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Childcare Service To Open In Hacienda Business Park

In another first for Pleasanton development, the Hacienda Business Park Owners' Association has contracted with a Valley organization, Resources for Family Development, to provide childcare recruitment and referral services to employees of businesses located within the Park. Resources for Family Development (RFD) will open an office in Chabot Center in Hacienda Business Park on May 1.

"Resources for Family Development has an outstanding reputation for providing innovative, quality childcare resource services," stated Mary McLaughlin, Manager of the Owners' Association. "Hacienda has been studying childcare needs in the area for over a year now and we're delighted to take this first step in order to better serve our tenants and their employees."

RFD will be working with individual employees in referring them to appropriate childcare openings in the community. They will also be recruiting for additional facilities in the Pleasanton area.

"There is a definite need for childcare and childcare services in this area," said Ruth Freis, RFD co-director with Miriam Miller. "Hacienda has taken a larger view of that and is looking at this to be a model step in cooperatively helping solve employee childcare needs."

"Pleasanton has a large lack of openings in childcare facilities," added Miller. "Our program hopes to bridge some of that and give working parents the referrals and choices for quality childcare in the area."

RFD has outlined four specific points in achieving its referral objectives for the Hacienda program. These include providing an on-site counselor that will be stationed in the RFD of-



Mary McLaughlin (left) of Hacienda Business Park, discusses childcare needs with Miriam Miller (standing) and Ruth Freis of Resources for Family Development.

fices in Hacienda's Chabot Center; confirming each referral to verify openings and the appropriateness of services; making follow-up visits to the selected facility within three weeks of when the employee places the child and providing the employee with an informational resource describing the services actually being provided; and giving weekly group presentations to employees on topics related to childcare and parenting.

"Our referral services serve a variety of functions," commented Freis. "One

of the primary things that they can do is to connect people with other services in the Valley and in the county. Many times people have childcare needs that go beyond just placing their child at an appropriate childcare facility. Our referral function can serve to introduce them to other services provided by other agencies."

The Hacienda program also includes a recruitment program for additional childcare services in the area. RFD's recruitment services will be used to increase the supply of existing childcare

facilities, particularly in family childcare homes, programs for after school care, and care for sick children.

"Right now there are no facilities for infant and toddler (up to 23 months) care in Pleasanton," explained Miller. "And we have a great need for programs for after school care and care for sick children. The recruitment function of the Hacienda program will work to try to fill some of those needs."

Advertising and canvassing programs will be part of the recruitment plan, as well as contacting churches and other community groups. In addition, RFD will provide technical assistance and information to assist with the licensing procedures for new facilities and orientation and training sessions will be offered to newly licensed programs.

"We're very excited about this program," said Freis. "The Valley has been a model for children and families, and we're really enthusiastic about establishing a model childcare community with Hacienda."

Resources for Family Development was established in 1976 by Freis and Miller as a resource and referral agency for the Livermore/Pleasanton area. Since its establishment, the agency has been providing the focus for addressing unmet childcare needs and acting as the coordinating organization for children's services in the Valley. It currently provides services to over 3000 parents, 47 childcare centers and nursery schools, and 288 family childcare homes in the Valley. It is a non-profit corporation that services childcare resource and referral needs for over 250 families a month.

Resources for Family Development has achieved a national reputation for the design and operation of its comprehensive agency.

400-500 LOCAL RESIDENTS TO FILL POSITIONS

AT&T Communications Expands Operations at Hacienda

AT&T Communications has leased two more of the original 12 buildings at Hacienda Business Park, according to an announcement by Jack Swanson of The Prudential Insurance Company of America, co-developer of the Park. "With the addition of these facilities, AT&T has strengthened its major commitment to Hacienda and to Pleasanton."

The buildings, which have a combined total over 110,000 square feet, will join the six other buildings in Hacienda Business Park now leased to AT&T communications. The new buildings will house about 600 AT&T

employees in the company's engineering and marketing department.

The Amador I building at the corner of West Las Positas Boulevard and Willow Road, will house some of AT&T Communications' engineering functions. Over 200 employees in various types of engineering positions will eventually work in the building.

The second building, Amador II, located at the corner of Willow Road and Inglewood Drive, will house the company's Residence Service Center. Over 400 employees, the majority of them new hires, will be employed in various residential marketing functions

in the building. The Residence Service Center is responsible for servicing residential customers in the 11 state western region. The new building will centralize AT&T Communications' residence marketing effort.

"Approximately \$40,000 in annual property tax revenue will be generated for the city of Pleasanton when the buildings are occupied," stated Swanson.

AT&T Communications currently has over 1400 people working at its offices at Hacienda Business Park and Centerpointe on the Stoneridge Mall

periphery. Of these, over 200 are local residents hired since the company began its phased move to Pleasanton in October, 1983. The company expected to hire an additional 400-500 local residents for its Pleasanton operations within the year.

AT&T Communications expects to open a second local employment office at Hacienda Business Park by late 1984. The company is currently handling applications for all Pleasanton operations from its employment office at its Centerpointe facilities on the Stoneridge Mall periphery.

IN MY OPINION



In My Opinion is a monthly column featuring opinions by guest editors. This month's column is by Pleasanton City Council member Karin Mohr.

Did you know Pleasanton could have its own local bus system next December? It looks like a pretty good bet, although it wouldn't surprise me if the projected start up date slides a little and it really takes another month or two after that. We will be establishing our bus system in a joint effort with Dublin.

For a long time I have wondered why Livermore had a bus system and Pleasanton did not. During the past few years it seemed there were more and more reasons why buses were needed here. Some of the more obvious are: schools trying to get out of the bus business, the regional shopping mall is open, and our commercial centers are beginning to flourish. Children not only need transportation to school but many teenagers have part-time jobs either requiring the heavy expense of a car or a very reliable parent as chauffeur. Additionally our senior population continues to increase and many find public transportation the only or the preferred way to remain active and able to get around in their community.

Recognizing what I felt to be a significant need, the first job was finding the money for the ever present requirement of "a study." Our City Council realistically felt city staff already had their hands full and it was unwilling to commit City funds at this time. Then we found out that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission was willing to fund our study. Dublin also expressed their interest in participating.

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In addition, and the real beauty of it, is that this won't cost us anything we aren't paying for already. The State collects our gas tax monies, which through the Transportation Development Act (TDA) are used to support public transportation (on a per capita basis). BART has been receiving our share of these TDA funds, for which we get limited bus service. By forming our own system, Pleasanton and Dublin's share of approximately \$800,000 will be available directly to us. BART will continue to provide express bus service to the Hayward station. So in one sense, our bus system won't cost us anything. There is no reason not to "go for it."

The contract for the study was set and finally all the necessary information is in hand. Reviews have been made by an assortment of governmental agencies. The preferred routes are identified, as well as the preferred bureaucratic organization which will be through a joint powers agreement. This

agreement is with the approval of the Pleasanton and Dublin City Councils, as well as Livermore and Alameda County.

Each city will have two votes and the County one vote to represent the unincorporated areas. The advantages of joining forces with Livermore are several. The Valley will have a unified and stronger voice in dealing on transportation issues with MTC, BART, and other governmental agencies. We will not have to duplicate administrative overhead (as two separate transportation agencies would have had to). In addition we can consolidate maintenance and bus yard facilities with the aim of serving the whole valley with coordinated service.

Throughout all of the meetings that have been going on for the past year, there were several key points that were considered. Livermore needed assurance that its RIDEO system would not get reduced or diluted by our start-up costs. All three cities, Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore needed assurance that the available funds

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would be equitably divided and that within each city there would be autonomy in establishing the routes the buses travel. The policy committee, made up of representatives from each city now feels that these concerns have been met.

There has been community concern

about our Valley's air quality and the problem of pollution. Efficient public transportation is an integral part of the solution. With a good local system in place, making good use of the BART system should prove easier than in the past. The BART buses will be made a more truly express line and they will continue to be our link to Hayward until a train service is in place.

"What we will be getting . . . is a bus system with the capability to provide buses within 3 blocks of over 80% of our citizens . . ."

What we will be getting now for all those tax dollars that have previously been evaporating is a bus system with the capability to provide buses within 3 blocks of over 80% of our citizens, hourly service from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 1/2 hourly service during peak hours, including after school, and fares will be the same as RIDEO.

There have been and are a great many significant things going on in our City. While buses may not be a top priority for many of us, public transportation is an important facet of city services. For many of our citizens it is the only way they have to get to jobs or other activities important to the quality of their lives. I am extremely pleased to have had a part in making this choice available to Pleasanton.

— Karin Mohr

THANK YOU, PLEASANTON!

HACIENDA BUSINESS PARK

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Gene Finch works with internist Pam Tobin.

Student Of The Month

Pam Tobin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Tobin, has been selected as the "Student of the Month" by the Small Business Committee of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

The Foothill High School senior is enrolled with the "Career Links" program through the Valley Volunteer Center and is pursuing a career in interior decorating.

She plans to attend either San Jose State College or U.C. Davis, with interior decorating as her major.

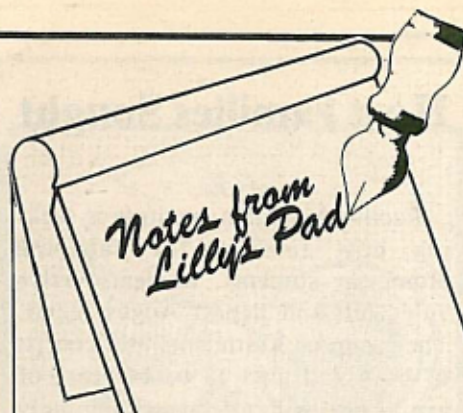
Pam is presently an intern with Gene's Flooring and Interior, Inc. Pam feels this type of program "is a great experience." The student gains experience in a field they have selected

and it gives them the opportunity to see if this is really what they want to do before spending four years in college. "I think more students should take advantage of this program," said Pam.

Gene Finch, owner-operator of Gene's Flooring and Interior, stated that, "Pam has great potential and is quick to pick up on the important matters of the business."

Pam is the fourth intern Gene has had in his business and he highly recommends that other businesses get involved in the Career Links program.

Further information regarding students working with businesses may be obtained by calling 829-4958.



Pleasanton, you did it and we love you for it!

I've lived in this community for 17 years and I always knew we were a town of intelligent people who recognize class and professionalism when we see it.

And that is what we are getting now with the continued development of Hacienda Business Park.

Our thanks to each and every one of you who supported our town by giving your vote of confidence on April 10.

Many of you gave long hard hours of volunteer time from your already busy and overloaded schedule of activities to help us get the word out on the planned development of the Park.

Being actively involved in the community, the Park and Pleasanton Pathways I have very good feelings about Pleasanton's future. Many cities are very envious of our good fortune.

This good fortune we have been blessed with will only continue to get better and will make Pleasanton a very attractive place to live and work.

With the funds that will be generated from Pleasanton's planned progress perhaps we can now persuade our city fathers to think about a nice library building for our city. We are certainly in need of a good facility that would provide a much used service.

I can remember when we first arrived in Pleasanton — no such service existed. Then we had a small make shift building on Bernal Avenue across from the Gay 90's Pizza.

We were about to lose that library when a group of "Friends of the Library" stepped forward and moved the portable building to where it stands now on Black Avenue.

Many of you have asked, "Will you continue to publish Pleasanton Pathways?" Rest assured, faithful readers. Pathways will continue as long as there is a Hacienda Business Park Owners' Association to fund it. By your vote last Tuesday, you supported the Planned Unit Development Zoning controls on the park which insist on the Owners' Association as a condition of approval.

In fact, we may even grow a little bigger because you continue to supply us with local information. The cooperation to date has been outstanding — please keep it coming.

I always enjoy working with all of you out there in the community and want you to know that even though you don't see them, I also have an eager and talented staff working diligently to put this little paper together for you.

This is certainly some of the most fun I've ever had in a job mainly because of all the super, neat people involved in making it happen.

I know that everyone associated with the Park recognizes their responsibility to the citizens of Pleasanton. I think you will find them to be worthy of your trust.

Happy Easter everybody!

Babysitting Co-op Being Organized

Resources for Family Development is sponsoring an organizing meeting for a baby-sitting co-op in Pleasanton.

The meeting is May 7, 7:30 p.m. at Valley Volunteer Center, 333 Division.

A baby-sitting co-op is a group of families who agree to exchange child care with other member families within the guidelines of the co-op bylaws. Co-op child care is usually used for "time-

outs" for adults, not as a substitute full time child care during working hours.

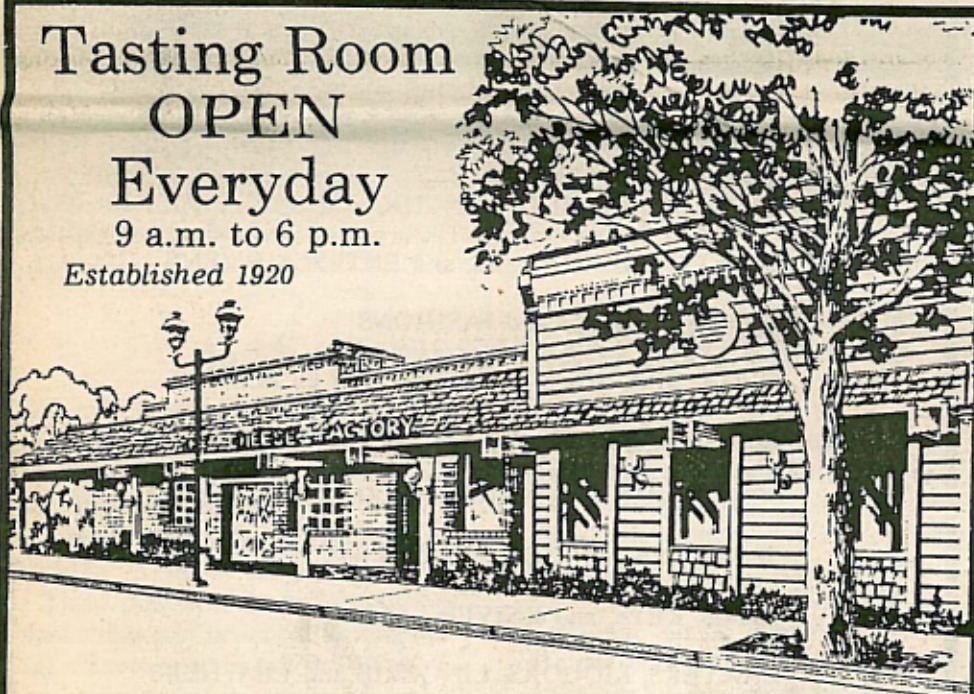
At this meeting you can meet others from your neighborhood and hear about how co-ops work and develop bylaws for your own group. There are no facilities for child care at the meeting site.

For additional information, call Parents' Place, 443-2727.



Kim Jagger and her daughter Stacie, enjoyed the Pleasanton Library during the opening of the library's new hours on Mondays. Library hours are now Monday, 10-5; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10-5 and Wednesday and Thursday, 2-9.

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April is a funny month, I think. Not funny as in "Ha, Ha" but, you know, funny as in strange.

Take taxes. Please. Taxes are due on the fifteenth of every April although this year, Uncle Sam gave us a one day reprieve because the fifteenth fell on a Sunday. You can't conduct serious business on Sunday anyway. Sundays are for church and brunches and baseball. The people at H&R Block deserve a day off too, just like the rest of us.

Then there's this other business about showers. Not the kind that you take but the kind that you get. April showers bring May flowers, they say.

"They" say this I suspect because by now most of us would just as soon not see any more rain. By holding out a promise of flowers in abundance for May "they" think we'll accept more rain without too much protest. They're right, of course. I hope somebody sends me a beautiful bouquet of May flowers.

The days are getting longer, too. At both ends. The birds outside my window wake me up every morning at first light. Don't they know, I don't get up at 5:30 a.m.? Someone, (maybe me), ought to invent a little digital alarm clock for birds. It could be sold under the name "The Worm" and our advertising slogan could be, "The early bird catches 'The Worm'."

What did I tell you? Very definitely a strange month . . . or maybe it's not the month that's strange . . . Oh well. See you in May.

Starting Kit For New Businesses

Starting a business is risky at best; but your chances for success will be better if you understand what problems you will encounter before you start. To assist new local business persons, the Small Business Committee of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has made available a start-up kit to guide the prospective entrepreneur through the maze of legal requirements and provide him with checklists and other informational pamphlets.

The committee has researched the community needs and provided extensive and up-to-date material, such as: The Pleasanton Business & Government Handbook; Procedures For Starting a New Business in Alameda County; Insurance Tips for Small and New Business, and a Federal Employers Tax Guide and Application for Employer Identification.

This helpful packet is available for \$5.00 at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce office, 411 Main Street.

Host Families Sought

Pacific American Institute is seeking host families for Japanese Homestay students. Students arrive July 26th and depart August 22nd. The group of 30 students will consist of boys and girls 13 to 14 years of age. They will attend school daily (Monday-Friday) and have afternoon planned activities.

Host families must be able to provide a separate bedroom for sleeping and studying, transportation to and from the academic center and meals. You need not speak Japanese, but be willing to share in a rewarding cultural exchange experience.

Students are covered by medical insurance and provide their own spending money.

For information call local Program Coordinator, Cathy Pero, 462-2650

Senior Nutrition Program

The Pleasanton Senior Nutrition Program will deliver meals to those over 60 years who are homebound.

Interested individuals are requested to call 462-6616 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m..



Patti Abramson and Dodie Bevilacqua will be guest models at the Tri-Valley Cancer League Fashion Show.

Champagne With Style

Guest models, Dodie Bevilacqua representing Children's Home Society, and Patti Abramson representing Mulberry Branch of Children's Hospital, will participate in the second annual Tri-Valley Cancer League Champagne-Dessert Fashion Show on Saturday, May 15, 1:00 p.m. at St. Clare's Episcopal Church on Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Fashions will be from The Clothes Tree, Pleasanton. Champagne is to be provided by Sonoma-Windsor Vineyards and dessert by C&C Caterers of Livermore. Tax-deductible tickets at \$10 per person are available by writing to Tri-Valley Cancer League, P.O. Box 1354, Pleasanton, CA 94566 or by calling Kathy Tatton, 846-6614 or Trudy Lehn, 846-1713. Questions concerning the event may be directed to Jill Fletcher, 846-4207.

March of Dimes Walkathon

Put on a comfortable pair of shoes and join the March of Dimes/KFRC Walk America 1984 event on Sunday, April 29, 8 a.m. at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds.

Two thousand valley residents are expected to "Step Out For Tomorrow's Children" in the fight against birth defects.

In addition to the personal reward of walking for a good cause, Bay Area walkers are eligible to win fantastic prizes. Entertainment also will be provided to make it real fun for all ages.

Sponsor forms are available at 7-11 Stores and at Chuck E. Cheese Pizza Time Theaters, or by calling the March of Dimes at 352-8614.

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Juniors Host Wardrobe Seminar

The Pleasanton-Livermore Junior Women's Club is holding a Wardrobe Seminar and luncheon on Saturday, April 28 at the Red Baron Steak House in Livermore.

The Wardrobe Seminar will be conducted by Casual Corners Corporate Wardrobe Consultant, Nancy Arseneault. Nancy will explain the Corner's Wardrobe Formula $2+2+5=30$.

Tickets to the seminar are \$10 per person and may be purchased by call-

ing 846-3850.

Proceeds from the event will be given to the Livermore-Amador Valley Emergency Fund Center.

The club has already received a \$100 donation from Hacienda Business Park.

Further questions on the seminar or the Pleasanton-Livermore Junior Women's Club may be directed to Maybeth McCarthy at 846-3850.



Jill Collins and Karen Vaden are fitted with outfits by Nancy Arseneault of Casual Corners.

April, Public School Months

Parents and residents of Pleasanton are encouraged to visit their neighborhood school and others during the month of April, Public Schools Month.

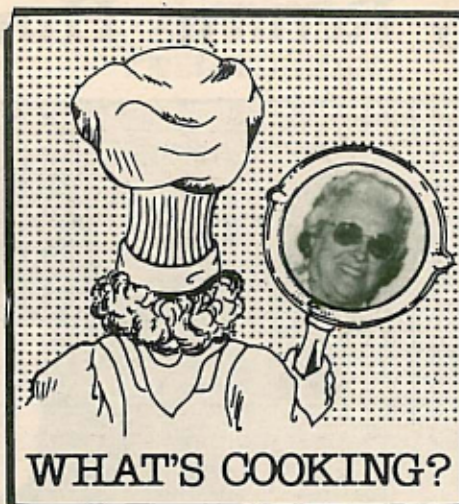
Those persons interested in visiting classes that are "in action" during the day are requested to call the office of the school of their choice to make arrangements.

Open House in the evening begins at 7 p.m. Dates for the following schools are: Harvest Park, April 25; Valley View, April 26; and Vintage Hills, April 24.

Walnut Grove held their Open House on April 5 while Alisal and Fairlands Schools had Open House on April 12.



Lyn Bock, president of the Amador Center Merchant's Assoc. wished Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rudziensky well as winners of a Mexican Cruise aboard the S.S. Azure Seas. The contest was sponsored by Amador Shopping Center, Pleasanton. The cruise was the grand prize offered by the Center and A&B Travel Planners, Walnut Creek. The young couple also enjoyed a champagne "Bon Voyage" dinner at Rod's Hickory Pit, Pleasanton.



Although Mary Mattos "enjoys cooking very much," she doesn't do too much now since the family is grown and on their own and her husband, Max is retired.

Holidays were always big feast days for the Mattos family and Mary went all out to make a nice spread. Holidays are now spent with her daughter and grandchildren in Livermore.

Mary worked for 14 years at the grammar school cafeteria in Pleasanton. Each day began at 8 a.m. with a new and different menu for the kids. All lunches were served hot and made from scratch with the ingredients purchased from the local farmers.

Mary and Max still plant a small garden in their backyard to meet their needs.

Friends and family readily testify that Mary's cooking is the "greatest," even though she classifies herself as a "practical" rather than a "gourmet" cook.

Mary shares her "Easter Bread" and "Steak Strips In Mushroom Sauce" with Pathways readers.

EASTER BREAD

- 8 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tsp. salt
- 3 yeast cakes (dissolved in lukewarm water)
- 1 dozen eggs (beaten)
- 1 cube butter (melted)

Sift flour and make a nest, add sugar, salt, diluted yeast and beaten eggs. Knead together thoroughly. Add melted butter and knead. The more you knead the better. Set aside and let rise 2 or 3 times the original size. Divide and make into loaves and let rise again until double in bulk. Bake in greased and flowered pans at 350 degrees until golden brown (about 1 hour).

STEAK STRIPS IN MUSHROOM SAUCE

- 1½ lbs. sirloin steak (cut in strips)
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons cooking oil
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms (fresh)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sherry wine
- ½ cup beef bouillon
- 1½ tablespoons corn starch
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley

Cook the strips in very hot butter and oil in heavy skillet until lightly browned. Keep warm until all strips are browned. Lower heat and stir sliced mushrooms into pan drippings. Cook, while stirring for a minute or two. Add lemon juice, salt, wine and bouillon mixed with cornstarch. Stir until mushrooms are tender and sauce thickens. Return beef strips to sauce. Heat a minute or two. Add parsley. Enjoy.

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Kelly Doherty Returns Home To Work In Pleasanton

By Mickee Fields

After attending school in Southern California for four and a half years, Kelly Doherty has returned home to Pleasanton. The daughter of Pleasanton Planning Commissioner, Greg Doherty and his wife, Nora, Kelly is now a staff accountant for O'Brien, Offereins, and Hallgrimson; Certified Public Accountants in Pleasanton.

A 1979 Amador High School graduate, Kelly has been back in town since graduating from San Diego State University last December. Graduation ceremonies won't actually take place until May, but she is relieved to finally be out of school and actively working.

At the moment, most of the young accountant's time is being devoted to tax preparation. Working fifty plus hours a week is pretty demanding, but Kelly is quick to point out that, "It won't be like this all year long, and besides," she adds, "I find tax work very interesting."

Kelly views tax preparation as an attempt to "try and save a person as much money as possible." That is the task she most enjoys as a new accountant. As the year progresses, however, she expects her responsibilities to expand to include auditing, reviewing, financial reports, and more. Her job has many more facets than others might think! She explains, "A lot of people have the mistaken impression that accountants just sit around adding columns of numbers all day. We do much, much more." But, Kelly is quick to share, "I couldn't live without my



Kelly Doherty, at work, calculating tax returns.

calculator!"

It's interesting to note that Kelly never particularly cared for math in high school. She claims it wasn't the numbers that eventually attracted her to accounting, it was more a fascination with the concepts and theories involved. "I took a couple of accounting classes in high school, and I really liked it."

So, when it came time to pick out a major, accounting was it. "It was

definitely a hard major," she points out. "There were so many times my friends were out having fun; but there was Kelly with her accounting books!"

Now that it's all over, Kelly expresses her deep satisfaction in having finished school and receiving her degree. "There were a few times I thought about switching my major, but by the time I got around to seriously considering it, I was in too deep. I would have been in school forever!" Besides, it paid off.

Several of her friends, with different majors, found themselves far less fortunate when looking for jobs after graduating. "I've been lucky," she admits.

Now that she has her accounting degree, her next step is becoming a Certified Public Accountant. In order to meet that challenge, Kelly must pass an "awful," three day long, 20 hour test. The test is given twice a year by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. After the test the candidate must complete a designated number of hours performing various accounting functions. All in all it can sometimes take two and a half to three years, after passing the test, just to become certified.

Kelly is an avid sports fan and is an accomplished skier and soccer player. "I love sports, and everything associated with the outdoors," she says. Kelly was also an active member of her sorority at San Diego State.

The Doherty family has been living in Pleasanton for 12 years now and Kelly figures her place will always be somewhere nearby. "I've always loved the Bay Area," although she admits, "I certainly didn't think I'd end up back in Pleasanton." She's thrilled with the changes that have occurred during the past four years and she really appreciates the quality of the development going on in her hometown. "I enjoy living here much more, now," she explains. "There is so much more to see and do. I think progress is great!"

First Annual Piano Competition Winners

Roger Manning, a senior at Amador High School was the Grand Prize Winner in the Senior Division of the First Annual Pleasanton Piano Competition held on April 7, at the Veteran's Memorial Building.

Second prize winner was Natalie Mano, also a senior at Amador High School. Third place went to Dorothy Griffith, who is a sophomore at Amador.

Finalists receiving Honorable Mention in the Senior Division were Beth Abbanat, Nicole Kleinsmith and Tom Nixon.

First place winner in the Junior Division was eighth grader Cherise Adams. Second prize was awarded to Harvest Park eighth grader Karen Abbanat. Third prize finalist was Walnut Grove sixth grader Diana Charnow.

Other Junior Division finalists in-

cluded Laura Gancasz, Jim Brandes and Ellen McDermott.

The first year competition had 65 students auditioning for the finalist recital of 12 students selected by a panel of judges.

The ceremonies were opened by competition organizers Carol Abbanat and Gail Lew. Six finalists in each division, Juniors (grades 6-8) and Seniors (grades 9-12), performed their competition selections on a Steinway Artist's Grand Piano provided by Sherman-Clay located in Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton.

The event was co-sponsored by the Pleasanton Piano Teacher's Association and the Pleasanton Recreation Department. Further information on the Piano Teacher's Association may be obtained by calling 846-6139 or 846-6716.



Roger Manning and Cherise Adams were winners of the First Annual Pleasanton Piano Competition.

OVER THE BACK FENCE/Carol O'Neal



Personality Profile

AT&T Personnel Director

Bill Wruck, Personnel Director for AT&T, is a newcomer to Pleasanton. Bill grew up "just a poor old country boy from Illinois" and has spent most of his life in much less balmy surroundings. Following his first job with Pacific Telephone, nearly 24 years ago, he was transferred from one miserably cold place (Chicago) to another (Michigan). Then, when he'd finally had enough, he said, "Transfer me to sunny California!"

When Bill first came to California, he was living in Castro Valley, but working in Sunnyvale — "terrible commute!", he exclaims. So, when he started working in Pleasanton, he was ready and willing to make the move. Bill most enjoys the pool at his new house, and is busy designing new landscaping schemes to complement what he says will be his "favorite summer-time activity."

On the day of his interview, Bill was caught at that very pool, demonstrating what an AT&T personnel director does on his day off. "Most days are nothing like this," Bill claims. Usually, his time is spent at the office filling any one of dozens of job requisitions. His job is quite demanding, especially with all the new positions opening up at offices like Hacienda Business Park. Lately, Bill has been working almost every Saturday, and he describes the office climate as "hectic," but something tells you that's the understatement of the year.

When free time is available, however, Bill says his first love is the outdoors; "I love to go camping and fishing and just get away from it all." For this reason, he indicates cross country skiing as his favorite sport. "The best thing about cross country skiing," he states, "is being able to escape from the crowds and the lift-lines!"

Bill intends to stay in Pleasanton for awhile, as he really enjoys the people and the friendly atmosphere. "I'll be here for at least the next seven years,"



Bill Wruck, of AT&T, relaxing at home with "Baron."

explains Bill. He will be eligible for early retirement from AT&T around that time. Although he isn't really sure if he will take advantage of the opportunity, there are certainly moments when "the idea seems pretty attractive."

"The truth is, though," Bill admits, "I am just simply happier when I'm working." He thinks he would find life, after his job, filled with boredom and inactivity in about three weeks. But Bill admits he has a dream, to open the "Baskin Robbin's of hot dog stands," in Prescott, Arizona.

Bill says that Prescott is the home of the World's Largest Rodeo every year, and it's the perfect place for a 31 flavor hot dog stand. "There's great money to be made in the hot dog business," laughs Bill. "There's virtually no overhead, and expenses would be at a minimum, so some quick thinking entrepreneur could really make a fortune!" Look out Casper's.

Pops Concert

The Valley Choral Society will close their season with a benefit Pops concert on June 2, at 8 p.m. at the Amador High School Auditorium.

Proceeds from this event will go toward the Pleasanton Cultural Arts

Council's renovation fund for restoration of the Amador Valley High School Auditorium.

For further information call 462-4205.



Verla Babbitt, Barbara Van Slyke and Alverta (Babe) Tibo discuss the Easter Hat Parade to be held by the V.I.P.'s of Pleasanton on Monday, April 23 at the Veterans' Hall, 301 Main Street. The day's event begins at 11:30 a.m. with refreshments and entertainment. All seniors are welcome to attend and participate in the parade which begins at 12 noon.

Concert Performance

Del Valle Fine Arts Productions presents its final concert of the season on Saturday, May 5, 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 4th and South L Streets.

The performance will feature Geraldine Walther, violist, and David Tanenbaum, guitarist.

Geraldine, principal violist of the San Francisco Symphony since 1976, was first prize winner in the Primrose Viola Competition of 1979, and is a frequent soloist with the San Francisco Symphony. She is a co-founder of a series of concerts at the Julia Morgan Center in Berkeley, featuring San Francisco and other Bay Area musicians.

David, currently a faculty member of the San Francisco Conservatory, is a

Consumer Expo

The Valley Times and KKIQ Radio are co-sponsoring the Second Annual Consumer Expo on April 27, 28 and 29, in the Young California Building at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Approximately 20,000 to 30,000 visitors are expected to view the 120 display booths and outside display areas. Items for inside and outside the home will be exhibited.

KKIQ will broadcast live from the Expo. Guest appearances and giveaways will be made. In the final hour of the Expo a car for a year's use will be given away.

Admission and parking are free.

guitar competition winner, has soloed with the Chicago and San Francisco Symphonies, and has published transcriptions of Scarlatti Sonatas for guitar. He will record the "Royal Winter Music" of H. Weiner this year.

Tickets, \$7.50 per person, (\$5.00 for children and seniors) may be purchased at Community First National Bank, Fourth and K Streets, Livermore, at the door, or send a check and self-addressed, stamped envelope to Del Valle Fine Arts, P.O. Box 2335, Livermore, 94550.

Performers for the 1984-85 Concert Season will be announced at the Walther-Tanenbaum concert. Season tickets at special reduced prices will be available at this concert also.

Progressive Dinner

The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California organization will have a progressive dinner on Saturday, April 28.

The purpose of this newly formed club is to provide a social setting in which the membership can give the supportive strength and understanding to those who have lost a spouse.

The club is open to all widowed men and women in the Bay Area. Meetings are held the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Chabot Center, 4637 Chabot Drive, Hacienda Business Park Community Room, Suite 107.

For membership information call Shirley, 484-1809 or Jim, 846-7076.

For information on the progressive dinner call June, 846-8257.



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April 15 — Chuck Eras's "Illusions"

April 29 — Tom Buck's Dixieland Jazz

May 6 — "A Touch of Grass"

a bit
of trivia

By Ben Fernandez

Ben Fernandez is on vacation. This week's Bit of Trivia is by guest trivia expert Ann Doss, curator for the Livermore-Amador Historical Society Museum in Pleasanton.

1. Whose adobe home sat on what is now the site of Amador High School?
2. What Pleasanton street used to be called Minnie Street?
3. In the early 1890s, Mrs. Murphy's Emerald House was a popular place for boarders. What Pleasanton landmark stands on that corner today?
4. They donated the land for Pleasanton's town hall and put the sign over Main Street. Who were they?
5. What famous early 20th century movie star stayed in a home on Arendt Way during the filming of one of her movies?
6. What Main Street building, now housing a popular Mexican restaurant, was built as a home for a local merchant and later served as the school district offices?
7. Julia Morgan was the architect and Luther Burbank did the grounds. What famous lady built her home above Pleasanton around the turn-of-the-century?
8. In the 1942 Abbott and Costello movie "It Ain't Hay," filmed in Pleasanton, our Main Street sign was altered to read the name of the town where the movie was supposedly taking place. What was the name of that town?
9. What Pleasanton Main Street building housed the first Safeway store in town?
10. In the mid-19th century, John Kottinger sometimes used his adobe barn, now on Ray Street, for what purpose?

Answers Below

Kindergarten Registration

Parents of children who will enter kindergarten September, 1984 need to register them by the end of April. Teaching assignments are made on the basis of spring registration.

Kindergarten registration will take place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 23-27 at Alisal, Fairlands, Valley View and Walnut Grove Schools. On April 26, registration will be held at Vintage Hills School.

Parents should plan to bring their child's verification of birthdate and immunization records with them. Next year's kindergarteners must reach five years of age by December 2, 1984.

By state law, children cannot be permitted to public school without having been immunized against polio, diphtheria, tetanus, mumps and measles (both Rubeolo and Rubella). For details on immunization requirements, call 462-4225, or visit the Livermore Immunization Clinic from 1-3:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of any months at

the Multi-Service Center, 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore, 462-5775.

The Clinic offers immunizations at \$10 per child. An evening clinic is available in San Leandro. Call 577-1620 for details.

Pleasanton Joint School District has an enrollment policy which means that between April 1-30, families may select the K-6 school best suited to their child, with the exception of Walnut Grove School which is at maximum enrollment now.

Staff assignments for next fall will be made on the basis of sign-ups during this period.

Families selecting a school outside their attendance area are responsible for providing home-to-school transportation.

Parents are encouraged to visit their neighborhood school and others during April, Public Schools Month.

For additional information on kindergarten, call 462-5500.

Wells School Auction

Wells Intermediate School is holding an Auction Night, Friday, April 27 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 301 Main Street, Pleasanton, beginning with no host cocktails at 7 p.m., previewing of auction items and live entertainment by Wells Jazz Band.

Beginning at 8 p.m. a live and silent auction will be held. Over 100 local merchants plus parents and teachers have donated in excess of \$4,000 worth of merchandise for this event. More donations are being received daily.

A video cassette recorder donated by Hacienda Business Park, four nights at a condo in Kauai, courtesy of Carefree

Travel, four tires, compliments of Merit Tire Co.; summer membership at Amador Valley Athletic Club and Schoeber's and an Atari home computer are just a few of the items to be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to purchase greatly needed P.E. and classroom supplies for Wells Intermediate School.

This event is sponsored by the Wells Parent/Faculty Club. Admission is \$3 each or \$5 per couple which includes one free drink and hors d'oeuvres.

For additional information call 462-0644.

On The Street:

*"What Is Your Idea
Of A Dream Vacation?"*



Ann Neely: "I want to sunbathe in Hawaii for a month!"



Bill Parker: I'd like to spend two weeks in Hawaii, at the beach."



Helen Marian: "I'd like to go to Hawaii, to see how much it has changed over the years."



Leo Ott: "I want to go to Germany for about six months. I'd like to visit all the different places and people there."



Paula Getzelman: "Someplace with lots of water, sun, sand, and margaritas, like Mexico, Tahiti, or the Bahamas. Anyplace warm and wonderful!"



Rick Waulbern: "I'd like to go to Mexico or Hawaii; I love the waters there. I'm a diver and their water is so nice and clear."

Trivia Answers

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| 1. Juan Pablo Bernal | 5. Mary Pickford |
| 2. Pico Avenue | 6. Hacienda Del Sol |
| 3. The Johnston Building, Rose and Main | 7. Phoebe Apperson Hearst |
| 4. Pleasanton's Women's Improvement Club | 8. Saratoga |
| | 9. Main Auto Parts |
| | 10. As a jail |

New Local Woman Outstanding Achiever

by Mickee Fields

The National Association for Professional Saleswomen was founded three and a half years ago, in an attempt to "educate women in the sales process," says Marrion Sweeney, former deputy director and co-founder of the organization. When Marrion left a successful position to help organize "NAPS," it was a capricious and frightening step to take. Nevertheless, the challenge looming ahead of her was "too intriguing to ignore."

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"Very few people get the chance to take an idea from conception, and make it happen," claims Marrion. When she contemplated starting NAPS, she knew it would be an all consuming project, an ultimate test of her capabilities. "I was supposed to set up a corporation from point 'A,' with no bylaws, no office structure, no employees, nothing, and make it a successful company," she explains.

That she has accomplished this formidable task is inspiring. NAPS has now reached the "bureaucratic state,"

which Marrion describes as having the company "just sitting there and taking care of itself!" A resident of Pleasanton, Marrion and her husband, Michael moved here from Sacramento. She now has begun a new "chapter," and expects her life to be filled with "bigger and better things."

With a list of accomplishments which surpass most peoples' dreams, Marrion's record is a tough act to follow. She has had experience in everything from politics to marketing to sales and public relations. Her awards are many, including a 1982 National Achievement Award presented by Women's Advocate.

"Recognition and praise can be valuable tools, but are frequently ignored in our society," Marrion believes. In an attempt to change what she feels is an "unfortunate coincidence with our individualistic culture," Marrion has initiated several award campaigns, such as "The Great American Know How Competition" which is for inventors with new and promising ideas. She insists that achievement should be duly acknowledged.

She believes that success is attainable for anyone. "People just need to concentrate on the area where they have the most potential," she says. "There are certain keys to success in any business, and you can only learn them with time and interest." In sales, Marrion in-



Marion Sweeney discusses sales strategies.

dicates "caring and empathy for your customers, never forgetting about them, and the willingness to go that extra step," as being the most determinant factors for success.

"Recognition and praise can be valuable tools, but are frequently ignored in our society, . . ."

With great emphasis, Marrion adds, "Without those things, I don't care what kind of education you've had, you'll never make it." She has never attended college. Marrion is a mother of four and also has three grandchildren. She never had time to enter the work force until she was thirty-six years old! "I knew I would have to rely on myself, and the education I received through the years of day to day living. Life, after all, is an education in itself!"

A natural inquisitiveness and a deep love for reading enable Marrion to

learn virtually anything she might have a notion to explore. She's been known to delve into several diverse subjects, just out of curiosity, even archaeology! "I'm a generalist, I want to know a little bit about everything," she reasons.

Even with this innate intelligence, feelings of educational inferiority did plague her at the start of her career. "I was always stepping aside for the person with the degree." Then she exhibits a look of authority and states, "Now, with my experience, they're all stepping aside for me!" Education just wasn't necessary for Marrion. In fact, she feels

"Life, after all, is an education in itself!"

it would have been a waste of time for her. "That doesn't mean I don't believe in schooling," she clarifies, "I just mean, if you find something you're good at, do it. That's all that matters in the end!"

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Electric Typewriter: \$80; Oval wool braided rug, 6½' by 8', \$35; Bunk beds, \$50; Bike, 26" women's three speed, \$20; Dog house, large, \$10; Girl's Bike, Schwinn Pixie, \$25; Couch and love seat, \$50; Dressers, \$20. Call Ann, 846-1959.

Toyota Corolla: 1974, automatic, air. Garden tractor, Sears 12 Trac, with rototiller and cart. Call Richard Buck, 829-0110, after 6 p.m.

Home: Val Vista area, 3 bdrms, sunken family room with fireplace and sunken living room. Close to schools, shopping, Hacienda Business Park. Large back yard. Call 848-7831 or 447-2277.

CHILD CARE

Women seeks competent, mature woman to care for her 11 mo. daughter. Monday — Friday, 8:30 — 5:00, at her Pleasanton home. \$800.00 per month plus room and board if a live-in situation. Call Valley Volunteer Center, 462-3570.

HELP WANTED

Computer Technician: Peripheral test technician to do trouble shooting and customer service. Must have least one year work experience plus knowledge of Texas Instruments tape and disk driver. To \$24K. Call 463-9000 or 820-1322.

Receptionist: Horizon phone system and IBM Display Writer experience. Type 65 wpm. Salary to \$1,200. Call Career Network, 820-1322 or 463-9000.

VOLUNTEERS

Public Relations: Organization which provides counseling for women involved in difficult pregnancies, seeks public relations/publicity staff-aide. Duties include maintaining up-to-date referral resources, writing publicity releases for newspapers, radio, schools, doctors and churches. Call Valley Volunteer Center, 462-3570.

Aide-To-Handicapped: Several volunteers sought for agency serving handicapped clients of all ages to assist with individualized rehabilitation programs. Call Valley Volunteer Center, 462-3570.

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Coaches Honored

Amador Dons Athletic Boosters Club each year sponsors a special party in honor of all Amador High School Coaches.

This year's event will be a wine and cheese party on Friday, May 4, at the Chabot Center, 4637 Chabot Drive, Hacienda Business Park, from 7-10 p.m.

A donation of \$5 will help honor all coaches. For ticket information call Charley Sebahar, 462-1402 or Jack Healey, 846-8794.

Wanted — White Elephants

The Seventh Annual Amador Dons Athletic Boosters Garage Sale will take place in the High School parking lot on May 12 and 13.

For free pick-up of donated tax-deductible items call Joe Judd, 484-1063 or Lou Turehino, 462-4126.



HARVEST PARK BENEFIT

(L-R) Randy Macur and Joe Goodrich head up the mens' faculty offense against student defenders Carl Chrisman and Jeff DeBenedetti. The final combined score of both the women vs. the girls and the men vs. boys was 56-52 in favor of the students!

The proceeds from the game will go straight to "The Foundation," which is a fund set up by the parents at the start of the school year to help cover school expenses. Over \$500 was raised at the game, and it will be directly allocated to the classroom for "academic supplies and supplementary items," according to Harvest Park spokesman.

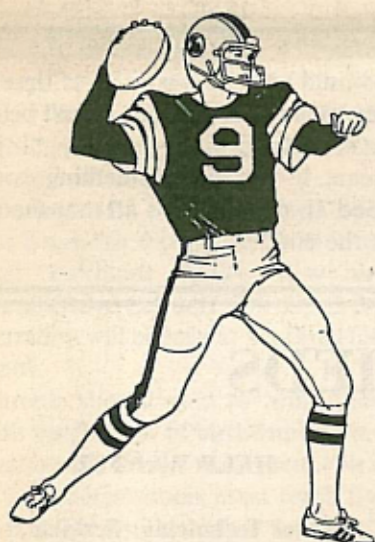
Boosters' Scholarship Award

The 1983-84 Amador Boosters Club will award a \$500 scholarship to a boy and girl athlete-scholar. The award will be presented to the winner upon receipt of acceptance and enrollment in the school of their choice.

Winners will be selected by a committee consisting of current Booster Club officers and the current principal.

Requirements are: must be a senior at Amador Valley High School, participation in varsity sport (injury-exception), accumulative GPA through Fall semester of senior year to 3.00 minimum. This must be obtained with counselor's signature. Applicant must write a one page essay that focuses on his/her career, academic and athletic goals.

Deadline for application is April 25. Applications can be obtained at the Counselor Center.



Youth Football Sign-Ups

The Pleasanton Youth Football now in its sixteenth year will hold sign-ups on the following dates and locations:

April 14, 28 — 10 a.m. — 3 p.m., Sports Park
May 3 — 7 p.m., Amador Recreation Center
May 12 — 10 a.m. — 3 p.m., Sports Park
July 14, 21 — Physicals and late sign-ups
August — Second week practice starts
September 8 — First game — Amador High School
September 22 — Picnic

Qualifications for all players are as follows: must weight 65 pounds and be 10 or 16 years old by December 1, 1984. An age and weight factor will govern limits of a minimum of 185 factor and a maximum of 320 factor (age in months plus weight in pounds).

Players from Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon and Sunol are accepted.

The cost which includes a physical and equipment, excluding shoes, will be \$55 per player and \$44 for a second player. Cheerleaders cost is only \$3.

The objective for the year encourages sportsmanship, self-esteem and a no cut policy. Fundamentals and team spirit are supervised by an adult coaching staff. All games are played in Pleasanton with no traveling. Equipment is provided.

For further information on Pleasanton Youth Football call Mike Segando, 462-6857, Frank Gottchalk, 846-3688 or Dave Boyd, 462-3794.



N.C.S. CHAMPS

Congratulations to the Foothill High School Boys' Varsity Soccer team. The Falcons are the 1984 North Coast Section Champions!

After an exciting match against Granada, in February, Foothill clinched the title with a 2-0 victory.

Coach Parker indicates the outstanding overall performance of his team as being the decisive factor. "We had the edge in the second half," he points out, "but both teams played a great game."

Fairgrounds Schedule of Events

Events open to the public at the Alameda County Fairgrounds for the month of April are as follows:

Sunday, April 19 — 4-H Alameda County — Favorite Foods Day; March of Dimes — Walk-a-Thon; Travel Fair — Travel Fair; Early Ford U.S. Club — Car Swap.

Saturday, April 28th — Year of the Dog Fanciers — Fun Dog March; County of Alameda — Vehicles Auction.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 27th, 28th, and 29th — Consumer Expo '84.

Sunday & Monday, April 29th and 30th — County of Alameda — Vehicle Pick-up.

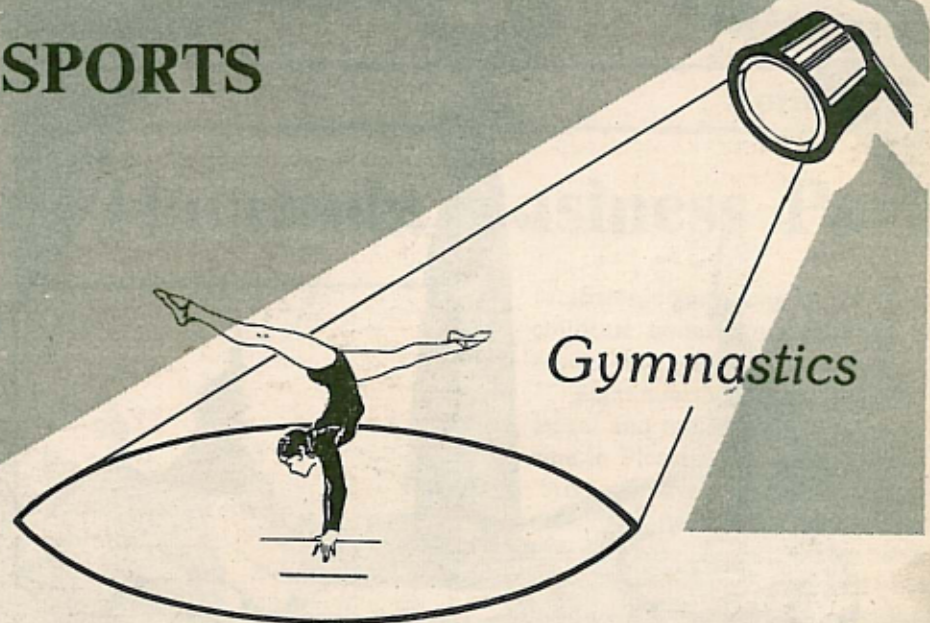
SPORTS



Spotlight

ON SPORTS

"What I do is an art; it requires great discipline and strenuous training."



Local Gymnast Destined For Success

At 5:45 a.m., when most other sixteen-year-olds are dreaming in their beds, Lisa Taylor is at Schoeber's, lifting weights or swimming laps. But then, Lisa is quite different from her fellow students at Foothill High School; a major part of this teenager's life has been devoted to training. Lisa is a highly competitive Class I (advanced) gymnast.

"I became interested in gymnastics when I was about nine years old," explains Lisa. She was enrolled in a tumbling class, and the teacher was quite impressed with her natural ability. So at the teacher's suggestions, Lisa became interested in gymnastics. According to her, she's been hooked ever since. Says Lisa, "Besides, I'm a klutz at everything else!"

"Gymnastics is my whole life, really," she says. And then, as if the thought just occurred to her, she wonders, "What would I ever do, if I weren't doing gymnastics?" But, as expected, there have been times when social curiosity called her away from training. Earlier, Lisa decided to abstain from competition, just for this year. She thought that maybe she had been missing out on dating, parties, and some of the other activities her friends always had time for. But after only three weeks with no training, "I missed it so much, I had to go back," adding, "I especially missed training for competition; I love to compete!"

Lisa describes herself as an "above average competitor," in that, "I don't really get nervous like other kids do. I usually perform much better under pressure." Last week, Lisa proved this theory by qualifying at the Regional Championships in San Diego. Now, her next step will be the Sectional, or Western Regional meet, in May, hoping to qualify for the National Championships.

Then what? This Pleasanton youth has quite a future in store. Lisa hopes to attend the University of California

at Berkeley, on a gymnastics scholarship, and major in fashion. "Fashion is so much fun," explains Lisa, adding, "I love to draw pictures of dresses, especially, and leotards, too!" Eventually, she wants to go to Paris and New York and learn all about the fashion industry. "But I know the first step is go get a good education at a college with a good fashion program," she acknowledges.

For now, though, Lisa admits that school doesn't hold much excitement for her, although she does enjoy her computer course. "At times, school is just so boring," complains Lisa, "if I could just spend all day in the gym,

working-out, I would be so happy." Spoken like a true high school junior. But, in all honesty she claims, "I never get sick of gymnastics, or wish I was doing anything else."

With a schedule like hers, that is definitely a good thing. After her thirty minute work-out in the morning, she heads straight to school. She is dismissed one period early, at about 1:40 p.m. and then she heads right over to the gym. She spends the rest of her day there, until about 6:30 p.m., when she returns home with just enough time to eat dinner, do homework, and go to bed.

Lisa claims the hectic schedule is

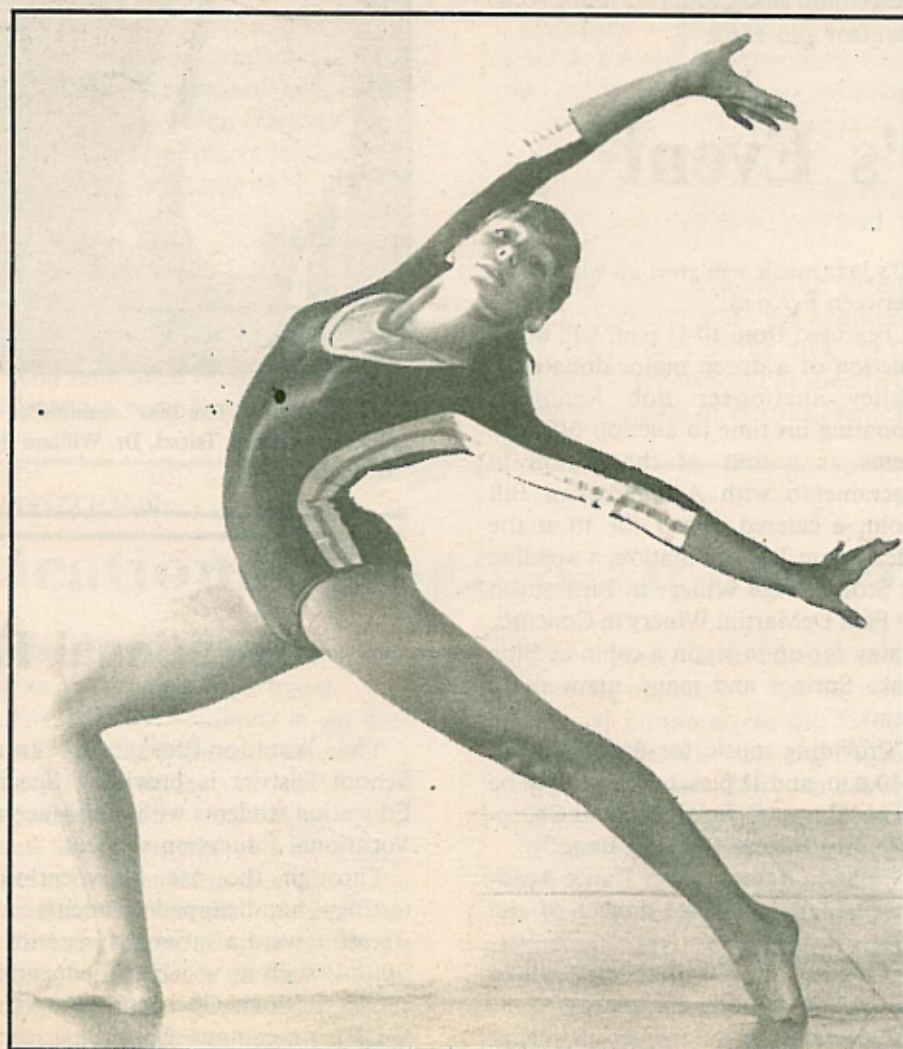
the least of her problems. "The worst thing is trying to stick to my diet!" For optimum results, she tries to eat just toast for breakfast, yogurt for lunch, and vegetables and salad for dinner. "I get fat pretty easily," claims Lisa.

Even with her dedication and a deep love for the sport, her gymnastics career would never have taken off if not for the support of the people around her. "My family is so supportive," she points out, "for a year and a half, my mother drove me all the way to Palo Alto, every day, for work-outs. I could never have done this without my parents!"

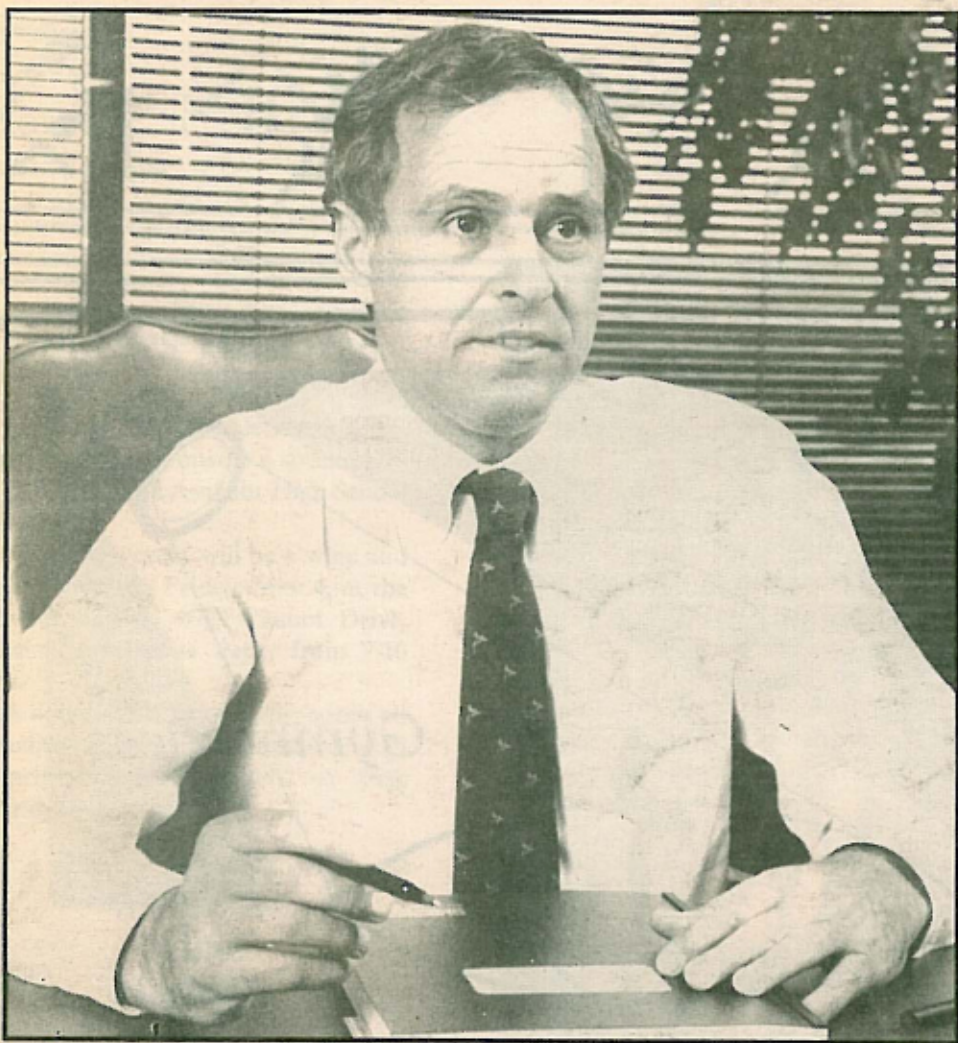
Lisa also praises her coach, Roy Barskey, for being a major force in her development. "I had a coach, before that just didn't work out. But Roy is different, we get along so much better than I did with my previous coach." It's a matter of being able to get the best out of Lisa that makes them a successful partnership, in addition to the fact that he "listens to me complain about all my little injuries!"

Gymnastics is a sport which is characterized by a multitude of these "little injuries." "Everyday, it's a new one," she laughs, "and, then, sometimes, it's those big ones." One time in particular, Lisa injured herself on the balance beam, which is her favorite event, performing a relatively simple move during practice. "It was a dumb little mistake, but it cost me a long time in rehabilitation."

It seems to be working out just fine for her. With a room full of trophies and medals, Lisa's tendency toward success is evident. "What I do is really an art," she stresses. "It requires great discipline and strenuous training." There are some in the political world of gymnastics who would call it purely sport, but as Lisa says, if gymnastics is an art, then Lisa Taylor is truly a gifted artist.



Pleasanton gymnast, Lisa Taylor, strikes a poetic pose.



George Kallis

Callahan Pentz Has New Partner

George Kallis has joined the management team at Callahan Pentz as the firm's newest partner, according to an announcement by Joseph Callahan, managing partner of the firm. Kallis will be responsible for the marketing function for the Hacienda and Valley Business Parks in North Pleasanton as well as for other Callahan Pentz developments in the Tri-Valley area.

"George brings with him a broad base of knowledge and experience in marketing and sales," commented Callahan. "He is an excellent addition to our firm as we reorganize our management teams and expand our technical expertise in the various areas

of real estate development."

George and Joe met in 1969 when both were in the training program for Xerox. He is a native of Maryland and got his Bachelors degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland in 1969.

Kallis most recently was with Coldwell Banker as vice president and resident manager of one of the company's Southern California branches. Prior to joining Coldwell Banker, he was with the Xerox Corporation for seven years.

George and his wife, Kathleen live in Pleasanton along with two young sons, Damien and Luke.

Roaring 20's Event

It's not too early to plan for a gala gathering featuring a Roaring 20's dance and evening of entertainment on Saturday, May 12, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Willow Center, Stoneridge Drive at Willow Road in Hacienda Business Park, Pleasanton.

The "Charleston, Flappers, and Razamatazz" event is sponsored by the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society, and will benefit the Old Town Hall Restoration Fund. Town Hall on Main Street was most recently occupied by the Pleasanton Police Department and will soon house the Historical Society Museum.

In keeping with the roaring 20's theme, guests are encouraged to dress in the attire of the period. Those seeking suggestions on the type of attire may contact Ann Doss at 462-2766.

A full schedule of activity is being arranged by the Society's special events committee, co-chaired by Jan Battcheller and Nanette Baird.

Arriving guests will be greeted by Livermore Judge Ron Hyde and Congressman Pete Stark. Dixieland and

20's jazz music will greet all who arrive between 8-9 p.m.

Featured from 10-11 p.m. will be an auction of a dozen major donations. Valley auctioneer Bob Kenny is donating his time to auction off such items as a tour of the capital in Sacramento with Assemblyman Bill Bohr, a catered dinner for 10 at the Pleasanton Transfer Station, a wedding at Stony Ridge Winery in Pleasanton or Paul DeMartini Winery in Concord, a stay for up to six in a cabin at Blue Lake Springs and many, many more items.

Providing music for dancing from 9-10 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m., will be "The Almost Official National Championship Boccee Ball Big Band."

The San Ramon Valley Dance Academy will demonstrate dances of the 20's.

An array of door prizes also will be part of the evening excitement.

Tickets which are tax deductible, at \$25 per person or additional information on the event may be had by calling 462-7124.

"Health Nut Of The Year"

Pleasanton's "Health Nut of The Year" contest, a fund raising event for the American Cancer Society, reached its peak on April 11 at the Pleasanton Hotel with the announcement of the winner of the contest.

The 11 "Health Nut" candidates representing a variety of Pleasanton business and organizations collected 50-cent "votes" during the past few weeks. The candidate who collected the most money for the Cancer Society was the winner.

That "Health Nut" was Steve Mortara, an Amador Valley High School teacher who solicited \$1,122.53 in donations. His claim to being a "health nut" was that he's "all natural" and "100 percent mean and lean!"

In addition to winning the "health nut crown," Mortara received a one-year membership in the Family Fitness Center.

Coming up with the second highest amount of donations was Bill Berck, superintendent of Amador and Pleasanton school districts, who collected \$1,000 and won a weekend for two in Old Sacramento.

Bob Kroetch, principal of Alisal School, took third place with a total donation of \$780. Bob won a six month membership at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club.

A total of \$5,500 was collected for the Society from the 11 participating candidates.

Approximately 150 people gathered at the hotel to eagerly await the announcement of the winners. While waiting, all enjoyed the music of the Car Pool Plus One Band playing German polka music.

The contest was such a success this year that is now being planned as an annual event by the American Cancer Society.



Steve Mortara, "Health Nut of the Year" winner.



"Health Nut of The Year" candidates were Lee Davies, Bob Kroetch, Pat McNichol, Bruce Friedman, Twyla Teitzel, Dr. William Berck, John Ewell, Albert Laughlin and Alice Johnson (seated).

Vocational Education Program

The Amador-Pleasanton Joint School District is providing Special Education students with multi-faceted Vocational Education services.

Through the use of vocational testing, handicapped students are steered toward a variety of vocational options such as vocational education classes, Regional Occupation Programs (ROP), on-campus work experience, the Career Links program and job placement in a variety of community work sites. Since December, 12 students

have been placed in jobs in the community.

Joe Buonsante, Special Education Curriculum Vocational Specialist, is available to clubs, businesses and organizations to make a presentation on the program.

Buonsante will speak at the Dublin Rotary luncheon on May 1st, at the Willow Tree Restaurant.

Anyone interested in learning about the program may contact Buonsante at 462-4225.