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A Child Is Born

A Special Christmas Delivery

As a special treat for the holiday season, we will be telling the story of Pleasanton's Pat Potter, co-owner of C-P Delivery, who was born on Christmas Eve.

Little "Patsy," as she was called then, came into the world a bit unexpectedly one December 24th in Little Rock, Arkansas at the home of her parents, Peter and Alwina Massery. Pat's story is a beautiful, loving tale of what Christmas is all about.

The story has been told so many times, Pat knows it by heart, although she says, "I just wish I could remember being there too!" Pat's Father, Mother, and sisters delight in telling the story every year to Pat's three children and three grandchildren.

For your enjoyment, here is the story of Pat's birth seen through the eyes of her father, Peter Massery.

As I think back to that cold winter morning in 1934, I remember having awakened unknowing of what would lie ahead. My wife wasn't feeling well, so I busied myself caring for our three small daughters, Dorothy, Hilda and Jackie.

It was Christmas Eve, the day our family had always celebrated Christmas. As I realized what this day would bring, I also realized what had to be done, and quickly. I phoned my sister-in-law, just after I had phoned the doctor, to tell her that this was the day and would she please come to pick



Little Patsy then . . .

up my girls.

With a kiss from their mother, and assurances from me, the girls left with Aunt Clara, hoping their mother would recover from her "illness" soon. Although I worked confidently about the house, filling stockings and placing the gifts under our tree, inside I was frightened. I prayed that all would be well and our Christmas would be more wonderful than we had imagined before that morning.

Before I knew it, the doctor was at my side. The fear was gone. The worrying over. I rushed to my wife to see her "miraculous recovery" and the new



Pat Potter today.

bundle at her side.

With the nurse to care for them, I rushed to pick up my three little girls.

Dorothy answered the door with an expectant look and many questions about her mother. I placed her on my lap, and held all three of them close as I told them not to worry, that Mommie had a special present for them. As we drove home my heart was bursting with joy and gratitude. "I," I thought, "must be the luckiest man on earth."

When we were finally home I brought the girls quietly in the back door. I ushered them to our bedroom and they gasped at the sight of their

mother, so beautiful. I will never forget that glow about her. Dorothy said, "Mommie, there are Christmas stars in your eyes!"

After many hugs and kisses and laughs, I led them to the tree. As I opened the door to the living room, the fragrance of oranges, apples, sugar cookies, and the pine tree rushed in on me — as my girls burst out with joy at the sight of the room.

They were so busy tearing off wrapping paper from their packages, they almost failed to notice the small basket under the tree. Inquisitive little Hilda was the first to spot it as she said, "Oh, Daddy! It's a live doll!" Their faces were lit up and they were brimming over with questions. They asked me her name and if they could keep her.

I said, "This is little Patricia, and yes, you may keep her." Just then, our new little baby opened her eyes and cried. As I saw my baby cry, and the tears streaming down the faces of all four of my little girls, I cried too. I realized that the greatest Christmas gift I had ever received was my family.

I will never forget Christmas in 1934. The closeness we shared is what storybooks are made of. When we are together, we relive that day, and the closeness is still there. Yes, my Christmas prayers have all been answered. I am the luckiest man in the world.

She Started Her Life On New Year's Eve

Pleasanton's Deanna (Dee Dee) Dodd will be 12 years old this year. To meet her is to take a giant step back into the simple, uncomplicated and beautiful world of childhood. She is alive with imaginative energy. She lives life as if it were a holiday every day of the year.

It's not surprising then, to discover that Deanna was a holiday baby. She was born on New Year's Eve, three weeks early, in 1972 to a very surprised Susan Dodd. "They weren't expecting me, I was premature. I guess it was quite a New Year's present!" Dee Dee laughs.

For children who grow up sharing their birthday with a national holiday, it's not always a piece of cake. "I don't like it because no one's ever around to come to my birthday party — they're

always on vacation," Dee Dee complains. "As for birthday presents, well,



New Year's Eve baby, Deanna Dodd

everyone's always broke from Christmas!"



Dee Dee Dodd, 12, with "Cinnamon."

Sadness doesn't suit Dee Dee well, though. Within a minute her bright smile returns as she says, "In a way it's good because I get twice as many Christmas presents!"

Deanna has only been living in Pleasanton a few months now but already she loves it. She attends Walnut Grove Elementary School as a sixth grader. In spite of her holiday birthday she's an average 12 year old girl who loves horses and has a bunny rabbit named Cinnamon.

But somehow there's just something different about Dee Dee. A little more joy in her laughter, a brighter twinkle in her eyes. Whether or not it has something to do with her birthday is unknown, but Deanna Dodd is in a festive mood all year 'round!



In My Opinion is a bi-monthly column featuring opinions by guest editors. This column is by Ruben Preciado, a plumber and local resident.

I was asked the other day, What is it like to play Santa Claus for the kids every year, and what is my reward?"

That, was a very good question. I started playing Santa by chance back in 1952, for the city of Daly City, and later I was Santa for the City of South San Francisco. I did it then as I do it now, for no material gain.

In case some people have lost it, or forgotten; there is a magic about Christmas that we as adults can miss. If we allow our children to grow to adulthood without trying to share the magic of Christmas through their eyes, we have lost a moment which cannot be replaced.

It would be easier to describe the

flavor of an avocado than to describe the magic of Christmas.

The magic is all around us, and is waiting for us to join in. When a child sees a toy and becomes excited, try and see what he sees; try to feel his excitement. When they feel joy, love and laughter don't tell them to calm down, try and remember your own childhood energy and share their exuberance for life. You will find yourself becoming

part of the great gift that the children

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Heather Mosser visits with Santa Claus.

have given us, the magic of Christmas. You will feel ageless as time slips by. I'm in my late fifties and I enjoy it more each year. For as my years come, I see more and more children each Christmas.

The greatest joy comes as I sit there and look down into a small face. The whole world is in front of me, smiling with a few freckles, big liquid eyes, and the magic of the moment. Hi Santa!!

The children are our magic. Nothing else can replace, and no amount of

"The children are our magic. Nothing else can replace, and no amount of money can buy what is given by a child."

money can buy what is given by a child. To receive money or compensation for playing Santa would make it a job and not something to enjoy with love.

I think, "What does playing Santa mean to me?" I don't know, but without it I wouldn't be as happy as I am. I can only thank the children for being who and what they are.

— Ruben Preciado

Teacher Identifies Home

Decorated Window Pleasanton Tradition

"For as long as I can remember," says Eileen Morley of the Pleasanton Recreation Department, "Verla Babbitt's window has been a Pleasanton tradition!" Verla's window, on Neal Street next to Hap's is adorned with a new decoration every month and has been since the 1940's.

The window decorations were, initially, a teacher's response to her students. A music teacher in several Pleasanton schools for many years, Verla was asked by her students one morning in 1947, "Where do you live Mrs. Babbitt?" "I tried to tell them," remembers Verla. "And then suddenly I said, 'I'll decorate my window so that you'll know where I live!'"

And so she did as she had promised and the tradition was born. It was only a year after the Babbitts, Verla and her husband, Mickey, with their two children, Dale and Glen had moved to Pleasanton from their native Nebraska. They had purchased a trailer house and set out on a trek to find a home for themselves. They traveled through several states, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico just to name a few.

"We really had no idea where we'd end up, but we were really looking hard, let me tell you!" she recalls. After stopping here to visit a friend of Verla's from high school, they continued their search in Oregon and Washington. "We came back though. I think we knew this was the place the moment we got here — but we had to be sure. I've never

wanted to leave since then — this is truly my home"

A reflection of the unity Verla has felt with Pleasanton can be seen in the

ways she has given of herself for her community. With a history of community activities longer than a toddler's Christmas list, her devotion is a

matter of public record.

Verla was a first aid volunteer at the Alameda County Fair for 16 years, she belongs to the Rebekka Lodge, she's very active with the Pleasanton VIPS, and recently began work with the Senior Support program. The program was designed to provide volunteers to visit the homes of the sick and elderly. In so doing it allows the people who usually care for them a chance to get out for a while.

Verla enjoys staying as active as possible, which is where her decorating comes in. "It does take a lot of time to change everything once a month, but I really enjoy it," she says. Occasionally Verla will receive letters and notes from people who have enjoyed her window displays over the years. "That's really nice, too!" she adds with a smile.

Most of the decorations are handmade with the exception of a few that were received as gifts over the years. This year's effort took over a week to set up, and was still not entirely complete. Although only the window is visible from the street, Verla's entire home is covered with Christmas decorations from one wall to another.

"It's been so many years since this started, I really can't remember exactly anymore," she sighs. "Gosh, I really have been doing this for a long time!" Then she says proudly, "Yes, I suppose my window is a Pleasanton tradition afterall!" Thank you, Verla, and we hope the tradition will continue for many a year to come!



Verla Babbitt presents her 1984 Christmas window decoration.

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Birdie Bianchi relaxes at home before another busy day.

Personality Profile

All Heart On The Inside

"I've never been liked in anything I've done, because I just did it. Instead of doing things the nice way, which takes so darn long, I just plow right in and get it done!" Birdie Bianchi's statement sums up her personality, her reputation, and in fact, her history of effective participation in the community.

Birdie, 65, is a woman with a brash exterior. Her outspoken mannerisms and intentional disregard for protocol have been the distress of many a co-worker. But underneath it all, Birdie is truly a woman of kindness. She has always rallied to the support of the underdog — the neglected and downtrodden of society.

Birdie has been heavily involved with community activities and causes, particularly on behalf of the poor, since the 1960's when she helped establish the Emergency Center in Livermore. The Center is a non-profit organization which provides clothing, knick-knacks, and some food for low-income people.

The center operates out of a thrift shop in Livermore, at 2564 First Street. "People with no money can come and get the items they need," Birdie explains, "while those with low-incomes pay adjusted, very reduced, prices."

Birdie has been involved with the Center off and on since 1968. She has also been very active with the Outreach Program (for which she underwent training with six other County residents in 1966), which provides visits within the community, door to door, to hear the problems of the community.

Birdie's record also includes work for the Headstart program, a program which provides economic opportunity for underprivileged pre-kindergarten children; and Volunteer Coordination for the Peripheral Canal drive. She also served as Chairman of the Legal Aid Society of Alameda County, before they disbanded; and she helped bring the first food stamps to the Tri-Valley.

All of this activity came after much prodding, though. "I didn't want to get involved in anything at first," she remembers. "I just wasn't interested in politics and all that stuff." But once she was talked into one volunteer position, "I just sort of went gung-ho!" Birdie laughs.

"I know I'm very abrasive and I get people mad. But they get me mad too!" exclaims Birdie. (She was so nicknamed by her parents because she was small.) "But I know I'm good at what I do — and it just has to be done, that's all."

Her hard and tough exterior very likely has something to do with Birdie's past. Birdie has had far from an easy life, although she's quick to say, "I'm

not cryin' though. I managed to cope with it. Life is hard. But believe me, it's much harder for the kids now."

Oh? Birdie ran away from home at 15, because her parents, and the medical profession, couldn't understand her epilepsy back then. Birdie travelled around on her own taking every job she could find. She's been married five times, and has spent much of her life fending for herself and her children alone.

Birdie came to Pleasanton with a boxcar-load of horses, en route to Alaska. "I was married to a cowboy then. He'd travel around, and, well, somebody has to take care of the horses while the cowboys are all walkin' around lookin' nice!" laughs Birdie. So Birdie worked as a groom for about a year until she'd had it with "kickin' around."

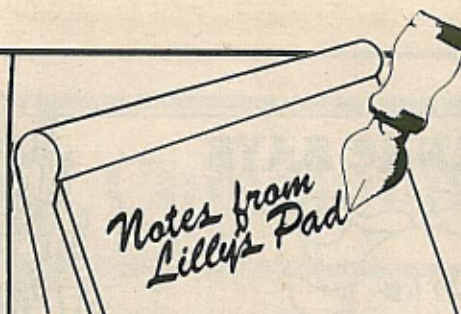
"I was pregnant then and I just wanted to settle down and have my baby!" she recalls. "I stayed here because I fell in with some really wonderful people, the Nevises and the Hansens. They took me in and treated me like family at a time I really needed to be taken in. I've always liked it here."

Birdie remembers a time in Pleasanton that most can only read about. "I came from a big city, Columbus, Ohio. When I got to Pleasanton it was like travelling back in time 50 years — to the old wild west!" she says. "There were shootouts and fights all the time. The cowboys were fighting with the sailors, and the townspeople would fight with anyone. This was one wild little town!"

Fights weren't the only difficulties in the early 40's and 50's. According to Birdie, the floods were a big problem as well. "The rains would come and Hopyard Road would be covered with water as far as you could see. The people would have to be evacuated," she recalls. "I remember one time some guy finally got smart — he had a row boat, and he'd row on down Hopyard Road!"

Although the town's much quieter now, Birdie still does her best to keep up and active. She recently injured her knee and has been a bit limited, but when she's capable she enjoys gardening and canning in addition to all of her volunteer activities.

"I like to read, too. I've had a lot more time to do that since I hurt myself!" states Birdie. As far as the future is concerned, Birdie believes in taking one day at a time. "I don't know what's ahead of me. But I'm really happy now!" Then she pauses before she cracks in that characteristically tough tone of hers, "outside 'a my knee, that is!"



It's December! Where did September, October and November go?

For years I've been saying, "I'll get my Christmas shopping done early so I'll miss the crowds," but here I am with Christmas right around the corner and my gift list is still not completed.

I'm looking forward to that special day a little more eagerly this year than in the past few years. This is due to the fact that we will have a four-year-old around to add that extra excitement and joy that children bring into our lives, especially at holidays.

Melanie's Christmas list, like most children's lists appears endless. In her own way, she has figured things out.

Her mother suggested that she give her outgrown toys to needy children. At first there was hesitation on her part, until she came to the conclusion — "O.K., then I'll have room for a lot of new toys."

It's not easy trying to teach the true meaning of Christmas to youngsters while we smother them with gifts.

We have a tendency to express our feelings and sooth over guilt through monetary ways rather

than through the channel of self-sacrifice and words.

For some reason, the majority of us find it much easier to let the dollar do our talking for us.

We try to "buy" respect, love and friendship instead of earning it. We don't even mind going into debt to say "I care" when kind words, at no cost, would do so much more for a longer period of time.

"Purchased" respect, love and friendship are usually much easier and quicker to obtain, however their duration is short lived. They can disappear as quickly as gift paper which goes up in flames.

The Christmas Season tends to bring out the best in most of us. But what happens to those special feelings we acquire at this time during the rest of the year.

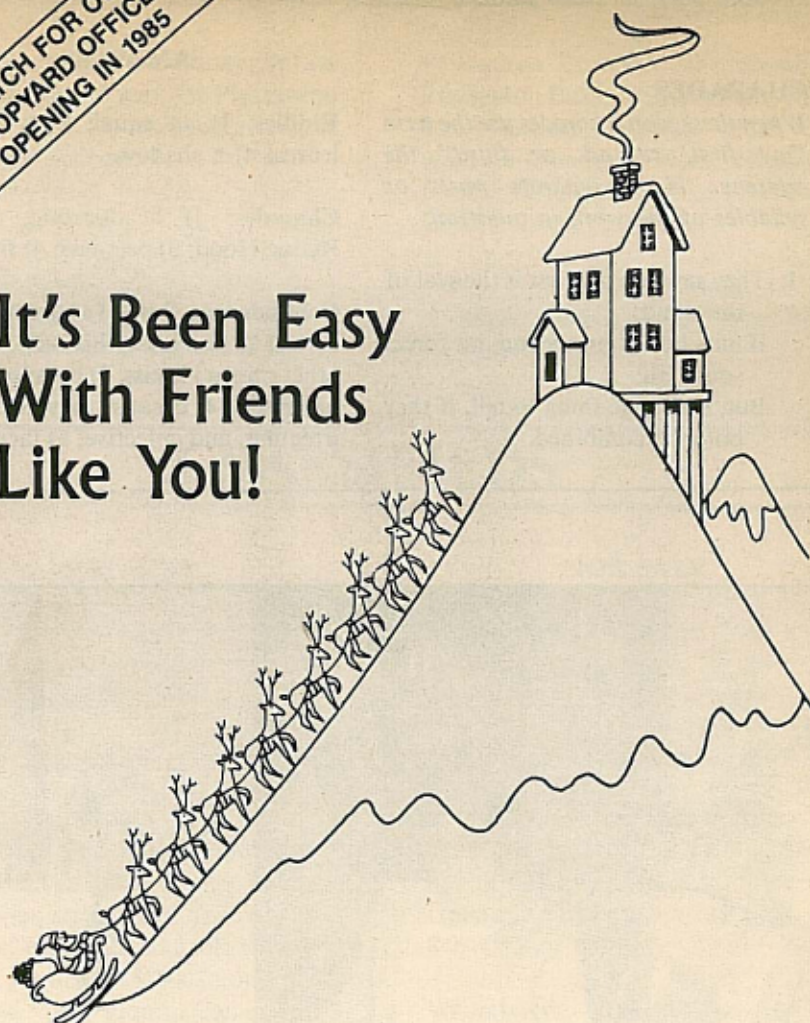
Perhaps if we gave more of ourselves at Christmas by displaying kindness, understanding and patience we might learn to let these virtues guide us through the year and eventually through our life.

Christmas is certainly a beautiful, friendly, warm and giving time of the year. Let us all enjoy this special season by "giving" ourselves to one another with warmth and friendship and let us resolve that it will not end with the season we are now in, but do our utmost for its continuation through our lives.

May God Bless you during this Holiday Season and through the New Year.

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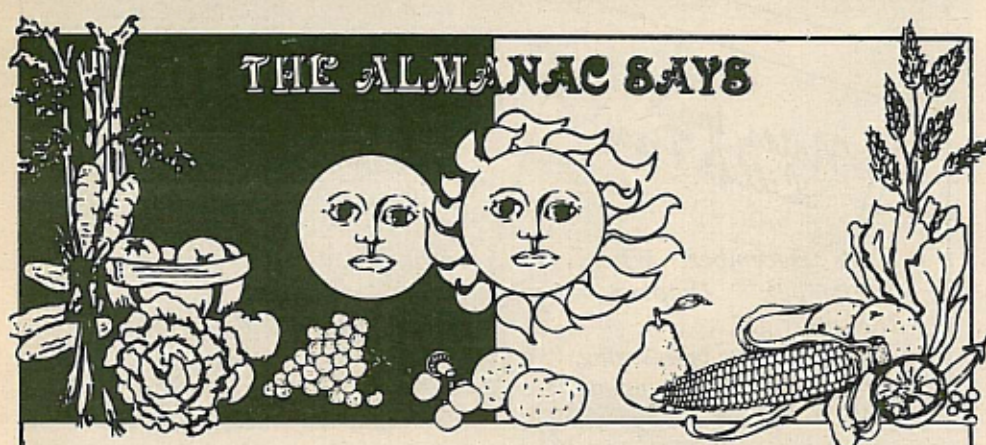


Happy Holidays



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THE ALMANAC SAYS

Before television became the focus of family entertainment, word games and riddles were a popular amusement. If you would like to try something different, here are some riddles, charades and conundrums which will sharpen your wits.

RIDDLES

1. What God never sees; what a king seldom sees; what we see every day.
2. What can run but never walks, Has a mouth but never talks, Has a bed but never sleeps, Has a head but never weeps?
3. Often we are covered with wisdom and wit, And oft with a cloth where the dinner guests sit; In beauty around you and over your head, We are countless, though numbered when bound to be read.
4. There is a thing that nothing is And yet it has a name; 'Tis sometimes tall and sometimes short; It joins our walks, it joins our sport And plays at every game.

CHARADES

When these word charades use the term "my first, second, or third" the reference is to separate parts or syllables of the word in question.

1. They say that my first is the seat of the mind; If man be not my second, his forces soon fail; But, a strange thing to tell, if they both be combined.

His reason and strength are of little avail.

2. My first is a color; my second an agreeable exercise; My third an article of clothing; and my whole a celebrated character.
3. My first is equality; My second, inferiority; My whole superiority.
4. At evening by my whole you'll think Of days gone by and never reckon That of my second, my first is made And by my first, my second.

CONUNDRUMS

A conundrum is a riddle that has a pun, a puzzle, or an epigram in the answer.

1. When is the easiest time to read the book of Nature?
2. Why is there a difference of only two letters of the alphabet between an accepted and a rejected lover?
3. Why is a hen immortal?
4. Why are teeth like verbs.
5. What word in our language has all the vowels in alphabetical order?

ANSWERS

Riddles: 1) an equal; 2) a river, 3) leaves; 4) a shadow.

Charades: 1) head-strong; 2) Red Riding Hood; 3) peer-less; 4) fire-light.

Conundrums: 1) when autumn turns its leaves; 2) one kisses his miss, and the other misses his kiss; 3) because her son never sets; 4) because they are regular, irregular, and defective; 5) facetiously.



Laurie Wade checks lights for bare wires or loose connectors before decorating her Christmas tree.

Holiday Safety Tips

'Tis the season to be jolly. 'Tis also the season to be cautious! In the face of joy and merriment, safety is sometimes forgotten. Carelessness, now more than ever, can lead to catastrophe. Here for *Pathways'* readers are some fire safety tips from the Pleasanton Fire Department.

First and foremost — your Christmas tree. Probably the center piece of your holiday celebrations, your tree is also a potential disaster waiting to happen. Always be sure it is fresh and green. If too many needles fall to the ground when the tree is shaken, it probably signals dryness.

To keep the tree from drying too rapidly once it's at home, replenish its water supply daily. Don't place the tree near a fireplace, the heater vent or radiators which will rob the tree of moisture very rapidly. If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it is constructed of flame-resistant materials and follow the same placement rules for a fresh tree.

Your tree should be discarded as soon as it has dried out. According to Fire Inspector Lee Lynch, "A dry tree will burst into flames within only a few seconds." If your tree should catch fire,

having it in front of a door or stairway could be fatal. Make sure the tree isn't blocking any avenue of exit.

When decorating the tree with lights, be sure they bear the "UL" label. Before adorning your tree with strand upon strand of lights, check for bare wires, cracked sockets and loose connections. Never use a damaged set of lights. Keep the bulb away from flammable materials and never use electric lights on a metallic tree. Most importantly, never leave your home or go to bed with the lights still twinkling away!

When decorating your interior, watch for candles next to combustible materials, keep them out of children's reach and be sure to blow them out when you leave or go to sleep. Try to purchase noncombustible flame-retardant decorations and keep them away from all heat and electrical sources.

Although it's often a common practice, avoid using your fireplace as an incinerator for wrappings or pine boughs. "These can burn suddenly and rapidly, and throw off sparks," states Lynch.

Plan your decorations carefully. Best wishes for a safe and Merry Christmas!



Bill Trombley, staff writer for the Los Angeles Times interviewed Joe Callahan and Karen Fraser-Middleton for an article he's writing about Transportation Systems Management in the Bay Area. Trombley was particularly impressed by Pleasanton's and Hacienda Business Park's TSM and their methods of implementation.



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TRANSPORTATION POSTER CONTEST



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Amateur Artists Sought To Design Poster

Amateur artists are invited to participate in a poster contest being sponsored by Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton. Artists will design posters that promote commute alternatives such as carpooling, bicycling and riding transit.

A grand prize of \$100 will be awarded to the participant who enters the poster and slogan which best encourages methods of commuting other than driving alone. The grand prize winning artwork will be published as a poster.

In addition to the grand prize, awards will be given in two age categories: 18 and under, and 19 and over. In each of the two age divisions, a first prize of \$75, a second prize of \$50, and a third prize of \$25 will be awarded. The winning posters will also be displayed at the Hacienda Business Park Community Room.

The deadline for submitting artwork is January 31, 1985. All entries must be submitted with a registration form to the Hacienda Business Park Owners' Association, located at 4637 Chabot Drive, Suite 118, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Registration forms are available at the Owners' Association office or by calling 463-9040, and may be filled out

upon submittal of the entry.

The poster should be 22 x 17 inches in size and done in three colors. Entrants can use watercolor, pen and ink, poster paint, acrylic wash or felt tip pens to design the poster. A slogan that promotes alternative ways of commuting should also be incorporated.

The City of Pleasanton's Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Ordinance requires that employers develop "a TSM Information Program incorporating posting and dissemination of informational materials pertaining to transit, ridesharing and non-vehicular commute modes." Hacienda Business Park will use the posters in its information program to educate employees about commute alternatives.

According to Karen Fraser-Middleton, Transportation Manager for Hacienda Business Park, "The poster contest provides an opportunity for the community to get involved in the City's and Hacienda's efforts to keep traffic at a minimum in Pleasanton. Aspiring artists will get publicity for their work and Hacienda will collect a variety of poster ideas. As a result of the contest, I hope the community and Hacienda employees will have an increased awareness of commute alternatives."

Horticulture Classes At Valley Campus

Chabot College, Valley Campus will be offering two short-term Horticulture classes for homeowners and gardeners.

Vegetable gardening (Horticulture 97.1) will be offered for four weeks at 7 p.m. on Mondays, beginning January 7th and ending January 28th. Instructed by Jackie Williams of Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, the course will provide the future gardener with information on planning, planting, maintaining and harvesting vegetables for home use.

Sue Trusty, who teaches horticulture programs at Amador and Livermore High Schools will teach a class in prun-

ing (Horticulture 97.2). Three classes will be offered on January 5th, 12th, and 19th from 9 a.m. to 12:50. The course will help the homeowner correctly prune fruit trees, landscape trees, and shrubs for their health and growth.

Persons interested in either or both of the classes are requested to check the Winter Quarter schedule at Chabot College, Valley Campus.

Super Sunday

With a five dollar donation to the American Cancer Society, you can have a chance to spend Super Bowl Sunday at the Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto.

The American Cancer Society and participating lounges and restaurants in Alameda County have tickets available for the January 6th drawing. The donation will give you an opportunity to win two tickets to the Super Bowl and help the American Cancer Society win its fight against cancer. All the proceeds from the drawing will benefit the societies research, service, and education programs.

For further information on how to obtain tickets for the drawing call 832-7012.

Living Creche

On Sunday, December 23, St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton will present their Living Creche on the church lawn, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This tableau will feature live animals, with shepherds, angels, and the Holy Family, as portrayed by members of St. Clare's. Carolers will sing, and cocoa and cookies will be served.

There is no charge, and everyone is invited to share in this representation of Christ's birth in a manger in Bethlehem nearly 200 years ago.

What's Cooking



Old Fashioned is in. As more and more Americans explore their desire to return to a simpler time in our country's past, the ways of old are turning into new!

The kitchen is certainly no exception to this rule. While country-style decor, and cooking is making a culinary comeback, the old-fashioned holiday feast has never gone out of style.

In order to help *Pathways'* cooks really prepare an old-fashioned holiday spread, we bring you authentic old-fashioned recipes from some of Pleasanton's most original cooks.

We borrowed "Famous Recipes by Famous Cooks" from an August 13, 1910 issue of the *Pleasanton Times*. The recipes are all originals, easy to prepare, and sure to be a hit at your holiday table.

There are two dessert recipes and two home-baked recipes to try. You will also find an alternative to store-bought bottled salad dressing as well as a terrific Spanish Chicken recipe for any of you searching for an off-beat alternative to turkey.

So put on an old-fashioned apron and have some fun!

SALAD DRESSING

Stir ½ tablespoon salt and 1-3 tablespoon white sugar in 2 tablespoons cider vinegar. Let stand, and add to dressing the last thing.

To ½ tablespoon wet mustard add salad oil drop by drop, beating constantly. After a few minutes break in 1 whole egg and beat it well, then keep on adding oil slowly till you have used one-third of a quart. Then add seasoned vinegar. It requires 25 minutes to make.

SPANISH CHICKEN

Take chicken and cut in pieces and fry well; if old chicken, parboil before frying. Then take 1 onion and a little garlic and sage, and fry all together; then add a little water and simmer slowly until cooked.

Then take about 6 red peppers and boil half hour; when nearly cold, mash well and take the juice off the peppers, and about a half hour before serving put in the chicken and thicken with a little flour.

CREAM PUFFS

One cup boiling water, ½ cup butter, ¼ teaspoon of salt, 1 cup flour and 4 eggs.

Melt butter into the boiling water, add salt and gradually the flour until you have a thick paste; remove from stove and beat the eggs one at a time into the paste, but the paste must be cool first. Bake in moderate oven 25 minutes, fill with whipped cream and vanilla.

FIG PUDDING

One pound suet (chopped fine), ½ pound bread crumbs, ½ pound sugar, 2 pounds dried figs (chopped fine), black, 4 eggs, 1 cup milk, 1 small cup brandy, 2 tablespoons flour, a little nutmeg, 1 teaspoon yeast powder. Steam 4 hours. Serve with hard sauce flavored with brandy or vanilla.

ROLLED OAT BREAD

Put 2 cups rolled oats in an earthen dish, pour over it 4 cups of boiling water, add 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 tablespoon salt, 1 tablespoon lard. Add to this, when it becomes lukewarm, a Magic yeast cake that has been dissolved in tepid water, then mix in flour enough to make a sponge. Let this stand overnight, and then mix in usual way for making bread.

BROWN BREAD

One egg, 2 cups sour milk, ½ cup sugar, ½ cup molasses, 2 rounding teaspoons soda, 1 teaspoon salt. Thicken with graham flour quite thick. Steam 3 hours.



The VIP girls demonstrate their best models' pose after the recent 1st Annual VIP Fashion Show. Pictured (l-r) are: Verla Babbitt, Nan Cohan, Gladys LaPlante, Mary Koze, Babe Tebo, Irene Dufresne, Helen Littell, Irene Henderson, Marion Lowe, Margaret Gooch, and Josie Berg.



Lowry & Associates, a consulting engineering firm located at Chabot Center in Hacienda Business Park recently held an open house. Pictured at the event were (l-r) John Crawford, City of Pleasanton; Gary Lee, Vice President of Lowry; Grace Chow, Lowry Engineer; John Heneghan, Wahler Associates, and Don Bently, Lowry Engineer.

Variety Of Classes Offered To Adults

Registration for Amador Valley Adult School Winter Quarter will take place the week of January 7th at the Adult School Trailer from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Classes begin the week of January 14th.

Courses for high school diploma and the General Educational Development test and high school certificate (G.E.D.) will be available as well as counseling services.

Opportunities for vocational training in clerical, typing, secretarial and accounting skills are available for beginning through advanced students. Evening and daytime classes are

available.

Computerized instruction in word processing is available on Wang, IBM-PC and TRS 80 equipment.

Other vocational courses being offered include upholstery, and investment management.

Hobby and crafts courses being offered include stained glass, woodshop, woodcarving, pottery/sculpturing, oil painting, sewing and senior citizen activities.

A parent education and pre-school program is presented by Hill and Dale at the Pleasanton School campus.

More detailed information may be obtained by calling 462-0022.

Ladies Had Their Day With Chippendales

The women arrived early to eagerly stand in an extended line, but they didn't seem to mind, as excitement for the happening of the year in Pleasanton was in full swing.

Inside of Castlewood Country Club the scene was set. The room was packed to capacity with tables to accommodate the overflow crowd attending lunch. Lighting was dim, cocktail waitresses were moving swiftly to fill requests, television cameras were in place, media reporters and photographers had cameras ready and pencils poised — all part of the well laid plans.

Giggles, sighs and furtive talking filled the air, and it was evident that a Hollywood production was about to begin.

And begin it did. It all started with the "Chippendales" of Los Angeles making their debut in Pleasanton through a dusky smoke screen adding to the excitement of their appearance.

As six young gentlemen danced down the runway to the emotional theme song from "Chariots of Fire" the sighs and giggles became screams and cheers and grew louder and louder.

Audience members selected the "one" they thought was the cutest, or

had the most appeal, and pointed him out to their friends.

An added bonus was the appearance of "The Tri-Valley Hunks," doing their routine. In addition, two young gentlemen selected as the "most physically fit men in northern California" also received a loud cheer from the appreciative audience, and a display of great break dancing talent by Baby Beaz was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The luncheon performance at Castlewood Country Club was only one of the days activities for the famous Chippendale Dancers. They also had long lines standing in and outside of the Gingham Corner in Pleasanton waiting to buy autographed calendars. A cocktail party held at Saratoga Center in Hacienda Business Park in their honor had approximately 1,000 persons in attendance.

Proceeds from the fun-filled day which made history in Pleasanton will benefit the Amador-Livermore Historical renovation fund for the museum to be located in the old Police Station on Main Street.

For further information about the renovation needs, contact Ann Doss at 462-2766.

GRAND OPENING

Pleasanton's Finest! An exclusive community of distinctive garden homes priced from \$174,250.

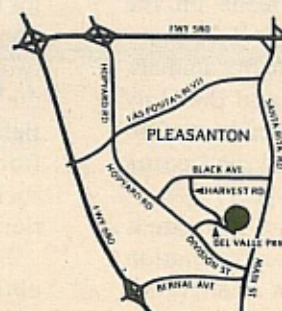


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TIFFANY LANE

Model homes and sales office 1/4 mile east of Hopyard Road at corner of Del Valle Parkway and Tiffany Lane, in Pleasanton. Open daily except Wednesday and Thursday.

Presented by Harris Realty, 846-5900



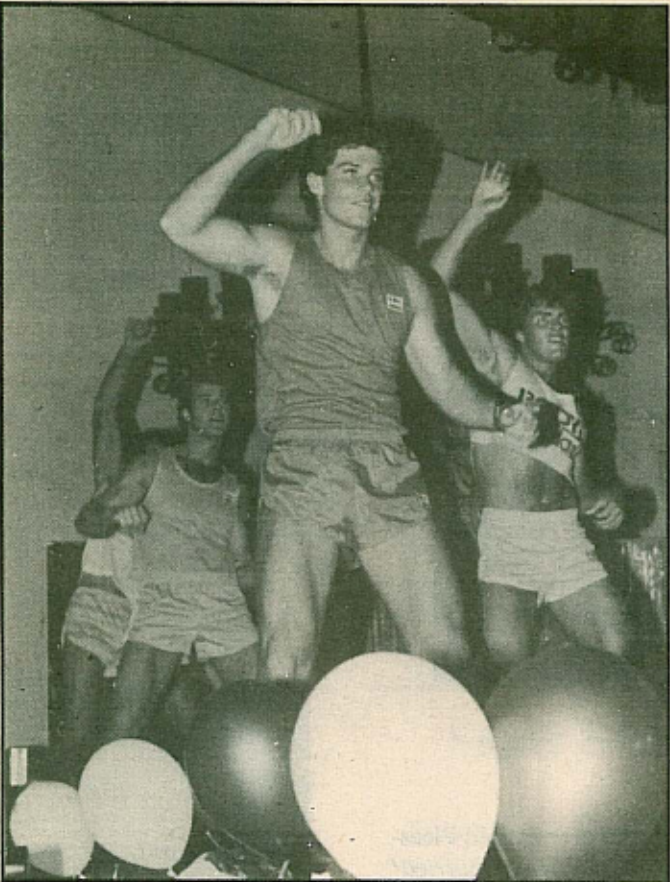
CHIPPENDALES.



Birthday girl, Jennifer Angelman of Pleasanton, receives a cake and a kiss from Nick Coddington.



The Chippendales make their grand entrance in their trademark costumes.



The Chippendales model the latest in active wear during an aerobic workout skit.



Steve Scott signs calendars as the women line up for a Chippendale autograph at Saratoga Center in Hacienda Business Park.



The women are wild at Castlewood as the Chippendales dance to "Ladies Night Out!"

a bit of trivia

By Ben Fernandez

Since December is inevitable, let's have a few holiday mind bogglers to keep the season bright.

1. Every year, we are subjected to watching Edmund Gwenn play Santa Claus on a TV rerun of "Miracle on 34th Street." What was the name of his character in the movie?
2. The longest professional football game was played on Christmas day in 1972. Who beat who?
3. The Waltons were originally introduced to television with a Thanksgiving and Christmas special before becoming a regular series. Who played Mother Walton on these shows?
4. Every year on the radio show "Amos and Andy," Andy recited "The Night Before Christmas" to his daughter. What was his daughter's name?
5. Who wrote the famous editorial "Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus?"
6. Another TV perennial of the Christmas season is James Stewart in "It's A Wonderful Life." What is the name of the character he plays in the movie?
7. Gene Autry's greatest selling record was "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." He was not the singer originally chosen to sing this song. Who was?
8. Who is the voice of the Grinch on television's "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas?"
9. Name Santa's eight reindeer.
10. Who was the freckle-faced nurd who had a hit song, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus?"

Answers Below

Animals In Their Natural Environment

The Pleasanton Department of Parks and Community Services will be conducting an Ano Nuevo Elephant Seal Tour on Sunday, January 20, 1985.

Participants will meet at City Hall, 200 Bernal Avenue, at 7:45 a.m. and will return to City Hall at approximately 3:30 p.m. The cost for this trip is \$16 per person. The trip is open to everyone over eight years of age, and anyone under 18 years must submit a completed permission slip at the time of registration, along with proof of age.

Tour guides will lead the group among the huge marine animals in their natural environment and will explain both the natural and cultural history of the area.

Tours are conducted rain or shine. Because of frequent extreme weather, visitors must have appropriate woolen clothing and rain gear. The actual tour lasts 2½ hours and the total walking distance is three miles over sandy, rolling dunes. Each person is responsible for carrying their own things! Everyone

should bring a bag lunch and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Register at 200 Bernal Avenue before January 16, or call 847-8160.

Career Development

A Career Development for Women class will be offered at Chabot College, Valley Campus on Mondays at 7 p.m., beginning January 7th.

The class is designed to help women discover their interest and skill areas, build confidence and gain job search skills (applications, interviews and resumes).

The class instructor is Emily Stohl. Registration may be made by calling Chabot College at 455-5300. The Class registration number is 6243, section 125.

For more information call Barbara Tuck at 462-3570.

Our Valley Libraries

The AAUW-LMV Library Task Force has announced the publication of "Our Valley Libraries," a report written under the auspices of the Tri-Valley Community Fund.

The Task Force is a cooperative study group comprised of members of the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters. Funds for printing and distributing the written report were received from the Tri-Valley Community Fund in their first round of grants given in September 1984.

The report is the result of a study of the Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin public libraries. It covers some of the historical background of the Califor-

nia library system as well as current services and trends toward future library services and funding.

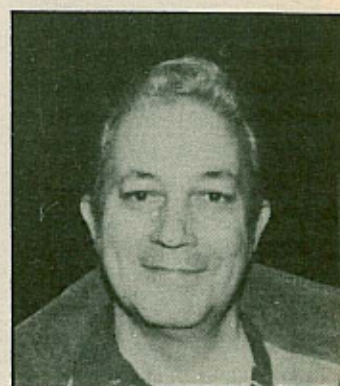
The written report is being distributed to local, county, and state officials who have decision making responsibilities for libraries. It is also being sent to newspapers, Friends of the Library, and other interested parties. To obtain a copy, write to AAUW-LMV Library Task Force, P.O. Box 661, Livermore, California. Each of the public libraries will have a copy available.

For further information on the report, contact Joy Robinson at 846-7896.

On The Street: "What Was The Best Christmas Present You've Ever Received?"



Lianne Dobbs — 4 years old — "What I like best are watches and bracelets. But the best I ever got was the jewelry box from Nicholas!"



Norm Peters — Pleasanton Resident — "My family."



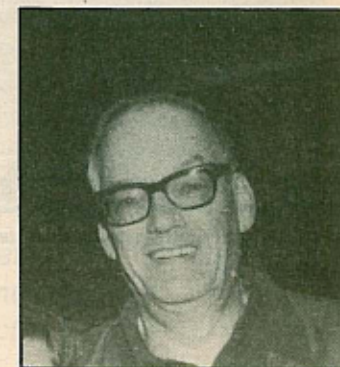
Jody Walter — Harvest Park Student — "The television my Mom and Dad gave me two years ago. It's great!"



Fred Vigil — AT&T Manager — "There have been so many it's hard to decide. I guess I'd have to say just having all of the family there together."



Kris McCarthy — Pleasanton Housewife — "My children, Alison and Kim, are the very best Christmas presents in the whole world — always!"



Jim Blades — Retired Pleasanton Resident — "I got married! Margaret and I will have been married 40 years this December 19th."

Trivia Answers

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| 1. Kris Kringle | 7. Bing Crosby |
| 2. Miami beat Kansas City by a field goal. | 8. Boris Karloff |
| 3. Patricia Neal | 9. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. |
| 4. Arbadella | 10. Jimmy Boyd |
| 5. Frank Church | |
| 6. George Bailey | |

Pet of the Month



Jimmy, Cher, and Holly Orio with the 8-month-old puppies and Annie (far right).

Annie Look-Alikes

When Jim and Cher Orio bought their English Springer Spaniel, Annie, three years ago, they had no idea their home would someday be over run with little Annie look-alikes. But by the time Annie had finished giving birth to her first litter of puppies last May, the Orios had 11 Springer Spaniels!

"You wouldn't have believed the chaos when they were all here," remembers Jim. "It was absolutely crazy!" Taking care of 10 puppies wasn't easy either. "I made so many trips to the veterinarian," says Cher. "It's very expensive having puppies."

The puppies were born the day before Annie's third birthday. She gave birth to the first puppy early in the morning after the Orio's daughter, Holly had gone to camp. "Holly said before she left, 'If I miss her having the puppies I'll just die!'" Cher was on her way out the door when she looked out the back window just in time to see a puppy drop out as Annie was moving

toward her whelping box.

"Then she picked it up and put it in the box!" Cher exclaims. "It was unbelievable!" Annie had the ninth puppy around noon and then for two hours it appeared to be all over. Cher went to pick up Holly that afternoon and Holly cried because she had missed the birth. Brother Jimmy had been there through the entire process.

Cher and Holly came home and Holly went out to see Annie and her puppies. "Then, the strangest thing happened," Cher recalls. "When Holly knelt down, Annie started to deliver her tenth puppy. It was as if she had been waiting for Holly!"

All of the puppies have been sold except for Abercrombie, but the Orio's aren't speculating on future litters just yet. "We've learned a lot, and it's been wonderful. But it's also been a lot of work," Cher says. "We're just fortunate that Annie was such an exceptional mother!"

Tennis Christmas Special

The Pleasanton Department of Parks and Community Services is offering a Christmas Half Price Monday special for open court play fees in the Tennis Faire Complex on the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

On Mondays for the month of

December you can play tennis inside the 4-court complex for \$4 per court, per hour. Christmas Eve the courts will close at 6 p.m., New Year's Eve, at 4 p.m.

To make your reservations, call 847-8180.



Community Calendar

Wednesday, December 19th

Fourth Annual Community Party. Veterans Hall, Main and Bernal Streets, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 2nd

Business Women's Networking, San Ramon Country Club, 5:30 p.m., networking; 6:30 p.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m.. Guest speaker Georgia Stathis, on the economic outlook for women in 1985. For information and reservations, call Al Hornsby, 846-8201.

Wednesday, January 9th

Newcomers monthly luncheon. Sunshine saloon; cocktails 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker Betty Stallings, Pleasanton Volunteer Center. Reservations by January 4th. Call 846-5585.

Friday, January 18th

Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation Dinner; Castlewood Country Club; cocktails, 7 p.m.; dinner, 8 p.m. Dancing by "The Illusions" following installation. For reservations and information call 846-5858.

Saturday, January 26th

Business Women's Network Black & White Dinner Dance, San Ramon Country Club, 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Reservations by January 20th. Call 376-0575.

FUTURE SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, February 9th

Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, "Labor of Love," Dinner, Dance, Auction. Hacienda Business Park.

Calendar Features Historical Buildings

For a last minute Christmas gift that will be enjoyed all year, the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council suggests the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Calendar.

The calendar features frameable drawings of historic buildings by twelve artists, plus a cover drawing, and sells for \$5.00, \$4.00 each for 50 or more and \$3.00 each for 100 or more.

The calendar is on sale at the

Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, Pleasanton Bakery, Chic Affairs, Rainbow Carousel Stained Glass Co., Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society Museum and the Pleasanton School District office.

For further information on the Society or calendars, call Phylliss Wentworth at 846-4306.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT

Home: Unique custom home on an outstanding site offering panoramic views of Mt. Diablo, Castlewood Hills and the Amador Valley. Convenient location near schools and shopping. Easy freeway access. This executive home has many extras, including beam ceilings, fireplaces in living room, family and rumpus room, indoor laundry room, wine cellar, large deck and spa. Gardener included. Available 1/1/85 — 9/1/85. Furnished \$1600/month. Unfurnished \$1450/month. Call 846-4153 for an appointment.

WANTED

Business to assume lease on 1983 Volvo (DL) station wagon, 5 sp., A.C., excellent condition. 25 months remaining. Call Gail, days 463-9040.

CARE

24-hour care for the elderly. Homey residential living. Call 846-5974 or 846-4924.

FOR SALE

Family Room Furniture: Sofa & love seat, \$150; coffee table, \$15; wall shelf unit, \$50; dinette-type chairs (2), \$22; exercise bike, \$25; long hair Australian sheep skins (great for seat covers), \$55 each. Call 846-4299.

'65 Mustang: Parting Out — Excellent condition, no rust, hit in front end. Upholstery, carpet, parts all stock. Call 846-4299.

Walnuts: 60 cents per pound. Call 846-2948 after 5 p.m.

HELP WANTED

Sales Management: Health and Nutrition Program. Call Linda at 846-9679.

Sales: We are seeking individuals who have ambition, talent, and drive. Health and nutrition program. Call 846-9679.



Kay and Dave Daniels receive the 2nd early-bird check for \$30.

Calendars Offer Winning Opportunities

Walnut Grove Elementary School in Pleasanton has been selling 1985 calendars for the past four months in an effort to raise funds for the school.

The calendars sell for \$20 each and feature pictures of Pleasanton's past, present and future along with coupons from local merchants and 261 chances to win a share of \$13,470 in prize money throughout 1985.

Three early-bird drawings were scheduled to be held in 1984, with the second drawing just completed. Winners of the second early-bird \$30 prize were Dave and Kay Daniels. The money couldn't have come at a better time than Christmas. "We've spent the check already!" laughs Dave.

Calendars can be purchased at: Walnut Grove School — Black and Harvest Rd., 846-4449; Pleasanton School District — 123 Main St., 462-5500; Chamber of Commerce — 411 Main St.; Toad Hall Books — Mission Plaza — 1991 Santa Rita Rd.; Hacienda Travel — Alpha Beta Center — Hopyard Rd.; Flowers 'n Things — Alpha Beta Center — 2843 Hopyard Rd.; Pastime Pool — 511 Main St.; Harvest Park School — Valley Ave.

The first \$500 drawing will be held in January, so hurry up and get your calendar! The \$20 purchase price is tax deductible and might just deliver a jackpot to your door in '85!

RFD Child Care Referral

Resources for Family Development has launched a new project in response to a community need for child care substitutes and in-home care.

The program, made possible through a grant from the Tri-Valley Community Fund, will allow Resources for Family Development to establish a referral list of substitutes for day care centers, family day care homes, and in-home care-givers. The service will be available for child care facilities and parents in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin.

RFD is looking for people who are interested in working with children as substitute teachers/aides in day care centers and homes and also those will-

ing to do care in children's own homes.

The need for these services has been growing rapidly and RFD believes people seeking rewarding employment with young children can develop a clientele from local facilities and parents. The flexible nature of the employment may be appealing to those seeking part time work, as well as those first entering the field and looking for experience. RFD will assess the applicants, maintain a fingerprint file, and provide parents and child care facilities with appropriate referrals when they call.

Call Sally Leonard at 455-5111 for further information.

Toys For Safety's Sake

For all the wonder and joy of Christmas, it can also be a time of confusion and frustration for parents as they try to choose the best gifts for their children. When it comes to toys, "You must first know your child," says Lyndell Strand, Assistant Manager of Learning World toy store at Stoneridge Mall.

"If you know what he/she is capable of, that's half the battle," Strand claims. "It's also important to know your child's interests. If he likes cars or trains. Does she like science or read books? You can't possibly select a toy for your child without knowing what will stimulate him/her."

Most kids this year are screaming for toy robots. This year's crop ranges in size and price, but they are all futuristic-looking robots which are capable of transforming into cars, watches, and even tape recorders.

The robots start around \$3.50 for Tonka's GoBots, which are very well built, and still affordable. The robots become more intricate as well as more expensive from there. Some of the toy robots are priced above \$30, and may not necessarily be more desirable simply by virtue of cost.

You should keep safety in mind with all toys considered for your kids. For

example, the Dynaman Robot by GoDaiken, \$18, has fists that shoot through the air as weapons — creating potential danger for small children. You should also beware of toys with small removeable parts which might be swallowed by very young children.

"These toys all stimulate a child's creative talents," Assistant Manager Strand says. "The child learns while having fun — while playing." All of these toys are very safe, and have been thoroughly tested, as most toys are.

"Generally," states Strand, "toys are very safe. They are tested and retested before they ever hit the market. And if something does go wrong, they are always recalled by the manufacturer immediately. You can never be too careful, though."

Always be sure your child can handle the toy. Check the age references which are printed on all toy boxes. Carefully supervise their activities and be sure your children understand proper procedure for using their toys — especially when dealing with electrical products.

It only takes a few more moments of your time to consider these points, and both you and your child will be pleased and content by the time Christmas morning is upon you.



David Zelkind, 2, of Pleasanton checks out a Brio Train set at Learning World, Stoneridge Mall.

TRANSIT TICKET SALES

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Available Dec. 26 — Jan. 11

Hacienda Business Park Employees
Chabot Center Community Room
4637 Chabot Drive, Suite 107

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



For information call Donna Fernandez — 463-0280

A cartoon illustration of a bear wearing a bow tie and a small hat. The bear is holding a large diamond. The text reads: "A GOOD JEWELER IS A 'BEAR NECESSITY' SEE BOB AT JEWELERS & GALLERY 614 MAIN STREET DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON 846-7511".

GOOD SPORTS



Ski Equipment

By Dave Williams

Cold autumn storms have latched a firm wintry grip on the Sierra, making for the best pre-Christmas skiing conditions in years. But before you venture to the slopes and carve turns on the thick base of snow, here are a few words of caution and advice to help ensure you of a quality, fun-filled return to skiing.

The single most important bit of advice from professional ski patrollers is: take your skis to a reputable ski shop and get your bindings checked.

Let's face it, ski bindings lead a miserable life. Subjected to road grime, rain and snow while strapped to the roof of a car, bindings are expected to perform flawlessly — even after months of neglect and then skiing all day while they're encrusted with snow. Moreover, with continual jarring from gliding over runs and the subtle wear of your ski boots from walking, bindings can get out of adjustment.

Let your local ski shop adjust, clean and lubricate your bindings. Also, take into account that after a season of skiing, you probably finished last year as a stronger skier than you will be as you begin the new season. Have the shop adjust your bindings accordingly.

How'd the fall, pre-ski season program go? What? You say you didn't get to the running and bicycling you intended to do? Well, don't go out tonight and run a sudden five-miler and then pump iron at the club. It's too late to try and cram a season's worth of sensible exercise into a night or two. Instead, do some gradual stretching, limbering up tight, little-used muscles and joints. And while stretching the legs is paramount, make sure you get your arms, shoulders and trunk into the act.

Skiing is like riding a bike; you never forget the basics, but it helps to be retrained to remember the nuances. No matter what your ability level, it's a good idea to start the season with a ski lesson. The trained eye of a ski instructor can spot those subtle incorrect movements and get you approaching mid-season form fast.

Finally, be aware that skiing has some inherent risks. If the recipe calls to add thousands of people with skinny appendages strapped to their feet, mixed thoroughly over the entire

Spotlight ON SPORTS

"If you want to be good at anything you've just got to stick with it!"

Bowling

Pleasanton's hot-shot nine-year old bowler, Kim Poulsen, is pretty blasé about her overwhelming success. She's officially captured the first spot in the "Individual Game" category in her age group for the entire nation. Kim doesn't know why, she says, "I don't know — I just am!"

Kim's been bowling since she was six years old, which is why, according to her mother, Karen Poulsen, she is so talented. "I think it's because she started so young and stuck with it," says Karen. "If you want to be good at anything you've just got to stick with it!"

Kim has also been named to the Northern California All State Team for two years in a row, and holds the highest individual score and average on that team. Her room is filled with anywhere from 60 to 70 trophies, five of which she won this year at the state tournament with five first place victories.

If she'll ever admit to being good, she'll tell you it's because "my older brother, Chris, taught me everything." Chris retorts, "It's because she practices!" "Last year, they practically lived at the Bowl!" laughs Karen.

Kim bowls every Tuesday, but she's also active in other sports as well. She plays Al Caffodio soccer on the Pleasanton Power under-10's and she also takes gymnastics. "I like bowling the best though!" she states.

A Donlon Elementary School fourth grader,

Chris and Kim Poulsen

Kim's no slouch in the academic department either with straight A's on her last report card. "I don't know if I'll be a professional bowler or anything. But I know I want to bowl for a long time," says Kim. At nine years old, Kim's got a while to decide and one heck of a good start!

breadth of the mountain, and then adding a dash of moguls and other obstacles . . . the outcome might mean injury to some. In fact, for every 1000 skiers on a mountain, between three and five will go home with some sort of injury.

It should also be noted that nearly 70 percent of all skiing injuries occur on the first or last run of the day. To avoid becoming a statistic, take it easy on your first couple of runs. Hit the really tough trails after you've had an hour's worth on the gentler slopes, getting your "feel" back and loosening your muscles.

Quit for the day *before* you start to feel tired. Resist the temptation to get in that "one last run." That last run will have deeper shadows bathing the trails, more people headed down the same runs to get back to the base lodge and your reflexes will be getting dull. Playing it safe late in the day can ensure many mornings of skiing to some.

Ski Season's Greetings . . . and Have a Snowy Christmas.

1984-85 AMADOR BASKETBALL SCHEDULE		
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Fri., Jan 4	California	Home
Wed., Jan 9	Dublin	There
Fri., Jan 11	Monte Vista	Home
Wed., Jan 16	Foothill	Home
Fri., Jan 18	Livermore	There
Wed., Jan 23	San Ramon	Home
Fri., Jan 25	Granada	There
Mon., Jan 28	California	There
Wed., Jan 30	Dublin	Home
Fri., Feb 1	Monte Vista	There
Wed., Feb 6	Foothill	There
Fri., Feb 8	Livermore	Home
Wed., Feb 13	San Ramon	There
Fri., Feb 15	Granada	Home
Wed., Feb 20	Shaughnessy First Round	
Fri., Feb 22	Shaughnessy Second Round	
Sat., Feb 23	Shaughnessy Third Round	
Feb. 26-Mar. 1	N.C.S. Playoffs	
Mar. 6-9	Nor Cal Tournament	Oakland Coliseum
Mar. 16	California State Championship	Oakland Coliseum
Times: Frosh, 4:30; J.V., 6:00, Varsity, 7:30		

SEASON'S

GREETINGS



End Of The Line For Pleasanton Train

The first locomotive rolled through Pleasanton in 1877. The Southern Pacific route, which was constructed to link the Bay Area to the rest of the country, was part of the original trans-continental railroad from the mid-west which opened in 1869.

"There is a lot of railroad history in Pleasanton," says TJKM Draftsman Dave Givans. Dave has been a railroad buff since his childhood, when he used to accompany his father to the station in Oakland. "My father would take the overnight to Los Angeles. I would go to the terminal before his train departed and I was so fascinated," remembers Dave.

Much has changed since the early days of the train.

"There was a massive train shed there, and — well — at that age it really turned me on. I loved it!" Dave likes to quote "one of the great railroad presidents of all time," Alfred Perlman of the New York Central said, "There are three great forces in this world: the stage, journalism, and the railroad."

"Everyday, something is in motion. The world of the railroad is the world of the unexpected — something is always happening," Dave says. True as it may be today, the railroad of yesterday was truly the center of everything. It was the major means of transporta-

tion. "The roads were very unreliable back then," he explains, "If you wanted to get anywhere, especially long distance, you had to take the train."

The last passenger train stopped in Pleasanton in 1970. The California Zephyr, "perhaps one of America's most celebrated passenger trains," according to Dave, would stop every morning at 10:45 a.m. here en route to Oakland. "Western Pacific's Zephyr was a familiar site here for 22 years. It's discontinuation marked the end to an era of passenger service to this area."

Western Pacific joined in the Bay

Area transportation market in 1910. W.P. opted for a similar route to that of Southern Pacific's. Both routes continue south from Sacramento until they cross the Altamont pass, roll through Livermore and Pleasanton, then push through Niles Canyon before terminating in Oakland.

Much has changed since the early days of the train. Not only has passenger service become a thing of the past on the two lines which pass through our town, but both Western Pacific and Southern Pacific themselves have undergone changes

that will affect the people of Pleasanton.

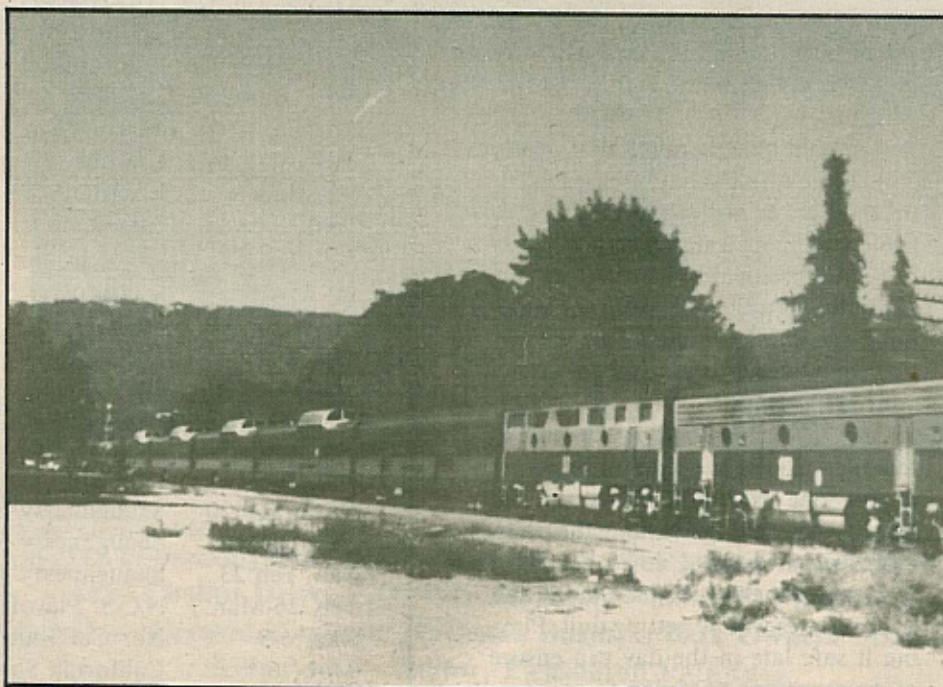
Western Pacific was bought out by Union Pacific Railroad, the main line west of Omaha, Nebraska, last year. U.P. had previously controlled nearly all western ports with the exception of San Francisco. By purchasing Western Pacific, that situation has been remedied.

The effect for Pleasanton could be less freight traffic through town, as Union Pacific hopes to re-route and expedite freight travelling from Sacramento to the Bay Area. Southern Pacific has already put its route from the east side of Pleasanton through Niles Canyon up for abandonment, so the only freight traffic remaining will be that required for local use.

"There are three great forces in this world: the stage, journalism, and the railroad."

The railroad's heyday is definitely gone. People prefer to fly, for it is much faster for long journeys. Or, they would rather drive on trips lasting less than a day. "People's images of the train are all wrong," Jim says.

"They forget how enjoyable it can be to kick back and enjoy the scenery. Besides," he says, "the excitement and energy on a train ride cannot be matched. It's much more personal than a quick plane trip."



The California Zephyr pictured as it stops to load in Pleasanton, enroute to Chicago, during the fall of 1967.