

THE OSBORN

AT LAST! Here's news from the Napa bunch!

COUNTRY SUN

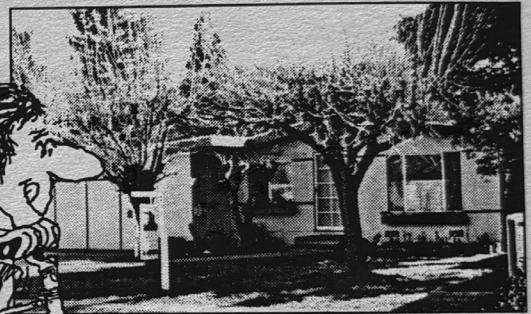
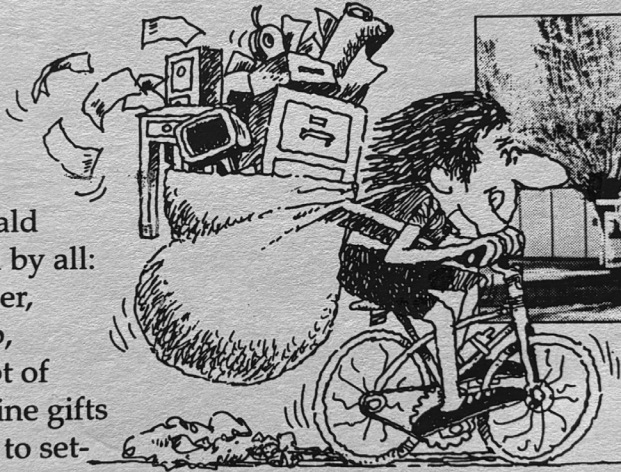


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Two year old news is better than no news.

CHECK IT OUT — CHRIS MOVED OUT!

Just six months ago, on May 22nd, Chris had a very fine, very fun house warming. The gift(s) from Aunt Arloine and Uncle Donald were especially enjoyed by all: paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap, dish-soap, Pledge, etc. After receipt of these and all his other fine gifts he was well on his way to setting up house — well, almost. He decided to use our Betty Crocker coupons



to buy a 12 place set of silverware! His new place of residence is within walking distance

of his job (no more bus fare) and there's a mini-market and laundromat just a short block away.

However within a couple of weeks he decided he'd much prefer doing laundry at home and purchased a washer and dryer. His new place has an automatic drip system so he doesn't even have to worry about keeping his grass & fauna watered!

A Dream Week: Summer '93

Cancun, Mexico



After graduating from high school what better way to celebrate than to spend a week in Cancun, Mexico! Kathy and a group of high school seniors did just that. Partying all night, sun all day, surfing, scuba diving and shopping in little Mexican shops were just some of the highlights of her "paradise" like vacation which is how Kathy described it when she got back home boasting a screaming suntan envied by all.

Out of College Into College



Spring of 93, after five years of evening classes I FINALLY got a degree in small business management.

Fall of 93 Kathy started attending U.C. Davis. Now in her second year

she has maybe decided on a major in sociology. While home last summer she worked at the Red Hen Cantina, a local restaurant. This fall quarter she moved into an apartment near the campus with 3 roommates. She enjoys doing her own cooking and having so much independence.



*Proud '93
Graduate!*

*Proud
Parents!*

A Berry Grad Party

Translates as: A Very Cool Graduation Party!

Our second berry picking party held June of 93 tripled as a grad party, pool party and berry party. With the rain and cool weather we almost didn't get to celebrate or pick berries. The day of celebration turned out to be sunny and warm. A wonderful time was had by all including, obviously, Bob & dog. We replaced the berry party in 94 with Chris' housewarming. But you can count on a berry party in '95!



Our newest fantasy - collecting gargoyles - have you spotted any while reading? The one above doesn't count!

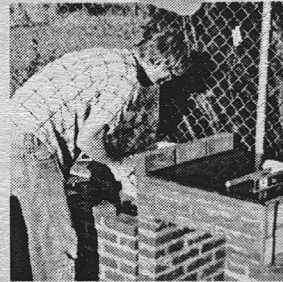
One Gutsy Girl

Summer of 93, Kathy went bungee jumping!

She got to do it for \$30 instead of the usual \$50 because she was working at the fair for Saturn which gave her a free fair pass. I don't know how she jumped! She had to dive out from a platform 200 feet in the air so as to not to get tangled up in the cords. It took her a long time to get the courage but SHE DID IT. Amazing but crazy!

And check this

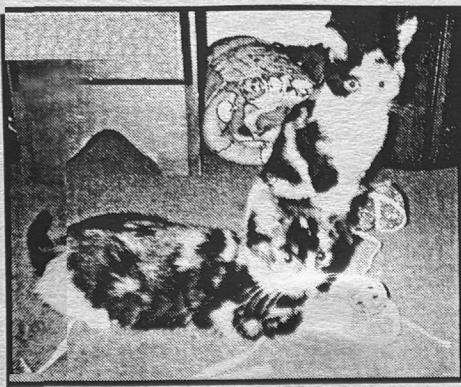
The Best Barbecue



What better motivation for getting the barbecue finished than your daughter's request to throw a special swim party and BBQ for her 18th birthday? Once finished the barbecue found many a meal prepared there the last two summer seasons. Barbecued food tastes mighty fine!

It is now easier to find the way to our house - after two years in the design phase - our kitty cat address sign is finally a reality!





Seeing Double ?

Just arrived, two calico kittens — the only difference between the two are the markings on their faces. They are sisters and go by Lauren and Sophie. They arrived just in time to share Thanksgiving dinner along with us and sixteen family members.



OFFICE SPACE TO DIE FOR!!!



THE big project for 1993 (besides our rental renovation) was to remodel our rec room into an office. Out came all the windows, two walls, and part of the roof to make room for two new windows, a sliding glass door, new sheetrock, exterior siding and a skylight. We added wall to wall carpeting (minty green), striped green and lite-orange/green patterned wallpaper. The water stained ceiling (after all these years) got a new paint job and we installed four bright recessed fluorescent lights. The office is such a pleasant place to be — I never want to leave. Robert has to drag me out every night at 11:00 p.m. to be sure I get my beauty sleep.

DESIGN IN A BIG WAY



— a Billboard:

Since last summer I have been working with a newly formed company that sells espresso coffee, drive thru style. The company, Caffino, Inc., put up their second drive thru in American Canyon in December and they want YOU to try their great coffee. Just drive down Highway 29 between Napa & Vallejo and you will see a billboard, designed by me, telling you where to go.

THE GET GO FOR GENEALOGY Book being published, Family Reunions

The '93 Puckett Ellingson Reunion was at Mom's in Bellingham summer of '93. A great crowd of fifty people showed up to enjoy a day full of sunshine, swimming and picnic treats. The 94 reunion was at Tom Gray's — a swing to the other side of the family. The 95 reunion will be in Napa at 2883 Redwood - (that's our house!). Everyone reading this newsletter is invited - because it's for family and friends both. And here is more genealogy related news: Mom and I have initiated the first important step to publishing a book all about the Merwin, Puckett, Ellingson and Gray family lines. We have received many reservations for orders and plan to have the book published in 1995.



Chris has taken up roller blading! A couple of weeks ago he bought top-of-the-line blades along with knee pads & elbow pads.



Special Children in our Life

Over the years we have had several special children we have sponsored through the Christian Children's Fund. Recently one of them left Christian Children's because she found a job having reached high school age. She wrote to tell us that she no longer needs assistance and would like to see another child get help. We were given Tiffany Ann Sharp Fish who lives in South Dakota. The pictures we received were so cute I just had to share them with you. Tiffany is only two years old in these pictures.

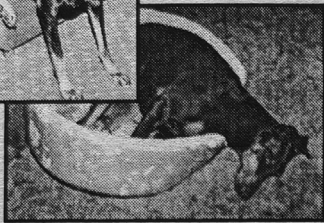


Thakur Das Bori

Thakur lives in India, and has been sponsored for a number of years now. We originally sponsored him making it our Christmas gift to family members. Thakur is now 14 years old. We are always getting colorful drawings & wonderful letters from him telling us about his family and school.



Chelsea, our Doberman, is on this page because she too is our "child." It is hard to believe she is almost three years old.



Since we no longer have Candy, our Cocker Spaniel of nearly 14 years, Chelsea looks to us for all of her entertainment. She is still ornery and still a handful. She loves to play with the new kittens but can get a little rough so we have to limit their time together. Daily walks are paramount in keeping a handle on her. She is also quite a clown. She loves to be in the middle of everything. She even sleeps with us in the house now!



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For 1995:

Hopes, Visions and Wishes

- ★ Many thoughts for my sister, Donna, for loss of her son of only 24 years.
- ★ More flowers, more vegetables in our garden.
- ★ Chelsea chilling out even more.
- ★ Illustrating a children's book.
- ★ Painting the barn and the rest of the house.
- ★ Finishing the genealogy book with Mom.
- ★ Robert retiring.
- ★ Expanding the business with Robert's help.
- ★ YOU having the best year ever!

To:



SEASON'S GREETINGS
and Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year