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*Brightening Holidays For Needy*

## Building Christmas Trees With Canned Food

Hacienda Business Park, in conjunction with the Salvation Army and the Livermore-Amador Valley Emergency Fund, has organized a canned food collection drive for December 8-19.

The food will be donated to needy families in the Tri-Valley area and distributed by the Livermore-Amador Valley Emergency Fund.

Hacienda, which hopes to collect more than 6,000 cans from employees and area residents, has arranged collection sites at five locations throughout the business park. "Christmas trees" assembled from the donated cans will be built at each collection site.

"Convenience is the key factor to the drive," said Karen Fraser-Middleton of the Hacienda Business Park Owners Association, the organization coordinating the food drive. "We all want to give -- particularly during the holidays -- but with work and other obligations we sometimes put it off until it's too late. The convenient drop-off points will make it easy for everyone to participate."

Birdie Bianchi, program director of the Livermore-Amador Valley Emergency Fund, emphasized the importance of each and every donation. "Each can does make a difference," she said. "It's easy to look around at our mostly affluent communities in the Tri-Valley, and pretend poverty and need don't exist here. But they do."

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Join Bob Shallenberger, The Prudential Development Group; Carol Bush, Hewlett Packard; Birdie Bianchi, Valley Emergency Fund and Anita Brownson, Amador Valley Savings and Loan in building a canned food Christmas Tree for those less fortunate than ourselves.

*Francine Rivers*

## Former Resident A National Romance Novelist

Romance novels are one of the hottest books on the market today. Women love to read them and even more wish they could write them. One local young woman decided to do just that and is now a national best-selling romance novelist.

During her very successful ten year writing career, Francine Rivers has written eight historical romance novels and three contemporary romance novels.

Her books have sold over five million copies internationally and she has received such prestigious literary awards as the Golden Medallion Award, the Western Romance Award, the Critic's Choice Award and a PORGIE Award from the West Coast Review of Books.

As a youngster, Rivers grew up influenced by her mother who was a career nurse before it was popular for women to have careers and her grandmother who was a widowed Central Valley rancher and Swiss immigrant.

Both instilled in her the belief that women can be individuals and self-sufficient without sacrificing their femininity. Rivers' female characters are therefore portrayed in her books as deeply loving and passionate while still remaining strong, independent and self-reliant.

"Today's women don't want to read about women who are of the stereotypical 'weaker sex'. They want to read about strong, independent, pioneering-type women, and I do too," stressed Rivers. "So that's what I write."

Rivers began her writing in high school where she was encouraged by her Amador High School English teacher Helen Vardin. She was also strongly influenced by

former Pleasanton Times editor John Edwards, who gave Rivers her first newspaper-writing job.

A graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, Rivers majored in literary writing and journalism. Studying under Walter Van Tilburg Clark, the famed western author of "The Ox-Bow Incident" and "Track of the Cat", Rivers found she loved the historical west and has since been writing western gothic romances and mainstream historicals.

A former Pleasanton resident, and native of California, Rivers uses a variety of familiar California settings as backdrops for her romantic novels.

Her first novel, "Kathleen", was published in 1979 and has been followed by one successful novel after another. "The

hard part," she admitted, "is not letting the historical aspects take over the storyline of the book because California history is so colorful and fascinating."

She noted that she draws her characters from the diverse nationalities and backgrounds that flocked to California in its early days. "California was literally the melting pot of the nation and it's easy for me to get lost in the research. I love to read and investigate."

"Kathleen" was the story of a young woman on Rancho Las Positas. "Rebel In His Arms" was set against the local Tassajara background. And in "Sycamore Hill", her school marm heroine finally gets off the coach, which has broken down repeatedly, in old Pleasanton and literally walks the reader down Pleasanton's original

Main Street.

Rivers says she gets ideas for new books from a variety of sources including an overcrowded file, simple things people say, and historical research for other novels.

For would-be writers, Rivers suggests writing the types of things you enjoy reading. "I recommend reading 'the trash' first for incentive," she smiled, "and then reading the classics to study the craft."

She noted that some romances you'll read and say "I can do that." But the author stressed that it is important to do a lot of reading to learn to write well. "It's not as easy as it looks!" It took Rivers four months to write "Kathleen" and a year and a half to write "Not So Wild A Dream". She put her "heart and soul" into writing this particular book which earned her the coveted Golden Medallion Award.

Lauded by the Romance Writers of America as the best historical novel of 1985, it took her seven months of solid writing, six to eight hours a day, to complete.

She also recommends attending writing conferences, plotting a novel thoroughly, researching and developing your characters and establishing yourself with a good agent.

Most importantly, she emphasized that a successful writer should write the kind of books they enjoy reading and really put something of themselves into the book. "I guess I do that," she laughed. "My husband often comes in to ask me what character I am today!" She noted that its helpful having a resident critic and editor in

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Francine Rivers with a few of her novels.





FYI is a bi-monthly column featuring guest writers. This column is by Jan Keith, Fraud Investigations Manager at Associates National Bank in Pleasanton.

**"Don't be a victim!"**  
With the holiday season upon us, remember that you're not the only ones

out there following extensive shopping lists.

Armed with shopping lists of their own are people without the slightest bit of the spirit of giving in their hearts. And they're even more excited about holiday shopping than you. Why? Because they don't have to pay for their purchases, they get everything free and clear.

Who are these "lucky" people? Credit card thieves, of course! And they could be shopping with your credit card!

**"The holiday season is traditionally prime time for credit card thieves."**

The holiday season is traditionally prime time for credit card thieves. The shopper's mind is preoccupied, the stores are crowded, the clerks are busy, and the thieves are having a field day.

And no one notices. Until January, February and March -- when the bills come in for purchases you didn't make. This year, let's give these thieves the rest they deserve.

- Keep a list at home of all credit cards you carry, so if they're stolen, you'll be able to report every one of them.

**"Armed with shopping lists of their own are people without the slightest bit of the spirit of giving in their hearts."**

- Be sure to get your card back after making a purchase. You'd be surprised how often these cards end up in the hands of thieves.
- Tear up your carbons. Your account number alone can be as valuable as cash.
- Don't leave your purse unzipped or unattended at any time. It attracts credit card thieves like ants to a picnic.
- Keep your wallet on you or locked up at all times. There's something about an unlocked glove compartment --- well, you get the picture.
- Most importantly, should you become the victim of a credit card thief,

call in the theft immediately to the company that issued the card. The thief knows that those first few hours are crucial if he's going to get the most mileage out of the card. So every minute counts.

Remember, your credit card is as good as cash in the hands of a thief.

This time of year should be a joyous time for the honest holiday shopper. Your credit cards are a convenient way to purchase the gifts on your shopping list.

**"Remember, your credit card is as good as cash in the hands of a thief."**

By protecting them the way you do your cash, we can stop these credit card thieves from looking at credit card holders as easy marks and make their shopping days a lot more difficult.



**On The Street**

*What is your greatest fear in life?*



**Barbara Cornelius, clerk**  
*"What my children are doing while I'm at work."*

**Mert Murray, building contractor**  
*"Running out of money before dying. Everybody looks forward to retirement then the entire system retires."*



**Bob Berschauer, owner**  
*"Not being able to live life to the fullest because of health problems."*

**Fran Seed, retired**  
*"I'm concerned about the economy and foreign aid situations."*



**Cliff Preston, insurance agent**  
*"Falling out of something --- trees, airplanes, etc."*

**Sherry Berschauer, owner**  
*"Not living life to the fullest."*



*Notes from Lilly's Pad*

Hopefully, by now all of your Thanksgiving turkey is gone, as well as the left-overs, and you are deep into having the holiday spirit within you.

Isn't it amazing how quickly time goes by? Here it is December already and we will soon be into a new year.

I feel as though I haven't completed my "things to do in 1986" list. However, I won't be too concerned as I still have December to complete the list.

December is an extra busy month at our household. There are celebrations within celebrations.

The first weekend of the month has my roommate for the past 29 years and I celebrating our anniversary. December 7 is the date --- somehow he never forgets that date. Of course it's an easy date to remember and he knows another war is not needed.

The second weekend we will celebrate our daughter's birthday. Speaking of time flying, it seems that only yesterday she was my granddaughter's age. Now here she is celebrating a quarter of a century on this earth. Where does that put me? A child bride!!

Pam took her time coming into this world by arriving two weeks late. And you know what? She hasn't been on time for anything since! To Pam, being 25 only means a time for another party. She's the type that starts leaving notes around the house six month before the event and daily countdowns by the days and hours, as the date gets nearer.

She's a lover of good times and parties. She has the capability of enjoying life to the fullest.

Not that she doesn't have her bad days, she just somehow manages to make the best of the situation and goes on to the next enjoyable event of life.

She has a great sense of humor and is a smooth manipulator. So smooth, in fact, that it's not until she has walked away from you that you realize what has happened.

We love her dearly and can't wait until the day she has the same joys of parenthood that we have.

Now in between all this, I have to find time for Christmas shopping and getting the tree and house decorated.

I'm happy to say, this year is the first time I have had all my shopping done and wrapped before we go into the rush of December.

I decided I was going to be very practical this year. Buy what is needed more than what is desired. It fits into the budget much better.

With all my shopping and wrapping done I hope to have time to do some baking this year. I say that until I look at my calendar on my desk!

Oh yes, there is that number one item on the priority list, the job!! It too becomes a little more hectic at this time. Heaven knows I can't miss a party! Summing it all up, it's a busy, hectic month, but what would we do without it? So, smile and have fun!



## Personality Profile

# Turning Dull Figures Into Natural Beauty

Terri Carlson working on a custom made Christmas ornament.



Almost anyone else would have seen only a couple of dull brown figures that resembled deer. But when Terri Carlson looked at the papier mache animals, she saw a doe and buck standing in the woods with pine boughs at their feet and surrounded by snow-covered trees.

That's just the way her mind works.

It's been that way since grammar school when teachers recognized the value of her artistic tendencies and put her to work decorating classroom bulletin boards.

Through the years, thousands of people have come to appreciate the unique gifts of this 29-year-old Pleasanton designer who uses her talents to create one-of-a-kind wreaths, floral arrangements, centerpieces and holiday decorations.

The use of papier mache deer in a holiday centerpiece typifies Carlson's preference for natural themes. "I love nature and the outdoors," she said. "When I saw the figures, I imagined a story about them eating Christmas dinner in the woods. So I put a silk fern in the mouth of the buck and embellished the deer with red Christmas bows and bells. It's a simple piece, but it's also very elegant and natural."

The deer centerpiece is only one of thousands of items the talented Granada High School graduate has designed in the seven years since she opened her business. Her shop, which is appropriately named "Mother Nature's", is located in the Mission Plaza Shopping Center on Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

"I probably have hundreds of arrangements throughout the Tri-Valley area," noted Carlson. "There are a lot of people who have a true part of me in their homes

through the design work I've done."

She explained that people come to her to express their individuality. "They want something that can't be reproduced so I travel, and go to great lengths to find unique items to create and personalize. When people come into my shop, I want them to feel good and inspired like I do," she said.

Carlson's reputation for originality has earned her a following of clients who like to collect her unique gifts and designs. One couple visits her Christmas Preview every year to select ornaments and decorations which they collect as family heirlooms to pass on to their children.

In addition to her business, Carlson also shares her craft with the community through civic projects.

She has helped decorate the Evergreen branch of Children's Hospital in Pleasanton and this year donated a specially designed treetop angel to be raffled for the American Cancer Society. "Every year I try to do a volunteer project in the community," she said. "It makes me feel like I'm doing my part."

The holidays give Carlson ample opportunity to put her personal stamp on the gift-giving season. Almost every day, customers come in and ask her to write the names of friends or relatives in elegant calligraphy on ornaments and decorations.

"I like to share my gift of color and design because it gives joy to other people," she added. "I love to see people's eyes light up when they find something that's special to them. That's what makes my business so worthwhile."

## Future Pioneers

# Employees Have Spirit Of Giving

AT&T's Future Pioneers are at it again for the holidays. Employees of both the AT&T corporate offices in Hacienda Business Park and the Pacific Bell offices on Black Avenue, are collecting Christmas stockings from employees to give to convalescent homes, retarded adults, Shepherd's Gate in Livermore and the Tri-Valley Haven for Women and Children in Pleasanton.

The local group, which is a branch of AT&T's Telephone Pioneers for America, was created so that employees with less than 18 years of service to the phone company could participate in community service activities on behalf of AT&T.

According to Virginia Kammer the original Telephone Pioneers, which is still active throughout the United States today, was designed for employees with more

than 18 years of phone service.

The Future Pioneers are already hard at work collecting stockings of all shapes and sizes for various Pleasanton organizations. "We anticipate gathering over 350 stockings again this year," said Kammer. "Our employee response is overwhelming."

The Future Pioneers solicit donations through the company mail system and post flyers in the various company offices.

Beyond their donation efforts, the Future Pioneers are also planning several spring clean-ups within the community.

If you are an employee of AT&T or Pacific Bell, and wish to participate in the Future Pioneers, or if you want to request a service, contact Virginia Kammer at 460-1011.

# Christmas Trees For Needy

Young Life and the Amador Valley Lions Club of Pleasanton will again join hands to distribute Christmas Trees to needy families in the Pleasanton area. In 1985, over 40 trees were placed with families who otherwise would have gone without this traditional Christmas spirit.

Young Life, a local outreach to valley teenagers with clubs at Foothill and Am-

ador High Schools, and Wills and Harvest Park Intermediate Schools, will hold its Third Annual Christmas Tree lot fund raiser on Hopyard Road near the Hacienda Arch. All proceeds will benefit the local Youth Group.

The Lions Club has a long history of supporting youth oriented activities and local community needs.



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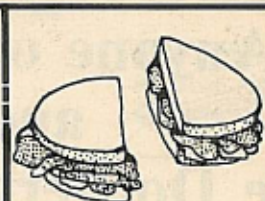
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Offer #13



# BUILDING BLOCKS

By Christina Jencks and Michael VanPelt

**Question:** We are the parents of a 15-month old and a four-year old. Our four-year old began to walk when she was barely 10-months old. Our 15-month old is still not walking alone. Why? We have provided the same encouragement and environment for both of our children. Is there something wrong with our 15-month old?

**Answer:** Not necessarily. Research indicates that all children experience sequential and predictable stages of growth. Walking generally occurs between the ages of 11- and 17- months.

Prior to the onset of walking all children go through similar sequences of motor development progressing from rolling over, to sitting, to crawling, to standing with help, to walking alone. Your four-year old probably went through this sequence while learning to walk.

It is not important at what age the child experiences this progression. What is important is that the child be given ample opportunity to experience each of these phases.

The differences between your children's growth patterns may be accounted for by the fact that all children have an internal clock which determines their readiness for success.

This means that each child has their own particular pace that cannot be influenced by parental concerns.

Since walking alone is achieved between the ages of 11- to 17-months, your child is within the normal range for developing this skill.

One note of caution. If your child has been using a walker for large periods of time this confinement might contribute to a delay in his or her learning to walk.

Normal large motor development, i.e. the mastery of skills such as walking or riding a tricycle, depends on your child's ability to explore their environment in an unrestricted but safe manner. The artificial support given by a walker could inhibit this development.

When you know what developmental phase to expect next you can arrange your child's environment to ensure that he or she has ample opportunity to experience and master new skills.

When your child has learned to walk unassisted the next phase of motor development focuses on the smaller muscles. Therefore, your attention should be drawn to small motor control activities. There are simple activities that you as a parent can provide for your child which will both support and encourage this developmental phase.

A simple, yet appropriate activity is play dough. It can be beneficial for both your four-year old and your 15-month old. Watch the differences in their play style! Try some of these recipes for play dough at home.

## Peanut Butter Play Dough (edible)

- ½ cup peanut butter
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ envelope powdered non-fat dry milk

Mix well. Play!

## Long-lasting Play Dough

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 4 tbsp. oil
- 2 cups of water

Mix flour, salt and cream of tartar. Mix water, oil and food coloring. Combine and blend thoroughly in large bowl. Cook in teflon pan over medium heat for two minutes. Store in covered container.

## SCORE

### Veteran Entrepreneur Helps New Business

James Schroeffer spends every Tuesday at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce meeting with prospective entrepreneurs. He finds out about and gives advice on all sorts of new business ideas before they become reality.

A veteran entrepreneur, Schroeffer enjoyed five successful professions during his business career, which included dairy farming, military logistics officer, cost accountant, propane gas industry management and finally as owner of two Schwinn bicycle shops in Livermore and Burlingame.

In 1978 he decided to sell both his cyclery shops and retire. But Schroeffer was not ready to retire completely as evidenced by his involvement in the SCORE program.

"Shortly after I retired I was approached by the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) to act as a counselor," Schroeffer explained. "With my diverse business background that seemed like a natural for me and besides," he interjected, "it gave me the opportunity to give back some of my talents and some of the experience I've received over the years to help others get started."

Sponsored by the United States Small Business Administration, SCORE is a nationwide volunteer program of over 12,000 retired business men and women who offer their skills, knowledge and business experience to small businesses and entrepreneurs. Consultation in such areas as finance, accounting, record-keeping, management, taxes, marketing, sales promotion, advertising, personnel and manufacturing and retailing is readily available from local retired professionals in the program which is offered through the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

Schroeffer's expertise includes over 22 years of management in the propane industry, during which he acquired several businesses for his parent company and built them into profitable entities. He also took over several private businesses and turned them into profitable ventures from day one. And when he purchased the cy-

clery shops, he bought and sold over 1200 bicycles in the first ten months of business.

"When I sit down with people I do a lot of listening in order to find out what their needs are," said Schroeffer. "I also give them a variety of things to think about which, like the other SCORE counselors, I have experienced through my business activities."

A majority of the hopeful entrepreneurs Schroeffer meets with are not satisfied working for someone else. He pointed out that many of them have great ideas for services and products but they don't know where to begin developing their idea into a business and that's where SCORE can be helpful.

"To be successful in business today," says Schroeffer, "it's important to start off by developing a business plan which includes a market study that will help you determine the demand for your service or product. Then it takes the desire to make your particular business venture succeed, and I don't mean just being concerned with the bottom line." He explained that a number of aspects are involved in creating a successful business the most important of which Schroeffer believes is servicing your clients.

Finally, he stressed taking the time to find out as much as possible from former professionals about starting and running a business. He suggests making an appointment with a SCORE counselor to take advantage of their invaluable expertise and the extensive materials and information available from the SCORE program. "Successful business people are above average," Schroeffer emphasized, "and that means they run their business, they don't let their business run them. And just about anyone can be successful if they develop a good business plan and follow it."

For more information on the SCORE program or to schedule an appointment with a SCORE counselor, call the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 846-5858.



Rosemary Coleman and Demetra Wilson receive assistance from James Schroeffer.

### Soroptimists Accepting Applications For Training Awards Program

Soroptimists International of Pleasanton is now accepting applications for its Training Awards Program, which is a continuing financial aid program to assist women in their efforts toward training for entry or re-entry into the labor market.

According to the Training Awards Program chairperson, Carol Lehman, the program is much sought after by women who require some financial assistance in order to receive the training necessary to make them employable. "Our program gives

women the ability to pursue training that will improve their job skills and our cash awards help subsidize that training," Lehman explained.

Applications have been distributed to Chabot College, the Valley Volunteer Center and Parents Without Partners. Applications must be submitted to the Pleasanton Soroptimists chapter at P.O. Box 51, in Pleasanton, by December 15 for consideration. For further information, call Carol Lehman at 462-0402.



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What's Cooking?  
International Holiday Recipes

With the Christmas holiday just around the corner, our thoughts will be turning to cookie exchanges, festive dinners and gala parties. Here are just a few international favorites including French Mervaiselle cookies that are made in a variety of countries, Siena Cake which is a 500-year old recipe that is popular throughout northern Italy and our traditional American sugar cookies that kids love to decorate. You'll enjoy trying all of these for those special occasions.

Pao Duce -- Portuguese Sweet Bread  
Compliments of Mary Mattos

- 2 Packages dry yeast  
1/2 c. Warm water  
1 c. Butter  
6 Eggs  
1 tbsp. Vegetable shortening
- 1 1/2 c. Sugar  
1 tsp. Salt  
8-10 c. Flour  
1 Beaten egg or melted butter

Soften yeast in warm water. Scald the milk and cool to luke warm by cutting in butter and shortening. Beat eggs well and gradually beat in the sugar and salt. When the milk is lukewarm, add it to the egg and sugar mixture. Stir in yeast. Sift in 8 cups of flour beating well after every addition. Turn the dough out on a floured board and knead well (adding additional flour as needed).

Put dough into greased bowl and turn dough to grease top. Let rise in a warm place until double in bulk (at least 4 hours). Punch down and shape into four equal round loaves; grease four cake pans and set dough in each to rise again (2-3 hours).

Brush top with either beaten egg or melted butter for a glossy look and bake in 300° oven for 45 minutes. Remove from pan; cool on cake rack. Wrap carefully to store. Makes four loaves.

Panforte -- Italian Siena Cake  
Compliments of Maria Bruno

- 3/4 c. Whole blanched almonds  
3/4 c. Hazelnuts  
1/2 c. Chopped candied apricots  
1/2 c. Chopped candied pineapple  
3 tbsp. Each, diced candied orange  
peel and diced candied lemon peel  
3/4 c. Flour  
2 tbsp. Unsweetened cocoa
- 1 1/2 tsp. Ground cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. Ground nutmeg  
1/4 tsp. Ground coriander  
2 ozs. Semi-sweet chocolate  
1/2 c. Honey  
1/2 c. Granulated sugar  
Powdered sugar for dusting

Heat oven to 350°. Place almonds and hazelnuts in separate small baking pans and bake until light brown (7-10 min. for almonds, 12-15 min. for hazelnuts), cool. Rub few hazelnuts at a time between hands to remove skins; chop hazelnuts and almonds coarsely. Combine nuts with apricots, pineapple, orange and lemon peels in large bowl. Sift flour, cocoa, cinnamon, nutmeg and coriander together over nut mixture; mix well.

Grease 8-inch round cake pan. Line bottom of pan with circle of parchment or waxed paper, cut to fit. Line sides of pan with strip of same paper. Grease paper.

Heat oven to 325°. Melt chocolate in double boiler; remove pan from water and let stand at room temperature. Combine honey and granulated sugar in small, heavy saucepan and cook over medium-low heat until sugar is dissolved. Brush down sides of pan with wet pastry brush to dissolve any sugar crystals. Heat syrup to boiling; reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer uncovered without stirring until syrup registers 240° F. on candy thermometer (or until drops of syrup form soft balls in glass of cold water), about 5 min. Remove from heat immediately. Add syrup, then chocolate to nut mixture and mix well.

Spoon batter into prepared pan spreading top evenly. Bake 35 min. Cool cake in pan or on wire rack 20 min. Remove cake from pan; discard paper. Cool further on wire rack. Wrap cake tightly in aluminum foil and let stand at room temperature at least 24 hours before cutting. Cake will keep well, tightly wrapped, for 2-3 weeks. To serve, sift powdered sugar over top of cake and cut in thin wedges.

Poluorones -- Spanish Almond Flavored Christmas Cookies  
Compliments of Carmen Macalpin

- 3/4 c. Butter, softened  
3/4 c. Sugar  
1 Egg white  
1 3/4 c. Flour
- 1/2 c. Blanched almonds, finely chopped  
4 Unblanched almonds, finely chopped

Mix thoroughly butter, sugar and egg white; stir in remaining ingredients; cover and chill for two hours.

Heat oven to 350°. Press dough to about 1/8 inch thickness. You can use cookie cutters for desired shapes. Bake 12 to 15 min. then cool. Makes three dozen cookies.

Mervaiselle -- French Christmas Cookies  
Compliments of Leontine Halverson

- 2 Whole eggs  
6 Egg yolks  
1 c. Sugar  
1 tsp. Vanilla
- 1 tbsp. Heavy cream  
1 cube Butter  
4 1/2 c. Sifted flour

Beat eggs and egg yolks well in large bowl. Cream sugar, vanilla, cream and butter in small bowl. Combine above two mixtures and beat well. Add flour gradually to form heavy, rather sticky dough. Refrigerate at least two hours or overnight.

Work with 1/4 of dough at a time. Dough must be cold or it will be hard to handle. Roll out thin (1/8 in.) on lightly floured board. Cut 1" by 2" strips with pastry wheel; slash 1" in center. Pull one end through slot. Place on waxed paper on tray and return to refrigerator until batch is worked up.

Use one 3-pound can of Crisco for frying. Change frying fat periodically during frying. Fry 14-16 at a time in large skillet at 375° for 1 min. until golden brown. Drain. Sprinkle with regular or powdered sugar and store in tightly sealed cannister.

Traditional American Sugar Cookies  
Compliments of Betty Crocker

- 3/4 c. Butter or shortening, softened  
1 c. Sugar  
2 Eggs  
1 tsp. Vanilla or 1/2 tsp. lemon extract
- 2 1/2 c. Flour  
1 tsp. Baking powder  
1 tsp. Salt

Mix thoroughly shortening, eggs, sugar and flavoring. Blend in flour, baking powder and salt. Cover; chill at least one hour. Heat oven to 400°. Roll dough 1/8 in. thick on lightly floured, cloth-covered board. Cut into desired Christmas shapes. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 6-8 min. or until very light brown. Makes about 4 dozen 3-in. cookies.

Pathways' Yearly Calendar

Please clip and save the Pathways' 1987 calendar deadlines and publishing dates for your use throughout the year.  
For any further questions on the paper, call us at 463-2750.

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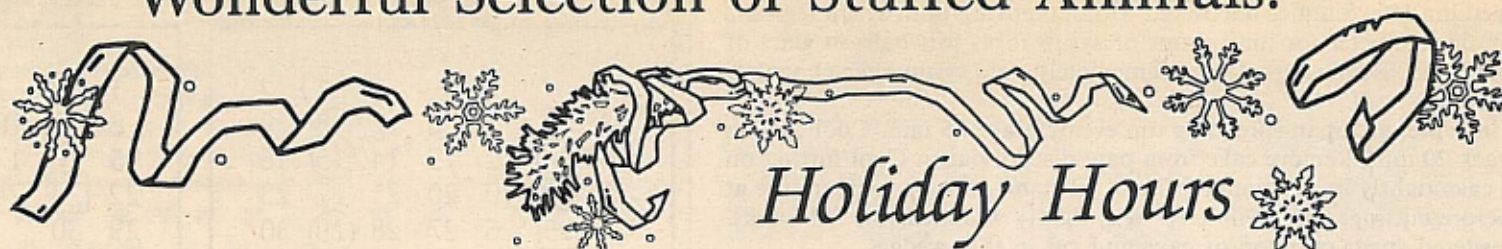




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# Serving Her Community Led To State Representative

If you're a young woman interested in providing service to your community, there are a variety of organizations available to you, but one organization stands out among the rest according to Lynette Maggio.

Rainbow Girls is an international organization of girls ranging in ages from 12 to 20, which provides a variety of services to communities and a host of growth opportunities for young women.

Lynette Maggio of Danville, recently appointed Grand Worthy Advisor for California, can attest to the enjoyment she has received by being an active Rainbow Girl.

Maggio, who has a Bachelor of Science degree in pre-med from Stanford University, was elected to the Line of Faith in 1980 which is the first step toward leadership in the group. In January of 1983, she was elected Worthy Advisor for her local assembly, and in that capacity was responsible for all service projects and special community events.

Having led her assembly well, and expressing a strong interest in Rainbow leadership at the state level, Maggio was

appointed Grand Worthy Advisor for the state earlier this year and has been traveling throughout California and the western states.

"Rainbow Girls stresses commitment, respect, love, fellowship and patriotism," Maggio said, "All of which I believe are very important qualities for young people to learn. Girls involved in this program also obtain excellent leadership characteristics including public speaking. I was shy when I started but now I talk to everyone!"

Her busy schedule is filled with "official visits" to the over 179 assemblies in California. The purpose of her visits is to seek contributions from the local assemblies for the two service projects she selected for the California region in 1986.

Maggio chose Air Lifeline, and the Mary Martin Trauma Center at San Francisco General Hospital, as the primary fund-raising projects for 1986 with a goal of \$100,000. This amount will provide two ventilators for the Trauma Center, and a computer and new telephone system for the Air Lifeline operation which is based out of Sacramento.



Rainbow representative Lynette Maggio.

Maggio selected these two services based on her research of both. Air Lifeline is a volunteer organization of private pilots who donate fuel, aircraft and personal flight time to fly medical missions all over California. Maggio said their office gets so many calls that their current phone system and office personnel can't handle the volume of requests effectively. "And in many cases Air Lifeline is dealing with life and death medical situations so communications are critical," she emphasized.

The Mary Martin Trauma Center is producing a film on the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and the results of drinking and driving, for distribution to high schools throughout California and possibly nationwide. Monies raised by the Rainbow Girl assemblies will be donated to this special project and to the purchase of two ventilators "which will give the breath of life to those who desperately need it," she added.

Since taking office in March, Maggio has visited 50 assemblies, the California State Grand Assembly, state assemblies in Utah, Washington, Oregon and Idaho, and the Supreme International Assembly which was held this year in North Dakota. California stands out as a leader," Maggio pointed out, "because we have the largest delegation in the international organization with over 6,000 active participants."

At the end of her year as Grand Worthy Advisor, Maggio hopes that the California assemblies will have reached their goals for both the Trauma Center and Air Lifeline. But April won't mark the end of her Rainbow activity. She plans to continue her involvement on the advisory board helping to oversee future community-oriented projects.

For information on Pleasanton's Rainbow Girl Assembly, contact Evelyn Hines at 846-9592.



Lee Hall, (right) secretary-manager of the Alameda County Fair, is presented the 1986 Carl Zwissig Award by Fair Association Director Jim Coehlo.

## A Taste Of The Valley

The third annual "A Taste of the Valley" wine and food extravaganza, featuring specialties of the Livermore Valley wineries and fine area restaurants, will be held February 8 at the Pleasanton Hilton on Johnson Drive.

Local wineries and restaurants will compete in the Celebrity Judging which will highlight this year's event. Roger Ide, Livermore resident and local culinary expert, is coordinating the team of judges which will include Jerry DiVecchio, Food and Wine Editor of Sunset Magazine and Ken Wolfe, a retired Department Chair and Chef Instructor of Culinary Arts at Contra Costa College in San Pablo. Tasters at the event will also have the opportunity to choose their favorites in the popular "People's Choice Awards", sponsored by the Tri-Valley Herald.

This year's "A Taste of the Valley" is sponsored by AT&T, the Tri-Valley Herald and the Pleasanton Hilton and will benefit the Community Service Programs of the Valley Volunteer Center.

Tickets for the annual event are now available for holiday gift giving at 333 Division Street in Pleasanton. Two tasting sessions will be held on February 8 for leisurely sampling, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person prior to December 31 and \$30 per person after January 1. For information call the Valley Volunteer Center at 462-3570.

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## Alameda County Fair

### Western Fair Blue Ribbon Awards

Gordon Winlow of Pleasanton, who has served as advisor for the Alameda County Cooperative Extension for more than 30 years, and as the Alameda County 4-H youth advisor, is the 1986 Alameda County Fair recipient of the Western Fairs Association Blue Ribbon Award.

Winlow, who works as a county extension officer and 4-H advisor for the University of California Extension in Hayward, was honored at a November 7 banquet hosted by the Alameda County Fair Association Board of Directors at the Sunol Valley Golf and Country Club. The Western Fairs Blue Ribbon Award is presented to an individual or organization in recognition of their dedicated support to local fairs.

The Alameda County Fair Board of Directors also presented the annual Bill Ralph Award for the outstanding 1986 agriculture exhibit to the Young Farmers and Ranchers of Alameda County. Club Vice President Melanie Vieux and her sister, Brenda, accepted the award for the

Young Farmers and Ranchers organization which is based in Livermore.

The Bill Ralph Award was established to commend the excellent display of various crops and technology during the 1986 fair, and is awarded to the entry that best typifies the department's theme which was "Agriculture: The Challenges of 1986."

Director Jim Coelho also presented Secretary-Manager Lee R. Hall with the Carl Zwissig Award for his unselfish dedication to the improvement and furtherance of the Junior Livestock Auction Program. Coelho lauded Hall for "his support and help in making the Junior Livestock Auction one of the best in California."

Fair Association President, DeWitt Wilson, concluded the awards ceremony by presenting a service recognition award to past president Joe Perez of Hayward, noting the Board of Directors' appreciation of his service during the successful 1985-86 Alameda County Fair.

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# a bit of trivia a bit of trivia

by Ben Fernandez

December 7 always reminds us old-timers about the days of World War II, the so-called "war to end all wars". Isn't that a hoot? It may be a little too much to ask most of our readers, but some of you should be able to remember the following.

1. Things in major league baseball were so tough during the war that a one-armed outfielder played one season for the St. Louis Browns. Who was he?
2. While John Wayne was winning the war in Hollywood, one of America's most loved actors flew 24 missions over Germany in a bomber. Who was he?
3. The great reporter of World War II was a war correspondent who served most of the war in the European theater, but died on a small island in the Pacific. Who was he?
4. What was General McAuliffe's reply when the Germans asked him to surrender at the Battle of the Bulge?
5. One of the great news shows of radio was "This is London". Who was the famous news journalist who reported from London during the blitz?
6. Although most of the good ball players had gone to war, two of the strongest franchises in baseball still won during the war years. Name the American League and National League team who had three pennant victories each during the war years.
7. In what movie did the recently deceased Cary Grant play a submarine skipper during World War II?
8. What famous singer was an inspiration to the folks at home singing "God Bless America" at least once per radio week?
9. "This is the Army" was a stage show and movie with a complete cast of Army personnel. In the movie, who played George Murphy's son?
10. When the GI's were discharged at the end of the war, they received a little emblem for their lapel. What was the popular name it went by?

Answers on page 9



John Morgan, Jonathan Smith and Robert McWilliams Jr. of Boy Scout Troop 901 in Pleasanton, received their Eagle Award on Oct. 26th at St. Augustine's Church. Family and friends shared the special day with them. Their service projects helped Shepherd's Gate in Livermore.

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## Symphony Season Starts

The Livermore-Amador Symphony will open its twenty-fourth season with a concert on Saturday, December 13 at 8:15 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.

Bernard Zaslav, an accomplished violinist, will be the guest soloist with the Valley symphony performing in Hector Berlioz' "Harold in Italy," W.A. Mozart's "Overture to Don Giovanni," and "The Concerto for Brass and Orchestra" by Benjamin Lees, will also be featured during the first performance of the season.

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Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth and senior citizens, may be purchased in advance at the Community First National Bank in Livermore, the Bank of Livermore, Mrs. Coffee Candy, Teas & Spices in the Nob Hill Shopping Center in Pleasanton, or at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce on Main Street. For more information, call 443-0751 or 462-6238.

## Alberque Boys Shelter

The Alberque Boys Shelter in Tulancingo needs assistance from the Pleasanton Sister City Program.

During a recent visit of the delegation from Tulancingo, Pleasanton received an update on the status of the Alberque Boys Shelter, a project taken on by the Sister City Program.

Through donations of clothing and financial support from the Pleasanton community the shelter has maintained its operation.

The shelter has now reached its capacity of 16 boys. Plans were made to build a new and larger facility, however, economic and political factors have affected the donation of land for the Alberque Boys Shelter that was to be built. The new plan

is to move the boys to a larger leased home in the City.

Tulancingo Sister City members are working with Catholic priests who specialize in running orphanages and shelters for homeless children. The Fathers of Mercy will assist in the administration and supervision of the new Alberque. Both monetary assistance and donations of clothing, equipment, and a wide variety of items are urgently needed.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Alberque Boys Shelter, should contact David Martin at Community First National Bank at 846-2891.

Any questions regarding the project may be directed to Gregg Doherty at 785-0413.

## AT&T Customers May Soon Reach Out At A Savings

AT&T has proposed a major change to its Reach Out America long-distance calling plan that could give over 2 million AT&T customers more opportunities to save money on their long-distance calls starting January 1.

The proposed revision would make more interstate, direct-dialed telephone calls eligible for AT&T's Reach Out America calling plan — where customers pay a set, hourly rate for out-of-state direct-dialed calls made during weekend and night hours.

AT&T wants to expand Reach Out America hours to include an additional six hours a week for calls made between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. Sunday through Friday. Reach Out's effective hours now fall between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and between 11 p.m. Friday and 5 p.m. Sunday — including all day Saturday.

"We're convinced that this enriched ver-

sion of Reach Out America will give customers the value and flexibility they want and expect from AT&T," says Robert J. Ranalli, AT&T's vice president of consumer markets and services. "The additional hours, plus the earlier evening start time, will mean even greater convenience for our Reach Out customers."

Over two million AT&T customers have enrolled in Reach Out America since the plan was first offered in 1984. Customer satisfaction is high with people enrolled in the plan.

Under the existing plan, subscribers pay \$10.15 a month for an hour's worth of calling. Additional hours are prorated at \$7.80 per hour. Customers also get a 15-percent discount on out-of-state calls made during the earlier evening rate period. Customers who subscribe to Reach Out America without the 15-percent evening discount pay a monthly charge of only \$8.95.

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Students from Donlon School in Pleasanton recently visited Hacienda Business Park where they saw a film about the Park and then took a tour of the area. One of the student's father works in the Park so they were also able to visit that business. Tours through the Park are available to Pleasanton students. For further information, call Donna Fernandez at 463-0280.

Pleasanton Soroptimist

# Youth Citizenship Awards

Soroptimists International of Pleasanton is currently accepting applications from Amador and Foothill High School seniors for its annual Youth Citizenship Awards program.

Two cash scholarships will be awarded

to the selected students for outstanding contributions to their school, community, country and world. The deadline for applications is December 12. To apply, contact Monica Grant at the YMCA, 462-0270.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Pete Gray
2. Jimmy Stewart
3. Ernie Pyle
4. "Nuts"
5. Edward R. Murrow
6. New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals
7. "Destination Tokyo"
8. Kate Smith
9. Ronald Reagan
10. Ruptured Duck

# Community Development Awards

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is now seeking nominations for their annual Community Development Awards.

The awards are to be presented at the Installation Dinner on January 16 at Castlewood Country Club.

Community input is asked in nominating a special citizen, organization or business that has made an outstanding contribution to Pleasanton.

Persons interested in submitting a nomination may fill out the form below and return it to the Chamber by December 31, 1986. Additional forms are obtainable at the Chamber office, 411 Main Street.

An explanation as to why your nominee should receive a Community Development Award must accompany the Community Development Awards form.

Further questions concerning nominations may be directed to the Chamber at 846-5858.

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Categories and Criteria

1. **Enhance City Character** — This award can:
  - a) recognize efforts to support the extensive youth and recreation programs of the community.
  - b) recognize efforts to promote the educational and cultural opportunities.
  - c) recognize the refurbishing of historic buildings or sites.
  - d) recognize the promotion of local history.
  - e) recognize the contributions to the unique-qualities of the city.
2. **Community Service** — This award will recognize those who directly participate in the life of the community through:
  - a) human and social services.
  - b) senior citizen activities.
  - c) health concerns.
  - d) achievement programs.
  - e) cultural programs.
3. **Businesses** — This award will recognize those whose presence in the community has a positive impact on the community and the business climate.

Nominees in this category may be groups, institutions, people and businesses who do more than just meet basic city and community standards.

Special recognition may be given for other contributions not otherwise identified in the above category.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 12  
Saturday, Dec. 13  
Sunday, Dec. 14

**Children's Theatre Workshops**, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 3 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday 1 and 3 p.m. Pleasanton Veterans Hall. For more information, call 846-5400.

Friday, Dec. 12

**Holiday Bazaar**, 7 to 9 p.m., Livermore Recreation Center, 8th and H Streets. Benefit Wakopa Region of Camp Fire. Call 846-2802 or 846-1823 for further information.

Saturday, Dec. 13

**VIP Annual Christmas Lunch** at San Ramon Country Club for members and friends. Call Dorothy Silva 828-1643 or Babs Tebo at 846-1042 for reservations.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony** featuring Bernard Zaslav, viola. First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore.

**Junior Women's Club** selling "The Game of Pleasanton" at Safeway, 1755 Santa Rita Road. Proceeds benefit Valley Community Health Center, Make a Wish Foundation and the Good Citizenship Youth Program. For more information, call 462-7838.

Monday, Dec. 15

**Chabot College-Valley Campus Concert Choir**, directed by Jim Heiner, St. Michaels Church, Maple Street at Third, Livermore, 8 p.m. Admission free. For further information, call 455-5300.

**Free Brown Bag Seminar** - "Portable Support Systems". Knowing what you want and making it happen. Leader, Gina Tompkins, MFCC. Community Room, Suite 107, Chabot Center, 4637 Chabot Drive, noon.

Tuesday, Dec. 16

**Junior Women's Club meeting**, 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the club, call Anna at 484-3371 or Mary Beth at 846-3850.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

**Newcomers** get acquainted for coffee and Christmas cookie exchange, 10 a.m. For more information, call 462-6319.

Monday, Dec. 22

**VIP Annual Christmas Party** at Veterans Hall. Members only. For reservations, call Nan Colan at 847-8176 or Babs Tebo at 846-1042.

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# Basketball Classic To Showcase Outstanding Teams

If you are a real basketball fan, and don't have the time to drive to a pro game in Oakland or a collegiate game at Berkeley, you are in for a real treat. The Amador Basketball Classic, celebrating its 25 year Silver Anniversary, will provide you with outstanding high school basketball competition beginning December 10th and concluding with the Championship finals on December 13th.

Four teams back for repeat performances this year are Dublin, St. Joseph, Merced and Amador Valley the tourna-

ment host. Dublin High returns with All-League forward Ernesto Smith, who averaged 19.5 points per game for the Gaels last year. Backing Smith up are center Norm Hudak and guard Rob Vera.

St. Joseph, a team that won the 1985 tournament Consolation Championship, has their entire team returning, and is rated as one of the tournament favorites.

The Pilots are led by the state's Freshman Player of the Year, Calvin Byrd, a 6'5" talent who appears to be a future high school All-American. Supporting Byrd are Damien Miller and Rico Lyles, at 6'3" and 6'6" respectively, who give the Pilots strong board play and good inside scoring.

Another favorite to win the tournament is Merced High School, led by one of the finest players in the nation, Gerald Madkins. Madkins was the Amador Basketball Classic's Most Valuable Player in 1985. He led his team to the tournament title when he outplayed highly touted Chris Munk of top rated Riordan High School. Madkins has already signed to play at U.C.L.A. next year.

Selected to a first team berth on the All-State High School Basketball Team, Madkins established a new tournament scoring record last year and should easily become the all time tournament career scoring leader at the conclusion of this year's event. Another big threat for the Bears is 6'9" Chris Cresswell, a sharp shooting forward who has signed to play at the University of California, Irvine next year.

Host Amador Valley returns seven players from last year's team, and features the inside scoring of Mike Allen at 6'6" and Mark Monahan at 6'5". The perimeter scoring for Coach Don Underwood's team will come from Steve Solomon, Boydell Garcia and Gary Kreider, all of whom played major roles for the Dons last year.

Entering the tournament for the first time are traditional powerhouses McClymonds High of Oakland, Cleveland High of the San Fernando Valley in Southern California, Foothill High of Bakersfield, and Berkeley High.

McClymonds, which produced legendary Boston Celtics players Bill Russell and Paul Silas, brings a team which has

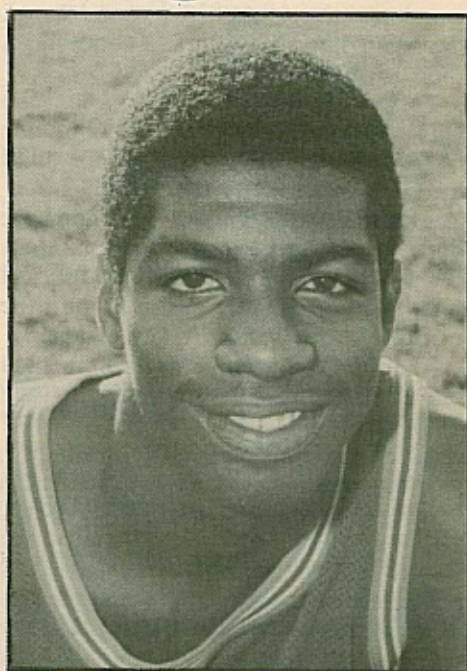
won two straight Oakland Athletic League championships at the junior varsity level. Cleveland, which finished second to Los Angeles City Champion Crenshaw High the past three years, returns two All-League players in Damon Greer, a 6'1" speed merchant, and Albert Fann, a 6'3" scorer and rebounder.

Foothill of Bakersfield is a traditional power in the San Joaquin Valley, and features the play of junior Archie Wright, an All-League performer last year. Foothill's record over the past four years is an impressive 72 wins against only 26 losses.

Rounding out the tournament entrants is Berkeley High School which has dominated their league for years and made it to the Northern California Championships in 1985. Berkeley will open the tournament in a first round match with the Amador Valley Dons. The game promises to be a fine match of two well coached teams.

Competition begins on Wednesday, December 10, with McClymonds facing St. Joseph at 7 p.m. and Amador Valley playing Berkeley at 8:30 p.m.

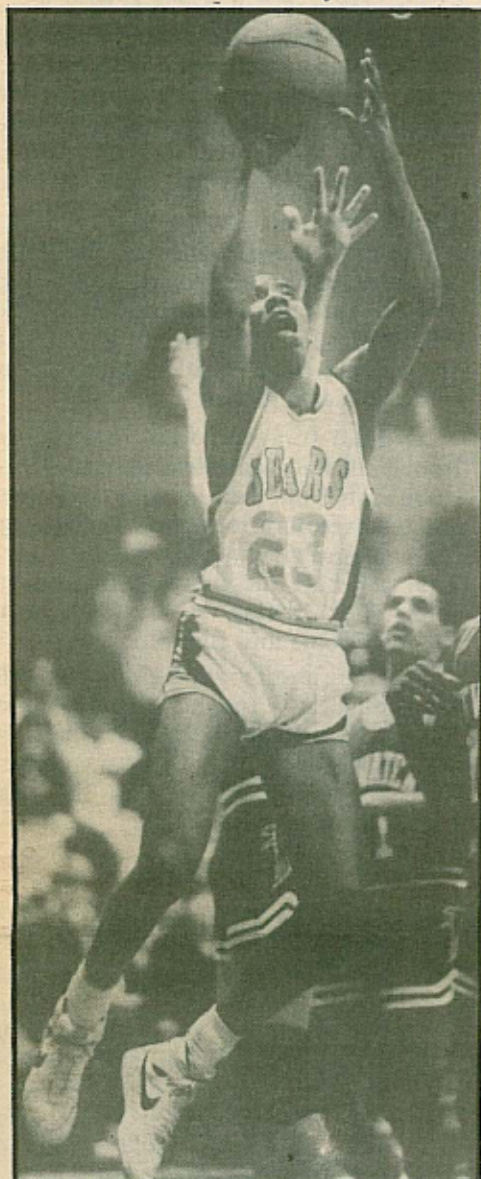
Play will continue at a rapid pace for the following three days, with the initial contest each day scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. As Tournament Director Larry Brabbin puts it, "We are trying to put some of the finest high school basketball talent in the state on display in this tournament, and the fans will not be disappointed. But they should familiarize them-



Calvin Byrd.

selves with the tournament schedule to avoid missing out on any of these games."

Brabbin, a former collegiate football player at Arizona State, and Amador Coach Don Underwood, have played major roles in building this tournament into a major athletic attraction for local basketball fans. So mark your calendars, and get to the gym early for an opportunity to see some great high school basketball at the Amador Basketball Classic.



Gerald Madkins.

## Dons Win Holiday Invitational Soccer Tournament

The Thanksgiving Holiday gave girls high school soccer fans some terrific entertainment as the Holiday Invitational Soccer Tournament took place in Fremont. Both Amador and Foothill High Schools were involved in heavy action. The two East Bay Athletic League schools and crosstown rivals ended up battling for the tournament title in the finals, with the Dons emerging victorious on the strength of a 2-1 score.

Amador defeated San Leandro 8-0 in the first round of play, won by virtue of a forfeit over Berkeley High when that school failed to arrive at the tournament, and then bombed American High by a score of 11-0 to gain the finals.

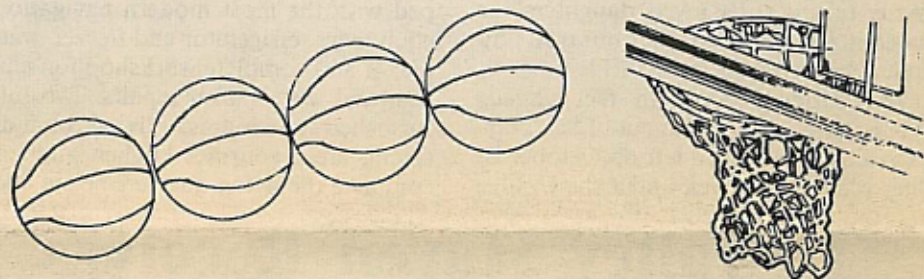
The Falcons nailed California High in the first round by a score of 6-2, and then whipped Castro Valley and Newark Memorial by respective scores of 6-1 and 5-1 to advance to the finals.

In the title game, both coaches did masterful jobs in developing their game plans. The two teams played rugged defense all over the field, holding the scoring to a minimum. Foothill drew first blood when Nancy Dabney, on a nice feed from Michelle Michelotti, drilled a kick for the initial score of the match.

Amador came back to tie the match as Jennifer Schneider, off a pass from Marini Selway, nailed a shot for the Dons' first score. The speedy Schneider was a scoring threat for the Dons all day, constantly putting pressure on the Falcons defense. Foothill was up to the task, however, and with tournament Most Valuable Player Michelle Comer at goalie the Falcons defense was superb.

With the score tied at 1-1 at the 70 minute point, Amador's Amy Devine delivered a fine cross to the mercurial Schneider, who promptly headed the ball into the net for the winning tally.

Amador had 16 shots on goal for the match, while Foothill countered with 12 attempts. Comer of Foothill had 10 saves for the Falcons, while her counterpart, Chris Mayo of Amador, had 7. Schneider, and defensive stalwarts Trish Smith, Selway, Stacy Shorum, Mary Silva and Mayo were instrumental in Amador's success. Foothill's Dabney, an offensive machine who had a "hat trick" against Newark Memorial, produced another outstanding effort for the Falcons in the tournament final. Michelle Comer had a tremendous tournament in the net to pace the Foothill defense.



### PYB

## Pleasanton Youth Basketball

The City of Pleasanton is accepting registration for the 1986/87 Pleasanton Youth Basketball (PYB) season.

The league is open to boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 15.

The fee is \$30 for one child in the program, \$50 for two, and \$65 for three.

Practices are scheduled to begin the first week in December, with games commencing in January.

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The league is also seeking volunteer coaches to assist with the teams. As is the case with most youth sports leagues, the success of the program depends on volunteer coaching.

If you are interested in coaching or wish further information on the program, call 847-8160.



Foothill High students Michelle Lee and Jeff Stutz receive varsity Athlete of the Month awards for volleyball and football from Foothill Booster Club representative Gary Koehler.



# Cruising Around The World In First-Class Style

Some people simply talk about all the wonderful things they plan to do "some day", and others not only talk about them, they do them!

Former Building Inspector for the City of Pleasanton, Les Brodeur, is one of those people who makes up his mind to do something and then he does it.

And what he and his wife Dianne have done is outfit their new 43-foot Hans Christian Cutter, The Affinity, and set sail for a one to two year cruise around the world. No small task by any means!

The humorous Brodeur commented that he had always wanted to "go out the 'Gate' and make a left hand turn. Now I can finally do it!" he claimed.

After handling the City of Pleasanton's building inspections for twelve years, Brodeur decided to go into business for himself; the first of several moves toward becoming independent. For the past two years he has constructed and sold new homes in Blackhawk. This was the year everything was right for "setting sail into the sunset."

Brodeur and first mate, Dianne, took The Affinity out last year on a "shake-down cruise" to Catalina Island in the annual Oakland to Catalina sailing race sponsored by the Metropolitan Yacht Club in Oakland. "We found our new home-away-from-home to be water-tight and ship-shape," said Dianne.

An experienced yachtsman, Brodeur has been sailing for more than ten years and is thrilled that a life-long dream is finally coming true for he and his wife. "After raising three lovely daughters," he stated matter-of-factly, "it's our turn now and we're going to go for it!"

The Brodeurs have in fact already "gone for it". They sailed out of San Francisco Bay, and turned left on October 19. They plan to sail back under the Golden



Les and Dianne Brodeur give a friendly wave before leaving on a cruise around the world.

lot of work but we've also planned plenty of time for sightseeing and relaxation," he confessed.

Dianne admitted they won't suffer too much. She will also have on board a computer to fulfill one of her dreams which is to write; possibly fiction or a colorful travel diary. And their favorite ice cream was stockpiled in the freezer.

From Catalina Island, the Brodeurs will stop in San Diego to further outfit, provision and tune up for the next leg of the trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. They plan to berth in Puerto Vallarta for Christmas and then set sail for Costa Rica. They will travel through the Panama Canal and up the inland waterways to Boston and from there they will sail north to the Canadian coast. Brodeur hopes to trace some of his family roots along the eastern seaboard and then its south to the Caribbean!

Their itinerary also includes the Mediterranean, Rio De Janiero, the South Pacific, Australia and, depending on the Middle East situation, a possible course through the Suez Canal to Madagascar and the Indian Ocean.

It's quite a way to go just to get away from it all! But their extended trip will include visits from their daughters, friends and relatives in various ports'o call along the way. And they won't be totally alone. They will have the company of a sister ship, The Vouvray, manned by their friends Debbie and Bill Patience.

This time next month the Brodeurs will be gliding into the harbor in Puerto Vallarta to celebrate the holidays. We'll let you know if Pleasanton Pathways receives a Christmas postcard that reads "Having a great time — wish you were here!" A belated bon voyage to Les and Dianne Brodeur!

Gate Bridge some time in 1988 or 1989.

Dianne, who has always dreamed of seeing as much of the world as possible and Les, who loves to sail, decided to compromise and "take their home with them." The 43-foot luxury yacht is fully equipped with the most modern navigational equipment, refrigerator and freezer, water-maker and complete workshop for scuba gear and water-maker repairs. Two fully-furnished state rooms, a living room and dining area, gourmet kitchen and bath complete the living quarters below deck.

For the last several months the Brodeurs have been busy outfitting The Affinity in preparation for their long voyage and noted that they will feel more confident once the first 1000 miles are under their stern. "You can't call AAA out there!" Brodeur quipped. "In the middle of the ocean you are really footing for yourself. It's not like driving a car where you can stop and ask directions or get repairs. I'm going to be the superintendent of the complex, the traffic manager and head of the sewer department all at once! It will be a

## Tri-Valley Haven Receives Quilts For Christmas

The Amador Valley Quilters, a group of people who are interested in the art of quilting, will be presenting ten crib quilts and one twin quilt to the Tri-Valley Haven for Women at their annual Christmas Brunch on December 13. The group, which began as a guild in 1981 with only thirteen members, today numbers 150 active members.

Each year the Community Projects committee of the Amador Valley Quilters selects different recipients for quilts. This year, over 20 members donated their efforts toward the Christmas quilts for the Tri-Valley Haven through work parties, individual hours and the donation of some quilts created on their own time.

The guild, which raises funds through a bi-yearly quilt show held at the Alameda Fair Grounds and an annual group quilt, also schedules workshops and special lectures for their monthly membership meetings.

The members of the Amador Valley Quilters enjoy sharing their many talents and view quilting as an expression of art and emotional fulfillment. Every quilt tells a story — from the pioneers' quilts brought across the plains to unfinished quilts that have been passed down through families and are being completed today by younger family members.

The guild donates a variety of twin, crib and wheelchair lap robe quilts to many



Doris Hoenig, Mozelle Morgan and Julie Roth display one of the quilts the guild will be donating to the Tri-Valley Haven for Women.

local groups throughout the year. For information on the Amador Valley Quilters, contact Mozelle Morgan at 829-5115.

## National Romance Novelist

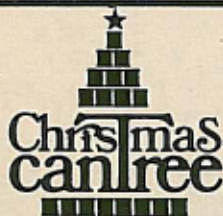
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the family. Husband Rick, who was a history major at the University of California, Berkeley, enthusiastically helps Rivers research and edit the historical aspects of her books.

A "regular mom" too, Rivers, her husband Rick and three children, Trevor, Shannon and Travis, live in Sebastopol which she describes as being very similar to the small town Pleasanton she remembers. "I enjoy the anonymity of being a writer," she confessed. "I can go to my childrens' soccer games and absolutely no one knows me as anyone except Trevor's mom!"

Currently, Rivers is working on a giant family saga about pioneer women and what "homeplace" means to them — is it a place, people or within ones self — and a movie company is interested in "Rebel In His Arms" for possible production.

"Writing is a wonderful vocation," she concluded. "There are so many types of books to write and you never have to retire. I plan on writing until I'm 95!"



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Fraser-Middleton is expecting that Hacienda's 6,000 employees will donate an average of one can each. With the additional cans donated by area residents, even more of those in need will have a brighter Christmas this year.

Collection points at Hacienda include lobbies in the following office buildings:

- (1) Chabot Center--4637 Chabot Drive
- (2) Amador Valley Savings & Loan 5698 Stoneridge Drive
- (3) Hewlett-Packard--5725 W. Las Positas Blvd.
- (4) AT&T--4141 Hacienda Drive (Bldg. A)
- (5) AT&T--5694 W. Las Positas Blvd. (Bldg. J)

Cash donations may be brought to the Hacienda Owners Association office in Chabot Center, 4637 Chabot Drive, Suite 118. Checks should be made payable to Salvation Army.

Individuals, organizations or businesses interested in helping co-ordinate the distribution of food or help in general should call Hacienda Business Park Owners Association at 463-9040.

