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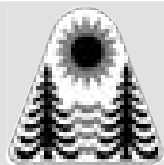
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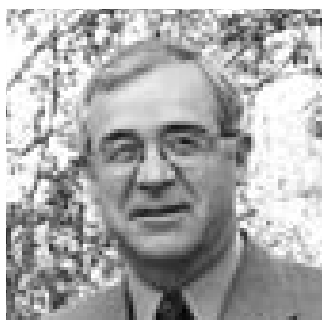
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Scott • Board President

I wanted to spend part of this message summarizing the discussion that took place during our November Board Meeting. Because of recent staffing issues at the Sheriff's office, coverage in our area by the Sheriff's Department has been below expectations and at a level not acceptable to our Association and its members. As a result, the Board invited County Supervisor Mark Thornton and Sheriff Dick Rogers to our open Board Meeting. They had an opportunity to address the Board and Property Owners and spent almost two hours answering questions. There was a large turnout for this meeting.

One of the things that came out of the meeting was a recommendation that the Property Owners unite on this issue and express their desire to have increased and appropriate Sheriff's coverage in the Pine Mountain Lake and Groveland area. I

would strongly encourage everyone to take just a few minutes and send an e-mail to County Supervisor Mark Thornton expressing your concerns over the decrease in coverage in our area and requesting that we have a Deputy in the PML and surrounding area full time. Please send your e-mail to [mthornton@co.tuolumne.ca.us](mailto:mthornton@co.tuolumne.ca.us) with your comments. If we can bombard them with communications they will understand that we take this issue seriously.

Pine Mountain Lake property owners contribute a considerable amount of money in tax base to the County. We do not believe that we are getting anything near our fair share back in the form of support or services. Unlike most of the County, in addition to our property taxes, we pay for our own road maintenance through assessments and our fire protection and ambulance service through our monthly payments to GCSD.

Send a message that we want our share of services and protection.

On another subject, the Association now has our financial results for the first ten months of the year. We continue to run around \$200,000 favorable to our budget for 2005. We are striving to finish the year in a strong favorable position to help make up for the cash shortfall from a few years ago. Even though we are positive to our budget, we still have some problem areas that we continue to address. However, the overall picture looks good.

We continue to receive an increasing amount of positive feedback pertaining to the Country Club. As everyone knows, it is always a hot topic for discussion and just like other large homeowner associations and Country Clubs; the restaurant is an easy target for criticism. Our new Manager and our Chef are trying a variety of new things there in an effort to provide consistent quality and service as well as trying to reduce losses. Your patronage and support will go a long way in contributing to the success of this amenity.

By now, all of you should have received your Association Budget material for 2006 as well as your Assessment material. If you have not received these items, please contact the Administration Office.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

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# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

By Joe Powell, CCAM General Manager

## Tuolumne County Sheriff Deputy Coverage and Safety Issues

Due to the increase in crime and the lack of deputy coverage PMLA residents are receiving from the County Sheriff's Department, many members have expressed their concern and frustration. As an Association we consider safety and law enforcement to be two of our most important priorities. We support our local public safety agencies like the Fire Department, County Sheriff, CHP and Ambulance Service.

On November 19th the PMLA Board invited Tuolumne County Sheriff, Dick Rogers, and County Supervisor, Mark Thornton, to meet with us at the Board Meeting. The topic was deputy coverage and law enforcement within PMLA. The average member head-count for monthly Board meetings is twenty. Over one hundred property owners attended this meeting and made it clear that they were not happy with the amount of County law

enforcement resources currently dedicated to PMLA. While we understand the issues that caused this problem, it does not change the fact that we are not receiving an acceptable level of coverage and support from our County.

Our Department of Safety, management team and employees work very hard to communicate and support law enforcement. This communication and support only goes so far. If we do not receive deputy patrol coverage from the County, crime will continue to escalate.

I urge every PMLA member to write or email the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors and demand that we get the services and protection we pay for and deserve. Whether you live in PML full-time or part-time, you need to participate and make sure your concerns are addressed. It is important that every member take a few minutes and send e-mail to County Supervisor Mark Thornton expressing your concerns over the decrease in coverage in our area and request that we

have Sheriff Deputies in the PML and surrounding area full time.

Please send your e-mail to [mthornton@co.tuolumne.ca.us](mailto:mthornton@co.tuolumne.ca.us).

If you wish to write a letter, the address is:

Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors  
2 South Green Street  
Sonora, CA 95370

In an effort to support law enforcement, PMLA continues to offer a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for vandalism and other crimes within the PMLA community.

If you see a crime in progress, please call 911 and report it immediately. If you are the victim of a crime, please call the County Sheriff and report the incident. If you witness something suspicious and you are unsure it is a crime, call our Department of Safety at (209) 962-8615 and report it so we can follow up. Help PMLA and your neighbors stay safe. ☺

## PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 19, 2005

*Unapproved Minutes*

### BOARD MEETING:

#### Time & Location:

A duly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors of Pine Mountain Lake Association, a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation (copy attached), was called to order by President Scott at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2005, at the Lake Lodge pursuant to notice.

#### Roll Call:

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Dennis Scott     | President         |
| John Case        | Vice President    |
| Ron Maguire      | Secretary         |
| Steve Margossian | Treasurer         |
| Rita Hart        | Director at Large |

|                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Joe Powell          | General Manager                   |
| Betsy Haas          | Controller                        |
| Rick Whybra         | Assistant to the General Manager  |
| Mark Thornton       | County Supervisor – Guest Speaker |
| Dick Rogers         | Sheriff – Guest Speaker           |
| Observers/Residents | 108                               |

### 1) Board Announcements

#### A) Executive Sessions

Executive Sessions were held on:

November 10, 2005, teleconference with attorney to discuss pending legal cases; November 15, 2005, met with insurance broker to discuss workers compensation cases; November 17, 2005, met with Tom Rut of Moffatt & Nichol pertaining to the third party Lake Dredging Study contract.

November 18, 2005 private meeting with individual property owner.

### 2) Approval of Minutes

Director Margossian made a motion to approve the October 22, 2005 minutes as written. Director Case seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3) Patrol Coverage and Law Enforcement Issues

President Scott noted an increase in burglaries within Pine Mountain Lake. Very slow response times for Sheriff's Deputy. Numerous incidents since the newspaper article that indicated less Sheriff's coverage in this area. Input from property owners stating this community is large tax base for the county and don't feel they are getting back in return much support based on money contributed to county.

A) County Supervisor District 4, Mark Thornton

Supervisor Thornton spoke about organizational and operational differences between

Board of Supervisors and Sheriff Department. Commented on county tax base and revenue. Mentioned sales tax of great importance for revenue. Spoke of budgetary constraints in regards to the Sheriff's Department.

B) County Sheriff, Dick Rogers

Talked about unprecedented cuts taken in the last 18 months to 2 years. Commented on budget constraints and staffing issues and utilizing School Resource Officers in emergency situations.

President Scott commented that violent crime is below state average but the county is almost double the state average for burglaries. He stated that since we are a vacation type community there may be teams of burglars coming in from outside the area.

Sheriff Rogers confirmed his statements as true. This is characteristic of most Mother Lode counties at this time.

Director Margossian asked if we could get State aid in regards to the high rate of burglaries?

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**No December Meeting**

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**December 23 (Fri)  
December 26 (Mon)  
December 30 (Fri)**

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Sheriff Rogers answered no we cannot. However, they are pursuing every avenue for aid available at this time.

Director Hart asked if there was money left over due to understaffed condition?

Sheriff Rogers responded that when you are understaffed you end up paying overtime so, it is a wash.

Director Hart commented that incidents are happening after dark since we know that why can't you send someone up here after dark?

Sheriff Rogers explained that shifts are based on calls for service. Evening shift is busiest.

Director Hart questioned why Sheriff's Dept. requested that PML Dept. of Safety check a unit for gunshots? What do you expect our unarmed DOS to do when this is a Sheriff Dept. call?

Sheriff Rogers responded that they requested a drive through the unit to see if they could locate and pin point where shots were coming from not to confront anyone.

Director Hart commented on new deputies unfamiliarity with the area.

Director Margossian asked Sheriff Rogers what his recommendation was if a suspicious activity is noted?

Sheriff Rogers responded to notify Sheriff's Department but also contact the public safety officer and it will get checked out.

Director Case asked Sheriff Rogers what ideas he had to prevent the police department from stealing your employees?

Sheriff Rogers stated the only thing he can do is offer promotional opportunities and training opportunities within department.

Director Case stated that Sheriff is doing a great job but couldn't he and Supervisor Thornton get together and provide better benefits, put a better package together?

Supervisor Thornton responded it is on the table but has not been implemented yet.

## 4) Property Owner Comments

**Gary Gober – 13/283** – New full time resident. He believes the home next door is teenage flophouse, drug dealing, wild parties, and trash all over the street on a regular basis. 50 or more people there last night. Worked with Rick Whybra on this. He

has been wonderful and has done everything in the Association's power. Would write a check out if it would help get a law enforcement officer full time. In addition to the above problems, there was an attempted burglary at his house. We need someone up here on a permanent basis. PML safety department cannot deal with this level of problem. Has called CHP but law enforcement off the hill is too busy to come up here.

**Larry Romanek – 3/449** – Commented that unwanted house guests broke in and slept in his bed. Need to deal with this problem now. If Sheriff cannot respond can we get help from CHP? Sheriff Rogers – We do rely on and request help from CHP.

**Larry Romanek – 3/449** – A man from the SWAT team lives in PML. Could he respond in the middle of the night? Could the deputy that lives here be assigned to substation full time? Sheriff Rogers – He is presently working in the civil coroner division and Sheriff has no control or ability to reassign or restrict the deputies because of where they live. In all areas of the county, if we have a deputy living there, if there is an emergency in that particular area we do call those deputies to respond.

**Robert Serrett – 13/274** – Asked by Pat Pekary – 1/459 to read letter she sent to the Board. Read letter. She does not feel secure with present law enforcement coverage.

**Peggy Mosely – 5C/301** – Law enforcement is important to PML owners and business owners as well. Believes there is a financial solution to this problem. Measure J wanted to increase occupancy tax that visitors pay when staying in the county. Goes into General Fund. TCVB markets tourism all over the world. Wants to propose to put Measure J back on the ballot.

**Megan Thorson – 13/240** – New member of CHP was transferred to Sonora due to complaints of too many tickets being issued. Passed out flyer to get this CHP officer back in Groveland. Director Scott voiced his concern over speeding in PML. Disappointed to learn of transfer.

**Dennis DeSilva – 1/430** – In the Bay Area the only thing that works is that you have your own Sheriff. Put sheriff in substation or satellite full time and then say something in the paper about it.

**Don Lee – 4/119** – Primary residence in east Oakland. Sheltered area. A lot of break-ins. Formed a neighborhood watch program. Helped ourselves.

**Charles Marchand – 5/254** – Speeding is big problem on Ferretti Road. An officer in unmarked car should be at the Main Street Market.

Sheriff Rogers commented that law forbids unmarked units to work traffic assignments.

**Chris Loh – Iron Door** – Used to be a resident and now visits with children frequently. Concerned about safety. What is being done right now? Today?

Sheriff Rogers stated we do have patrols daily, they just aren't here all of the time. School resource officers (2 in south county) are also available.

**Dennis DeCant – 4/80** – Burglary incidents are much higher. Contractors do not report thefts; they don't want to deal with it. They replace what was taken and go on. The drug houses are well known by Sheriff and PML Security. He also

## Editor's Note

We greatly appreciate your contributions but please note that the PML News fills up very quickly – often by the 7th or 8th of the month (long before the 10th deadline). To ensure that your submission is reviewed for publication please submit in full and as early as possible.

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commented of the former Safety Committee, Neighborhood Watch Program, and Contractor work permits.

*Karen Seals – 13/079* – What does Sheriff Rogers think is an adequate response time for home invasion?

*Sheriff Rogers – 15 minutes.*  
What would it take to get that in Groveland? If we had someone in the area could meet that 15 min. goal. Need more deputies. Tax issue. Want more deputies need more county taxes. Could you get GPS systems in the cars? Looking at that now. New CAD system would provide that. In the works. Can the drug houses be shut down as public nuisance? Have number of homes and businesses under surveillance. Everything we do we must do legally. Environmental health concerns – Building code violations – Compliance codes. Use every means necessary to shut these places down.

*President Scott –* Asked Sheriff Rogers, if long-term goal is to increase staffing levels, what does full staffing do for Groveland?  
*Sheriff Rogers –* Could go back to more patrols. Takes (5) deputies to staff (1) position 365 days a year. Full staff may mean 4 people for Groveland. Would like more.

*Director Margossian –* We know what the goal is but what is the response time right now?

*Sheriff Rogers –* It varies.

*Laurie McGlashan – 12/033* – Have any of these burglars been caught? Can we publicize in the paper more when they are caught?

*Sheriff Rogers –* Yes, some have been caught. Burglary is not a big deal for the newspaper. We go after burglary teams (2-7 people) of the last 7 caught 5 were from the valley, 1 from Tuolumne

County and 1 from Calaveras County. Most of stolen property is out of county within a 2-hour period. Fences are already set up.

*Leanna Mattea – 2/356* – Asked Supervisor Thornton if they quit putting money into TGH will it go back into the General fund?  
Supervisor Thornton – Yes.

*Lillian Carson – 4/527A* – Can we have the owners of the homes where loud parties are pay fines?

*Supervisor Thornton –* There is no magic bullet. 1) Three Grand Juries say we don’t set priorities. How do you set them when goal is to keep all services going? Have we considered closing/reducing the Recreation dept., the libraries? Are we willing to consider closing/reducing the Fire Dept? These 3 services are not county mandated services. For every service that is provided there is a special interest group or property owner that will say, “cut the other guy.” 2) Need to come together and unify as one voice. People within GCSD are paying a disproportionate tax burden for emergency services. Need your support to commit to a half-cent sales tax. Write letters to the Board saying the Sheriff’s dept. needs Board support for more money. 3) Write letters to Congressman Radonovich asking to consider taking 15% of T.O.T. revenue generated in Yosemite and transfer to Tuolumne County. Mariposa County is getting the largest share each year. The T.O.T., when it was passed, was to address, among other things, tourist impact on local infrastructure.

Thirty percent of tourists use Hwy. 120. Write those letters and ask him to look into the issue of why T.O.T from inside the park is not shared with Tuolumne County. Write letters to me saying you support the Sheriff getting the staffing and the funding. Also, write letters to Dave Cogdill – Assemblyman running for Senate. Call me at home 962-7395 with your comments/concerns. Let’s discuss the Neighborhood Watch Program

again. Need you to bond together as a Special Interest Group and make your voice heard just as you did on the Old Priest Grade issue.

*President Scott –* If you see something suspicious, make that call. We can’t ignore this activity. Please call or email Mark with your comments.

*Director Hart –* Work on Neighborhood Watch program together. Make meetings on weekends.

**5) Lake Dredging Study**  
PowerPoint presentation by Tom Rut and Dilip Trivedi of Moffatt & Nichols. Good news.

*President Scott –* Four scenarios for this project. Decision was to remove a larger quantity of material and redeposit back into lake. Fund over a 3-year period. Starting permit process now. Could take a year or more. Will still aggressively seek grant funds from state to fund project.

*Marilyn Hathaway – 1/438* – Will dredging have a positive effect on the weeds in the lake?  
Dilip Trivedi – Yes, to some extent.

*Dennis DeCant – 4/080* – Question on regulatory permit cost. Need current standards for erosion control. Massive erosion from construction. Tom Rut - Erosion from construction does not appear to be a problem.

*Tom Gardner – 1/429* – Commented that the New Years Day flood of 1997 deposited a lot of silt.

*Alan Clark – 1/431* – Congratulated Board for moving forward with dredging project. Erosion issue with drainage issue. Prepared to work with whomever to alleviate 12-foot diameter island under his dock.

*Lynn Dust – 1/303A* – Islands in back of house from silt. Silt is worse since GCSD dropped “bish-op cages” in after boulders washed into lake.

*Joyce Holden – 1/430* – Reed growth on shoreline. How far is the 5 feet going to go?

**6) Environmental Control Committee Appointment**  
Director Case motioned to approve Gerald Barnes as a new member of the ECC. Director Margossian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**7) Budget and Finance Committee Charter**  
Director Margossian motioned to approve the Budget & Finance committee charter for the year.

Director Maguire seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**8) Amendment to Resolution #00.07 – Access Fees/Restricted Parking Procedures**  
Director Case motioned to approve this amendment to Resolution #007.00 for publishing. Director Maguire seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**9) Resolution Levying General Assessment for 2006**  
Director Case motioned for approval of Resolution Levying General Assessment for 2006. Director Margossian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**10) Property Owner Comments**  
*Tracy Billeb – 3/264* – Asked for clarification on amending resolutions.  
Joe Powell responded.

**13) Board Meeting Adjournment**  
Director Case made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Director Maguire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ron Maguire, Secretary*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Please note that all letters appear in the order received by the PML News**

The Pine Mountain Lake News welcomes letters and articles for publication provided they meet the criteria established in the current PMLA Editorial Policy (See excerpt below – entire policy on file at the Administration Office). **Letters must be limited to 250 words, typewritten using upper and lowercase letters (no handwritten material, no all-capital material) and signed with name, unit and lot by a property owner in good standing. LETTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR BY 4:30 PM ON THE 10th OF THE MONTH.** Letters deemed by the Editorial Committee to be improper will not be accepted. Readers are advised that the opinions expressed in these letters are those of the individual authors, not of PMLA. Letters appear in order received.

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Exceed 250 word maximum – 0  
Content – 0  
Not a property owner – 0  
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### Witch’s Brew Ha-Ha

The ROOFBB fall luncheon “Witch’s Brew Ha-Ha” was a hooooowling success. With a room full of witches and other assorted Halloween costumes and table decorations of pumpkins, spiders, crawly things and broom riding “ladies,” the atmosphere was full of fun and celebration. To the delight of everyone attending, our Witches Brew (Eye of Newt and Bat Wing Juice) added to the spirit of the season. A big thank you to Charlie Bishop who whipped up the brew and served it in black smoldering cauldrons for an eye-appealing affect. Needless to say, the artfully presented and delicious themed food was a big hit. Thank you Tom and Orpheus once again as the PMLCC gave us it’s best.

—Cathie Clark 1/67

### Culinary Delights at the Country Club

To celebrate a birthday, we recently went to the Country Club with friends to try the “Chef’s Table” gourmet dinner. What a fabulous experience it was! Our party of four was treated to quite a cooking show by Chef Orpheus who worked his magic on our six-course dinner right before

our eyes. Having been fortunate to dine at Erna’s Elderberry House in Oakhurst (where our chef had worked previously), we were certain that his expertise and artistry as a chef would bring a new level of sophistication to Groveland – and we were right! Six courses, three kinds of wines, 2 ½ hours of leisurely dining, and attentive service by Ryan – how pampered can you get? For those who want some adventuresome dining or wish to celebrate a special event, we urge you to consider booking a Chef’s Table dinner. What a gift we have in our new chef!

—Galen & Linelle Marshall 13/37

### Our Deepest Thanks

What a blessing so many of you were during Jim’s final illness and death! You are a real source of strength and comfort. Everyone stepped up to the plate and provided us with your special talents and hugs. The meals were delicious! Our young grandchildren loved them which is a huge compliment. Our daughters said, “Mom, we think you should just spend a month at each person’s house who cooked those delicious dinners.” Thank you for the many cards, generous donations to the Jim Hunt Rotary Scholarship

for high school senior, sending your cleaning ladies, to PML for leaving the Hemlock gate open for a week, to Shane Warner and his crew for helping out in a tense moment, to Sally Salinas, who organized our lives, to Marlene Kost who recruited the delicious dinners and to Von Thompson and Tom and Martha Schriener for the many hugs and just being there. This is truly a wonderful caring community!

*Our love, —Sharon Hunt, daughters and husbands: Janet and Pat, Jill and Steven, Julie and Anthony, Jenny and Tony, and our eight grandchildren*

### Another Great Time!

We have been non-resident home owners for about 25 years. We visited the Club over the years but infrequently in recent times because of negative reports. However, on Saturday, October 30, we joined our neighbors for dinner there and were very impressed with the excellent dinner. Our server was prompt, polite and personable. And the cost was very reasonable for food and drinks, especially compared to our East Bay places. I was also happy that there was a good crowd. All told a very nice evening out.

—Jack & Betty Helbert 4/47



| PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION                            |                                      |             |                             |                        |                |                |                                   |                      |                   |                          |                    |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES |                                      |             |                             |                        |                |                |                                   |                      |                   |                          |                    |
| For The Ten Months Ended October 31, 2005                 |                                      |             |                             |                        |                |                |                                   |                      |                   |                          |                    |
| OPERATION OF AMENITIES                                    | Revenues                             |             |                             |                        |                | Expenses       | (Cost)/Income Before Depreciation | Depreciation Expense | (NET COST) INCOME | Budget (NET COST) INCOME | Variance Bud - Act |
|   | Members' Assessments Net of Discount | User Fees   | Sales, Net of Cost of Sales | Miscella- neous Income | Total Revenues | Total Expenses |                                   |                      |                   |                          |                    |
| Golf Course   | \$-0-                                | \$798,297   | \$90,207                    | \$1,261                | \$889,765      | \$1,014,823    | \$(125,058)                       | \$173,224            | \$(298,282)       | \$(200,431)              | (97,851)           |
| Country Club  | -0-                                  | -0-         | 320,526                     | 2,188                  | 322,714        | 684,292        | (361,578)                         | 30,945               | (392,523)         | (249,421)                | (143,102)          |
| Campgrounds   | -0-                                  | 28,534      | -0-                         | 56                     | 28,590         | 17,241         | 11,349                            | 1,405                | 9,944             | (770)                    | 10,714             |
| Marina  | -0-                                  | 156,987     | 58,601                      | 226                    | 215,814        | 238,060        | (22,246)                          | 47,675               | (69,921)          | (42,793)                 | (27,128)           |
| Lake & Dam  | -0-                                  | -0-         | -0-                         | -0-                    | 0              | 75,753         | (75,753)                          | 4,166                | (79,919)          | (57,304)                 | (22,615)           |
| Lake Lodge  | -0-                                  | 1,600       | 100                         | -0-                    | 1,700          | 35,651         | (33,951)                          | 4,833                | (38,784)          | (37,373)                 | (1,411)            |
| Swim Center   | -0-                                  | 6,394       | 2,501                       | 17                     | 8,912          | 50,294         | (41,382)                          | 23,430               | (64,812)          | (67,923)                 | 3,111              |
| Equestrian Center   | -0-                                  | 66,414      | 359                         | 648                    | 67,421         | 176,713        | (109,292)                         | 5,579                | (114,871)         | (58,541)                 | (56,330)           |
| Tennis  | -0-                                  | 9,742       | 20                          | -0-                    | 9,762          | 9,636          | 126                               | 7,834                | (7,708)           | (9,828)                  | 2,120              |
| Roads & Facilities Maintenance                            | -0-                                  | 11,446      | -0-                         | 4,425                  | 15,871         | 649,064        | (633,193)                         | 98,128               | (731,321)         | (819,310)                | 87,989             |
| Country Club Building (3)                                 | -0-                                  | -0-         | -0-                         | -0-                    | 0              | -0-            | -0-                               | -0-                  | -0-               | -0-                      | -0-                |
| PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES                                   |                                      |             |                             |                        |                |                |                                   |                      |                   |                          |                    |
| Membership and ECC  | -0-                                  | 107,391     | -0-                         | 12,546                 | 119,937        | 100,640        | 19,297                            | 2,882                | 16,415            | 9,637                    | 6,778              |
| PML News  | -0-                                  | 93,023      | -0-                         | -0-                    | 93,023         | 72,829         | 20,194                            | 455                  | 19,739            | 5,094                    | 14,645             |
| Safety  | -0-                                  | 149,125     | 119                         | 1,277                  | 150,521        | 581,632        | (431,111)                         | 13,478               | (444,589)         | (502,270)                | 57,681             |
| Administration  | -0-                                  | 86,647      | 264                         | 10,645                 | 97,556         | 783,291        | (685,735)                         | 28,429               | (714,164)         | (831,178)                | 117,014            |
| ASSESSMENTS   |                                      |             |                             |                        |                |                |                                   |                      |                   |                          |                    |
| Assessments   | 2,812,415                            | -0-         | -0-                         | -0-                    | -0-            | -0-            | 2,812,415                         | -0-                  | 2,812,415         | 2,591,563                | 220,852            |
| Totals  | \$2,812,415                          | \$1,515,600 | \$472,697                   | \$33,289               | \$2,021,586    | \$4,489,919    | \$344,082                         | \$442,463            | \$(98,381)        | \$(270,848)              | 172,467            |
|   |                                      |             |                             |                        |                |                | 1.                                |                      |                   |                          |                    |

| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 10 Months Ended October 31, 2005                 |                                  |                                       |                           |                                   |                                     |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|   | RESERVE FUNDS                    |                                       |                           |                                   |                                     |
|   | AMENITY<br>REFURBISHMENT<br>FUND | CAPITAL EQUIP.<br>REPLACEMENT<br>FUND | TOTAL<br>RESERVE<br>FUNDS | NEW CAPITAL<br>INVESTMENT<br>FUND | TOTAL<br>CONTRIBUTION<br>TO CAPITAL |
|   |                                  |                                       |                           |                                   |                                     |
|   |                                  |                                       |                           |                                   |                                     |
| 2005 Beginning Fund Balances  | \$810,823                        | \$127,863                             | \$938,686                 | \$246,412                         | \$1,185,098                         |
| Interest Income   | 23,578                           | 2,343                                 | 25,921                    | 2,969                             | 28,890                              |
| Less Bank Fees  | (225)                            | (220)                                 | (445)                     | (250)                             | (695)                               |
| Assessments Earned  | 509,167                          | 92,375 <sup>(2)</sup>                 | 601,542                   | 18,981 <sup>(3)</sup>             | 620,523                             |
| Budgeted Funds Transfer   | 198,000                          |                                       | 198,000                   | (198,000) <sup>(4)</sup>          | 0                                   |
| PURCHASES BY AMENITY  |                                  |                                       |                           |                                   |                                     |
| Golf Course   | (20,520)                         | (65,833)                              | (86,353)                  | (6,984)                           | (93,337)                            |
| Country Club  | (18,813)                         | (7,565)                               | (26,378)                  |                                   | (26,378)                            |
| Campgrounds   | (5,486)                          |                                       | (5,486)                   |                                   | (5,486)                             |
| Lake and Marina   | (48,350)                         | (3,398)                               | (51,748)                  |                                   | (51,748)                            |
| Lake Lodge  | (5,766)                          |                                       | (5,766)                   |                                   | (5,766)                             |
| Swim Center   | (3,058)                          |                                       | (3,058)                   |                                   | (3,058)                             |
| Equestrian Center   | (2,207)                          |                                       | (2,207)                   | (14,807)                          | (17,014)                            |
| Tennis  | (6,375)                          |                                       | (6,375)                   |                                   | (6,375)                             |
| Roads & Facilities Maintenance  | (411,521)                        | (7,545)                               | (419,066)                 |                                   | (419,066)                           |
| Country Club Building   | (6,721)                          |                                       | (6,721)                   |                                   | (6,721)                             |
| PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES   |                                  |                                       |                           |                                   |                                     |
| Membership & ECC  |                                  |                                       | 0                         |                                   | 0                                   |
| PML News  |                                  |                                       | 0                         |                                   | 0                                   |
| Safety  | (6,605)                          |                                       | (6,605)                   | (766)                             | (7,371)                             |
| Social Activities   |                                  |                                       | 0                         |                                   | 0                                   |
| Administration  | (301)                            | (17,047)                              | (17,348)                  |                                   | (17,348)                            |
| Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions | (535,723)                        | (101,388)                             | (637,111)                 | (22,557)                          | (659,668)                           |
| Adjusted Fund Balances  | \$1,005,620                      | \$120,973                             | \$1,126,593               | \$47,555                          | \$1,174,148                         |

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Total Revenues minus Total Expenses equals Net Income before depreciation. The annual budget for income before depreciation is \$0.

2. The Association combined the Operating Fund and the Property and Equipment Fund into one fund effective May 1, 2001.

3. The Country Club Building is fully allocated to the Country Club and Golf Course.

# Local Rainfall

by Jerry Dickson

| Date  | Rain, Inches<br>(24 Hr. to 9 AM) | Season Total Inches |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Small rains in June (0.35 inches) closed out the 2004/2005 Season at 49.22 inches. Wow! |                                  |                     |
| July 1, 2005  |                                  |                     |
| Season start  |                                  |                     |
| Aug. 16   | 0.10                             | 0.10                |
| Sept. 21  | 0.69                             | 0.79                |
| Sept. 27  | 0.33                             | 1.12                |
| Oct. 16   | 0.04                             | 1.16                |
| Oct. 25   | 0.04                             | 1.20                |
| Oct. 27   | 0.46                             | 1.66                |
| Oct. 28   | 0.36                             | 2.02                |
| Nov. 8  | 0.10                             | 2.12                |

The Capital Expenditures on the left was not included in the printed issue of the December 2005 PML News. It will be printed in the January 2006 issue.



| PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION<br>BALANCE SHEETS<br>September 30, 2005 |                |                  |                            |              |
|--|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|  | Operating Fund | Replacement Fund | New Capital Additions Fund | Total        |
| ASSETS   |                |                  |                            |              |
| Cash   | \$540,297      | \$1,596,479      | \$97,465                   | \$2,234,241  |
| Accounts receivable  | 335,440        | \$60,444         | 1,907                      | 397,791      |
| Less allowance for doubtful ac-<br>counts                              |                |                  |                            |              |
| Short term note receivable   | -0-            | -0-              | -0-                        | -0-          |
| Other receivable   | -0-            | 49,500           | -0-                        | 49,500       |
| Inventories  | 192,524        | -0-              | -0-                        | 192,524      |
| Prepaid expenses   | 177,168        | -0-              | -0-                        | 177,168      |
| Other assets   | 9,832          | -0-              | -0-                        | 9,832        |
| Due to(from) the funds   | (4,001)        | 2,580            | 1,421                      | -0-          |
|  | 1,251,260      | 1,709,004        | 100,793                    | 3,061,056    |
| Property and equipment   | 19,083,243     | -0-              | -0-                        | 19,083,243   |
| Less accumulated depreciation  | (11,647,975)   | -0-              | -0-                        | (11,647,975) |
| Property and equipment, net  | 7,435,268      | -0-              | -0-                        | 7,435,268    |
|  |                |                  |                            |              |
| Total Assets   | \$8,686,527    | \$1,709,004      | \$100,793                  | \$10,496,324 |
|  |                |                  |                            |              |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES  |                |                  |                            |              |
| Accounts payable   | \$191,670      | \$424,493        | \$-0-                      | 616,163      |
| Accrued liabilities  | 230,587        | -0-              | -0-                        | 230,587      |
| Short term note payable  | -0-            | -0-              | -0-                        | -0-          |
| Other payable  | -0-            |                  | 49,500                     | 49,500       |
| Deferred revenue   | 912,530        | 180,612          | 5,694                      | 1,098,837    |
| Deposits   | 227,322        | -0-              | -0-                        | 227,322      |
| Total Liabilities  | 1,562,108      | 605,106          | 55,194                     | 2,222,408    |
|  |                |                  |                            |              |
| Fund Balances  | 7,124,419      | 1,103,898        | 45,598                     | 8,273,916    |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND<br>BALANCES                                 | \$8,686,527    | \$1,709,004      | \$100,793                  | \$10,496,324 |

| PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION<br>STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY<br>September 30, 2005    |                |                  |                       |             |
|---|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|   | Operating Fund | Replacement Fund | New Capital Additions | Total       |
| Balance - December 31, 2004   | 6,573,970      | 938,686          | 246,412               | 7,759,068   |
| Revenues over (under) expenses  | (68,313)       | 563,553          | 19,608                | 514,848     |
| Transfer from replacement fund for property and equipment additions                                 | 581,855        | (581,855)        | -0-                   | -0-         |
| Transfer from replacement fund due to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions           | 14,486         | (14,486)         |                       | -0-         |
| Transfer from new capital additions fund for property and equipment additions                       | 22,421         | -0-              | (22,421)              | -0-         |
| Transfer from new capital additions fund due to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions | -0-            |                  | -0-                   | -0-         |
| Transfer due to Amenity Refurbishment Fund from New Capital Investment Fund for budgeted            | -0-            | 198,000          | (198,000)             | -0-         |
|   | 550,449        | 165,212          | (200,814)             | 514,848     |
|   |                |                  |                       |             |
| Balance - September 30, 2005  | \$7,124,419    | \$1,103,898      | \$45,598              | \$8,273,916 |

| PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION<br>STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES<br>For 9 Months Ended September 30, 2005 |                |                  |                            |             |
|--|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
|  | Operating Fund | Replacement Fund | New Capital Additions Fund | Total       |
| REVENUES   |                |                  |                            |             |
| Members' assessments, less discounts of \$58,860   | \$2,563,614    | \$541,387        | \$17,083                   | \$3,122,084 |
| User fees  | 993,443        | -0-              | -0-                        | 993,443     |
| Sales, less cost of sales of \$388,842   | 489,280        | -0-              | -0-                        | 489,280     |
| Administration fees  | 266,896        | -0-              | -0-                        | 266,896     |
| Interest income  | 13,881         | 22,561           | 2,775                      | 39,216      |
| Miscellaneous income   | 113,184        | -0-              | -0-                        | 113,184     |
|  | 4,440,298      | 563,948          | 19,858                     | 5,024,104   |
| EXPENSES   |                |                  |                            |             |
| Salaries and benefits  | 2,772,125      | -0-              | -0-                        | 2,772,125   |
| Utilities  | 216,942        | -0-              | -0-                        | 216,942     |
| Insurance  | 223,738        | -0-              | -0-                        | 223,738     |
| Professional services  | 129,085        | -0-              | -0-                        | 129,085     |
| Administrative services  | 171,413        | -0-              | -0-                        | 171,413     |
| Repairs and maintenance  | 109,468        | -0-              | -0-                        | 109,468     |
| Operating supplies   | 291,811        | -0-              | -0-                        | 291,811     |
| Services and contracts   | 168,380        | -0-              | -0-                        | 168,380     |
| Property tax expense   | 13,040         | -0-              | -0-                        | 13,040      |
| Bad debt provision (recovery)  | 7,000          | -0-              | -0-                        | 7,000       |
| Interest expense   | 8,257          | 395              | 250                        | 8,902       |
| Income tax provision   | -0-            | -0-              | -0-                        | -0-         |
|  | 4,111,259      | 395              | 250                        | 4,111,904   |
| Revenues Over (Under) Expenses Before Depreciation Expense   | 329,039        | 563,553          | 19,608                     | 912,200     |
| Depreciation Expense   | 397,352        | -0-              | -0-                        | 397,352     |
| Revenues Over (Under) Expenses   | \$(68,313)     | \$563,553        | \$19,608                   | \$514,848   |

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## Proposed Amendment to Resolution #00.07 ACCESS FEES/RESTRICTED PARKING PROCEDURES

1. No vehicle should be parking in the parking lots within the gated community of Pine Mountain Lake (i.e., Lake Lodge, Dunn Court Beach, Marina, and others) without exhibiting a valid mirror paper permit or a permanent type bumper sticker. All Short-Term Renter Parking Passes are available for a fee in accordance with the current Fee Schedule. These passes are valid for a maximum of seven (7) consecutive days. Any additional Short-Term Renter Parking Passes are available for the same price and are not to exceed seven (7) consecutive days.

### Exceptions to this rule are:

- Emergency, utility, PMLA owned or amenity employee vehicles.
- Any service type vehicle while working directly for, conducting work for, or related to PMLA.

Vehicles not complying with this parking restriction are subject to towing and/or fine to the owner.

2. Association members, in good standing, and long term renters (more than thirty

(30) days) shall be entitled to two free guest parking permits. Permits should be valid during the year of issue and are revocable for misuse.

3. Registered renter parking stickers (bumper) are available through the Main Gate; Department of Safety or the Administration Rental Office.

4. Up to four (4) TOTAL additional guest parking permits/stickers are available to property owner/long term renters per calendar year. The fee charged will be in accordance with the current Fee Schedule. All fees are non-refundable.

5. Lost/stolen permits may be replaced or reissued for a fee in accordance with the current Fee Schedule. Vehicle transfer on a new or replacement vehicle will not require an additional fee.

6. Property owners who rent their Pine Mountain Lake home or property management firms who rent short-term (thirty (30) days or less) in Pine Mountain Lake will be responsible for the issuance of special

parking permits. A fee is attached to this type permit. Compliance is mandatory.

7. Short-term renters (thirty (30) days or less) will be issued parking permits for their rental period.

8. Parking permits (any type) do not allow any vehicle into the secured portion of PMLA. Gate cards or guest passes are still required.

9. Any prearranged event such as a wedding, group party, etc., shall be exempt from the permit requirement with 24-hour notification to the Department of Safety.

10. Permits will be issued by member number. All address changes should be submitted to the PMLA Administration Office.

### DISTRIBUTION OF PARKING PERMITS

1. Property Owner receives:

- Two (2) free bumper stickers.
- Two (2) free guest hanging permits

(guest hanging permits may be exchanged at no cost for bumper stickers).

Additional bumper sticker/permits are available for a fee in accordance with the current Fee Schedule. Up to four (4) TOTAL additional guest parking permits/stickers per calendar year.

2. Owners of multiple properties may request up to six (6) parking permits and any combination of bumper sticker or parking permits at no additional cost.

3. Permanent resident renter receives:

- Two (2) free bumper stickers.
- Two (2) free guest parking permits.

Permits will be distributed at the Main Gate by the Department of Safety or the Administration Rental Office. Additional bumper stickers/permits are available for a fee in accordance with the current Fee Schedule.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ron Maguire, Secretary*

# STRIKE IT RICH!

## ENTERTAINMENT WILLOW CREEK

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- THURSDAYS Local Showcase Night
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Night - Crazy Ivan 9:00 pm
- Dec. 2 Coco Montoya (Blues) 9:00 pm
- Dec. 3 Alameda All stars (Greg Allman's Side Men) 9:00 pm
- Dec 9 California Cowboys (Country) 9:00 pm
- Dec 10 John Waite (From the Babys & Bad English Acoustic) 9:00 pm
- Dec. 16 Maria Muldaur (Blues) 9:00 pm
- Dec. 17 Drive (a tribute to the "Cars") 9:00 pm
- Dec 23 Lydia Pense & Cold Blood (Classic Rockers) 9:00 pm
- Dec. 31, 2005 New Year's Party with Night Fever... Ring in the New Year with Bay Area retro disco dance

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# PMLCC *New Years Eve Celebration*

## Dinner Show and Dancing Featuring "The Captain and Diva"

**Saturday, December 31st, 2005**

Cocktails & Hors d' oeuvres at 7pm. • Dinner served at 8pm, Dancing till 1am

### Hors d' oeuvres

Bacon Wrapped Scallops  
Spanikopita  
Crudite'

### Dinner Menu

Lobster Bisque or,  
Mixed Green Salad w/Pumpkin  
Seed Vinaigrette

Filet Mignon & Shrimp Scampi  
W/ Fettuccini & Zucchini Primavera

Tiramisu

Includes champagne for midnight toast. Drink specials in bar. \$75 per person (inclusive of tax and tip) 209-962-8638 for reservations

## Ala Carte - December '05

The staff at the Country Club hopes that you enjoyed a wonderful time of Thanksgiving with your family over the holiday. It is December already (24 shopping days left!) and the Season's festivities are upon us. Again, we recommend that you call ahead for reservations in the event that we are closed for private events or have limited seating or menus available.

Our decision to go to Winter Hours at the Restaurant was made after the November PML News issue had gone to print. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our members. Please make note of our new Winter Hours: Soup, Salad and entrée buffet available Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. You may also order off "Charlie's Pub Grub" menu, a selection of appetizers and food from the fryer & grill, including the ever-popular build-your-own burger, fish & chips, and chicken strips. Sunday morning will continue to be Brunch Buffet with an omelet station. Dinner service will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights only, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Sunday evening will continue to be buffet style. Our Sunday buffets now include a beverage!

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We have printed the December Chef's Table menu for you and the monthly specials. Have a look! In January we will be having a wine dinner on Wednesday the 18th, and we have printed that menu for you. (Please note that the incorrect date was printed last month.)

We value the feedback we receive from our customers and to show our appreciation for those who take the time to fill out our comment cards we have a monthly drawing with those cards, to give away a free dinner! This month's winner is Bonnie Ayala! Thank you, and congratulations.

The Guardians and the R.O.O.F.B.B. have joined forces once again to decorate the restaurant and lounge for the holidays. A big THANK YOU from the staff who appreciate the beautiful décor when working. We hope all members will drop by and see for yourselves what a beautiful job these groups do every year to make your Club the place to dine this season.

As we do every year, the Club is closed on Saturday, Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm and all day on Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 25. We wish you a happy time with your loved ones as we enjoy the same.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! ❄️

## New hours for the PML Country Club

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Dinner Service

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Sunday Dinner Buffet 5pm-8pm

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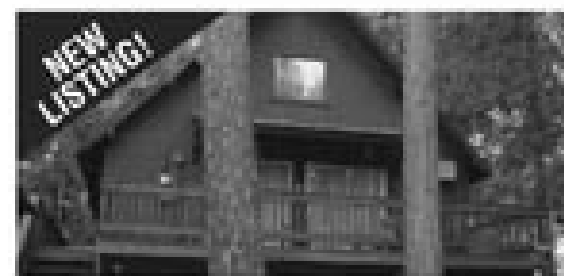
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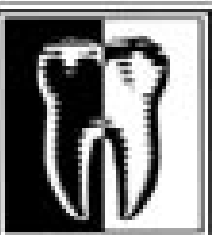


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# Racquet Club

by Al Peirona

The Holiday Dinner/Final Quarterly Meeting set for Saturday, December 17, will conclude a busy and successful year for the Racquet Club. Business wise, the big thing will be the selection of the 2006 Board of Directors. The dinner committee consisting of Yvonne Mattocks and Barbara Davis has announced this year's affair and it will feature a Chinese buffet. As usual, the Country Club will be the locale. Dennis DeCant masterfully led this year's Board of Directors. He was ably assisted by Patti Couch, Barbara Davis, Judi Maguire and Jane Reynolds. Jerry DeHart was again very instrumental in the capacity of Maintenance Manager.

- Tournament/socials schedule, etc. will be determined by the Board after the first of the year. Unless there is a change, the St. Patrick's Day "wearing of the green" in March will be the first tennis social next year.
- Congratulations again to Ken Regalia and Dee Fedrick. Also to Barbara and Dick Davis. They were the 2005 Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles Champions respectively.
  - Good news: the landscaping at the Tennis Center (between courts 2 and 3) has been completed. There should be greenery there soon.
  - Bad news: PML Board of Directors has voted for NO capital improvements at the Tennis Center for 2006.
  - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everybody !

## Puttin' on the Ritz

### 2006 New Year's Eve Extravaganza

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| <b>Wine Pairings</b><br>Twisted Oak 2003<br>Viognier<br><br>Clos du Val Carneros 1999<br>Chardonnay<br><br>Stonehedge 1998<br>Cabernet Sauvignon<br><br>Tablas Creek<br>Paso Robles 2001<br>White Wine<br><br>"I" Vineyard 2002<br>"J" Pino ilo "I"<br><br>R.H. Phillips,<br>EXP 2000, Syrah | <b>First Course - Fruits of the Sea Croustade</b><br>Scallops, Lobster, Sole and Crimini Mushrooms<br>in a Newburg Sauce over Puff Pastry<br><br><b>Second Course - Butternut Squash Soup</b><br>Roasted Squash, Vegetables, Duck Bits<br>with a swirl of Creme Fraiche<br><br><b>Intermezzo - Cold Stone Italian Sorbet</b><br>With a Splash of Absolute Vodka<br><br><b>Entrée Selections - Third Course</b><br><b>Broiled Filet Mignon</b><br>Paté and Mushroom Cap, Demi Glace,<br>Roasted Herbed Potatoes and Winter Vegetables<br><br><b>Charred Ahi Tuna</b><br>With Sun-Dried Tomato Tapenade, Wild Rice Pilaf<br>and Winter Vegetables<br><br><b>Herb Encrusted Rack of Lamb</b><br>With Port Demi Glace, Roasted Herbed Potatoes<br>and Winter Vegetables<br><br><b>Apricot Glazed Duck Breast</b><br>With Carmelized Apples, Chestnut stuffing<br>and Winter Vegetables<br><br><b>Fourth Course - Butter Lettuce Salad</b><br>with Duck Confit, Walnut and Garlic Crouton<br><br><b>Fifth Course</b><br><b>Poached Pear in a Tropical Fruit Soup</b><br>Served with an Old Fashioned Macaroon<br>and Chocolate Truffle |
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# Pine Mountain Garden Club Clippings

by Joyce Smith

**F**orage Tour anyone? Not necessary to leave our area, we have some lovely colors showing around here. I must say the Jail area is outstanding.

Garden Club members are so proud of our project and it shows in the attention the Jail receives. Our thanks to Mark Thornton, our District Supervisor, for following through and getting a termite problem in the building corrected.

This historic building is County owned, but it gets it's TLC from us.

**October Outing:** As planned for the October Meeting Date, a trip to Lopez's Pottery Store in Escalon was enjoyed by a small but enthusiastic group.

The ladies had a good time and a great lunch at Nathaniel's. We had some email problems getting the word out to members but hopefully the problem is solved. Remember, if you are in need of club or meeting information, call your President or someone in your roster. Plus, Rose Denzer makes calls to those without email addresses. Don't miss out on our interesting meetings because of lack of information.

**Jail Time:** A work crew recently met at the Jail to do some fall planting and general cleanup. Purple pansies and snapdragons were planted. Our thanks to Terre Melinn, Bonnie Belisle, Elsie Stock, Cynthia DeCant, Susie Bales and Emma Singer. Your efforts are appreciated. Also, thanks to Emma and Mike Singer for their bramble removal work.

**Halloween at the Jail:** Lots of candy, but the real treat was the hot apple cider. Thanks to Al and Rose Denzer, Malcolm and Arlene Larges and all GC members for supplying candy. There were 5 bags left over and they will be given to the Christmas Basket Committee. (Isn't it wonderful how we all work together, helping our community be such a special place.)

**Dues for 2006:** Dues are now due, \$10 for a single membership or \$15 for a family membership.

Mail your check to  
PML Garden Club  
P. O. Box 167, Groveland.

**December Dinner and Installation of Officers:** Please note, date has been changed from Dec. 11 to Dec. 4. Time 5:30 P.M. Lake Lodge. Reservation deadline was November 30.

**Community Christmas Basket:** We have been asked to provide macaroni and

cheese. Cash donations were taken at Nov. meeting or see Maddie Sousa.

Maddie will purchase all the mac and cheese from Main Street Market.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sincere sympathy to Tom and the family of JoAnn Martin. JoAnn was a long-time member and she will be missed by all. ☹



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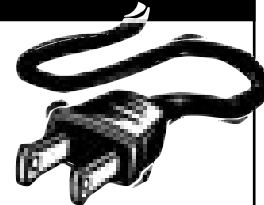
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Last month our PML Ladies Club took a field trip to Black Oak Casino and a fun time we had. This month we did not need to leave the hill to enjoy a day aboard the cruise ship SSPML LOVE BOAT for a grand afternoon of fine food, entertainment and a delightful Fashion Show.

For the event, Co-Chairs Cheri Rickett and Noreen Schwab and their committee transformed our PML Country Club into a lovely Salon with pennants and flags and tables decorated with clear glass vases of crystal marbles and flecks of seashells. Quietly elegant, truly. The program was hosted by Cruise Director Jim Soderberg and he was such a treat. He was garbed in the apparel of a sea captain and he was so gracious and professional. He even saluted another sea captain who was present, our own Gert Montoya, wearing

a captain's hat!!!

For entertainment we had the grand vocalizing of Shirley Brasesco, great as always. And, another special treat, Dorothy Harte performed a terrific hula. It is our great good fortune to have so many fine, fine performers in our group. Our thanks to all of them.

Then, we moved along to the Fashion Show, offered by Joan's Boutique of Sonora. And a fine show it was. The choices ran the gamut of casual to "Opening Night at the Opera" and they were modeled by our own members. Our thanks to Joan's Boutique for the lovely show.

To our Co-Chairs Cheri Rickett and Norween Schwab and their committee we offer many rounds of applause as well as our Cruise Director Jim Soderberg, our entertainers Shirley Brasesco and Dorothy Harte and our models. You gave us a lovely day. And to our members we thank you for your support. You are grand!!!



MC Jim Soderberg and Shirley Brasesco beautifully entertained during the PML Ladies Club Fashion Show

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As the 9ers Officers, Chairs & Assistants are ending their year in office, we would like to tell them how much we appreciate the outstanding jobs they have all done this year. Again, thank you!

### REMINDERS

- 9ers dues are now delinquent.
- Shotgun starts will be at 11:00 AM till sometime in March.
- Dec. 8th, Christmas Brunch/mtg. at 11:30 AM (no golf).
- Dec. 10th, Golf Pro Shop Xmas Sale!

### NEW MEMBERS

Susie Bales and Dar Brown. Welcome!

### PLAY DAY RESULTS

**Oct. 6th, PUTTS DAY:** 1st Flight, M. Alexander (18) & L. Marshall (19). 2nd Flight, C. Fratus (19) & S. Haliwell (22); 3rd Flight P. Stevens (22), C. Krout & J. Michaelas both with (24). PARS: Charlie Fratus #14 & #17. CHIP IN: 0. LOW NET: Darlene Hicks 38. PUTTER of the MONTH, Marilyn Alexander 18.

**Oct. 14th, POKER:** 1st Flight, M. Alexander (4-7's) & D. Brown (straight); 2nd Flight, W. Patterson (4-8's) and S. Haliwell (3-9's, 2-8's); 3rd Flight: C. Krout (3-8's, 2-9's and J. Thompson (3-8's, 2-7s); 4th Flight: P. Stevens (4-10's) & P. Price (4-10's). PARS: Barb Haiges #17 & Joy Thompson #14. BIRDIE: Charlie Fratus #14. LOW NET: Joy Thompson 36.

**Oct. 20th, CRY BABY:** 1st Flight, L. Marshall (16.7) & G. Dielman (19). 2nd Flight, S. Haliwell (18.4) & D. Hicks (25.4). 3rd Flight, F. Jansen (27.7) & J. Hansen (30.7). PARS: #14 were Darlene Hicks, Barb Haiges, Shirley Haliwell & Barb Davis. CHIP IN/BIRDIE #14, Linelle Marshall. Congratulations! LOW NET: Darlene Hicks & Linelle Marshall 36.

## Ladies Golf News

by Joyce M. Smith

This has been a real busy month for our ladies but we like to keep busy, so no problem there.

**Oct. 6 - Gross - Net - Putts Ace of Aces:** Judi Maguire-68

**1st Flight Hdcps 10-22:** Low Gross-K. Edgerton 86. Low Net-N. Balldinger 89-74. 2nd Low Net-P. Peebles 95-75.

**2nd Flight Hdcps 23-29:** Low Gross-J. Maguire 91. Low Net-H. McMillan 95-70. 2nd Low Net-M. Tompkins 98-75 and J. Foster 101-75.

**3rd Flight Hdcps 30-33:** Low Gross-M. Kizziar 100. Low Net-P. Gschwend 105-75. 2nd Low Net-I. Rathert 107-76.

**4th Flight Hdcps 34-40:** Low Gross-J. Sample 106. Low Net-P. Breece 111-75 and J. Phipps 115-75. 2nd Low Net-M. Raine-113-79 and L. Mattea 118-79. Low Putts-J. Sample-30.

**Oct. 13-Home and Home with Mountain Spring Ladies here.** A good turnout, super luncheon thanks to our CC Staff. Everyone had a good time. Our thanks to Marlene Raine and Noreen Schwab for organizing the day.

**Oct. 20 - Beat the Champs!!!!!!**

*The Champs-Kitty Edgerton & Ina Rathert-Net 67. Winning twosomes: M. Kizziar & V. Dodson, Net 59; L. Mattea & A. Peterson, Net 63; D. Davis & G. Lay, 64; M. Houser & L. Cordle, Net 64; J. Phipps & P. Breece, Net 65; A. Hankin & P. Hoddnick, Net 66; C. Graham & C. Ligonis, Net 66; and K. Edgerton & I. Rathert, Net 67.*

**Oct. 27 - Our Halloween Tournament was rained out.** Thanks to the joint 18 hole (Judi Maguire and J. Sample) and 9 hole committee and CC Staff, we enjoyed another delicious lunch and get together with the Lady 9ers. The decorations were great and most of us were dressed in something fitting for Halloween. After lunch, each group met for General Meetings. P. Gschwend, chairperson for the Eclectic Tournament, that began back in May and ended the end of September, announced the following winners:

**1st Group-J. Mussatto, N. Baldinger, K. Edgerton and P. Park.**

**PUTTERS OF THE MONTH:** Faye Buckley & Joy Thompson, 16 putts.

**ACE OF ACES FOR THE YEAR 2005,** Faye Buckley, 34. CONGRATULATIONS!

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good game! 🍷

**2nd Group-M. Scott, J. Dwaileebe, Y. Mattocks and K. Oing.**

**3rd Group-M. Tompkins, V. Tallman, D. Davis and H. McMillan.**

**4th Group-J. Pacco, G. Shaw, I. Rathert and P. Gschwend.**

**5th Group-A. Hankin, E. Roberts, P. Hodnick and M. Kizziar.**

**6th Group-N. Menacho, M. Dean, V. Dodson and A. Peterson.**

**7th Group-L. Mattea, B. Erickson, E. Ellis and J. Phipps.**

There were 56 players in this very popular event. Thanks Phyllis for all your work. This tournament involves a lot of record keeping. Captain Linda Wall introduced Norma Baldinger, Chair of Nominating Committee. A slate of Board Members for 2006 were presented, and being no further nominations

from the floor, elected.

**The new Board is:** D. Davis, Captain; P. Ryan, Co-Captain; M. Tompkins, Secretary and P. Gschwend, Treasurer. Congratulations to all, we are looking forward to another good year. Turnover luncheon for old and new boards will be at the Lake Lodge on Nov. 18th. Captain Wall announced we are to bring an unwrapped present for the Community Christmas Basket to our Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 14th. Kinda sounds like we eat all the time, doesn't it? Well, we do enjoy our golfing and all the other activities it entails.

Mona Tompkins reminded us of new rules and a Seminar coming up in March. Norma Menacho recognized J. Pacco for breaking 100 (99) and P. Ryan for breaking 90. We will be back to 11:00 shotgun starts on Nov. 14th.

See you on the tee. 🍷

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## PML Aviation Association Elects 2006 board

by Virginia Gustafson

PML Aviation Association's October meeting was a sell-out event with over 250 members and guests gathering at the Blankenburg Museum to hear a fascinating and inspiring presentation from Dick Rutan about his round-the-world flight in Voyager.

The trip took nine days with no stops and no refueling and set both aviation and human endurance milestones.

Also at the meeting, members elected

the 2006 board of officers:

- President – Rand Siegfried
- Vice President, Airport Affairs – Allen Craig
- Vice President, Social Affairs – Laurie McGlashan
- Treasurer – Kay Smith
- Secretary – Kristin Cox

Jane Hansen and Keith Zenobia received plaques of appreciation from outgoing president Mike Gustafson for their many years of dedicated service to the club.

In December, the meeting will be held in conjunction with the "It's a Wrap" party on December 10 at the Blankenburg Museum. Reservations are required.

Our January meeting is a potluck dinner January 7 at the Buchner Hangar with a presentation by Dr. Ken Orloff on a recent aircraft accident investigation.

If you are interested in joining the group, contact our membership chair Barbara Coldren at 962-5168. ☞

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**2nd Tuesdays (lunch), 3rd Thursdays (dinner)**  
Luncheon meets at noon at Grandma's Garden Café behind Groveland Community Hall. Potluck dinner meets at 6:30 PM at the Groveland Community Hall 209/962-6416.

## BRIDGE AT THE LAKE LODGE

**Mondays • 10:15 AM & 10:30 AM**  
All bridge players are welcome. Men (10:15 AM) call Bill Mingus at 209/962-4240 for reservations. Women (10:30 AM) call Norma Anderson at 209/962-0337 for reservations.

## AEROBICS & SCULPTING EXERCISE BY VIDEO

**Mondays & Wednesdays • 9 AM**  
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## HORSESHOE PITCHING

**Mondays & Thursdays • 1 PM**  
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## SIERRA CLUB HIKE OF THE WEEK

**Thursdays • 8 AM**  
Midweek Hikes in the Groveland Area on Thursdays. Weather permitting, each Thursday meet at Mary Laveroni Community Park in Groveland at 8 AM for an approximate 6-mile hike. Bring a jacket, water, sunscreen and a snack in a daypack and wear hiking boots. The hike is generally followed by a no-host lunch at a local restaurant. Call Frank Oyung for further details 209/962-7585.

## BRIDGE (DUPLICATE) AT THE LAKE LODGE

**2nd & 4th Thursdays**  
All bridge players are welcome. Call Ann Laffin 209/962-6394 for information.

## WOMEN'S SUPPORT/ DISCUSSION GROUP

**Wednesdays • 11 AM**  
Attention Pine Mountain Lake and Groveland Ladies: The women's support/discussion group meets on Wednesdays from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. It is time to do something for yourselves. Make new friends, get rid of some old emotional baggage and share your knowledge and experience. We still have room for a few more participants. Call me. Let's talk. Etty Garber Ph.D. 209/962-5205.

# RV Club Outing

by Carol Morgan

New Brighton Beach was the site of the final campout of the 2005 season. Twelve happy campers arrived to enjoy the salt air and clear blue sky. Hosts Tom and Jeannette Taylor and their co-hosts George and Carol Voyvodich planned a great Octoberfest for us. We had several kinds of sausage cooked on the grill and side dishes of sauerkraut and salads along with German music playing and colorful decorations to transport us over to Germany for the evening. Betty and Willie Boatman, Don and Gert Montoya, Brad and Louise Turney and Carol

and Dave Morgan joined the hosts for the evening and enjoyed eating, talking and warming ourselves by a nice fire.

The beach was just a few steps away from the campground so it was easy to enjoy the warm sand and cool water. The last day afforded time for shopping at the nearby outlet stores and to buy steaks to barbeque for the final dinner together. The weather cooperated to make this an outstanding campout and we regretfully packed up our belongings and made our way back home to our own Heaven on Earth right here in Pine Mountain Lake. ☺

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# Announcements

## BETHLEHEM A.D.

If you are looking for the real meaning of Christmas, you'll want to be part of the Groveland Eucumenical event "Bethlehem AD", hosted by the local Christian churches in the Groveland area. Planning is beginning at this very moment and there is still time to for your input in the set design, content and location. The dates for this event will be December 16 & 17th.

Bethlehem AD will take visitors back 2000+ years to the birth of Jesus Christ in the ancient village of Bethlehem. The town will include local shops (breads, spices, produce), live animals, Roman Centurians, local villagers, 3 kings, the holy family and a manger scene. Live music and a warm bonfire will fill the cool night time air. Warm drinks and Christmas cookies will be served for the weary travelers.

If you are interested in helping plan or implement Bethlehem AD, please contact your local church or call Miriam Martin for more information at 209-962-5805 or 209-402-0573. We are looking for set builders, village people, cookie makers, singers and general help.

## ROTARY SPECTACLE DROP-OFF

The Groveland Rotary will have five (5) locations to drop off your unused spectacles. The Groveland Family Medical Center, Groveland Gateway Museum/Library foyer, Main Street Market, Pacific State and Yosemite Banks. The Groveland Lions Club will be giving it's donated glasses from Helping Hands for a few months. They are partnering with us in the procurement process. YOU will be part of an International Project next spring in Mexico where your donated glasses will be given to people in need during a two day vision clinic. Thank you in advance. John Brunk 962-6276

## SEE'S CANDY GIFT & PLEASURE TIME IS HERE

The Southside Senior See's Candy Booth is open November 14th thru December 24th. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The booth is located between the Mary Laveroni Park and the Groveland Library & Museum.

The proceeds go to the Gathering Place. This is a volunteer project. We have open dates if you would like to volunteer a few hours for your community. Please call Carolyn Cranstoun 962-0424.

## LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Come to the Community Meeting on December 10, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Groveland Community Hall. Ask yourself - What services do we need in our town for people with emotional and substance abuse problems? Bring your answers to the Community Meeting.

## GET YOUR HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTORY

The GAINs Healthy Community Project has published a Health Services Directory. The directory has information on all kinds of health services, including counseling, physicians, exercise, support groups, animal care, food distribution, and on and on. And your copy is free because printing was paid under the project's grant from The California Endowment.

Pick up your copy at the Main Street Market, Groveland Branch Library, Red Cloud Library in Greeley Hill, and the History Center in Coulterville.

## TO ALL MOORE BROTHERS CUSTOMERS

Moore Brothers will be collecting Christmas trees free of charge on January 12, 2006. All trees placed curbside must be cut into four foot lengths and bundled or tied. Trees must be curbside no later than 7:00 AM. Please remove all decorations, tinsel, metal tree stands and nails. No flocked trees.

If you are unable to place your tree curbside you may take your tree to the Groveland Transfer Station on any Wednesday or Saturday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:45 PM through January 31, 2006.

Trees brought to the transfer station must also be cut into four foot lengths and bundled or tied. Again, please remove all decorations, tinsel, metal tree stands and nails. Please do not bring Christmas wrapping paper or trash. Again, this will be free of charge. No flocked trees.

Trees that are flocked will be accepted for the minimum gate fee of \$14.70. They must also be cut and bundled.

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# Feeding Wildlife Can Be A Killer

“Keep me wild” is what California’s wild animals would say if they could sum up why it’s important that humans not feed them. It is also the slogan for the California Department of Fish and Game’s (DFG) educational campaign about how to avoid attracting wildlife to human food sources.

**People enjoy feeding wildlife.** Wild animals may seem cute and helpless or people just want to connect with them or bring them into camera range.

But the message is simple: don’t feed wildlife.

In order for wildlife to live a healthy natural existence, whatever the reasons for feeding animals, “it is not a good thing to do” says Randy Botta, DFG wildlife biologist based in San Diego.

“Artificial feeding is hazardous be-

cause it concentrates on wildlife into very small areas increasing the risk of infectious, parasitic, and nutritional diseases, predation, and conflict with humans. These conditions can act alone or in combination to the detriment of local wildlife populations,” Botta said.

- Animals that spend all day eating snack food get a one-sided diet and may get sick, die or become malnourished.
- Animals that have learned to take human handouts may hang out near the road - where they are more likely to be killed by cars.
- Feeding animals can be dangerous for people too. Animals can turn into beggars and sometimes bite, or swipe at, the person feed-

ing them.

- Wild animals carry fleas and ticks that may transmit diseases like tick fever and bubonic plague to humans.
- Feeding animals such as deer may also attract their predators, such as mountain lions, putting people and their pets at risk.
- Feeding wildlife may cause some species, such as Canada Geese, to abandon their normal instinctive or migratory behaviors.
- It is illegal in California to feed big game animals, including deer, bear, elk, wild pigs and pronghorn.

Not feeding wildlife allows them to find natural food sources which provide better nutrition than food intended for human consumption.

Feeding wildlife such as deer, for example, can support artificially high numbers of animals above what the natural numbers would be. “Artificial feeding may temporarily correct a nutritional deficiency allowing the increased reproductive success or fawn survival in deer, leading to overcrowding and increased competition for available resources,” Botta said. “However, those deer with limited fat reserves or high nutritional needs, such as fawns, will eventually die if natural environmental conditions and abundant food sources are not present to sustain the increase in population.”

Years of feeding deer can result in a group of animals that are underweight, in poor condition, and generally have more maladies than deer that are not fed by people.

“Deer have specialized seasonal

dietary requirements and they obtain needed vitamins, food moisture, and minerals by using a wide array of foods found in the natural environment,” Botta said.

*“Artificial feeding does not provide dietary requirements in the right amount, combination, or time of year needed for normal growth, development, reproductive rates, and good body condition.”*

Most animals have evolved with very specific natural diets and therefore have very specific kinds of digestive bacteria. Being fed human food causes the wrong type of bacteria to become dominate in their stomachs and then animals can no longer digest their natural foods. They often end up starving to death with stomachs full of what they should have been eating all along.

Providing a supplemental food source also crowds deer into smaller areas than when deer range widely to find food. Concentrated deer only maintain a limited network of escape trails since they are often fed near feeders. “Deer require extensive trails to elude predators,” Botta said.

In addition, hand feeding prevents wildlife from being wary of people and may cause them to become a nuisance or danger to humans. People can easily be bitten or attacked by animals that are fed by humans. Animals that associate people with food may become so aggressive that they have to be destroyed.

“The bottom line is feeding animals makes them less wild,” Botta said.

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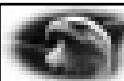
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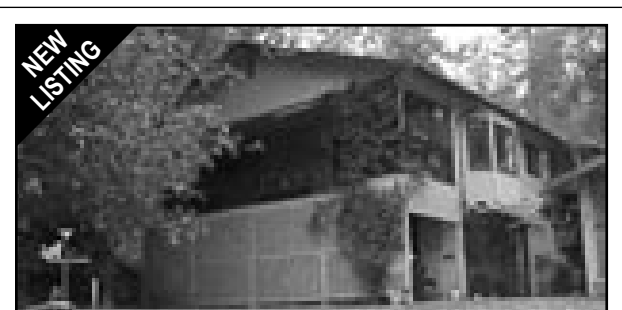
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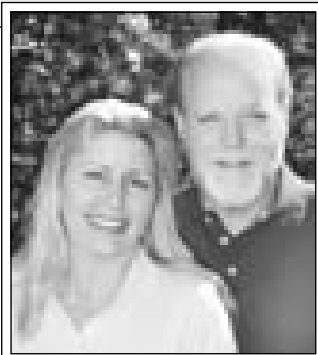
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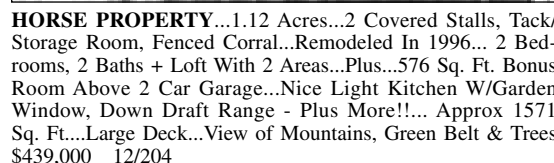
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| 1/77  | Almost level golf course lot...                                      | \$175,000 |
| 3/373 | Almost level - Nicely treed - Sewered lot                            | \$94,000  |
| 4/31  | Greenbelt view - Approx. 1/2 acre - Nice trees                       | \$98,000  |
| 6/26  | Nice Buildable Lot...  | \$60,000  |
| 7/59  | .35 acre needs eng septic, mostly trees, downslope, west exposure... | \$55,000  |

### UNIT/LOT

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| 7/274  | Nicely treed, gentle down slope from street, privacy...   | \$64,900  |
| 8/135  | Very pretty lot in nice, quiet location, on greenbelt.  | \$65,000  |
| 12/148 | ***Beautiful Buildable lot with serene meadow view*** almost an acre - adjacent to large ranch - nicely treed. Must see!... | \$155,000 |
| 13/345 | .34 acre, level access, close to amenities yet secluded...  | \$99,999  |



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The Women's Opportunity Award is just one of the major service projects of Soroptimist International of Groveland, and we need your help in getting applications into the hands of eligible women. The deadline for applications is December 31st, so if you, or someone you know, would like more information about this program, please call Donna Thayer at 962-5007.

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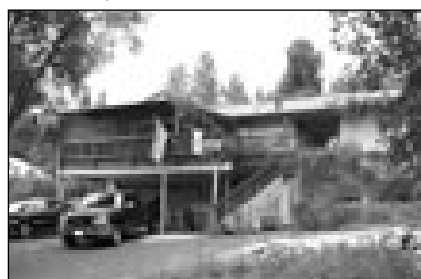
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#### PRIME MOUNTAIN AND LAKE VIEWS FROM THIS HOME

3 Bedroom 2 Baths with huge 2 car garage. Fantastic views from the covered deck. AC & Propane forced air heat. Free standing Wood burning Fireplace. Custom Kitchen. Great Room with Wet Bar and Pool table. All Furniture and furnishings included with this house. Extra Parking. **\$479,000** 5/160 12800 Mueller Drive



#### CUTE & COMFORTABLE

3bd, 2ba, 1710sf with bonus room downstairs & 2-car garage. Forced air heat & A/C plus wood stove. Screened-in porch with pass-thru window from the kitchen. Deck off master bdrm & hot tub in private enclosure. **\$340,000** 7/150 Jimmie Bell



#### ROOM FOR EVERYONE!

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#### New Custom Home

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#### ALMOST EVERYTHING IS NEW!

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#### LOTS & LAND

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**\$179,500** Unit 5/161 Mueller Drive  
**\$110,000** Unit 7/Parcel 281. Ferretti Road.  
**\$150,000** 8/220 Butler Way

## We Did It!

by Sharon Hunt

**O**ur Groveland community is dynamic! GCSD honored the nearly 500 signatures stating this community wanted a letter of intent to give land to the Gathering Place for our active adult center. Wow, I love it when the power of all of us has made a difference! October 12, 2005 is the day that will go down in history ... The day that has changed all of our lives for the better. Our hats are off to GCSD for their brave and courageous decision to offer what this community has been asking for the last four years ... land to build the Gathering Place. The land that GCSD has provided us with a letter of Intent is the Rhode Island Mine property which is on the hill above Mary's Park. You all will love the beauty of this area.

Now the really fun work begins. We hope to have a large sign up by the first of the year. Of course there will be a celebration when the sign saying future home of the Gathering Place is placed in the ground. We will let you know the date as things develop.

We have submitted a request to the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors for a large Community Block Grant. Currently the grant we submitted to Congressman Radanovich has been passed along to the House Appropriations Committee. We will be busy all this next year with not only plans to build the Gathering Place but ways to acquire large sums of money. We want the community to know that it has never been our intent to tax each land and homeowner. We are seeking donors who feel generous, knowing that the Gathering Place will make all of our lives richer, but also people in our community who are architects, developers, engineers, program specialists and any other talents that will celebrate the grass roots ingenuity of our community.

My family thanks so many of you who have felt my lost of losing my husband, Jim. My family and I feel your strength. Hank Autrey, who was a regular at the Gathering Place, also passed into a new life this month. Both men are missed.

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**13/251 \$579,000**



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has tall ceilings, a breakfast bar dividing the kitchen from the dining area, lots of windows, laminate floors for easy care, access to a covered deck, and is right off the attached garage for bringing in groceries. Come see if you agree! This 2100 sq ft house on half acre also has big bonus & storage rooms, 3 big decks, extra parking, & was built in 1992. ONLY 183 dollars per square foot.

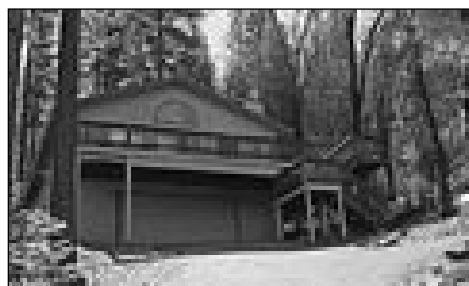
**3/49 \$385,000**



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**12/254 \$599,000**



### WINTER PEEK-A-BOO LAKE VIEWS

from this bright and airy 3br/2ba/2 car garage home with generous decking. Buyers will appreciate this well maintained home which is perfect for a fulltime residence, a second home, or seasonal income property. The main level living room has a wood stove centered in a brick alcove. The kitchen is well equipped and has a breakfast bar and pantry. Merged double lot totals .54 acre. Mature trees contribute to the park-like setting.

**1/482 \$475,000**



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**5/102 \$1,250,000**



### PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP

a perfect spot for privacy & creativity on a double lot w/ room to expand. Easy care landscaping frames this well maintained home with 2 br/ 2ba and a detached 2 car gar and room for a shop. Great room floor plan with vaulted wood & beam ceiling, tiled kitchen counters and oak cabinetry. Enjoy year round outdoor living with central ht & "quick heat" unit, plus a wood burning stove.

**2/308 \$352,000**



### QUAINT & SPACIOUS

This appealing "cabin-style" home has just been totally remodeled from floor to ceiling. New paint, carpet, roof, decking, fixtures, appliances and much more! Very sweet wood & beam vaulted ceiling and wall paneling. On the main level are the living room, kitchen, laundry, and master suite. On the upper level are the 2nd bath, and 3 more bedrooms. A breezeway connects the main home with a 2 car oversized garage.

**2/375 \$339,000**

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### AIRPARK HOME FEATURES 480 SQ.FT. DECK TO WATCH PLANES COME AND GO

The warmth of a brick fireplace greets you in the living room. Office and 4 bedrooms, 2 baths provide separate spaces. The large country kitchen and dining room share a wood stove for further warmth. The home has an indoor laundry room and an oversized detached garage. The land is nearly an acre with plenty of room to roam.

**12/249 \$489,950.**



### WATER VIEW AND ALMOST NEW

Built in 2005, this home offers over 2340 sq. ft. The main level has a soaring ceiling, three bedrooms and two baths. The kitchen has granite counters and knotty pine cabinets. Downstairs is an 800 sq. ft. game room that could be a master bedroom as it has a walk-in closet and full bath. The detached two-car garage is gently accessed on Rock Canyon. The home is offered furnished.

**3/172 \$659,000**



### VIEW TWO FAIRWAYS

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**5/104 \$498,000.**



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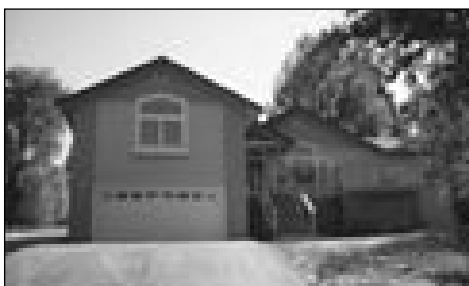
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### STYLISH CUSTOM HOME

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**4/572 \$529,900**



### NEARLY NEW

This one year new home has class & great curb appeal. Beautiful landscaping, stamped concrete patio, bay style windows & stone façade give it great character. What an appealing single lev floor plan—open kitchen, dining rm & liv rm featuring decorative pot shelves, vaulted ceilings & lam flooring. There is a master ste w/ba, 2 guest bdrs & a 2<sup>nd</sup> full ba. Attached is an oversized 1 car gar & 2 extra blacktop parking areas. Rear patio area w/stamped concrete framed by a retaining wall & rosemary plantings.

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**7/168 \$351,000**



### GOLF COURSE DESIGNER HOME

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**5/186 \$725,000**



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**12/212 \$649,000**



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Tickets are on sale at Yosemite Bank and The Hotel Charlotte on Main Street; or call 962-4240 for reservations. Donation is \$6.00 adult.

The concert is a wonderful mix of classical, spiritual, secular and just-plain-fun music! A little something for everyone. And, of course, the audience is encouraged to arrive in good voice, prepared to give their all in the annual sing-a-long!

Some of the more familiar numbers you'll recognize in the concert include "Mary, Go Tell It" ("Go Tell It On The Mountain"), "Winter Wonderland," "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (like you've never heard it before!). Then there are the numbers where you'll recognize the melody but the words are a bit different. These include: "So 'Baroque' At Christmas" (this one you'll have fun trying to figure out), "December's Keep," and "Simple Joy." Oh yes, "And All The Town Be Merry" is a peppy little tune, too. And, (as the ads say), there's more! There's definitely plenty to keep your toes tapping and your mind wanting to hum along!

Solo and small group numbers will include duetists, quartetists and soloists: Shirley Brasesco in duet with Dennis Brown and also in quartet with Charles Mills, Sally Salinas, and Jim Soderberg; Judy Dentino, Gail Perlee (with choral backup), Jackie Sample, Kathy Seaton, and Diana Seifarth.

So come, sit back and relax, and let the music flow into your holiday-frazzled mind to sooth the savage shopping beast. Come "Celebrate The Season!"

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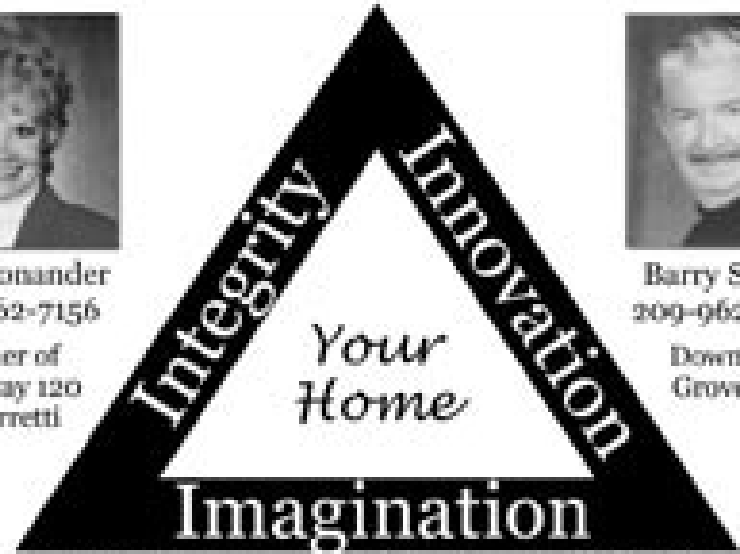




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## Community Christmas Basket Program

by Patti Beaulieu

The final details are being worked out for the 2005 Community Christmas Basket program. All the committee members have their assigned duties and are ready and willing to help out where ever needed.

The applications were taken in early November, however, if you missed the Application Days, you can still apply providing there is still availability by calling 962-7402 or 962-5930. The applications will be mailed out and mailed back so they will need to be completed and returned by December 6th.

We are still encouraging anyone who

would like to help out with wrapping gifts and assembling baskets to come to the Community Hall during the week of December 12-16. There will still be plenty to do and extra hands are always welcome.

The involvement in this project is beyond compare, from local businesses, clubs and organizations to private citizens. Everyone reading this paper should be proud and grateful to live in such a caring and generous community.

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## Quilters Quorner

by Sandy Smith

Wow! Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner (about 25 days)? Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukuh to each of you. May the Spirit of the season be with you and your family.

Lots of quilting going on. With Lisa's class now ending it is exciting to see what has been accomplished. Quilts were completed by Catherine Santa Maria, Betty Boatman, Lillian Cravens, Lee Isbell, Barbara Floren, Joyce Reitzen, Ann Johnson, Mary Bruederle, Barbara Rife, Chris Franz, Jan Sloan, Julia Brooks, and Judy Llewellyn. Table runners by Lillian Cravens, Joyce Reitzen, Lonnie Roman, and Pauline Underwood. Purple Mountain Majesty wall hangings by Barbara Floren, Ann

Johnson, Norma Menacho, Pauline Underwood, Julia Brooks, San Sloan, and Catherine Santa Maria except hers wasn't purple nor was it mountains, it was Jungle. Ask her to show it to you, really clever. Travel Pillows by Judy Cozad and Mary Bruederle. Pillow cases by Judy Cozad. Jackets by Jan Sloan and Juli Citarelli. And Finally a darling applique shirt by Wina Helm. See, I told you there was lots of quilting going on.

Do you know what a cutter quilt is? I just found out. It is a term given to old quilts that are cut up to make stuffed animals and etc. When I heard this I cringed but I guess some are in such bad shape there is nothing else to do with them. At least they will still be loved.

Quilts for Katrina Victims have been donated by Barbara Rife, Jan Sloan, Ann Laffin, & Jean Cox. If I have left anyone off, I do apologize.

Lisa Morales has a perfect answer for someone who challenges your choice of a background fabric and I quote "Get over it". I love it, don't you?

If you see Jan Sloan around ask her about her paper pieced circle block. She

saw it at PQIF and decided to make it. It is a Judy Mathison design. Beautiful!

I just discovered a neat website, FABRIC GARDEN.com. It is really nice. The graphics are beautiful. Let me know what you think of it.

One last question, was Irene Rhyne kidding when she said she was leaving class to attend a "Happy Hooker" party?



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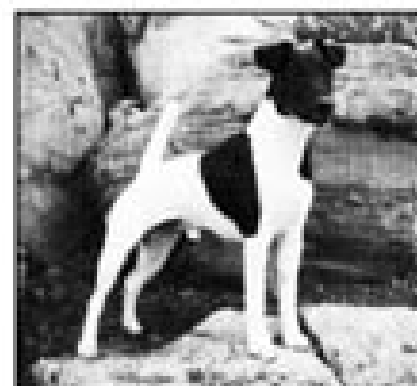
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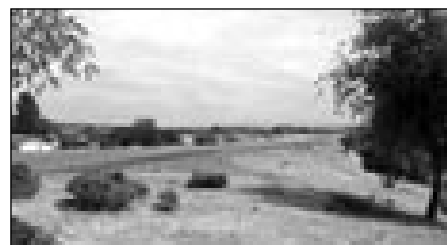
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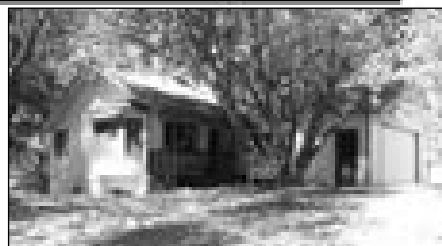
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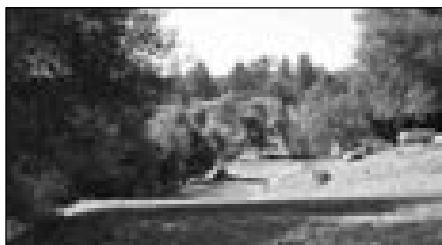
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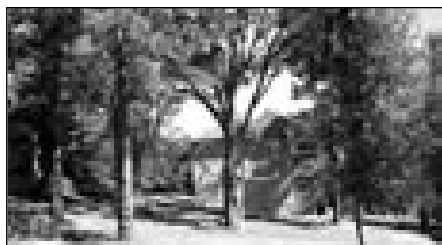
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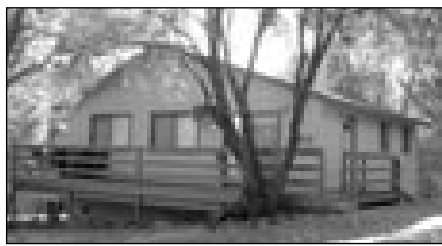
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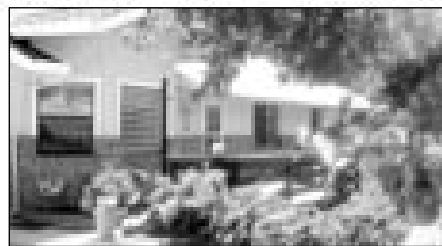


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## Groveland Can Be Murder on a Body

by Marie Rubio

Ever feel like killing someone? Everyone has that urge at some point in his or her life. Yet, we manage to curb our tendencies, somehow. Well, for Lynn and Buzz Noe, owners of Capers Murder Mysteries, their murdering ways are a daily occurrence...and they get away with it!! The Groveland Hotel at Yosemite National Park announces another Murder Mystery Weekend coming January 28th and 29th, 2006. Come for some bloody good fun. A specially written story of murder and intrigue is about to unfold and you're invited to the festivities.

Peggy Mosley, owner and Innkeeper at The Groveland Hotel at Yosemite National Park, has been offering Murder Mystery weekends for several years now and loves the mystery, mayhem and mirth the occasion brings. Peggy wanted to hire a company to write more sophisticated mysteries than the going fare when she started this venture back in 1992. Enter Capers Murder Mysteries.

"Lynn and Buzz Noe (pronounced Noee), owners of Capers Murder Mysteries, have been investigating Groveland's his-

tory as a basis for the custom mysteries they produce for our guests." Capers is celebrating its 20th year in business. The Noe's went out on a financial limb to start their company back in 1985 and their success continues. They write, cast, assemble props and wardrobe and perform these creative mysteries for Bed and Breakfasts, corporations, parties and just about every venue imaginable. Most of these mysteries are staged here in California, but when the job is intriguing enough, they travel to other states and Europe.

The Noes concocted these mysteries, wrote the scripts and auditioned in excess of five hundred actors for a cast of ten to twenty people, trained to play characters vital to the mysteries at hand. The rest of the cast is assembled from the Hotel's guests, making for a weekend full of mysterious fun and intrigue. In conjunction with murder mysteries, Lynn and Buzz started a string of different services along these lines for other occasions. "Temps From Hell" features a bumbling office worker hired at your office for the day to fool

your boss. "Renta Family" produces new and unique family members to make the cheese a little more Swiss at that reunion you're about to attend. "Caper-Grams" features magicians, psychics and look-alikes for people who are deserved and yet impossible to shop for.

Capers will be performing their magic on January 28th and 29th, 2006 at The Groveland Hotel at Yosemite National Park. Our Murder Mystery package in-

cludes a cocktail party, dinner in our Victorian Room Restaurant, brunch and luxury accommodations for two. Prices range from \$268.00 to \$380.00 depending on your room rate. Room availability determines your cost. Book your reservations by December 15th, 2005 and we'll give you free in-room Champagne and a dozen roses. Come for a weekend of outstanding fun and find out who dunnit. It may have been you!

## Houston Jones at the Iron Door

by Peter Barsotti

Somewhere there's a crossroads where country and rock, gospel and bluegrass, blues and pop music all converge and loitering around that dusty intersection you'll find Houston Jones. The high-energy Americana band has been developing its quirky, mostly acoustic sonic mélange in folk and rock clubs around the Bay Area over the past two years.

They return to the Iron Door Saloon Saturday night, December 3rd at 8:30 to play two sets of their unique brand of acoustic - electric music. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Iron Door Saloon at 18761 Main St. in Groveland. You can also purchase by phone and credit card by calling 209-962-8904. If you'd like to reserve a table or a seat up close you may make a dinner reservation at the same phone number.

Most of our "Special Sit-Down Concerts" are on Sundays and Tuesdays or Wednesdays, and we've had a lot of requests for these type of shows on the weekend. This is your chance to come enjoy the intimate experience of seeing excellent music "up Close and Personal" in a seated situation on a week-end night.

Houston Jones played the Strawberry Festival this last Labor Day weekend and will be playing new songs from their just released third CD called "Three Crow Town." They are superb musicians and entertain with jokes and stories in and in between their songs.

Founded as a duo in the fall of 2001 by veteran vocalist Travis Jones and Glenn "Houston" Pomianek, a wicked left-handed guitar slinger who was one of the founding

members of "The Waybacks", the band has evolved into a potent quartet featuring bassist Chris Kee, also a Waybacks veteran and a classically trained cellist, and drummer Peter Tucker, who has worked with Tim Hardin, Warren Zevon, and Richie Havens. Many of you will remember Travis from his portrayal of Hank Williams in the Sonora musical about the country and western legend's life called "Lost Highway."

With influences that range across the American musical landscape, from the Celtic strains of Appalachia to the greasy soul of Mussel Shoals, the group has developed a repertoire that includes originals and covers of Hank Williams ("Long Gone Lonesome Blues"), Robert Johnson ("Crossroads"), Vince Gill ("Whenever You Come Around Here") and Nanci Griffith ("Love at the Five and Dime"). "Nailing down our genre is like herding cats," says Pomianek. "We're all over the map. We kind of bill ourselves as Americana but that's fast and loose. We do everything from electric blues to bluegrass, some acoustic Irish type of stuff to folk, country, rock and gospel." Part of what makes the group so effective is that it seamlessly blends instrumental prowess with tasty vocal harmonies, occasionally dropping a dramatically rendered four-part cappella gospel number in the middle of a set.

Houston Jones promises an evening of fun and excitement on a Saturday night, so come on down and join the celebration. For more information on events and happenings at the Iron Door Saloon, check out our website at iron-door-saloon.com.

## Judy, Judi, Judie?



*Judy, Judi, Judie! Cary Grant would have been so proud of this group. Judy Basey and Judi Baptiste organized a luncheon for all the Judy's (Judi's, Judie's) in the area (28 at current count) at the Charlotte Hotel on October 24th. They are planning another one in March. Hopefully Cary will join them again in spirit.*



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# Iron Door New Year's Eve Extravaganza

by Peter Barsotti

Once again The Iron Door Saloon will be the location of the area's Most Festive and Economical New Year's Eve Celebration. This Year's theme of YOUNG AT HEART celebrates the truism that all ages, even the young, and even the old, can return to the age of innocence at a moment's notice. "Pageantry and Hijinx" are always on the agenda at the Iron Door and this year is sure to be the equal of past celebration's, such as "A Night at the Casbah", "Those Were the Days," and last year's "Night At the Imperial Palace." Each year brings a different theme and a sense of being in a special historical atmosphere in California's Oldest Saloon. Who can forget last year's midnight entrance, on a slave carried litter, by the Emperor and Empress of China, who turned out to be two cute pug dogs clad in Oriental finery? Or the year before dropping of the authentic paper Mache gold nugget from the ceiling as the crowd counted down to midnight. This year's celebration midnight surprise is a closely guarded secret, not to be revealed until the actual moment of change into the New Year. Yep, it's all in good humor and we're always looking to entertain.

One thing won't change though and that is the high quality of the menu and the economical price for the evening. A five course feast, presented by Corinna Loh, featuring a steak, shrimp & quail menu will include party admission, a complimentary glass of champagne as well as party favors, hats and horns, and the special midnight surprise!! The price is \$65, all inclusive, not including tax and

tip. Party admission only will be \$15.

"Romance an Rock N' Roll" is another specialty of the evening. The Iron Door always has the best rockin' music anywhere around the Yosemite area and this year will not disappoint those of you looking to "Dress up and Get Down" on California's "Oldest Dance Floor." From Hollywood, Groveland favorite Dave Fenicie has put together a special Rock n' Roll & Soul Band called Hot Dave & the Sin City Review. Dave has been working versions of this band on the Hollywood Strip all summer and will add a horn section for this show. Those of you who have seen Dave before know that he can rock and sing with passion. They don't call him "Hot Dave" for nothing and we know he and his mates will do their best to blow the dollars off the venerable Iron Door's ceiling.

Early on, Frank Sinatra will be on the big screen in his hit movie, you guessed it, "Young at Heart" as a mood of romance will be struck. Later, other fun features such as the "Make Out Room" and "Celebrity Bingo" will come into play. Don't miss this annual homegrown celebration up here "in the woods amongst the evergreens!"

We are located at 18761 Main St. on Highway 120. in Groveland California. Call 209-962-8904 for reservations, and check our website iron-door-saloon.com for more details - directions and places to stay, and for more about this and other holiday events. Cheers and Happy New Year to you all and may you have a healthy and safe Holiday Season.

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# 2nd Annual "Once Upon a Wine"

by Audrey Fiance

A fun-loving group gathered recently at the community hall to share some excellent local wine and fine conversation at the second annual Once Upon A Wine...in Groveland fete. Matt Hatcher and assistant Jennifer of Hatcher Winery in Murphys poured several of their choice wines. They were assisted by Mary Bruederle and Judy Basey. An upbeat mood was set by the live band Capstone.

A large assortment of gift baskets challenged bargain shoppers at the silent auction. One "shop 'til I drop" participant completed a major part of her Christmas shopping by diligently going after bargains. Judi Wilkin-son made sure everyone had an opportunity to get their bids in. Then the party really came to life with the live auctioning of some really great items. Lynn Upthagrove kept

bidders on their toes as she tried to outbid them for some favored items. One of the most sought after was the acrylic pastel drawing of the American flag and bald eagle created on site by talented twelve year-old Bethany Wilkinson.

Hors d'oeuvres prepared by the ladies of Mountain Lutheran Church were served at this fund raiser to benefit the church building fund. Assisting Jean Cox in the kitchen were Ginger DuMars, Audrey Fiance, Dorothy Parker, Virginia Rayment and Dorine Smith. At the door Mary and Elden Bruha were assisted by Shirley Carman, Bob DuMars, Dick Parker, Don Rayment, Bob Smith and Bob Wilkinson. Tom Carman caught it all on his trusty digital camera.

The evening was a lot of fun and raised



Matt Hatcher & his assistant Jennifer (right side of the pouring table) with the assistance of local resident Mary Bruederle

It's Lynn Upthagrove "upping" the ante during the live auction.

\$4,200 for a worthy local project—Grove-land's own Mountain Lutheran Church. You may have noticed the new church being constructed on Ferretti Road off of Down to Earth Court.

A huge thank you goes out to the fol-lowing companies and individuals that made major donations: Hatcher Winery, The Hotel

Charlotte, Hotel Jeffery, the band Capstone, June & Doc Barto (who weren't able to at-tend this year's event), Sabre Design & Publishing, Gloria & Rick Marler, and the many people who bought all of the beautiful auction items available at the event. Please know we appreciate your donation if we missed your name.

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## HIGH COUNTRY LINE DANCERS Ready to Kick-It-Up in 2006

by Sue Salnick

Our fall session is nearing an end but we've had a very enthusiastic and dedicated group of beginner, intermediate, and advanced line dancers join us every Monday night at the Community Hall to learn new dances from our instructor, Susan Nash, and get some very good exercise for the body... and the

mind! There was also a series of lessons on Tuesday nights at the Lake Lodge for couples western dancing led by Bobby and Marie Wiggs.

Our last regular line dance lesson for the fall session will be Monday, December 5. Carol Stevens has again arranged a lovely event for our holiday buffet dinner/dance on Wednesday, December 14, at the PML Country Club. There will be no-host cocktails from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing. The final cost for dancers and their guests will be announced at the class on December 5, 2005. Be sure to let Carol know by December 5 if you will be attending. She can be reached at 962-5198. All dancers who participated

this fall are invited to attend and bring a guest/partner/friend!

And last, but certainly not least, we are so happy to announce that beginning with our winter/spring session in January, we will be dancing on Tuesday nights at the Community Hall! Beginner lessons start at 7:00 p.m. followed by intermediate/advanced lessons and dancing at 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per person.

Our first lesson of the winter/spring session is on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Groveland Community Hall.

Everyone is welcome... all ages, all skill levels. No partner needed! Come join us and see for yourself what boot-scootin' fun we have!

For more information, call Carol Stevens at 962-5198 or Sue Salnick at 962-4155.

## MUSEUM WELCOMES SPECIAL VISITOR

Our Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum has altered its hours for the winter. We are now open everyday, except Wednesday, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. We are closed for the coming holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

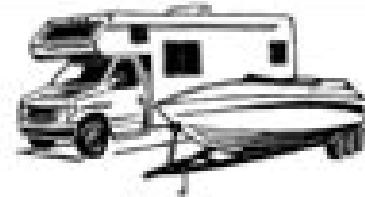
We do continue to have many visitors from many places and we so enjoy their being with us. A special caller who dropped by recently to visit with our shop manager, Cheryl Hernandez, was Santa Claus himself (in our imagination, of course, but why not?). He offered many fine suggestions that would be great for Christmas gifts and Cheryl acted on his views to add to our selections of remembrances. We have a grand

assortment of goods for all ages.

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by Charise Reeves

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## KIWANIS CLUB OF GROVELAND'S 10TH ANNUAL CHILDRENS SHOPPING SPREE

The Kiwanis Club of Groveland held it's 10th Annual Children's Shopping Spree on October 22nd. Forty-three kids from the Groveland/Big Oak Flat Unified School District and forty-two volunteers met in the wee hours of the morning and went shopping for new school clothes. Due to the generosity of local organizations, business and individuals each child was able to pick out an average of \$125 worth of clothes at Mervyn's of Sonora. A pizza party at Two Guys Pizza topped off the morning and afterwards each child received a new back pack stuffed with school supplies and hygiene products.

The Groveland Kiwanis Club began its Shopping Spree program in 1995 and has continued the annual program ever since. The local club via various projects, including its Annual Tostada Dinner, raises funds for the event. Helping Hands Thrift Shop of Groveland continues to support this Annual Shopping Spree and their support has helped to make this a tremendous success. The R.O.O.F.B.B. Organization of Groveland joined us for the second year and presented each child with a Mervyn's Gift card to purchase anything extra that they wanted. The Soroptimist International of Groveland once

again provided individually wrapped hygiene packages that were distributed by grade and age and gender.

The Club wishes to thank all of our volunteer chaperone/shoppers and acknowledge the generosity of the following organizations and community members: Helping Hands Thrift Shop of Groveland, Soroptimist International of Groveland, R.O.O.F.B.B., Charlotte Hotel, Two Guys Pizza, Pine Mountain Appraisals, Evergreen Lodge, RE/MAX Yosemite Gold, Yosemite Bank, Western Communications Inc., Cutler Segerstrom Insurance Agency, Yosemite Highway Herald, Hetch Hetchy Association of Realtors, Haidlen Ford, Images for the Ages, Uriel Vargas, Hwy 120 Chamber of Commerce, Wrighton Construction, David and Michele Roberts and Eric Hauermann. If we have forgotten anyone, please know that we appreciate your contribution and thank you.

The involvement of time, energy and donations of our community members show that we can make a difference in the life of a child.

The Groveland Kiwanis Club meets Tuesdays at 5:30pm at the Foothill's Community Church. Please join us.

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Call Kay EVEN AFTER, December 1st to see what work STILL needs to be done. Our past efforts have drawn praise from visitors and locals alike.

If you can, we certainly would appreciate your participation in this very gratifying effort to display our town in a manner that makes us all proud. Please contact Kay Glaves, 962-6769, if you can or wish to be part of this effort.

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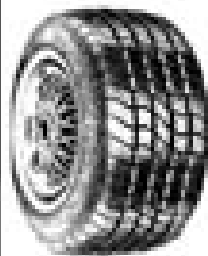
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# THE HIGHWAY 120 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MEASURE M

by Marc Fossum, Vice President/Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce

I realize that the November 2005 special election will have taken place and be behind us by the time this newspaper hits the stands but I feel incorrect beliefs about the Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce and its Board of Directors must be addressed.

I have been recently approached by members of the Chamber of Commerce and the community at large regarding the false belief that the Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce was against Measure M, the school bond proposal. In the early Spring of this year, the Chamber's Board of Directors was requested to issue a letter of support for

Measure M. The Board of Directors had no choice but to adopt a position of neutrality on the issue. Three years ago the Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors adopted a policy against becoming a politically active organization. The board adopted a policy that it would look at politically charged issues on a case by case basis. The general philosophy in deciding to support or oppose a political position was the following test; "is our membership unanimously behind the board in this position?" Many other organizations in our community have adopted similar approaches

to politics. Where Measure M was concerned the Board of Directors was aware that a number of our members support the Measure. However, there were in fact some members opposed to the Measure. Therefore, we did not have unanimous support or opposition and had to take a position of neutrality. The

Chamber of Commerce's position of non-support does not mean it is against; it is neutral. The Chamber encourages its members to cast their own personal votes as they wish.

The Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors believes that supporting education is in the best interest of our business community. When able to, we will always support our schools and the students of our community.



## Asking Kathrina

Community Relations Director



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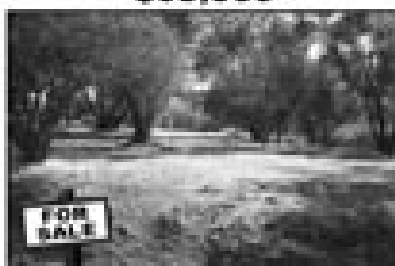
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## Christmas' Gone By

by Marie Rubio

Steeped in family traditions, Christmas is a warm and wonderful time of the year for me. It conjures up memories of family, selfless love, home made toys, clothing, and doll blankets and delicious confections. I remember, as a child, that although there wasn't much money in our home, Mom and Dad were never short on love or effort. They always found some way to make it the most wonderful time of the year.

In my days gone by, Mom would tuck all three of us kids into bed, read us a story and wait patiently for us to drift off to sleep. Once the coast was clear, Mom would notify Dad and send him out to the garage to his trusty tools. Mom would go back to her room, and while Dad was working away on magical wooden toys for us kids, Mom would pull out the different pieces of fabric she had stockpiled throughout the year for the purpose of incredible Christmas gifts she was about to create on her trusty Singer sewing machine.

I remember the incredible detail that my Mom and Dad put into my brothers fire truck and the matching doll cribs with quilted blankets for my sister and I one year. Although I was only six at the time, I knew very well the amount of time, effort and incredible love that went into that truck and those doll cribs and blankets. The dolls given to my sister and I were not expensive as they didn't do all the fancy things such as cry or wet, nor were they

unusual in any way, but the accessories for them were astonishing! These dolls were the most important new toys on the block!

My mother was a master on her sewing machine. She would fashion the most beautiful dresses for my sister and I out of nothing but scraps. My Mom's dresses were the most revered hand-me-downs the neighborhood had ever seen. She would sew dress shirts for my brother that the neighbor kids were wearing ten years later, handed down the chain of kids in the neighborhood.

Christmas goodies from very old family recipes, lovingly baked in Mom's kitchen, were arranged on beautiful plates that were decorated by us kids. Then she would dress us all up warmly and we would deliver these plates while singing Christmas Carols to our neighbors on Christmas Eve. My father always sang out of key. My Mom said he "couldn't carry a tune in a bucket." Mom would then get up very early Christmas Day and bake beautiful braided breads full of cinnamon, brown sugar and raisins or home made preserves and hand deliver these to our neighbors for their Christmas breakfasts.

Now, none of these gifts took much money. They were simply acts of kindness, love and sharing. It seems that Christmas has evolved to the commercial side. The pendulum has swung and we're all victims to our credit card companies and to the game of outdoing the next gift. I prefer the kinder, gentler

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Exercise enthusiasts work their bodies but often neglect the face and neck. As gravity, the sun, the environment and heredity all take their toll and create time-worn etchings in our face, a new awareness is being brought to the public facelift massage in weekly sessions. Once the face is toned, it is easier to keep it in shape. If you are considering a medical or plastic surgery procedure, the Belavi Facelift Massage works wonders as a pre-and post operative treatment, as well as regular maintenance of beautiful, healthy skin.

The face has a complex muscular structure. Each facial muscle is constantly busy performing a multitude of movements. Consider the full range of emotions, movements and expressions your face makes every day. Even as you dream, your facial muscles are working. When facial muscles are massaged and exercised regularly, all the metabolic processes are stimulated, which means facial circulation is improved, capillaries are strengthened, the facial lymph system is cleansed and

the skin becomes blemish free. Studies have shown that massage keeps the collagen and elastic fibers wet and warm which encourages and stimulates their growth. With each facelift massage, the toning benefits increase because muscles have memory.

When a muscle is continually in a contracted state - let's say a furrowed brow - these contractions begin to etch the face with deep lines. You can physically release the contraction through repeated massage. Through awareness the muscles learn to let go and the client begins to shift unconscious holding, thus releasing the facial tension and deep lines.

Energizing effects can be achieved by massaging facial acupressure points. These points relate to energy flowing through the body which is often blocked by stress, illness or toxins. Massaging these points liberates blocked energy, increases the flow of oxygen and reduces stress and tension in the face (which originally helped to cause the creases and crevices).

The Belavi Facelift Massage is a pampering, relaxing massage that improves the appearance of the face through stimulation of the underlying layers of skin and soft tissue. This support system can make surface wrinkles less visible, slows down the formation of new ones, and helps keep facial muscles from giving into its two biggest enemies - gravity and time. Its techniques includes acupressure, lymphatic drainage and contouring strokes.

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ways of my youth. I have tried to keep my Mom's and Dad's traditions in my own home and I have been somewhat successful.

I am still baking the same old family recipes, making gifts for my family and keeping the cost of showing love down to a dull roar. Love is neither bought nor is it sold. Love is reflected with random acts of kindness and the giving of one's time. Love is still the most coveted gift of all. No one needs a credit account for this gift. Yes, this is

possible even currently. Warmed are my home and I at the thought of Christmas gone by.

We should all have memories this good and implement them in the sanctity of our modern day homes. Take the time to think of your childhood Christmas past and bring some of these great memories back with you to the present time. Give these as presents to the ones you love. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from all of us at The Groveland Hotel at Yosemite National Park.



# Friends of the Groveland Library

by Nadine Pedron

## IMAGINE LOSING YOUR LIBRARY

Everything destroyed by water or mold. The citizens of Hauma, LA have lived it. The fury of Hurricane Rita brought devastating flooding to the Grand Caillou Branch of the Terrebonne Parish Library system in their town, leaving the collection of 9,500 items wiped out and the building gutted. This small branch is much like our own library here in Groveland, a small haven of literacy and knowledge providing services dear to the heart of the community. Sensitivity to such a loss stirs us to realize and appreciate what we have and to mobilize our resources to help. The Council of Friends of the Tuolumne County library system has decided to adopt this Bayou community branch, supporting them with monetary donations now and with contributions of books later on when they have storage space.

Thankfully, our little library gem stands intact, sporting its fall theme, inviting community and visitors alike to enjoy its warmth and comfort, generous array of books, periodicals, videos, DVDs, CDs, computer stations and wireless internet. We are fortunate, indeed.

Members at the October meeting of the Groveland Friends discussed and scheduled future deliberations to address long range planning, issues of revised By-Laws, budget priorities and nonprofit status. A committee will prepare information and recommendations to be discussed at the December and January meetings. Mark your calendars now, particularly the January meeting, where important decisions will be voted upon. While you have calendar in hand, note that the next meeting will be on December 6th, rather than the usual 4th Tuesday in November. The group will meet for lunch (11:30) at the Charlotte Hotel. If you haven't yet signed up to come, please call Rosemary Adams (962-7291) or Jane Sperry (962-4178) by December 2.

Carol Heuermann, energetic Book Nook organizer, reports that sales continue to be highly successful and praises loyal volunteers for their good work. The Saturday book sales project is the major fund raiser for our group. Much appreciation goes to those who contribute their time and talent to its continuance.

The Bookleggers are enjoying their bi-monthly visits to Tenaya classrooms, reading and introducing library books for the students' use. Big joyful thanks go to our volunteers:

Patricia Aldrich, Amy Bahen, Marilyn Bangs, Faye Buckley, Marilyn Fields, Dorothy Harte, Maggie Jacobson, Ann Johnson, Judi Maguire, Joan Moseby, Kathy Oing, Nadine Pedron and Virginia Rayment.

## Remember:

- Book Nook sales every Saturday, 10:00 - 2:00, except for December 24 and 31, due to holidays.

- Storytime every Friday 10:30 - 11:30 at the library. A special invitation goes to home schoolers!

- We welcome visitors to our meetings and love new members! For membership information please call Revea Mayhew (962-5515).

- NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY DECEMBER 6TH, LUNCH (11:30) AT CHARLOTTE HOTEL.

## Shane Warner Appointed Groveland Fire Chief

by Jim Goodrich, GCSD General Manager

On November 9th, the GCSD Board of Directors selected Shane Warner to be the new Fire Chief for the Groveland Fire Department. Shane started as a firefighter with Groveland in 1994 and steadily progressed through the ranks. In 2004, Shane assumed the duties of Acting Fire Chief when then-Fire Chief Steve Williamson went out on leave. Upon Chief Williamson's retirement in August, the Board of Directors sought applicants to fill the vacated position. Shane has brought many new programs to the Fire Department, including more rigorous training and better communication between the Department and the community. Congratulations, Shane!

On November 8th, the community elected three new Directors to the GCSD Board. Dick Lennen, Gus Allegri, and Wes Johnson were elected to serve 4-year terms on the Board. We have many challenges facing the District and I know that they are up to the task. The GCSD staff is dedicated to making their transition on to the Board as painless as possible.

Did you know that GCSD owns a relic? No, not our wastewater treatment plant. It's a relic of the Hetch Hetchy Railroad. In 1980, Beverly Black donated the 1918 White track bus, Number 24, to GCSD. Because there were few roads back then, this vehicle rode the rails between Groveland and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, taking workers to and from their job sites each day.

When the Hetch Hetchy project was completed, Old #24 sat on a siding, falling slowly into disrepair. Barney Black saved the track bus from the scrap yard and stored it in Big Oak Flat for years. After Barney's death, Beverly Black donated it to GCSD in 1980 to be restored as a memorial to all those who built and worked on the Hetch Hetchy Railroad and the Hetch Hetchy Project, and

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*Old #24 today in the old Moccasin Power House, with the remnants of the coach in the center and the chassis on the right under debris.*



in loving memory of her husband.

With the track bus continuing to fall into disrepair, the GCSD Board contacted the San Francisco PUC in 1987 to allow it to be stored in the old Moccasin Power House. It has sat there to this day.

Many of the parts have disappeared over the years, but we can restore the track bus and place it on permanent display at Mary's Park or the Museum. We need volunteers

to help restore it (wood and metal workers), as well as a place to restore it. If you can contribute your expertise to this great community project, please give me a call (962-7161 x12).



*Old #24 in service on the Hetch Hetchy Railroad.*



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# WHITE CANE DAYS

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In 1925 Miss Helen Keller challenged the Lions of America to band together to SERVE the blind and needy with impaired vision. This wonderful woman, with multiple handicaps, called her inability to see the greatest of her limitations. One of the first great steps of lionism was recognition of the white cane which makes a blind person more mobile. The concern of Lionism for those with failing or lost sight grew as Lionism grew. In 1951 the Lions established "White Cane Days," as a period each year to contribute to the Lions Sight Conservation fund. Today, thousands of cities regard WHITE CANE DAYS, and the hundreds of Sight-Serving jobs that the drive makes possible, as part of Lionism.

THANKS AGAIN from Lion Kay Glaves, Local; White Cane Day Chairperson.

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## SING WITH THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY CHOIR

by Bonnie Phillips

All people in our community, who love to sing, are invited to join the Groveland Community Choir for a Spring performance of "God In Us". This musical concert was created by Don Moen, Jack Haygard, Tom Fettke, Camp Kirkland, Randy Vader and Jay Rouse and will be performed on Sunday, April 2, 2006, under the direction of Barbara Whittlesey at the Groveland Evangelical Free Church.

There is a need for all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) for the full chorus as well as solo parts. Weekly rehearsals will begin Wednes-

day, January 11, 2006, from 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at Evangelical Free Church. The new music has been ordered so each person who joins the chorus will be provided with a musical score. Mark your calendars to begin rehearsing!

Several years ago the choir sang the celebratory joy of knowing Jesus had come in "God With Us". Now we will gather once again to encounter the great mystery, the mystery that was hidden from the beginning of time but His Word has made known — Christ has chosen to dwell within the heart of His people... "God In

Us." Join us in raising our voices in this powerful worship experience reminding us of the hope we have in Christ and the

mysterious reality of the Holy Spirit abiding and working in us. You won't want to miss singing in this glorious celebration!

## Helping Hands of Groveland

This past year has been good to all of us. Many changes have been made including our focus and what we accomplished for the Community. The two food banks that are here in Groveland are doing a great job so we have fewer calls to help. Other Service Clubs are having fund raisers and pitching in where needed.

We are helping to fund all the School Field Trips by providing the money for their Transportation. Also we are increasing our Scholarships to include the Don Pedro High School next year. We gave 11 regular and two Technical Scholarships to Tioga High School June, 3, 2005, plus some awards for the Tenaya School Improvement program. The Tenaya pre-school is helped with Scholarships for those that can't afford to pay and the K thru 4 grades are provided with morning snacks. We respond when we are asked for anything special that the Schools need.

**Tuesday is 10% discount Senior Day.** There have been many, many sales to help reduce the inventory. When you see the Sale Flag please come in and see what is on sale. Customers are always welcome.

**Helping Hands had giveaway days in April and October.** When we turned over the Store for the Season, the clothes were taken to the Community Hall and given to anyone who wanted to come and help themselves. This was a win-win for all. We found a home for

the unwanted items and others found a use for them. Many of our Volunteers worked at setting up the clothes the day before. They were glad to be of help.

**HELP!!** We need help to transport our overflow of bags to be taken to other Thrift Stores "Off the Hill." Our donations have been overgenerous again and we just can't handle them all. If you can, please stop by on your way out of town and take a few of them with you.

Last week, November 4, we had an Open House at our Thrift Store from 3 to 7:00 P.M. Patti Beaulieu, our store manager, Shirley Carman and Judi Wilkinson were there at the Cash Register. Jeannette Taylor and her Committee consisted of Jackie Abbott, Carol Morrison and Lillian Carson. It was a lovely evening for all. We had lots of Goodies for everyone provided by our volunteers. The customers had a chance to see where all the sorting and preparing of the items we sell at the Thrift Store get readied for sale. There are about 65 Volunteers in all, we could still use a few more. If you would like to volunteer your help, you would be more than welcome.

Our Store is already all decked out for Christmas and we have many items that would make great Christmas Presents. We have many Collectibles for the hard to buy for. Come see for yourself.

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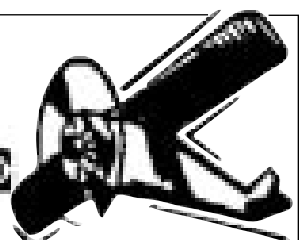
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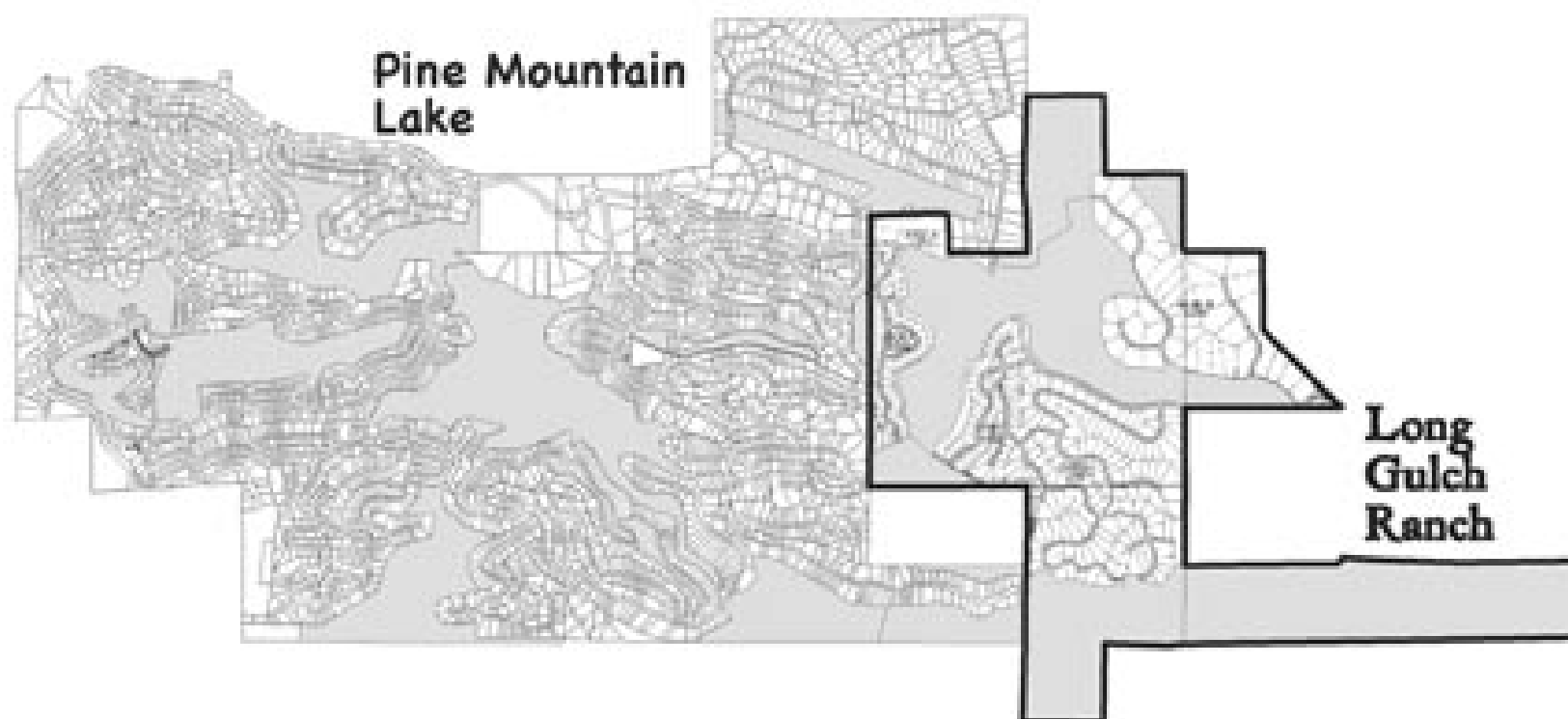
# Long Gulch Ranch

## Sprawl in Groveland??? YOU DECIDE

*sprawl – haphazard growth or extension outward, especially that resulting from real estate development on the outskirts of a city (from dictionary.com)*

That is what Supervisor Mark Thornton and GCSD President Craig Maxwell say about Long Gulch Ranch, that it is sprawl. Please consider the map below, prepared by the Tuolumne County Community Development Department. The shaded areas are reserved for open space, recreation or other uses.

Long Gulch Ranch has a higher percentage of open space [56%] and a larger average lot size than Pine Mountain Lake. Does this look like sprawl to you? If Mark Thornton and Craig Maxwell think Long Gulch Ranch is sprawl, what do they think of Pine Mountain Lake?



Long Gulch Ranch was approved after a 1,200-page Environmental Impact Report was prepared, reviewed and approved. There are 130 legally enforceable conditions that ensure environmental sensitivity. Does this sound like haphazard growth to you?

Is it really growth at all? More home sites have permanently disappeared at Pine Mountain Lake through lot mergers (634) than are approved for Long Gulch Ranch (372). Thus, even with the addition of Long Gulch Ranch there will be fewer home sites in the area than originally planned.

The first building at Long Gulch Ranch will have facilities long sought by many Groveland residents. It will have an indoor, 6-lane, heated swimming pool and a separate aqua aerobics pool of 1,000 square feet. It will have a fitness center with men's and women's locker rooms. Since they oppose Long Gulch Ranch, what plans do Mark Thornton and Craig Maxwell have to bring these facilities to Groveland?

Mark Thornton and Craig Maxwell claim to speak for the people of Groveland. Do they speak for you? If not, please consider joining the Groveland Citizens for Sustainable Community Environments, a nonprofit, public benefit organization.

Long Gulch Ranch will pay for all sewer and water infrastructure and services costs. **THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN RATES. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC SUBSIDY.**

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## COMMUNITY CENTER PLANS MODIFIED AT LONG GULCH RANCH

Plans for the community center at Long Gulch Ranch have been modified. The building with the large multi-purpose room has been deleted so as to eliminate any competition with The Gathering Place.

"Our purpose has always been to meet the needs of the community," said Dan Levin, the local resident responsible for Long Gulch Ranch. "I did not fully appreciate that The Gathering Place planned to build a multi-purpose room this large. Groveland certainly does not need two such meeting facilities, and I certainly do not want to compete in any way with The Gathering Place because I fully support their mission, vision, values and goals. As soon as I learned of this potential conflict, I informed The Gathering Place that we would completely eliminate this component from our proposed community center at Long Gulch Ranch."

This all occurred during the first ten days of November, immediately after the publication of full-page advertisements in the two local newspapers showing the floor plans and building designs for the proposed community center. The heading was "A Work in Progress" and Levin is grateful for the immediate feedback. "The intent of the ads was to show the public what I believed I had heard when I sought their input during July and August. I wanted to hear back from the commu-

nity and I am grateful that the comments arrived so quickly. I first learned of this potential conflict on November 8 and the following day I informed the Executive Committee representing The Gathering Place of our decision."

With the newly-available land, the number of tennis courts will be expanded from two to either four or six and consideration will be given to having two or more be clay courts. "Actually, there are lots of different names for this type of composition court," said Levin. Its distinguishing characteristic is that it is gentler on the knees and joints of tennis players because the surface is softer than hard courts.

"This community center will continue to be a work in progress," said Levin. "The whole point of soliciting community input from the start was to build a facility that meets the needs of the public, so their input remains of the utmost importance."

Besides the tennis courts and an 18-hole golf course, there will be a 6-lane, heated, indoor swimming pool, a 1,000 square foot aqua aerobics pool, a fitness center and men's and women's locker rooms.

For further information, questions or comments, please contact Dan Levin at 209-962-0875 or 650-533-4400 (cell phone), or by e-mail at [danielpeterlevin@aol.com](mailto:danielpeterlevin@aol.com).

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# Tioga High School Girls' Basketball 2005-2006

Home Game Times:  
3:30pm Girls JV      6:30pm Girls Varsity

| Date  | Opponent              | Location          | Start Time  |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 11/29   | Mariposa              | Mariposa          | 6:00        |
| (Girls and Boys Varsity Only – Foundation Game) |                       |                   |             |
| 12/2  | Don Pedro             | Don Pedro         | 7:30        |
| 12/6  | Big Valley            | Tioga             | 6:30        |
| 12/8,9,10                                       | Big Valley<br>Tourney | Modesto           | TBA         |
| 12/13   | Mother Lode           | Tuolumne          | 6:30        |
| 1/3   | Jim Elliot            | Tioga             | 3:30        |
| 1/6   | Calvary Temple        | Modesto           | 6:30        |
| 1/10  | Stockton Christian    | Tioga             | 3:30        |
| 1/13  | Turlock Christian     | Tioga             | 3:30        |
| 1/17  | Stone Ridge           | Tioga             | 6:30        |
| 1/20  | Don Pedro             | Tioga             | 6:30        |
| 1/24  | Big Valley            | Modesto           | 3:30        |
| 1/27  | Stone Ridge           | Merced            | 6:30        |
| 1/31  | Jim Elliot            | Lodi              | 3:30        |
| 2/3   | Calvary Temple        | Tioga             | 6:30        |
| 2/10  | Stockton Christian    | Stockton          | 3:30        |
| 2/14  | Turlock Christian     | Turlock (Dutcher) | 6:00 & 7:30 |
| 2/17  | Mother Lode           | Tioga             | 6:30        |

**Note: Schedule is subject to change**

## The Tioga High School Alumnus

The Tioga High School alumnus for this month is actually a newlywedded couple by the names of Jamison Kraft and DJ Sponseller Kraft. Jamison graduated with the Class of 2000 and DJ graduated with the class of 2003. They were married at Sparks Ranch on May 28th, 2005 and celebrated a rather long engagement because both of them had been dating throughout high school. Jamison is currently attending Columbia College, working toward a fire science degree. He has completed his EMT, First Responder, Fire Investigation & Prevention and many other classes related to his love for fire fighting. When you drive by the Groveland Fire house you will often see Jamison outside working on the engines and just grinning from ear to ear. He is a dedicated, conscientious community member who takes his job seriously. His duties include protecting life and property, responding to emergencies such as fires, medical aids, vehicle accidents and public assists. Other duties at the station entail equipment maintenance and professional engine washing, which Jamison is very boastful of his professional prowess in this field.

The last two times I called the fire house for some “emergency tips” on how to deal with student problems, Jamison happened to be the firefighter who answered the telephone. I am sure he gets plenty of silly requests from the public, but as his ex-Principal it was quite embarrassing to have to

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ask him to come and fetch a student out of a tree at the high school this last month. Fortunately, Jamison, although giggling about the predicament, took my call seriously and was prepared to rally the troops and come to our rescue. I was able to cancel the call before they left the firehouse with sirens and lights; thank goodness the student who was so ingenious to get stuck in the tree was talented enough to get himself out without further incident. The second non-emergency call I made to the firehouse was during our Halloween Dance. One of the seniors got some of the “glow in the dark” liquid in his eye, (don’t ask how that happened), we rinsed it out immediately, but it continued to sting and burn. When I called the firehouse, Jamison Kraft answered again. I am sure that he thought “what does my crazy ex-Principal

need this time?”...he made the very intelligent suggestion that I read the package to see what it suggests about first aid needs. Once again we were helped tremendously by Jamison’s quick & erudite thinking.

As of yet, the Kraft newlyweds are not expecting any children, however, they do fill their time with two rambunctious dogs that are probably preparing them well for rambunctious offspring. The dogs are “Chili” the Border Collie and “Kona” the Labradoodle, now tell me those fur persons won’t prepare Jamison and DJ for parenthood? DJ and Jamison reside in town and they are planning to build a home next year, on property that they own right here in Groveland. Jamison’s busy wife, currently works a number of jobs that include working for an accountant and at Residential Design where she is learning home design techniques and on the weekends she works as a DJ for well known Sound Extreme. Both Jamison and DJ love to travel. So far they have visited Florida, Hawaii, the Oregon Dunes, Las Vegas and right now they are planning a trip for the near future to exotic Costa Rica. In their spare time the Krafts enjoy camping, hunting and riding their quad. Jamison loves to fish whenever he has a spare moment and DJ continues to ride horses which she has done for many, many years. Jamison’s family lives right here in Groveland, Debbie and Gerald Kraft and two slightly younger brothers Jesse & Jerry (both of whom graduated from THS). DJ’s mom, Peaches Sponseller is happily and successfully self-employed and living in Groveland and older brother John Sponseller has his own reputable computer business in Groveland where he builds and repairs computers. DJ’s dad, Bill Sponseller is a retired Tuolumne Co. Sheriff who has worked for PML as their security coordinator in the past. He is currently residing outside of the area. We are very happy to report how well DJ and Jamison are faring. It is a pleasure to report to the community on two more very exceptional, blissful young people who are doing so well. We look forward to updates from both of them about the progress of married life and their careers.

## Tenaya Gets the Gold and Other Colors Too!

Tenaya traveled to Summerville Elementary School on November 8th for the Tuolumne County Speech Festival. The team returned with three gold, four blue, and eight red medals. Everyone is terrifically proud of the students’ efforts and the extra time they put into preparing for the special event.

The Tenaya team members were Colin Campbell, Sheldon Crouse, Scott Ewen, Cody Horton, Lisa Pennel, Cheyenna Pinley, and Bethany Wilkinson. Gold

medals were awarded to Colin, Cheyenna, and Bethany.

Dana Marler participated as a timer for the speakers. She had to go through a short “timing” class before the event started. Janet Zierenberg – Tenaya teacher – was the team coach. Chaperones for the evening were Deb Deshaies, Christina Wilkinson, and Steve & Lorelei Pinley. Miss Susan Peterson participated as a judge for the event as well.

The evening wrapped up with an ice cream celebration in Sonora.

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Thank you.

Judy Myers, *Board President*  
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# TENAYA’S STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**Whitney Stowe** has proven herself to be an excellent student and a kind and generous person. Her study habits include attentive listening, neatness and giving her best effort. Her gentle ways and quiet nature make her endearing to all who know her. Whitney recently accomplished climbing Half Dome with her parents, Scott and Laurie Stowe of Groveland. Congratulations Whitney!



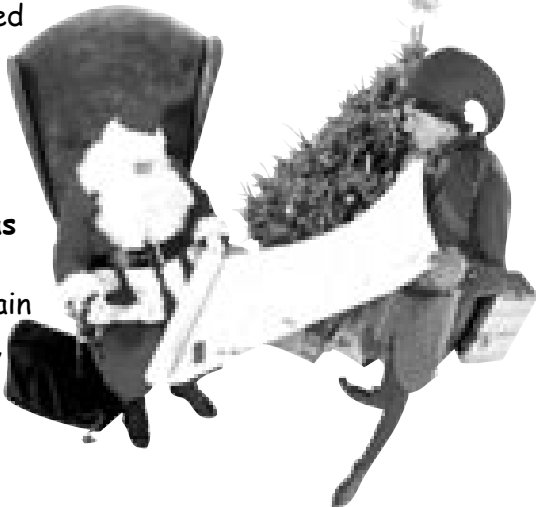
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# Tioga High School Boys' Basketball 2005-2006

Home Game Times:  
5:00pm Boys JV      8:00pm Boys Varsity

| Date        | Opponent                              | Location                                   | Start Time |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|
| 12/1,2,3    | Denair<br>Tourney<br>Delhi<br>Tourney | Denair<br>JV Only<br>Delhi<br>Varsity only |            |
| 12/6        | Mother Lode                           | Motherlode                                 | 7:30       |
| 12/6        | Mariposa JV                           | Tioga JV                                   | 5:00       |
| 12/9        | Big Valley                            | Tioga                                      | 6:30       |
| 12/13       | Don Pedro                             | Don Pedro                                  | 7:30       |
| 12/15,16,17 | Denair<br>Tourney                     | Denair<br>Varsity Only                     |            |
| 1/3         | Jim Elliot                            | Tioga                                      | 5:00       |
| 1/6         | Calvary Temple                        | Modesto                                    | 5:00       |
| 1/10        | Stockton Christian                    | Tioga                                      | 5:00       |
| 1/13        | Turlock Christian                     | Tioga                                      | 5:00       |
| 1/17        | Stone Ridge                           | Tioga                                      | 5:00       |
| 1/20        | Don Pedro                             | Tioga                                      | 7:30       |
| 1/24        | Big Valley                            | Modesto                                    | 5:00       |
| 1/27        | Stone Ridge                           | Merced                                     | 5:00       |
| 1/31        | Jim Elliot                            | Lodi                                       | 5:00       |
| 2/3         | Calvary Temple                        | Tioga                                      | 5:00       |
| 2/7         | ROP                                   | Tioga                                      | 6:30       |
| 2/10        | Stockton Christian                    | Stockton                                   | 5:00       |
| 2/14        | Turlock Christian                     | Turlock (Denair)                           | 6:00       |
| 2/17        | Mother Lode                           | Tioga                                      | 8:00       |

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We cordially invite you to “Come Let Us Adore Him” in reality and with this beautiful Hymn. Our Christmas Eve Services will be held Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 PM with Pastor Ralph Herman officiating. This service will feature the congregation/ attendees singing many favorite Christmas Carols. The conclusion will be highlighted by singing of the most beautiful hymn ever written – SILENT NIGHT, with Candlelight. A most touching and “goose-bumping” moment and evening. And to add to the beauty and solemnness of the evening, Communion will be offered to all attendees. So “Come All Ye Faithful” and join us on this special evening. You need not be a Lutheran, as always we truly welcome ALL people regardless of their Faith, after all we are a Community Church.

On Sunday, December 25th we will have Christmas Day Services with Pastor Ginger DuMars officiating. Another beautiful and meaningful Service at 10:45 am (our usual Sunday service time). Both CHRISTmas Services will be held at the Catholic Church in Big Oak Flat. We will also offer Communion at this Service. Yes, you can come to Communion at both Services, (some may feel the need to come Sunday after their gifts Saturday night and ask to be forgiven).

What a great time to celebrate CHRIST-mas, share the joy, sing and pray. Thank God for His Son Jesus, The Prince of Peace and pray for that peace especially now with all the turmoil, war and killings that are going on. Our Good Lord must have cartons of Kleenex to wipe away all the tears to see what the people of the world are doing. The Ten Commandments are just words to too many people. Let’s pray for Peace, and Goodwill to ALL mankind. Let there be Peace on Earth and let leaders everywhere let go of their ego’s and other motivations to discover the real meaning of Peace as God meant it to be by sending His Son – The Prince of Peace. It’s a beautiful and wonderful world – but people have been messing it up.

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**Vision** – A community where growth is limited by the principle of sustainability that requires harmony with nature and the existing community. A community where services are limited only by our imagination. A community where opportunities are limited only by our initiative. A community where prosperity is not limited at all.

**Values** – Open, honest and straightforward.

Long Gulch Ranch, as previously approved and with its new public amenities, is an example of the type of project we publicly support. It will improve the quality of life in Groveland while respecting the environment and maintaining our small-town sense of community.

Everyone in the community deserves a voice. We will speak for the people who are too busy or too happy with their lives to attend every public hearing or to write letters to their elected officials. We will speak for the people who do not believe this rural way of life means slim pickings when it comes to services. We will speak for the people who believe there are limitless possibilities right here in Groveland.

The good old days ain't what they used to be because they never were. We will look forward with optimism, not backwards with wistfulness.

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## New Citizen's Committee Formed

“It all makes sense to me. That’s why I want to help spread the word,” said Peggie Sharp, explaining why she joined the Groveland Citizens for Sustainable Community Environments (GCSCE) after visiting the web site and reading about their mission, vision and values.

This new citizen’s committee was recently formed by Dan Levin, the local resident responsible for Long Gulch Ranch. Its purpose is to provide a vehicle for people to support this and other projects that will improve the quality of life in Groveland. Levin continued, “Too often, the only people motivated to speak out at public meetings are those in opposition, and they frequently do so because they are mad or upset. Too often, there are a lot of people who are supportive but who are too busy or too happy with their lives to attend these public meetings. GCSCE will give

these people a voice in the public debate.”

Peggie’s husband, Ron, observed, “In my experience, Dan Levin has the same values as GCSCE, open, honest and straightforward. I also like GCSCE’s vision of a community where there are no limits to prosperity. If Long Gulch Ranch is not developed as Dan proposes, someone else will do it and we will not have the input we now have.”

Ron and Marla Rumbaugh are supporters. Said Ron, “I may not be a member of the South County Citizens for Responsible Growth but I think Long Gulch Ranch is a perfect example of responsible growth. The proposed community center will be a huge benefit to everyone in the area.”

The mission of GCSCE is to publicly support people, projects, activities and businesses that will improve the quality of life in Groveland while respecting the environ-

ment and maintaining our small-town sense of community.

According to Jerry Baker, “The idea that Long Gulch Ranch will somehow create sprawl in Groveland is just not realistic. There is limited land available for development because we are surrounded by the Stanislaus National Forest. Even if there were plenty of land available, Priest Grade would prevent Groveland from becoming a bedroom community for commuters or the location for any sort of large-scale business development.”

Jerry supports Long Gulch Ranch because he believes the additional residents “will bring the disposable income that will help make downtown businesses more viable.”

Miguel Maldonado likes GCSCE’s vision of a community where growth is limited by

the principle of sustainability that requires harmony with nature and the existing community. “Everything I have read and heard about Long Gulch Ranch describes a development that is sensitive to the environment and to the needs of the entire community of people living in the Groveland area.”

GCSCE’s two additional visions describe a community where services are limited only by our imagination and where opportunities are limited only by our initiative. “This is definitely not an organization for people who believe that a country lifestyle means slim pickings when it comes to services,” said Levin.

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## Decorating the Town



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**Front Row (left):** Mike Millard, S.O. Morgan, Jolene Fairbanks, Judi Wilkinson, Kay Glaves, Rich Kinney, Melody Kinney, Marie Dean, Jeanne Ridgley, Carol Arechiga, Charlie Fratus, and Mike Buckley.

**Back Row (left):** Paul Sperry, Dan Mello, Jack Fairbanks, Peggy Andrews, Bob Wilkinson, David “Stilts” Volponi, Gene Nye, Tim Hallock, Blaine Cluff, “Malcolm,” Jim Glaves, Della Johnson, and Art Johnson.

### Not Pictured:

Frank Oyung, Venus Colombini, Don Myers, Barb Elliot, Al Rodriguez, Bethany Wilkinson, Dana Marler, and Cheyenna Pinley.

**Left:** Mike Buckley and Tim Hallock with Dave Volponi decorating up high. Stan of Stans Que provided lunch for all volunteers for a greatly reduced price. Thanks Stan!



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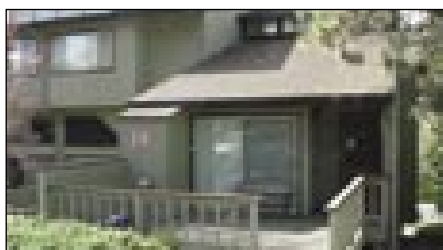


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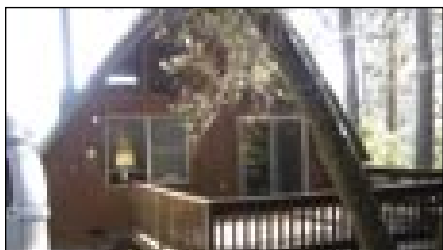
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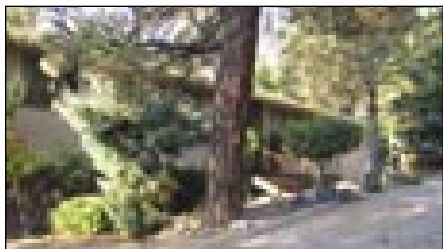
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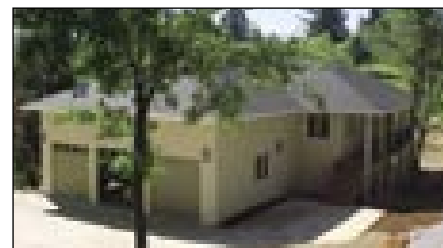
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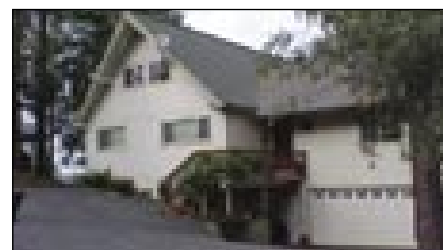
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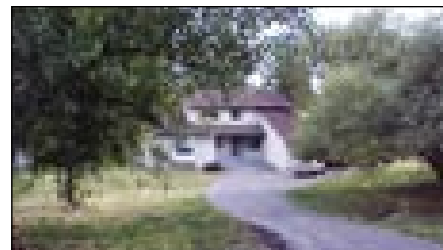
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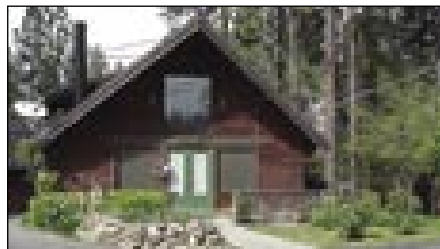
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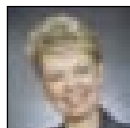
6/191 Cottonwood

**REFURBISHED CABIN.** 2bd, 2ba, extra-large bonus room, new central propane H/A. Plenty of room for parking on this .42 acres lot. Inside the gates of Pine Mountain Lake, near the camp grounds. \$305,000

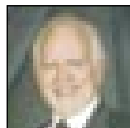


3/252 Longview

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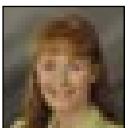
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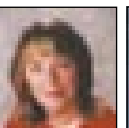
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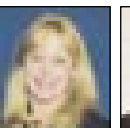
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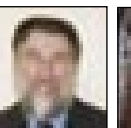
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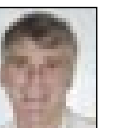
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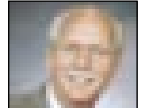


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