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SCROFANI TO CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF TEACHING MAY 5 IN COUNTRY SETTING

German Marshall Fund Fellowship Award

The National Council for the Social Studies announces that Scrofani has been named a German Marshall Fund Fellow for the Summer of 1991.

Scrofani and 15 fellow American teachers will study and exchange ideas with 15 German teachers while studying in Germany this summer.

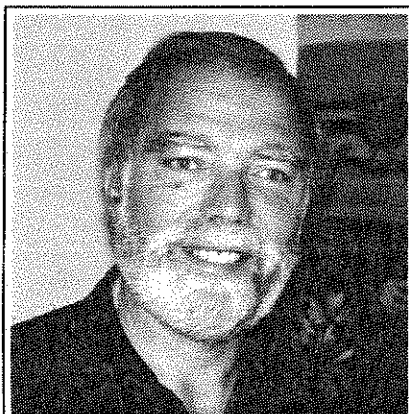
During his long career Scrofani has been awarded Fulbright fellowships to Yugoslavia in 1970 and 1989, to Italy in 1979 and to Korea in 1985. As a member of the Educators for Social Responsibility he traveled and met teachers in the USSR during the summer of 1987.

Eyes on the World

Outstanding Teacher

An avid traveler and seminar goer, Bob reports to colleagues at local, state and national conferences of Social Studies Teachers. In 1990-1 he spoke at both the NCSS and CCSS conferences in California.

He was named an Outstanding Social Studies Teachers in California in 1985. In 1991, he was given a special award for service by the East Bay Council of Teachers.



Manny sports a new beard for May 5 event.

Praise on 25th

Plaques and letters of commendation cover the classroom wall marking his 25 years of service, from state senators, congressmen, the Alameda Board of Education and the cities of Berkeley and San Francisco.

Berkeley and San Francisco proclaimed E. Robert Scrofani Days in 1985. "He has committed his life to bringing forth the best in young people by demonstrating moral and intellectual leadership, and it is in the tradition of Berkeley to recognize such leadership," said the Mayor.

Urban Environmentalist

In 1970 Scrofani was a founder of *San Francisco Tomorrow*, and a President of the activist environmental group.

Freestone Site for Teaching Celebration

E. Robert (Manny) Scrofani will celebrate over 30 years of teaching, 25 of them in Berkeley, at a Sonoma County party on Sunday May 5th.

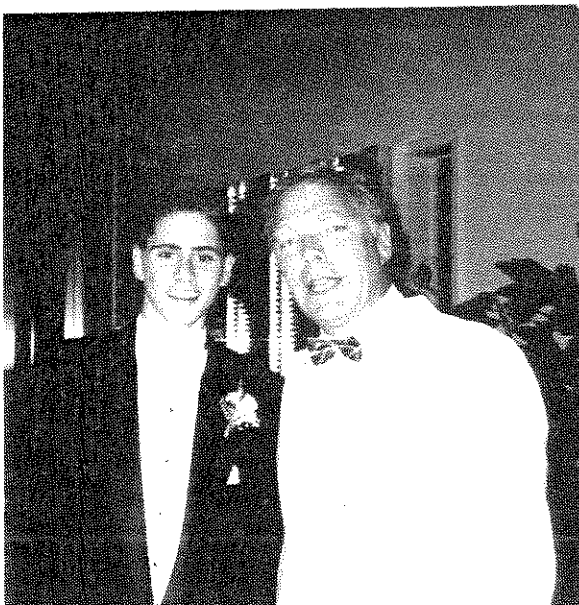
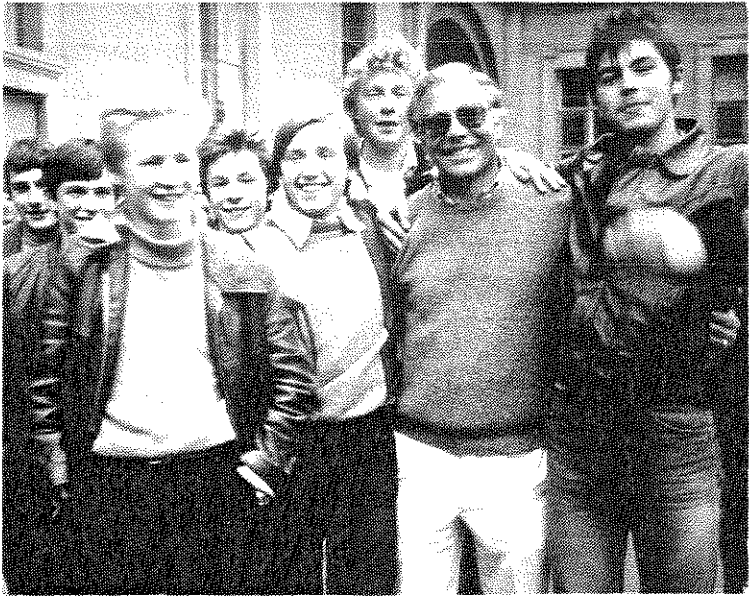
The party will mark 32 years of teaching in 3 school districts, the Bronx, New York in 1953, Hillsborough's Crocker School from 1958-64 and Berkeley High School 1966 to the present.

The festivities will be held in Freestone at the home of Carol Khadjenouri, a longtime friend and colleague. Freestone is a picturesque village between Sebastapol and Bodega.

"Guests are invited to join Bob on this special day and to spend 'a day in the country' from noon on. The Celebration will include a barbecue, music, walks, talks, swimming and sunning," Carol says. "There are even 3 goats on the property."

Guests will gather from noon on. Music will be provided by Linn Nelson, sax player and a trio and strolling musicians in the afternoon with a few formal words from colleagues at 3 o'clock.

Gallery of Pictures of Bob and Kids From Around the World



You are cordially invited to join with
E. ROBERT (MANNY) SCROFANI
and his friends to celebrate his 30 years of teaching

SUNDAY, MAY 5
Cinco de Mayo
at the Freestone home of Carol Khadjenouri
(see map)

Come spend a day in the country
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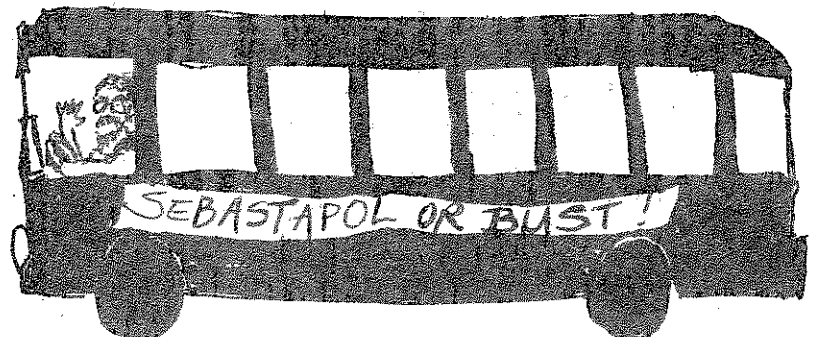
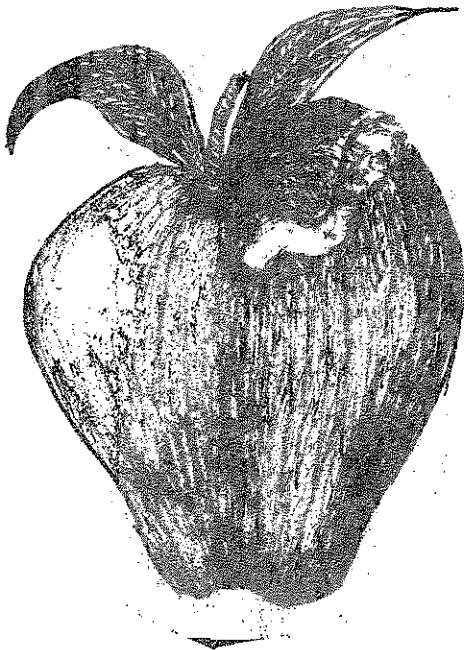
Bring your bathing suit!

Barbeque and libations

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Chris Komater
415-641-4967

Please bring something to drink or a dessert



Directions to Freestone, California

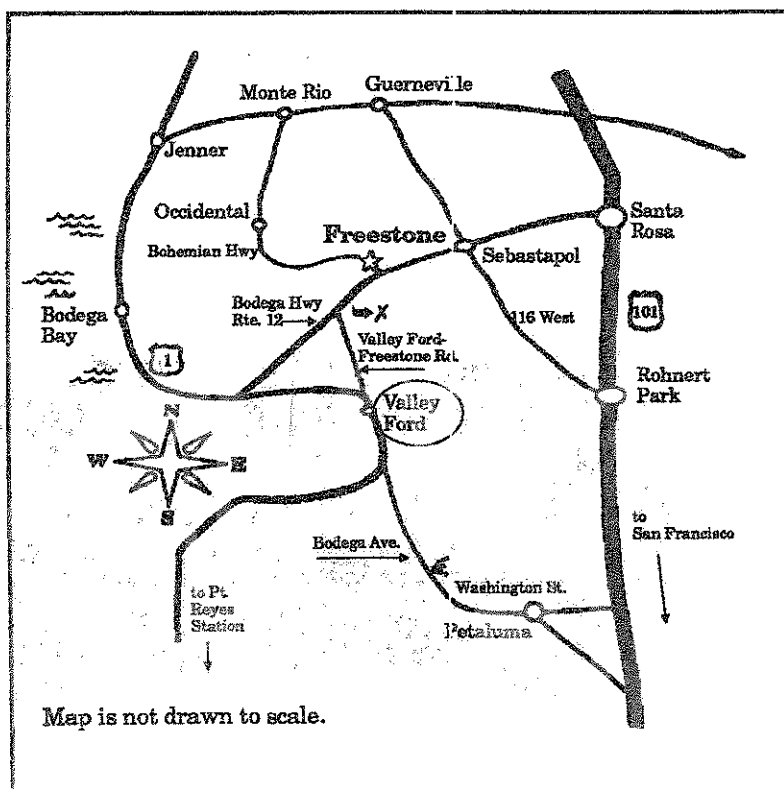
The historic village of Freestone is about a one-hour drive from the Golden Gate Bridge. Freestone is located in West Sonoma County (see map).

Take 101 North from San Francisco to Petaluma, to the **East Washington Street Exit**. Proceed west on Washington Street. A few blocks past the city center, Washington Street becomes **Bodega Avenue**. Drive about 18 miles west on Bodega Avenue, passing the town of **Valley Ford**.

One-half mile after Valley Ford, the road divides. Look for a green highway sign and take the road marked **Occidental-Monte Rio**, which branches to the right (not the road to Jenner). This road is the 3-mile **Valley Ford-Freestone Road**.

When you reach the red stop sign at the end of Valley Ford-Freestone Road, you are at **Bodega Highway**. Turn right. Drive one mile until you see five mailboxes on the right side of the street. Turn right at these mailboxes onto the private road. (NOTE: if you get to the rhododendron nursery, you have gone too far.)

The party is on the very top of the hill, past four other houses (about 1/2 mile up). Follow signs that say "Cant" (the name of the owners of the house). The house is not visible until just before you reach it. The driveway goes off to the right and the road itself dead-ends after about 100 yards.



X = site of party

The address:
13079 Bodega Highway,
Freestone, CA 95472

The phone:
(707) 829 6786

Collegial Praise for Bob On 30th Anniversary

Thirty years has not dulled Scrofani's enthusiasm or his energy. As a member of the history faculty at BHS and twice its chair, he has worked diligently to prepare new curricula as California changes its emphasis in history and social science.

"His wide knowledge in history and social science is impressive, as are his lively wit and his insatiable intellectual curiosity."

Dr. Paula Gillette, former CLIO Project Director in the Graduate School of Education, UC Berkeley

"He is a dedicated education professional. He is renown for his ceaseless effort and commitment - a stalwart of the department."

Ken Sherer, Principal, BHS

"Bob is absolutely committed to expanding his knowledge and enriching his classroom. This leads to a lively up to date classroom where students are exposed to world events and their links to the historical past. We in the department shake our heads in awe of him, but we inevitably benefit from his curiosity, generosity and his willingness to share."

Sue Groves, Berkeley H.S.

"Bob's commitment to excellence and to identifying and stimulating the unique talents of a wide range of students has made him an invaluable asset to BHS, but most significant are the innumerable ways he has touched the lives of teachers and students to truly make a positive difference in their lives."

Steve Teel, Berkeley H.S.

Important Events in Scrofani's Life

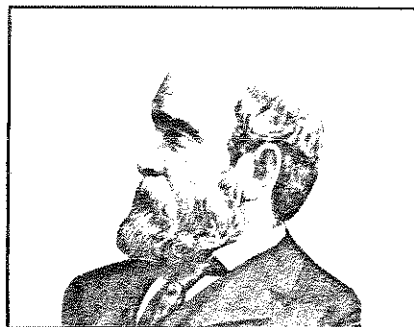
ECONOMIC AWARDS

Thirty years of teaching has not prevented Bob from seeking new challenges particularly in economics.

This year he was named an Economic Fellow at Stanford University, and has authored a chapter in a book to be published in England in 1991. A paper he wrote recently on California Water will be presented at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania this summer.

His paper is based on historical research which won him the California Historical Society's award for "innovative teaching and writing about California history." Scrofani chronicled the disputes between farmers and cattle owners and focuses on the *Wright Act*, legislation written by a school teacher lawyer.

The Act broke the hold of the landed interests on vast tracts of California land. Scrofani's work was praised for its "insightful joining of a historical and contemporary problem" and for its application of "constitutional principles" which describe a peaceful transfer of power under the law.



The birth of Henry George (1839-97)



The annual champagne salute to the "Brave Little Hydrant" at 20th and Church Streets in S.F.

Scrofani's Teaching History

Bob began his teaching career after graduating from Cardinal Hayes High School (1949) and Fordham University in New York in 1953. He was drawn to teaching after hearing Fr. James Keller, head of the Christophers and author of "You Can Change the World" at a Hayes Assembly.

His speech teacher at Fordham University told him he would never teach because he dentalized his d's and t's, nasalized his s's and generally screwed up his ng sound. Disraught he thought he would never teach, but then New York City announced a shortage of teachers and he got a job teaching the 9th grade at PS 52 in the South Bronx. Most of the students were of Puerto Rican descent and didn't much care what he did with his d's, t's and s's.

Bob's first class couldn't read any of the books assigned and he has worked ever since to develop high interest level materials for students. After his first year in New York, he served in the US Army and then came to California where he eventually returned to teaching for 6 years at Crocker Intermediate School in Hillsborough.

In 1966 he began his 25 year teaching journey in Berkeley. For 5 years beginning in 1971 he was the director of HUI, a federally sponsored alternative school for 300 gifted and talented students at Berkeley High School West Campus. Later he was the first teacher-director of the Berkeley Teacher's Center. During the 1970's, Bob was a University of California Extension instructor teaching "individualized and personalized learning" workshops. Later he co-led a UC Santa Barbara study trip to the English primary school. He returned to teaching and became the Chairman of the Berkeley History department, where he is now a much honored member of the faculty.

Professor Dennis Shirley, Department of Education, Rice University, who features Bob in his book, Promising Practices in the Social Studies, "I have found it inspiring and personally enriching to hear of your work, and I am encouraged to know that a teacher like you is out there. I have been sharing my enthusiasm about you with my wife, my colleagues and my students."

Scrofani's Tale

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Name

Bob Scrofani

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TO HONOR BOB SCROFANI'S TEACHING CAREER**