'Bowl for Pancho' Thanks

This is a big "Thank You Note" to all the participants and contributors in the No-Tap Singles Benefit for Frank "Pancho" Merris, last weekend at Manchester-Western Bowl. Zula Gaines and the committee members took $1,217 to Pancho, who is at home again, and all was realized from the luminous cake bake, the raffles, $321 in cash donations, which included the $10 from Barney Lewis, who is hospitalized himself with diabetes. A special thanks and kudos to the 167 bowlers that competed for the many prizes donated by all the concerned friends and family.

Special thanks to Henrietta and Betty Yontob, Manchester-Western proprietors, who always come through with total involvement and assistance in all our NEA Family programs and causes. They stand firmly right there whenever they are needed at all times. We do appreciate the greatly the Yontobs. Remember, your cash donations are still acceptable. Contact Mrs. Gaines at 732-4257 or 727-4255 and she will pick them up at your convenience.

Inter-City Nomads Sweepstakes

When the Sunday Inter-City Nomads Traveling League met for its Sweepstakes at Rodeo Bowl last Sunday, Southpaw Pearl Meriweather, league Sargent-at-arms, made the double. The pocket pay off resulted as she won the singles with a 224/638 total and with Beverly Whitaker won the doubles, and with 10 other partners for all 11 spots! Willis Collins was second in the singles with 615 and Beverly had 604 for third.

The Glen Allison Lanes foursome consisted of Etalia "Faye" Willey, captain; Yolanda "YoYo" Millentree, Ruth Calvin, and Your Reporter, Juanita Blocker. This was a close finish with Team No. 1, the Pro "200 Lanes, just one game back in second. Third place went to Imperial Bowl No. 2. Carol Joyce, Pearl Meriweather, Kathy Harris and Mitsue Kagawachi were the second-place team while Floyd West, Mary "Soul" Davis, Jackie Meriweather and Nancy Murrell made up the third-place team. The Season Stars were: Mary Bailey of the Imperial No. 1 Team with 652 for senior; Mary Johnson of the same team with high game of 274. The Merit Award for Achievement went to one of our youngest or "baby" bowlers in the league, Jackie Meriweather. She improved 23 pins on her average, from a beginning 129 to 142. See, one can improve in the Nomads because the competition is strong enough to keep each one trying all the time. Congratulations to all the ladies who had the stamina and fortitude to "hang in there" through "bliss and this," overcoming unforeseen obstacles that tried to impede the progress. You did it and we're glad! It was a victory well won.

We hope to enlarge the travel league to 12 teams of four next season, so those wishing to acquire a franchise please get in touch with the above officers or contact this writer, 734-1094.

Next week we will have the results of the NBA leagues that have completed the season, results of the NBA City Tournament, and Junior City Tourney results.

Reporter in Close Call

Your Reporter had a near severe close call when someone threw a bottle into the Rodeo Bowl lounge and dining room and it struck us on the left cheekbone! We are thankful the damage is light and our eyes are intact. No, they didn't hit the culprits, although they saw them running away. This happened during the giving out of the bowling awards and trophies. Hopefully, we won't have a "black eye" as a result.