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ere it is, 2008! How quickly a new year comes around. I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank virtually all the community organizations, all of the churches, many businesses and all of the folks in our community who donated toys, games, educational materials, clothing, and much more to the Community Christmas Basket Program. This project insures that children and their families who are facing financial difficulties will not go without during the Christmas Holiday. There are so many folks who volunteer their time to collect, wrap and distribute gifts and food to these families it would be impossible to print all the names. However, a special part of the program is the "It's a Wrap" event held each year to collect and wrap hundreds of

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Ron Maguire · Board President

gifts for children. A very special thank you must go out to Patti Beaulieu, Dar Brown and their staff of volunteers who organize the program and to Kent and Sandy Blankenburg for hosting the "It's a Wrap" event. I, for one, am proud of the generosity shown by the people and businesses in our community to help make Christmas a little more special for children and families who are facing difficulties during the Holiday Season.

And now that the Holidays have come and gone, a little reflection on 2007 might be in order. We were blessed with outstanding weather in 2007 and that directly affected the financial health of PML. At the time of this writing, it appears we will finish the year approximately \$200,000 favorable to budget. This means for the third year in a row we will have a surplus after all the bills are paid. This surplus will be used to reduce the 2008 annual assessment by transferring money directly to the reserve fund, thereby reducing the demand on the membership to build up the fund required to maintain our amenities.

Now if we could just get more folks to discover the improvements we have made with the Restaurant, we could reduce the assessment even further.

The list of Goals and Objectives set by the Board for 2007 was considerable. Nineteen priority items were identified along with three infrastructure projects. Nearly all of the projects have been completed or are in the final stages of completion. See the General Manager's Message for more on the projects. The Lake Dredging Project permit is still moving at a snail's pace but at least we are finally making headway again. We will be looking more seriously at other options due to the considerable delays caused by bureaucratic red tape. Thank You Fish & Game! This month we will set new Goals and Objectives for 2008. We intend to remain aggressive with our plan to continue to improve and beautify Pine Mountain Lake.

In closing, I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

On the Cover

Men's Nine-Hole Golf Club

On Wednesday, December 5, 2007, The PML Mens Nine Hole Golf Club had its annual meeting at the Country Club.

Read the rest of the story on page 10.



GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Joe Powell, CCAM, General Manager

Happy New Year!

n January 2007 the Board of Directors worked with our management team to set goals and objectives for the year based on budgeted projects and needs of the Association.

The following is a list of goals and objectives that were achieved:

- Repair Docks and Marina Grill-Store
- Conduct Electrical Engineering Study for Country Club Building
- Repair Country Club Kitchen Floor
- Complete Asphalt Overlay Work from 2006 and 2007
- Point of Sale Software Go-Live at the Club and Pro Shop
- Clean up Walking Trails
- Finish Stables Fencing Project
- Implement the in-house member charge system
- Conduct Lake Dredging Permit Process
- Complete 5-Year Road Study
- Complete 3-Year Reserve Study
- Upgrade Sound Systems at the CC

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istration Office right

away at (209) 962-

8632. We can quickly

turn them off to prevent

unauthorized use and

• Install new WI-FI systems at the Country Club and Marina

- Install Security Cameras at the Marina
- Finish Improvements at Tennis Courts 5 & 6
- Develop and Implement a Canada Goose Abatement Plan
- Finish Mail House Electrical Project
- Restructure Cart Path for Hole #5 on the Golf Course
- Install New Carpeting in Admin. Building and Flooring in Lake Lodge
- Institute a Monthly Management Tracking System for Performance Reviews and Exception Time
- Institute a Quarterly Senior Management Operational Review Program
- Implement the new Mandated **Election Procedures**

I am happy to report that all of these goals were achieved in the timeframe set by the Board and I am very proud of my management team and staff for their hard work and efforts.

The following three major projects are in the works and we are pushing to complete these as soon as possible.

Main Gate Entrance Project

The concrete work (monuments) portion of this project is complete and the final rock work continues. This part of the project takes more time as the work is more detailed. To mitigate weather related issues, we set up covers, heaters and tents in and around the rock work. The rock composite being used will give the monuments a natural, historical look that will fit in well with our area and I think members will be pleased with the results when completed.

Restroom

The concrete ramp is now installed and the ADA Restroom is under construction. An additional retaining wall was installed to ensure structural integrity and safety. The handrails are now complete and scheduled to be installed. This project will be completed well ahead of the 2008 summer season.

Lake Dredging Project

reports and studies as required by Fish and Game so that we can gain approval and granting of their permit.

Based on the information that we have received from Fish and Game, we are confident that we will be able to mitigate all of their concerns with the project soon. After we resolve the issues with Fish and Game, we will be able to re-establish contact with the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Army Corps of

This month the Board of Directors and management will work to set the goals and objectives for 2008. My staff and I have already anticipated some of these items and began preparing logistics for some of them back in December. It looks like 2008 will also be a busy year and we look forward to the challenge.

Swimming Pool ADA Ramp and

Our consultants continue to prepare the

Engineers to get their approval.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

(Job postings and availability subject to change without notice)

PML Country Club Accepting

Applications for the following part-time positions:

Bartender **Food Server**

Please send resume or applications to: Pine Mountain Lake Association, Attention: Human Resources - Allie Henderson, 19228 Pine Mountain Drive, Groveland, CA 95321

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- · Dunn Court Beach · Lake Lodge
- · Main Gate (restrooms) · Marina
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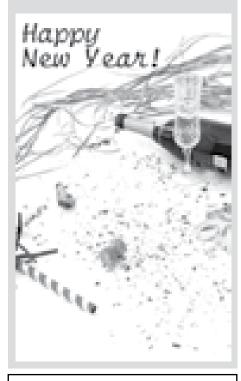
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2008

Tuesday

January 1, 2008 New Years Day

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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.

Please remember that the PML News is limited in capacity and your submissions are reviewed on a first-comefirst-served, space-available basis.

We publish all PMLA related submissions such as Board & Management Business, Clubs, Activities & Events. Where space remains, we publish non-PMLA related submissions in our "Community" section.

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PMLA Department of Safety Report

As of November 2007

As of November 2007		
CLASSIFICATION	Month	YTD
Vehicles Refused	92	1998
Phone Calls Received	4135	48006
Resident Alarms	2	62
Amenity Alarms	5	58
Animal Related	67	468
Animal - Loose	31	240
Impounded	5	56
Registered	0	14
Dead/Injured	26	183
Disturbance	5	178
Assist Dispatch (Genera		777
Assist Patrol (General)	189	2347
Complaint-Non PML Res		69
Water Leak	1	1
Jump Start	4	4
Report Writing	8	59
Downloading Photos	8	59
Gate - Tamper	0	3
Follow Through	6	63
Malfunction	7	77
Confiscated Access Card		29
Mess/Pkg PU or Deliver		239
Posting Fliers	12	134
Miscellanceous	235	4746
ost and Found	4	34
ECC Inspection	0	32
Fire Safety Violation	6	67
Hazard	4	92
Suspicious Circumstanc		89
Suspicious Person	10	68
Suspicious Vehicle	4	38
Camp Envelope/Dump St		263
Amenity Burglary	0	3
Residential Burglary	1	11
Grand Theft	0	2
Petty Theft	0	41
Malicious Mischief	1	40
Trespass	2	31
_aw Violations - All Othe		26
Law Violations - TCSO	4	27
Training/Meeting	10	39
PML Reg Violations Resid		113
PML Reg Violations Gue		56
Citation Issued	2	21
Parking Warning	1	39
Towed	0	6 15
Marking Tires Accident PML	11	15 27
	0	27
Amenity Security Check Resident Security Check	2869 767	20797 5059
Opening/Closing Bldg's	269	2766
Opening/Closing Gates	295	3413
Posting Tennis	169	689
Monitoring Tennis Courts		284
Personal Injury PML Prope		94
Weapons	1 1	28
Meapons Amenity P/U & Del to Ba		740
Patrol Vehicle - Maintena		91
Safety Check	111	978
Vehicles Admitted	2311	90453
Realtors Passes Issued	279	9040
Guest Passes Issued	2143	24971
Fixed Post	13	186
Courtesy Notice Issued	8	71
Tennis Fees Collected		\$2,304.00
		\$2,304.00 \$30,187.05
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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.

Letters From Our Readers

Melodrama

7 osemite Entertainment Productions has just finished its first successful season. I want to thank this truly amazing community. The support given to bringing entertainment to Groveland on a regular basis by the Hotel Charlotte, fine actors and singers and patrons of the live arts has opened doors to many talented neighbors in our area. My list of talent grows. I'm looking forward to developing entertainment for next season and beyond. I really wanted to say that it just wouldn't happen without each of you. See you in the spring if not before at auditions for the Pine Cone Players melodrama 6PM January 7 at the Groveland Community Hall.

—NANCY ROBICHAUD

The Wolf

y name is Marian Wolf aka: Frog. I just wanted to give my community a progress report regarding my fall from the roof last August. Thanks to the wonderful benefit BBQ and raffle you gave me September 2006, I was prepared when I had my total revision surgery this November. (my first surgery was a failed fusion) For my second surgery the doctor removed all my old hardware and replaced it with bigger screws and rods and additionl metal plates and screws. I now have enough titanium in me (over 2 lbs) to set off the airport security machines no problem. Thanks to everyones generosity I have my tempurpedic adjustable bed, my lift recliner, pavement on my driveway and can still afford to have part time caregiver help. Truely a blessing for me and my children.

So thank you again Groveland for your generosity. I pray this was my last surgery and that it is a sucess. I will never be able to do alot of the things I use to do but at least I am here, I am mobile and I have the support of my family, friends and community.

-MARIAN WOLF

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Presentation of the Results from Property Owner Survey

The PML Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) will be presenting a summary of the results from the recently concluded Property Owner Survey at the PMLA Board of Directors meeting on Saturday January 19, 2008. The presentation will organize the raw data provided by the 600+ property owners who took the time to give us their feedback.

You will learn about PML property owner demographics and also see which current amenities/services are the most frequently used and which are perceived as being highest in quality. At that meeting, there will also be a drawing to determine the THREE winners of \$100 gift certificates from the ~470 respondents who provided their names in response to the last question on the survey. (Note: you do not have to be present at the meeting to win.)

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT THE SURVEY DATA SEEMS TO SAY.

This short article will highlight only a few of the results from the survey that will be further discussed at the January meeting.

In the "Property Owner Demographics" section of the survey, we received

answers to such questions as family size, age of the members in the household, and annual household income. See below for the results to a few of the questions that show the choices that got the largest percentage of responses

• What best describes the current state of your PML property?

С	43%	Primary residence
С	42%	Second/other home
		not used as a rental

• What are the primary reasons you purchased property at PML. Check all that apply.

o	80%	Mountain/small-town
		lifestyle and/or scenery
o	76%	Lake/marina/beaches
o	65%	Gated community with
		safety/security services
o	52%	Golf course

• How long have you been a property owner at PML?

o	36%	0 to 5 years
o	30%	5+ to 10 years
o	21%	10+ to 20 years

In the "Current Amenity/Service Offerings" section of the survey, there

was a lot of interesting data about the usage patterns and development needs of each of our major amenities, eg lake/marina/beaches, golf course, country club restaurant/bar, safety department, etc.

The results from the one overall amenity satisfaction question are shown below

• How satisfied are you with the overall PMLA services based on the assessments/ fees you pay?

O	48%	Satisfied
o	22%	Very Satisfied
o	18%	Neutral

It should be noted that there were ~ 65 (only 12% of the) responders who said they were Dissatisfied or Very Dissatisfied.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the survey is the last section: "Future Amenity/Service Development".

Here responders told us which existing amenities/services need the most development, which add the most economic value to their property, and which are most important to their personal quality of life. It should be noted that in this section, the answers to these questions were randomized so no bias based on the ordering of possible selections could be inferred.

The results for the one question which asked what new amenity/service should be developed are shown below

• What NEW amenity/service would you like to see at PML? One or more choices are allowed.

o	61%	Exercise facility/gym
o	48%	Hiking trails and
		par course
o	36%	Indoor swimming pool

Lastly, the LRPC will post the complete summary report of the raw survey data as well as the January 2008 presentation on the official PMLA website in January/February 2008.



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PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES

For The Eleven Months Ended November 30, 2007

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		Revenues				Expenses	1				
	Members'						(Cost)/Income			Budget	
OPERATION OF	Assessments	User	Sales, Net of	Miscellaneous	Total	Total	Before	Depreciation	(NET COST)	(NET COST)	Variance
AMENITIES	Net of Discount	Fees	Cost of Sales	Income	Revenues	Expenses	Depreciation	Expense	INCOME	INCOME	Bud - Act
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 862,320	\$ 82,836	\$ 21	\$ 945,177	\$ 1,106,651	\$ (161,474)	\$ 199,271	\$ (360,745)	\$ (405,834)	45,089
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	3,452	330,483	-0-	333,935	754,394	(420,459)	41,354	(461,813)	(421,266)	(40,547)
Marina	-0-	175,127	70,463	-0-	245,590	261,200	(15,610)	49,109	(64,719)	(48,338)	(16,381)
Lake & Beach	-0-	1,600	-0-	-0-	1,600	105,785	(104,185)	13,918	(118,103)	(114,662)	(3,441)
Stables	-0-	77,171	-0-	-0-	77,171	164,426	(87,255)	20,538	(107,793)	(120,595)	12,802
Recreation	-0-	55,729	2,844	12	58,585	108,911	(50,326)	43,985	(94,311)	(91,742)	(2,569)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	14,527	(15)	490	15,002	950,244	(935,242)	164,160	(1,099,402)	(1,019,275)	(80,127)
PROPERTY OWNER											
SERVICES											
Safety	-0-	60,775	-0-	810	61,585	640,334	(578,749)	17,245	(595,994)	(605,824)	9,830
Administration	-0-	193,476	(10)	66,472	259,938	1,104,559	(844,621)	15,450	(860,071)	(986,968)	126,897
ASSESSMENTS											
Assessments	3,431,330		-0-	-0-	3,431,330	-	3,431,330	-0-	3,431,330	3,419,903	11,427
Totals	\$ 3,431,330	\$ 1,444,177	\$ 486,601	\$ 67,805	\$ 5,429,913	\$ 5,196,504	\$ 233,409	\$ 565,030	\$ (331,621)	\$ (394,601)	62,980

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.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 11 Months Ended November 30, 2007					
	RES	ERVE FUNDS			
	AMENITY	CAPITAL EQUIP.	TOTAL	NEW CAPITAL	TOTAL
	REFURBISHMENT	REPLACEMENT	RESERVE	ADDITIONS	CONTRIBUTION
	FUND	FUND	FUNDS	FUND	TO CAPITAL
2007 Beginning Fund Balances	\$ 1,537,933	\$ 195,390	\$ 1,733,323	\$ 32,062	\$ 1,765,385
Interest Income	50,150	3,598	53,748	1,221	54,969
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken	512	22	534	5	539
Assessments Earned	764,587 ⁽¹⁾	259,508 ⁽²⁾	1,024,095	40,287 ⁽³⁾	1,064,382
Income Tax Expense			_	-	
PURCHASES BY AMENITY					
Golf Course	(11,171)	(85,213)	(96,384)	(3,360)	(99,744)
Country Club	(52,343)	(92,857)	(145,200)	(715)	(145,915)
Bar	(7,059)	(5,494)	(12,553)	(7,348)	(19,901)
Marina	(9,564)	(3,370)	(12,934)	(7,245)	(20,179)
Lake & Beach	(112,344)		(112,344)		(112,344)
Swim Center			_		-
Stables	(48,177)	(5,399)	(53,576)		(53,576)
Recreation	(34,547)		(34,547)		(34,547)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(971,365)	(36,132)	(1,007,497)	(8,570)	(1,016,067)
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES					
Safety	(67,909)	(28,697)	(96,606)	(2,994)	(99,600)
Administration	(16,366)	(14,984)	(31,350)	. , ,	(31,350)
Total transfer to Operating Fund					
for property and equipment additions	(4.220.045)	(070.440)	(4.000.004)	(20, 220)	(4.022.000)
	(1,330,845)	(272,146)	(1,602,991)	` ´	(1,633,223)
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$ 1,022,337	\$ 186,372	\$ 1,208,709	\$ 43,343	\$ 1,252,052

Notes to the Financial Statements

- (1) The Budgeted Amenity Refurbishment Fund assessment for 2007 is \$834,095.
- (2) The Budgeted Capital Equipment Replacement Fund assessment for 2007 is \$283,100
- (3) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2007 is \$43,950.

Ala Carte – January '07

by Tom Dorsey, Country Club Manager

Happy New Year!!

hat a great New Years Eve party we had this year! Thank you to our Executive Chef Orpheus Brown for once again sending our guests home raving about the great food coming out of the Country Club. Thank you to the Motown review act "Prestige" for once again bringing down the house with their powerful performance! Thank you to our members and guests who came out to show support for your Country Club and thank you for all the nice comments; I'm glad you had fun!

Have you been out to try our new fam-

ily night on Thursday and Sunday nights? Three courses, three entrees for \$16.95++, is by far the best deal around. Our Sous Chef Janet is eager to accommodate you and show off her culinary skills, please give her a try!

I want to take this opportunity to thank my entire staff for another year of solid performance in our effort to rebuild the reputation and usage at Pine Mountain Lake Country Club, I could not have done any of this without your help and dedication and I am honored to have the opportunity to work with all of you.

See you at the Club!

Deadlines, Schmedlines

By Charlie Bishop, Bar Manager

ello to all. By missing the December deadline waaaay back in November this article didn't appear last month thereby giving you all a Christmas present. You're welcome. I hope it fits and it's the right color.

On to this months article. As many of you know, our business (and to some extent all businesses on the hill) is cyclical, in the summer time we kick butt and in the winter time it's cabin fever. There's not too much we can do about it except to keep on trying. To that end I think that we have a pretty good musical lineup this month and the months to come. First off we'll have The Aaron Pearson Band on Saturday the 5th. They have a harder edge to their music than some of our other entertainment however I've been assured they'll pack the house. (I remember Aaron backing up Eddie Money at The Iron Door Saloon many years ago). Next up is Rockslide on Saturday the 12th. They have a real nice blend of music and very danceable. On Saturday the 19th we'll feature Dyna-mo, a bunch of older guys playing quality rock n' roll. Right up our alley. On Saturday the 26th The Rotary Club will provide the entertainment for their Red, White & Blue Ball and, yes, the Lounge will be open to the public.

It seems as if the flat screen televisions are popping up everywhere these days. Two new ones behind the bar! I'm thrilled with the additions and hope that you are too. Thank you to Joe Powell and P.M.L.A. for racking up enough credit card points for a free T.V. and a whole hearted thank

you to Jackie and John Baker for graciously donating the other one. It's not quite a sports bar but I have to say that it's cool to have the ability to have multiple games or golf tournaments or whatever on at the same time. No more craning your neck from the bar trying to see the big screen on the wall behind you.

And now for something totally different: On Thursday the 24th we are going to have a wine tasting and wine pairing dinner. Chef Orpheus Brown will prepare a sumptuous six course meal with a wine pairing for each course. The price is \$69.00 per person and reservations can be made through the Restaurant at (209) 962-8638. Go to our website (pinemountainlake.com) to view the menu. We will feature wines from the Michael-David winery of Lodi and a representative will be on hand to explain all those subtle nuances and other stuff you should know about proper wine pairing. Now here's the kicker, you'll be able to order any wines you like to be delivered the following week. Of course we'll tack on a little something for our trouble but prices will still be quite reasonable.

My "Secret Song" promotion didn't go over as well as I would have thought. A lot of people asked for a hint and my standard reply was "if anybody ends up winning this thing you're gonna do one of those open palm slaps to the forehead thing and say "of course I should have known". Well, the secret song was Winning by Santana. Until the next time I make the deadline I say good bye.

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Aaron Pearson Band

AARON PEARSON BAND

Saturday, January 5th 8 pm to midnight in the Lounge Sure to pack the place with high energy rock n' roll

ROCKSLIDE

Saturday, January 12th
8 pm to midnight
Local favorites playing all your
favorite tunes



Rockslide

DYNA-MO

Saturday, January 19th 8 pm to midnight Appearing every third Saturday and ready to rock!



ROTARY CLUB

Saturday, January 26th
The Rotary Club will provide live entertainment for the Red, White and
Blue Ball. The Lounge will be open
to the public.

For more information please call us at (209) 962-8638 for the Country Club or (209) 962-8636 for The 19th Hole Lounge.

As always, thank you for your support!

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Happy New Year to Our Niners

By Jane Reynolds

ope you got your Christmas wish and are now playing like Tiger Woods. This is a new year with new hopes and wishes. It ain't going to come to you in golf without hard work and practice, practice and more practice; or isn't it wonderful to just be out there in God's country, whatever the score

Congratulations to Barbara Davis, our ACE OF ACES.

Reminders:

January – Shotgun at 11:00 am.

Nov. 1st, PUTTS DAY: Wanda Patterson (16); Mary Reynolds (17); Geralyn Dielman (18) and Charlie Fratus (19). PARS: Geralyn Dielman, Wanda Patterson & Barbara Haiges #14. Barbara Davis on #17. LOW NET: Three way tie. Barbara Davis is our Ace of Aces.

Nov. 8th, POKER: 1st flight: L. Marshall, 1st. A. Clark, 2nd and J. Reynolds, third. 2nd flight: F. Jansen, J.

Thompson and F. Buckley, third. 3rd Flight: J. Michaelis, J. Hansen and P. Price coming in third. PARS: B. Davis #12 & 17, L. Marshall #14 & P. Price & H. Wilson #17. LOW NET: Faye Buckley 33.

Nov. 15th, ODD HOLES: A. Clark, L. Marshall & B. Davis, third. 2nd Flight: B. Oakley, B. Haiges and L. Faler, third. 3rd Flight: P. Price, J. Thompson and J. Michaelis coming in third. PARS: A. Clark 18, B. Davis and L. Marshall #17. Low Net: Barbara Haiges 36.

Nov. 29th, EVEN HOLES: First Flight: A. Clark, B. Davis and C. Babyak coming in third. Second Flight: C. Krout, W. Patterson and L. Faler in third. Third Flight: J. Thompson, P. Price, and J. Michaelis in third. PARS: A. Clark #3, L. Marshall #2 and B. Haiges #2. CHIP-IN: C. Babyak #6 and B. Haiges #2. LOW NET: C. Krout, 29, Congratulations.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fire Safety

By Larry Woodruff, PML Fire Safety Coordinator

ue to the fires that occurred in the Tahoe area and in Southern California this year, Fire Safety is continuing the effort this fall and winter inspecting lots for the thinning out of vegetation, debris piles, trimming trees and removal of dead limbs and brush. This is a must in preventing fires. It is easier to take this action during the Winter months. Tree limbs, leaves, needles and grass may be taken to the PML compost area (7) days a week from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. weather permitting. No plastics,

construction debris or other "non natural" materials may be deposited.

Remember, your lots must be in compliance for fire safety as of June 15th of each year in accordance with Resolution #95.04.

For emergency and quick identification, lots require Unit/Lot and addresses posted on your property and visible from the street

If you have any questions, please call Larry at 209-962-8616.

Thank You

his is a big Thank You to Bambi and her staff for the lovely dinner that we had on December 2nd for our Iinstallation of New Officers for the Pine Mountain Garden Club.

The service was exceptional and the food and ambiance was great. Everything was smooth and run very efficiently.

Thank you again, Bambi, you are an asset to our Club.

Sincerely,

Lonnie Roman, Dian Watson,
Pine Mountain Garden Club

Pine Mountain Lake Men's Golf Club

By Dick Faux

am pleased to publish the PML Men's Golf Club tournament scheduled for 2008. It is printed below in its entirety. Each month throughout 2008 I will publish the schedule for the remaining months of 2008. This schedule will also be posted on the bulletin board in the proshop and online at www. pmlmgc.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The first PML Men's Golf Club tournament of 2008 is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2008. The format will be a scramble A-B-C-D computer draw. Entry forms may be obtained in the proshop or online.

Golf Quiz:

Q) #1. If a ball is embedded within the confines of a water hazard, do you get relief under the embedded ball rule?

Q) #2. A player's ball comes to rest on the fringe of the green. There is sand from a previously played bunker shot between his ball and the green. Is the player allowed to remove the sand before playing his next stroke?

Joe Smith's Laws of Golf:

Law 1: Golf carts always run out of juice at the farthest point from the clubhouse.

Law 2: "Nice lag" can usually be translated to "lousy putt." Similarly, "tough break" can usually be translated to "way to miss an easy shot, dummy."

Law 3: The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

More of Joe's golf laws next month...

penary.
A) #2 NO. Loose soil or sand are allowed to be removed ONLY on the putting green.

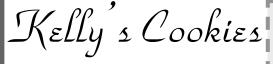
A) #1 NO. Embedded ball relief is only allowable "through the green", not within a hazard. You must play the ball as it lies or take relief under the water hazard rule incurring a one stroke

VIZAMERS:

		RECREATION/CLUBS	3
Tournament	Date	Format	
Men's Club Monthly Special	Wed Jan. 16	Scramble; A-B-C-D Computer Draw	Jan. 14
Men's Club Monthly Special (Choose Wisely)	Wed Feb. 13	Sign up as 4 man team; 2 Best Balls; 4 Club Maximum	Feb. 11
Ice Breaker	Sat Mar. 22	Sign up as 2 man team. Best ball	Mar. 19
Match Play Championship Sign -Up	April	Schedule your match each month of May, June, July, August.	April 26
NCGA Zone Qualifier	Sat April 12	Sign up as 4 man team. Scoring is best 2 balls of the 4. One 4 man team to qualify. Pairs will not play in same foursome.	April 9
Men's Club Monthly Special	Wed April 16	One Man Scramble	April 14
NCGA Qualifier: Four Ball Net Cham- pionship	Sat May 3	Sign up as 2 man team. Better Ball Format. Top 2 teams qualify. Max index of 18.4- play will be 90% of existing handicap.	April 30
Men's Club Monthly Special (Ham & Egg)	Wed May 14	Sign up as 2 man team. Each player is responsible for 9 holes.	May 12
Spring Mixed- Foursome Tournament	Fri-Sat May 16- 17	4 Person Scramble	May 13
NCGA Senior 4 Ball Qualifier	Sat June 7	2 man better ball. 55 years old to play. 2 lowest teams qualify. 90% of handicap is used. Max. index of 18.4	June 4
Men's Club Monthly Special	Wed June 11	A-B-C-D Computer Draw; 2 Best Balls plus Orange Ball	June 9
Club Championship	Sat-Sun June 21-22	36 holes, gold tees, individual stroke play, full handicaps. Low gross and low net will be paid in each flight. Player with the lowest gross score in the field will be the club champion.	June 18
Men's Club Monthly Special	Wed July 9	4 man team- 3 best balls. Horse race to follow.	July 7
Mother Lode Tournament	Thu-Sat July 17,18,19	July 17: practice round. July 18: 2 man better ball. July 19: 2 man both scores.	July 11
ndividual Net Championship combined with NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier	Sat-Sun Aug. 2-3	100% of handicap will be used. 2 low net scores qualify. Max index of 33.4	July 30
Men's Club Monthly Special	Wed Aug. 13	A-B-C-D Computer Draw; 3 Best Balls	Aug. 11
Hamburger Tournament	Sat Aug. 23	2 Man scramble (holes 1-9), Modified Scotch (holes 10-18).	Aug. 20
Couples Net Championship	Sat-Sun Sept. 6-7	Combined score of both balls both days. Max index of 33.4	Sept. 3
Men's Club Monthly Special	Wed Sept. 10	A-B-C-D Computer Draw; 4 Man Shamble	Sept. 8
Match Play Championship Finals	Sat Sept. 13	80% Handicap will be used	
Annual Business Meeting	Sat Sept. 27	2 Man Point Par, Computer Draw	Sept. 24
Men's Club Monthly Special	Wed Oct. 8	A-B and C-D Computer Draw. Scramble, Best Ball, Modified Scotch Every 6 Holes. 2 Team Scores Combined.	Oct. 6
Italian Invitational	Sat Oct. 18	4 Man Scramble	Oct. 15
Turkey Shoot	Sat Nov. 15	Sign up as 4 man team. 3 best balls of foursome. Max. index of 33.4	Nov. 12

^{*} Please, all entries must be accompanied with a check





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Crafts Guild

Loraine Jordan 962-6707

Dance Party

Carol Stevens 962-0406 **Duplicate Bridge**

Linda Cordle

962-7670

Exercise

Marie Humphreys 962-7905 962-6457 Barbara Elliott

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Marilyn Hathaway 962-7595

Garden Club

Lonnie Roman 962-6001

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Ladies Club

Kym Purifoy 962-5100

Ladies Golf Club

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Men's Golf Club

Frank Jablonski 962-4375

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Monday Bridge Club (Men's)

962-4240 Bill Mingus

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ROOFBB Jackie Baker 962-6265

962-4617

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568-1637 Heinie Hartwig

Sunday Couples Golf

Norma Baldinger 962-5332

Windjammers Sailing Club

Jim Wilbanks (925) 283-0229

PML Men's Nine-Hole Golf Club

By Bob Cowley - Secretary

n Wednesday, December 5, 2007, The PML Mens Nine Hole Golf Club had its annual meeting at the Country Club. It started at 9:00 am with a very good breakfast of eggs, sausage, bacon, fresh fruit, rolls, and coffee. Following breakfast we heard from Chris Borrego (Club Pro), and Tony Murphy (Asst. Club Pro) about our procedures for signing up for tee times, ready golf procedures, and generally telling us to keep up with the good job we did playing this last year. We have been playing nine holes in about 2 hours, or less, and that is our goal. We thanked Dave Berthold for having our carts ready and marked to start every day. We asked Doug Schmiett to talk to us about club shirts. We decided to put an order together as a group and he will have a couple of samples to see in the next week in the pro shop. We all decided that we would like to have club shirts to wear, so

make sure you place your one time order. Wally Child is heading up the effort.

Steve Thompson retired as our treasurer and Bob Haliwell was elected to take over the purse strings. Congratulations to Bob, I'm sure he will do an equally fine job. Bob Oakley presented Steve Thompson with an appreciation plaque for his years as our treasurer. We thanked our other officers, Wally Child (President), Bob Oakley (Vice-president), and Bob Cowley (Secretary) who will stay on for the 2008 season.

Look for upcoming announcements concerning general membership meetings, news on members' handicaps, games to be played on future dates, and many other features of interest for our members and guests on our website at: http://www. freewebs.com/pmlm9h.

Membership in the Men's Nine Hole Golf Club is open to any man who is a member in good standing of the Pine Mountain Lake Association. If you are new to Golf, or returning to Golf after an extended absence, please consider the Men's Nine Hole Golf Club as an alternative to playing 18 holes.

Please contact Wally Child 962-0723, Bob Oakley 962-4799, Bob Cowley 962-6245 or Bob Haliwell 962-4137 for further information on how to join us for our weekly game.

Remember our start time is 11:00 AM shot-gun for the winter. See you on the course!

Games scheduled for January are: Jan. 2. Two man scramble; Jan. 9, Four man best ball: Jan. 16, Low net: Jan. 23, Four man bramble; Jan. 30, Even hole.

Games scheduled for February are: Feb. 6, Four man scramble; Feb. 13, Three blind mice; Feb. 20, Beat the Pros; Feb. 27, Two man scramble.



PML Ladies Club Launches the Holidays

By Rosemary Adams, Publicity

liguratively speaking, our Ladies a grand LOVE BOAT CRUISE, and a fine treat it was. Our Members and Guests set sail on the bounding main from the PML Country Club, and our imaginations took us wherever we wished. The Club had been very tastefully decorated with Christmas trees trimmed in silver and white, with wreaths of red, green and gold adorning the walls. The tables were trimmed with a selection of flags from all over. And, a special touch, the attendees entered the Dining Room through a lovely red & silver heart.

Following a lovely dinner, we were en-

tertained by Cruise Director Jim Everett & Guest Entertainers and Dancing to FAST FORWARD. We thank President Kym Purifoy for bringing us a grand evening.

Then, we moved along to our Annual Christmas Coffee. This year Chairperson Sonja Palmer and her Committee brought us a very special "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"!!! The event was held at PML Lake Lodge and all the effort related to it was provided by this great Committee. First, the Lodge was arranged with many lovely Christmas trees, arranged in clusters at the entry and around the Lodge. The tables were arrayed with greens, pine cones, bird houses and favors

of bird nests. Just charming and gracious. Then the Committee Members prepared a lovely buffet which was served on elegant tables. The serving tables were trimmed with green swathed bases with miniature white lights under white cotton cloths and greens on the surfaces. Do remember, all this work was done by the Committee. It was grand, truly. And, we were entertained by Charlie Mills and Mike Bozzo - another treat. We closed with a Holiday Singalong - fun. Our thanks to the wonderful members who made it all possible.

And, we wish you a Lovely Holiday Season and a Great, Happy New Year. 8



(Top): Hundreds of new fish make their way into Pine Mountain Lake. (Bottom): Friends of the Lake members Rich Hathaway and Steve Ryan with the Calaveras Trout delivery to PML.



PML Garden Club Installation and Christmas Dinner

he PML Garden Club Installation and Christmas dinner was held at the PML Country Club on Dec. 2. There was a large attendance by members, spouses and guests. The staff served us an excellent dinner. The board was installed with the expertise of Catherine SantaMaria, our horticulturist. Outgoing president, Arlene Vorce, welcomed incoming president, Lonnie Roman, and her fellow officers. Vice Presidents, Lorraine David and Marlene Johanson; Treasurer, Barbara Coldren;

Rec. Sec., Dian Watson; Corr. Sec., Maddie Sousa; and Parliamentarian, Arlene Vorce.

Remember, we don't meet in January. Thanks to officers and committee members for a great job in 2007. The programs and field trips were great.

See you at our February meeting at the Lake Lodge. Don't forget dues for 2008. \$10 per person and \$15 per family. Mail to PO Box 167, Groveland, 95321.

Friends of the Lake Announces 2008 Officers, Plants BIG Fish

By Virginia Gustafsor

riends of the Lake is pleased to announce our officers for 2008. Marilyn Hathaway will serve a second year as president of the group. Vice president is Bill Bent. Carol Cooper is our new secretary and Phil Emig will serve as treasurer. Jim Goodrich has agreed to continue as programs chair, Jan Hatmaker continues as membership chair and Virginia Gustafson is publicity chair. We thank these members who volunteer their time to help manage the organization and plan our events.

The board of Friends of the Lake would also like to thank departing board members Dick and Lois Rosenbaum, Jerry

and Paula Baker, Art Deardorff, and Steve and Sandy DeRodeff for their service to the organization. All these folks were also founding members of the club.

In early December, Friends of the Lake "planted" about 100 trophy trout in Pine Mountain Lake. The trout came from Calaveras Trout Farm and were planted along with one thousand pounds of smaller fish purchased by the PML Association. Friends of the Lake contributed additional funds so that the extra large trophy fish could be added to the lake. We hope they will provide lots of fun and some challenge to PML's intrepid fishing fans.

PML Guardians' Outlook

By Ed & Polly Wright

Be sure to thank the Guardians and the ROOFBB for the lovely Christmas decorations. Guardians' president, John Nielsen, and other Guardians just completed decorating the Country Club for Christmas. The ROOFBBs decorated the lovely tree in the entry at the bar. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie of being together plus the pizza after completion. This is just one of the functions of the Guardians to help enhance the community of Pine Mountain Lake.

We hope all of you had a great Christmas and 2008 will be healthy and prosperous for you all!

The Guardians are always seeking new members to join our group. If you are interested in joining, or are a current member interested in running for a board position, please contact either John Nielsen at 952-4934 or Ed Wright at 962-6185.

THANK YOU!

The Pine Mountain Lake
Administration staff would like to
thank all members that take the time to
write their member/account number(s) on their
monthly assessment payment(s).
This helps ensure accurate accounting

and speeds up processing your payment.

Pine Mountain Lake Computer Users Group

By Tom Carman, Editor, PML CUG

he January meeting will be in two parts and please note the time change. We will have a show and tell for all your new "toys" you received for Christmas, like computers, printers, cameras, IPods, Ifones, etc. This part will start at 6:30 p.m. (No Multi-media

SIG) The User Group will lead off with a demonstration of adding additional ram memory to the clubs computer as well as adding a DVD burner. So, we hope you will bring all those new "toys" you want to share. For the second half of our meeting, our presenter will be

Barbara Broad and she will introduce the software program "Open Office". Her presentation will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. For those who have wanted an "Office" program like Microsoft Office, this will be an interesting no cost option. Barbara has presented many programs for us and has always taught us something new. Come one come all, this will be an outstanding presentation.

The CUG is composed of members at all levels of computer experience, and guests are always welcome. Remember, you do not have to be a resident of Pine Mountain Lake to attend the CUG meetings. For non-PML residents, please contact Frank Perry or Lee Isbell if you plan to attend so PML Safety Department can issue the proper pass. To learn other information about the CUG, such as past meeting content, monthly newsletters, club by-laws, and officer info, check out the club's website listed in this article

We look forward to seeing you on January 15th, 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Lodge. The Multi-Media Sig will not meet. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW STARTING TIME. Be sure to check out the CUG Web Site at http://www.pmlcug.com.

Further information about the CUG may also be obtained from Frank Perry at 962-0728 or Lee Isbell at 962-5727.







Is Your Glass Half Empty or Half Full?

People see things differently. While some concentrate on negative possibilities—seeing their glasses half empty instead of half full—others consistently look on the bright side. But being positive doesn't mean being unrealistic.

While life can bring challenging times, having a positive attitude often can have real mind and body benefits. People who are less burdened by pessimistic thinking don't suffer the health risks associated with stress. They feel more empowered to change their lives for the better. If your perspective seems focused on negative thoughts, try these tips:

>> Eliminate negative self-talk. When we constantly tell ourselves what we "ought to do," "should have done," and "can't accomplish," we are filling ourselves with negative self-talk. This can make us feel unable to make positive changes. Turn negative self-talk into positive self-coaching. For example, instead of focusing on what you think you can't do, brainstorm about your strengths.

>> Stay flexible. Change can be difficult. Often, we don't have control over the changes in our lives. Instead of concentrating on the way things were, focus on how you can make the best of the way things are. For example, if changes at work mean new challenges in your job, try to excel at your new duties instead of dwelling on the past.

>> Get involved. Activities that provide a sense of accomplishment--such as volunteering at a nursing home or homeless shelter--can make a big difference in both your life and the lives of others. You'll feel good about the work you do and help someone else in the process.

>> Speak up. Learning to assert yourself at work and home is important in cultivating a positive attitude. When you express your ideas tactfully, you feel better about yourself and earn respect from others. Keeping things to yourself can lead to stress and frustration.

>> Be adventurous. Encourage yourself to try new things--take a class, begin an exercise program, try for that promotion. Challenge yourself to break out of your rut, and you'll be rewarded by feeling better.

>> Avoid unhealthy responses to stress. When times get tough, it's easy to let a negative outlook lead to destructive behavior. Smoking, drinking and substance abuse are typical methods people may use to distract themselves from difficult situations. These destructive habits can only make you feel worse.

>> Live for today. Today's little pleasures and accomplishments are the events that make up our lives. Instead of reminiscing about the past or living life in anticipation of tomorrow, take time to enjoy and savor the special moments today brings.

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November Ladies Golf at PML

By Sue Perry

weather to play golf this November. It certainly felt more like summer than Fall most days. Hope you all enjoyed lots of good golf, good food and fun with family and friends this month

November 1st, 2007...Gross, Net, Putts...We tried but, due to some confusion as to whether to play Summer or Winter rules, this game had to be replayed on the 8th. For future reference, our acting tournament chair, Norma Baldinger, has posted in the lounge area that the policy is to always play the ball down unless it has been declared Winter rules by the pro shop or is otherwise posted as Winter rules by our tournament chairperson.

November 3rd 2007...Three legged Turkey Shoot...Once again we would like to thank Sara Hancock for organizing our famous Three Legged Turkey Shoot with her usual flair. It is always one of the most fun games of the year and all the players "gobbled" up lots of fun along with those delicious homemade cookies she makes. Great job and wonderful job on all the Saturday mixers! Sara reported: Ladies, A big thank you to the 30 ladies who participated in this Saturday event. There were some very impressive scores using only 3 clubs and putter. The weather was just about as

perfect as it could be. We were also happy to have Eliza Lew join one of our threesomes. When she checked in Doug suggested she might like to play with us. She is a property owner and we are hoping she might consider joining our ladies club. I have had a lot of fun organizing these Saturday Mixers. Thank you for being so supportive of these events. The game was 1 Best Ball on even and 2 Best Balls on odd.

The winners were: 1st place - Park, Maguire, Lloyd & Sample - 89; 2nd place - Butera, Connelly, Frawley & Moore - 92; 3rd place - Scott, Edgerton, Smith & Menacho - 93; 4th place - Johnson, Tompkins, Pacco & Blind Draw - 93. There was actually a tie for 3rd and it was broken on the back nine.

November 8th, 2007...Gross, Net, Putts...(for real this time). ACE OF ACES: MARILYN HATHA-WAY..65..WOW!!!! 1ST flight hdcp. 11-19; Low gross: Pricilla Park...89: Low net: Norma Baldinger...73: 2nd flight hdcp. 20-25; Low gross: Jeanne Pacco...94; Low net: Judi Maguire...75; 3rd flight hcdp: 26-30; Low gross: Virginia Tallman...100; Low net: Alice Stoll...74, Phyllis Gshwend...74; 4th flight hdcp: 31-35; Low gross: Diane Lloyd...106; Low net: Ina Rathert...75; 5th flight hdcp: 35-40; Low gross: Marilyn Hathaway...101; Low nett: Jackie Sample...70; Low Putts: 28 tie Alice Stoll-Ina Rathert; BIRDIES: Grace Dickson #14;

November 15th, 2007...Turkey Shoot...Point Par Individual; \$10 gift certificate Main Street Market - Marlene Raine - 22 points; Sharon Kenyon -19 points; Johnni Phipps - 18 points; Norma Baldinger - 17 points; Jennifer Dwailabee - 16 points; Priscilla Park -16 points: Kathy Oing - 16 points: Alice Stoll - 16 points; Clarice Ligonis - 16 points; Jodi Awai - 16 points; Jackie Sample - 15 points; Nancy Harlan - 15 points; Jeanne Clemson - 14 points; Un Chu Buttera - 14 points; Barbara Gibson - 14 points; \$10 Credit to Pro Shop***tie broken on back nine; Alma Frawley - 14 points; Thelma Faux - 14 points; Judi Maguire - 14 points; Ginny Lay - 14 points; Marlene Drew - 14 points: Linda Wall - 14 points: Mona Tompkins - 14 points; BIRDIES: N. Baldinger #3, T Faux #10, J. Mussatto # 15. J. Clemson # 17.

November 22nd, 2007...HAPPY THANKSGIVING...NO GOLF.

November 29TH,2007...RED WHITE AND BLUE: 1st Place...127 pts: M. Houser, M. Hathaway, K. Oing, P. Peebles; 2nd Place...135 pts: A.Frawley, S, Kenyon, J. Smith; 3rd Place...136 pts: G. Dickson, K. Edgerton, H. McMillan; 4th Place.. 136***Tie Broken on the Back Nine - T. Faux, Y. Mattocks, C. Stevens, S. Vaughn; 5th Place...138 pts: A.Peterson, B. Gibson, D. Lloyd, N. Baldinger; BIRDIES: P. Peebles # 9, T. Faux #9, S. Vaughn #2, N. Baldinger #14.

In other news: Congratulations to Yvonne Mattock for her hole in one that she achieved on November 12th, on hole #14 using her 5 iron. Well done! Our Christmas luncheon is on Wednesday, December 12th at 11am. A general meeting will follow along with the changing of the guard to our new officers for 2008. Hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season!! Wishing one and all great golf and good health in the new year.



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Golf Maintenance

By Alan Macdonald

appy New Year. The start of another year filled with good health and lots of pars and birdies, I hope.

2007 was a good year for Golf Maintenance, as the weather was outstanding (mild summer) and has extended into late fall. We do need the rain and snow to come, and hopefully it will be soon.

The dry weather this fall has allowed us to begin tree trimming a little earlier than usual. With the assistance of our Street Department lending us their bucket truck we are able to remove the limbs higher into the trees than in previous years. This process allows more sunlight and less interference with the irrigation systems and fewer wet spots around trees. It might also lower a score or two on those days when you do not find the middle of the fairway. I have also heard of a possible payoff over a

particular limb or two being removed or not.

On November 26th Frank Jablonski organized a volunteer workday on the golf course. Workers were assigned holes and filled divots throughout the course. Their work was beneficial and might prevent your ball from finding an unrepaired divot. Many Thanks to Frank for organizing and the volunteers who assisted and hope we can continue with this in 2008.

The lack of rain, and the need not to irrigate the greens, firms up the putting surface and speeds the ball roll. These are the factors that make them quicker than other times of the year. The greens are all maintained consistently throughout the year. The height of the cut remains constant except during aeration when we raise the cut to help reduce damage from the topdressing sand.



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CALENDAR

1/8 HIGH COUNTRY LINE DANCERS LINE UP!

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Starting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, we will offer beginner lessons from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Hall in Groveland. Intermediate/advanced lessons and dancing run from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

So come alone or bring a friend! You don't need a partner, which is one of the best things about line dancing, and you don't need to have ever danced before. Just bring a willing attitude, a sense of humor, and a bit of energy. You will have a great time!

We ask for a \$2 donation per person per week which will be used for our "end of session party" in June.

For more information, call Carol Stevens at 962-7254 or Sue Salnick at 962-4155.

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January 26, 2008 High Noon at High Noon — A free showing of this famous movie that was filmed in Tuolumne County. Enactments, special guests, and popcorn too! Taking place at the Sonora High School Auditorium.

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2nd & 4th Thursdays

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Attention Pine Mountain Lake and Groveland Area Ladies: A new women's support/discussion group will be forming. Days and times will be determined by participants. It is time to do something for yourselves. Make new friends, get rid of some old emotional baggage, and share your knowledge and experience. Call me. Let's talk.

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DANCE PARTY AT THE LAKE LODGE

Second Friday 7:30 to 11:00 pm. \$3.00 per person, \$5.00 per couple. Bring your own beverage and snack to share.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH COUNTRY LINE DANCERS

High Country Line Dancers at Groveland Community Hall — 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Beginner line dancing lessons 7-8 p.m.; intermediate/advanced lessons and dancing 8-9 p.m. Everyone welcome! Instructor: Susan Nash. \$2.00 per person. For more info, call Carol Stevens at 962-0406 or Sue Salnick at 962-4155.

SOROPTIMIST MEETINGS

The Soroptimist International of Groveland will meet the first four Tuesdays of the month at the Pine Mountain Lake Country Club at 12:30 pm. For information regarding membership, please contact Cindi Goodrich at 209-962-4660.



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Business Interview

with Realtors Larry Jobe and Elizabeth Lilley
"Liz & Larry"

Q: When and how did you decide to get into Real Estate? *Larry* — Three years ago when my United Airlines Pension evaporated in the Airlines bankruptcy I had to replace it to keep living in the manner to which I had become accustomed to. I had been a long time airport resident and loved living up here, therefore Real Estate seemed a natural selection giving me an opportunity to share my love of the area with others.

Liz — Since Chris Lake sold me my first vacation home here in PML in 2000, I had been thinking about moving here permanently. We both fell in love with PML on our first visit and made offers on three homes on the same day and purchased #2. My husband and I were living in Colorado in 2005 and we both decided we wanted to move back to our house in PML for all the amenities it has to offer. I went into Real Estate in January of 2006 as it was an obvious continuation from Facilities Management for an International Mergers and Acquisitions Company. It was a logical move as I could now sell in an area that I am excited about.

Q: You both work together, so we'd all like to know, how do you get along? Can't stand each other which is what keeps this relationship purely platonic. Or better- Liz is British and I am hard of hearing so I never know what she is saying therefore I just nod in agreement, and she's brilliant anyhow.

Q: Where did you move from before moving to Groveland? Danville for Larry. Boulder, Colorado for Liz. Both of us were escaping from the 'Big' city to the peace and tranquility of the mountains along with the enticement of everything that there is to do in this area - Golf, Flying, Tennis, Swimming, etc Always looking for new adventures and things to explore in the Yosemite Region...eating, did we mention eating? We are always on the look out for new and exciting dining experiences.

Q: What was your favorite house that you've sold? *Larry* — Steve and Diane Martin on the corner of Elderberry and Hemlock. A gorgeous large home sitting on an oak treed acre + corner lot.

Liz — It was my first sale—3 wonderful professional women from Ventura who came to buy land or a log cabin and purchased a lovely ranch house on Wells Fargo—they have since become very good friends!

Q: Where is the farthest place a client has come from? *Larry* — Steve and Diane Martin from Texas. *Liz* — Ventura. These are clients who have bought property - we have both dealt with clients from New York, Westward. We also have those Brits, who can't make up their minds whether or not to buy as their taxation on 2nd homes is a bit uncertain - we're working on them.

Q: What is the strangest thing you've had happen since you've been in business? Larry — a client asked me to write a contract for the purchase of a home that I had shown them and I faxed it over to them and then never heard from them again! Back when the market was hopping I got wind that a property on the airport was going to be listed for \$399K, I called a couple of my clients who both wanted runway proper and wanted to bid, they were down in my office writing competing contracts that same day and I ended up with only a referral as the selling party was only willing to deal with a particular agent in our office and another in a competing office. The offer I brought in was \$51K over the asking price.

Liz — an elderly gentleman came into the office when I was working down in Don Pedro and asked if I would go and look at his property with him to give him an idea of it's worth. He wouldn't give me his telephone number so that I could let him know what the comps were as he didn't want his wife to know he was selling it. He called back and wouldn't leave a message with how to get hold of him—and to my knowledge has still not put the property on the market (12 months later).

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Let's Get Virtual

ave you noticed your computer slowing down over time? This is probably from all the additional software you have installed over time. If you own a computer from a large manufacturer and still have the original Windows installation that came from the factory on your computer, it's probably been slow since day one from all the trial software and other junk the large manufacturers like to install. Most people have never experienced what it's like to run Windows from a fresh clean install straight from the original CD rather than a set of restore discs that automatically load all the unwanted software. Of course not just anyone is capable of installing Windows from scratch; it can become complicated if you don't have the proper drivers available for your computer. Drivers are pieces of software that make each individual device in your computer work properly with Windows. You have probably installed a printer driver before if you bought a new printer. However with a new windows install you need to install drivers for the chips that control your hard drive, sound card, modem, network cards, and so on, or none of these devices will work. The difficult part is that these drivers are different for every computer and can sometimes be very difficult to find. However if you have a clean install of Windows on your machine you will notice that it moves a lot faster than you thought your machine was capable of moving.

Let's assume you have a nice crispy clean machine that's just purring along nicely since you haven't started installing any of your applications yet. It's like having a brand new car that you wash all the time and never let get too dirty. At least for a while. After you have had the car for a few years then you start washing it less and less. Maybe eventually you just never wash it. A windows install can become very much like an old car. Once it gets dirty and starts running slow you just keep abusing it by downloading and installing more stuff until it runs like a slug. Fortunately I have a solution that will keep your Windows install running smoothly for a much longer time. Of course you don't have to have a clean install of windows to do this. You can install this software on any computer as long as it has enough power.

What you need is a virtual computer also known as a virtual machine or VM. A virtual machine is a software computer that runs inside your real computer. There are several companies that make

virtual software but the most popular ones are made by Microsoft and VMware. Microsoft's Virtual PC 2007 is a free download from Microsoft's website. You can download VMware's VMware Server from http://vmware.com/download/server/. Both are great pieces of software and it's hard to believe they are free. My favorite is VMware. Once you have installed one of these you can start building your virtual machines within your real machine. You can create as many virtual machines as you like and even run them simultaneously. After you create your machines you will have to install Windows on them. VM's share the hardware with your real machine so vou're CD-ROM will also be the same as the virtual machine's CD-ROM, and so on. You would install applications the same way except within the virtual machine.

Where the virtual machines become handy is you can have one for every need. For example, I have a virtual machine dedicated just to video editing with nothing but video editing software installed. I have another for banking and finances with nothing but my banking websites and finance software. Then I have another for testing new software apps that I'm not sure if I will want to keep. This is where a virtual machine really helps keep your main Windows install clean. You might see a game or fun program online one day that you want to try out but you're nervous that it might mess up your computer. No problem! Just install it on your virtual machine and if it messes something up you can just erase the virtual machine and start a new one within minutes. If you really like the program and decide it is something that you will use constantly then go ahead and install it on your main machine. Virtual machines really shine in security. You can set up a dedicated virtual machine just for surfing the internet. The virtual machine can then be used to recklessly surf all the most dangerous, virus infested websites (such as gambling sites and other sites we shouldn't go to, but do) and it will only mess up the virtual machine rather than your main computer. If you have friends or relatives that like to borrow your computer to check there e-mail and then somehow manage to load a bunch of viruses into your computer, no problem! Just give them a guest virtual machine to use. In fact you don't even need to have antivirus software installed on your main machine if you use a virtual machine for your internet surfing and email. If you do that, though, be sure you have all the latest Windows updates and a firewall turned on.

The beauty of these machines is that it's almost like buying multiple computers for free. Your network will see them as if they are real computers and you can transfer files easily between them all with network shares, just like a real network. In Fact a lot of large companies are turning to virtualization to save costs on hardware. A company can buy one really powerful server and run multiple virtual servers inside. This saves not only on buying additional hardware but also electricity, valuable space and of course heat. Mac users have been aware of virtual computers for quite some time. If you own a Mac you can run Windows on your Mac inside a virtual machine. Unfortunately it's not the other way around. So if you're curious

about Macs then you have to buy Mac hardware. However you can run every other operating system including Linux. If you ever wanted to try Linux, now is your chance without having to have a separate machine. In fact, if you want to really protect your computer from viruses then make the Internet surfing machine Linux.

That's the scoop for this month. I hope you enjoyed the information ... and I hope you had a very merry Christmas and excellent New Year's eve! If you have any questions please contact me at info@ e-spon.com.

Until next month, best wishes and happy computing!



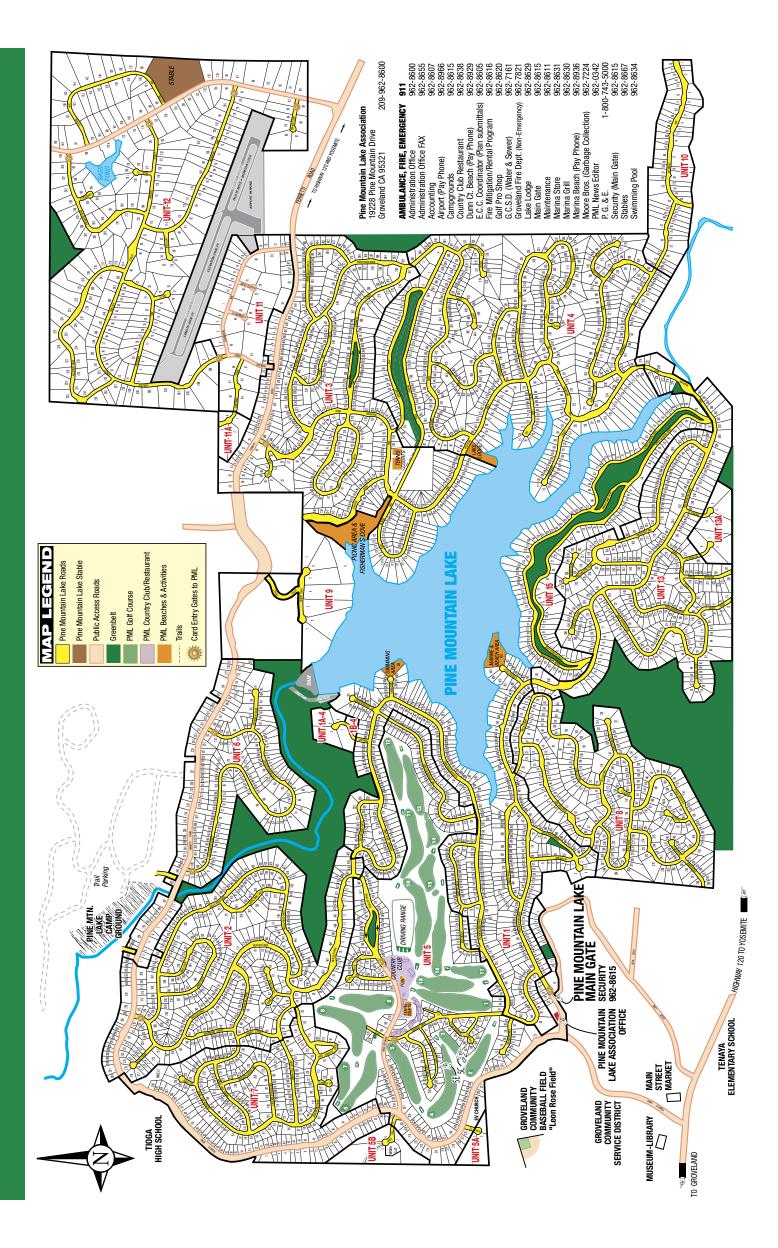
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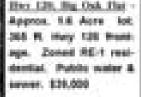
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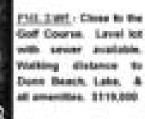
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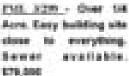
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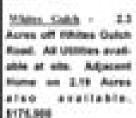
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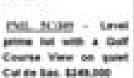


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3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Chalet.





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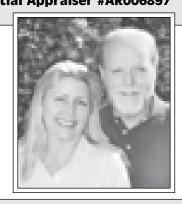
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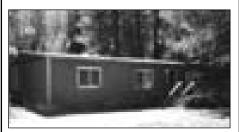
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SECLUSION PLUS....Great 4.5 acres with easy access off Greeley Rd. Great well at 16 GPM and clear drinking water. No filtration was necessary. Has seasonal creek through property. Has 3 apple trees and also grapes. 2nd home needs work and would make good rental. Call David Lint, \$349,500 6421 Greeley Hill Rd. #C&D. MLS#65883

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GREAT VIEW....This 3bd/2ba home has great potential. The paved/gravel access road allows you to bring the cars to garage and easy access to home, 2 lots next to home are merged. Secluded w/room for RV's. 2 rooms below are guest quarters or great computer room. Recently new carpet. Call David Lint, \$350,000 6/230 MLS#65884



RELAX IN THE SHADED PARK LIKE SETTING....Overlooking the 4th fairway. This home is one level, perfect for a retirement or vacation home. Features include 3bd/2b. Aprx 1860 sq ft. Open floor plan with wet bar and oversized garage. Call Ron Connick, \$427,000 5/245 MLS#65838



PREMIER SETTING....sensational 4bd/3.5ba, 4,382 sq. ft. home with a 2400 sq. ft. partially finished basement and a 600 sq. ft. storage area. 4car-2 story garages with panoramic views of the mountains and lake. Loads of amenities. Call Linda Willhite, \$1,320,000 9/5 MLS#65260



SURRENDER TO COMFORT....You'll experience warmth & tranquility in this cedar A frame. Approx 2490 sf w/views of the green belt & seasonal creek. Lg master loft mixed w/private office & adjoining bath. Warm & comfortable guest quarters with beautiful propane fireplace. Lg decks & hot tub to enjoy outdoor living. Call Linda Willhite, \$585,000 10/29 MLS#65531

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PRIVACY PLUS....merged lots on both sides of this 3bd/3ba, 2232 sq. ft. home. Home designed for easy access to front door (no steps), bonus room and office/den on lower level. Large master bedroom w/jetted tub. Room for RV to park. Call David Lint, \$444,800 8/273 MLS#65819



GREAT LOCATION....on South Fork of the Tuolumne River. Fish from your own property. Beautiful setting with excellent manufactured home and two car garage with shop. Look now for this special property hard to find! Call Bob Lawson, \$495,000 31475 Hardin Flat Rd. MLS#65899



ALL ONE LEVEL WITH VIEW....600+ sq. ft. screened-in porch. Deep lot with tall trees. Circulating hot water to kitchen and baths. Upgraded carpet 1 year old. Covered entry. Call Barbara Goethe, \$399,900 13/124 MLS#65576



HARD TO RESIST....Beautiful 3b/2ba approx. 2066 sq. ft. new home completed in 2006 on 1.7 ac. Finished 2 car garage & RV parking for your convenience. Hardwood floors, cherry cabinets, central vac & nice views add to enjoyment. Call Linda Willhite, \$572,000 11/53 MLS#65708



STYLE, QUALITY, VALUE!....Living room with free standing stove opens onto a deck with great views to expand leisure activities to the out-of-doors. Storage/workshop under the house. Wonderful floor plan with 3bd/2b all on one level. .50 acres. Ĉall Linda Willhite, \$419,000 13/125 MLS#65646



SOLID COMFORT....This 3bd/2ba approx 2104 sq ft single level home with hot tub and loads of RV parking, is perfect for the comfort you've earned. Living room with fireplace and formal dining area opens onto a spacious deck to expand leisure activities to the out of doors. Call Linda Willhite, \$399,500 4/512 MLS#65113



SINGLE LEVEL HOME....Clean 3bd/2ba, large 2 car garage. Easy access with level 2 large lots merged. New water heater strapped. New blower in central heater. Home backs up to private ranch. Plenty of room for RV w/plug connection on outside of home. No stairs to contend with. Excellent condition. Call David Lint, \$369,500 7/4 MLS#65693



STYLE, QUALITY, VALUE!....Beautiful 3bd/3ba 2100 sq.ft. home built in 2005. Granite counter tops in a sunny kitchen. Large bonus room downstairs with free standing gas stove. Gazebo on back deck to relax or reflect. RV parking under back deck and oversized 2 car garage. Call Linda Willhite, \$449,950 6/193 MLS#65892





Zana Looney

El Portal Road Reconstruction Hours Announced in Yosemite

he El Portal Road is a park road that begins at the western boundary of Yosemite National Park. It begins at the eastern end of California State Highway 140 and continues 7.5 miles east to the Pohono Bridge.

In response to the recent ruling by the Eastern District Court, which directs the National Park Service to prepare a new comprehensive management plan for the Merced River, only those portions of the road that are at imminent risk of failure are being addressed at this time (approximately 1400 feet of roadway). This area has undergone five emergency repairs since 1997, but a complete reconstruction is needed so that the road can withstand future high water events. Important considerations throughout the planning process have been to maintain the road's historic character as a winding, narrow, mountain road and to consider the protection and enhancement of the Merced Wild and Scenic River.

Yosemite Valley will remain open throughout the road construction. The Wawona Road (Highway 41 outside of the park) will remain open 24 hours per day.

As of December 9, 2007, construction hours will be:

Weekdays:

Sunday - Thursday - 10:00 pm through 6:00 am - Full night closure with one outbound opening at 11:00 pm Monday - Friday - 6:00 am through 10:00 pm - One lane controlled traffic with maximum 30 minute delays **Weekends:**

Friday 4:30 pm through Sunday 10:00 pm - One lane controlled traffic with maximum 30 minute delays

Hours are subject to change during the course of the construction. Please call 209/372-0200 for more information or for updated road conditions.

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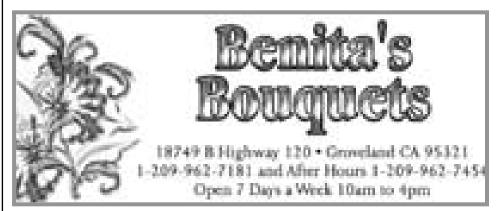
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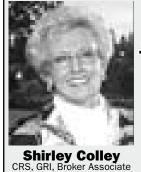
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Tuolumne Trails Thanks Contributors

By Virginia Gustafson

Paula Baker Foundation thank the hundreds of community organizations, friends and neighbors who made generous contributions to the camp at the end of 2007. Your donations helped purchase supplies and equipment for the campers and will also provide many scholarships for children with special medical needs who might otherwise not be able to come to camp. We expect to serve about 1500 children in 2008.

Special thanks also to Jim Sample who made 25 wooden signs for the camp. We now have all the buildings labeled as well as a snazzy new entrance sign. We also

thank the Sonora Guaranty Bank, and several PML neighbors for generous donations of furniture and equipment.

Camp director John Infelise and his family are still looking for a 4-wheel drive vehicle, perhaps a used Subaru or an older Jeep or other SUV. If you have a 4-wheel drive vehicle to sell or donate, please call John at 962-7534, extension 1.

Remember the camp is always open for visitors. Take a drive out to 22988 Ferretti Road and see this wonderful project.

(Top): Each cabin is named for a tree that grows at the camp. (Bottom): New entrance sign to Tuolumne Trails, made and donated by Jim Sample.



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The Groveland Rotary Debuts It Own Website

By Sharon Hunt

heck us out at...grovelandrotary. org! Our past president, Herman Schaap, has been busy at work developing our new website. Our website contains dates, times and place of our weekly meetings, fundraisers, local service projects, pictures, and our international activities.

Did you know that the Groveland

Rotary, along with several other Rotary Clubs under the leadership of John Brunk, sends a team each spring to Mexicali who provides a free medical clinic including painting schools and orphanages? The last three years we have donated an ambulance to the local Mexicali hospital. Bob Hatmaker also takes a team of Rotary Clubs to

the back country of Guatemala to build schools.

Did you know that Rotary International has, over the last ten years, given million of dollars to eradicate polio around the world? When the country of India has completed its inoculations, the world will be polio free.

Did you know that Rotary International's new project is to bring clean water to families, villages and farms to improve our world's quality of life?

Did you know that we just received a grant to purchase a professional wood splitter to provide firewood for the needy in the Groveland/Big Oak Flat area?

Did you know you can support our local service projects and Tioga High School Senior scholarships by attending our fundraisers?

All this information is available on our new website. Check us out!

Yosemite National Park Ornament Displayed on the Official White House Christmas Tree

Nosemite's ornament is prominently displayed on this year's official White House Christmas

Tree. The tree is the centerpiece of elaborate decorations celebrating the theme of "Holiday in the National Parks."

"It is an amazing honor for the National Park Service to be selected as the theme for the White House holiday decorations by the President and Mrs. Bush," said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. "Mrs. Bush is the best champion for our national parks, and the beautiful decorations in each state room showcase the natural and historical treasures found in parks throughout the country."

The tree, located in the Blue Room, is adorned with handmade ornaments representing the country's 391 National Park Service sites. "Each ornament on the magnificent 18-foot Fraser fir was designed by an artist selected by the park," said Bomar. "The ornaments tell the stories of our parks, just as our parks tell the stories of our nation."

Yosemite's ornament was designed by local artist Penny Otwell. Her work has been featured in numerous locations in the Yosemite area, including regularly at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Valley. Ms. Otwell attended the reception at the White House hosted by First Lady Laura Bush on November 28. "To stand side-by-side with the other artists that contributed to this tree was a great honor. Hearing the First Lady speak of her love for the National Parks was a very moving experience." said Otwell.

The holiday displays incorporate the wide variety of natural, cultural, and

recreational features preserved by the National Park Service. Models of icons such as the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and the Statue of Liberty share space with paintings of scenic vistas from Grand Canyon, Zion, and Rocky Mountain National Parks. Holiday garlands intertwined with park objects including seashells, pine cones, and gold aspen leaves add to each room's festive feel.

A highlight of the decorations is a scaled-down, but architecturally accurate, gingerbread reproduction of the south view of the White House, a unit of the National Park Service. The edible masterpiece includes Bush family pets Barney, Miss Beazley, and Willie frolicking on the lawn with moose, elk, raccoons, and other animals found in national parks.

"National Parks commemorate the people, places, and events that define the American experience," said Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne. "I am so appreciative of President Bush's efforts to recognize the important role of national parks in American society. Our country will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016 and the President has been instrumental in establishing the National Park Centennial Initiative to prepare the parks for the next century."



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UNDER RENOVATION This cabin has just been given a face lift w/ new interior paint, flooring $\ensuremath{\mathcal{E}}$ refinished cabinets. Upstairs are 3 brs, 1 bath, a kitchen, dining rm & living rm w/fireplace. Downstairs are 2 bonus rooms (one with a fireplace) $\ensuremath{\mathcal{E}}$ a full bath. Sweet corner lot. 1/240 \$270,000



SERENE SETTING If you are looking for a quaint home in a private setting-look no further. This home has a bi-level floor plan with lower lev guest quarters & a hobby rm w/ sep entrance. Great rm flr plan on main lev w/ vaulted wd & bm ceilings & distant golf vws. 5-205 \$329,500



CARS R' US If you live & breathe cars & toys, this is your dream house. Very nice main house with wood flooring, bay windows, $\mathcal E$ great views on a 1.49 ac parcel, PLUS a fantastic shop w/ bay doors at each end, a professional hoist $\ensuremath{\mathcal{E}}$ lift equip, tall ceilings, heat, an much more! 4-334 \$529,900



RELAX & ENJOY THE PEACE & QUIET in this nice cabin tucked away in the pines on over 3/4 of an acre. Lots of privacy, newer exterior paint 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths, plus a bonus room with a wet bar. 4-231 \$270,000.00



HORSE WHISPERERS Near stables and trails. Resort setting for you and your horses on 1.5 Ac $\ensuremath{\text{w}}/$ magnificent trees. Covered stalls with water for 4 horses, corrals, two storage barns, and tack room. The 8 yr old home has 4 bdrms and granite counters. 12-164 \$499,000.



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BREATHTAKING VIEWS above the Tuolumne River canyon at 2950 elevation, good well already drilled, many cleared homesite possibilities, Power in, excellent gravel road, pines for shade. Graham Ranch Lot 13, North of Pine Mountain Lake. See maps/flyer at PineMtnLake.com

Debt Relief Programs That Make Sense

By Eric Gartle

If anyone thinks about it going into a debt relief program makes no sense. No one should be in the position to need a debt relief program, unfortunately life happens...

There are many ways to alleviate the burden of debt, call it what you will, consolidation, debt negotiation, debt settlement, etc.. In the end it is all the same. These are programs designed to lighten your monthly load of payments. How did one get here in the first place? Overspending, illness, job loss, etc.. It does not matter how one got here, what matters is how one is going to get out.

Some debt relief programs make sense, some do not, one has a choice. If

one is in debt why choose a program that will charge money upfront? I have heard if the program does not charge money upfront something must be wrong. It is time to wake up, why would anyone in their right mind say no to something that is not going to cost them a penny. The only reason I can think of, is the old saying that goes like this, "nothing is for free in life". If I'm given the option, I'm taking the program that charges no upfront fees, call me a fool if someone says they are going to go to work for me for free, I'm definitely going to give that someone a chance. Low commission fees, of course I will take them. What is wrong with not getting my eyes gouged

out? No maintenance fees, even better. Expensive does not always mean the best when it comes to debt relief. Remember, you are already in debt, why go deeper in debt.

If you want to give away your hard earned money, go ahead there are plenty of takers. I will tell you why I advise people to go with companies that charge low fees. Because all of that upfront money goes right into the debt relief companies bank accounts strictly as earnings for doing nothing, that is why. For example, if someone goes to the store for a gallon of milk, do they pay for it upfront and come back the week after for it? The answer is NO, they do not. We must all do the same with the debt relief program we choose. Ask for results, pay later. That is a debt relief program that makes sense in my mind, does it in your's?

Next time any one tries selling you a debt relief program that is worth it's weight in gold, please think again. What you may end up with is a sack of coal. Please do not get burned and ask for results before you spend your hard earned money on a program that may not fit your needs.



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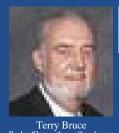
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Groveland Innkeeper Leads State Association

By TERESA CHEBUHAR The Union Democrat

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It's a David and Goliath story.

Groveland innkeeper Peggy Mosley became the chairwoman of the California Hotel & Lodging Association this afternoon (Tuesday, December 4) at a luncheon in San Francisco. She officially takes office Jan. 1 and succeeds Tony Bruno, vice president and general manager of Disneyland Resort Hotels.

It is the largest state association representing the hotel, motel and innkeepers, and has 1,800 members representing 175,000 guest rooms, according to Jim Abrams, association president and chief executive officer. It is also the largest state trade association representing the lodging industry in the country and is affiliated with the American Hotel & Lodging Association.

Mosley has been a member of state lodging association since 1994 and has

held various leadership roles. She is the fourth woman in the last 10 years to head the organization.

She's succinct about the objective of her term. "My goal is to ultimately see one voice speak in the state of California," she said referring to organizations which represent the lodging industry. "A single voice concept is incredibly powerful."

She added that she doesn't expect this to happen during her one-year term but she's seeing movement in that direction.

There are four major organizations representing California lodging industries. They are the California Hotel & Lodging Association, California Association of Bed & Breakfast Inns, California Lodging Industry Association and Asian American Hotel Owners Association. The latter is a national organization with a state chapter.

Last spring California Hotel & Lodging Association and California Association of Bed & Breakfast Inns partnered and are now housed in the California Hotel & Lodging Association offices in Sacramento.

"I want to create opportunities for all the membership to provide opportunities for them to grow their businesses," Mosley said referring to the bed and breakfast association members.

She has a long legislative agenda, both in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento. On it are the check card issue, immigration and tourism at a national level.

The check card issue, known as the Employee Free Choice Act, is federal legislation, sought by unions, to allow workers who have signed cards saying they are interested in joining a union to form a union without the need of a secret ballot.

Immigration is a large issue within the industry, Mosley said. "We have a labor puddle, not a labor pool," she said. She favors finding solutions to the immigration slowdown following 9/11 as a result of more stringent immigration policies.

In addition, Mosley favors "tourism at a national level. We need to have a national tourism agency," she said. She favors federal funding to support a national agency whose goal is to continue to reinvigorate the travel industry following 9/11.

Her state legislative agenda includes health care and minimum wage issues.

Within the association itself, she plans to discuss with the board the possibility of re-organizing that body. She favors choosing board members from committees. "This kind of involvement will strengthen the organization," Mosley said. Additionally, she wants the organization to have "greater contact with individual members." One way she believes that can be accomplished is by assigning a mentor member to new members to provide information and guidance about the organization's benefits of membership.

She said she really wants to see those in the California lodging industry speak with one voice and work much more closely together. Mosley also said she wants to ensure that California Association of Bed & Breakfast Inns members are "nurtured and cared for" within California Hotel & Lodging Association.

"I am one of them," she said referring to her ownership of a small hotel. Although California Association of Bed & Breakfast Inns is in a partnership with California Hotel & Lodging Association, Mosley said California Association of Bed & Breakfast Inns maintains its own identity, has its own Web site and its own conferences.

The advantage is that California Association of Bed & Breakfast Inns members now have the expertise of the best hospitality legal and lobbyist minds, she explained.

"It's totally exciting times. After 9/11 we were devastated and it took a long time for the lodging industry to come back. It's doing extremely well," she said.

"The participation and camaraderie of all of us working together makes it even better. There are incredible benefits for every size property in the state from the smallest to the largest."

Mosley and her husband, Grover, purchased The Groveland Hotel in 1990 in a foreclosure sale. It is a 17-room, boutique hotel built in 1849 and on the National





Sierra Club Nordic Ski Outings

Jan. 27, Sunday Beginner/Intermediate Nordic Ski Trip near Dodge Ridge off Highway 108.

A cross country ski tour up the snow covered Crabtree road starting from near the Dodge Ridge Ski Resort. Snow conditions can range from icy, packed from skier use or untracked with powder snow (an ungroomed trail). Total round trip distance is 6 miles, with the turnaround location at Aspen Meadow where we'll have lunch. Reservations are required from the hike leader. For details and possible cancellation due to weather, contact leader Frank Oyung, (209) 962-7585, email frank-oyung@sbcglobal.net

Feb. 23, Saturday Beginners/Intermediate Nordic Ski Trip in Yosemite National Park

This ski tour will be either at the Crane Flat or Badger Pass areas. It will be for advanced beginners and intermediate level cross country skiers who will cover 5-7 miles of packed or unpacked snow, dependant on conditions. The all day trip requires participants bring lunch, snacks, water, and dress in appropriate layers. Car pool from Groveland's Laveroni Community park. Call or email leader for reservations and detail, including cancellation due to weather. Leader, Frank Oyung, (209) 962-7585, frank-oyung@sbcglobal.net

The Rotary Kicks Off New Year with Red White & Blue Ball

By Sharon Hunt

Pollowing 9/11 the Groveland Rotary decided to establish the Red, White and Blue Ball to honor our service men and women who give much to keep our country free. This is our way of saying thank you by paying it forward to make our community a better place.

You will not want to miss this fun event on Saturday, January 26th, 5:30 pm at the Pine Mountain Country Club with the ever popular Home Grown group as our entertainment. The tickets are \$50

per person. To purchase tickets call Jim Thayer at 962-5007.

The money raised from the proceeds of this event will support our local service projects and high school senior scholarships. Last year Rotary awarded six \$1000 scholarships to Tioga High seniors...This year we hope to give eight \$1000 scholarships. We thank you for your support and the role you play in helping us give back to the community.

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Register of Historic Places.

"We had no idea what a historic building this was," Mosley said pointing to the casement windows. "This is a Monterey Colonial," she said, "a copy of the Thomas Larkin House in Monterey distinguished by a wrap-around veranda, metal roof and central staircase. The hotel was built to house executives from San Francisco here to build Hetch Hetchy Dam."

She displayed a portion of the original adobe masonry bearing wall. The Groveland Hotel is believed to be the only structure of the Monterey Colonial style in the Sierra, Mosley added.

Fellow foothills innkeepers are agog with Mosley.

"She's amazing. She's a legend in her own time," said Shirley Sarno, president of the Historic Sonora Chamber of Commerce, president of the Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau Board of Directors and a fellow innkeeper. "I don't know how she runs a hotel and is as involved as she is, but she's a legend."

Lynn Upthagrove, proprietor of the Hotel Charlotte in Groveland, agreed. "I think it's brilliant that we have someone out there representing the small innkeepers. One of the things she does really, really well and seems to enjoy, is the political outreach," Upthagrove said of Mosley.

"Peggy is a rare individual because she has a business background in large corporations and then she developed a passion for the lodging industry," Abrams of the California Hotel & Lodging Association said. "She really understands the owner-operator point of view."

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Ambulance Service in the Big Oak Flat/Groveland Area

By Fire Chief Shane Warner

Recently, I have been asked by many Groveland citizens about the failure of Measure S which appeared on the November ballot. I was also approached before the election by people concerned about how much ambulance service would cost Groveland tax payers. I responded to these questions by providing a glimpse of how services have evolved since the early 1970's and by comparing the kinds of emergency services available today, through the ambulance and fire department, with what was available many years ago. It is a very interesting history.

In the early years Boise Cascade developers/Pine Mountain Lake Association operated the ambulance service with paid emergency medical technicians (EMT) that provided basic life support. The ambulance was stationed at the old Pine Mountain Lake (PML) firehouse which is now the PML Department of Safety office. The ambulance personnel also doubled as security personnel when they were not needed for emergency medical calls. Each of the security staff carried a radio and pager and could be alerted when an emergency call came into the security office. The Security/ EMT personnel also responded outside of PML to the greater Big Oak Flat/ Groveland area.

Although it worked initially, the rising costs of servicing the ambulance, training security staff, and the liability involved pushed PML to look elsewhere for an agency that could provide the needed services. Due to budget constraints PML looked into having a Modesto firm provide the ambulance and security service. They bid on the security contract but refused to take on the ambulance service because of the liability.

When it appeared that this needed emergency service was going to be discontinued, concerned citizens formed a group called South Side Emergency Medical Services Association (SEMSA). Their goal was to keep an ambulance service in the Big Oak Flat/Groveland area. They applied and received a grant which enabled them to start a basic life support ambulance with volunteer emergency medical technicians.

In 1988 the Groveland Community Services District Board passed a resolution to oversee the equipment, supplies, maintenance, and finances for the ambulance and entered into partnership with the Manteca ambulance service to supply paramedic and EMT personnel. This continued for ten years but in the years that followed the ambulance eventually was left in the hands of Tuolumne County Health Services.

Voters in the Big Oak Flat/Groveland area passed an ambulance tax with a 90% affirmative vote that started an assessment in 1988 that will continue until June of 2008. This tax subsidized the ambulance service and guaranteed that a paramedic level of service would exist in South Tuolumne County.

I recently gathered some Big Oak Flat/Groveland area statistics based on the 2000 census. At that time 56% of our population was fifty years of age or older and the median age was 53.8 years. I think these statistics show that it is vital to our area citizens that we have a full-time ambulance with a paramedic on duty.

The reduction or loss of ambulance services would directly affect the Groveland Fire Department. We would have longer on-scene times waiting from fifteen to forty-five minutes for an ambulance from Coulterville or Sonora. Fire Department First Responders and EMT's provide initial basic life support. Tuolumne County Ambulance personnel provide transport and advanced life support such as administering IV's and medication. Without the additional services of the ambulance, life threatening emergencies could have undesirable outcomes.

When I took the position of Fire Chief, I morally and ethically took on the responsibility of looking out for the best interest of the residents of Big Oak Flat/Groveland so I am extremely concerned about the future of emergency services available in our District. I was encouraged to hear that District Supervisor Mark Thornton has proposed a citizen's committee to address this issue. Our community needs to work together to find solutions that will keep emergency services available in our area.

I have been in the fire service for twenty-one years and never thought one of my own family members would need the ambulance or the Fire Department. But we have used the emergency medical system and it saved my family member's life. When this happened to my family I could not have put a price tag on having the services available when we needed them.

Face Lifting Projects Up & Running at the Little House (SSSI)

By Sally Salinas, Project Manager

Tirst of all, thank you to Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors and their staff and all our wonderful community supporters and contributors!

Not only have we been clearing, cleaning and leveling our new TEMPORARY home for programs and services for (SSSI), but we have successfully launched several fund raising projects to help pay for the on-going cost of operating and maintaining the grounds and facilities and programs and services to be delivered at the site.

We are most grateful for the large donation made by Ken's Asphalt (arranged by Opal and Ken Berg). Ken's Asphalt had a wonderful six man crew remove the garden area, level the grounds for rock to be laid and cleared and removed all the cuttings and leaves. This provides additional much needed parking area for better access to the facility. This was a very generous donation to the project.

Next Liz Mattingly spearheaded our very successful first annual Holiday POINSETTIA sales. We are deeply grateful to Berg Properties, Eileen Roberts,

Jennifer Norris Hoachlander and Dave and Mary White, who simply donated funds to the sale.

Another project lead by Catherine Santa Maria will provide proceeds from the sale of the first 100 Survival Kits to the Little House. See her December ad in the PML news. Thanks Catherine! Karen Serrett and Sharon Hunt are hard at work preparing a grant to be submitted for funding early in 2008 to pay for costs related to painting, lighting, heating and furnishing the Little House.

People are asking; when can we begin our programs, activities at the Little House? Currently our response has been. "When we have completed all our fixing up and we have a safe, warm, welcoming environment, we will invite one and all to come and participate. Until then we are developing a wish list for resources and volunteer labor. Please note that we are requesting funds to purchase new items that can later be relocated to our new facility when The Gathering Place is built. In so doing we will be able to keep future furnishing costs down. 40 -- new cushioned folding chairs x \$20.00 each and 10 -- 48" light weight collapsible round tables x \$80.00 each.

Expertise Needed: (due to limited space, our décor Task Force will review potential donations for fit, esthetics and functionality), 1. Building an outdoor portico at the front entrance (design needs County approval). 2. Sanding and repainting of the front entrance ramp. 3. Installation of County approved lighting and fixtures.

Volunteers needed for miscellaneous support such as painting and prep. etc can contact Opal Berg (SSSI Volunteer Coordinator) at 962-7817 or Sally Salinas 962-0505. We are compiling a list and we will provide SSSI orientation and assign volunteers to projects as needed.

Lastly, don't forget this TEMPORARY (SSSI) project at the Little House is a precursor to programs and activities at THE GATHERING PLACE when we have that facility built here in Groveland. We are ever hopeful that that project will be completed in the foreseeable future.

Our success at operating programs, services and activities at the Little House will only make our efforts at the future Gathering Place better!

Museum Docents Honored at Luncheon

By Rosemary Adams, Publicity

ur Groveland Yosemite Highway Museum Docents were honored recently at a Reception & Luncheon held at the Museum. When our Docents arrived they found a lovely Christmas tree to greet them in the lobby. Then, the Hilltop Stitchers had prepared a lovely Christmas Tree for their Exhibit, decorated with handmade ornaments. The Exhibit is in the front area of the Museum, just across from the entry, so it greeted the Docents as they entered. It was a nice touch and we thank them.

For the Reception, a collection of nibbles and deviled eggs were served, very nice. Then the Docents went down to the Meeting Room where they were served a fine selection of Homemade Soups, Salads and Desserts. MMMM, GOOD.

President Jane Dees of STCHS, welcomed the Docents and thanked them for their support and presence in the Musesum which has made it possible for the Museum to be open daily. She also introduced Rolene Keisling and thanked her efforts in our historical work. And, she thanked Ina Rathert for her role in coordinating the staffing of the Museum. Good job, ladies. Our Docents so enjoyed

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The Groveland Rotary Makes Firewood Available to Needy

By Sharon Hunt

The Groveland Rotary's newest service project is to cut, deliver and stack firewood for those persons in need. Don't let these cold nights and wintry days get to you. Warmth is a

call away. Just call Jim Thayer at 962-5007 for a load of mixed firewood. The basketball team at Tioga High School is also helping Rotary make this project

Youth Activities Council

The Council will meet again in January to make plans for activities in the brand new Groveland Youth Center for the Spring. They have already developed a long list of activities, like sailing, cooking, dance lessons, bird watching, electronics, etc. GAINs has raised over \$10,000 to support programs for the new center.

The Council, sponsored by GAINs, is also planning a Grand Opening party when the new center in Mary's Park will be finished in the Spring. Students,

parents, and school, County Recreation Department, and community members are on the Council and welcome anyone interested in joining in on all the fun and activity!

Do you have a hobby or interest you'd be willing to share with the kids as one of the activities? We want to offer as many special programs as possible! For more information contact GAINs Chairman, Barbara Broad, at 962.7730 or GrovelandGAINs@aol.com.

Farewell to Bob

ur favorite dog 'Bob' of the Hotel Charlotte, passed away in mid-December.

Bob turned 14 years old in September of this year. He greeted everyone who visited the Charlotte. Bob always had a sweet disposition and he fit in well at the hotel. He was even remembered by the guests of the hotel as they wrote stories about him in the hotel's guest book.

Bob was part of the Groveland community for almost 5 years and is survived by Lynn and Victor of Groveland.



If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.

-WILL ROGERS

COMMUNITY CORNER

HELPING HANDS HAPPENINGS

By Joyce Smith

e had a great December. Store sales were very good and the Furniture Barn is proving to be a good venture. We elected officers for 2008 during our General Meeting on December 20th and approved our budget. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our 2007 Board. They were: President-Judi Wilkinson; Vice President-Sandi Graham; Correspondence Secretary-Julie McVicker; Treasurer-Carole Smith; Parlimentarian-Shirley Carman; Crisis-Carol Morrison; Youth/Scholarships-Barbara Leahy; and Store

Manager-Patti Beaulieu. These ladies have done an outstanding job and are so greatly appreciated by the volunteers. Thank you sincerely for your dedication in leading Helping Hands for the betterment of this community. We are all volunteers and we are very proud of our accomplishments.

-December 20th, STORE CLOSED. This was the day of our General Meeting, plus election of officers for 2008, followed by our Annual Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange. We work hard but when we party, we have a great time.

-New Volunteers: We welcome Leo and Pat Massocco to our growing group. We are happy to have you join us.

-Furniture Barn: Beginning in January we are adding Thursdays to our days of business at the barn. Now we will be open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We have a flag that will be out on days we are open. We invite you to visit the Store and Barn when you are in town. Always something new coming in at both places. Please, furniture that is in good condition when you want to donate something.

-Flower Boxes in front of the store are a cheery sight thanks to Hanna Bodle, Robbin Bodle and Tony Flores. --Store Closed on January 10th for our Installation of Officers and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

-Congratulations to our 2 Students of the Month: Michael Rhodes, 2nd Grader at Tenaya and Myles Rodriguez, Sophomore at Tioga High School. Their efforts were acknowledged by Helping Hands with a gift certificate to Two Guys Pizza.

-Patti Beaulieu was invited to speak before the Soroptomist Club to tell them what Helping Hands is all about. Knowing Patti and her dedication to HH, I'm sure she presented an interesting talk.

-Remember store sales begin on Monday every week and are good for the week. You need to stop in often to see what is new. Hope to see you at the Store or the Barn.

Fox on the Run



One of our local Gray fox [Urocyon cinereoargenteus]took a nap in my neighbor's flower barrel. They are the only fox able to climb trees. Photo by Heidi

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Getting Music Online By Christina Wilkinson

etting music for yourself doesn't have to be costly. First of all, music downloads online are a big craze all over the world for every age and the demand grows daily. This means you have to be smart about where you download your music—and free doesn't always mean free—you could actually be breaking the law with a click of your mouse.

I find that the easiest place to get free music downloads legally is on iTunes. The good news is that every Tuesday, iTunes lets you download a free song. The bad news is that you might not always like the free song. For my taste in music, I like about one in every ten songs that have been free on iTunes.

Some other fantastic resources for free music are MySpace.com, Rhapsody.com,

Friends of the Groveland Library

Behold the Book Club

By Nadine Pedron

It is the era of the book club – a phenomenon of sorts. Indeed, book clubs are ubiquitous. Communities everywhere, it seems, have book clubs. Sometimes entire cities read the same book and discuss it. Now, there's the ultimate book club. You can even read books about book clubs (e.g. The Hemingway Book Club of Kosovo, Reading Lolita in Tehran, etc.). Our own community has several book clubs that meet regularly. The regional library system supports one of them, Book Club in a Box, so named because a box of books is delivered each month with enough copies for each member of the group, along with

suggestions for discussion topics. And... something new...the Groveland library is very pleased to announce that there will be a book club for 9 – 12 year olds, beginning in January, 2008. It is called Time Traveler's Book Club and will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 4:30 - 5:30 through May. Elysia Holland will lead the group which will meet downstairs at the library. Refreshments will be served for members, and parents are welcome to come and listen in. On January 8th the book selection for discussion will be the Phantom Toll Booth by Norton Juster. For further details please call the library.

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In 2003, the RIAA filed suit against 261 individuals who used Limewire to download music, so even if you download a copyrighted song for your own personal use and you do not plan to make money off of it, it is still illegal.

An important thing to remember is that you should always download any music at your own risk because music files are known to carry viruses.

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Now for something completely different

This past fall, the British group Radiohead actually offered their newest album on their website to be downloaded for whatever you felt it was worth. While the album wasn't free, the average individual only paid about \$6.00 for what would normally cost \$15.00 or more. So visit your

favorite band's website and see what they offer in free or reduced cost downloads.

A great way to save on a music purchase is to find out what the cost of a CD that you like is at an actual store. If it's more than a dollar a song, buy the album on iTunes. This saves you money.

Music pricing estimates show the average price for a song download is around one dollar or slightly below and many music enthusiasts have opted for paying for their music versus downloading it for free. So if you are in doubt whether a free song you would like to download is legal or not, you should opt for paying the dollar for it.

So, now you're thinking to yourself, why waste your money when you haven't even heard the album? Did you know you can listen to music without having to download it? Several websites that have extensive music libaries for listening are LastFM.com, Pandora.com and HitKast. com, just to name a few. Listen to what you want and buy only what you like.

View a legal complaint filed by Arista on December 18, 2007 at: http://www.ilrweb.com/viewILRPDFfull.asp?filename=arista_limewire_complaint

The Quilter's Corner

By Juli Citarell

APPY NEW YEAR! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and Santa brought you everything you wanted. It's hard to believe that it is 2008, where did 2007 go? I hope one of your New Year resolutions is to attend the Pine Needlers Quilt meetings. Everyone is invited to join us and you don't have to be a quilter. The Pine Needlers Quilt Guild meets every third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. For our January 15th meeting ONLY we will be having our meeting at the Pine Mountain Lake Country Club. This is our annual Holiday Party. If you wish to attend this dinner party and need more information regarding the menu, please contact Chris Franz at 962-6999. The cost of the dinner is \$25.00. I know December was a very busy month so I hope everyone was able to work

on their round robin. At the January meeting our Challenge will be due, so get busy if yours is not done. We want a good showing. In February we are having a very exciting speaker, Margie Johnson. She does beautiful fabric art such as landscapes and wearable art. She will also be giving a class the next day. So mark your calendars so you will be able to attend. March is our basket auction so get your thinking cap on. You ladies always come up with some wonderful and unusual themes. It is a fun filled night and you can go home with a beautiful basket filled with lots of goodies, so plan to attend.

Here is a helpful hint. To secure loose ends on spools of thread, wrap them with a piece of elastiband. This is a product made to hold gauze in place. That's it for now, see you at our January meeting.

FOGL NEWS

By Nadine Pedron

- Audrey Fiance will serve as President this year, with Isobel Wiley as Vice-President, Belinda McBride, Treasurer and Elsie Stock, Secretary.
- The Book Nook special Thanks-giving sale was a satisfying success, yielding hearty proceeds to be used for the library and its programs. The Book Nook is open every Saturday, 10 2, downstairs at the library, offering great book bargains and complimentary coffee, tea and cookies.
- FOGL meets every 4th Tuesday at 2:00, downstairs. We welcome visitors and encourage your membership at any time during the year. For information please call Elsie Stock (962-4564). Next meeting, January 22nd.
- Parents of pre-schoolers: Story Time at the library happens every Friday from 10:30 11:00. Engaging books, lively story tellers, favorite songs and interactive flannel board activities make for much fun!



seriously the need for healthy eating to help prevent cardiovascular disease. But, if you haven't, obviously the ideal time to start is at the beginning of a new year. It is difficult to change bad eating habits but here are a couple of very simple strategies to follow: 1) Limit unhealthy fats and cholesterol. If you do use fat, choose monounsaturated fats, such as olive or canola oil. 2) Choose low-fat protein

sources. The recipe below calls for skinless chicken breasts, an excellent high protein source. 3) Eat more vegetables and fruits. The added tomato and lemon to dish below adds a good source of vitamins and if you serve this recipe with

steamed broccoli and brown rice, you will be adding dietary fiber and kickstarting your way to a healthy heart in 2008!

Tomato-Caper Chicken (serves 4; 3 oz. chicken & 1 tablespoon tomato mixture per serving)

1/2 medium tomato, chopped

1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 tablespoons dry white wine

1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoons capers, rinsed and drained

2 teaspoons dried Greek seasoning blend

(or use oregano, basil & dried mint)

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon olive oil

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 4 oz. each) with visible fat removed

2 tablespoons snipped fresh parsley

2 teaspoons olive oil.

In a small bowl, stir together the tomato, lemon zest, lemon juice, wine, capers, seasoning blend, salt and pepper.

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add 1 teaspoon oil and swirl to coat the bottom. Cook the chicken with the smooth side down for 2 minutes. Turn the chicken. Spoon the tomato mixture on top. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for 5 minutes, or until the chicken is no longer pink in the center. Transfer only the chicken to a serving plate. Increase the heat to high and bring the sauce to a boil. Cook for 1 minute, or until reduced to about 1/4 cup. Stir in the parsley and 2 teaspoons olive oil. Spoon over the chicken. Optional side dishes might include steamed broccoli and brown rice.

Nutrients per Serving: calories 166; total fat 5.0 g; saturated fat 1.0 g; polyunsaturated fat 0.5 g; monounsaturated fat 3.0 g; cholesterol 66 mg; sodium 277 mg; carbohydrates 3 g; total sugars 1 g; dietary fiber 0 g; protein 27 g

Almost No Fat Incredible General Tsuo's Chicken

It's not really a Chinese dish, but it's nevertheless one of the most popular dishes at Chinese restaurants here where I live, and elsewhere. General Tso's Chicken is very inexpensive to make, but some res-

taurants charge rather a lot for it, usually putting it with "Chef's Specialities" and the like on the menu, rather than with the ordinary chicken dishes. No fair! This is how to make it.

EGGS NEWPORT

Recipe provided by Paula Martell and Tom Knoth of "Dinners by Design"

ggs Newport is an excellent "comfort food" to warm you up on a cold winter morning. It's a relatively simple yet decadent brunch dish, and can be prepared the night before and cooked in the morning. Try it for New Years Brunch!

1 - 10-3/4 Oz Can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup (Condensed)

1/2 Cup Mayonnaise

1/2 Cup Milk

4 Oz Mushrooms, sliced and lightly sautéed

1/3 Red Onion, Chopped, and lightly sautéed

8-10 Strips Bacon, Sliced 1/2" thin and cooked (Turkey Bacon can be substituted)

6 Hardboiled Eggs, sliced 1/4" thick with egg slicer or knife

1 Cup Cheddar Cheese

1 Package English Muffins

Set oven @ 325 degrees; grease an 8 x 8 square or 9 inch diameter round baking dish or pan with butter.

Combine Soup, Mayo, Milk, Mushrooms, Onions, and 3/4 of the Bacon in a mixing bowl; set mixture aside. Layer half of the Eggs on the bottom of the greased baking dish, then half of the mixture, then

sprinkle half of the cheese. Repeat these three layers and then sprinkle remaining bacon on top.

Cook (uncovered) for 30 minutes at 325 degrees or until heated through in the center. Alternatively, you may prepare this dish ahead of time, refrigerate, and cook it later, in which case it will take 40-45 minutes @ 325 degrees to heat. Serve by spooning casserole over toasted English Muffin halves.

Serves 6-8 people

3 skinless boneless chicken breasts, trimmed of fat

6 egg whites, slightly beaten

1 teaspoon cornstarch

3 cups unseasoned bread crumbs

3 tablespoons sesame seeds

1 teaspoon salt cooking spray

1 teaspoon safflower oil

2 tablespoons fresh minced garlic

1 cup minced white onion

1 teaspoon soy sauce or Bragg's aminos

3 cups orange marmalade

1 tablespoon seasoned rice vinegar

1 pound fresh bean sprouts, rinsed and drained

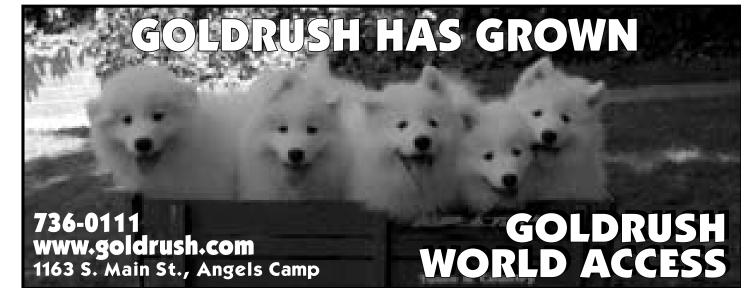
1 bunch scallions, chopped

Rinse and drain chicken. Cut into bite-size chunks. Stir together the egg whites and the corn starch and mix in the chicken pieces. Mix together the bread crumbs with the salt and sesame. Dredge the chicken pieces in the crumbs to coat well and arrange so they are not touching on a nonstick jellyroll pan or baking sheet, either sprayed with cooking spray. Bake in Preheated 350 degree F oven until browned and chicken is done (clear juices and white through and through), about 20 minutes. This step can be done in advance with the chicken kept warm in a 215 degree F oven.

Heat the safflower oil in non stick skillet or wok over medium high heat and stir in garlic and onion. Stir fry until brown, reduce heat and stir in soy sauce, marmalade and vinegar. Stir until mixture begins to bubble and simmer. Stir in chicken to glaze pieces well but be gentle so crust stays on chicken. (Alternatively, you can pour the glaze over the chicken pieces while still on the tray.) Arrange chicken over bed of sprouts arranged on serving platter. Sprinkle with scallions.

Serves 4-6 people

Source: greatdayamerica.com



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NEED HELP FOR THE TAKE DOWN OF GROVELAND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

et for Saturday, January 5th. We have set the take down date at 12 days after Christmas. Many religions believe that a 12 day period after Christ's birth is the period of time required for the Wise Men and the King to have visited his birthplace. We will meet at 9 AM in the parking area between Custom Realty and the Designing Woman shop. Just look for the purple Mustang. If you can help, we'll see you there, or call Lion Kay Glaves for more information, 962-6769.



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The Time Has Arrived

By Nancy Robichaud, Director

The holidays are behind us. Your New Year's resolution to have more fun in 2008 can start 6PM, January 7 at the Groveland Community Hall! Yes, it's finally time for the auditions for this year's musical melodrama "Love Potion #1". Please be ready to have some fun, dance a step or two, sing a verse of "Clementine" and read a few lines from the play. At the time of the auditions copies of the script sections will be handed out and there will be information concerning rehearsal schedules. The shows are Memorial weekend, May 23, 24 & 25. There are roles available for both men and women, younger or older...some parts will be walk-ons and dancers...no singing required. We need backstage and pre-performance painting and carpentry help as well...come on out and give this great show a hand.

Written by local resident Dave Holcomb and directed by Nancy Robichaud, this year's production will prove to be astounding. Local musicians, Joe Byrnes, fiddle, and Luke Sullivan, guitar, are setting down the rhythms for the dance routines choreographed by Donna Wines-Lint. The songs are ready to be taught to the actors by Anita Millard and Gail Per-

lee. And the backdrop has begun to take shape with the help of artists Jim Leitzell and Liz Reinhard. The posters are being readied by Bill Mingus, while oleos are being constructed by Harry Maier with perhaps a sidekick this season. We are also adding refreshments at intermission this year! Ann Wesley is heading that endeavor and could probably use help as well! Currently on our "wish list" is a BUGLE! If anyone has one we could borrow it would make the show even that much funnier.

Since our first meeting in mid-August, this hard working and dedicated group has laid a solid foundation for a wonderful Memorial weekend Melodrama. Thanks to the support of the Hotel Charlotte's "Opening Night Gala", and Sunday brunch, guests attending these events will also have reserved seating for the show. Please call the Hotel Charlotte, 962-6455 to take advantage of these fun additions to the melodrama. A friendly reminder, we had standing room only for last year's show. Regular show tickets won't be on sale until May.

If you have any questions, or wish to participate in ANY manner, please call Nancy Robichaud, 962-7389, we could always us the help. See you at auditions!

Join In—Be a GAINs Sponsor

You can support GAINs and the community services provided by GAINs. Be a sponsor in this active community collaborative!

GAINs projects in 2007 included:

- Turning over the successful Movies on the Hill project to the Rotary Club
- Raising over \$10,000 in donations and game tables for the new Groveland Youth Center
- Establishing a Youth Center Advisory Council with students, parents, and school personnel
- Looking for ways to get health insurance for children without that coverage now
- Assisting the Kiwanis Club with the Community Center renovation project.
- Presenting the GAINs Community Service Award to Jerry Baker
- Publishing the fifth edition of the "GAINs Resource Directory"
- Coordinating the Safe and Sane Halloween Events

For a \$100 tax-exempt donation, you can be a GAINs sponsor for 2008 and support these community activities. That's only \$8.33 a month! GAINs counts on community group and individual sponsorships to pay insurance and business

expenses. Project moneys come from special foundation grants and special fundraisers. It takes a barrel of sponsors just to pay the insurance tab! GAINs needs your support to continue these collaborative programs.

If you are a member of a community group, please take some meeting time to talk about GAINs and encourage your members to become individual sponsors or to make donations. We would be happy to come and speak to your group. GAINs wants to hear your ideas on improving our community!

Mail your check to GAINs, P. O. Box 179, Groveland, and be sure to include your full name, address, phone, and email address. If you have questions about GAINs, email them to GrovelandGAINs@ aol.com or contact Judy Myers at 962.5157 or Barbara Broad at 962.7730.

GAINs is a collaboration of community groups and individuals, a tax-exempt nonprofit organization serving residents of southern Tuolumne and northern Mariposa Counties. To assist community projects, GAINs provides insurance and acts as their fiscal agent, allowing them to accept tax-deductible donations, apply for foundation money, and hold local events.

Columbia Wine Tasting Slated for April 20

he 32nd Annual Columbia Wine Tasting will be held on Sunday, April 20, 2008, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Columbia State Historic Park in California's famed Mother Lode region.

About 500 guests are expected to attend this popular wine and food tasting, which is sponsored by the Columbia College Foundation with all proceeds going toward supporting the college's hospitality

management program.

Wineries from throughout the state will be represented, along with local food purveyors and, of course, the school's culinary arts department.

Tickets are \$45 per person and RSVPs are required by April 15. Reservations can be made through a telephone message line at (209) 588-5089. For further information, call Gene Womble at (209) 588-5135.

Dance Party Continues Into 2008!

Tith increased growth and successful attendance at our dance parties, we will be continuing with our dances at the Lake Lodge on the 2nd Friday of each month. These are open to anyone who enjoys good music and just groovin' to some great tunes, whether you have one or two left feet is immaterial. The cost is

nominal, just \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple, plus you B.Y.O.B. and a snack to share (optional.) The doors open at 7pm and music starts at 7:30. There are NO LESSONS at this party......only good music and good friends getting together for a good time.....come and join the fun! For more info, call Bob or Carol at 962-7254.

International Film Series Class Begins on Jan. 7

olumbia College's Community Education Department is inviting everyone to go to the movies on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. starting Jan. 7 at Stage 3 in downtown Sonora.

The films are internationally produced – many of them notable award winners – from Germany, Italy, Great Britain, France, Japan, India and Spain with English subtitles. Instructor Lloyd Schneider will lead class discussions after each film.

This spring's international film lineup includes:

Jan. 7---"Joyeous Noel," German (2006) Jan. 14---"Cinema Paradiso," Italian (1988)

Jan. 28---"Topsy-Turvy," British (2002) Feb. 4---"La Cage aux Folles," French (1979)

Feb. 25---"My Best Friend," French (2007)

Mar. 3---"Three Penny Opera," German (1931)

Mar. 17---"Shall We Dance?" Japanese (1997)

Mar. 31---"Water," Hindi (2006)

Apr. 7---"A Very Long Engagement,"

French (2004) Apr. 21---"Volver," Spanish (2006)

The price of admission is \$25 for the ten international film series, which involves registering for a college community education class and registration is requested by Jan. 4.

Columbia College offices will be closed for winter break from Dec. 20 through Jan. 1. During the holiday break, registrations for the international film class will continue to be accepted by mail, fax and online. Registration forms are available on page 110 of the Columbia College Spring 2008 Class Schedules, which are available at public libraries and other community locations. Forms can also be downloaded online at gocolumbia.edu/CommunityEducation/CommunityEducation.htm.

Campus offices reopen on Jan. 2 when in-person registrations will be accepted at the campus admissions and records office in Sonora, 588-5231, or at the Calaveras Center in Angels Camp, 736-5940. Additional information about the class will also be available from the community education office at 588-5144 at that time.

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Beginning and intermediate level learners can attend for \$17, which covers health and student rep fees. Advanced level students will be charged a total of \$80, which includes the cost for three college credits and the standard required fees. Also available on a limited basis are transportation and child care services for those who qualify.

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9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays

Summerville Family Resource Center at Summerville Elementary School,

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8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Mark Twain Elementary School, 646 Stanislaus Avenue, Angels Camp

9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays

A-TCAA Sonora Family Learning Center, 427 N. Highway 49, Sonora

Intermediate Level

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays

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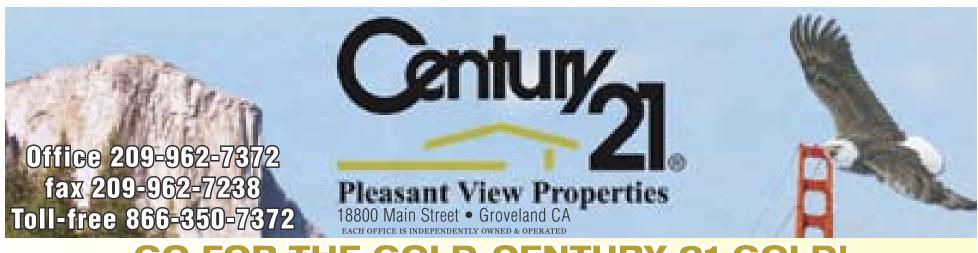
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Advanced Level

3:00 p.m. – 6:05 p.m. on Wednesdays A-TCAA Sonora Family Learning Center, 427 N. Highway 49, Sonora

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The Soroptimist Scene By Bonnie Phillips

oroptimist International of Groveland (SIG) would like to profoundly thank all the wonderful women who joined us for Afternoon Tea and participated in the lively bidding for the personally created items in our Autumn Boutique. Your generosity at the auction raised over \$2300 to help support our many projects that improve the lives of women and girls, worldwide. Besides raising funds, the ladies appeared to really enjoy viewing the ten uniquely decorated tea tables ranging in theme from African Safari to Birds and Berries. Not to mention the delightfully delicious scones and clotted cream, savory tea sandwiches and lavish array of sweets that were thoroughly enjoyed while sipping tea and chatting with good friends. We're very appreciative of your participation and look forward to high tea again next year.

During the month of December, SIG elves were busy supporting the Community Christmas Basket Project. This project, which has been going strong for more than 20 years, is a mighty undertaking. So, seventeen Soroptimists were very pleased to "shop until they dropped" to spend the funds of a generous, anonymous donor and a \$1000 donation from WalMart to purchase and wrap toys and clothes for well over 100 children in our community. This Santa donor's wish is to provide a "Merry Christmas" that these familiies may not be able to provide themselves and the Soroptimist Club is proud to do our part in providing a happy "Ho, ho, ho" for so many children on the hill.

On January 11, Soroptimist International headquarters will launch a new worldwide project: STOP Sexual Trafficking. In the world today, millions of women and girls are trapped in lives of slavery. Forced into sex work, these women are terrorized and tortured by their captors until they lose all will to resist. Frequently victims of trafficking (the transport of a woman from one place to another for the purpose of sex work) may face the added obstacle of language barriers, foreign criminal justice systems and the threat of added torture at the hands of people in international criminal organizations. The UN estimates that 2.5 million people at any given time are recruited, entrapped, transported and exploited. The UN also reports the total market value of illicit human trafficking at \$32 billion. Because the demand for female sex slaves continues to grow, Soroptimist has decided to do its part in the fight to end this terrible scourge. Fueled by a generous donation from SI/Glendale, CA, SI is launching this STOP Trafficking public awareness campaign by funding a materials distribution to all transportation centers focusing on the message: "Someone in this transportaion center may be here against her will. This is what you can do to help!" Our aim is to make the public aware of this modern-day slavery and the hope is to eventually end it!

Coming up, in 2008, are two events that you will want to mark on your calendars: The Chinese Auction and Appetizer Party on Saturday, March 8 - an

annual auction fundraiser to which you bring your quarters to bid for fabulous gifts, services and activities. Family Wellness Faire on Tuesday March 25, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. A community event for the entire family to receive up-todate health information and participate in low cost or free diagnostic tests and screenings.

For info about Soroptimist membership, contact Donna Thayer 962-5007.





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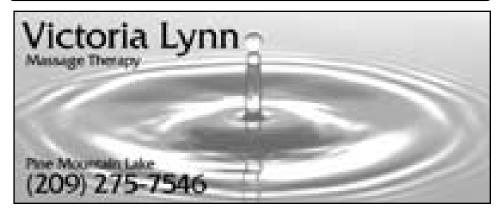
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From Here To Eternity— The Film That Was Almost Never Made

By Andrew Conway

he first time that I saw From Here To Eternity was late in the sixties. I have been somewhat of a fan of Frank Sinatra's and I wanted to see what part he would play in this so called "military" film. I must admit that I was surprised at the content of this film. Being in the military at this time, I could almost understand why the military was against this movie when it first came out years earlier. That may have been one of the reasons that I liked it so much.

From Here To Eternity" is a 1953 movie based on the novel by James

Jones in which characters work through daily bouts of intimidation and infidelity on a military base in the days preceding the attack on Pearl Harbor. The plot of this film is that in 1941 Hawaii, a private is cruelly punished for not boxing on his unit's team, while his captain's wife and second in command are falling in love.

James Jones based this novel, in 1951, on his own military experience as a World War II veteran and created a scathing portrait of peacetime military life in the U.S. Army in the months before Pearl Harbor. Although Jones' novel became a best-

seller and winner of the National Book Award, few studios viewed this project as a viable endeavor. Warner Bros. and 20th Century-Fox did attempt initial treatments of the book, only to finally dismiss it as unfilmable because of excessive profanity, sexual situations, and unflattering views of the military.

Harry Cohn, president of Columbia Pictures, bought the film rights to the novel for \$82,000, the project became known as "Cohn's folly." Cohn, for those of you not familiar with the movie mogul, had a reputation built on aggressive, rude, and tyrannical behavior. Director Fred Zinnemann referred to Cohn as "a robber baron, predatory and cunning" and admitted to initially disliking Cohn so much that he asked his agent to get him off the film.

The movie was budgeted at around two million dollars, making it one of the costliest films of the year.

The story encompasses groundbreaking themes of prostitution, adultery, military injustice, corruption, violence, alcohol abuse, and murder. It involves the personal lives of its main characters – an enlisted man, an unappreciated officer's wife, a prostitute and a military outcast. The major male characters wage

their own battle against corruption at higher levels.

Its five stars, Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, Deborah Kerr, Frank Sinatra, and Donna Reed, all received Oscar nominations and Reed and Sinatra won for Best Supporting Actress and Actor. [Frank Sinatra, for his performance as Maggio--had to fight and plead for the role, after first choice Eli Wallach backed out.]

The famous beach lovemaking scene between Lancaster and Kerr was featured on numerous films in popular media. In actuality, the scene only lasted 3 seconds.

This film won 8 Oscars, another 12 wins & 7 nominations

This is one great classic film that was almost never made. Cohn's folly turned out to be Cohn's golden egg. No matter what anyone thought of this man personally, at least he had the high sight to see beyond the naysayers during this period.

Andrew Conway is an avid author/writer and a classic movie buff. If you love watching movies or just listening to great music, then visit: www.Ultimate-Free-Downloads.com

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Submitted By Miguel Maldanado

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United States:

The Revis family of North Carolina *Food expenditure for one week:* \$341.98

apan:

The Ukita family of Kodaira City *Food expenditure for one week:* 37,699 Yen or \$317.25

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The Manzo family of Sicily *Food expenditure for one week:* 214.36 Euros or \$260.11

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The Casales family of Cuernavaca *Food expenditure for one week:* 1,862.78 Mexican Pesos or \$189.09

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The Sobczynscy family of Konstancin-Jeziorna *Food expenditure for one week:* 582.48 Zlotys or \$151.27

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Ecuador:

The Ayme family of Tingo *Food expenditure for one week:* \$31.55

Bhutan:

The Namgay family of Shingkhey Village *Food expenditure for one week:* 224.93 ngultrum or \$5.03

Chad:

The Aboubakar family of Breidjing Camp *Food expenditure for one week:* 685 CFA Francs or \$1.23



The Great Orion Nebula

By Eddie Pavlu, www.GrovelandAstro.com

s you read this newsletter in January, the Orion Nebula will be prominently on display in the nighttime sky. The Orion Nebula is the brightest nebula in the sky and one of the brightest of all Deep Sky Objects - visible to the naked eye under moderately good conditions. The Orion Nebula region is located in the constellation Orion and is approximately 1,500 light-years away and spans about 30 light-years.A nebula is a cloud of gas and/or dust in interstellar space. The word nebula in Latin means "cloud"; its plural is "nebulae.". A nebula can make itself visible by glowing as "emission nebula", by scattering light from stars within them as "reflection nebulae", or by blocking light from things behind them as "dark nebula". For those of us fortunate to enjoy the dark Groveland skies, the constellation Orion can be

seen rising in the south-east sky as tive to color. This is why you typically soon as night falls. tive to color. This is why you typically see shades of gray, instead of color, in

One thing that I should explain about taking photographs of Deep Sky Objects (nebula, galaxies, etc ...) is that the final image is all about long exposure times. To put this into perspective, most daytime photographs have exposure times that are measured in fractions of a second. Most Deep Sky Object astrophotography has exposure times that are measured in minutes or hours!

Anyone who has viewed the Orion Nebula through binoculars or a telescope already knows that the human eye isn't sensitive enough to detect color under very low light conditions. The human eye contains two types of photoreceptors, rods and cones. The rods are more numerous, some 120 million, and are more sensitive than the cones. However, rods are not sensi-

tive to color. This is why you typically see shades of gray, instead of color, in low light conditions. Try it yourself, take a colorful picture outside at night and see how little color information is detectable. Today's digital camera sensors don't have these low-light color restrictions. You can think of a digital camera sensor as a bucket that collects photons (light) - the longer the exposure, the more light (color and details) that's captured and displayed in the photograph.

In a future article, I'll write about the challenges associated with taking very long exposures with a camera. For now, let's just say that one of the big challenges is accurate tracking of the sky while the camera shutter is open. Stars are like pinpoints of light. Tracking errors quickly elongate stars in a photograph, and then they look oblong or like streaks. So exposure times of minutes or hours can be a real challenge.

There are actually 2 distinct nebulas in this image. The Great Orion Nebula and the large blue nebula often called the Running Man Nebula seen just above the Great Orion Nebula in this image. This image was created by taking 15 separate photographs, ranging

in exposure time from 30 seconds to 10 minutes, and stacking them one on top of another to create the final image. The total exposure time is 46 minutes.

Here are some more details about the image:

Telescope Mount: Celestron CGE German Equatorial

Image Scope: Orion 80ED APO Refractor

Guide Scope:

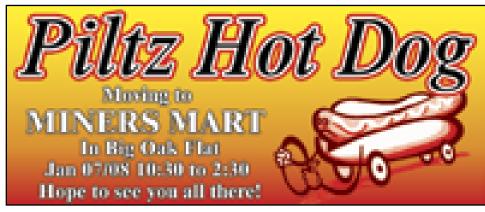
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Camera:

Canon Digital SLR 300D

Total Exposure Time: 46 minutes







Pine Mountain Lake Fire Abatement — A Report Card: Part Three

By Ken Codeglia, PML Long Rang Planning Committee

ou remember me talking about the 1994 Fire Safety Plan that proposed three ways to reduce the threat of wildfire:

- Property owners clearing brush from private property
- PML Association clearing brush from greenbelts
- Building shaded fuel breaks around PML

In this, the last of my three part "Report Card" series, I'll give you some very good news about fuel breaks.

Fighting Wildland Fires

When you see news video of firefighters fighting wildland fires, you see a lot of helicopters with water buckets, airplanes dropping fire retardant, and hand crews cutting "fire lines". These are all techniques they use to attack a moving fire. One of the most important tools firefighters have is the fuel break. Using bulldozers, a hastily built

fuel break is a place where firefighters can remove vegetation and make a stand to stop an advancing fire.

But wouldn't it be best to have those fuel breaks in place long before the fire starts? This was the vision of our local fire management expert, Tom James. Tom lives in Groveland and has been in forest management for over 35 years. Having observed first hand the really big fires in our area, along with the continued buildup of vegetation, Tom feared that we are approaching the risk of significant structure loss and the risk to lose lives.

To fight back, in 1999 he brought together a group of more than 9 fire agencies and Fire Safe Councils and showed them his plan to build 300 foot wide shaded fuel breaks around Groveland and Big Oak Flat. And he got the Board of Supervisors of both Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties to back the effort.



The result is SWIFT: the Southwest Interface Team. This is no sit around and have coffee group. The plan SWIFT developed contains 59 miles of shaded fuel breaks in the two counties. And since 1999 when the team was formed, 85% of those fuel breaks laid out have been completed. See the photo. Look for the brown lines. That's where shaded fuel breaks are in place. The blue lines are the ones yet to be completed. SWIFT also does good fuel reduction work along the sides of our major roads and under power transmission lines. They have a 2 year look forward plan that is updated every year.

The Report Card

The Report Card for fuel breaks is certainly an "A Plus". We owe a great

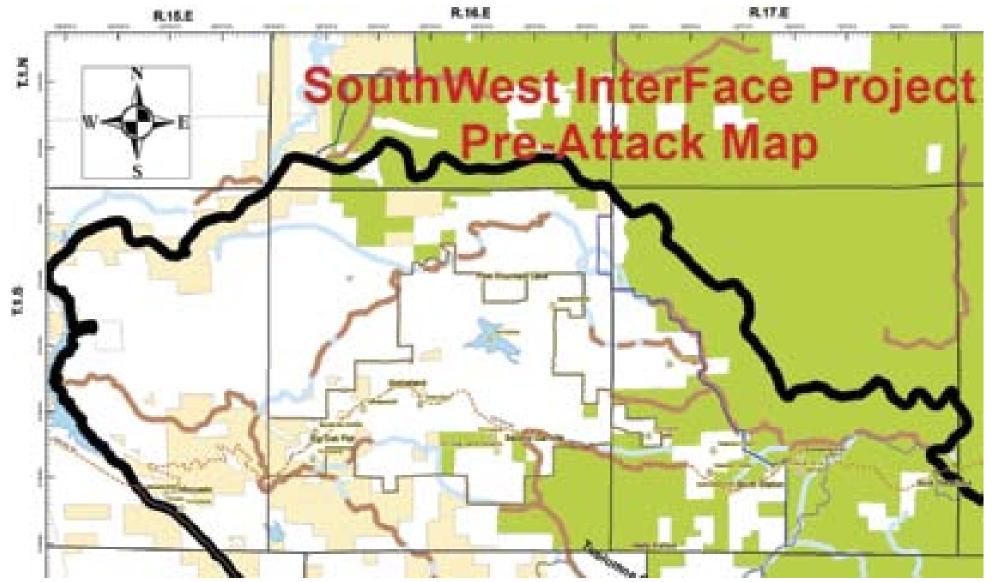
debt to Tom for the vision and the rest of the fire managers and contributors of the fire agencies and councils that make up SWIFT. The fuel breaks they have built around Groveland and Big Oak Flat will be an important tool for firefighters when a major fire starts up and comes our way.

What's Next?-

So...thanks to SWIFT, we're doing well with fuel breaks. Now it's up to us to do better work on our own properties and get started on a major fuel reduction effort in our green belts in 2008.

In next month's article, I'll start to focus on those two areas, giving more details.

As usual, feel free to contact me with your ideas, comments and questions at pmlfireabatement@yahoo.com.



Fuel breaks help protect Groveland, Big Oak Flat.

Tenaya Elementary School Student of the Month

Student: Jafet Perez

Grade: 3rd

Parents: Ayme Cuevas & Edgar Perez of

La Grange

Nominated by: Kay Brick - Teacher

Jafet is a wonderful student. He always comes to class prepared to learn and with a smile on his face. Other students say "he is a friend to everyone". Congratulations, Jafet!



Tioga High Student of the Month

Name: Amber Lane

Grade: 12

Guardian: Zona Lane

Person Nominating: Chris Brown, Com-

puter Teacher

Amber is a success story. Starting in her freshman year Amber had difficulties with her core classes and studies were a real challenge. But with the help of her teachers, her grandmother, and a solid belief in herself, Amber's grades and her outstanding



accomplishments grew with each year she spent in high school. Amber is not only on track to graduate with the Class of 2008, she is carrying a 2.7 GPA. Amber is a youth minister at her church in Big Oak Flat, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and enjoys spending time with her friends and family.

Connections Academy Student of the Month

Name: Bethany Wilkinson

Grade: 9

Parents: David & Christina Wilkinson of

Groveland

Bethany "is an extraordinary student possessing a strong artistic and musical style, an uncanny sense of creativity, an intense initiative and an unwavering character," said Principal Michael Gibson. "She shines on stage, in the film and animation studio,



in the dance room and in all of her academic pursuits. She has a kind spirit and is loved by her teachers and friends alike. We are so blessed to have her here. She makes a difference wherever she goes." Bethany is also carrying a 4.31 grade point average.

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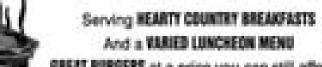
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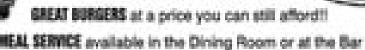
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Happy 100th Birthday, Deb

delbert (Deb) Crow Sr. turns
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1970. During his working years
Deb was a cowboy, a milkman and
a packer. He was active in the Lions

Club, the girl's softball team, and the Boy Scouts. On January 26th there will be a 100th Birthday Party at the Groveland Community Hall, please stop by and wish Deb a very happy birthday (and many more).

New! New! New!

roveland Library introduces a Book Club for 9-12 year olds. It will be held in the downstairs meeting room on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 5:30 pm beginning January 8, 2008. Come join us.

HIGH COUNTRY LINE DANCERS LINE UP!

By Sue Salnick

ith the holidays again behind us, and perhaps a few extra pounds "behind" us, it's time to drag out that old standby New Year's resolution to get more exercise and actually do it and have fun while you're at it! It's only once a week, but it will help keep both your mind and your body in great shape, guaranteed.

Starting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, we will offer beginner lessons from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Hall in Groveland. Intermediate/advanced lessons and dancing run

from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

So come alone or bring a friend! You don't need a partner, which is one of the best things about line dancing, and you don't need to have ever danced before. Just bring a willing attitude, a sense of humor, and a bit of energy. You will have a great time!

We ask for a \$2 donation per person per week which will be used for our "end of session party" in June.

For more information, call Carol Stevens at 962-7254 or Sue Salnick at 962-4155.

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MOUNTAIN LUTHERAN CHURCH

By Dorothy Parker



year December 2 at Mountain Lutheran Church with the First Sunday in Advent, the beginning of the joyful Christmas season and a new Consecration Year. Everyone is bustling around with decorations and very special celebrations for the blessed Christmas Season.

Many friends and neighbors enjoyed a celebrant Christmas Tea held at the Mountain Lutheran Church December 6th, 2007 The tables were festively set with fine china and appointed with rich red Poinsettias. The ladies enjoyed dainty cookies, tea cakes, decorative open face sandwiches, tea and coffee and luscious desserts.

Beautiful new banners in the theme of the Christmas Season have been hung on either side of the altar. They were expertly crafted by Jean Cox, Judy Basey and Mary Bruederle.

Our bible study group is looking forward to new study lessons starting January 17, 2008. They will be the historical and geographical study of the years around the time of Jesus's birth. This new program will be directed by Virginia Rayment.

Should you be considering a New Year's Resolution a bishop of California suggested to his congregation, if you're ready to follow in the Lord's footsteps, ask what he would have you do. Then write it down – it may be difficult, you may not want to do it-but you do it! 1. Immediately 2. Totally and 3. Joyfully!

At Mountain Lutheran Church we are looking for new members and new activities in the New Year. Remember everyone is welcome at Mountain Lutheran Church. We meet at ten AM every Sunday morning and we are located at 13000 Down to Earth Court, just off Ferretti Road in Groveland.

Sierra Professional Artists

By Liz Reinhard

he Sierra Professional Artists met for our annual Christmas, gift exchange, potluck party. There was a good turnout with a fabulous food spread and terrific gifts were received. Everyone had a wonderful time!

There was a brief meeting discussing the past years events and new plans for the coming year.

Certificates of appreciation were handed out to board members and individuals who did outstanding service for the organization.

President Heinie Hartwig brought in one of his recent magnificent oil paintings of a Yosemite scene to share with the group. The Yosemite Bank's on going group show with the 'Nature' theme is a huge success and will be on display till the end of February when a new theme show will go in.

Hotel Charlotte will continue to show the paintings of Mike Dwaileebe till the end of January.

Our regular meetings are held the second Friday of the month at 10:00AM till 1:00PM at the The Yosemite Vista Estates Club House in Groveland unless otherwise announced.

For membership information contact Donna DuFresne at 209-536-9509.

Check out our website at _www.SierraProfessionalArtists.com_ .

What To Do When You Don't Feel Like Studying the Bible

By Glenn Brooke

sn't it wonderful when we have passion for the Word, looking forward to getting into the Scriptures?

I wish this were true all the time, but it's not.

Here is my reality: I'm interested in getting into the Bible about two mornings out of seven. I lack the desire the other five mornings a week. How do I know that I lack the desire? Just about every other distraction -- right down to defragmenting my computer hard drive -- is more interesting in that moment than opening the Bible.

I tell you this to encourage you. Satan gets a lot of mileage trying to persuade people that they are the only person who [whatever]. It's not the truth.

But I do read and study in my Bible daily. Even the days I don't feel like it. *Especially* the days I don't feel like it.

Consider Paul's words to the Corinthians about self- discipline so that he would be ready to serve others:

"Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." (1 Cor 9:26-28, NIV)

Bible teachers need to be self-disciplined to study the Word because it's training and preparation for helping others learn, and for whatever service our Lord calls you to.

Years ago I studied martial arts. I can still remember the fury of my sensei when I showed up for practice and told him I didn't feel like practice. "Feeling is not important. Doing is only thing." And then he pushed me harder that day than ever before.

No one asks the soldiers in boot camp if they feel like doing more pushups. It's irrelevant.

The safe thing to assume is that you won't feel like studying the Word, and go ahead anyway.

I'm not going to mollycoddle you and tell you it will be ok, and suggest you pray that Jesus gives you more desire tomorrow or the day after that. If you know what to do, do it.

Welcome to spiritual maturity!

But I will assure you about two things:

1. If you just get started, it will get easier and more enjoyable. Whenever I start to exercise (or even think about exercising), the committee of whiners in my head starts complaining. (Some people say that they have an inner voice; I have a whole committee up there, and half of them are whiners.) Just keep going, and the whining guits.

2. Acting on what you know, apart from how you feel, will strengthen your character -- this yields fruit in the crisis moment. You're increasing your capacity to do what is right, no matter what.

It will help enormously to have specific study goals and objectives. At a minimum, get a Bible reading plan and decide to follow it. If you miss a day, forget it and start right up wherever the plan is (don't fall into the trap of trying to get caught up).

Lives are at stake here, beginning with your own!

Glenn Brooke has been working on self-discipline in Bible reading for almost 24 years. When he's not teaching Bible lessons, he's coaching other teachers. Go to http://www.teachtochangelives.com/gift for a free package of helps for teachers.

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ACROSS

- 5 When things get tough, don't be tempted to "throw in the
- 7 Lady Niners Ace of Aces, ____ Davis
- 10 Tenaya Student of the Month, ____ Perez
- 11 Pine Mountain Lake Fire ____ by Ken Cordeglia
- 13 California Hotel & Lodging Association new chairwoman is (2 words)
- 16 The first PML Men's Golf Club ____ of 2008 is Jan. 16th
- 17 New president of Friends of the Groveland Library is _____ Fiance
- 18 32nd Annual Columbia Wine ____ on April 20th
- 20 Jan 26th is the Groveland Rotary Red, White and Blue _
- 21 In January the weather is normally very ___
- 22 Groveland ____ has a new website
- 23 Dance Party, 2nd Friday of each month at the ____ (2 words)
- 24 Pine Mountain Lake Computer Users Group by Tom ____
- 25 The Great ____ by Eddie Pavlu (2 words)
- 26 _____ offers English for non-native speakers beginning Jan 7th (2 words)

DOWN

- 1 PML Men's Nine-Hole Golf Club game scheduled for Jan. 2nd (3 words)
- 2 Decoration ____ set for Jan. 5th
- 3 Greeting for Jan. 1st (3 words)
- 4 Tioga Student of the Month, ____ Lane
- 5 Healthy Heart Recipe (3 words)
- 6 High Country ____ Dancers start Beginners Lessons on Jan 8th
- 8 Sierra Club Nordic Ski Outings will be led by ____ (2 words)
- 9 Columbia College ____ Series starts Jan. 7th (2 words)
- 12 Auditions for the melodrama _____ #1 on Jan 7th (2 words)
- 14 Recipient of hospitality from another

LOCAL RAINFALL

by Jerry Dickson

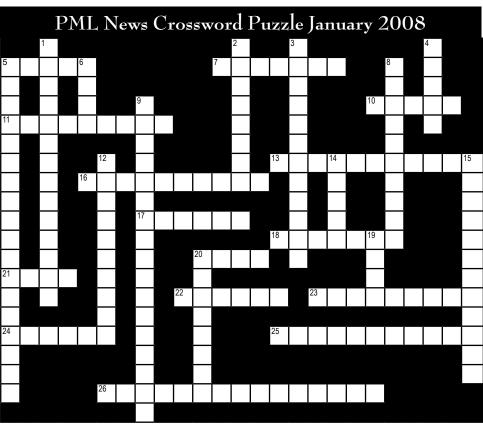
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15 The Sierra Professional Artists have a display at ____ (2 words)

19 A short game of golf encompasses ____ holes

20 Groveland Library introduces a _____ for 9-12 year olds (2 words)

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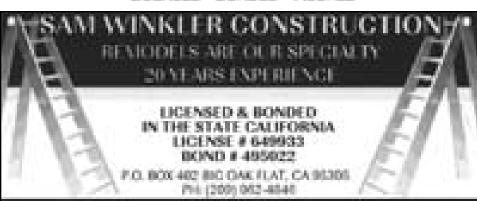
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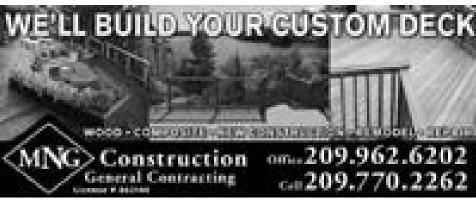
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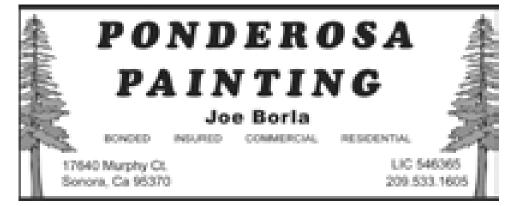








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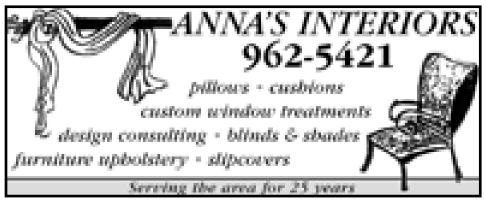
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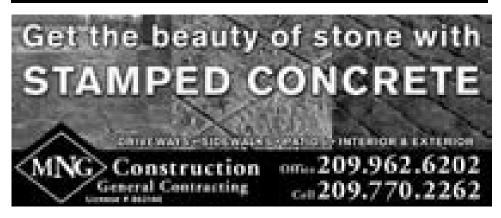
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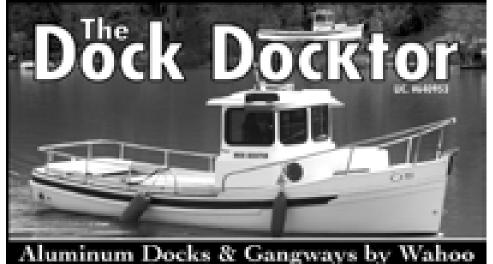
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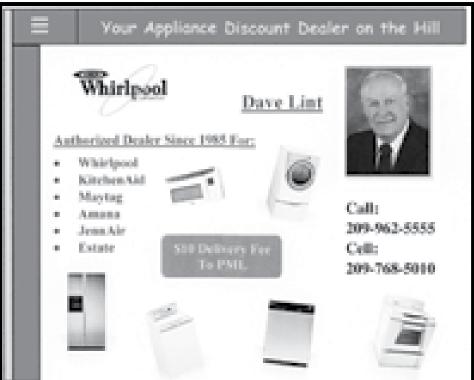


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Single Parenting -4 Single Parenting Tips For A More Harmonious Home

By Dean Caporella

he issue of single parenting often evokes plenty of debate as to whether children are more negatively impacted in a single parent home as opposed to having two parents.

In reality, children who grow up with only one parent in the home are said to become more independent and are better prepared to fend for themselves in adult life. This view will definitely stir up plenty of debate.

Single Parent Dating

One of the biggest issues of single parenting is a parent who re-enters the dating scene. The impact on their children can be very dramatic especially if a child has already experienced a two parent household and was close to the parent who is no longer a part of it.

The welcome reception for the new person in their life can be best described as being hot. A parent who introduces a new member to the family may often times have to deal with jealous feelings from their child. A child now faces the prospect of competing for their sole parent's affection which can lead to tense times.

Single Parenting Tips

Let's take a look at some things you can do as a single parent to form a more harmonious relationship with your child:

- Show them you love them every day. This could be through simply telling them every day or by some action. Maybe leaving a note on their pillow after they leave for school or in their school bag.
- Encourage your child daily. Let them know they are above average and they are doing a great job. On the other hand, be careful not to "sugar coat" the situation too much and if they break the rules then let them know also.
- Set rules the child must abide by. Routine is important in a two parent household but it's just as vital in a single parent home. Eating family dinners is crucial to a home's routine. Make sure you sit down together at least once a day to eat. Evening time is ideal but if your situation allows, try and sit down for breakfast together as well.
- Don't be afraid to let your child help out around the home. If they are old enough then encourage them to help keep the home and yard clean. When a child is given responsibility, in most cases they will thrive.

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