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Display of Yesterday's And Today's Toys

When children visit the Amador-Livermore Historical Society Museum, curator Ann Doss likes to tell them that toys were not always meant as playthings.

"I like to point out to boys and girls that toys were once meant for learning," says Doss.

The museum is offering a sampling of yesterday's toys and games now through the end of February. The museum is located at 603 Main St.

Extremely detailed milk wagons, tractors and other miniature farm equipment are a few of the fascinating toys on exhibit. However, such implements were originally used as commercial displays by manufacturers, according to Doss.

To further illustrate Doss' idea of toys as learning aids, she points out the "Mother's Helper" series of tiny flour sifters, cookie cutters and other kitchen implements. There is even a working electric stove.

"These items were made for teaching young girls the basics of homemaking," she says.

Echoing Doss's words is the package from a 1923 Singer Toy Sewing machine. It reads, "As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined."



Ann Doss and Pat Rodriguez display a few of the Victorian dolls which are part of the museum's antique toys and games exhibit.

The entire exhibit, which includes more than 100 pieces, was assembled through loans from Tri-Valley families. The antique dolls were loan-

ed through the work of a Valleywide group called the Golden Hills Doll Club.

Dolls ranging in age from more than

a century old to present-day Barbie dolls are part of the exhibit. Doss explains that several of the Victorian

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Poster Deadline January 31

Deadline for placement on a whimsical poster of Pleasanton has been extended to the end of January, artist Gary Winter has announced.

Winter is producing a colorful drawing which depicts prominent community leaders, landmarks and businesses in Pleasanton. More than 120 businesses have purchased space on the 40-inch by 30-inch watercolor poster, according to Winter, who said that there are approximately 25 spaces remaining.

The map is scheduled for printing in late February. Winter said he plans to donate portions of the 15,000 limited edition posters to the Pleasanton Recreation Department and the Pleasanton Library for use as fundraising items. The maps will be sold for \$3 each.

In the past, Winter has designed such posters for Dublin, San Ramon and Danville.

Winter, 38, is a Pleasanton resident. Part of his research for the drawing included studying the community's history. For an authentic and interesting effect, Winter said he intends to surprise community leaders with some of the more colorful aspects of the city's past.

To purchase a space on Winter's poster, call him at 447-4258.

Volunteer Program

H.P. Enriches Lives Of Disabled Individuals

An employee at Hewlett Packard in Pleasanton is helping to enrich the lives of the disabled by participating in a job training program called Computer Access Project.

Sue Porter, a sales support associate, arranged for her company to donate six computer terminals that will help establish a job training program at United Cerebral Palsy of Alameda-Contra Costa Counties in Oakland.

"The idea is to train these severely disabled people to have marketable skills," said Porter. "I'd like to help them feel like they'll be part of the future."

Porter is one of 14 members of the project's business advisory board that helped lay the groundwork for the six-month job training program.

Other firms that are represented on the advisory board include Hercules Graphics in Berkeley, Shortt Accountancy Corporation in Danville, Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco, Lotus Development in San Francisco, Merritt-Peralta Hospital in Oakland, IBM in Oakland, Q-Tech in San Ramon and Certified FlexStaff in Oakland.

Because each company will donate equipment, students can learn accounting and computer drafting skills on the latest in computer technology, according to Kathleen Martin, project

coordinator for United Cerebral Palsy.

"Sue Porter has not hesitated to help us with anything we needed," said Kathleen Martin. "She helped interview the first students and now she is helping us locate the proper equipment. She's been super supportive of the entire project."

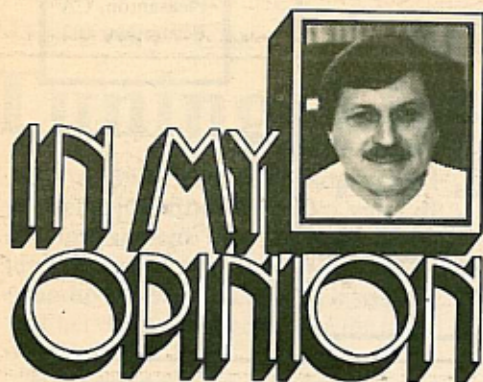
Classes for the first group of students are scheduled to begin in January. Martin said that the Oakland

chapter plans to establish a cottage industry where disabled individuals could work on a contract basis for small businesses.

Since HP's Sue Porter was so active in the program, Martin said that Porter was selected to be the subject of a video-taped interview which will air on KGO's channel 7 on Jan. 18 and 19 during the United Cerebral Palsy National Telethon.



Sue Porter combines her work with a volunteer program to help disabled individuals find jobs.



In My Opinion is a bimonthly column featuring the opinions of guest editors. This column is by Bill Lenson, President of Pleasanton Rotary and owner of William A. Lenson Insurance Agency, Inc.

EVOLUTION OF ROTARY

In 1905, a young attorney named Paul Harris, struggling to build his legal practice in Chicago, Illinois, felt a deep need to rescue the professional man from isolation and occupational loneliness and to dignify the occupations of tradesmen.

Paul invited three men to his office to talk about a club to accomplish his idea. A club based on beliefs that men of business and the professions could and should be personal friends.

"Today, there are 23,000 clubs in 159 countries..."

On February 23, 1905, the first club was formed consisting of Paul, a tailor, a mining engineer and a coal dealer. The next day a printer and real estate agent joined. Today, there are 23,000 clubs in 159 countries and it is projected that the one millionth member will join a club somewhere in the world during the week of February 17, 1986.

The object of Rotary is "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise", and their motto is "Service Above Self".

In the beginning, when a member was accepted into the club he was given a classification for his profession and no other person could join that club in the same line of work. Today, classifications have been broken down into subclasses, and if at all possible a member in a related profession is admitted.

"The object of Rotary is 'to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise...'"

Over the years, Rotary has changed emphasis through the four Avenues of Service. Club Service is friendship and acquaintanceship; Vocational Service to foster high ethical standards; Community Service developed from a need to give back to the community that which spawned individual success through hundreds of projects for youth, the needy, and for community betterment activities; and finally International Services, which is the main emphasis today.

Technological advances in communications have made everyone aware of the international activities on a daily basis. The Rotary has truly evolved to a major international body capable of accomplishing tremendous goals.

The Rotary has embarked on a project to eliminate polio from the world by their 200th birthday, in the year 2005, and they will succeed. Rotary has inoculated over six million children in India against the measles and approximately 60 million children worldwide for polio. By using their own resources

and manpower, they can inoculate children for approximately .06 cents each.

On April 20, 1985, the Rotary organized to inoculate all San Salvador children against polio in one day. To do this, Rotary met with both the insurgents and government leaders to request a one day cease fire. Rotary stopped that war for one day of peace and humanity, as the agreement was honored by both sides.

The reason for Rotary's success can be attributed to the Rotary Foundation, which is a Philanthropic Trust organized to further understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations.

The foundation is supported by its members as they become fellows. A Paul Harris fellow contributes a minimum of \$1000 to the foundation. With these funds the Rotary provides graduate and undergraduate scholarships, technical training awards, group study exchanges and special grants.

Rotary scholarship programs exceed both Rhodes and Fulbright awards combined, and are broader in assistance.

"The Rotary has truly evolved to a major international body..."

The Rotary 3-H program refers to the work of the Health, Hunger and Humanity Organization, which combats health problems, relieves conditions of hunger, and demonstrates humanitarian concerns for the quality of life for all people.

Currently Rotary International, through special appeal to every club, is sending aid to victims of the Mexico City earthquake, the Colombia volcanic eruption, Philippines typhoons and floods in West Virginia.

The Pleasanton Rotary Club consists of 110 members and is growing rapidly. The Interact Clubs sponsored at Foothill and Amador High Schools have been very rewarding, and have provided young people with opportunities to enjoy the fun and fellowship of service to others.

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The Rotary continues to engage in Club, Community and Vocational services, but has moved to participate more heavily in the International area. The local Rotary has raised over \$10,000 for the elimination of polio, and recently embarked on a long range goal to develop an ongoing trade school with a Sister City Rotary Club in Tulancingo, Mexico.

The initial start up cost for this project was \$16,000. In the past, local Rotarians have always reached deep into their own pockets for projects to be accomplished in the City of Pleasanton, such as the blue dot reflectors for firefighters to find hydrants on the roads at night or in the fog. The local parcourses, and the trees planted in the Sports Park, are other examples of local Rotary projects.

The recent decision to develop international projects means the local Rotary will need monetary assistance from the Pleasanton Community. A major fund raising event in March of this year will generate funding for the Tulancingo project, and for the increase of scholarships to Foothill, Amador, and Valley High Schools. We are looking forward to the new challenges of 1986.

Anyone desiring additional information about Rotary may direct their inquiries to Bill Lenson at 462-6080.



Ed Mayo stars as Jeffery, and Melody Francis stars as Hope in the Pleasanton Playhouse production of "Something's Afoot." The play opens on Jan. 17.

"Something's Afoot"

After-Show Gala At Stafford's

Pleasanton Playhouse will celebrate the Jan. 17 opening night performance of "SOMETHING'S AFOOT" with an after-show gala at Stafford's in Dublin. The gala price of \$5.50 includes hors d'oeuvres and beverages. This festive event offers approximately 250 theatergoers the opportunity to meet the cast of this musical spoof of Agatha Christie mystery novels.

The opening night performance begins at 8 p.m. in the Amador auditorium, Pleasanton, with the gala immediately following the show.

Tickets to this performance and gala

are available by calling 449-2326.

Pleasanton Playhouse is a non-profit community theater group dedicated to presenting high quality, professional productions.

Since its incorporation last year, Pleasanton Playhouse has presented "Godspell", "Plaza Suite", "Funny Girl", "Fiddler On The Roof", "No No Nanette", and "The King & I".

Other performances of "Something's Afoot" will be on Jan. 18, 25, 31, and Feb. 1 at 8 p.m., Jan. 19, 25, and 26, at 2 p.m.

Family Enrichment Classes For Parents

The Pleasanton Department of Parks and Community Services is promoting family enrichment classes for parents during the winter season. Classes offered are: School Problems, Parents of Teens, and Parents of Six to Twelve Year Olds. Dr. Fred Hirschberg will be conducting the classes.

"School Problems" will instruct parents on how to avoid power struggles over school work, encourage greater responsibility towards school work, and how to handle notes and calls from school. The class is on Tuesdays, Jan. 14 to the 28, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. in the Community Clubhouse on Black Avenue. The cost is \$30.

"Parents of Teens" will encourage parents to use open communication and less isolation at home in order to help teens feel better about themselves. Classes are on Tuesdays, Feb. 4, to the 25, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. in the Community Clubhouse. The cost is \$40.

"Parents of Six to Twelve Year Olds" will show parents how to help children feel better about themselves.

It will focus on the child who has trouble coping with mistakes, frustrations and disappointment. The class will be held on Tuesdays, March 4 to the 18, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. in the Community Clubhouse. The cost is \$30.

For more information call 847-8160.

Half-day Workshop Series

Fourth Annual Parent University

More than three hundred parents are expected to participate in the Fourth Annual Parent University on Saturday, Jan. 25, according to Amador Valley Joint Union High School District officials.

The half-day workshop series is being sponsored by the Amador Valley Joint Union High School and Pleasanton Joint School districts.

Between 8:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., three parenting workshops will be held in the Amador Valley High multipurpose room at 1155 Santa Rita Rd.

Dr. Bill James, superintendent of

the Amador and Pleasanton school districts, will be the keynote speaker.

More than a dozen local professionals have donated their time and expertise to participate in the event, and parents can choose to attend three out of 19 workshops. Topics range from improving parent/child relations to selecting the right college.

Advance registration is required. Forms are available in the school district administrative offices at 123 Main St. or by calling 462-5500. A \$10 per person registration fee covers refreshments and printed materials.



Amador Valley Adult School Director Don Seaver is tackling tougher state funding guidelines.

Personality Profile

An Educator With Many Hats

These days, former California Bears lineman Don Seaver is up against tougher competition than the 240-pound running back variety.

Even trickier than a double reverse, the Amador Valley Adult School director is tackling tougher than ever state funding guidelines for Amador Valley High School District vocational and adult education programs.

"This year has been the worst year for change," said Seaver. "Everytime we turn our backs, they make a new law."

Seaver said federal grants administered by the state were previously allocated through a single grant application. Now, each school has to submit a separate one, and various programs will be vying for the same amount of money.

"The grant-funding process is becoming competitive, which is ok, but there's still the same amount of money to go around," said Seaver.

As Amador Valley's adult school director, Seaver is also administrator for the Center for Independent Study, an alternative high school at Pleasanton Elementary School. In addition, he oversees the district's summer school program which operates out of Dublin and Amador high schools and the vocational education program.

"I change hats about once every two or three hours," he said.

The adult school operates on a state-funded annual budget of \$325,000.

Funding is based partially on class time, or average daily attendance. For every 525 hours of class time, the adult school receives \$1,159 from the state.

This year, the adult school was able to add classes in science, office skills, parent education and interior design. Seaver feels that the adult school curriculum should concentrate on classes that provide job training skills.

"All you have to do is look down the road and see where the opportunities are. If we don't provide job training, then we're missing the boat," he said.

Since Seaver joined the adult school five years ago, he has expanded the curriculum to include additional classes in office skills, computer programming and word processing.

"In the Tri-Valley area, office skills and computer programming are in demand," he said.

This year marks Seaver's 34th anniversary with the district. A veteran teacher and football coach, Seaver spent several years each as assistant principal at Dublin High and head counselor at Amador Valley.

The 62-year-old Seaver is shy about listing his accomplishments. In the past, he has been instrumental in helping to establish a swimming program at Amador Valley. He has also been involved in fund-raising efforts for the Amador Valley Scholarship, Inc., a college scholarship service for district students.

Notes from Lilly's Pad

If my Holiday dinners are any indication of what type of year is in store for me in 1986, it should certainly be a good one.

I lucked out this season and didn't have to do any of the cooking

My daughter-in-law, Sue, who cooked the Christmas dinner, is an excellent gourmet cook. She loves cooking and I don't think she could produce a bad meal if she tried.

And then there is my daughter Pam who loves to eat as long as someone else does the cooking. She loves making desserts and eating them, but she is the only one in the family who can do that and not show it.

However, lately Pam has been picking up a few good cooking lessons from Sue, and I must say Pam's cooking abilities have improved tremendously.

The New Year's dinner prepared by Pam and her good friend Mike Nicholas was outstanding, to say the least.

Pam and her traveling companion, Mike, took a trip back to his home in Massachusetts for Christmas. This was the

first time Pam was not home for the special day, (guess who cried and felt lost?).

As a pleasant surprise to the rest of the family, Pam and Mike managed to carry two large boxes of live lobsters on the plane to us for a unique dinner.

Having been raised in Massachusetts, Mike is an old hand in handling those active little creatures. He was also very knowledgeable about cooking the soon-to-be delectable dinner.

Mike was in charge of the lobsters. Pam took on the task of preparing the rest of the dinner and table arrangements.

I, in the meantime, sat sipping a wine selected by the cooks and watched the performance of preparing a perfect meal by two laypersons.

I have seen the process of cooking live lobsters at Fishermen's Wharf, and in that atmosphere it appears to be a natural procedure. However, when this same action took place in my kitchen, a different feeling came over me.

The final display and consumption of the gourmet dinner was a delight above and beyond anyone's greatest imagination.

As I painfully try to burn off all those delicious calories, I also wonder how I might entice these two newly discovered cooks to perform a similar feat more frequently.

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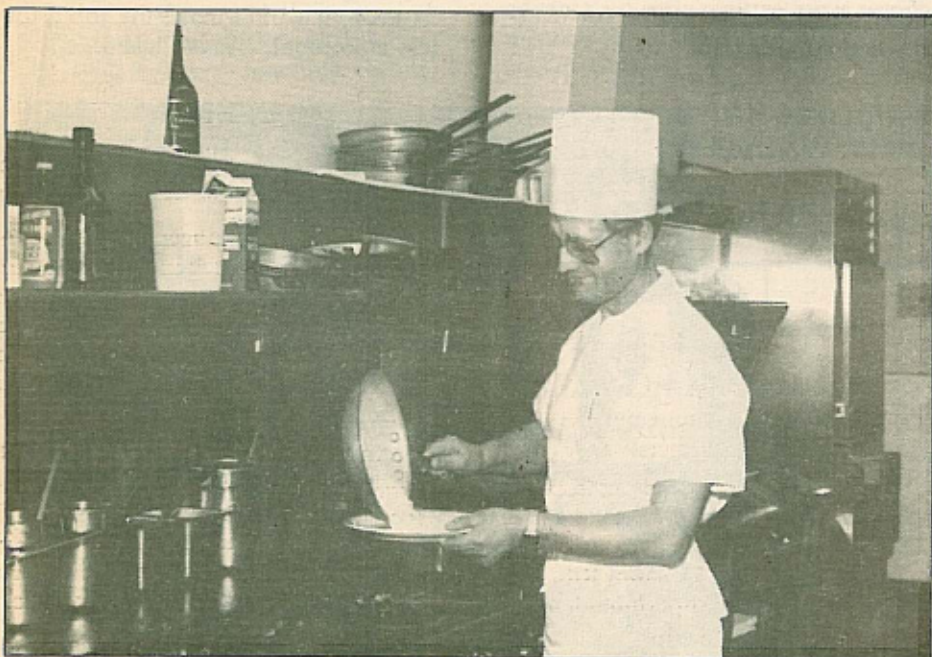
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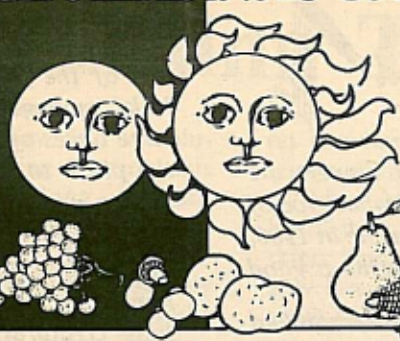


Taste Of The Valley



LaRochelle chef Jerry Bindi prepares Tortellini Alla Panna for the Valley Volunteer Center's upcoming Taste of the Valley fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Pleasanton Hilton at 7050 Johnson Drive. In addition to Valley wineries, approximately 30 restaurants and bakeries are expected to participate in the event. For tickets, call 462-3570.

THE ALMANAC SAYS



Halley's Comet

By the advent of 1986, you've probably heard quite a bit about this year's most spectacular visitor -- a fiery ball of dust known as Halley's comet.

Maybe you've even seen Comet Fever Pills, Comet T-shirts, Comet gas-masks and other hype that's selling as fast as April is approaching. During April, viewers will have the best opportunity to see Halley's comet, especially in the Southern Hemisphere. The comet will be closest to the earth then -- about 39 million miles away.

Many comet items will probably be purchased by present-day collectors as souvenirs so they may retell the story to their grandchildren. In high-tech 1986, society is too sophisticated to become superstitious about the passing of the most famous comet.

Or is it?

Throughout history, comets have been shrouded in superstition and blamed for a host of malevolent events. Even the Aztecs believed that a comet was a harbinger of calamity. And just 75 years ago, the following headlines appeared in the Denver Post during the spring of 1910:

- * "Are Comet-Tailed Eggs Never Known Before Produced by the Sky Hobo?"
- * "Haley's (sic) Proves Regular Home Wrecker"
- * "Why Comets Have Caused Death, Insanity, Murder, Riots, War And Pestilence And How Superstitious Fear Of Them Lingers Among Men"
- * "Pretty Girl Robs Comet Observer. Went Through His Pockets As He Was Gazing Through Telescope"

Sound like fodder for National Inquirer headlines?

Maybe so, but it's quite likely that one or two similar headlines could be carried by newspapers after the passing of Halley's Comet. If Twinkies could make front page, then why not a comet?



Roy Ficken: Pet identification would make his job a lot less emotional.

Animal Control Officer Has Been Fighting Cartoon Image For Three Years

Ever since Roy Ficken joined the city's Animal Service and Rescue team three years ago, he's been fighting a cartoon image.

"You know, the one where the dog catcher is a fat man with a net," says Ficken. "I have no desire to be like those cartoons."

But while Ficken is neither overweight nor carries a net, he does cover an average of 60 miles per day in the city's animal rescue van. Depending on the season, he answers between five and 10 calls per day.

He is most often called on to quiet barking dogs. Although noisy pooches are a nuisance, in most cases Ficken solves the problem by writing the owner a letter or knocking on his door.

Occasionally, people call Ficken for other types of things, such as snakes inside houses or cows on the freeway. In summer, Ficken says he's answered as many as three calls a day for snakes that were loose in homes.

You name it, and Ficken says he's seen almost everything. He once answered a call to rescue a dog caught inside a vacuum cleaner.

"It was a sunny afternoon," explains Ficken. "And the dog was sleeping in the sun. A child came along with a vacuum cleaner and the dog got sucked into it."

By the time Ficken arrived, the family was in a state of panic.

"It was a small dog and his tail got wrapped around the roller. It was easy for me to get him out," he says.

After Christmas, Ficken, and his part-time assistant, Linda Taylor, are as busy as post-holiday shoppers. He says it is also a time when the Santa Rita Animal Shelter is ripe for overcrowded conditions.

"Everybody buys those little pups or bunnies or anything cute. And then they get bored with them," explains Ficken. "So they call us."

Ficken says he has no desire to bring homeless animals to the Santa Rita facility. He describes himself as a "necessary evil" in the community.

"Overpopulation among animals is a human problem," says Ficken. "All I can do is try to educate people about owning pets."

The city's animal services program operates seven days per week for at least eight hours. Ideally, Ficken says he'd like it to operate 17 hours per day.

The city has one rescue van, which holds a small stretcher, animal tranquilizers, rope and other equipment needed for emergencies.

Ironically, Ficken holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Cal State Hayward. He has also completed coursework for a master's degree in the same subject.

"If people could understand animals, everything would be so simple," he says. "But owning a pet is a simple thing, as long as the owner puts a tag on the animal so that we can return it to its home."

He claims that a considerable number of dogs and cats are put to sleep each year because people either do not claim their lost pets at the Santa Rita facility, or the animal services personnel cannot return the pet for lack of an identifying tag and a phone number.

"If people would license their dogs and put identification tags on their animals, whether it's a cat, rabbit, or anything that can have a collar around its neck, it would make my job a lot less emotional," says Ficken.

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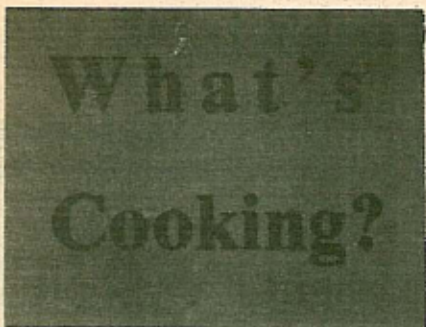
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Lions' Club members Hank Gomez, Jim Rashleigh and Tony Macchiano are expecting a small army for the group's Annual Crab Feed on Saturday, Feb. 1 in the exhibition hall at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The Lions' Club members are expecting to serve about 600 people at the crab feast which begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets at \$18 per person can be reserved by calling Ben Fernandez at 846-4423.



For Coralie Castle, breadmaking and gardening have a lot in common.

"They're both very soothing kinds of work," said Castle, who has written 11 cookbooks on subjects ranging from breadmaking to leftovers.

Castle will be coming to Pleasanton's Duke Etc. on Friday, Jan. 17, to conduct a class on bread and soup making. For information, call 462-3332.

Born and raised in Chicago, the 61-year-old author came to California nearly 30 years ago. Castle, who presently lives in San Rafael, said she is a self-taught cook.

"My mother never even used garlic. Can you imagine life without garlic?" said Castle.

While working for a charity organization in Marin, she hit on the idea for her first book.

"I was always thinking up ways to raise money for the Marin Communi-



Coralie Castle

ty Workshop. Finally, I wrote a little book on soup," she said.

"Charity is a wonderful way to start your career," said Castle.

But it was nearly two years before Castle found a publisher. She had several rejection notices before 101 Productions in San Francisco published "Soup" in 1971.

To date, she has 400,000 books in circulation and another 35,000 marketed in foreign countries and through book clubs. Her most recent book, a revised edition of "The Hors D'Oeuvre Book," was released in November by 101 Productions.

Although she takes pains to ensure that her books are written for the layman, Castle said she gets many of her ideas from what she observes in restaurants.

"I come home from a restaurant and start experimenting. Even if I don't order the dish, I'll remember it and try to cook it," she said.

As a child, Castle recalls a similar situation.

"Instead of climbing trees, I used to be in the kitchen baking gingerbread cookies," she said.

Many of her recipe ideas are composites of various methods and hints from friends. And although she said her friends aren't as serious about cooking, their methods and helpful hints may resurface in one of Castle's recipes.

Castle is probably one of the few who bothers to grind her own grain for bread. She also adds millet, unprocessed rolled oats, bran and sunflower seeds.

"Flour starts to lose its nutrients 24 hours after it's ground, so I grind my own," she explained.

At Duke Etc., Castle will prepare a bread and hearty soup that can be prepared ahead of time. The following recipe is also in her book on soups, and

is one that Pathways found particularly heartwarming for cold winter evenings.

Creamy Minestrone with Pesto Serves 6

2 T minced onion
1/2 cup minced celery
2 teas. olive oil
2 turnips and tops, bulbs minced and tops finely chopped
1/2 cup finely shredded cabbage
1/2 cup finely chopped beet greens or Swiss chard, stems and ribs removed
1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
1/2 teas. salt
1/4 teas. black pepper
5 cups brown veal or chicken stock
2 cup half and half cream
Salt, black pepper and minced fresh oregano to taste

1 recipe for Pesto (following)

Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Saute onion and celery in oil until soft. Add vegetables, parsley, salt, pepper and stock. Cover, bring to a boil, lower heat and simmer 20 minutes until vegetables are tender. Add cream, reheat and adjust seasonings with salt, pepper and oregano.

Just before serving, drizzle pesto over top and sprinkle with cheese.

Pesto

1/4 cup minced fresh basil
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1 T olive oil
Mash basil, garlic and cheese and add oil as needed to make a paste.

IS Takes Computerized Approach to Make-Up And Skin Care

Most women would probably cringe if they saw their skin magnified and then displayed on a video screen, but that's exactly how a Japanese cosmetic firm is marketing a new line of skin care products at the Stoneridge Mall.

"The cosmetic industry is very confusing," says Melanie DiCarlo, a beauty consultant for Intelligent Skincare, a New York City-based subsidiary of the Japanese firm, Pola. The IS line of cosmetics went on the United States market last year in Macy's and Bloomingdale's.

In September, Bay Area Emporium Capwell's began carrying IS products in its cosmetic departments. DiCarlo says the firm's computerized approach to makeup and skin care simplifies the beauty process.

"Most women don't even know what their skin type is," she says. "And when they ask for help at the

cosmetic counter, nine times out of ten they forget what the beauty consultant told them."

Under the IS system, a woman will receive a computer printout of individualized skin care instructions and makeup advice. The two-page instruction sheet is partly based on a series of questions about the individual's lifestyle, skin care habits and coloring.

Using a light scope and a video camera attached to a computer, the skin is magnified 30 times and shown on a video screen. From this, DiCarlo says she can determine if the woman has clogged pores, excess oil, broken capillaries and dry skin.

The light scope also measures the amount of pigmentation in the skin. Afterward, a two-page printout reflects this information with a prescribed individualized skin care system using IS products. The second

page provides suggestions for makeup colors.

The whole process takes about 10 minutes and is conducted by the beauty consultant at the cosmetic counter.

DiCarlo says that other cosmetic firms are beginning to use computers as an aide to beauty consultants, however the IS system differs from others since it has the ability to magnify the skin and provides the in-

struction printout.

IS even has a computer that will simulate a total makeover, including a change in hair color. DiCarlo says that computer is shared by the various stores where IS products are sold.

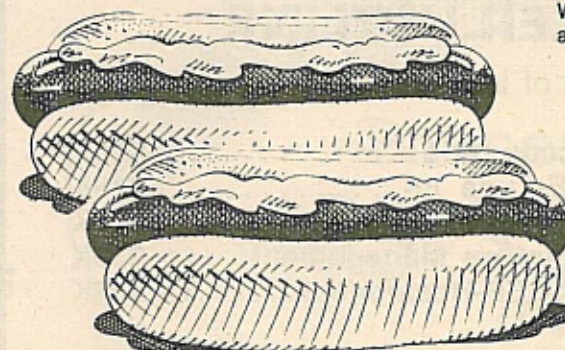
"This is state of the art in makeup technology," says DiCarlo. "The instructions are like the products -- very simple and efficient."



Melanie DiCarlo uses a light scope to computer analyze Michele Jurich's skin.

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Fire Safety Advice From Local Fire Department

Pleasanton residents concerned of an energy shortage and to cut heating costs are turning to alternate sources of home heating. The old pot-bellied and Franklin Stove market is suddenly zooming. Space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and man-made logs. All of these supplementary heat measures can be good. But they can introduce the danger of FIRE into homes. The Pleasanton Fire Department offers the following home fire safety tips:

HEATING UNITS

- Never use fuel burning appliances indoors as burning fuel (kerosene and coal for example) produces deadly fumes.
- Be sure your heater is in good working condition. All room heaters need frequent checkups and cleaning. A dirty or neglected heater is a critical fire hazard.
- Use ONLY the PROPER fuel for each heater. NEVER INTRODUCE A FUEL INTO A UNIT NOT DESIGNED FOR THAT FUEL.
- NEVER quicken a fire with kerosene or gasoline.
- Keep gasoline, or other flammable liquids stored outside of the home at all times.
- Maintain adequate clearance in all directions around space heaters and



Frank Lucido uses a fireplace screen around open flames.

- heating stoves. (Surrounding surfaces should not become too hot for your bare hand.)
- Use a screen around stoves or space heaters which have open flames. Give the heater adequate clearance from walls and combustibles, such as a clothes rack, curtains, beds, or other furniture.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure your house wiring is adequate. Avoid overloading the circuit. Avoid overloading extension cords.
- Avoid using electric space heaters in bathrooms and certainly do not touch one when you're wet.
- Keep young children away from

space heaters — particularly when they are wearing nightgowns which can be sucked in by a draft created by the heater and ignited.

- If you are using an approved, UL labeled space heater or heating stove in your bedroom, turn off your heater or turn it low before going to bed.
- Use only safety listed equipment. If you choose an oil heater, look for the UL label; a gas appliance, the AGA or UL label; or an electric heater, the UL label.

FIREPLACES

- Do not use flammable liquids to

start the fire.

- Keep a metal screen in front of your fireplace. Flying embers can start fires.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite soot in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- Never burn charcoal in your fireplace, or in a charcoal broiler or hibachi unit inside. Burning charcoal gives off deadly amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Be sure no flammable materials hang down from or decorate your mantel. A spark hitting them from your fireplace fire could ignite these materials and cause a fire.
- When you go to bed, be sure your fireplace fire is out. Never close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper can help hot ashes build up heat to the point where a fire could flare up and ignite the room while you are asleep.

Most fire deaths occur between midnight and 6:00 a.m., when people are asleep in their homes — for this reason alone, the importance of a smoke detector is never overstated.

Anyone desiring additional information should contact the Pleasanton Fire Department at 847-8114. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Special Classes For Winter Season

The Pleasanton Department of Parks and Community services is offering classes of special interest during the Winter Season. Classes offered are: Beauty For All Seasons, Social Dance and Dog Obedience.

Beauty For All Seasons will help the student discover her season. Each participant will be color draped. Skin care basics, makeup techniques and application are included, plus wardrobe advice and tips. Class is on Tuesdays, January 14-21 or February 11-18 or March 11-18, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Century House. The Cost is \$30.

Social Dance, for couples only, offers an easy-to-learn method of the current country and usual ballroom rhythms of swing, foxtrot, waltz, rhumba, cha cha and samba. The intermediate series is a continuation of the beginning class with the addition of new and more advanced steps.

Classes are on Tuesdays, Jan 7 to Feb 11 or Feb 25 to April 1 from 8-9 p.m. (Beginners) and 9-10 p.m. (Intermediate). The cost is \$28 per couple.

Dog Obedience will teach the owner/trainer basic dog training techniques and will provide a better understanding of his or her dog's behavior. Dogs must be at least six months old. The trainer must be at least twelve years old. Classes are on Mondays, Jan. 6 through March 17, 7:30-8:30 p.m. or 8:30-9:30 p.m. in the Amador Recreation Center. The cost is \$30.

All students meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first night only. **DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG TO THE FIRST CLASS.** Bring Pet Information Form, available at the Department Office.

Call 847-8160 for more information or contact the Department Office to register.



Audrey Tzang and her sister-in-law, Cindy Tzang help run the family-owned Panda restaurant.

New Restaurant In Old Courthouse

Chinese Cuisine From The Panda

A new Chinese restaurant that opened in early December is using the Panda bear as its trademark.

Located in the former courthouse building at 30 W. Angela St., The Panda offers a wide variety of Chinese cuisine, including Szechwan, Hunan, Peking and Mandarin foods.

The Panda is owned and operated by Weitai and Ailan Tzang and their three children, Eric, Audrey and Cindy. The Tzangs formerly owned the Kin Do restaurant in Hayward.

The Panda draws its name from the great black and white bear that is native to western China.

"When you think of a Panda, it's pleasant," says daughter Audrey Tzang, who acts as a general manager for the restaurant.

The chubby bears are inscribed in each chair in the restaurant's dining room, which seats 75. A stuffed panda also sits in the lobby. The dining

room is decorated in mauve and, except for an ornately carved room divider, the restaurant shows the owners' simple yet elegant tastes.

Like the restaurant's decor, Audrey said, "We've tried to offer a menu which is varied but simple at the same time."

At first glance, the menu appears typical of most Chinese restaurants. On further inspection, there are such entrees as "Dry-Sauteed String Beans," "Gan Pon Chicken," "Crystal Shrimp," and a dessert called "Fairy's Breath."

The restaurant is open for lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily. Monday through Thursday dinner is served between 4:30 and 9:30 p.m., and until 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Reservations are not necessary, but can be made by calling 484-4880.



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a bit of trivia

By Ben Fernandez

Whether you like it or not, Super Bowl Week is just around the corner. Let's deal with a few things "super," a few "bowls," and the annual game that they keep telling us we cannot live without.

1. Joe Montana was the Super Bowl MVP of both 49'ers wins. The (I can't say it!) Raiders have won three times with three different MVP's. Who were they?

2. Before Christopher Reeve became the current movie "Superman," Universal Studios produced a weekly movie serial on the "Man of Steel" Who played him?

3. "I Don't Know How to Love Him" was a top single, sung by Yvonne Elliman in the early 70's. From what "super" stage show was it taken?

4. We mentioned the two movie "supermen." Who played this he-man in tights on television in the early 50's?

5. It was a famous song of the 1920's that celebrated life. Finish the name, "Life Is Just a Bowl of _____."

6. If the Giants played the Jets or the Rams played the Raiders in the Super Bowl, it would be a bit of a novelty to have two teams from the same city. Has it happened before in Super Bowl history?

7. It lasted in the theaters for such a short time, you knew she had to move "faster than a speeding bullet." Who was the star of "Supergirl"?

8. The line goes "Be a million dollar trouter, just like Gary Cooper, super duper." What is the famous song?

9. The only time the Rose Bowl game was not played in Pasadena was in 1943 because of concerns regarding the safety of the Pacific Coast during World War II. Where was the game played?

10. Come on, folks, this one should be easy! Where is the annual Trivia Bowl played each year?

"You And School Finance In California"

The Pleasanton Legislative Action Committee on Education will sponsor a workshop on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Pleasanton City Council Chambers at 200 Bernal Ave.

The workshop entitled, "You and School Finance in California," will explore ways of increasing funding to public schools. The event will feature guest speakers Dr. Bill James, Superintendent of Pleasanton Joint

School District; Buster McCurtain, assistant superintendent; Ernestine Schneider, Pleasanton school trustee; and Assemblyman Robert Campbell (D-Richmond).

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Esther Floth--housewife

"We desperately need to have our older streets improved."



Candy Phillips-- manufacturer's representative

"I'd like to see people get more involved in charities for the homeless. There are so many people who are less fortunate."

Denise Benson--college student

"More clubs for young people. Like dancing and rodeo-related activities."



Joey Dickinson--grocery store clerk

"See more activities for youth. There's nothing for anyone to do here except bowling, and that gets old."

George Schmitt--corporate manager

"I'd like to see improvements made on the I-580 and 680 interchange."



TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Fred Biletnikoff, 1977; Jim Plunkett, 1981; Marcus Allen, 1984.
2. Kirk Allyn
3. "Jesus Christ, Super Star"
4. George Reeves
5. Cherries
6. No
7. Helen Slater
8. "Putting on the Ritz"
9. Durham, North Carolina
10. Boulder, Colorado



Total Health staff nurse Claire Grosshans demonstrates the wonders of fitness in Valley Memorial's cardiac rehabilitation department.

Wellness Lifestyles

Shedding Pounds And Shaping Up

Valley Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a series of events to help you lose that post-holiday lethargy, shed those pounds and shape up for spring.

Harmon Brown, M.D., will start the three month cycle of events by addressing the community on the topic of "Wellness Lifestyles." Dr. Brown serves as Medical Director of Student Health Services at California State University Hayward, and is the Sports Medicine Chairman for the Athletics Congress of the United States.

His talk will be given at Livermore High School's student union on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. It will cover the spectrum of what it takes to be optimally well, from diet and activity levels to alcohol and cigarette use.

The Thursday night session will be a prelude to the 90-day Wonders program, starting Saturday, January 18 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The 90-day Wonders prepare community members to participate in the

Livermore Fitness Race on April 13, by training them to walk or jog every Saturday until the race.

Participants will meet at the Valley Care Center, 1015 East Stanley Blvd. (corner of Fenton and Stanley) at 9 a.m. Civic leaders will lead the walkers and joggers on their assigned training routes.

On Feb. 22 at 10 a.m., the hospital will sponsor a Fitness Fair at the Valley Care Center, 1015 East Stanley Blvd.

The Fair will feature all aspects of the healthy lifestyle from free health assessments SMAC-20 blood tests, blood pressure, weight, height and skin caliper readings, and pulmonary stress testing, to exercise demonstrations and exercisewear fashion shows, health films and special programs for children.

For more information about Dr. Brown's presentation, the 90-day Wonders program, or the Fitness Fair call the Community Relations Dept., 455-0339.

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Lamaze Childbirth Classes Offered

Lamaze Prepared Childbirth classes are now being offered for free through Valley Memorial Hospital and Chabot College. There is a \$10 book charge.

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Community Calendar

Saturday, Jan. 18

Pleasanton Legislative Action committee on Education workshop, 9 a.m. to noon, City Council Chambers. For more information contact Carol Boster, 462-4863.

Saturday, Jan. 18

George Sakellariou, guitarist, Presbyterian Church of Livermore, Fourth and L streets, 8 p.m. for further information call 447-2752.

Monday, Jan. 20

California Association of Professional Saleswomen meet; Stafford's Restaurant, Dublin, 6 p.m. For reservations and information call 462-7302 or 484-3753.

Saturday, Jan. 25

Fourth Annual Parent University, Amador Valley High School, 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1

Lions Crab Feed. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Exhibition Hall. \$18 per person; \$270 for a table of 16. For tickets or information call 846-4423.

Saturday, Feb. 8

"Prime Time" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Chabot College - Valley Campus. For additional information call 455-5300 ext. 20.

Sunday, Feb. 9

"A Taste of the Valley," Pleasanton Hilton, 3-5 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 462-3570.

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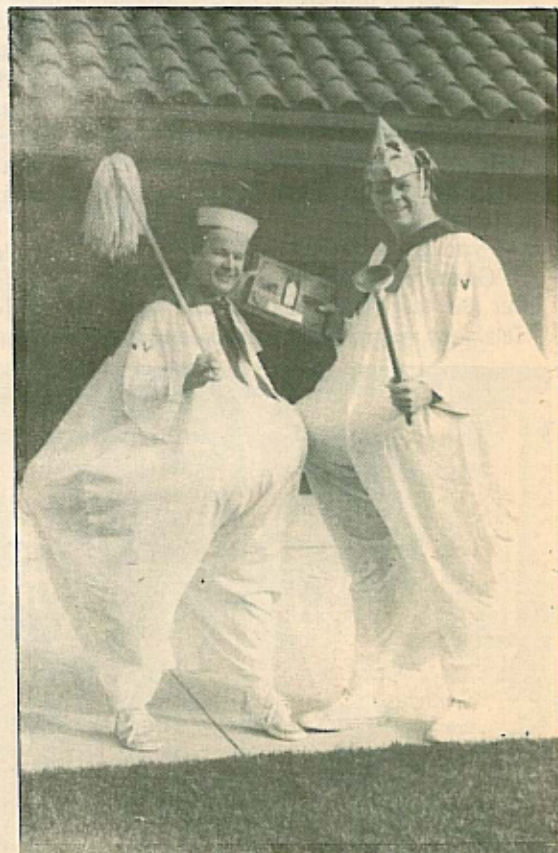
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Balloon Platoon members Jim Fields and drillmaster Dick Howard show off the sweepstakes award for best entry in the San Francisco Day Parade. The Pleasanton marching drill team is comprised of parish members from the Community Presbyterian Church, however, the comical drill team is better known as "the guys with the white sheets and mops."

Ski Week Good Time For Learning To Ski

by David Ryan Williams

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to do something exciting this year? To test that long dormant athleticism hibernating within your body? Perhaps to enjoy the great outdoors, the clean air and to make new friends? Learning to ski may just be the ticket to lift yourself to new heights.

New skiers will find it convenient -- and ultra-affordable -- to take to the slopes for the first time this winter during National Learn-to-Ski Week, Jan. 25-Feb. 2. During this specially designated week, hundreds of ski areas across the country will offer their best learn-to-ski packages and make skiing especially inviting to try.

The core of National Learn-to-Ski Week is a \$15 package that includes a beginner group lesson, a set of rental skis/boots/poles and a ticket that enables you to ride the beginner ski lifts. The same offering usually costs between \$35 to \$50 at Sierra resorts.

"The goal of National Learn-to-Ski Week," said Cal Coniff, president of the National Ski Areas Association, the organizing group behind the week, "is to get new skiers started properly. Perceptions of skiing among non-skiers is that it is too difficult to learn, too cold, too dangerous. A good learn-to-ski experience can quickly dispel those notions."

National Learn-to-Ski Week focuses

on the importance of taking a ski lesson at the outset.

"All of us in the ski business have heard the horror stories of never-ever skiers being taken up the slopes with a well-meaning friend who tries to teach them," Coniff said. "The friend may be a good skier but that alone does not begin to qualify him to teach skiing. The new skier ends up frustrated, sometimes terrified, and more often than not, never tries skiing again."

The program also underscores the value of using rental ski equipment on the first outing.

"Rental gear is much better than borrowing equipment because it can be properly fitted to the new skier's height, weight and athletic ability," Coniff said.

The NSAA emphasizes that the special \$15 learn-to-ski package will be available only at participating ski areas, and will be offered on a limited, reservation-only basis on Saturday, Feb. 1 and Sunday, Feb. 2. New skiers, or friends who want to introduce someone to the joy of skiing, should contact the ski area of their choice to find out what special programs will be offered during National Learn-to-Ski Week.

The following Northern California ski areas have signed on the participate



National Learn-to-Ski Week (Jan. 25 - Feb. 2) makes skiing affordable and less intimidating to first-time skiers. Photo courtesy Kirkwood Ski Resort

in the NSAA's National Learn-to-Ski Week. To make a reservation and take advantage of the \$15 rate offered to first-time skiers, ask for the resort's ski school department.

- Dodge Ridge (Hwy. 108).....(209) 965-3474
- Echo Summit (So. Tahoe).....(916) 659-7154
- Heavenly Valley (So. Tahoe)....(916) 541-1330
- Kirkwood (Hwy. 88).....(209) 258-6000
- Bear Valley (Hwy. 4).....(209) 753-2301
- Sugar Bowl (I-80).....(916) 426-3651

Vibrant Colors Are In

On The Slopes Wearing Latest Goretex Fashions

Vibrant colors such as fuschia and jade are gaining in popularity for women's ski fashions this season, according to Bo Carvacho, owner of Nor-Ski in Pleasanton.

"We've done very well with hot colors," says Carvacho. "Combinations such as jade, fuschia and purple or silver, jade and fuschia are very popular for ski jackets."

While this year's new colors are a dominant theme in display windows, fabric plays a more important role on the slopes. Jackets and pants, made of a relatively new material called Goretex, are popular items at Nor-Ski. Skiers value the fabric because it can "breathe." The polyester blend fabric looks and feels like nylon jogging pants yet it is completely waterproof and allows air to flow through.

Corvacho recommends the one-piece jumpsuit for all skiers because it is the warmest and most comfortable garment on the slopes.

If you're planning to purchase a suit made of Goretex, Corvacho said it would be wise to check the price tag. In the world of ski fashion, she insists that you get what you pay for.

"Goretex has come down in price over the last three years," she says. "It's very warm because it keeps the

wetness out but certain less expensive brands of Goretex may not have sealed seams."

To determine whether an article made of Goretex has sealed seams, which are double stitched to keep water out, check the tag. If the seams are waterproofed, the tag will indicate that it is "gold quality."

"If the brand name tag says silver or anything else, then it isn't the highest quality and probably costs less," Corvacho says.

Like most ski shops at the beginning of the season, Nor-Ski is piled high with the latest fashions, including color coordinated hats, mittens and scarves. Corvacho feels that the best way to wade through all the choices is to ask the salesperson, who is more knowledgeable about the durability and quality of ski fashions.

Aside from the confusion of new brands, styles and equipment, Nor-Ski does carry an item called "Hot Tubes" that comes in one size fits all. Manufactured by Winter Works West, Inc. in Sonora, "Hot Tubes" fit inside poles and act as a skier's thermos, holding up to half a pint of liquid. The only requirement for purchasing this item is thirst.



Model Jill Rivers shows off the latest in brightly colored jumpsuits for the slopes. Left, Lori Rudd, Scott Parrish, Mark Furrow and Jill Rivers model the latest ski jackets and head gear.



GOOD SPORTS

Gaeckle Goes Professional

Former Foothill High Student Signs Contract With Red Sox

Warm, sunny days, white sand beaches, palm trees and the scent of orange blossoms await Pleasanton's Chris Gaeckle when he arrives in Florida this year for spring training with the Boston Red Sox.

While this may sound like the ideal vacation to most people, for 22-year-old Gaeckle, who recently signed with the Red Sox, it will be the beginning of his professional baseball career, with hours of running, throwing, hitting and a rugged physical conditioning process comprising his list of "vacation activities."

As a youngster, Gaeckle showed early indications of his athletic skill, starting on local Pleasanton youth basketball, football and Little League baseball teams. At Foothill High School, he quickly established himself as an aggressive, highly-competitive athlete. He was a stand out performer for the Falcons in both football and

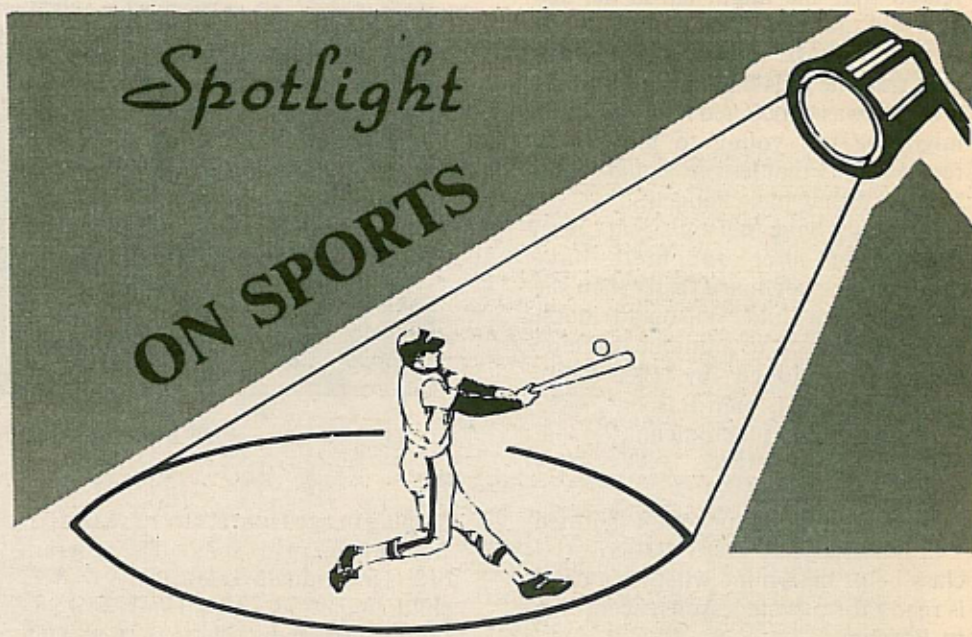
baseball.

In his junior year at Foothill, Gaeckle was a first team All-East Bay Athletic League selection as a linebacker. He also played centerfield for the Falcons baseball team.

In his senior year, Gaeckle played both fullback and linebacker for the Falcons, and again earned selection to the All-East Bay Athletic League's first team on the basis of his aggressive style of play.

Already known around the league as a quick, hard-hitting linebacker, based on his performance as a junior, Gaeckle established himself as an outstanding fullback in his senior year. His blocking and powerful inside running kept many a Falcon offensive drive alive, and contributed greatly to Foothill's success on the gridiron.

Gaeckle also enjoyed an outstanding baseball season as a senior, playing third base for the Falcons and hitting



.340 for the year. His "clutch" hitting and defensive excellence were major contributions to Foothill's baseball program. Recognition came again for Gaeckle with his selection to the All-East Bay Athletic League first team as a third baseman.

Upon graduating from Foothill, Gaeckle enrolled at Ohlone College, where he played shortstop for Coach Jim Reynoso's team. Batting .310 for the year, and playing sound defense, he made significant contributions to the Ohlone team. As a result, Gaeckle was scouted by Tom Wheeler, who was then the baseball coach at St. Mary's College.

George Baljevich, a well-known Foothill teacher and host of a local cable television sports show, knew Gaeckle had potential, and suggested to Wheeler that he could use the hard-hitting infielder at St. Mary's.

"If George Baljevich had not told Coach Wheeler about me, I wouldn't be getting my chance with the Red Sox this spring," says Gaeckle.

After seeing Gaeckle play, Wheeler offered Gaeckle the opportunity to "walk on" at St. Mary's, with the possibility of earning a scholarship if he could make the team.

Enrolling for his sophomore year at St. Mary's, Gaeckle proceeded to make the team, and have an outstanding season for the Gaels, batting .314 in the highly-competitive West Coast Athletic Conference, with 3 homeruns and 40 R.B.I.s. He was rewarded by receiving a full scholarship for the remainder of his study at St. Mary's.

As a junior, Gaeckle played third base and hit .286 with 3 homeruns and 41 R.B.I.s. At the end of the season, he traveled to Iowa where he played both third base and catcher for a semi-pro team comprised of college players from around the country. The experience proved invaluable, as the starting catcher for St. Mary's had signed a professional contract, leaving the Gaels with a void at that position.

When Gaeckle returned to St. Mary's for the start of his senior year, he learned that Coach Wheeler had been unable to find a suitable replacement as the Gael's catcher. Gaeckle told Wheeler about his catching experience in Iowa over the summer. The result of this experience was an immediate switch for Gaeckle from third base to the catching position.

As a senior, Gaeckle posted outstanding marks, batting .346 with 8 homeruns and 60 R.B.I.s. He became one of the leading hitters in the W.C.A.C. and, at 6-feet and 200 pounds, he became an excellent defensive catcher. He also developed a reputation as a clutch hitter, and had exceptional games against Stanford University, a team which was ranked number one among Division I schools, won the Pac-10 championship, and played in the College World Series at Omaha, Neb.

After completing his collegiate career, Gaeckle spent the past summer playing for a Santa Maria semi-pro team which competed in the National Baseball Congress Championships in Wichita, Kas. The Santa Maria team, with Gaeckle playing catcher, took third place in a field of 46 teams from all over the country. During this period, Gaeckle worked to refine his skills as a catcher, knowing that he had played the position for less than a year and needed to improve if he wished to attract the attention of major league teams.

The summer passed for Gaeckle with little interest shown by professional scouts. While he had exceptional hitting skills, his abilities as a catcher had failed to impress most scouts, undoubtedly due to his limited experience at the position.

However, in October, 1985, Pete Randall, the head Western Regional scout for the Boston Red Sox, evaluated Gaeckle's potential and signed him to a professional contract.

Gaeckle says, "That was a big day in my life, and it gives me a chance to do something I always wanted to do - play professional baseball."

What separates Gaeckle from the typical college athlete is his aggressive attitude and strong desire to win. A friendly, confident person off the field, Gaeckle is a fiery competitor on the field. Such a personality is ideal for a major league catcher, and that is precisely what Gaeckle has established as his goal.

The first step toward that goal is spring training with the Red Sox at Winterhaven, Fla., where he reports in early March. From there he will be assigned to a club in the Red Sox Minor League organization, where he will complete his first year as a professional baseball player.



Rifle-armed Chris Gaeckle "guns down" another enemy baserunner for St. Mary's College.

"Discovery" Class

Tuning Them In For Lessons At An Early Age

As a child, Elaine Wilson gained greater self confidence and a sense of accomplishment from private piano lessons. Two years ago, Wilson, now a mother of two, found herself wishing that her daughters could have the same experience.

But like many parents, money was a major concern of Wilson's, who feared that she might enroll her six-year-old Janelle and eight-year-old Amy in a music program to discover later that the girls hated piano lessons. She also was concerned that the sisters might be too young to handle the responsibility that lessons would entail.

But all that has changed.

Not only have Wilson's fears been erased, but her daughters have mastered the keyboard faster than she had done as a child. Wilson attributes their enthusiasm to a unique teaching method developed by Pleasanton music instructor Joan Bascom.

"It's really phenomenal," said Wilson. "After three weeks, they could read music."

The three-hour program entitled "Children's Keyboard Discovery" class helps determine whether a child is ready for private lessons, according to Bascom.

"It's hard to tell if a child has talent right away," she said. "But if they're trying hard and they have the right attitude, it will show."

During three one-hour sessions, children undergo a series of tests to determine their readiness for private piano lessons. Bascom said that the weekly lessons not only provide the basics of piano, but they offer an incentive to learn.

"This initial class motivates them so much that they're ready to begin a music program," Bascom said.

After three weeks, the children,



Joan Bascom gives Sheila Ogden a music lesson.

ranging in age from six to 12 years old, can play five or six songs. The program offers individualized lessons, however, children meet as a group and use a textbook written by Bascom. For each lesson completed, they receive a colorful sticker and a certificate upon completion of the three week "Discovery" class.

After the last class, Bascom meets with the parents to discuss the child's progress.

"There's something about being in a group situation that makes them want to try," she said. "I rarely find someone who can't do well on the piano."

Bascom conducts the "Discovery" classes at Henning's Pianos and Organs in Dublin. She also conducts

private piano and organ lessons at her studio in Pleasanton.

Since parents are not required to own or rent a piano for the initial Discovery class or the private lessons afterward, other parents, such as Pleasanton mother Lynn Glode, opted to try Bascom's method before she enrolled her daughters, seven-year-old Kristine and nine-year-old Suzanne, in lessons.

"Lessons are very expensive," Glode said. "And I didn't want to buy a piano before I was sure they would like it."

Glode said Bascom was recommended by a Dublin music store so she signed up the sisters at the same time. One year later, their mother reported that

they are still enrolled in private lessons.

"Kristine went to a birthday party recently and played 'Happy Birthday' for her friends," said Glode. "Afterward, my daughter said she felt great. I was really happy for her."

Both mothers credit Bascom's teaching style with helping their children learn faster and better.

"She's very quiet and doesn't make a big deal out of the lessons," said Elaine Wilson. "I think children are not intimidated by her."

Soft-spoken and confident, Bascom is a former professional organist who has performed with numerous bands in the Bay Area. She has taught music to children and adults for 15 years.

This year, Bascom believes her career has reached a high note. Later this month, she will conduct her Discovery class through the Dublin Recreation Department. She has also made a videotape of the class, which will air this month on cable television's community channel 30.

"With sports and all the other after-school activities that you have to compete with for a child's attention, you need these extra incentives for learning," said Bascom.

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Rookie of the Year John Orozco

Outstanding Performance Leads To H.P. 1985 Rookie Of The Year

Former high school instructor John Orozco has received Hewlett-Packard's 1985 Rookie of the Year Award for outstanding performance in sales and account management.

Orozco is responsible for selling and implementing computer systems for commercial businesses in the Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore area. His other clients include municipal governments and educational institutions in Alameda, Contra Costa and portions of Solano counties.

A former special education instructor for James Logan High School in Union City, Orozco has been a

salesman with Hewlett-Packard for the past two years. The Pleasanton Hewlett-Packard sales offices are located at 5725 W. Las Positas in Hacienda Business Park.

The 35-year-old Pleasanton resident is presently a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Pleasanton Rotary Club. He holds a master's degree in education from Stanford University.

Says Orozco, "I always like to look straight ahead so I figured if it didn't work out in sales, I could go back to teaching. But I'm still here."

RFD Child Development Conference

Saturday, March 8, at Chabot College, Resources for Family Development is presenting the Third Annual Tri-Valley Child Development Conference.

The Conference will offer the opportunity for child care providers in both home and center setting to learn more about Child Development, Health Safety in Child Care, and Curriculum Planning. One-half unit of credit is offered for participation.

For further information and registration, call R.F.D. at 455-5111.

In Memory Of George

The George Spiliotopoulos Memorial Scholarship Fund is presently accepting donations. The money will be used toward Scholarships for students in the Amador Valley High School District.

Checks or money orders should be made out to Spiliotopoulos Scholarship Fund and sent to the fund in care of Bob Philcox, Community First National Bank, P.O. Box 637, Pleasanton, 94566, or dropped off at the bank.

Toys

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dolls were once called "Sunday dolls" because children were allowed to play with them only on that day.

"It's definitely a habit we've lost," says Doss. "These dolls were only brought out of the cupboard on Sunday. They are quite valuable today."

Perhaps the practice wasn't much fun for girls, however, it has left beautifully preserved dolls for posterity. Doss estimates that some of these dolls, such as the Victorian bisque-head types, are worth several hundred dollars.

Says Doss, "The features of these turn of the century dolls are very fine. The dolls were delicate and they broke easily."

"Today's dolls are much more cuddly. It's interesting to see how cartoon characteristics have taken over the doll making industry," she says.

Indeed, the exhibit includes other

later dolls, such as "Buddy Lee," circa 1922, originally made as a promotional item for Lee Jeans. The soft-faced male doll became so popular that the company later began manufacturing Buddy as a toy during the late 20s.

Food companies also churned out their own version of promotional dolls in the forms of "Rastus," the Cream of Wheat chef, 1922; Aunt Jemima, 1950; and Chiquita Banana, 1975.

For adults, the exhibit includes some interesting antique slot machines, wheel of fortune and flip-card machines. There is even a restored 1907 carousel horse by the famous carver Daniel C. Muller.

The museum is open between 1 and 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The toy and game exhibit will be replaced by a collection of quilts in March. For more information, call Ann Doss at 426-2766.