



California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 18, 1988

Michael D. Milich
Assistant City Attorney
City of Modesto
801 11th Street
P.O. Box 642
Modesto, CA 95353

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. I-88-247

Dear Mr. Milich:

We have received your letter concerning the new restrictions on publicly-funded mass mailings under Proposition 73.

Enclosed is a copy of a second interim advice letter which clarifies our June 16, 1988 advice. This second letter provides that city newsletters and other mailings may be sent at public expense so long as there is no reference to elected city officials except in the standard letterhead or logotype. This is only interim advice and may be changed in the future.

The Commission will address this and other questions concerning the mass mailing restrictions in Proposition 73 at its July 26, 1988 meeting. We will include your name on our mailing list for information on the subject of mass mailings.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn E. Donovan".

By: Kathryn E. Donovan
Counsel, Legal Division

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Enclosure



California
Fair Political
Practices Commission

June 29, 1988

Michael D. Milich
Assistant City Attorney
P.O. Box 642
Modesto, CA 95353

Re: 88-247

Dear Mr. Milich:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on June 28, 1988 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact Kathryn Donovan, an attorney in the Legal Division, directly at (916) 322-5901.

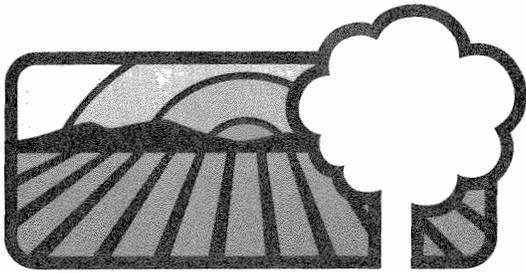
We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or more information is needed, you should expect a response within 21 working days if your request seeks formal written advice. If more information is needed, the person assigned to prepare a response to your request will contact you shortly to advise you as to information needed. If your request is for informal assistance, we will answer it as quickly as we can. (See Commission Regulation 18329 (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sec. 18329).)

You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

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CITY of MODESTO

Office of City Attorney:

(209) 577-5284

801 11th Street, P. O. Box 642, Modesto, CA 95353

[TDD (209) 526-9211 Hearing and Speech Impaired only]

June 27, 1988

Ms. Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 800
P. O. Box 807
Sacramento, California 95804-0807

Re: Prohibited Mass Mailings Under Proposition 73

Dear Ms. Griffiths:

We have received and reviewed your recent advice letter dated June 16, 1988, regarding mass mailings. While the advice letter clarified several areas of concern, we remain confused as to others. Generally, this confusion stems from what appears to be a conflict between items "g" and "i" on page 8 of your June 16, 1988, advice letter.

Accordingly, we seek your advice with regard to the following matters:

1. Every two months the City of Modesto sends out utility bills to all utility customers. Our understanding is that the bills themselves are not prohibited mass mailings. However, for some time the City has also included an informational insert with each utility bill. For your reference, the November-December 1987 and the March-April 1988 inserts are enclosed. Since these inserts are "reports containing items of general interest" which do not contain any reference to any elected official by "use of his or her name, signature or depiction in any photograph", these inserts appear to be permissible mass mailings under item "g" set forth on page 8 of the advice letter. On the other hand, these inserts could be construed to be prohibited under item "i" set forth on page 8 of your advice letter because they may be interpreted as "unsolicited" "newsletters" which are sent to 200 or more members of the public.

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2. Enclosed is a copy of a brochure which was sent to every household in the City of Modesto to publicize the grand opening of the Modesto Centre Plaza in March of this year. Similar mass mailings are contemplated for future events at the Modesto Centre Plaza. Would such mass mailings be allowed under Item "g" as a "report containing items of general interest" so long as there is no reference to any elected official "by use of his or her name, signature or depiction in any photograph" or would such a mass mailing be prohibited under Item "i" as an "unsolicited" "substantially similar correspondence sent to 200 or more constituents or other members of the public"?

3. Periodically the City of Modesto through a committee appointed by the City Council will conduct a survey to determine community concerns. A copy of such a survey that was developed by the Forward Modesto IV Committee and which was sent out in the Fall of 1986 is enclosed. Are future such surveys prohibited under paragraph "i" of page 8 of the advice letter because they are "unsolicited" "substantially similar correspondence sent to 200 or more constituents or members of the public"?

4. Enclosed is a copy of the Modesto Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Newsletter. Once again, this report appears to be permitted under paragraph "g" of page 8 of the advice letter because it is a "report containing items of general interest" which is not being sent by an elected official or contain "any reference to an elected official by use of his or her name, signature or depiction in any photograph". On the other hand, the newsletter is routinely sent to 200 or more members of the public. It is unsolicited and therefore appears to be prohibited by paragraph "i" of page 8 of your advice letter.

5. Enclosed is a copy the City of Modesto's Report to the People for the year 1988. The report was delivered to the City on June 16, 1988, by the printer. It was to be mailed to 500 people on Friday, June 17, 1988. The remaining 2,000 copies were to be advertised as available to the public. It appears to us that the report would now be prohibited under paragraph "g" of page 8 of your advice letter because it does contain the following: the signature of the Mayor, a photograph of the entire City Council, and the names of the Councilmembers. However, our question is whether or not this report could be disseminated even after the photograph of the City Council and the signature of the Mayor, and the names of the City Councilmembers were removed from the report. Once again, it appears that upon making these deletions the report would be a permissible mass mailing under paragraph "g" of page 8 of your advice letter but prohibited under paragraph "i" of page 8 of your advice letter because it is an "unsolicited" "substantially similar correspondence sent to 200 or more constituents or other members of the public".

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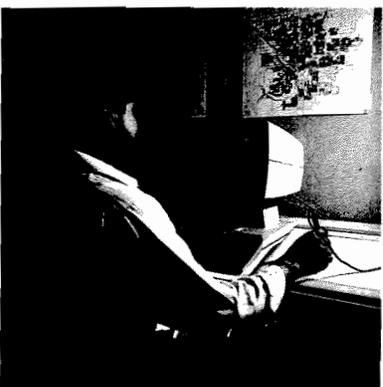
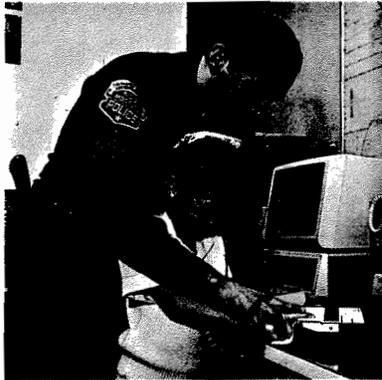
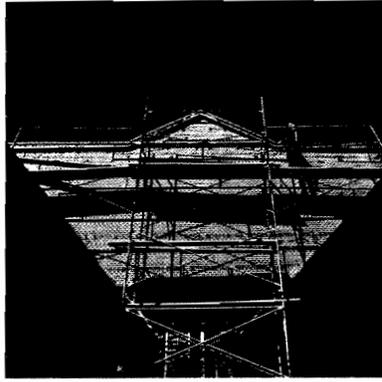
6. Enclosed is the 1988 Summer Activity Guide. The last page of the Guide contains a photograph of the Mayor and the names of the entire City Council as well as the Mayor's signature. It is our understanding that these portions of the Guide would have to be deleted for it to be a permissible mass mailing under paragraph "g" of page 8 of your advice letter. As before, our question is whether or not the Activity Guide would be prohibited under paragraph "i" of page 8 of the newsletter because it is an "unsolicited" "substantially similar correspondence sent to 200 or more constituents or other members of the public". The Activity Guide is distributed once a year by inserting it into the Modesto Bee newspaper which is then either mailed or hand delivered to subscribers in the City of Modesto.

Very truly yours,



MICHAEL D. MILICH
Assistant City Attorney

MDM/ma
Enclosures
cc: City Manager
City Attorney
Public Information Officer



City of Modesto

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE 1988



**FORWARD
MODESTO IV**

Speak Out... It's your future

Hable-Es Su Futuro

(El Questionario Que Sigue Se
Puede Conseguir En
Espanol - Llame 577-5454)

For other language translations
please call Citizen Information,
577-5454.

Forward Modesto IV is a joint City
Council/Community project that
asks all citizens to identify their
concerns and priorities for Modesto
and to recommend ways the city can
best plan for a quality future. By filling
out this questionnaire, you will help
the Steering Committee find out
which are the most important
concerns to you - the people of
Modesto.

Do you want to help your city?

Citizen Task Forces will be formed to
work on the concerns that the people
identify as most important. If you
want to be considered for a Task
Force, please fill in your name, address
and telephone number.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____

Phone (Evening) _____

Thank you for helping Modesto
move forward.

Directions

A. Read all the following concerns.

B. Then put a check in the box by the five (5) which
are most important to you personally.

- 1. Child Care Services
- 2. Community Image, Spirit and Pride
- 3. Cultural Opportunities (Performing Arts,
Ethnic Festivals)
- 4. Economic Development
- 5. Educational Concerns/Opportunities
- 6. Employment Opportunities/
Affirmative Action
- 7. Environmental Quality
- 8. Finding Money for the City
- 9. Health Care Services
- 10. Image of City Council/Government
(Decision-Making, Campaigns,
Relationships)
- 11. Library
- 12. Local Media
- 13. Needs of Low Income Families
- 14. Parks and Recreation/Youth Activities
- 15. Planning for Growth
- 16. Public Works (Utilities, Sidewalks,
Storm Drains, Trees)
- 17. Security and Law Enforcement
(Drugs, Animal Control, Pornography, Etc.)
- 18. Senior Citizens Services
- 19. Traffic Problems
- 20. Transportation (Buses, Dial-A-Ride,
Airport, Amtrak)
- 21. Other _____

Comments: _____

Ethnic Background (Optional):

- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black
- Hispanic
- Native American
- White
- Other _____

Please fold with Business Reply address showing, seal with a piece of tape
and return by December 3, 1986. No postage is required.



MODESTO
CENTRE
PLAZA

1000 L Street
Modesto, CA 95354

U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 30
Modesto, CA

Catch Our Sensational Opening



MODESTO
CENTRE
PLAZA

*Capacities are limited for all events.
Order your tickets immediately.*



Bob Hope In Person

Saturday, March 12, 1988

Omega Nu presents a "once-in-a-lifetime" evening...a black tie gala benefit featuring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Grand Lobby, followed by an elegantly catered dinner in the Arbor Theatre and Tree Rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hope will join those dining in the Arbor Theatre. At nine o'clock...**"BOB HOPE IN PERSON"**. The Modesto Symphony Players will accompany this master showman of our time as he takes center stage for an



Stanislaus Sampler II

Sunday, March 6, 1988
12 Noon - 7 p.m.

This is your chance to discover, enjoy, and experience some of our County's premier artists and their work. The Soroptimists have selected a sampling of the finest creative expressions from and about our own community. The setting for the reception will be the Grand Lobby of the Centre Plaza.

Plan to enjoy the spacious grandeur of the Lobby as the perfect complement to the exceptional works on display.

Capacity:
800

Admission:
\$5.00



Modesto Home Show

Friday, March 25, 1988
1 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 26, 1988
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 27, 1988
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thousands will be in attendance as the Building Industry Association of Central California brings its fantastic Home Show to the Centre Plaza. Over 150 exhibitors will

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plaza and enjoy cocktails and desserts. An exciting and memorable evening! All proceeds from this benefit will be distributed to local nonprofit community service organizations.

Cocktails, Dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Hope in the Arbor Theatre, Show, and Dessert

Capacity: 280
Admission: \$250.00

Cocktails, Dinner in the Tree Rooms, Show, and Dessert

Capacity: 320
Admission: \$150.00

Show and Dessert

Capacity: 900
Admission: \$75.00

*Presented by Omega Nu
Benefit for Nonprofit Community Organizations*



Festival Hispano

**Sunday, March 20, 1988
3 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

Enjoy the tastes, sounds, and sights of our Latino cultures. A variety of Latino food awaits along with surprise performances. A mariachi band, entertainment for the children, and folklorico dancers from different Latin American countries will share their spectacular talents. Be sure not to miss the costumes, the food, and the fun.

**Admission:
FREE**

*Presented by Stanislaus County
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Sponsored by KLOC Radio*

Mail Order Form

• **MTV Dance Party**

• March 4, 8:00 p.m.

• **Magical Mechanical Tour**

• March 5

• Morning

• Afternoon

• **Stanislaus Sampler II**

• March 6, 12 Noon - 7:00 p.m.

• **Bob Hope In Person**

• March 12

• *Dinner With the Hopes, Show, Dessert*

• *Dinner, Show, Dessert*

• *Show, Dessert*

• **Home Show**

• March 25, 26, and 27

Quantity

• Name _____ Charge

• Address _____ Card Nu

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• State _____ Zip _____ Signature

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• () _____ check



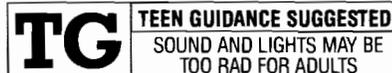
MTV Dance Party

Friday, March 4, 1988
8:00 p.m.

Party Ingredients:

- MTV VJ to host party
- 2,000 high school students
- 15-foot projection TV
- Concert sound system
- Lights and stage design by FM Productions (the people who staged "Live Aid" and the latest Rolling Stones, Who, and Don Henley tours)

Rated:

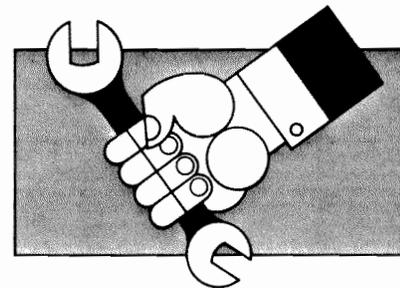


Video Dance Restricted to:

High school students with current school ID cards and one guest per student.

Capacity: 2000
Admission: \$5.50

*Presented by the Modesto Youth Commission
Sponsored by Post-Newsweek Cablevision and Music Television*



Magical Mechanical Tour

Saturday, March 5, 1988
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Centre Plaza is one of the most technically advanced facilities in the nation. Lighting systems, sound systems, phones, heating and cooling; the fountain pump room alone is a maze of technical gadgetry.

This is your opportunity to explore the areas of the Centre, which have been created. Technical and mechanical systems will be available in each area, and all of the Centre's systems.

Capacity:
550

Presented by the Modesto Centre for the Arts

**FREE CURBSIDE
RECYCLING
SERVICE —
EVERY
WEEK**

onvenience of weekly curbside recycling.
This free service is offered citywide to

recyclables in separate bags or boxes
at the curb in front of your home
on your pick-up day. Boxes or other con-
tainers for recyclables will be left for reuse.

For a Gilton Solid Waste Management
curbside recycling pick-up day is the same as
for refuse collection. If you are a Modesto
City customer, call Citizens Information
at 777-5454 to find out your pick-up day.
If you are not a City customer, your
curbside recycling pick-up day
will be moved to the same day as
refuse collection in the near future. Those affected
will be notified when this change occurs.

It is easy; just prepare your recyclables as

PAPER - place in grocery sacks, boxes,
or bundles.

GLASS (aluminum and tin) - rinse out, labels
removed, caps and lids are o.k.

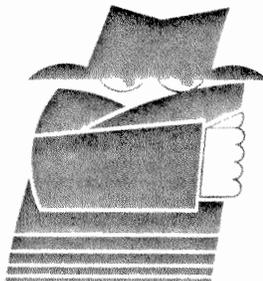
JARS (bottles and jars) - rinse out, labels and
caps removed, lids are o.k.

MOTOR OIL - place in plastic gallon jugs and
seal tightly. (Motor oil containers will not be
accepted.)

For other questions or comments about
the recycling program, contact
Robert Van Orsow, recycling program
manager, at 577-5493.

DID YOU KNOW????????????????

- The Modesto Police Department handled 101,681 reports in 1987.
- 23,977 passengers flew out of and 20,775 passengers flew into the Modesto Airport in 1987.
- Nine new firms located in the Modesto area in 1987 including Frank Pattern Manufacturing, KC Products, Morada Distribution, Pacific Panel, Roto Frank of America, All Physical, Challenge Blending, and Sierra Pacific Distribution & Service.
- Citizens Information Services received and responded to 34,000 requests for City services in 1987.
- Ridership on Intracity Transit increased by 2.2 percent to 1,398,000 passengers in 1987.
- The City switched from leased telephone equipment to purchased equipment in 1987, resulting in cost savings estimated to be between \$800,000 and \$1 million over a 10-year period.
- The Fire Department responded to 5,200 calls for emergency service in 1987, including 2,000 fire incidents.
- The total dollar loss due to fire in the City was reduced by 44 percent, from \$2.8 million in 1986 to \$1.6 million in 1987.



**A CRIME PREVENTION TIP
FROM THE MODESTO POLICE**

Many people become victims of theft and robbery because they advertise to potential criminals the amount of cash they have.

After making a bank withdrawal or a store purchase, place your money in a safe place before leaving the counter area.

Remember, crime prevention is up to you.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Modesto's Parks and Recreation Department will make sleighs available for rental for children's parties from December 7 - December 23, 1987. Santa Claus will be accepted in the Parks and Recreation Department, 801 11th Street, starting November 16.

Available to City of Modesto residents only. Fees for the holiday program are \$15 per half hour between 6 - 8 p.m. and \$30 for rentals between 6 - 8 p.m. Rentals are made two working days in advance of the party on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about this children's service, please call 527-5454.

LIST OF MODESTO AUTHORIZED PAY STATIONS

If you prefer to pay your City bill directly, there are conveniently located pay stations throughout Modesto. These include:

City Hall 801 11th Street
Night Depository 801 11th Street
Paul's Rexall Drugs
..... 1031 W. Orangeburg Ave.
Paul's Rexall Drugs
..... 130 N. Santa Cruz Ave.
Model Pharmacy 2400 Coffee Road
Paradise Rexall Drugs 409 Paradise Road
New Deal Market
..... 1612 Crows Landing Road
Scenic Drug 820 Oakdale Road
Tudy Bug's Hallmark Shop
..... 3430 Tully Road, Suite 17

City Pride - Citywide



City of Modesto

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

“What day will my garbage be picked up if it's a holiday?”

Good question! With Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years right around the corner, you may want to make a notation of the following information on your calendar.

Modesto Garbage Disposal and Orange Line Sanitation companies will pick up the garbage of their customers on the normal day even if it falls on a holiday. However, drivers will start much earlier than normal so it would be a good idea to place your garbage cans out the previous night.

Those residents who are serviced by Gilton Solid Waste Company will have their garbage picked up a day later than normal. The company will work Saturdays during the week in which a holiday falls to catch up. Please allow an extra day for garbage pickup before calling the City about a missed collection.

If you are unsure of which garbage company services your neighborhood, please check the front of your bill for that information or call 577-5454.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE...

- Holiday Safety Tips
- Rockwells
- Santa Claus Is Coming

LEAF PICKUP BEGINS TODAY

As Modesto's beautiful trees shed their leaves, City crews will be busy meeting the special fall leaf pickup. This annual leaf pickup operation is more extensive than the regular garden refuse pickup and will begin about mid-November through December.

Because individual trees drop their leaves at different times, City crews follow a pre-determined schedule at a time when their work will be most effective.

Until the special leaf pickup begins, you are requested to place your leaves together with your garden refuse in the normal location for pickup. During the special autumn leaf pickup, garden refuse should be placed in the street curbside.

It is difficult to say with certainty which area will be in a specific area. However, Citizen Information Services at 577-5454 can be provided with the most current pickup schedule for a crew night in your area.

During this time, the regular schedule for garden refuse removal may be disrupted. We, with us and, as always, feel free to call if a situation gets out of hand. Your understanding and cooperation during this special pickup is appreciated.

CONSERVATION TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

Water conservation is everyone's responsibility. Here are a few tips to help you save water at home. Can you think of others?

- ❑ Limit your shower time. Showers use 5-10 gallons of water per minute.
- ❑ Use your wastebasket, rather than the toilet, for disposing of small items like facial tissue and cotton swabs. Each time you flush, 3-7 gallons of water are used.
- ❑ Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush and fill a cup for rinsing.
- ❑ Pool water in the sink, rather than letting it run, when shaving or washing. Shaving with the tap running uses 20 gallons of water.
- ❑ Run the dishwasher or washing machine only when you have a full load.
- ❑ Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator for drinking.
- ❑ Fix faucet leaks. Even a small leak can waste 7 gallons a day.

Do you have a good conservation tip or need a question answered? Call us at 577-5469.

YOUR CITY ON THE AIR

The City of Modesto, in cooperation with Post-Newsweek Cable, wants to provide you with as much information as possible about services, activities, special programs and events.

You can watch the City Council meetings live every Tuesday on Cable Channel 2. The Council meets at 4 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays and at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

The Modesto Planning Commission meetings are also broadcast live at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month.

At 7 p.m. every Thursday, you can tune in to Channel 2 and see the Police Department Crime Prevention Show.

During the second and fourth weeks of each month, Cable Channel 2 broadcasts "Cityscape," a 30-minute show featuring a variety of City services, activities and programs. Hosted by Modesto's public information officer, "Cityscape" is broadcast at 6:30 p.m. Mondays, 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 12:30 p.m. Saturdays during the second and fourth weeks of the month.

City Pride Citywide



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MARCH

FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE DALLAS BRASS

The City of Modesto's Internat
Committee will present the Dalla
at 8 p.m., Monday, March 14 in
of Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000

This six-member group perform
musical styles, from Mozart to Coj
Miller to Lionel Ritchie. The gre
dimension to the traditional brass
addition of a percussionist.

Proceeds from this concert, spo
corporate donors, will go into 'r
Friendship Committee's fund for
more programs with Modesto's tl
as well as for other international

"We play for people who may r
five to 95," says Director/Trombor

Admission for this concert is \$
\$5 for students and seniors. Tick
chased by calling Modesto Centre
at 577-6400.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE...

- Revolving Loan Fund
- Tips for Water Conservat
- Your City on the Air
- Recycling is Easy



MODESTO CENTRE PLAZA OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE

Modesto Centre Plaza is now open for public use. What was once a dream talked about before World War II and in each decade thereafter, is now reality.

Over 175 events have been booked at the Centre for the remainder of this year — everything from high school proms to private wedding receptions and business meetings.

The Centre staff is eager to work with you in scheduling activities. Their office is located in the new building located at 1000 L Street. The Centre has space for 20 to 2,000. Organizations or individuals interested in using Centre facilities should call 577-5497 for information on available dates and rental policies.

ROCKWELLS?

...s, most of us know little about them. In fact, ...d the streets flood. The following information ...ore satisfactorily.

...and filled with graded rock. It is usually located ...en stormwater collects in the area surrounding ...icles of rock. The width and depth of the hole ...o be absorbed by the surrounding soil.

...fairly low absorption rates, ponding will occur ...5 inches during a storm. Analysis of Modesto ...14 times during a year. Therefore, ponding can ...allfunctioning rockwell. A rockwell is considered ...hin 24 to 36 hours after a storm.

...r of obstructions; therefore it's important that ...an each rockwell on the average of once a year. ...or oil, grease and other chemicals away from ...a rockwell and create that "flooded" look.

...ell?
...on of a rockwell, please don't hesitate to telephone



Season's Greetings

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The Modesto Fire Department would like to offer some safety tips in hopes that you and your loved ones will have a safe and happy holiday season.

- Keep your tree fresh by watering it regularly and remove it from the house before its needles dry out.
- The Fire Department does not recommend the use of candles, but if you must use them, keep candles away from combustibles.
- Remember to turn off all tree lights, extinguish all candles and check ashtrays before you go to bed at night.
- Dispose of wrapping paper in the trash can, not in the fireplace.
- Make sure your fireplace screen is closed when the fireplace is in use. Keep decorations and other combustibles away from heaters.
- Check your tree lights prior to putting them on the tree to see that they are in good condition.

If you have someone on your gift list and you don't know what to give them, you might consider a smoke detector. They are an inexpensive gift that says you really care. This one simple gift could save a life.

If you have any questions or concerns about fire prevention, please call 577-5412.

A GIFT IDEA FOR THE

The McHenry Mansion, Modesto book written by Colleen Stanle story of the house, the family an The book — with its many phot and new — reveals how close! McHenry's and their house were and development of our City.

The soft cover book is avail McHenry Mansion during ope p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday Sunday. All book proceeds benef Mansion Foundation, a non-pro formed in 1983 to help with the preservation of the Mansion (o aged by the City).

For more information about Foundation, please call 577-536

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

After Christmas, City street clea pick up Christmas trees in the sa would your regular garden remember to remove the woo should be cut if longer than eight not take any tree thicker than si have additional questions o Christmas tree pickup, please c



S.C.A.N.



Stops Crimes Against Neighbors

VOL. I

Modesto Police Department — Crime Prevention Unit

MARCH 1988

NEW ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION POLICY

Starting in February, 1988, the Modesto Police Department is changing its accident investigation policy on property-damage-only motor vehicle collisions. Police officers will:

1. Still respond to the scene of an accident.
2. We will insure that the roadway is clear and direct traffic as necessary.
3. We will obtain tow trucks for those parties needing them.
4. We will determine if any of the following violations have occurred:
 - a. Driving under the influence.
 - b. Driver's license violations.
 - c. Proof of insurance violations.
 - d. If any of the parties are injured.

If the accident meets the above criteria, we will supply each driver a card to complete which includes name, address, and insurance company. We will remain at the scene until drivers have completed and exchanged those cards.

We will not investigate the cause of the accident and will only report the drivers' last names, vehicle license numbers, and type of collision (that is whether it is a broadside, rearend, etc.) and the specific block number where the accident occurred.

If when the officer is at the scene of the collision he determines that either of the drivers are in violation of Number 4 above, a complete investigation will be done of the accident.

Our change in policy became necessary to increase the amount of time officers will be available for major criminal investigations.

UP COMING EVENTS

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| APRIL | 14 | NON-TRADITIONAL CAREER FAIR
WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
Modesto Junior College
West Campus
9:00 AM - NOON |
| | 29 | FOURTH ANNUAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION FAIR
On the Courthouse Lawn -
1100 I St.
McGruff, Children's Fingerprinting, etc.
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM |
| MAY | 7 & 8 | MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE RENAISSANCE FAIR
Modesto Junior College
East Campus
McGruff, Children's Fingerprinting, etc.
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM |
| | 21 | KID'S SAFE
Doctor's Medical Center
McGruff, Children's Fingerprinting, Thumbs up for Kids T-Shirts.
1441 Florida Av
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
| JUNE | 1 | SUMMER WATER CONSERVATION
Outside Water Prohibited
Monday through Friday
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM |
| AUGUST | 9 | NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
The Annual Neighborhood Watch block party.
Contact person: CSO
Connie Garcia. |
| SEPTEMBER | 30 | SUMMER WATER PROGRAM ENDS |

CRIME'S GOING DOWN!

In 1987 The City of Modesto experienced a dramatic reduction of reported property crimes. The most significant reduction was in the area of residential burglaries. Reported residential burglaries were down 23% over the reported burglaries in 1986.

In February 1987, the Property Crimes Detail of the Modesto Police Department (which has the responsibility of investigating burglaries and grand thefts) under went a major change of direction. The investigations went from a reactive mode of investigation (investigating "cold burglaries") to a more proactive type of investigation. The direction of investigation was focused on narcotics violations.

Historically it has been proven that the property crimes violators are for the most part also narcotics violators. Therefore, putting the narcotics violators in jail will reduce the reported property crimes.

As a result of the change in tactics, the following data was collected.

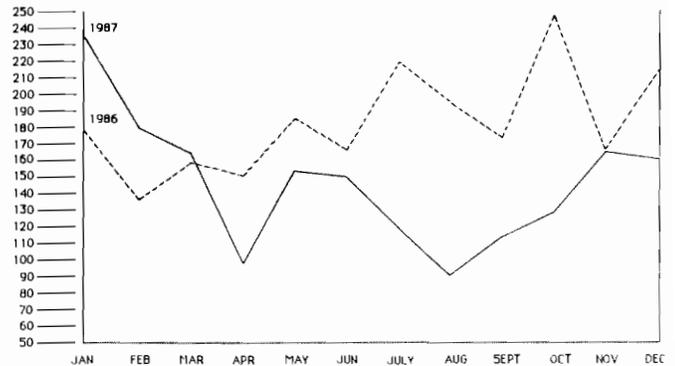
In 1987 there were 4,544 cases assigned to the Property Crimes Detail. This number is down considerably compared to 1986, where 5,208 cases were assigned.

In 1987 Detectives in the Property Crimes Detail made 427 arrests for property and narcotics violations. They obtained and served 130 search warrants. As a result of these arrests and search warrants, \$263,752 worth of stolen property was recovered. Also, \$49,000 worth of illegal drugs and narcotics were seized.

As a result of the change in direction of the Property Crimes Detail and efforts of the Field Operations Division and their Tactical Patrol Unit, Property Crimes in the City of Modesto are down and we hope that this trend will continue throughout 1988.

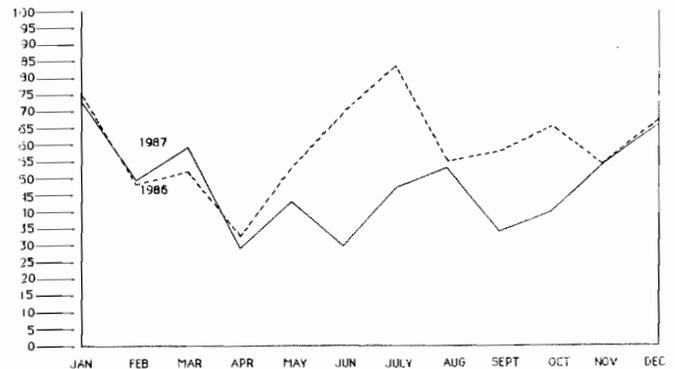
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

1986 AND 1987



COMMERCIAL BURGLARIES

1986 AND 1987



NEW TRAFFIC LAWS

There is new legislation concerning traffic laws that affect us all. Three new or amended laws are:

1. **22507.8 CVC (California Vehicle Code):** This bill adds to the existing handicapped parking laws. It is now illegal to obstruct, block or otherwise bar access to disabled parking stalls. This applies to public and private owned lots
2. **23117 CVC-Tethered Dogs:** This is a new section which prohibits the transporting of a dog in the back of a truck or a space designed for a load unless:
 - * The truck has racks 46 inches high, or
 - * The truck bed is enclosed, or
 - * The dog is cross tethered, or
 - * The dog is in a cage.

This section does not apply to:

- * Transportation of livestock, or
- * Dogs being transported for the purpose of ranching or farming.

For information on how to set up the tethering system contact the local SPCA office.

3. **22526 CVC-Anti-Gridlock:** This is a new section which makes it a violation for a vehicle to enter an intersection on a yellow or a green traffic light when there is no possibility for that vehicle to completely clear the intersection prior to the light turning red.

The bill designates that if the intersection is posted the driver will receive a citation for failure to obey a traffic sign. If the intersection is not posted the driver will be cited for a parking violation.

During heavy rush hour traffic, be sure you can completely cross the intersection or you might receive a citation if your car is unable to clear the intersection when the traffic light turns red.

CHECK FRAUD UPDATE

In our September 1987 SCAN, we mentioned that the Police Department was going to start a new forgery investigation policy. We wanted to update you on the results to date.

In October 1987, the Modesto Police Department instituted a policy of not investigating any fraudulent payroll or Government checks if the merchant had not obtained the right thumbprint of the person cashing the check. The policy was instituted because of the large volume of fraudulent checks that could not be prosecuted because of lack of positive identification of the passer.

Since the thumbprint policy was instituted, the Police Department has experienced a dramatic reduction in the number of reported forgeries involving payroll or Government checks.

By July 1st of this year, the Police Department intends to extend the thumbprint policy to all fraudulent check cases.

Help prevent forgery by requiring the person who gives you a check to place their right thumbprint on the check. A thumbprint is positive identification that a criminal will not want to give you.

ARE YOU COVERED?

On October 27, 1987, the Supreme Court of California reviewed the financial responsibility laws of the California Vehicle Code passed in July, 1985. In the Supreme Court's review they held that Section 16028 CVC was Constitutional and would be enforceable starting November 27, 1987.

We are now citing those drivers stopped for other violations when they cannot show proof of insurance or proof of financial responsibility.

What does proof of financial responsibility and proof of insurance mean? It means drivers of vehicles should have in their possession their insurance company name and policy number or a Surety bond number. This information can be written on the registration card in the space provided.

OUR TELEPHONE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED

We have installed a new computerized telephone system and offices can be dialed direct, without having to go through the main switchboard. Clip out the attached list and put it by your phone.

QUICK REFERENCE TELEPHONE GUIDE

EMERGENCY

POLICE 9-1-1
FIRE 9-1-1
AMBULANCE 9-1-1

MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Abandoned & Towed Autos	572-9511
Detective Offices	572-9551
Drug Hotline	571-3784
To report persons using or selling drugs. Callers may remain anonymous.	
Neighborhood Watch	572-9571
Neighborhood Watch 24 Hour Answering Machine	572-9570
Parking Problems and Permits	572-9559
Dance, alcohol, parades, block parties, carnivals, etc.	
Patrol Offices	572-9565
Public Assistance Officer	572-9573
General information questions, over the telephone police reports for insurance purposes only or "no leads, no suspects" thefts, vandalism.	
Records	572-9580
Information regarding the release of reports, fingerprinting, etc.	
Subpoenas to be Served	572-9511
Switchboard	572-9500
Traffic Sergeant	572-9592

SUMMER WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

In an effort to promote water conservation, the City Council has again approved the Summer Water Conservation Program. Outside water is prohibited June 1st through September 30th, Monday through Friday, 2:00 - 7:00 PM. To report water waste, please phone 577-5254. Controlled irrigation of vegetable gardens is permitted.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

SEPTEMBER 1 - FEBRUARY 1

Join us in "Taking a Bite Out of Crime". Keep Neighborhood Watch alive in your area by being observant and alert to suspicious activities. You really can make a difference in helping us reduce the number of residential burglaries in your own neighborhood.

It takes all of you to help keep your own neighborhood safe from crime. If you belong to a Neighborhood Watch Group, you should feel proud of working with the Modesto Police Department.

BEAT 1	87
BEAT 2	90
BEAT 3	10
BEAT 4	139
BEAT 5	26
BEAT 6	29
BEAT 7	42
BEAT 8	57
BEAT 9	32
BEAT 10	72
BEAT 11	36
BEAT 12	62
BEAT 13	42
BEAT 14	37

TOTAL 761

GET READY FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Fifth Annual National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 9th. National Night Out is designed to (1) heighten crime prevention awareness; (2) generate participation in local anti-crime efforts; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and; (4) send a message to criminals that your neighborhood is organized and fighting back.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? (1) Traditionally, turn on all your outside lights; (2) contact Connie Garcia at the Crime Prevention Unit and request a police permit for a block party; (3) plan a block party--it can be a bar-b-que; a potluck; carnival games; ice cream social; your own tailor made "block party" or join Modesto Police Department's block party on Del Vale Avenue, between Del Mar and Del Monte, where we will have lots of events for you to enjoy.

CITY OF MODESTO PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.

'88 ACTIVITY GUIDE

