

WHO'S WHAT/ WHAT'S WHERE



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IT WAS LAUGHTER FROM THE RAFTERS as the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters celebrated its November luncheon in a return to The Sportsmen's Lodge (even though the food has not improved). Since November is the month we celebrate Veteran's Day, it was fitting that PPB paid tribute to the veterans of Yarmy's Army ... and what a funny troop it is. Those appearing on the dais included host **PAT HARRINGTON, GARY OWENS, PETER MARSHALL** (who demonstrated why he is everyone's favorite "boy singer"), **EDDIE CARROLL, JIM McGEORGE, ARNIE KOGEN, HOWARD STORM, THOM SHARP** and **JACK RILEY**. How's that for a group of talented guys?

CHRIS THOMAS PRESENTED the Diamond Circle Award to a Master Puppeteer. His marionettes have brought excitement and joy to millions around the world through motion pictures and television. He began his animation career at the George Pal studios and still serves as an animation advisor to many studios including Walt Disney. Across the years, he has created over three thousand handmade, one-of-a-kind puppets, many appearing with such stars as Judy Garland, Angela Lansbury, Julie Andrews, Elvis Presley and Jerry Lewis. For 50 years, he continues to delight making his theater not only a historic landmark but the oldest continuously-running theater of its kind ... the recipient was none other than **BOB BAKER!**

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, CHARLES WASHBURN, assistant director on the original "Star Trek" television series, was the special guest speaker at a charity event of the

Star Trek and Sci-? Fan Club of Bakers?eld, Calif. The event was the 11th annual Bowl-a-Thon and fundraiser for the Jamison Children's Center, where abused, neglected and abandoned children of Kern County get their needs met in a safe haven. **CHARLES** spoke about his career, the book he is writing of his experiences on the series, and showed behind-the-scenes clips from the original series. **CHARLES** also brought pictures taken on the set to autograph, and offered a major "Star Trek" item for the auction. More money was raised for the charity than any previous year.

SINCE LOU LOU (LOU CARTER KEAY) was in New England and missed being at the luncheon honoring **BUZZ ALDRIN**, she made up for it by attending the Texas Book Festival in Austin, Tex. in October where Col. **ALDRIN** appeared to promote his latest book.

NOVEMBER WAS A BUSY MONTH for PPBer and Diamond Circle Award recipient **ART LABOE**. He was the *Los Angeles Times* front page COLUMN ONE story on November 12. The article ("DJ is an Oldie But Goodie") is available online at ArtLaboe.com. **ART** also rode in the Huntington Park Christmas Lane Parade and the East Los Angeles Christmas Parade. He was interviewed by a Korean news outlet and on November 25 was the subject of a story on KCAL9 Newscentral.

FORMER AFRTS RADIO PRODUCER GENE PLUNKETT and his wife Gayle off on another cruise. Panama Canal right after the New Year. Last year, it was England, Ireland, Scotland and France. Next, to Alaska during

