys aged 10-13, won their division for the second consecutive year, without ever being scored against — not one touchdown, not one field goal. Even the team's Raiderettes cheerleading squad took top honors in the cheerleading competition.

Coach Robin Lemmo attributes the team's success to dedication. "Sure, it takes a lot of time. But if you're going to be out there, you should really give it 100 percent!", says Lemmo. "A lot of the coaches mean well, but they don't stick with it long enough to really learn how to teach these kids."

Lemmo and assistant coach, Mark Mascari have been working together for three years now. The first year, the Raiders took third place and "lost all the time!", according to Lemmo. But last year, things started turning around and they won first place with only 10 points scored against them all season.

Team members contributing to the unprecedented scoreless season were Danny Lemmo, Cori Tanner, Jeff Lem-

mo, Ryan Korsting, Erik Hofstede, Mark Mascari, Jr., Adam Jennings, Todd Davis, Scott Easley, Brian Mutchler, Keith Huppert, Ra Perl, Robert Flaherty, John Harper, Jim Lipman, Andy Thorson, Erik Kramar, and Scott Hofstede.

Senior Division Champions were the Senior Colts, coached by Dave Boyd and assistant coach George Gunter, who finished the season 7-2 to take first place. Team members are: Kevin Walsh, Jason Ruckteschler, Brian Boster, Tim Manning, Andy Boyd, Greg Aiken, Jeff DeCoite, Jeff Schwabenland, Mike Hoptry, Shane Jardine, Mike Daley, Chris Mueller, Carl Grubbs, Jason Gunter, Mark Warncke, Pete Santero, and Roger Siebe.

"An important thing about PJFL is that every boy plays, regardless of athletic ability. By the end of the season, each boy has learned teamwork and that winning is not the most important thing," says Coach Lemmo. "I think it's a great way for boys to learn football. Besides, it's really a lot of fun!"

Amador Basketball Classic Scheduling Details

Games begin at 7:00 p.m. on December 13th at Amador High. Dublin High School and Amador High School will be playing at 8:30 p.m. on the 13th. Winners of each game will advance toward the semi-finals, playing at 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on December 14th. Consolation matches will be held at 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. that same day.

Final matches will be played on December 15th. The Championship game is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. with the Consolation final being played at 5:30 p.m.

Games to determine third and seventh place teams will be held at 7:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the 15th, respectively.

Teeing Off For Tots

The Seventh Annual Cole's Market Golf Tournament benefitting Mulberry Branch of Children's Hospital in Oakland was held recently at Castlewood Country Club.

Winners of the tournament included Jeff Early, low net; Harold Zosel, Sr., handicap and Bob Whitman, blind bogey flight.

Grand prize trips, donated by Carefree Travel and Amador Travel,

were awarded by drawing names from all the players.

Bob Philcox won a cruise to Acapulco via Holland America Lines and Lou Drago was winner of a trip for two to Cancun, via American Airlines. Hotel accommodations are furnished by Sheraton Hotels.

Malcolm Cheminais was the winner of a trip for two to Las Vegas.

Ski Report

Equipment — "The Right Stuff"



By Dave Williams

There's good news for those purchasing ski equipment this year.

First: Skis, boots and bindings have all benefitted from computer and space-age technology. Better materials, better quality controls and scientific fine-tuning have produced subtle improvements that are bound to improve performance, safety and enjoyment.

Second: As most ski equipment is produced overseas, and because the American dollar has been jutting over other world currencies like the Grand Tetons over Jackson Hole, price increases are almost non-existent this year.

SKIS: It's difficult to buy a bad pair of skis these days. Oh sure, you can buy skis that aren't your size or not matched to your skiing ability and terrain preferences, but darn near every ski on the market nowadays is a well-crafted, solid investment.

Improvements for this year's crop of skis include harder and faster bases, and vibration control systems. In addition, some manufacturers have put

their skis on diets, shedding a few ounces and thus making turning that much easier. And, as always, ski cosmetics seem to get prettier every year.

BOOTS: The biggest change for this year is the further proliferation of rear-entry models. Favored over the conventional step-in format because of comfort, rear-entry boots are now available for *all* performance levels.

It used to be that if you wanted all-out, rack-and-pinion performance from a ski boot, you had to contort your foot into a super-stiff, step-in model and fasten a series of tortuous buckles. Rear-entry boots were for "convenience" skiers, those who didn't need precise performance from a boot.

Although you might not be able to convince the Mahre Brothers to switch to rear-entry boots — yet — the new versions are getting very close to matching the top performance characteristics of the more conventional boots.

BINDINGS: There are no revolutionary advancements in this year's offering of ski bindings. Suffice it to say that they are more fool-proof than ever and have further distanced themselves from what was state-of-the-art as recently as the mid-1970s.

For best selection of skis and boot sizes, it's a good idea to shop early in the season — certainly before Christmas. Then again, by waiting until mid-January you can sometimes find the equipment you covet on sale. And when shopping for ski equipment remember this rule of thumb: Spend whatever you have to on the most comfortable ski boots you can find, buy reputable bindings and if there's any money left, that's when you start looking for skis.

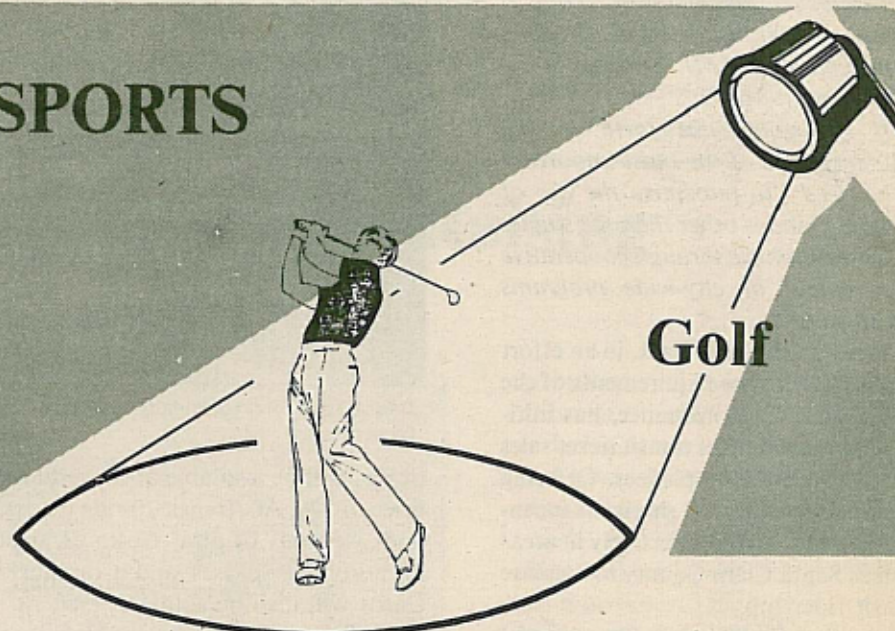


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"I always wanted to be a golfer . . ."



Policeman/Golfer — Licensed To Drive

There's a lot more to Pleasanton Policeman Aaron Ackerman than his badge might suggest. Aaron happens to be an exceptional golfer, who considered turning professional when he was playing in college. Although he's given up on the hopes of becoming a playing pro, he's hardly given up on the game.

This year Aaron and his golf partner, a Walnut Creek police officer, Stuart Roloson, claimed the gold at the annual Police Olympics Golf Competition in Sacramento and they placed third, winning the bronze, in the international Police Olympics which is held every three years, and was in Tucson, Arizona this year.

"Everyone has a lot of fun, and it's not 'cut throat' like it is in the pros."

Aaron plays anywhere from eight to twelve tournaments a year, and really enjoys playing in the amateur atmosphere. "Everyone has a lot of fun, and it's not 'cut throat' like it is in the pros," he says. "Most of the people playing in amateur tournaments are competitive, but they can have a good time as well."

The Ackermans lived near a golf course in Walnut Creek, where Aaron grew up. He started playing at the age of nine because, "it was just something to do!" he laughs. "All of my friends played. We'd go down and toss around the golf clubs. I think we broke and lost a hundred clubs, throwing them into the water and stuff — we were just having fun."

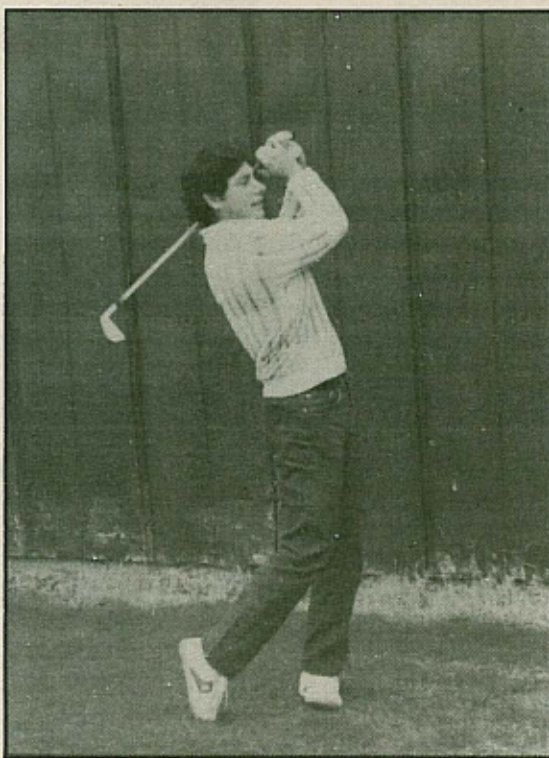
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Golf became more serious in high school and college for Aaron. He graduated from Ignacio Valley High School in Walnut Creek where he played numerous other varsity sports. But it was golf that he pursued collegiately, playing at San

Diego State and Sacramento State while he studied criminal law.

Aaron didn't plan on being a police officer. He explains, "I always wanted to be a golfer — but the competition is unbelievable! You're constantly up against guys who are just as good as you, or better — and it all comes down to who's having a good day. It was very frustrating at times."

An ex-instructor at Diablo Valley Junior College, Dan Martin, deserves the credit for Aaron's interest



Aaron Ackerman demonstrates his medal winning form.

in the Pleasanton Police Department. A Pleasanton resident for many years, Martin suggested that Aaron apply here because of the opportunities and the sound revenue the city was realizing.

"The only time I'd ever been to Pleasanton was to go to the Fair — and that was off and then back on the freeway. I got lost on Main Street when I came for my first interview!" he jokes. Aaron moved to Pleasanton a year ago, and he's very happy with his new home and life as a police officer here.

He's very close to his family, and visits his father and mother, Bob and Lee; and sister Laurie, in Walnut Creek frequently. But life is good for Of-

ficer Ackerman in Pleasanton. Aaron is an outdoorsy type of person who loves to fish and hunt, and escapes with his father as often as it is possible to do so.

Even though he's also very interested in thoroughbreds, and spends some of his spare time following the horses, his first love will always be golf. His friends call him "the Golf Pro," and he is still very competitive, averaging 74-76 for an 18-hole match. But his amateur success is sometimes disconcerting to him.

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Aaron wins a lot. Recently he took 2nd at the California Highway Patrol Tournament, in which he was playing against 160 other golfers. "Sometimes when I do this well, knowing that I'm at least three or four strokes worse than I was in college, I think, 'I wonder how good I'd be if I would have kept going?'" A lot of guys I golfed with, and some that I was better than, are pros now," he says.

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But for Aaron, there are no serious regrets. Professional golf is expensive, very time consuming, and it's a long shot to expect to win big. "I'm happy doing what I'm doing. I play three or four times a week — more during the nice weather — and I have a good time." Besides, it leaves more time for "wild" Aaron Ackerman to hunt, fish, ski, and play softball. His philosophical conclusion? "No, I just don't think I have the dedication it takes to be a pro golfer. I know I made the right decision."

Transit Tickets on Sale for Hacienda Employees

By Dorothy Kraemer, Hacienda Transportation Intern

The Pleasanton City Council has determined a 45% reduction of peak hour traffic in Pleasanton will be necessary over the next four years. To help achieve this goal, the council passed the Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Ordinance in October of 1984.

Of the goals put forth in the ordinance, one of the most important is the need "to maximize the use of commute modes other than the single-occupancy vehicle through cooperative development of city-wide programs and means."

Hacienda Business Park, in an effort to comply with the requirements of the Pleasanton TSM ordinance, has initiated convenient mass transit ticket sales for all Hacienda employees. Offering transit ticket sales on-site is an incentive that has worked effectively in areas such as Santa Clara County to increase transit ridership.

Initially, BART, AC Transit and Contra Costa Transit tickets will be sold, but the variety of tickets available will be expanded in response to employee's interests. \$21 Adult BART



Donna Fernandez, community coordinator sells a BART ticket to Jeanne Lunde of CPS Accounting Department.

tickets will be available at the reduced price of \$20. AC Transit 20-ride tickets, and Central Contra Costa Transit monthly bus passes and Commuter Cards will also be sold.

Tickets for December are on sale to Hacienda Business Park employees through December 5, 1984, at the Chabot Center Community Room, 4637 Chabot Drive, room 107, from

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets for subsequent months will be available from the 25th of the month preceeding the month in which they are to be used and continue through the 5th of the following month.

The transit pass program, "Regional Transit Connection", was recently established by the Metropolitan Trans-

portation Commission. The purpose of the program is to make the sale of transit tickets to employees at the work site as convenient as possible for employers. By making only one phone call, the company transportation coordinator can order tickets from several transit systems. Before the program was established, employers would have had to contact the transit agencies individually. With "Regional Transit Connection", the sales procedure is uniform for all tickets, and allows employers to get the tickets on consignment. At the end of the selling period, the company returns any unsold tickets and the money collected for tickets sold. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission hopes that this new procedure will encourage employers to promote transit and make it more convenient for employees who ride BART or other transit services.

Employers interested in participating in the Regional Transit Connection Program should contact Carol Condon at (415) 949-1250. Hacienda employees should contact their commute coordinator for more information: AT&T, Jennifer Henard and Dale Chesnutt at 460-4562; Crum & Forster, Denise Frak at 847-2605; and Chabot Center, Polly Welsh at 463-2300.

One Man — Two Careers . . .

Serving Country And Community

For twenty-three years, Pleasanton's Don Savery served his country as a career officer in the United States Army. Don retired at Camp Parks and began working at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. At that time, Don took a class in first aid at Chabot College. That class changed his life dramatically.

Because of his interest in the health field, sparked by that first class, Don went on to teach first aid for the Red Cross, obtained an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) certificate to work part-time with a local ambulance service, and eventually returned to school, graduating in 1982 as a Registered Nurse.

"It's definitely a complete change from what I was doing before," says Don. "But I didn't decide on the career change overnight — it just kind of evolved from the first aid class." Don enjoys his work, saying "It's a very fascinating field and I really enjoy working with people."

It's not without its problems, however. Is Don still enjoying nursing? "I'm sort of ambivalent about that. I'm glad I made the change," he says. "On the other hand, it's far more arduous on a continual basis than anything I ever did in the service!"

According to Don, nursing is incredibly stressful, both physically and mentally. "You're constantly under stress. If you're in charge of, say eight rooms, well . . . you can never be in eight rooms at once. And there's a lot of lifting and moving patients. It's very hard physical work — especially on the lower back."

Even that which is rewarding can sometimes be depressing. Don also gives his time as a volunteer with Hope Hospice, a community based volunteer group which offers support to the ter-



Nurse Don Savery, shows daughter Sharon the proper technique for taking blood pressure.

minally ill who wish to remain in their home surroundings, as opposed to remaining hospitalized.

"Acute hospitals in this country provide the best care in the world. But the decline of the extended family, combined with modern medicine means families have little or no experience with home care of patients who are dying," he explains. "Hospices such as the Hope Hospice emphasize quality of life for those who are dying. They are kept pain free and alert, living at home in familiar surroundings with loved one around them."

Don, as well as most of the Hospice volunteers, take care of one patient at a time. He visits several times a week to make the necessary adjustments in care. "The main thing is to make sure they are comfortable and pain free," he says. "It can be very, very sad — those people are in the twilight of their lives and that can be very traumatic. But a lot of the unknowns are dispelled, and you see that people can die peacefully

and without pain."

Being a male nurse has its own problems. Working on the surgical floor at the Human Hospital in San Leandro, Don's patients are frequently surprised when he walks in the door after they've paged the nurses' station. "They often think I'm the doctor! But I'd say 99% of them are very pleased when they find out I'm their nurse. Only once in a while is there someone who doesn't like it."

Don and his wife, Donnie, have lived in Pleasanton for 10 years. Donnie manages Chic Affairs on Main Street. The couple have three children, Cynthia, 23; Sonia, 19; and Sharon, 13. The family pet is a miniature little mop of a Pomeranian sarcastically named "Killer".

If you would like more information on the Hope Hospice, you may call 462-9353. The Hospice is always in need of more volunteers — both R.N.'s and Lay People.

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Warnings

and turn on your windshield wipers. Avoid crossing traffic whenever possible and listen for traffic you may not see. You should never stop along a roadway, but if you must, park as far from driving lanes as possible.

For those of you planning to head up into the mountains this winter, there are some winter driving tips you should know about. The AAA suggests that you always carry chains, check your antifreeze before departure, and have the proper tires for winter conditions.

Metal studded tires are permitted in California from November 1 to April 1, and snow tires are permitted "providing they have what the Motor Vehicle code defines as a 'deep and aggressive tread pattern,' and are of a type and design manufactured for use on snow," according to AAA. Most importantly, any tires you drive in the snow should be in excellent condition.

When driving in the snow, be sure to reduce normal speed, take curves cautiously, and avoid braking, swerving, accelerating or lowering gears too rapidly, especially on slick surfaces. If you should begin skidding, do not slam on your brakes. Gently turn into the same direction in which the rear end is skidding.

In short, winter driving requires special adjustments in speed and driving techniques. Slow down and don't take chances. It may require a little more of your time, but it will increase your chances of arriving safe and sound. So remember to be extra cautious and stay alert on the winter roads.