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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

HERE IT IS HOLIDAY TIME AGAIN!  
HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE HOLIDAY DINNER DECEMBER  
11TH! MEMBERS SHOULD FIND A ROSTER SUPPLEMENT  
"PULL-OUT SECTION" BOUND INTO THEIR ISSUE.  
(THE ROSTER IS BASED ON LATEST INFORMATION  
SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS IN RESPONSE TO JULY '89  
APPEAL. UPDATES FOR FUTURE ROSTERS SHOULD BE  
SENT TO THE P.O. BOX 911, MENLO PARK ADDRESS.)  
DECEMBER IS ELECTION MONTH, WITH INSTALLATIONS  
TO FOLLOW AT THE DINNER. A NEW YEAR AND A NEW  
DECade IS ON THE WAY! LET'S HAVE THE OLD YEAR  
END ON A HIGH NOTE AND THE NEW YEAR BEGIN IN A  
SPIRIT OF HOPE AND ENERGY DEVOTED TO OUR  
FAVORITE HOBBY! HAPPY HOLIDAYS ONE AND ALL!!!  
73 DE YOUR EDITOR.

## N6VFH SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

\*\*\*\*SPECIAL FEATURE\*\*\*\*

TOM LOTT  
VE2AGF

TOPIC: "THE BIRTH OF THE TRANSISTOR"

PRE-MEETING DINNER WITH SPEAKER:  
SU HONG'S, EL CAMINO OFF RAVENSWOOD,  
MENLO PARK, 5:45PM OF MEETING FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER THE FIRST! de ANDY VE3FZK  
PAARA PROGRAM CHAIRMAN.

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hooray for 89! It was a very good year for me and I hope it was for you & yours. Of course starting off the year with a Super Bowl win was a good omen. I can't readily recount all the good ham radio things that happened this year, but I know it's been fun. The flea markets of course have assumed the proportions of a monthly social event. I don't recall how many towers our members took down, but I know it was numerous. It had to be a banner year for some of our members, if only because they became hams. As happens every year in a club our size, we sadly have a few silent keys. I want to single out a couple of people for meritorious contributions to PAARA, namely Chuck N6VFH & Andy VE3FZK. Chuck has provided one of the essential glues of any organization in the way of paaragraphs, while Andy has provided another in the way of a monthly speaker. By the way, for those who want to socialize a little more, I encourage you to join the speaker's dinner before every meeting. These dinners have occasionally been the swing vote in attracting speakers, and I hope that we can continue to keep them lively. Needless to say, we will close out the year with our December dinner at Sophie's Choice on the 11th. It will be great to get our field day plaque, and we will have to lay plans early next year regarding keeping it. I hope everyone has had a great year and Santa finds a little ham radio gift to put in your stocking!

de WA6LNV

**PAARA  
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

VIA WALLY PORTER K6URO  
PAARA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

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# HOLIDAY BULLETIN FROM LILY N6PGM

## HOLIDAY DINNER

YES, IT IS TRUE! MADAME SOPHIE HAS AGREED TO CLOSE HER RESTAURANT TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DECEMBER 11TH PAARA HOLIDAY DINNER & OFFICER INSTALLATION.

### YOUR CHOICE OF ENTREES:

- 1) PASTA -- \$18.30 INCLUDING TAX & TIP.
- 2) CHICKEN - \$18.30 INCLUDING TAX & TIP.
- 3) FISH --- \$18.30 INCLUDING TAX & TIP.
- 4) FILET MIGNON-- \$22.50 INCLUDING TAX & TIP.

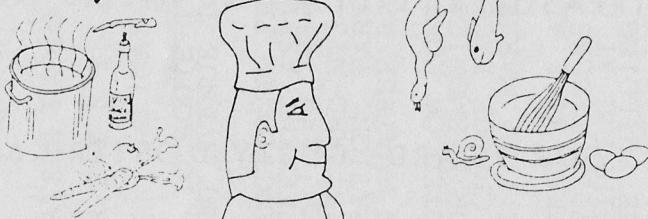
THE DINNER WILL INCLUDE SOUP, BREAD & BUTTER, AN OUTSTANDING HOLIDAY DESSERT, & COFFEE. WINE WITH DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB.

THERE WILL BE A NO-HOST WINE BAR FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 PM WITH 'HORS-D'OEUVRES PROVIDED BY THE CLUB.

DINNER WILL BE AT 7:30 PM AND THIS PROMISES TO BE OUR FINEST CELEBRATION.

MAIL CHECKS & ENTREE CHOICES TO N6PGM AT P.O. BOX 911, MENLO PARK, CA. 94025 --- OR SEE ME AT THE MEETINGS. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE. DE N 6 P G M -LILY-  
(VOLUNTARY GIFT EXCHANGE: \$5.00 MAXIMUM)

## Sophie's Choice



415-853-0255 636 Emerson St. Palo Alto 94301  
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THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO RESERVE  
YOUR PLACE AT PAARA'S HOLIDAY TABLE!

DON'T MISS IT!!!

# SCARES UPDATE QUAKE QST DE LILY

## ON THAT INFAMOUS DAY, OCT. 17, 1989, THE SOUTH

COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVED THAT ALL OUR TALKING & TRAINING REALLY PAY OFF. WE HAD 46 MEMBERS & 4 VISITORS RESPOND 34 OF WHOM WERE ON FREQUENCY WITHIN 20 MINUTES OF THE QUAKE. ROGER WD6DGT, ACTED AS NET CONTROL FOR THE FIRST FEW MINUTES FROM HIS HOME UNTIL KI6IW JIM ARRIVED AT THE REDWOOD CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT & TOOK CHARGE. HE WAS ABILY ASSISTED BY N6UOW DAVID. LATER THEY WERE RELIEVED BY DUSTY KB6MPN. DICK K6ANN; WILLIAM KC6DSB; & WALT K6ISH MANNED THE SAN CARLOS POLICE DEPARTMENT JOSEPH KB6HDC; BILL KJ6PN; & CRAIG N6ITW WERE STATIONED AT THE COUNTY EOC. DAVID N6KG; & JOHN N6RPN; & DAVID N6OBF; WERE STATIONED AT THE BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT. KAISER HOSPITAL WAS MANNED BY RICHARD N6POC. WAS PAT KB6HZM.

OF NO LESS VALUE WERE OUR MEMBERS STANDING BY VE6APE; ALBERT N6AY; BOB W6BEK; TERRY N6BOH; DON WB0DVS; PERRY WR6E; DICK W6BMU; DAVE VE3FZK; HAROLD KG6HA; MIKE AA6NH; TOM K6JBR; CAP KI6KV; LARRY W6KZJ; LARRY KB6OWW; LILY N6PGM; GARY KB6PLW; FELIX N6POH; RUTH KB6OLF; TY KA6SPN; JOANNE N6SSN; HAL WA6TPH; JACK W6TYC; CHUCK N6VFH; CLAIRE N6VOJ; BOB WB6VSH; & ROB KA6JLT. WE HAD 4 NON-MEMBERS WHO HELPED US OUT. THEY WERE: BOB WA6MSA; JOHN K6JJU; BILL N6CHI; & ERIC K160M. AFTER SECURING THE NET AT 12:45AM ON OCTOBER 18, DUSTY K6MPN & JACK W6TYC WITH HIS WIFE AND SON, WENT TO THE ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY ACTIVITY BUILDING WHICH WAS HOUSING DISPLACED PERSONS FROM THE SEQUOIA HOTEL. GOOD SHOW, GANG!

-DE LILY N6PGM

# MONTEREY HAM FEST / FLEA MARKET QST DE MAX KØMC

THE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL  
WINTER FEST 90 JANUARY 20 1990 0900-1500

1101 TO 156 TO ROUTE 1. TAKE CASA VERDE EXIT, FOLLOW CASA VERDE PAST FREMONT AVENUE TO THE FAIRGROUNDS.

THIS ARRL SANCTIONED FREE-TO-THE-PUBLIC EXPOSITION WILL DEMONSTRATE THE MANY DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF AMATEUR RADIO. EXHIBIT STATIONS OF CW, FM, AUTOPATCH, SSB, ATV, SSTV, PACKET, SATELLITE, REMOTE BASE, NAVMARMARS, AND NTS TRAFFIC WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AND PARTICIPATION. PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE ON THE USE OF COMPUTERS IN AMATEUR RADIO.

THE LEFT FOOTED CW CONTEST, DOOR PRIZES AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED FOR HARMONICS ADD TO THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THIS GALA EVENT. THERE IS NO CHARGE EXCEPT FOR REFRESHMENTS AND WHATEVER YOU WANT TO SPEND IN THE FLEA MARKET.

THE FLEA MARKET WILL ALLOW HAMS TO FIND THE MID-WINTER BARGAINS . \$10 PER SPACE WITH TABLES EXTRA CHARGE . FLEA MARKETEERS CAN SET UP THEIR DISPLAYS BEGINNING AT 0600 . DEALERS ARE INVITED . VEHICLES MAY HAVE ACCESS TO THE BUILDING FOR LOADING/UNLOAD , THEN MUST GO TO PUBLIC PARKING

ALL BOOTHS AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE IN THE HEATED SALINAS HALL OF THE MONTEREY FAIRGROUNDS. PUBLIC PARKING IS PLENTIFUL. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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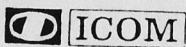
THE SCARES VE TEAM WHOSE TEAM LEADER IS KA6JLT WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST FCC EXAM SESSION ON DEC 2 AT 12:00PM. THEY WILL GIVE TESTS (CODE AND WRITTEN) FOR NOVICE TECHNICIAN GENERAL, ADVANCED AND EXTRA CLASS OF LICENSE. THE EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE SAN CARLOS CITY HALL-ROOM 201 FROM THAT DATE ON EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE SAME LOCATION DURING 1990. THE VE TEAM IS A PART OF THE SUNNYVALE VEC HEADED UP BY W6NLG.

SCARES IS ALSO HOLDING CONTINUOUS NOVICE CLASSES EACH THURSDAY (EXCEPT THE 3RD THURSDAY) AT SAME LOCATION IN SAN CARLOS. NOVICE CODE AND WRITTEN TESTS ARE GIVEN EACH WEEK IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO WISHES TO TAKE THEM. TWO OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE VE TEAM ARE ALWAYS IN ATTENDANCE TO HELP DURING THESE SESSIONS. WD6DGT AND HIS XYL KB6QLF ARE THE CLASS LEADERS AT THIS TIME.

WD6DGT IS ALSO CONDUCTING CODE LABS EACH SATURDAY FROM 1:00PM TO 3:00PM AT TRAILER VILLA RECREATION ROOM. THESE LABS ARE NOT AN EFFORT TO TEACH CODE. THE ORIENTATION IS TO HELP HAMS PREPARE THEMSELVES TO UPGRADE ON DEC 2ND AT VE SESSION IN SAN CARLOS. SPECIAL TAPES MADE BY WD6DGT ARE AVAILABLE TO AID IN THIS PREPARATION IF THE HAM WISHES. THE COST FOR THE TAPE IS \$3.00.

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## The Public Voice

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### Ham radio

Editor, The Times:

I would like to call to your attention the outstanding efforts of a large group of volunteers who were invaluable in the response to the devastation of the recent earthquake, i.e., the thousands of amateur radio operators

in the Bay Area, and the hundreds right here in San Mateo County, who responded immediately to the needs of local government, volunteer agencies, hospitals and the public at large.

Unfortunately, their activities are seldom recognized except by those who receive their services.

JAMES D. KNOCHENHAUER  
San Mateo

# First Class Mail

