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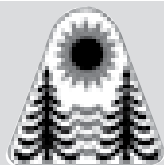
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
By Steve Margosian • Board President

**W**elcome to Water Wars. At the January Board meeting the Board approved the publishing of a draft resolution proposed by The Friends of the Lake modifying the lake usage rules. At the February meeting the Water Ski and Wakeboard group gave their response. Before this turns into a full fledged civil war and everyone gets their knickers in a twist, I want to make it crystal clear that no action on this proposal will be taken until all the facts are in and everyone has had their chance to fully air their opinions.

What we are experiencing is the democratic process in action. Every individual property owner or recognized group has the right to propose changes to the way we do business. It is by no means a "fiat accompli." It does not mandate that the Board has an obligation to accept any ad hoc proposal. The Board can approve, amend or reject any such proposal based on the facts and the desires of the majority of our Membership. This resolution was published primarily as a "straw man" to initiate a meaningful dialog between all the interested parties.

Moving right along. The purchase orders for all the Point of Sale (POS) software and hardware have been let. We should begin the installation and training within the next few weeks. The plan is to have the entire system up and running before May 1. The POS

system should allow us to monitor each of the major operations in real time and make corrections as required. It has the added benefit of interfacing directly to the new accounting package so that human intervention in transferring the data is no longer required. This will improve accuracy by eliminating human error, thus increasing our efficiency. A secondary benefit that our membership has been beating us about the head and shoulders for is the reinstatement of the member charge system. Stay tuned for further progress reports.

If you have been to the club lately you will notice the brand new 55" plasma, flat panel HDTV. A big thank you is in order to our friends at the ROOFBB who made it possible by their generous contribution. This is the first step in our evolution towards making the club a general gathering place for our membership. Future plans include a redo of the sound system (almost complete) and the installation of a full WIFI environment. This means that you will be able to come and watch TV, listen to music, or work on your laptop connected to the Internet in a comfortable environment. Welcome to the 21st century.

You will be receiving a copy of the 2006 Annual Report in the April edition of the PML News. We have just completed the closing of the 2006 financials and our annual audit. Our previous auditor could no longer support us due to a loss of personnel to the larger firms so this year we had to contract a new auditor; Porter and Company of Ventura CA. They are a medium sized firm specializing in large mutual benefit corporations such as ours (their website is [www.porterandcompany.com](http://www.porterandcompany.com)). We passed the audit with flying colors and received an unqualified audit approval

letter. And yes, we officially financed 2006 without using 2007 money and within the Operations budget. Thanks to Ken Spencer and his Accounting staff for making this happen.

Here's an update on the legal scene. The big news is that we won the PML versus Huey case and were awarded legal fees and costs associated with that case along with our original claim. The matter will now go to collection to recover these amounts.

The remaining three cases are pretty much stagnated. In the Lett Arbitration, a new arbitrator has been selected but a final arbitration date has yet to be established. We are pushing for a speedy resolution to this issue but there appears to be a bit of foot dragging on part of the other party. The other two cases haven't moved since my last report. The legal wheels surely do grind forward slowly so I guess we all have to be patient.

Finally, we have something new planned for the March Board meeting. At this meeting we plan to have the first of our senior managers' quarterly operations reviews. Each of our senior managers will give a detailed report on their accomplishments for the previous quarter, a presentation of their financial performance, the problems they are encountering and what they are doing about them along with any request for assistance they need from the Board. These meetings will have a threefold purpose: they will keep us informed of the actual operation; they will allow the membership to meet our managers up close and personal and provide us with some insight into how tough their jobs really are, and it will ensure that the Board is aware of any help required. I believe this will be very informative so put the date on your calendar.



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at the  
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# GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Joe Powell,  
General Manager, CCAM

## Administration

The Annual Audit and Report is complete and scheduled to be mailed to all members with the April edition of the PML News. I would like to thank our Controller, Ken Spencer, and his staff for all their hard work and hours devoted to getting this done in a timely manner. What is amazing is that they were able to complete the January Financial statements right on schedule in the middle of the Annual Audit. Outstanding job! I am happy to report that the Association was in a favorable financial position at the end of 2006 fiscal year.

On Thursday, February 15th, the Audit Committee met with Ken to review the Audit Report draft and provide us with their recommended changes. The meeting was lengthy and intensive and resulted in a well-written, thoroughly reviewed document. Special thanks to Audit Committee members, Fred Hancock and John Lloyd, for their time and effort on this project.

## Marina Grill and Store

The Marina Store and Grill building repair and upgrade is complete. The building was in a sad state of disrepair due to dry rot, roof leaks and equipment breakdowns. Maintenance has put a significant amount of work into this project and everything is looking great. One of the benefits of this level of repair is that we were able to upgrade the quality of drainage and safety.

## Marina Docks

The Marina Dock repair is complete and the Dunn Court and Lake Lodge dock safety extension fabrications are complete and scheduled to be installed within the next three weeks. These additions will improve safety to members and guests during the loading and off-loading of passengers on our Water Taxi.

## Marina picnic area and beach

Our Maintenance crews have been performing their annual tree trimming, soil aeration and re-seeding of the grass at the Marina. Everything is on schedule and these efforts should come to fruition prior to the start of the Summer Season.

## Marina Fence

In an effort to keep the Marina mud bank area safe, a brand new wood fence was installed at the top of the slope near the docks. It fits in nicely with the area and provides a safe barrier for our members and staff.

## Quarterly Senior Management Operational Review

In cooperation with the Board, we will be initiating an Operational Review Program this year. At the March meeting we will hold the first quarterly meeting between senior management and the Board to review the operational performance of each department and status of goals, objectives and projects assigned to each manager. We have scheduled time at each quarterly Board meeting for this purpose. The review meetings will give the management team an opportunity to brief the Board and membership on their individual amenities and, if required, to discuss needs and assignment of resources to improve operations.

## Country Club Kitchen Floor Project

Maintenance Manager, Tom Moffitt has met with multiple contractors and the initial bids for the replacement of the Kitchen Floor are coming in. This project will include three new floor drains and special flooring seams to help eliminate water leaks into the Ladies Locker Room below. Tom is also in communication with Tuolumne County Planning gathering information to help speed the permit process on this project.

## ROOFBB Donation of New 55" Flat screen Plasma HDTV for the Country Club

I would like to thank the ROOFBB Organization for their generous donation of \$2,500 for the purchase of a new 55" Flat screen Plasma HDTV for the Country Club. The TV was purchased and installed just in time for the Super Bowl and is a great addition to our lounge. The ROOFBB's fundraising efforts (like Monday Night Football at the Club) have been a huge benefit to our community and I would like to commend them for their work.

## Stables Phase II Fencing Project

The final bid for Phase II of the Stables Fencing Project was approved and installation of the fencing is scheduled for the middle of March.

## Lake Dredging Project

As part of the supplemental environmental studies required by the County to address environmental and biological concerns by all of the governmental agencies, studies were conducted by wildlife experts to survey the impact on plants,

birds, fish and amphibians. The last of these studies and surveys was conducted by a fish and amphibian expert on Monday. We are confident these studies will culminate in the granting of permits by all of the agencies involved so that we can start dredging and we anticipate completion of the supplemental report next month.

## Annual Dam Survey

Every year we hire an outside engineering firm to conduct a survey of our Dam to determine if there has been any movement or slippage. This survey is incorporated into a report that is sent to the Division of Dam Safety. The firm of Anderson and Associates has performed this work for us for many years and they have done a great job for us at a competitive rate. They will be conducting the survey and preparing the report in March.

## Mailhouses

We are in the final stages of bringing electricity and lighting to all of our mailhouses. This lighting will improve safety for our members as well as provide an appropriate working environment for Postal Service carriers. We have received final inspection and approval by the County this week. We are working with PG&E to speed up the process and anticipate completion of this project by the end of the month.

## Main Gate Entrance Project

After comprehensive review of ideas submitted by the membership and site inspections of other Associations, we have worked with our architect to develop two final design concepts for the Main Gate Entrance. We have also scheduled our Maintenance crew to start work on the Main Gate Guard Shack and upgrade this building. There are artist renderings of the two design concepts at the Administration Office for member review. We are very pleased with the final designs and plan to make a final decision before the end of the month.

## Point of Sale Hardware and Software

The hardware for the new POS system for the Club and Golf Pro Shop has arrived and we have already installed and updated the systems with all of the new Windows and antivirus software in preparation for installation at the amenities. The software vendor is scheduled to install and implement the new program and we anticipate a go-live date sometime next month. Ken Spencer and Rick Whybra have taken the lead on this project and it is progressing nicely.

## ADA Ramp for the Pool

We have the preliminary drawings and designs for the new ADA Ramp for the Swimming Pool and have contacted con-

crete contractors to review the engineered plans and provide bids for this project. Our goal is to have the ramp in place for the Summer Season.

## Sound System at the Country Club

The new Sound System Project at the Country Club is complete and working great. PML Electrician, Bob LeBarre, and his team put a lot of effort into making sure we ended up with a quality system. Each area and room in the Club is set up as a zone and the system includes wireless microphones and the capability to be tied in with the sound equipment of visiting bands and entertainment. I would like to thank the Men's Club for their generous donation to help us complete this project.

## Lake Lodge Carpeting

We have approved the final quote for replacement of the carpet here in the Lake Lodge. The scheduled replacement dates are March 29, 30 and 31. We are coordinating with all of the groups that use the Lodge to ensure there will be no schedule conflicts. The carpet selected is highly stain resistant and has a pattern that will mitigate appearance effects of wear and stains.

## Submission Guidelines

### The PML News is the official newspaper of Pine Mountain Lake Property Owners

The PML News is dedicated to reporting PML Association business and PML Association news to Pine Mountain Lake Property Owners.

The PML News receives more than 100 Tuolumne County/Groveland community related submissions each month. All such community related articles and notices will appear in the PML News on a SPACE AVAILABLE basis and at the DISCRETION of the PML News Publishing Editor.

### All Ads and articles must be received by 4:30 PM on the 10th of the month!

Articles are accepted as an e-mail attachment, on CD-R, on disk, laser printed or in these programs

**Word, Excel, PageMaker, Illustrator, Photoshop or Acrobat files ONLY.**

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Art/photos are accepted as camera ready or as a **TIFF, JPEG, EPS or PDF** image at minimum 300 dpi.

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## LOCATION OF PAY PHONES

In an emergency, call 911! In case of a death-related accident, call the Coroner's Office at 209/533-5833.

- Campground (restrooms)
- Dunn Court Beach • Lake Lodge
- Main Gate (restrooms) • Marina
- PML Airport • Stables
- Tennis Courts (Pine Mountain Drive)



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**Country Club Reservations  
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UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS

Every third Saturday of the month at the PML Lake Lodge. Meetings start at 9 AM.

\*Unless scheduled otherwise

**March 17, 2007**

**April 21, 2007**

**May 19, 2007**

**June 16, 2007**

(will be held at the Country Club)

**July 21, 2007**

**August 18, 2007 (Annual Election)**

**September 8, 2007**

(due to 49'er Fest)

**October 20, 2007**

**November 17, 2007**

## NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE

# 2007

- Monday**
- May 28 Memorial Day**  
(National Observance Day)
- Wednesday**
- July 4 Independence Day**
- Monday**
- September 3 Labor Day**
- Monday**
- November 12 Veterans Day**
- Thursday**
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving**
- Friday**
- Nov. 23 Day after Thanksgiving**
- Monday**
- December 24 Christmas Eve**
- Tuesday**
- December 25 Christmas**
- Monday**
- December 31 New Years Eve**
- Tuesday**
- January 1, 2008 New Years Day**

**OFFICE CLOSED ON THESE DAYS**

## 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-come-first-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.

We do our best to provide you with timely news. If you experience delayed delivery, or have misplaced a particular edition, please visit us at the PMLA website [www.pinemountainlake.com](http://www.pinemountainlake.com) for a downloadable PDF of the News posted by the 1st of the month and a downloadable PDF list of ad rates.

## PMLA Department of Safety Report

As of December 2006 - REPEAT OF Feb.

CLASSIFICATION	MONTH	YTD
Phone Calls Received	4,347	64,474
Alarm Res.	4	50
Animals - Loose	19	239
Animals - Impounded	5	70
Animals - Registered	0	7
Animals - Dead/Injured	21	197
Animals - Disturbance	11	201
Assist - Dispatch (Gen.)	32	719
Assist - Patrol (Gen.)	107	1,557
Complaint - Non PML Res.	11	92
Illegal Burn/Fire	9	72
Report Writing	3	62
Gate - Tamper	2	17
Gate - Follow Through	8	67
Gate - Malfunction	2	95
Confiscated Access Card	4	41
Mess/Pkg P/U - Delivery	25	612
Posting Fliers	8	122
Miscellaneous	203	3,087
Lost and Found	0	43
ECC Inspection	4	106
New Sale Inspection	0	31
Hazard	10	162
Suspicious Circumstance	7	211
Suspicious Person	3	74
Suspicious Vehicle	5	89
Tennis Fees Collected	\$130	\$3,027
All Other Fees Collected	\$1,454	\$24,278
Camp Envelope/Dump St.	\$23	\$449
Amenity Burglary	0	6
Residential Burglary	0	17
Grand Theft	0	12
Petty Theft	3	23
Malicious Mischief	2	70
Trespass	0	38
Law Violations - All Other	3	42
Law Violations to TCSO	2	57
Training/Meeting	2	64
PML Reg Violation - Res.	1	280
PML Reg Violation - Guest	2	53
Vehicles Refused	75	2,142
Vehicles - Illegally Parked	3	78
Vehicles - Citation Issued	1	32
Vehicles - Parking Warning	0	5
Vehicles - Towed	0	3
Vehicles - Marking Tires	1	10
Vehicles - Accident - PML	0	22
Vehicles Admitted	8,211	132,019
Security Checks - Amenity	1,903	16,183
Security Checks - Res.	559	4,712
Opening/Closing Buildings	194	3,219
Opening/Closing Gates	262	2,968
Posting Tennis	59	683
Monitoring Tennis Courts	2	95
Weapons	4	31
Amenity P/U & Del. to Bank	64	1,328
Patrol Vehicle - Maint.	5	94
Patrol Vehicle - Safety Ck.	90	1,004
Hetch Hetchy Realtors	141	8,767
Passes Issued	1,782	26,525
Fixed Post	10	136

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# Draft of PML Boating and Lake Rules with changes as proposed by the PML Water Ski and Wake Board Club

RESOLUTION 05.01

APRIL 16, 2005

UPDATED: 11 FEBRUARY 2007

## PMLA BOATING AND LAKE RULES

For your safety, California Boating Laws prevail. For your convenience, copies of the pamphlet "ABC's of California Boating Laws," published by the California Harbors and Watercraft are available at the Marina Store.

Listed below are further regulations that apply to Pine Mountain Lake boating usage. Failure to comply with them shall be grounds for termination of your privileges. Violations are subject to citation. All boats are subject to inspection to determine compliance with State Law and Association requirements. If you have any questions on the safety requirements of your boat, contact a Lake Patrol Officer or the Marina Store.

### GENERAL BOATING RULES

Know our rules and abide by them for your enjoyment and safety.

All boats on Pine Mountain Lake must meet both State of California and Pine Mountain Lake registration requirements. Only property owners in good standing may register their boats.

**REGISTRATION:** Requirements for registration include: current liability insurance with a minimum of \$300,000, proof of PML residency, proof that the boat meets California Boating Law safety requirements, compliance with PML non-wake enhancing requirements, and agreement to abide by lake rules.

PML non-wake enhancing regulations restrict the use of internal ballast tanks, external fins, foils, panels, or boat hulls specifically designed to increase wakes. Any boats incorporating these devices, registered at PML must adhere to PML's restrictions on not utilizing these devices.

All boats are limited to 5 M.P.H. except during water skiing hours, where the speed limit is 40 M.P.H. in the ski area only. All boats, except those signed up for skiing, must stay out of the ski area while skiing is in progress.

Open stack boats and others with a decibel level exceeding 82 db are prohibited.

Note that areas marked "no wake" mean no wake. These areas are marked with white buoys that say No Wake. Boats may have to go less than 5 MPH in order not to create any wake.

No "Jet Skis," "Waverunners" or other similar variations of personal watercraft are allowed on Pine Mountain Lake (except authorized emergency or law enforcement equipment.)

Only skippers (16 years and older with a valid drivers license) designated by a boat owner may operate a powerboat, provided that they know the lake and marina rules.

Boat owners are responsible for informing their operators of all lake and marina rules.

Boat owners are responsible for the operation of their boats and the wakes they create regardless of who may be operating the boat.

Reckless operation and disregard for others may result in citation and forfeiture of lake boating privileges.

Boaters must stay inside the passenger/operator areas of the boat. Riding outside of the railing or gate is prohibited.

Powerboat operators may not tow or pull rafts, paddleboats, kayaks, canoes or similar craft.

In case of an accident, give any necessary assistance, then immediately contact the Lake Safety Patrol (based at the Marina).

Sufficient life preservers must be aboard for each passenger. All boaters less than 12 years of age and non-swimmers must wear properly tied life jackets.

Give a wide berth to sail and manually operated boats, as they have the right of way.

No powerboats may be operated within 50 feet of a swimming area.

When meeting another boat, keep to the right.

Individuals wishing to blow out their motors may do so during ski hours only. (Up to 4 boats maximum are allowed in the ski pattern with skiers/boarders given priority over boats wishing to blow it out). *Blowing out is limited to two (2) times around the ski pattern.*

*The recreational use of towables (e.g. inflatable device, inner tube) shall be allowed with a maximum of two (2) riders allowed any one time, observe a maximum 5 mph speed limit at all times, excluding designated No-Wake areas, and must stay out of the ski area during skiing hours.*

Every effort shall be made to minimize wakes, especially those affecting shoreline properties.

*Lake usage for waterskiing and wakeboarding on weekends may be restricted up to two (2) times a year due to 4th of July fireworks/boat parade, or special events including fishing derbies, sailing regatta days and charity boating events.*

All lake activity is suspended, when CDF helicopters perform firefighting procedures or other emergencies that require use of lake water.

Lake patrol will be in effect daily. Citations may be given for PML rule infractions. Two citations will constitute action for removing your boat from Pine Mountain Lake.

### BOAT LAUNCHING & REMOVAL DATES

NO BOAT MAY BE LAUNCHED without current Pine Mountain Lake registration.

BOAT LAUNCHING AND REMOVAL is allowed only at the Marina boat ramp.

ALL BOATS NOT REMOVED from Dunn Court and the Marina area by October 31st of each year will be removed and stored AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE.

NO TRAILER PARKING permitted except for daily use, and only in designated areas. No trailer parking will be permitted the date of the Independence Day fireworks celebration.

DUNN COURT SAILBOAT OWNERS: Please relocate your sailboat the day before the annual fireworks display. This date may vary from year to year.

### WATER SKIING AND WAKEBOARDING RULES

Homeowners wishing to register a ski or wake boat for the first time on PML

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will be given a tour of the lake and have these regulations and the PML Waterski and Wakeboard Club's Good Neighbor Rules explained. This tour will be conducted monthly by the PML Lake Patrol, assisted by the PML WWC and must be completed before the homeowner may sign up for ski/wakeboard times at PML. Copies of the Good Neighbor Rules will be available to all boaters at the Marina.

Skiing and wakeboarding will be on a scheduled basis. Skiing hours are generally as follows:

Day	Morning hours	Evening hours
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	9:00-12:00 noon	5:00-8:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00-12:00 noon	No Ski Hours
Saturday, Sunday	8:00-12:00 noon	5:00-8:00 pm

In addition to the above, on the 3-day holiday weekends during ski season, Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day, morning ski times will run from 8:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

Skiing and wakeboarding are prohibited November 1 through April 30.

Reservations will be taken at the Marina Store (962-8631). *The reservation process will be established by the Marina*

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

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**BOND MONEY**

The community of Big Oak Flat-Groveland approved a bond measure that would make available funds to improve the Tioga High School, Tenaya Elementary School, Don Pedro High School. The funding program was outlined as \$2,000,000 from developer fees, \$4,500,000 in state matching funds, \$9,300,000 in Bond funds for a total of \$15,800,000.

Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. researched and proposed an original and revised project list for the bond fund. The original proposal outlined \$9.95 mil for Tioga, \$5.3mil Don Pedro, \$2.15mil Tenaya, \$.5mil Moccasin CDS. Based on input from community including school site meetings the project list was reduced by \$2 mil in order to gain approval. The new Project list was \$9,622,839 for Tioga, \$3,180,976 for Tenaya, \$2,950,960 for Don Pedro.

The figures were outlined on the School District Web Site, promoted to the community through a voter phone bank, promoted by myself with confirmation from Board President of the approximately 80% Groveland, 20% Don Pedro. The tax

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base as of 6/30/2005 is 22% Don Pedro and 78% from Groveland.

The current estimate is for the Don Pedro Gym to be \$4.5 mil or 28% of the total revenue available. The extra money spent on the Don Pedro Gym will be revenue taken away from improvement at Tenaya and Tioga Schools.

Our kids need your help. Please write a protest letter to Gloria Marler, President, Board of Trustees and Philip Yoon, Superintendent. Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District. P.O. Box 1397. Groveland CA 95321-1397 or email Gloria RGMarler@earthlink.net .

—DENNIS DECANT  
 UNIT 4, LOT 80

**BURNING IN PMLA**

We are writing this letter on behalf of all the residents of Pine Mountain Lake who enjoy our pristine, clear, blue skies and wonderful clean unpolluted fresh air.

It is such a pleasure to go outside in the morning and take in a deep breath.

Unfortunately, as autumn and winter approached, and the leaves fell from the trees, our wonderful blue skies and clean air became full of acrid smoke.

This acrid smoke came from various residents burning fallen leaves and other refuse. This smoke is very unpleasant for those of us who like to take walks, play tennis, or just enjoy sitting outside on our decks. How can we enjoy our wonderful community and the amenities when we are coughing, and trying to see through a thick haze of smoke?

Please put a stop to this unnecessary burning. We have a compost area near the campgrounds, and that is where we all should take our garden refuse. I say let's BAG IT AND HAUL IT.

—STEVE & JOY THOMPSON

**BROKEN WATER PIPES**

On Saturday, January 13, 2007 Tenaya Elementary School experienced two broken water pipes as a consequence of cold weather. One of these breaks resulted in a classroom being flooded and seepage into two adjoining classrooms. Members of the Groveland Community Services District came to my rescue. Mr. Shane Warner assisted me throughout the afternoon. Mr. Warner also contacted Raymond Albanez who

was able to shut off the water to prevent further damage. Mr. Warner telephoned the Groveland Fire Department and Jacob Ruhl and Jamison Kraft arrived with a water vacuum. While Jamison went through all the remaining classrooms to ensure that there were no other water breaks, Jacob and Shane began the task of moving desks, books, and other curriculum to save them from water damage. Shane, Jamison, and Josh worked tirelessly until all three classrooms had been cleared of water and classrooms items had been safely secured. Although we have had to relocate students, there was minimal disruption to their education. Shane Warner, Raymond Albanez, Josh Ruhl, and Jamison Kraft have given new meaning to the words "Community Service". They are Tenaya's heroes!

A heartfelt thank you to the staff of the Groveland Community Services District.

—MARIANNE QUINN  
 PRINCIPAL,  
 TENAYA ELEMENTARY

**Thanks To My Neighbors**

Last weekend when the cold weather hit a pipe burst in my house. While a neighbor was walking his dog, he heard a noise coming from my house and saw water running out the garage. While he was down at my front door trying to see if anyone was home, another

neighbor (a member of the neighborhood watch program) noticed him at my front porch. When he called to him, the first neighbor explained what was happening. They went into action together, got the appropriate tools and shut off my water. Neither one knew how to get ahold of me, but saw another neighbor walking by who had actually completed an estimate for service at the request of ReMax earlier this year.

The network went to work trying to locate my phone number and within 1 hour, I received two phone calls from my GREAT neighbors who had tracked down my number independently. Since this is a vacation home for me, that was no small feat.

When I was looking for a vacation home, I had wished to be in a place where neighbors would look after each other. This weekend my neighbors on Nob Hill Circle, especially Pete and Glen, surpassed my expectations. I truly appreciate their neighborly assistance in limiting the damage.

Following up after the fact Tish Fulton at ReMax has jumped in to help me resolve the problems while I am back at work in the Silicon Valley. I cannot thank Tish and my new friends at Pine Mountain Lake enough. This has reinforced my commitment to Pine MountainLake and the great community in Groveland.

—KELLY MARTIN  
 UNIT 3 LOT 75



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Manager along with the PML Waterski and Wakeboard Club and managed by the Marina Manager. Designated skiing and wakeboarding times will be established by the Marina Manager along with the PML Waterski and Wakeboard Club. Skiing time will be limited to one (1) hour initially, and modified by the Lake Patrol and Marina Manager depending on the demand.

A maximum of four (4) boats will be allowed to ski at any one time. A distance of 100 feet shall be maintained between boats.

A counter-clockwise ski pattern shall be maintained.

To minimize shoreline wakes on the North shore, powerboats shall stay as close as possible to the main beach buoys when traveling from the dam toward Big Creek. When traveling Big Creek toward the dam, powerboats should stay as close as possible to the center of the ski pattern as safety permits. Always pass an approaching powerboat on the right.

All boats being used on PML waters must be operated in a manner to minimize the size of the wake produced by the boat. With the exception of pontoon boats and those boats traveling less than 5 mph, all powerboat operators shall operate at planing speeds as soon as practical when in the ski pattern.

**Wake Enhancement:** The use of devices, equipment, or placement of passengers on boats for the purpose of creating an enlarged wake is prohibited. Further, no such devices or equipment may be used on any boat in PML. Such devices and equipment include, but are not limited to: exterior panels or wings deployed underwater; rubberized, plastic or metal tanks or bags filled with any material; crowding of passengers to the rear; inside-the-hull water tanks or boat hulls designed specifically to enhance the wake. Additionally, the operator of an outboard or I/O drive boat must keep the out-drive down to optimally trim the boat to minimize the size of the boat's wake at all times.

Any boat that produces excessive wakes may be cited. Two citations result in eviction from the lake for the remainder of the calendar year.

*Skiers should check-in with the boat patrol upon arrival in the ski area. Skiers should enter the ski course at the White SKI BUOY staging area located outside the Marina. No other area! There is a voluntary drop area outside the 5 M.P.H. buoys at Fisherman's Cove. See Marina Store and Good Neighbor Rules for details.*

Ski course is marked with red buoys. Stay inside of red buoys. These buoys are not a SLALOM COURSE.

Ski boats must have a red or orange flag and an observer at least 12 years of age.

Ski boats returning to a fallen skier must make a starboard (right) turn to return to the skier while raising the red or orange warning flag. The boat operator shall make the 'turn-around' at a slow speed to minimize his wake. Obviously, safety is a concern, but anything a boat operator can do to minimize wake size is required.

The driver of any boat approaching a boat displaying a red or orange flag must acknowledge the downed skiers presence by raising their hand for the skiers tow boat to see and take appropriate evasive action to ensure the safety of the downed skier.

Skier must raise one (1) ski (or wakeboard or kneeboard) when in water with

slack towline to warn other boats in the area.

All skiers must wear proper Coast Guard approved life preservers.

Number of water skiers per boat: 2 maximum at a time. When one skier drops, the second skier must drop immediately.

*During ski hours*, the use of discs, inner tubes, surfboards, water toys and non-approved devices are prohibited.

**WATER SKIS, KNEEBOARDS & WAKEBOARDS ONLY.**

An area for beginning water ski instruction is available. Contact the Lake Patrol Officer or Marina Manager for details.

LAKE PATROL will be in effect 7 days per week. Citations will be given for PML rule infractions. Two citations will constitute action for removing your boat from Pine Mountain Lake for the remainder of the calendar year.

**KNOW OUR RULES AND ABIDE BY THEM FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AND SAFETY.**

**FISHING RULES**

California State Fishing License required and to be displayed at all times while fishing. Fish limits are governed by California Fish & Game laws. NO LIVE BAIT other than worms.

Fishing off water taxi docks during water taxi operating hours is prohibited. Trespassing on private property is not allowed.

No fishing within 25 feet of designated swim areas.

**SAILING RULES**

Sailing Hours: Anytime

SAILBOAT LAUNCHING is allowed only at the Marina boat ramp.

Sailboats and all others must stay out of the skiing area during skiing hours.

The ski area is outlined with red buoys. Stay out of the ski area while skiing is in progress. Be aware of skiing hours to protect yourself. Avoid the east end of the lake (Lake Lodge and Big Creek entrance) during skiing hours.

Sailing of rental boats in Big Creek is not allowed.

No windsurf boards without a sail are allowed on the lake.

**PARKING, BEACH & SWIMMING RULES**

*Swimming:*  
SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK. NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY.

Swimming is only allowed within the designated swim areas.

No float tubes, surfboards, lounge rafts, etc., allowed on the lake other than within 30 feet from your own private dock. (Tubes and "soft" float toys are allowed in the swim areas). Inflatable boats, canoes and kayaks that are used on Pine Mountain Lake must be registered in the same manner as hard-bottom boats.

Do not venture more than 30 feet from your own private dock. DO NOT swim across or in open lake area.

*Beaches:*  
Follow all posted beach and marina rules and regulations. Note: The beaches are non-smoking areas.

No glass containers, loud music, hardballs, profane language or drinking of alcoholic beverages by anyone under the age of 21 are allowed on any Pine Mountain Lake beach area.

Bicycles and skateboards must be walked through all amenity-parking areas. No riding.

Dogs are restricted from PML Marina, Dunn Court, and Lake Lodge beaches,

*Parking:*  
If the marina parking lot is full, please park at Dunn Court, the Lake Lodge, or Fisherman's Cove and ride the water taxi to the Marina. Water taxi operating schedule is available upon request.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN FINES OR LOSS OF LAKE PRIVILEGES.**

Additional rules and regulations may apply. Rules are subject to change without notice.

ONLY property owners and PMLA employees on duty will be allowed to park at the Marina parking area on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. Property owners will be required to provide a valid parking sticker or hanging tag.

# The Cost to PMLA Members for Pending Litigation

In response to property owner concerns and questions regarding pending litigation and the costs to the Association, we have listed the current pending cases by title and the amount the Association has paid so far.

**Ken Lett v. PMLA**  
(Arbitration)  
\$51,265.62

**Ken Lett and Mel Kauffman v. PMLA**  
(Member Lawsuit)  
\$43,005.82

**PMLA v. Thomas Huey**  
(CC&R Enforcement Lawsuit)  
\$64,840.31

**Dane Nielsen v. PMLA**  
(Lawsuit - Labor Code 132(a) Claim)  
\$20,834.50

# A la Carte - March '07

by Tom Dorsey, Country Club Manager

Winter is flying by and we are using this opportunity to update many club functions. Our new point of sale system is arriving and should be in production by the end of April. The new POS will allow for more efficient service, better cash control, as well as an email data basing function that will allow us to communicate Club events instantly! No more confusion over Club event hours for those who choose to subscribe to our e-newsletter! In conjunction with our new POS we are working on becoming a WiFi hot spot, I'm not going to spill the beans just yet on the bandwidth, but it will be unlike anything available on the hill! Also in April, we will be rolling out our new

Dinner Menu, an expanded Lunch Menu, and back by popular demand, Family Night Buffet on Sundays!

Then, there's our new piano bar. Things I've seen in the lounge so far... wine tasting foursomes, ladies who coffee and chat by the hour, a book-reading sunset watcher, and piano-listening, toe-tapping sorts, all of which seem to be in no hurry to go home on Friday nights. Jim Novak will tickle the keys Friday March 16th and Friday March 23rd from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Come relax over a glass of wine. The Lounge has its own atmosphere, perfect for a cozy social setting or some time alone.

Some much needed renovation will

be going on soon, which will impact our schedule somewhat. We'll try to keep the inconvenience to a minimum, as parts of the Kitchen flooring will be replaced as quickly as possible.

If you made it out to the Super Bowl Party at the 19th hole bar, then you got to see the game on the new big-screen plasma. Holy cow! Thanks to the ROOFBB's, we sure have taken a big step forward. Together with the new audio equipment, the Club is a lot of fun these days. Several of our groups have had the chance to utilize the new equipment and all have said it makes a BIG difference. The generosity of our local clubs makes me feel lucky.

Our Valentine's dinner/dance was delicious, and successful. I'd never 'serve and tell', so let's just say, she said "yes!" And I really want to thank all of our clubs and organizations who held their functions with us in February. The Soroptomist Club's Chinese Auction, Mighty Friday,

the Hetch-Hetchy Association of Realtors, the 1928/1927 Birthday Club, The Ladies Club, The ROOFBB's, just to name a few. This Country Club, your Country Club, is here to serve you. Thank you so much for your continued support.

The new Spring Menu is being created, as we speak. I've had a sneak peak and it just keeps getting better and better. Chef Orpheus Brown is on a mission. And we, here at your PML Country Club, are his lucky beneficiaries. Whether it's an exquisite entrée or a beautifully arranged plate of appetizers, you and your guests will be impressed. And that's what we're all shooting for.

Is it the amazing view of the snow-capped mountains? Chef's creativity on that elegant, new square china? The fact that you can get breakfast on Sunday's 'til 12:30?!? There are lots of 'ooohs' and 'ahhhs' in this dining room lately and I can hardly wait to see what's next. ☺

## BREAKFAST MENU

Saturday & Sunday 8am - 11am

*All breakfasts come with country potatoes and fruit*

### Omelets

Denver Omelet .....	\$9.95
Mozzarella & Tomato Omelet .....	\$8.95
Southwest Omelet .....	\$9.95
Goat Cheese, Olive & Artichoke Omelet .....	\$8.95
Grav Lox Omelet .....	\$10.95

### Eggs Your Way

2 Eggs the way you want them.....	\$7.95
Steak & Eggs .....	\$13.95
Chicken Fried Steak w/Country Gravy & Eggs.....	\$11.95
Biscuits & Gravy .....	\$9.95
Breakfast Burrito .....	\$7.95
Chillaquilles .....	\$7.95

### Eggs Benedict

Traditional .....	\$10.95
Crab Cake w/Lemon Hollandaise .....	\$12.95
Grav Lox w/Orange Hollandaise.....	\$11.95
Grav Lox & Bagels .....	\$10.95
Crab Cake Salad .....	\$14.95

### French Toast

Tall Stack (4 pieces) .....	\$7.95
Short Stack (2 pieces) .....	\$5.95

### Pancakes

Tall Stack (4 pieces) .....	\$7.95
Short Stack (2 pieces) .....	\$5.95
Add Blueberries .....	\$.50

### Crepes

Fruit (stuffed w/Peach & Cream Cheese).....	\$9.95
Shrimp .....	\$14.95

## COUNTRY CLUB RESTAURANT HOURS

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Dinner - 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday

Breakfast - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dinner - 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday

Breakfast - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Times subject to change without notice. For reservations or more information please call (209) 962-8638

## MUSICIANS WANTED!



The 19th Hole Lounge at Pine Mountain Lake Country Club is looking for experienced musicians.

If you are a solo pianist or guitarist, jazz duo, trio or combo vocal group; play contemporary rock, bluegrass or country music and can entertain for 3 to 4 hours, please contact the Country Club Bar Manager, Charlie Bishop, at 962-8636 Monday through Friday 9am-4pm.

Please have a promotional photo, bio and CD available. Fee negotiable.



# Ladies Golf Club News for Jan(brr)uary

by Sue Perry

There was a new golf accessory used by many of the ladies in January. The frozen tee boxes had many ladies packing a hammer to get their tees pounded into the ground. Some even considered a tool belt for their next golf attire must have. Fortunately the weather became milder by the end of the month and we were all back to enjoying our beautiful course in the sunshine. This month provided us with only three play days and the results are as follows:

## Jan. 11th Individual Point Bogey..five brave ladies played...congratulations!

*Winners*  
Kathy Shehorn 29 points and Judi Maguire 29 points  
*Honorable mentions:* Mona Tompkins, Norma Baldinger, Joanne Foster

## Jan.18th..Team Point Par

*1st Place ...67 points...K. Edgerton, M. Scott, H. McMillan, A. Peterson*  
*2nd Place...59 points...D. Davis, S. Hancock, Y. Mattocks, C. Stevens*  
*3rd Place...53 points...G. Dickson, J.*

Foster, M. Tompkins  
*Birdies:* C. Stevens #7, K. Edgerton #4, M. Scott #9

## Jan. 25th..Team Bingo

*1st Place...37 Bingos...N. Harlan, K. Dickson, J. Smith, J. Maguire*  
*2nd Place...34 Bingos..S. Perry, N. Baldinger, J. Mussatto, J. Sample*  
*3rd Place...26 Bingos...A. Hankin, J. Dwailebe, V. Tallman, K. Bettencourt*  
*4th Place...24 Bingos...B. Gibson, A. Peterson, T. Melinn, T. Faux*  
*4th Place...24 Bingos...A. Frawley, M. Scott, H. McMillian, K. Shehorn*  
*Birdies:* J.Maguire # 17, S. Perry # 17 & # 7, P, Park #8

Honors for the only two blackouts go to J. Maguire and N. Baldinger.

In other news, Patty Ryan has resigned as Captain of the 18 hole ladies for personal reasons. Virginia Tallman has taken over her position. Mark your calendars ladies for our general meeting to take place on March 8th @ 8:30 AM. The Pine Tree invitations will be available at that time so be there or be square. ♪

# Friends of the Lake Proposes More Equitable Lake Usage

by Marilyn Hathaway, President

Friends of the Lake has requested that the PMLA Board of Directors consider some changes to the lake rules for the 2007 season.

The purpose of these proposed changes is to achieve a more fair division of time on our lake. Like any community-owned amenity, use of the lake must be governed by what is best for the majority of homeowners. The challenge is to provide the most good to the most people, not just to the loudest people.

There is, of course, vigorous debate on this proposal from the water ski and wake-board enthusiasts. Unfortunately, there is also a great deal of misinformation and emotional response. In fact, the proposed changes are quite mild and are based on real data obtained from Marina records.

For example, in 2006 there were a total of 775 boats registered at PML. Only about 75, or less than 10%, of the boats were registered to ski or wakeboard. The other 90% is comprised of sailboats, fishing boats, pontoons, canoes, kayaks, and paddle boats – all of which co-exist nicely on the lake.

On our small lake, it is simply not practical for most boats to use the main part of the lake while anyone is skiing or wake-boarding. It is unpleasant and sometimes dangerous for other boats to be in

the vicinity of fast boats that are producing wakes. It is even unpleasant and dangerous to be on a dock while these boats are wake-boarding.

The data shows that skiers and wake boarders use only 30-50% of their available time on weekends. During the week, it drops even more, to only 17-22% usage of available time. Meanwhile, there are many other boats (fisherman, kayakers, pleasure boats and pontoons) that would like to use the lake during this time.

Some have suggested that this is an argument between younger, working, part-time homeowners and older, retired, full-time residents. This claim is incendiary and is completely untrue.

Friends of the Lake understands that weekends are prime time for skiing. Our proposal does not change the current weekend schedule. Our proposal continues to have Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings and evenings, as well as morning hours during the mid-week, for skiing and wake boarding. We are asking the board to establish Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings as quiet time (no fast boating).

Friends of the Lake sincerely hopes that this proposal can be addressed on the merits (rather than emotions) and that we can work together to achieve a result that is most fair for the majority of boaters. ♪

# ENTERTAINMENT AT THE 19TH HOLE LOUNGE IN MARCH



## Spaceheaters (below) Mar 10th



Come Celebrate Your Birthday with Dave!

# Memories of Vaudeville - A Talent Review at Ladies Club

by Rosemary Adams, Publicity

When the announcement of our PML Ladies Club February Program was sent, our members were invited to participate in the program, A TALENT REVIEW. Well, as you are aware, we have many members whose entertainment skills cover a wide range of excellence, so Committee Chair Shirley Brasesco received a great, enthusiastic response. Working with our fine volunteers, Shirley and her Committee brought together a great program.

Shirley chose Jim Soderberg to serve as Master of Ceremonies, only the best, and they were off and running with A TALENT REVIEW!!! The program was a great blending of music, vocals, comedy and dance, with the performers costumed appropriately for each selection. The comedy walk-on team of Mary Brown & Thelma Faux performed several skits between the music numbers, and they were fun, fun – shades of Abbot & Costello!!! There were vocal solos by Charlie Mills, Mike Bozzo, Jim Soderberg, Sally Salinas,

Jackie Sample and Shirley Brasesco. Also a “Voices in Motion” Quartet of Brasesco, Mills, Salinas and Soderberg. And Connie & Jim Soderberg offered “How Sweet It Is” in a song & dance number. There was another dance number, “Trashy Women” by the Crazy Hearts Line Dancers – Wendy Greer, Jane Hansen, Roberta Naylor and Harriett Wallace. Altogether delightful!!! Our attendees gave the group much support and applause. Isn’t it grand to have so much talent among us! Our thanks to Shirley and Jim, as well as to our entertainers for a great day.

Incoming President Kym Purifoy introduced the newly elected officers for the 2007/2008 year. They will be installed at our March meeting. Kym also outlined plans for the year and invited members to volunteer for the various Special Events being planned. Sheets were distributed for members to sign up for Chairing/Serving on the committees. So, members, we encourage you to get involved in our fine, great group of PML LADIES CLUB. We need you. ♪

# PML Aviation Association to Hear Aviation Accident Expert

by Virginia Gustafson



PML Aviation Association's Gorgeous Flapper Girls: Karen Handley, Colleen Keller, Barbara Thoben, Deanna Nurge, Marie Barber and Sydney Avey



Offering up bathtub gin, PMLAA bar tenders: Paul Purifoy, Jane Hansen, Harriet Wallace and Jerry Lynn.

On February 3rd, PML Aviation members and friends danced the night away at the traditional Valentine's dance held at the beautifully decorated Buchner Hangar, all done up in Roarin' 20s style. Flappers and hit men galore turned out; there was even a 1920's paperboy spotted. Everyone's favorite band, Home Grown, provided the wonderful dance music.

Our next meeting is 6:00 pm on March 3, at the Benzing Hangar on the airport. Guest speaker is PML's own Dr. Ken Orloff. Dr. Orloff's consulting firm analyzes aircraft accidents and provides

expert testimony in related cases. At this session, Ken will explain his research and analysis of several midair collisions and how they could have been avoided. It promises to be a fascinating evening for pilots and non-pilots alike.

Area pilots and flying enthusiasts should take a look at our website: [www.pmlaa.org](http://www.pmlaa.org). You'll find lots of useful resources and information about our association and about flying in the Sierra.

To join the Aviation Association, send \$20 and your email and regular mail addresses to PMLAA, Box 131, Groveland, or sign up at one of our meetings.

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### Local Rainfall

by Jerry Dickson

Date	Rain, Inches (24 Hr. to 9 AM)	Season Total, Inches
From July 1, '06	--	9.42
Jan. 28, 2006 (a lapse of 23 days)	.22	9.64
Feb. 8	.22	9.86
Feb. 9	.25	10.11
Feb. 10	.86	10.97
Feb. 11	1.52	12.49
Feb. 12	.69	13.18

One reader ask me if the dry January was an omen of a very dry season. I said that my thought was that a single month probably has little bearing on the whole season.

Later I decided to check whether a very wet ( or dry) January may have lead to a coresponding season. First I found 8 Jan's were very dry and 10 were very wet. I took seven of each extreme together with their season and totals, and computed the averages:--

(1) The dry January's averaged 1.12 in. with season average of 27.61 in.

(2) The wet ones averaged 12.38 in. with season at 48.88 in.

Since normal is about midway of these season totals, we may expect a short fall of 6 to 10 inches. (or perhaps only the January norm will be missing.)

Place your bet, however, there is no prize!!

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**Marjorie "Margie" Coutchavlis (209) 962-5471**

# Mother Lode invitational 2007

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>  
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## MOTHER LODE INVITATIONAL

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2007

### ENTRY FORM

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Lot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Club \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN/NCGA # \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golf Glove Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Club \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN/NCGA # \_\_\_\_\_

#### TOURNAMENT HANDICAP

Low Index 8/1/06 – 7/01/07

Deposit \$ 100 or Entry Fee Team \$480 \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Dinners @ \$ 30 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid (No refunds after 6/15/07) \_\_\_\_\_

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### PML Organized Groups & Clubs

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# PML Garden Club Clippings

by Jan Sloan

The PML Garden Club kicked off the year on February 5, 2007, with a changeover luncheon at the home of Maddie Sousa. President Arlene Vorce welcomed all of her new officers with the promise of an exciting program for the year. The tables were beautifully decorated with red apples, yellow silk flowers, and greenery on red tablecloths.

The first meeting for the year was February 12 at the Lake Lodge. Discussed was the garden tour in June. Please contact Terre Melinn. We are looking ahead for anyone interested in showing off their gardens. They are an effort of love and worth sharing.

Hopefully the unusually severe cold weather in January didn't destroy all of

your plants.

That along with the extremely hungry deer, we don't have a chance!

Our March meeting involves a fun bus outing to the San Francisco Garden Show on 3/22. This is a favorite of many, so get your reservations in early. The cost is \$22 for members and \$28 for guests. Our program co-chair persons are Loni Roman @ 962-6001 and Dian Watson @ 962-4866; please contact either.

If you aren't a member and are interested in joining us, come to our next meeting or send dues of \$10 single, \$15 family to PML Garden Club, PO Box 167, Groveland, CA 95321.

Meetings are on the second Monday of the month at the Lake Lodge. The deadline to get in the roster is March 1. ☺

# Men's Nine-Hole Golf Club Reports On Winter and Spring Golf

by Bob Cowley

We have 42 members on our 2007 Roster of which 2 are new. Please welcome Robert Roman and Bob Mayrend to our Club. Both joined this year, so take the time to introduce yourself to them and make them feel at home. Welcome aboard gentlemen..

Look for the "Challenge in May." The Ladies Niners versus the Men's Niners. Let's all show up and "try" to beat the ladies this year. Everyone has a good time playing and enjoying the awards banquet. Look for more details in the May issue of the Pine Mountain Lake News.

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 Niner's as an alternative to playing 18 holes.

Please contact Wally Child 962-0723, Bob Oakley 962-4799, Bob Cowley 962-6245 or Steve Thompson 962-6154, for further information on how to join us for our weekly games.

We are currently teeing off from #1 at Noon on Wednesdays, starting in March, and going thru May. ☺

Games scheduled for March are:

March 7	Red, White, and Blue
March 14	One Man Scramble
March 21	Four Clubs
March 28	Low Putts

Games scheduled for April are:

April 4	Green Forward Tee
April 11	One, Two, Three
April 18	Low Net Plus Putts
April 25	Four Man Scramble



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# Friends of the Lake Announces 2007 Meeting Schedule

by Virginia Gustafson

Friends of the Lake is a social club at Pine Mountain Lake with over 150 members. Our members are concerned about the health, safety and equitable use of the lake. We hold monthly meetings from April through October – some with educational speakers and some for fun activities on the lake. Here is our schedule for 2007; mark your calendars and come join us.

April 15 – our speaker will be Mike Horvath, Pine Mountain Lake's limnologist, who will educate us on his recent scientific studies of the lake and its water quality.

May 20 – guest speaker is Dr. Todd Stolp from the Tuolumne County department of health speaking on water contamination.

June 10 – our annual Poker Game played on boats around the lake.

June 30 – Friends of the Lake sponsors the annual PML Boat Parade.

July 8 – our third annual "Music at the

Marina" with live sing-along campfire music.

August 5 – Lake Day, with an open lake swim, kayak slalom, paddle boat races followed by hotdogs on the beach.

September 9 – our Scavenger Hunt by boat around the lake.

October 14 – guest speaker is Ms. Margaret Hannaford, General Manager of the Hetch Hetchy water project who will speak about the proposed 2008 Mountain Tunnel shutdown.

Friends of the Lake meetings are held at Lake Lodge or the Marina beach and include a potluck supper. Watch the newspaper and flyers at the mailboxes for all the details on each meeting.

To join Friends of the Lake, mail a check for \$10/single or \$20/family along with your contact information (especially your email address) to Friends of the Lake, PO Box 591, Groveland, or call our membership chair Jan Hatmaker at 962-6318. ☺

# PML Men's Golf Club

by Dick Faux

Your Pine Mountain Lake Men's Club tournament schedule is off and running with two Wednesday Special tournaments completed and many more tournaments scheduled for the next three months. Seven tournaments are scheduled for March, April and May so there should be something for everyone.

Our tournament committee (Dave Gibson and Derrol Beaulieu) have added some interesting formats for the upcoming tournaments. The idea is to add some variations to the normal tournament format while making it interesting and fun. Listed below is the PML Men's Golf Club schedule for the next three months:

Tournament	Date	Format	Registration Deadline
Ice Breaker	Sat. Mar. 17	Sign up as 2 man team. Best ball	Mar. 13
Match Play Championship Sign -Up	April	Schedule your match each month of May, June, July & August. 80% of April Handicap Throughout.	April 25
NCGA Zone Qualifier	Sat. April 7	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 4
Men's Club Monthly Special	Wed. April 11	One Man Scramble	April 9
NCGA Qualifier: Four Ball Net Championship	Sat. May 5	Sign up as 2 man teams. Better Ball Format. Top 2 teams qualify. Max. Index of 18.4- Play will be 90% of existing handicap.	May 2
Men's Club Monthly Special (Ham & Egg)	Wed. May 16	Sign up as 2 Man Team. Each player is responsible for 9 holes.	May 14
Spring Mixed- Foursome Tournament	Fri/Sat May 18/ 19	4 Person Scramble	May 15

Information for any and all of these tournaments may be obtained in the pro shop, or by visiting our web site <http://www.pmlmgc.com>.

## Golf rules quiz (answers below)

1. Q. When marking the position of the ball, must the ball marker be placed behind the ball, or may it be placed to the side of or in front of the ball?

2. Q. Are plugs of compacted soil produced through aeration of the fairway loose impediments? ANSWERS BELOW

## Answers to golf rules quiz:

There is no restriction as to where the ball must be marked however (isn't there always a however?) placing the ball marker in front of the ball may do something to the green (pressing down a tuft of grass) which could lead to a penalty.

Yes. Loose soil is not a loose impediment. However, (here we go again) such plugs, since they consist of compacted soil, are considered loose impediments.

## Hole In One Club

Congratulations to Dave Gibson for his hole in one on March 24th on hole 17.

## Quote of the month

"If you are going to throw a club, it is important to throw it ahead of you, down the fairway, so you don't have to waste energy going back to pick it up."

Tommy Bolt

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# PML Racquet Club by Al Peirona

“Wearing of the Green” tennis social on Saturday, March 17, will begin 2007 calendar for the Racquet Club. This will follow the initial quarterly meeting to be held at the Country Club on Friday, March 9.

Board members Al Rodriguez, Larry Santa Maria, Walt Bales, Dick Thomson and Mark Nouillan met on January 16 to formulate this year’s calendar. The announced playing activities are:

**Sat, March 17**

Wearing of the Green social

**Sat, May 5**

Cinco de Mayo; Mixed Doubles

**Sat, June 30**

Davis Cup

**Sat, Sept. 8**

Mixed Doubles tournament

**Sat, Sept 22**

Men/Women’s Doubles Championship

The remaining quarterly meetings at the Country Club will be on June 22, September 1, and December 15 (Holiday Party).

Entry fees for the five playing events are \$8.00. This includes food and beverage. The Racquet Club dues remain at \$10.00.

Club Maintenance Manager, Jerry DeHart, presented the Board his report.

This included numerous repair items. Also in his report was a clean up day for the tennis shed at Courts 3 and 4. The clean up will be done by members. PML Maintenance will do other repairs.

- Volunteers will be sought to plan and run the playing events. The Board is hoping for increased participation.

- Something to remember or jot down... From the phone adjacent to Court 4 one can dial “Star 81” for no charge. This will get Main Gate Security (safety). One can call in case of an emergency or to see if a different court can be available

in case of ice, rain, etc.

- Quite a few will be attending the Pacific Life Open taking place at Indian Wells March 5-18. This is a very popular professional tennis tournament. Among the group are Judy and Harold Basey, Barbara and Dick Davis, Chris and Dave Franz and Jane and George Reynolds.

- Bob and Marian Mayrend, along with their daughter Jody and son-in-law Steve Boiani recently enjoyed themselves in Hawaii. 🌴

## Undaunted Niners Brave the Cold of Winter!

by Jane Reynolds

This has been a cold January and the creativity and innovations of our golfers have helped them to persevere in this game of golf. The newest tool (I wrote about this last month) is the hammer, big ones and little ones, and with big (10”) and little nails for making holes for the tees at the tee box. Some even removed the tee box looking for softer ground. We are all looking forward to warm weather.

The first meeting of the year was held at the Country Club with a wonderful breakfast. Top of the Morning to our newest members: Gloria Berkley, Darlene Hoagland, Harlene Wilson, Linda Craig & Shirley Colley. Team shirts and sweaters were shown and those wanting to get the new shirts should talk to Shirley Haliwell. Thank you Lynn, Shirley & Mary for your time and effort.

**TEAM PLAY:** Team play is a fun way to play at other golf courses and meet new people. We will need a variety of handicaps to play for the different flights, so be sure to sign up. Look in your golf roster, check to see what days you are available and include that in your email. A good way to be introduced to Team Play is by playing in the Captain’s flight where your scores won’t count toward team play. Those interested in participating, please email Jane Reynolds. During the month of March, contact Linelle Marshall. Our first game will be at Turlock on April 17th.

**PLAY DAY RESULTS:**

Jan. 18th, PUTTS DAY: 1st flight, Barb Davis (16), Claudette Babyak & Linelle Marshall (17). 2nd flight: Shirley

Haliwell, Barb Haiges & Joy Thompson (22). 3rd flight: Cyndy Krout (18) & Judy Michaelis (21). **PUTTER OF THE MONTH:** Barbara Davis with 16 putts. **PARS:** Anne Clark & Faye Buckley # 17. Barb Davis #14 & #17. Cyndy Krout and Linelle Marshall #10. **CHIP IN:** Claudette Babyak #12. **LOW NET:** Barb Davis 33. **BROKE 50:** Barbara Davis, 48. Good going, Barb!!!!

Jan. 25th, **LOW NET:** 1st flight, Linelle Marshall, net 42 & Claudette Babyak, Net 43. 2nd flight: Mary Reynolds, Net 42 & Joy Thompson, Net 43. 3rd flight: Cyndy Krout, Net 34 & Judy Michaelis, Net 40. **PARS:** Cyndy Krout & Barb Haiges #3. Claudette Babyak # 1. Great!!!! **LOW NET:** Cyndy Krout with a 34.

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## Computer Users Group

by Tom Carman

Does everyone know what a Blog is? Has anyone been on a Blog? Well, now is your chance to find out about Blogs. Lee Isbel will tell us about the several Blogs she is familiar with and just what they are all about. Look for Gary Oing to tell us about the Blog he moderates. We may also have some others tell us about Forums and how they are different from Blogs. Hope to see all there

There will be a Multi-Media SIG this month at 6:30 pm.

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 Gerald DeHart or Bob Oakley 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 March 20th, 7:00 pm at the Lake Lodge. Be sure to check out our CUG Website at <http://www.geocities.com/pmlcug>.

Further information about the CUG may also be obtained from Bob Oakley at 962-4799 or Gerald DeHart at 962-7429. 🌴



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, & CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## CALENDAR

### ENCORE! ENCORE! IT'S AN ENCORE PREMIERE EVENT!

**March 6**

PREVIEW: 11:30...bidding begins at 11:45  
BE A STAR AND WALK THE RED CARPET!  
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### GARROTTE LIONS ST. PATRICKS DAY DINNER March 10

The Garrotte Lions St. Patricks day dinner will be held on Saturday, March 10th, 2007 at the Groveland Community Hall. Treat yourself and your loved ones to a special outing with the wearing of the green and the Best Corned Beef and Cabbage around. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12. There will be two seatings:

First seating 5:00 PM/Second seating 6:30 PM

Attendees are encouraged to get their tickets early. This dinner has historically been sold out almost every year and purchasing your tickets early will give you assurance of the seating time you desire.

For tickets please see or contact Lion Kay Glaves at 962-6769 or see or contact Lion Irma Millheim at 962-7631. Proceeds from this event will go to support Garrotte Lions local Community projects.

### "RED, WHITE, AND THE BLUES" May 18, 19, and 20

The Pine Cone Singers' 2007 spring concert.

Rehearsals, under the deft direction of Dennis Brown, have been underway since late January and the blossoming chorus (48 members at last count!) is working hard on the challenging repertoire Mr. Brown has chosen for this year's concert which touches on just about everything from Bach (PDQ - "My Bonnie Lass, She Smelleth") to Handel to Copeland to Ellington and more. Madrigals, spirituals, Americana, and favorites from the 30's and 40's -- including a note or two of jazz and a little blues -- are what the

chorus will be offering this year's audience.

Tickets will go on sale the last week in April at the usual places: Yosemite Bank, The Charlotte Hotel, and Marijke's, or call 962-4240 for reservations.

## ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

### COMMUNITY DRUMMING CLASSES

Sponsored by the Gathering Place  
Second Wednesday of every month  
Next Class is Wednesday February 14, 2007  
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Place: Groveland Library Conference Room (bottom floor)

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### SWISS BALL EXERCISE CLASS

WINTER SESSION: January 15 - March 21, 2007  
SPRING SESSION: March 26 - May 30, 2007  
Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at the PML Lake Lodge. It's more fun than a barrel of monkeys! Get in shape, too!  
\$30.00 per session (SORRY NO REFUNDS)

For more information please leave a message for Leah Stafford at 962-8600 and she will return your call.

This class is not to replace medically needed exercise. All participants must be healthy and physically fit. If you have any health concerns and issues in regards to your participating in this class, please consult your physician before participating. Regrettably there are no refunds offered.

### HOT LUNCHES FOR SENIORS

Sierra Foothill Senior Management Inc. serves hot lunches at noon Mondays & Tuesdays at Groveland Community Hall, also Thursdays at Big Oak Flat First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 11345 Wards Ferry Road. For information and/or reservations, call 962-6700. Anyone 60 or older is welcome. If a couple, only one needs to be 60. A \$3.25 donation is requested but no senior is denied a meal. There is a \$6.25 charge for anyone younger than 60.

### AMERICAN LEGION POST #300 WEEKLY LUNCHEON AND DINNER POTLUCK

2nd Tuesdays (lunch),  
3rd Thursdays (dinner)

Luncheon meets at 11:30 at The Big Oak Restaurant, Hwy 120, Big Oak Flat. Potluck dinner meets at 6:15 PM at the Groveland Community Hall 209/962-5647.

### BRIDGE AT THE LAKE LODGE

Mondays • 10:15 AM & 10:30 AM

All bridge players are welcome. Men (10:15 AM) call Bill Mingus at 209/962-4240 for reservations. Women (10:30 AM) call Norma Anderson at 209/962-0645 for reservations.

### AEROBICS & SCULPTING EXERCISE BY VIDEO

Mondays & Wednesdays • 9 AM

Reach your fitness goals! These classes are suitable for all fitness levels. Classes are free. Join us at the Lake Lodge to be led by a variety of videos featuring certified fitness instructors. For more information and scheduling contact Barb at 209/962-6457 or Marie at 209/962-7905.

### HORSESHOE PITCHING

Mondays & Thursdays • 1 PM

Meet at 1 PM at the pits (corner of Tannahill Dr. & Pleasant View)! Men and women of all skill levels welcome to participate. Instruction available to all beginners. Shoes furnished. Pits are available for use by all property owners and their guests on a first-come, first-served basis seven days a week.

### SIERRA CLUB HIKE OF THE WEEK

Thursdays • 8 AM

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

### BRIDGE (DUPLICATE) AT THE LAKE LODGE

2nd & 4th Thursdays

All bridge players are welcome. Call Ann Laffin 209/962-6394 for information.

### WOMEN'S SUPPORT/ DISCUSSION GROUP

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.  
Etty Garber, PhD. 209-962-5205.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PINE CONE PERFORMERS ('SINGERS' AND 'PLAYERS')

The Pine Cone Singers will begin rehearsing for their spring concert on Tuesday, January 30th at 3:00 PM in the Groveland Community Hall. Under the direction of Dennis Brown, the chorus is 47 members strong and growing! All voices are welcome. Dues are \$30. per season. The concert is slated for performance the weekend of May 18, 19, and 20. For further information, call 962-6892.

Meanwhile, the Pine Cone Players have held auditions for their spring play, due to go on stage under the direction of Nancy Robichaud, on Memorial Day weekend, May 25, 26, and 27. Actors chosen for the play, "Curse You, Jack Dalton", include Kris Corey as Jack, plus Faith Rosenberger, Ann Schafer, Sharon Stewart, Marijke Spilman, Carl Ehret, and Gail Perlee. Actors chosen for the radio theater interlude, "Fibber McGee And Molly" include Bill Mingus as Fibber, Marge Smith as Molly, Harry Maier as Harlow, plus Kelsie Klaahsen and Carolyn King, with Barbara Klahn doing sound effects. There will also be olios (in front of the curtain numbers) between the play and radio show. For further information, call 962-7389.

### SWING DANCE LESSONS

Swing Dance Lessons, Monday Nights at the Pine Mountain Lake Country Club, 6-7:30 pm, beginning on Jan 8th. For more info contact Tom Knoth at 209-962-5838

### 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 962-5198 or Sue Salnick at 962-4155.

### MOVIES AT MOUNTAIN SAGE

What ever will you do with that friend visiting on a cold February day? Come drink a latte and catch an old flick in the cozy café of Mountain Sage. We thought you'd appreciate more than one, so on Saturdays we will have a theme of movies playing all afternoon and into the early evenings. Come let your hair down after a morning of shopping, hiking or playing and catch a classic scene! For specific movie listings, check with Mountain Sage at www.mtnsage.com or 962-4686.

### WHITEWOLF ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

The Whitewolf Art Gallery opened a three week exhibit of the art from Art Quotient (a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization) young artists. Youth arts & crafts classes will be available for FREE in the Spring. Please call 962-0342 to register.

### BALLROOM DANCING ANYONE?

Attention Adults: Tioga High School will be offering Ballroom Dance beginning October 6th at the Tenaya School Cafeteria. Class is from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. The fee is \$5/class; bring cash or check to class (checks to be made out to Tioga High School). If you have questions, please call 962-4763.

### SOROPTIMIST MEETINGS CHANGE

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 Gail Shaw at 209-962-0907.

**Have an announcement, on-going activity or an event?**

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## NOTICE

The Country Club Kitchen floor is scheduled to be replaced during the middle of March and the Restaurant will be closed for two to three weeks. During this timeframe the Club will be providing limited food service in the Lounge. Our Country Club team is determined to provide the best possible service during this project and we appreciate your patience while we complete this important project.



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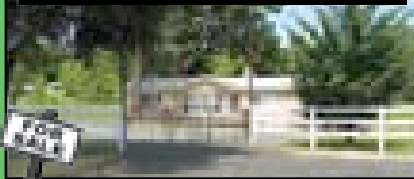
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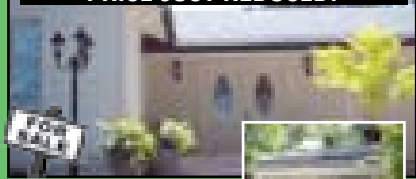
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## Tioga Fire Science and Rescue ROP (Regional Occupational Program)

The ten Tioga students enrolled in the Fire Science class have spent many hours at the Groveland Fire Department learning everything from chemistry to building construction plus these cadets have gone on some very interesting field trips!

They visited the command center in San Andreas to see how the Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit (TCU) operates. By visiting the center they were able to observe the dispatch process of a 911 call.

Chief Barrows of the Sonora City Fire Department invited the cadets to see the only quint (ladder) truck in the TCU, observe a working arson K-9 (dog) and tour one of the most popular residency programs in Tuolumne County.

The cadets spent a day with Mr. Joe Doherty at the Columbia College Fire Academy where each cadet was paired with a Fire Academy student. They learned about ladder operations and hydrant connections as well as having their first encounter with fire house knots and ropes. They were very impressed with the Academy under Mr. Doherty.

First Responders are people who respond to the scene of an incident and are typically the first to give life saving help. From the very first day of class, the cadets have been learning about human anatomy and medical procedures that

when implemented correctly can save lives. The cadets have responded to calls with on duty fire personnel to experience and observe emergency calls.

Dean Wimberley came up from Tuolumne County Fire to teach a vehicle extrication training. The cadets cut up a car with the Jaws of Life, spread the doors and rolled the dash with the ram and spreaders, just like a real crew.

Most recently the cadets were instructed in 12 hours of Low Angle Rope Rescue (LARR) operations by Columbia College LARR assistant instructor. This training would not have been possible without support from Tuolumne County Fire Dept. who loaned the cadets all the gear.

Upcoming cadet program activities include more first responder instruction, a visit from an arson K-9 handler, resume preparation, job interview skills, more ropes training, search and rescue drills, as well as more field trips.

A big thank you to all who have made this program so successful! Instructors; Jim Burdick, Josh Scheib, Johanna Powers, & the Groveland Fire Dept. staff with cooperation from Cal State Fire (CDF) Dean Wimberley and Sonora City Fire instructor Kurt Rhoades. Also a special thanks to Eric Race from Columbia College.



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# New Trails a Winding

by Jim Soderberg



The Country Mountain Riders began 2007 with the installation of new club officers. Warren Belisle took the "reins" as Club President, Mike Cunningham as Vice President, Treasurer Luke Sullivan, Secretary Ann Wesley, Directors Joanne Hanson, Don Lacy and Dave Flores. The club also opened the new year with a substantial increase in the number of members adding to the already diverse roster of equines which includes Quarter Horses, Morgans, Tennessee Walkers, Rocky Mountains, Missouri Fox Trotters, Arabians, Paints and Mules. A full agenda of horse related activities and events are being planned for the year which will include club sponsored trail rides and campouts to be finalized at our monthly meetings. Also, the Country Mountain Riders are planning on sponsoring vari-

ous horse clinics and exhibitions and the general public will be invited. Watch for the advertisements which will be posted in our local papers.

As part of the club credo, to promote the activity of pleasure riding in this wonderful wilderness of ours, the Country Mountain Riders Board is actively working with the Stanislaus Forest Service providing input for dedicating new trails and maintaining the existing network of trails for use by equestrians, bicyclists and hikers. All are invited to attend all future Forest Service meetings.

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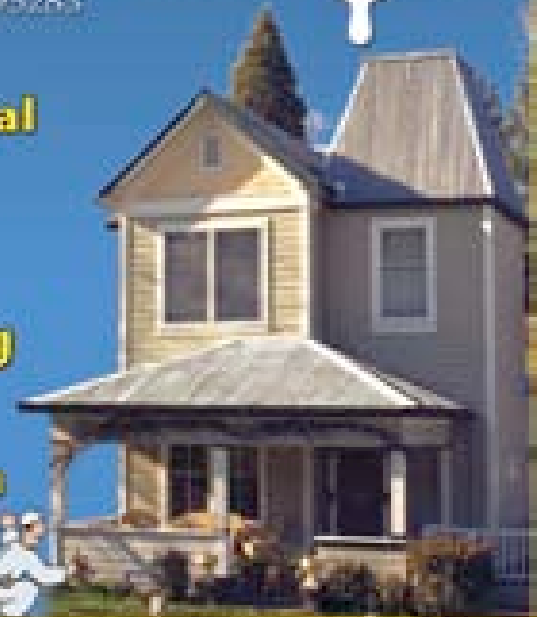
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# Groveland Kiwanis Spearhead Community Hall Makeover

by Rudy Manzo

In August of 2006 the Groveland Kiwanis Club investigated the possibility of cleaning up the Groveland Community Hall to make it more presentable for holding functions.

This was discussed at length during Kiwanis meetings and the size of the project seemed overwhelming. It was at this point that Ken Watts and Peggy Crisp of Tuolumne County were contacted. They advised the Kiwanis Club that they would be happy to provide some of the materials needed, such as paint, brushes, rollers, cleaners, brooms, etc., but that they were short on providing labor. At one of the Kiwanis meetings it was decided to contact of the organizations in Groveland and make this a joint project and be coordinated by the Kiwanis Club. Judy Connery, Chairman and Rudy Manzo, Co-Chairman immediately started implementing this plan. Letters were sent out to the organizations indicating what the Community Hall Makeover would consist of. A list of things that needed to be done was sent with the letter and the organizations were asked to pick a project that they would consider taking on. The calls started coming

in with great enthusiasm and a meeting was scheduled to discuss the "What, Who and Whens" of the program.

On January 30th at 9:30 am, the first meeting was held at the Community Hall and what a turn out we had. Those in attendance were: Judy Connery and Rudy Manzo, Kiwanis Club of Groveland; Ken Watts and Peggy Crisp of Tuolumne County; Jim Goodrich, GCSD; Larry Shaw and Herman Schaap, Groveland Rotary; Barb Elliott, Groveland Soroptimist; Al Craig, PML Aviation Assoc.; Barbara Klahn, Pinecone Performers; Roland Elliott, American Legion Post 300; Patti Beaulieu, Helping Hands; Jackie Baker, ROOFBB; Mary Brown, Barbara Broad, GAINS; Tony Flores, Yosemite Chamber of Commerce; Harriett Wallace of PML Ladies Club, and Miguel Maldonado, Friends of Trails.

Judy Connery and Rudy Manzo of the Kiwanis Club presided over the meeting. Judy reviewed the Project Ideas that were listed and asked that as many of these as possible be picked by the various organizations in attendance so we can get started as

soon as possible. Rudy then explained the purpose of the meeting and what is trying to be accomplished. He also pointed out that the cost of these projects would not be born totally by the organizations since Tuolumne County will be helping us financially. The meeting was then turned over to Ken Watts and Peggy Crisp so that they could explain how they envision the program working and what their financial assistance will be. The group was advised that since there is a financial crunch in Tuolumne County at this time, some of the work to be done will have to be budgeted for the next fiscal year. This means that some of the major projects, such as the kitchen floor, may be at least a year away. This is a major construction project as some of the sub-flooring will have to be replaced and the county will have a licensed contractor do the work.

The meeting was then opened up for discussion and without hesitation some of the projects were spoken for. The Soroptimist will be painting the dining area on their work day. They will begin cleaning and masking on March 3rd, 2007, and painting will be done on March 4th. The Rotary took on the painting of the Main Hall walls and also the ceiling. Their project will be coordinated with the Soroptimist painting schedule so that it can be done all a one time.

The ROOFBB group and Mary Brown

will be doing the curtains in the Hall. The ROOFBBs will also be redecorating the bathroom with paint and décor.

The Kiwanis Club will be re-working the Bulletin Boards and searching for ways to get a media system for the Hall. They will also be rebuilding the broom storage closet near the restrooms. GAINS will be cleaning and straightening up the storage lockers and will also schedule an inspection by the fire department.

There are still several projects that need to be taken over such as lighting in the hall for Pine Cone Performers' melodramas, resurfacing the main floor, cabinets for the kitchen, waste disposal unit for the kitchen area and cleaning of the kitchen area itself prior to painting.

The meeting was concluded by Rudy Manzo at which time he expressed thanks to everyone who attended for their support in this major undertaking. When this is all completed it will once again be a place that residents of Groveland will be pleased to call their "Meeting Place".

Further meetings will be scheduled in the near future to review what has been accomplished and which projects still need to be completed. If you or your organization would like to join in this worthwhile community endeavor, please contact either Rudy Manzo at 962-1854 or Judy Connery at 962-4615.

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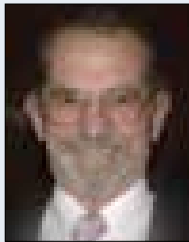
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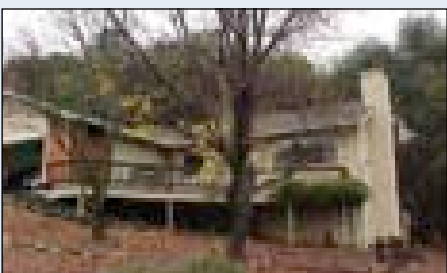
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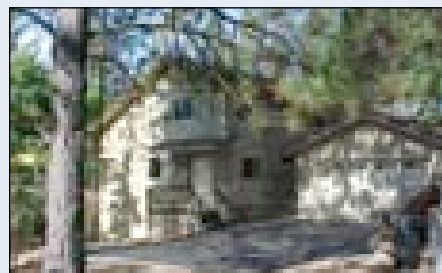
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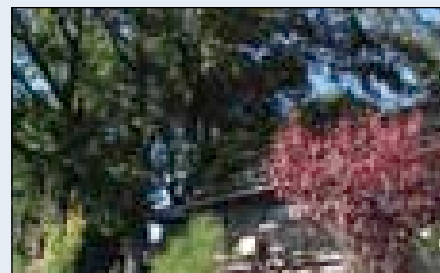
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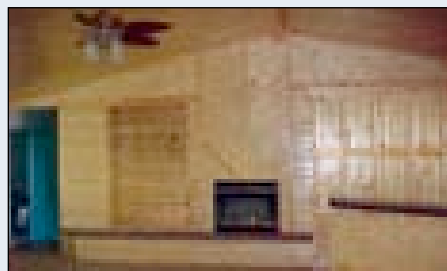
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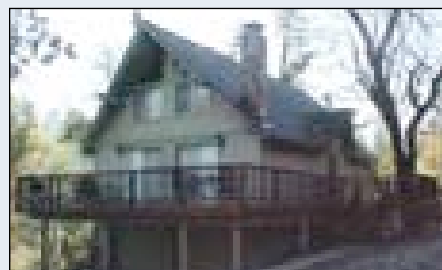
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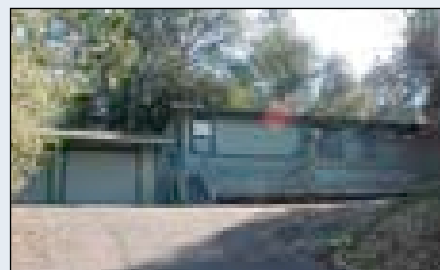
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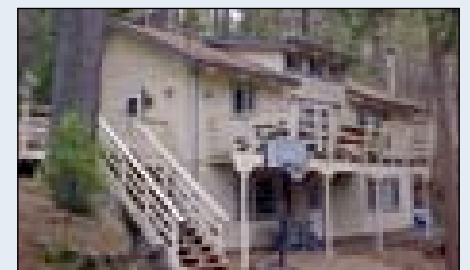
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# Tioga High School Girls Softball

## Tioga Boys Basketball Team Wins Playoff Opener

The Timberwolves beat Faith Christian on February 21st, 78 to 70, in overtime. The teams tied up in the fourth quarter 63 to 63. Faith Christian's player #11 made a 3-pointer at the buzzer, but in the 5th quarter (overtime), Tioga came out on top.

Tioga HS Senior, Danny Irene, scored 25 pts and Sophomore, Billy Hilton, made 23 pts. Billy and Matt Scialabba, a Senior, both made 4 points at the line with Steven Rogers, a Junior, having the most steals of the game. Billy Hilton also crashed the boards for 21 rebounds, having the most of the night for the Timberwolves.

Since they won this game, they will have played in Sacramento on Saturday night, February 24th against Sacramento Adventist..



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Left: A look at the scoreboard for the final score. Right: Steven Rogers of the Tioga High School varsity boys basketball team goes in for a layup and makes it. They played Faith Christian, of Yuba City, California. The Tioga Timberwolves won the game 78 to 70 in overtime.

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3/7	Waterford	Waterford	3:30 pm
3/8	Stone Ridge	Merced	3:00 pm
3/13	Mountain Oaks	Tioga	3:00 pm
3/16	Mountain Oaks	San Andreas	3:00 pm
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4/26	Stone Ridge	Merced	3:00 pm
5/1	Mountain Oaks	San Andreas	3:00 pm
5/4	Mountain Oaks	Tioga	3:00 pm

Note: This schedule is subject to change without notice

## Family Science Night

To All Tenaya Families...please put March 21st on your calendar. On that evening Tenaya will be hosting a Family Science Night in the school cafeteria and adjacent classrooms. Our staff made the decision to host this family fun night instead of a science fair, and we hope you will all come to enjoy an evening of hands-on science activities.

## Tioga Student of the Month

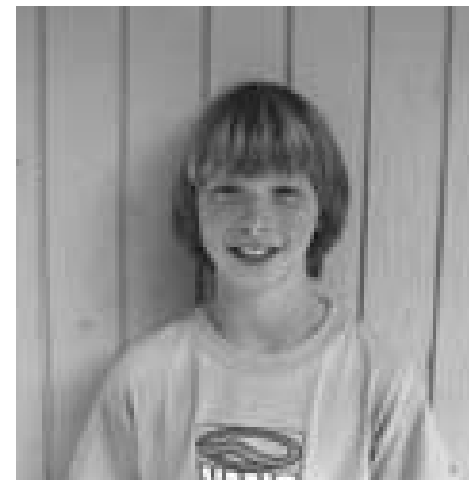
**Student:** Dylan Moriarty  
**Grade:** 12th Grade  
**Parents:** James & Sandra Moriarty  
**Community of parent's residence:** Groveland  
**Nominated by:** Sandy Bradley - Principal

Dylan is a very likeable young man. He is unique and quite individual in his dress and demeanor, extremely intelligent and has a terrific sense of humor. He is working as the computer tech for the high school because he knows more than 99% of adults when it comes to computer stuff. Dylan will be graduating in May with the Class of 2007 and hopes to attend a college that specializes in music or architectural engineering.

## Tenaya Student of the Month

**Student:** Giovanni Amoruso  
**Grade:** 5th Grade  
**Parents:** George and Cecilia Amoruso of Moccasin, CA  
**Nominated by:** Susan Gambaro - Teacher

"Johnny" Giovanni Amoruso is an exemplary student who is admired by the staff and his peers for his talent and leadership. In addition to his academic achievement, Johnny is active in school sports; basketball and cross-country. He was a "Top Five" finisher in the fifth grade at the Tuolumne County Cross-Country Championship Meet. It is a pleasure to have Johnny in my class.



## Tenaya Photo Contest

by Rolene Kiesling

The 2006 photo contest finally closed, as they say "Better Late than Never". Hopefully, in 2007, STCHS will get an earlier start and the various delays incurred in 2006 will not repeat themselves.

With the advice and assistance of Teri Metz and disposable cameras, provided through the generosity of the Groveland Rotary, the students embarked upon a photo taking project. Nine students participated; then the photos were displayed in the Museum for all to view. The Museum really tried to keep the voting "honest" by requiring all voters to register.

It was interesting to note the variety of the subjects chosen by the different entrants: e.g. "Parallel Lines", "Rainbow Pools", "My Sister", "Springtime"; "High-

way 120 Landslide", "On a Hike", "On Top of the World". As an adult, I found it hard to select one "best", at times it was like comparing "apples and oranges". For example, I was not sure how to compare "Parallel Lines" to nature's beauty.

There were no losers, in that all participants received a token for their efforts. First prize went to Maeve Moriarity for her entry, "Step into the Past"; second went to Heidi McAdams for her entry, "Rainbow Pools"; and third place went to Adam Carver for his entry, "Crystal Clear". The 3 top vote getters each received gift certificates from Two Guys Pizza; the remaining participants each received a box of See's Candy.

And all of us need to thank Groveland Rotary for sponsoring the event.

## PML News Works with Local Journalism Students

Tioga High School students are currently submitting original articles and stories for the Pine Mountain Lake News. Where applicable, we will note which articles are in fact written by a student.

We do encourage local youth of all ages to submit to us each month.

—PML STAFF

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## The Second Chance Prom

by Jude Hawkins, Tioga High School Teacher

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Or did you have a date that was a "set-up" and you barely spoke all night long? Regardless of your high school experience, here's your "second chance". On March 30th, Tioga High School is sponsoring a formal "Second Chance Prom" at the PML Country Club. The "S" Club is the "Sorooptimist International of Groveland" high school philanthropic club on campus. The members are dedicated to doing good things for the school, the community and for themselves. This idea came about at a meeting one day and it grew until the plans were set and ready to be announced to the public.

The event will commence at 5:30 pm with a social, dinner (buffet style) will be served at 6:00 pm and dancing from 7:00 until 10:00 pm. Do you need a babysitter for the event? The "S" Club members will provide babysitting at Tioga High School during the event for \$5.00 per child/per hour. Tickets are \$30.00 per person (for dinner and dancing).

5 x 7" pictures will be available for \$10.00 You will also be able to purchase corsages in advance. Call Jude Hawkins at the high school @ 962-4763 or Ety Garber @ 962-5205.

Now that you are an adult there is no excuse to complain about your bad prom date, you can ask some handsome guy or beautiful lady to the prom and have a great evening out on the town for a reasonable price. Come and join us for our first annual "Second Chance Prom". We hope that it is a great success so that we can continue with this as an annual tradition.

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## Cori Sanchez Honored at County Event

Cori Sanchez, an eighth grader in Mrs. Zierenberg's class, was Tenaya's recipient of the "Every Student Succeeds" award for 2007 and was honored at a recent breakfast held at the Elks Lodge in Sonora. The award honors students who have overcome obstacles to success. Anyone who has had the pleasure of knowing Cori recognizes what an outstanding student she has become. Her dedication to always producing her personal best work has made her an inspiration to us all. We are extremely proud of you, Cori!

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# STCHS' Wine Tasting Cruise On PML!

by Bonnie Belisle

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Water taxis will transport guests between seven beautiful lakefront homes where wines from noted wineries will be sampled, accompanied by delicious appetizers furnished by leading area restaurants in addition to Sierra Olive Oil sampling.

The event is limited to 225 guests and tickets, at \$40 per person, will be offered first to the STCHS membership. If you are not yet a member of STCHS, this might be a great time to join! Annual Family memberships are \$20.00 and applications are available at the Museum. Ticket applications, along with complete details, will be mailed to members in early March.

Last year's event was a great success and we're hoping this year's will be even

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# OBITUARY

## Nance Lou Deardorff

1934-2007

Nance was born in Oakland, CA, and moved to Washington State in the mid-1950s. She and her husband Arthur lived in Seattle, San Diego and San Jose, before moving to Groveland in 1999. She died February 9th of complications from a broken leg.

She is survived by Art Deardorff, her husband of 40 years, two children: Suzanne Wallace of Port Orchard, WA and Tony Wallace of San Jose; four sisters: Holly Hunt, Patsy Wood, Terry Wood and Wendy Wood of Reno, several nieces and nephews, and many friends in Groveland and around the world.

Nance earned her BS in Business from San Jose State in 1983, and attended Hastings Law School before moving to Spain for a year, starting her life-long passion for traveling. Professionally, she worked in banking and for several law firms as office manager. In the late 1970s she participated in a program at NASA at Moffett Field undergoing testing that allowed women

to travel to space. In 1984, she got her private pilot license.

In Groveland, she was active in many of the Pine Mountain Lake groups, including Ladies Club, Friends of the Lake, PML Aviation Association, STCHS, Food for Thought Book Club, Birthday Club and several card groups. She will be greatly missed by her many friends at the lake.

A memorial service was held Friday, February 16, at 1:30 pm at the Groveland Evangelical Free Church followed by a reception celebrating her life at the Country Club.

Donations in Nance's memory may be made to the National Kidney Foundation ([www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org)), the National Breast Cancer Foundation ([www.nationalbreastcancer.org](http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org)), or to the Jerry and Paula Baker Foundation, 12930 Boitano Court, Groveland for the benefit of the camp for children with special medical needs being built in Groveland ([www.toulumnetrails.org](http://www.toulumnetrails.org)).

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Each event will feature one of the above premium wines. A vertical wine tasting of the pre-selected aged vintages will be compared and discussions will take place on how the wine is aged. A 5-Course Gourmet dining experience prepared by our Zagat rated Chef Lutes, will follow. Tours of our natural cellars will also be available. So, whether you are a wine connoisseur or you simply want to experience the taste of Premium Aged California Red Wines not readily available to the general public, then you will not want to miss these upcoming events. We invite you to Come Taste the Difference!

To learn more about these events or to place your name on our guest list, please contact The Groveland Hotel at (209) 962-4000 or email at [info@groveland.com](mailto:info@groveland.com). Space for each event will be limited to 16 Guests.

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# MOTHER LODE MEMORIES

by Nancy Perry & Debra Durai

In following Jean's trek along the byways this article was published in the February 27, 1975 issue of the PML News.

**Did You Know**

One pound of honey contains the essence of two million flowers

**ALONG THE BYWAYS...**  
by Jean McClish

We turn left at Priest Hotel onto Priest-Coulterville Road, crossing the bridge over Rattlesnake Creek.

In quick succession we pass the turn-off to Priest Reservoir and the gravel quarry. The trackless railroad bed of the Hetch Hetchy Railroad crosses the road about a mile ahead. It was along this right-of-way that the cement-laden trains zig zagged their way up the hill

from Moccasin, climbing 2400 feet in twelve miles.

The road is bracketed by old wooden fence posts strung with barbed wire, some standing straight, and some leaning.

We cross Cobbs Creek and note the mine tailings that every water course in the Mother Lode bears as a reminder of the gold seeking years. There were many mines along this area. One branch of the Golden Rock Water Company ditch carried water in a high flume across Cobbs Creek and the road, delivering water to mines here and in Mariposa County.

A grassy meadow slants away from the road on the right, resembling an oak studded lawn. After passing a logged off area and a pond, we come to a barn with a foundation of rock and a green house. The house, recently restored by the Newman's was the Musante ranch

house in earlier years.

For the next several miles we will be passing through Spring Gulch, a thriving ranching area since the mid 1850's. Neighbors of the Musantes, families who lived along the road from here to Boneyard, included the Lumsdens, Alexanders, Cuneos, Ferretti's and the Gookins.

Besides ranching, the men of these families prospected, drove stage and freight teams, and constructed trails and roads. The TUOLUMNE PROSPECTOR, Groveland's newspaper from 1901 to 1918, mentioned Spring Gulch activities regularly:

"Dave and John Lumsden are building a bridge over Tamarack Creek on the stage road to the valley.

"S. Alexander and F. Musante finished their wood contract for Mrs. Priest."

"Steve Alexander at work on the county road below Spring Gulch killed a monster rattler: the reptile measured about four feet in length."

"J.J. Lumsden reports work on trail from Hog Ranch to Hetch Hetchy is completed."

"James J. Musante was awarded contract to build a stretch of road near his home at Spring Gulch for \$1385. Other bids: A.M. Gookin \$1480: R.M. DeFerri \$1430."

The road descends now, and then rises again, up and down several times, like a gentle roller coaster. A gulch drops off to the right, with Jackass Creek running swiftly at the bottom of the gully. Just before the road circles around the end of the ridge and crosses the creek, we can see the roof of a building at the dead end of the gulch. It is part of the PJUK mine. We stop a moment to investigate before continuing on across the bridge.

George Gookin says that when his father built the bridge over Jackass Creek he dug up three bodies - one still had its boots on.

A little further, on the left, is the remains of the rock wall Frank Ferretti built.

Within a mile or so we enter Mariposa

County. Only a wooden post and the remains of rock pillars that once held a gate mark the line.

There is a turn off to Greeley Hill, but we continue on. Shortly we come to a large red barn with a metal roof and a low house. There are horses grazing, and a pen with sheep and little lambs, its fence right on the edge of the road. On the right, across the street is a high rock retaining wall and above that is an old red house with white railing.

James Munn and his family live here. It was the Cuneo ranch, and the Munns are Cuneo descendants. The three Munn daughters are fourth generation Tuolumne County residents. The house was built in the 1890's, the barn in 1915.

As we look back at the ranch we see a small waterfall as Cuneo Creek drops off a ledge.

At the sharp bend in the road ahead we see the remains of a fireplace that warmed a prospector's cabin on the bank above the creek.

A stop sign signals the intersection of the secondary highway. We turn right toward Coulterville and soon begin to see the buildings of the settlement once known as Boneyard. There was a stage stop along here, and a restaurant.

Coulterville is ahead and we will stop here for a while to browse in several of the shops, especially Mr. Dunlap's on the left side of the road. His collection of barbed wire and old bottles, among other things, is outstanding.

We wouldn't miss the museum in the old hotel on the corner across the street. Here is a unique collection of coins, rocks, rifles and memorabilia of the area's history.

There are several alternatives for our return route: Highway 49 to Moccasin and up Priest Grade; back the secondary road we've just traveled, following it east until it intersects with Smith Station Road (J20) to Highway 120; or back the Priest-Coulterville Road we've just traveled. Each has its beautiful vistas. It's hard to choose.

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# Bond Measure Approval

The community of Big Oak Flat-Groveland approved a bond measure that would make available funds to improve the Tioga High School, Tenaya Elementary School, and Don Pedro High School. The funding program was outlined as \$2,000,000 from developer fees, \$4,500,000 in state matching funds, \$9,300,000 in Bond funds for a total of \$15,800,000.

Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. researched and proposed an original and revised project list for the bond fund. The original proposal outlined \$9.95 mil for Tioga, \$5.3mil Don Pedro, \$2.15mil Tenaya, \$.5mil Moccasin CDS. Based on input from community including school site meetings the project list was reduced by \$2 mil in order to gain approval. The new Project list was \$9,622,839 for Tioga, \$3,180,976 for Tenaya, \$2,950,960 for Don Pedro.

The figures were outlined on the School District Web Site, promoted to the community through a voter phone bank, promoted by myself with con-

firmation from Board President of the approximately 80% Groveland and 20% Don Pedro. The tax base as of 6/30/2005 is 22% from Don Pedro and 78% from Groveland.

The current estimate is for the Don Pedro Gym to be \$4.5 mil or 28% of the total revenue available. The extra money spent on the Don Pedro Gym will be revenue taken away from improvement at Tenaya and Tioga Schools.

Our kids need your help. Please write a protest letter to Gloria Marler, President, Board of Trustees and Philip Yoon, Superintendent. Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District. P.O. Box 1397. Groveland CA 95321-1397 or email Gloria RGMarler@earthlink.net .

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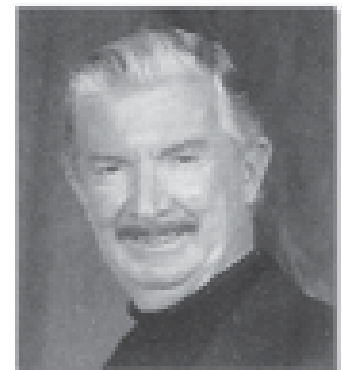
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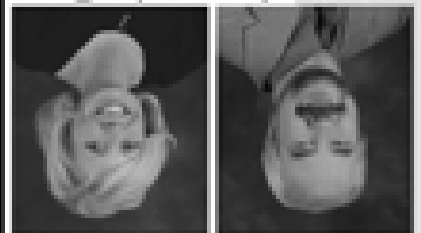
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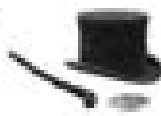
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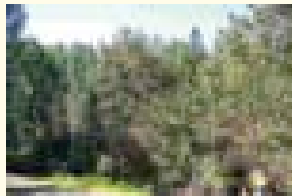
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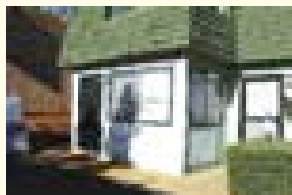
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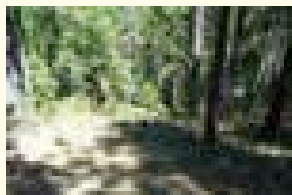
**10-64 1/2 ACRE**

Sewered lot with view overlooking greenbelt.  
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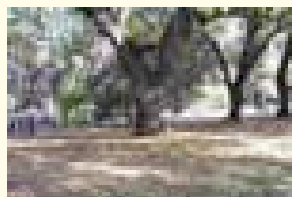
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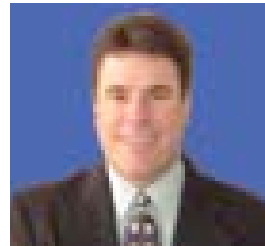
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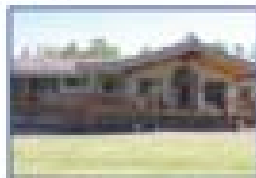
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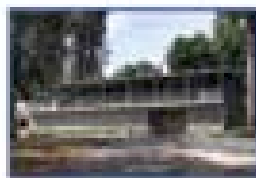


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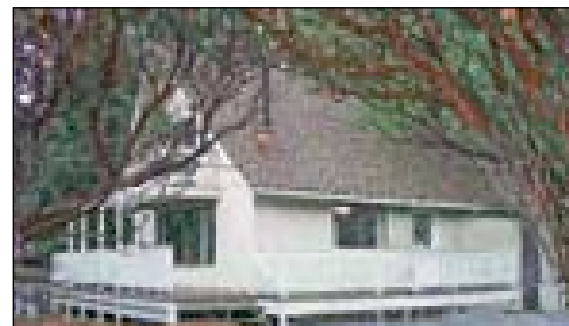
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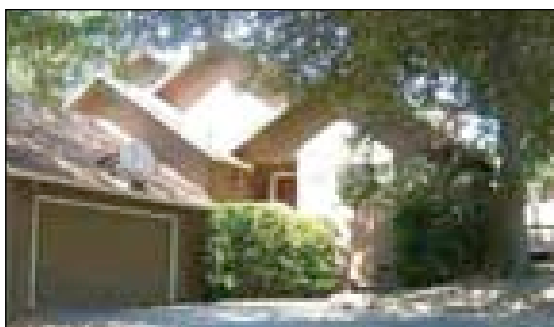
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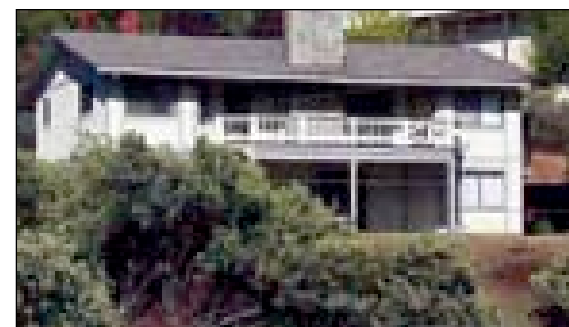
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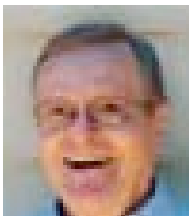
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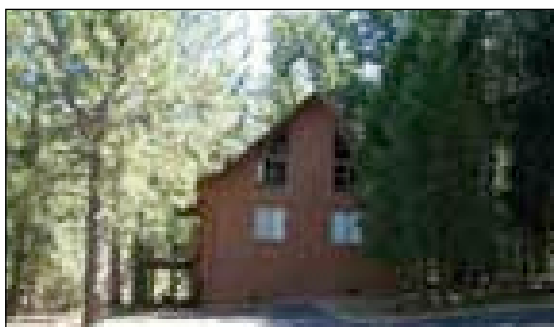
**BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT HOME.** 3 Bdrm. 3+ Ba. Lots of special details, include a jetted tub. 2086 Sq.Ft. Main level has master suite + guest suite & office area. Large corner lot (1.44 ac) with a peaceful & tranquil ever changing unobstructed view. Short walk to the Pine Mtn. Lake airport. Lg. 2 car garage + car port - RV parking W/full hookup. Must see to Appreciate. 11/42 \$583,500



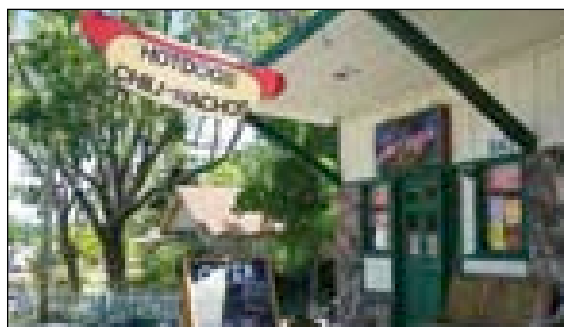
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5/276 - 2 Bdr. 2 Ba...\$184,950

12/16 - 3 Bdr. 2+ Ba...\$696,000

5/271 - 2 Bdr. 2 Bath ...\$225,000

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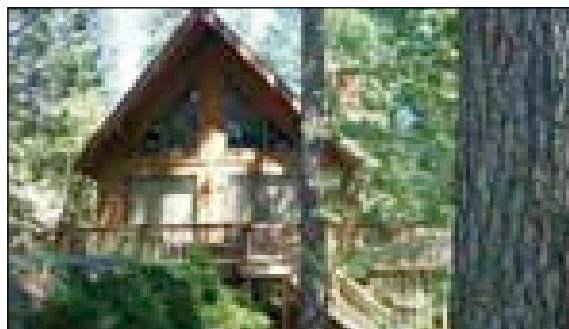


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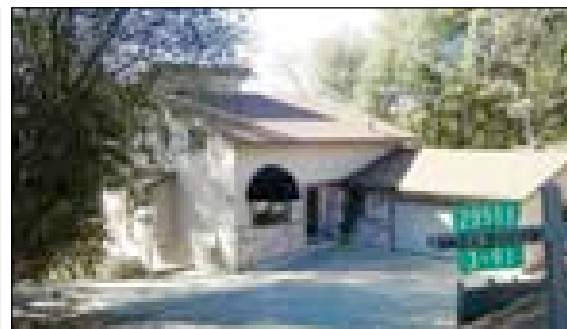
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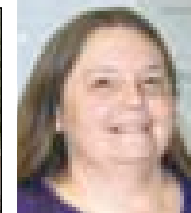
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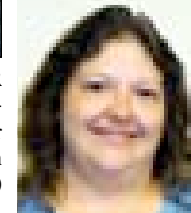
**FRESHLY PAINTED AND CARPETED 3 Bdr. - 2 Bath** - Nearly new kitchen appliances including the refrigerator. Open floor plan plus bonus room. If buyer's desire a sailboat and trailer - will be included in the sale. No garage, but plenty of room to build one and room to park 6 cars in the black top driveway. Pest Insp. is done. 7/137 \$290,000



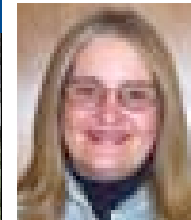
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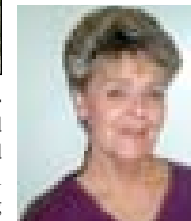
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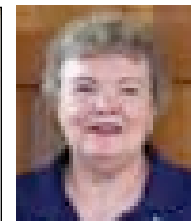
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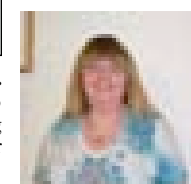
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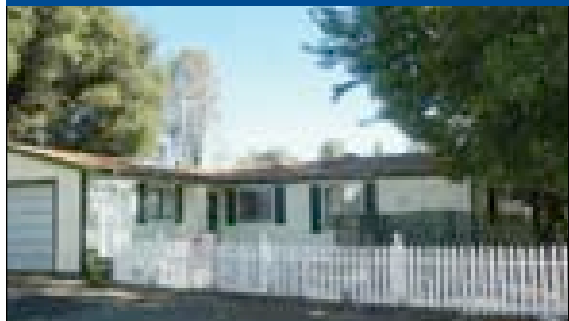


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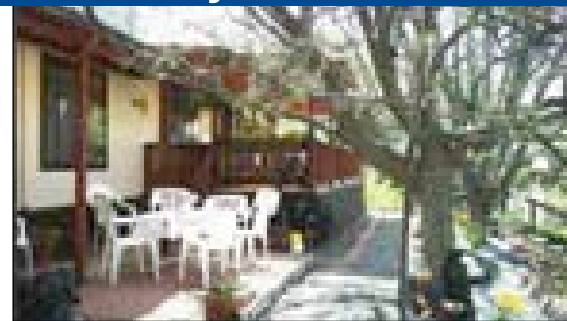
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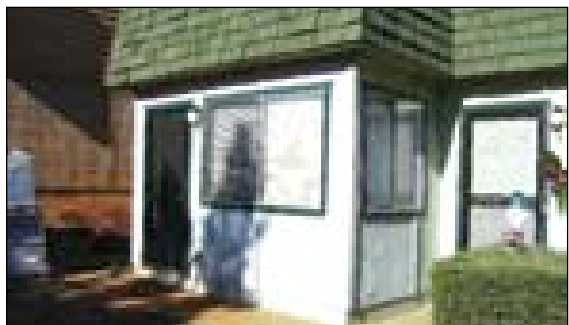
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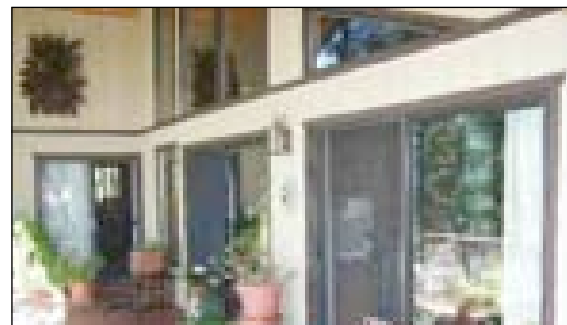
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3/299 - Nice Lot With A Gentle Downslope, Views Of The Mtns. And Trees Located Near amenities. \$79,000  
3/303 - Dlb. lot with giant oak trees \$115,000

5C/309 - Prime golf course lot - Cul de Sac - Sewered \$268,000  
5/29 - Beautiful trees, E Z build lot across from golf course \$70,000  
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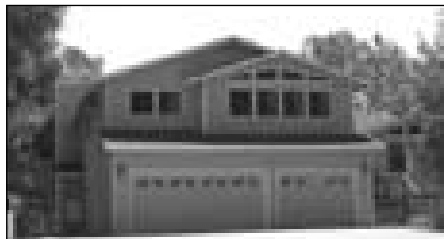


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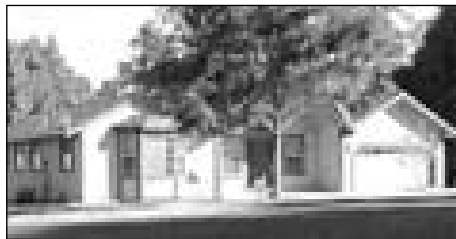
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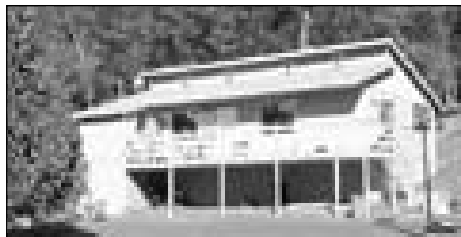


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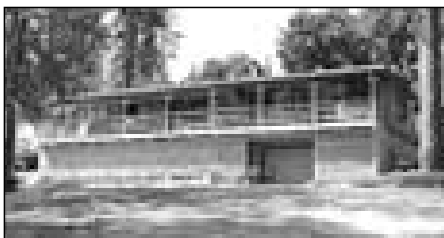


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St. Patrick wasn't Irish.
2. True or False:  
St. Patrick changed Irelands national color to green??
3. A leprechaun is really an Irish
  - a. Shoemaker
  - b. Thief
  - c. Midget
  - d. Magician
4. Why does the leprechaun wear green?
  - a. He loves the color
  - b. A form of camouflage
  - c. Because he felt it was lucky
  - d. It was the only dye available at the time for cloth
5. Kissing the Blarney Stone is supposed to give you what?
  - a. Moist lips from the dew on the rocks
  - b. Good luck in love
  - c. Remove shyness
  - d. Heals you of warts

ANSWERS:  
 1. True, St. Patrick was born in Scotland  
 2. False, during St. Patrick's time the color was blue  
 3. A - He is a little shoemaker with a reputation for being rich and very mean.  
 4. B  
 5. C - It also gives the gift of "gab"

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# Mother Lode Memories

by Nancy Perry and Debra Durai

This is a great article by Cheri Sicard touching on some of the “Spirits” of the Mother Lode. There are many businesses/buildings/homes/highways in the Mother Lode that claim to have strange occurrences and/or “visitors.” We know you’ll enjoy this article on the Gold Rush Ghosts and hauntings.

One very famous site, the Willow Hotel in Jamestown was not mentioned so we thought we’d add a little information on the Willow Hotel and on Jamestown.

The Willow Hotel reportedly has been haunted since the 1800’s. A gold mine runs directly below the old hotel, which once hosted many dignitaries, including President William McKinley in 1901. Under the Hotel the old gold mine caved in and killed 23 miners, and now the hotel is haunted by those miners. Over the years several employees have reported “odd” occurrences and some claim to have seen ghostly images still roaming the premises.

There are also several mentionables: the Wyllie House in San Andreas built in 1893, or visit “Eleanor” at the Murphys Historic Hotel in Murphys. The Diamond Springs Hotel built in 1916 has many ghostly visitors and claims to be “Happy, Homespun and Haunted.” Then there is The Argonaut in Coloma built in 1916 who claims to have a washwoman still living there. The Mine House Bed & Breakfast in Amador City is another to add to the list. This is a beautiful brick Victorian built in 1868. The owners got a little something extra when they purchased this property.

## Jamestown

The true charm of the mining towns comes through loud and clear here, with Jamestown’s covered balcony architecture that is so typical of the Gold Rush era. A number of 1850’s brick, stone, and adobe structures still stand.

Colonel George James, a San Francisco lawyer, founded Jamestown in 1848 within a few months after gold was discovered in Woods Creek, a mile south of town. This discovery was itself within a few months after the original discovery of gold in Coloma, upstream from Sacramento on the American River at John Sutter’s sawmill that initiated the California Gold Rush. In the earliest years, the American miners continued to mine near Jamestown, while miners from Mexico moved a few miles up Woods Creek to what has now become known as the City of Sonora. Jamestown fell on hard times after the Gold Rush, but had a resurgence in the 1880’s and 90’s because many underground quartz mines were nearby. In 1897, a steam railroad was built, running at first from Oakdale to Jamestown, and later to Sonora and Tuolumne City, which was headquartered in Jamestown and further contributed to

the town’s economic prospects.

The richness of the diggings on Woods Creek became legendary. The creek was so rich that it was reported that Woods & Company extracted \$200 to \$300 (40 to 60 ounces) daily by simply prying nuggets from their resting spots with hunting knives. Comparing the \$8 to \$12 an ounce in 1848 to the price of gold today (about \$620 an ounce), imagine the excitement of finding that same 40 to 60 ounces today which would be worth \$24,800 to \$37,200. WOW!!!

The glory days of large nuggets, big strikes, and easy placer mining were short lived. Even though many miners moved on, Jamestown managed to hang on. Other establishments that sold liquor, food, and “Ladies of the Night” held the town together during the years after the gold rush.

On November 10, 1897, Jamestown boomed again when the Sierra Railroad arrived. The town became the lifeline between Tuolumne County and the outside world. Today, Railtown 1897 is a living museum as a 26-acre California State Historic Park. The original depot and a hotel were destroyed by fire, but another depot was rebuilt.

Many of the historical structures of Jamestown have undergone reconstruction due to fires in 1855, 1966 and 1978.

With all that said, please enjoy the article “Investigating the Ghosts of the Gold Rush.” Please be sure to visit Cheri Sicard at [www.FabulousTravel.com](http://www.FabulousTravel.com) <<http://www.FabulousTravel.com>> where she will be happy to answer any questions you have about Ghosts of the Gold Rush.

## Investigating the Ghosts of the Gold Rush

By Cheri Sicard

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TUOLUMNE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, USA - In area with as much history as Tuolumne County, CA, hub of the historic California Gold Rush, it’s hard to avoid ghost stories. Nearly every hotel and many restaurants in the area had some sort of tale to share.

After taking in Tuolumne County’s plethora of sites and activities by day, Weird Wanderers can come home to the el-

egant comfort of haunted locales by night. Some of the county’s best food and drink are also offered in these establishments, so whether you need accommodations or not, you might want to cross check this article with our Dining in Tuolumne feature and plan some memorable culinary experiences at the same time.

## The City Hotel

The historic City Hotel is actually a part of Columbia State Park. More than a “park” in the way you’d normally imagine a state park, Columbia is an actual old west town just like it was back in the days of the California gold rush. You not only get to read what it was like, you get to wander the same historic streets, stay at the same hotels, and eat at the same restaurants. Along the way, you’ll interact with trained guides and costumed docents who really know what life was like back then.

Each room at the City Hotel is decorated with authentic period antiques reflecting the town’s heyday - 1850-1870. Many of the furnishings were originally imported from Europe to fill some of San Francisco’s finest mansions. More than a century later they made their way to Columbia. One of the hotel’s furniture focal points is the ornately carved bed in room 1, for in addition to its fine craftsmanship and artistic design, it came with a tragic history. It seems a woman, who hotel guests and staff came to name Elizabeth, actually died in childbirth in the bed. The hotel never was haunted before the bed came to rest there in the 1970’s. But ever since strange happenings go on, especially in room 1. Doors open and close randomly, and often a perfumed “scent of a woman” will waft through the room with no apparent cause. According to City Hotel dining room manager Kathi Ann Harvey a repeat guest once told her that on a previous visit her young son woke her and said he saw a woman in a white dress at the end of his bed.

Not finding anything there, the guest dismissed the child’s claims - three times - putting him back to bed each time. Kathi says the guest later came back to Columbia for one of their historic ghost tours. “She heard about Elizabeth and felt so guilty.”

City Hotel; 22768 Main Street, Columbia, CA 800-532-1479 or 209-532-1479  
[www.cityhotel.com](http://www.cityhotel.com)

## Hotel Charlotte

Ever since they took over the Hotel Charlotte in 2003 owners Lynn Uthagrove and Victor Niebylski have grown accustomed to guests asking if their building is haunted. Two weeks after moving into the hotel, a parapsychologist came in off the street and asked Lynn if he could look around. She took him into room 6,

and even though she’d never thought about ghosts before, his energy convinced her that the ghost of former owner Charlotte still inhabited the hotel.

“He took photos into the mirror - it was so interesting and he was so very convincing that he saw a ghost, it made me believe,” says Lynn. While looking through the ghost hunter’s camera, pointed towards the bathroom mirror in room 6, Lynn saw the room behind her, including a hanging lampshade, and the face of Charlotte floating in front of it! When she turned around, there was no one there.

Lynn never heard from the investigator again and doesn’t know if the photo ever came out, but she’s been a believer ever since.

In Charlotte’s day, the hotel was a rooming house built to house middle management staff from the nearby Hetch Hetchy Dam building project. History tells us that proprietor Charlotte never married. Local legend says she was in love with the man who regularly rented room 6, although he never saw her as anything other than a friend. It’s said her ghost haunts room 6, and has been known to nurturingly check that the guests sleeping there (especially the male guests) are comfortable and tucked in at night. Charlotte is so popular, some repeat guests come back just to experience her again and again.

With a smile in her voice, Lynn says “I always put single male guests in room 6 so Charlotte will feel comfortable and the guest will be well cared for. I want to keep my ghost happy. I never want a mad ghost.”

The Hotel Charlotte; 800-962-6455 or 209-962-6455 or go to [www.hotelcharlotte.com](http://www.hotelcharlotte.com)

## The Groveland Hotel

Like the Hotel Charlotte, the Groveland Hotel was originally built as a rooming house for management personnel sent from San Francisco to oversee the Hetch Hetchy Dam building project. After the project was completed, the building became a residence hotel for miners and prospectors working in the now defunct gold mine and creek running behind the hotel.

The Groveland’s resident ghost, Lyle, was a prospector who died of natural causes in 1927. Current owner Peggy Mosley was lucky enough to obtain the hotel’s colorful parapsychological history from local resident Ernie Greenbeck, who passed away in 1998 or 1999 at the age of 104.

It seems Lyle was somewhat of a re-

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cluse, preferring to spend a lot of time alone in his room. He was dead for several days before folks thought to look for him. Lyle was found in his room (#15) with a box of dynamite - a tool of his prospecting trade - under the bed.

Peggy says that long before she bought the hotel, in 1990, locals had been talking about the building being haunted by the ghost of Lyle.

"He doesn't like women's cosmetics on his dresser - he removes them," Peggy says.

"I first became aware of it one time when we had 4 couples staying here for 3 nights. On the 2nd day the lady asked if I would prefer if she would not put her cosmetics on the dressers. She said that every time she came back to the room she found them on the sink. I told her I had no problem with the cosmetics being on the dresser and even checked that the staff

hadn't moved them."

Peggy says these guests enjoyed their experiences with Lyle so much, they return every year or so and always request room 15 (also known as "Lyle's Room"), because the woman with the cosmetics bag always likes to "play games with Lyle."

And according to Peggy, he never fails her. Another time Peggy was hosting a dinner for a group from Delta Airlines. They had arrived at the hotel late and dinner wasn't finished until about 11pm. Peggy was regaling the group with the building's history. She had just gotten to the part of the story about Lyle when, all of a sudden, the dining room's lights started to go up and down. Suddenly the lights stopped fluctuating and everyone in the rooms felt a "whoosh" of cold air rush past them. According to Peggy everyone in the room gasped at once. "It was definitely a hair-raising experience," she says.

Peggy enjoys the Groveland Hotel's resident ghost. She says he's a fun charac-

ter, a prankster who has even been helpful. One night the chef had bread baking and forgot to set the timer, the oven door flew open at the right time for perfectly baked bread.

Several guests have recounted Lyle encounters in the hotel's guest books.

One said that, while sleeping, one of the room's high backed chairs was pulled against the side of her bed - it's high back towards the bed.

Another guest in a downstairs suite reported a tall shadowy figure walking by the bed as if checking on everybody, before vanishing into thin air.

Peggy says lively breakfast discussions about Lyle are frequent occurrences at the hotel's dining room tables and that just about every staff member at the hotel has had at least one Lyle encounter.

But, she warns, sometimes Lyle disappears for weeks. "We always laugh and say that he and Charlotte are out somewhere enjoying a tryst."

The Groveland Hotel; 18767 Main Street, Groveland, CA 800-273-3314  
www.groveland.com

## Gunn House Hotel

Sonora's Gunn House Hotel started life as a hospital for the old gold rush town. Owner Shirley Sarno says odd little things happen around the hotel all the time. "Things will fall off kitchen shelves for no reason, and the housekeepers always report lights going off and on at random. They also sometimes have trouble opening doors to rooms, as if someone's pulling on the other side - but there's nobody in the room."

Shirley says guests have experienced different presences in different rooms. Just last weekend (July 2004) the husband half of a couple of repeat guests found himself thrown out of bed and tossed around the room. Shirley says the couple were fine about their nocturnal wake up call and plan to return.

Other guests through the years reported seeing the image of someone standing at the foot of the bed in 12.

Nonetheless, when a team of parapsychologists evaluated the room with electronic ghost hunting equipment, Shirley says they got the highest readings from room 3.

The Gunn House Hotel; 286 S. Washington St., Sonora, CA 209-532-3421  
www.gunnhousehotel.com

## Jamestown Hotel

First built in 1858 as a wood-frame boarding house, the Jamestown Hotel has, at various times during its existence, operated as a bordello, a bus depot and the Motherlode Hospital. The Hotel burned down twice, along with the rest of Jamestown. During the 1970's, the exterior was remodeled with San Francisco brick, and in the 1980's, the hotel underwent a major restoration, transforming it into the 11-room bed and breakfast it is today.

The hotel's downstairs houses a fine dining restaurant and old-time bar open to the public as well as hotel guests. The Jamestown Hotel also comes with a ghost story has all the elements of a pulp romance novel.

It seems that Mary Rose; granddaughter of Frank Sullivan - a Jamestown prospector who struck it rich in the 1850's - fell in love with a handsome British soldier. They wished to marry, but both families were adamantly against it, with Mary's lover's influential parents arranging to have him shipped off to India. Unfortunately, while there he was captured during a Hindu-Muslim uprising, chained, tortured and killed. Naturally Mary Rose took the news hard, especially since she was carrying her lover's child.

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One spring morning, she arrived in Jamestown and checked into the then Mother Lode Hospital's room number 7. The melancholy woman didn't speak much to anyone, preferring to spend her days forlornly gazing out the window. When the time came to give birth, something went terribly wrong and neither mother nor child survived. They were interred in the nearby cemetery, overlooking the town of Jamestown.

Mary Rose and her British Lieutenant are the hotel's oldest and most constant tenants. Guests have heard moans from room 7 (think it but don't say it folks), as well as seen misty apparitions - one wrapped in chains.

The Jamestown Hotel; 18153 Main St, Jamestown 209-984-3902  
www.jamestownhotel.com

**National Hotel**

Besides being our favorite place to dine in Tuolumne County (their wine list is awesome - exclusively featuring wines from the Sierra Nevada foothill wine region) the National Hotel is also home to one of the area's most famous ghosts.

A perusal through the guest books in each room - which welcome guests to share their comments about the hotel - reveals numerous accounts of doors slamming, lights going on and off, clothing being dumped from suitcases onto the floor, and a woman's sobbing coming from the hallway in the middle of the night.

Housekeepers report going into rooms only to be greeted by icy cold air, even though the heater was working.

Stephen Willey, the hotel's current owner, has been hearing tales of "Flo" from staff and guests for over 28 years now, although he has never personally encountered her. But many a non-believer has left here with a whole new attitude, he says.

Willey says the National Hotel's resident ghost generally stays upstairs, seemingly favoring the rooms in the front of the building, although she has, on occasion, been seen early in the morning downstairs, floating through the dining room and right through the walls.

For more information or reservations visit www.national-hotel.com or call 800-894-3446 or 209-984-3446

**Showshoe Brewery**

The building that now houses this casual restaurant, which makes some of the best micro-brewed beer <http://www.fabuloustravel.com/usa/tuolumne/dining.html> we've ever had, started life as the Pickering Lumber Co. Built in 1820, the office building which houses the Snow-

shoe Brewing Co. is one of only 3 originally buildings left from the mill town of Standard. A walk through the restaurant and brewery will reveal many relics of the building's past, including photos, old lumber company tokens (used in lieu of cash), townsite maps, and old business documents.

Marketing manager Al O'Brien said, "When we started renovating the building we found all sorts of old office equipment, records, survey maps and other stuff including some baseball memorabilia from the company baseball teams of the early 1900's. We even found spots where carpenters had signed boards and dated them under plaster walls 100 years ago."

Al spent many hours alone in the basement excavating for structural support for our brewery equipment. While he says he always experienced the assorted creaks and noises many old buildings make, he personally never experienced anything he would consider "unusual."

However, Snowshoe's master brewer Mike Hastings has had experiences with an unidentified entity. Brewers usually make an early morning start to mill the 1000 pounds of grain needed for a fifteen-barrel brew. According to O'Brien, the brewer had several visits from a man in a bowler hat and black suit who walked in front of the brewery to the former President's office -- now a banquet room. After conversations with friends and family about this apparition and how he should react, Mike decided to confront the presence.

The next time the man made a visit, Mike asked him who he was and what he was doing or looking for. The entity stopped, looked around and moved on.

That was the last time Mike saw the man.

Snowshoe Brewing Company; 19040 Standard Rd., Sonora, CA; 209-536-1445.

**Sterling Gardens B&B**

While this B&B was built relatively recently -- in the 1980's -- it was built on top of the old Kincaid Gold Mine. Owners Charlotte and Carl Tucker have seen a presence on occasion, but not usually in the building.

"Most often we see this man down by the road, where our mailbox is now located. He's there and then just gone," says Charlotte.

"He seems friendly and we like to joke that he is waiting for the mail."

There are two entrances to the old Gold Mine on the property, although they have both been blasted shut so people can no longer go down into the mine, which is now filled up with water anyway. There is a vertical air shaft can be found at the bottom of property's 90 foot deep, two plus acre pond.

"We've thought that the ghost might be an old miner from the 1849 gold rush," Charlotte theorizes. "If that was the case, he might then be waiting for a coach there by the side of the road."

Sterling Gardens B&B 18047 Lime Kiln Road - Sonora, CA 95370 (888)533-9301 www.sterlinggardens.com

**Pine Cone Players Update** by Nancy Robichaud, director

The Pine Cone Players are well on their way to another memorial melodrama, Curse You, Jack Dalton. The carefree Americans were just becoming aware, through radio, of the political problems in Europe. In the U.S. there were big bands, the Rockefellers and Fibber McGee and Molly. This years production will transport you back in time to a New York mansion on May 15, 1935. Plan to come join in the fun, Memorial Day Weekend, May 25 and 26 at 7:30 and May 27 at 2:30 at the Community Hall in Groveland.



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Bud and Florence are former members of the Palo Alto Hills, Pine Mountain Lake & Oakdale Country Clubs and are avid bridge players.

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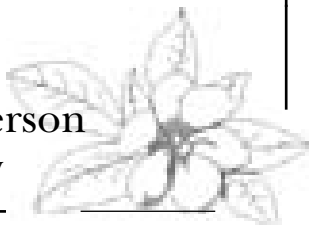
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The Big Oak Flat Road to Yosemite credits Peter King, a miner, with building Groveland's oldest structure - a cabin/trading post built in 1849.

Unfortunately, the tax rolls and other sources can shed no light on King.

However, a Frank King does appear on the rolls in the early 1860's, and is believed the owner of the subject building. By the 1870's, Francis Martin owned a large piece of property in this area, which included the adobe house. Mary Ann Sheehan acquired the property in 1896 at about the same time that the two-story frame building was constructed around the adobe room. Mary Ann, soon to become Mary Ann Schroeder, operated a hotel and saloon on Main Street and may have had this structure built as a boarding house known as the "Elite Hotel." The hotel provided room and board for the miners working in the newly opened hard

rock gold mines. In the late 1910's, the building was converted to a small hospital. Hetch Hetchy construction crews utilized the facility until San Francisco finished a new hospital, adjacent to the railroad in Groveland. The additions and remodeling have diminished the historical integrity of the building but is still is a significant contributor to an historic district.

Big Oak Flat - Groveland  
Historic Sites Survey 1988  
Alterations: Adobe cabin surrounded by two-story frame 1896, rooms added circa 1958 & 1960.  
Building remodeled 1987-1988.

The old trading post is at present owned by Sharon Gray. You will recognize it as the home on the left when entering the driveway to the medical clinic from Powder House street.

## NOTICE: CHRISTMAS DECORATION VOLUNTEERS

To all volunteers who helped put up or take down, as well as all who made

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Accept our invitation to an appreciation dinner, Wednesday, March 21st.

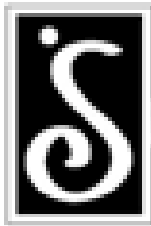
Time and place is the Community Hall at 6:30 P.M. The dinner will be of a

Pot-luck variety and we request that you bring your favorite side dish (for 6 to 10).  
The Garrotte Lions Club will furnish the main entree, turkey.

Mark your calendars. For more information call Kay Glaves at 962-6769.

Please let me know if you plan to come.





## HEALTHY HEART RECIPE

Hopefully, they won't be green, but, this recipe for Smashed Red Potatoes will still be perfect for your upcoming St. Patrick's Day dinner. The Irish love potatoes with their corned beef and this recipe includes the most nutritious part of the potato...the skins. So "Here's to eyes in your heads and none in your spuds!"

Smashed Red Potatoes (serves 5, 1/2 cup servings)

1 pound small red potatoes (about 7) quartered

3/4 to 1 cup fat-free or low-fat buttermilk

3 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions (green part only)  
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon shredded or grated Parmesan cheese  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Put potatoes in medium sauce pan with enough water to cover. Bring to boil and reduce heat to simmer for 10 to 15 minutes (until fork tender). Drain and return to saucepan.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, heat buttermilk over medium-low heat for 5 - 7 minutes...making sure it doesn't boil. Remove from the heat.

Using a potato masher, mash potatoes, adding enough buttermilk to make them creamy. Add the remaining ingredients, stirring just until blended.

Nutrients per serving: calories 83; total fat 0.5 g; cholesterol 2 mg; sodium 157 mg; carbohydrates 19 g; total sugars 4 g; dietary fiber 2 g; protein 4 g.

## KIWANIS FAMILY HOUSE

**D**O YOU KNOW, that there is a place in Sacramento, across from the UC Davis Medical Center, called the Kiwanis Family House that is available for families to stay at when their children are in the hospital. There are 32 rooms with TV's and private baths. There is a large conference room, kitchen and courtyard for assemblies available plus a chapel. There are 5 RV spaces with full hookups. Kiwanis Family House guests are referred from the UC Davis Health System. There is not a time limit on the length of stay. To help offset some of the expense, families are asked to contribute \$15.00 per day if they are able, but if they cannot, they will not be turned away. The Kiwanis family House is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and staffed by volunteers. The Kiwanis Clubs, and the community at large provide support. The Kiwanis Club of Groveland is accepting donations from our community to help with the support of this non-profit haven for families of seriously ill children. Several families in the Groveland / Sonora area have utilized the Kiwanis Family House. This is a fantastic opportunity for families of Groveland to help by offering support.

THE KIWANIS FAMILY HOUSE is a nonprofit, classified by the IRS a 501(c)3, with IRS Federal ID #68-0016996.

Donations qualify for tax benefits.

Please make your donation checks to: The Kiwanis Family House.

Then please mail your donation to Kiwanis, P.O. Box 436, Groveland, CA 95321

## Protect Your Fish

**G**CSD will be converting to chlorine disinfection of its drinking water supply in March. Though this form of disinfection is healthful for humans and is used widely across the country, it is harmful to fish and other gilled organisms.

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# TREE-NAPPING SMALL CEDARS, PINES

by Mary Wortham

There are permissible ways to “abduct” small trees to transplant to your own lot, working within the PML boundaries.

If you would like to start some small natives on your property, winter is the best season, unless the ground is frozen. And you probably won't have to worry about watering until summer.

There are two sources. Seedling cedars, sugar and ponderosa pines pop up along the roadsides.

They will not survive the spraying and servicing of the roads by the maintenance crew, and you are welcome to them if they are not in front of lots with building.

It is recommended you get off the main thoroughfares for tree napping. And keep within 5 feet of the road's edge to avoid trespassing.

Another source of seedlings is in our greenbelts where there are many infant groves of seedlings, which would actually benefit from thinning since they obviously have not room to make it to maturity.

If you limit yourself to little trees that obviously have too much competition already, you are welcome to give them a new home.

You can tell the sugar pines from the ponderosa pines by the number of needles in the bundle. Ponderosas have three needles per cluster and the Sugar pines

have five shorter needles.

### Here are some tips.

1) Transplant trees that are a foot to two feet tall. Each pine has a tap root that goes down as far as the height of the tree and you need the tap root for a good chance at survival.

2) The most common mistake in transplanting is to dig the new home hole too small and too shallow. The tap root needs to point straight down, with no up-curl at its tip.

3) Get your new hole ready before you bring your tree to it and keep those roots moist. Small roots can be killed in only two minutes of exposure to warm dry air.

4) Unless the soil is firmly compacted around the new roots, air pockets will kill off the tree.

5) Balling the treelet with a gunnysack after digging a trench around it is the very best way to transport it. Provide for that

pine tap root to stick out. The more original dirt that can be held around the roots, the better.

6) Once watered in its new hole, the young native will probably need no water until the weather turns warm and dry. Then a good watering every 3 weeks should suffice.

7) Some finicky tree-nappers say that the original orientation should be preserved; that is, the east side of the tree should still be its east side when its transplanted.

8) Go easy on the artificial fertilizers. These are natives you are dealing with.

9) Finally, when tree-napping, be sure to fill up the hole from which you took the tree and leave the ground so that no one can tell you've been there.

One big advantage to transplanting local trees is that you can be sure they really like this altitude and this climate. Furthermore, it's fun to do it yourself.

The Forest Service would like you to be reminded that it is unlawful to dig out trees from National Forest Land.

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# Helping Hands Happenings

by Joyce Smith, Volunteer

**D**id you come into the store during February? We had all our long pants for both men and women on sale for \$1.00 each. What a deal. We were able to move a lot of pants to make room for more merchandise, and our customers were the lucky shoppers.

Store Manager, Patti Beaulieu asked me to pass along that we will be having "an item of the week" sale from time to time when we are overstocked with a particular item. This would be in addition to whatever else may be on sale. The "salebanner" seems to bring people in. Ask at the counter or read what is posted on the counter as to what is on sale each day.

Do you know we no longer have a night drop box for donations? Donations are

accepted during our business hours. We do appreciate your clean, usable items.

We will be holding our Spring Clothing Giveaway at Groveland Community Hall on April 13th and 14th. This has turned into a very popular event.

It's a real win, win situation for everyone involved. More on this next month.

A number of our Helping Hands Volunteers are making pillow cases for Camp Tuolumne Trails. We saw a sample of their handy work during our General Meeting on February 8th. I don't have all the names but Hanna Bodle and Wanda Turpin are involved. I believe this is a project of the Quilt Guild. What a grand place to live. Every one helping each other for the good of our community.

See you at the store.

## ANSWER TO "MYSTERY SCENE"

February's Answer: Wayside or Mary Laveroni Park



GROVELAND WAYSIDE park is now being developed where a row of cottages once stood. The houses and a hospital—shown in the upper center right, along the railroad track—were built around 1911 to house employees of the City and County of San Francisco's Hetch Hetchy project. Railroad

headquarters for the project was maintained in Groveland until 1923, when the structures were removed. The roundhouse and railroad shops were out of sight at the right.

—Photo courtesy Ted Warm



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### March 5th

Greg will start with preparing Soups and Salads.

### March 12th

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### March 19th

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### March 26th

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# MOTHER LODE MEMORIES

by Nancy Perry & Debra Durai

There is quite a bit of speculation regarding the on going battle to restore the Hetch Hetchy Valley/Reservoir. The following information was found on the Sierra Club website. We thought you'd find it interesting and informative.

## Hetch Hetchy history

From 1901 - 1913, John Muir led the Sierra Club in a campaign to protect the Hetch Hetchy Valley, a part of Yosemite National Park, from being filled by a reservoir.

The battle for Hetch Hetchy was perhaps the first effort at what is now known as "grassroots lobbying," getting individual citizens to contact elected officials in support of or opposition to legislation.

John Muir wrote to his friend Robert Underwood Johnson:

"We held a Sierra Club meeting last Saturday--passed resolutions and fanned each other to a fierce white Hetch Hetchy heat. I particularly urged that we must get everybody to write to Senators and the president keeping letters flying all next month thick as storm snow flakes, loaded with park pictures, short circulars, etc. Stir up all other park and playground clubs, women's clubs, etc..."

Despite opposition from many citizens, including most of the nation's leading newspapers, Congress passed the Raker Act in 1913 allowing the city of San Francisco to destroy Hetch Hetchy. The City built a dam and reservoir, drowning this beautiful valley, even though other less-damaging sites existed.

It was the first time the young national park system had been so violated.

Although the Sierra Club lost that battle, the loss of Hetch Hetchy served to awaken the nation in defense of its national parks. Remembering the loss of Hetch Hetchy, in the 1950s and 1960s, the Sierra Club successfully stopped dams from being built in Dinosaur National Monument and in Grand Canyon National Park.

Let us never forget what happened here. The Sierra Club today still holds fast to the words William Colby wrote to Gifford Pinchot in 1909 with reference to Hetch Hetchy:

"Let me assure you that we have only begun to fight, and we are not going to rest until we have established the principle 'that our National Parks shall be hold forever inviolate,' and until we have demonstrated to the satisfaction of every one, including

yourself, that the American people stand for that principle. We are going to keep up the good fight without fear or favor, 'if it shall take until doomsday.'

## Hetch Hetchy Timeline of the Ongoing Battle Over Hetch Hetchy

\* 1871 - John Muir first visits Hetch Hetchy

\* 1873 - John Muir first writes about the beauty of "Hetch Hetchy Valley," <[http://www.sierraclub.org/john\\_muir\\_exhibit/writings/muir\\_hh\\_boston\\_25mar1873.html](http://www.sierraclub.org/john_muir_exhibit/writings/muir_hh_boston_25mar1873.html)> in the Boston Weekly Transcript, March 25, 1873, an article later expanded in the Overland Monthly in the same year.

\* 1882 - City of San Francisco begins to consider Hetch Hetchy Valley as one of several places for the location of a reservoir.

\* 1890 - Yosemite National Park is established, including Yosemite Valley's less famous cousin, Hetch Hetchy.

\* 1890 - San Francisco Mayor James Phelan first proposes damming the Hetch Hetchy Valley to create a reservoir for San Francisco.

\* 1892 - Sierra Club formed.

\* 1901 - Mayor James Phelan first files for water rights in the Hetch Hetchy Valley - using his own name.

\* 1903 - Mayor Phelan applies to the Interior Department for a permit for water storage in Hetch Hetchy Valley. Secretary of the Interior, Ethan Hitchcock promptly denies the request, since Hetch Hetchy is in a national park. The City of San Francisco appeals, arguing it will only enhance the beauty of the park to have a reservoir. (Later, Muir would respond to this argument thus: "As well may damming New York's Central Park would enhance its beauty!") By the end of the year, Secretary Hitchcock denies the appeal.

\* 1904 - First of many Sierra Club "High Trips" to include Hetch Hetchy Valley.

\* 1905 - Mayor Phelan again applies for water rights to Hetch Hetchy, and the permit is once again denied. John Muir and William E. Colby launch 8 - year campaign to prevent Hetch Hetchy from being dammed for a reservoir.

\* 1906 - The San Francisco Earthquake and Fire gives new impetus to the idea of enlarging the city's water supply. James Garfield succeeds Hitchcock as Secretary of the Interior in November.

\* 1907 - San Francisco city officials meet with Secretary Garfield on July 24 to lobby

for damming Hetch Hetchy. On August 30, the Sierra Club board of directors adopt a resolution addressed to the Secretary of the Interior strongly opposing damming of Hetch Hetchy Valley. Club leaders begin campaign in earnest against destroying Hetch Hetchy, urging the Club membership to write to President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Interior Garfield to oppose damming Hetch Hetchy Valley. That fall, John Muir, age 69, with his friend William Keith, re-visits Hetch Hetchy Valley, after a 12-year absence.

\* 1908 - On May 7, the City files a petition asking the Secretary of the Interior to reopen San Francisco's application for water rights, requesting both Lake Eleanor and Hetch Hetchy Valley. The City's application promised to develop Lake Eleanor first to full capacity before beginning development of the Hetch Hetchy site - a promise never fulfilled.

Muir writes in the Sierra Club Bulletin <[http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/hetchhetchy/hetch\\_hetchy\\_muir\\_scb\\_1908.html](http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/hetchhetchy/hetch_hetchy_muir_scb_1908.html)> that to dam Hetch Hetchy Valley one "may as well dam for water-tanks the people's cathedrals and churches, for no holier temple has ever been consecrated by the heart of man." Willing to compromise, he urges President Roosevelt to give the city only Lake Eleanor. Muir sends a message to the 1908 Governors Conference on Conservation: "Nothing dollarable is safe, however guarded. Thus the Yosemite Park, the beauty glory of California and the Nation, Nature's own mountain wonderland, has been attacked by spoilers ever since it was established, and this strife I suppose, must go on as part of the eternal battle between right and wrong." But the City's permit application is approved by Secretary of the Interior James Garfield, who had never visited Hetch Hetchy, only four days after he received it. Congress soon schedules hearings, and the Sierra Club begins producing circulars opposing the damming of Hetch Hetchy Valley, and schedules summer outings to Hetch Hetchy for 1908 and 1909.

\* 1909 - In congressional hearings, the City reverses itself and insists that it must have both Lake Eleanor and Hetch Hetchy Valley.

Meanwhile, the Spring Valley Water Company again offers a buyout to the City of San Francisco - a far less costly option than building the Hetch Hetchy system. Sierra Club representatives testify at the Senate hearings on the issue, and senators and congressmen receive hundreds of letters from all over the country opposing the destruction of Hetch Hetchy Valley. Sierra Club leaders form a new organization, "The Society for the Preservation of National Parks" with notable figures across the country as leaders, to further publicize the campaign against the dam. John Muir and William E. Colby join the Sierra Club Outing of 1909 to Tuolumne Meadows and Hetch Hetchy Valley, which also includes notables such as poet Harriet Monroe, Dr. William Linn Jepson, founder of California botany, and other prominent scientists. Congress recommends that President Taft appoint a special commission to investigate the Hetch Hetchy issue, thus

avoiding an immediate decision and delaying the City's efforts.

\* 1910 - After considering the commission's report, and visiting Hetch Hetchy Valley personally, in February Taft's Secretary of the Interior Richard Ballinger suspends the interior Department's approval for the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way, and asks the city to "show cause" why Hetch Hetchy Valley should not be removed from the Garfield grant. The City demands a hearing, held May 26. The Interior Secretary asks the City to prepare more data, and to make a study of other water sources sufficient for the Bay Area, and to do a thorough evaluation of a dam's damage to the scenic features of Hetch Hetchy Valley. Poll of Sierra Club members votes 589 - 161 (79%) in support of the Club's position opposing the use of Hetch Hetchy Valley as a reservoir.

\* 1911 - Secretary Ballinger resigns in March, citing failing health. President Taft appoints Walter L. Fisher as the new Secretary of the Interior. That October, Secretary Fisher visits Hetch Hetchy, with a party that includes both San Francisco advocates and defenders of the Valley.

\* 1912 - In November, Secretary Fisher convenes a hearing on Hetch Hetchy, with advocates for both sides testifying. At the conclusion of the hearing, Secretary Fisher turns over all the testimony to his advisory board, all professional engineers. Woodrow Wilson is elected President, and would appoint former San Francisco City Attorney Franklin Lane as Secretary of the Interior. Lane supports damming Hetch Hetchy, though he never visited it. San Francisco renews its campaign to dam Hetch Hetchy; hires Michael M. O'Shaughnessy as city engineer.

\* 1913 - In February, the Interior secretary's engineer's report recommends damming Hetch Hetchy, though acknowledging other options existed. On March 1, three days before leaving office, Secretary Fisher decides that he lacks the statutory authority to grant a permit to San Francisco, thus throwing the decision to Congress. Over the rest of the year, Congress holds hearings, and the City lobbies hard. The New York Times repeatedly opposes damming of Hetch Hetchy <[http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/hetchhetchy/ny\\_times\\_1913\\_editorials.html](http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/hetchhetchy/ny_times_1913_editorials.html)>, along with most other newspapers in the country. Senators receive thousands of letters opposing destruction of Hetch Hetchy Valley. But at the end of the year, Congress nonetheless passes the Raker Bill, allowing flooding of Hetch Hetchy Valley. The bill stipulates that the city could not sell water or power for resale. President Woodrow Wilson signs the bill on December 19.

John Muir says he is "glad the fight for the Tuolumne Yosemite is finished," and hopes that "some sort of compensation must surely come out of this dark damn-dam-damnation."

\* 1914 - Last Sierra Club outing to Hetch Hetchy Valley. John Muir dies on December 24.

\* 1923 - Construction of O'Shaughnessy Dam <[http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/hetchhetchy/oshoughnessy\\_dam\\_1998.asp](http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/hetchhetchy/oshoughnessy_dam_1998.asp)> completed, at a cost of \$100 million and the

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\* 1924 - San Francisco voters approve a bond proposition for \$10 million to pay for a series of tunnels that would deliver water through the Sierra and Coast Range mountains.

\* 1928 - San Francisco voters approve \$24 million in bonds to help further the Hetch Hetchy Dam Project.

\* 1934 - Completion and dedication of the Hetch Hetchy system.

\* 1938 - The O'Shaughnessy Dam is raised to its current 430-foot height.

\* 1947 - San Francisco voters approve \$25 million for a second pipeline for the Hetch Hetchy system.

\* 1955 - Sierra Club publishes a film, Two Yosemitees <[http://www.hetchhetchy.org/catalog/two\\_yosemitees\\_video.html](http://www.hetchhetchy.org/catalog/two_yosemitees_video.html)>, filmed and narrated by David Brower, a passionate portrayal of the beauty of Yosemite Valley contrasted with the ugliness of the low-water Hetch Hetchy Reservoir.

\* 1961 - San Francisco voters approve \$115 million in bonds to expand the existing Hetch Hetchy system.

\* 1970 - Sierra Club board of directors recommends removal, rather than an expensive restoration or reconstruction, of both O'Shaughnessy Dam and Eleanor Dam. The Board also stated: "The question of how to remove O'Shaughnessy Dam, and the problems of how to restore Hetch Hetchy Valley to its once magnificent grandeur, should be studied in depth.

The studies should include the problem of plant succession as the valley is drained, the removal of silt, and the practical alternatives available to San Francisco if the Hetch Hetchy water supply is lost."

\* 1987 - Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel suggests removal of O'Shaughnessy Dam and the restoration of Hetch Hetchy Valley. Sierra Club Board re-affirms its 1908 policy, and adopts a further policy <[http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/hetchhetchy/club\\_policy.asp](http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/hetchhetchy/club_policy.asp)> supporting taking a "long view" of the issue, and endorsing feasibility studies. Sierra Club establishes a national Hetch Hetchy Task Force with Sally Reid as chair.

\* 1988 - Legislative funding to study restoration of Hetch Hetchy is defeated in Congress.

\* 1990 - Sierra Club continues to advocate restoration; sponsors a display, "Restore Hetch Hetchy" <[http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/hetchhetchy/graphics/restore\\_display.jpg](http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/hetchhetchy/graphics/restore_display.jpg)> at the Yosemite Centennial Symposium.

\* 1994 - Republican congressmen propose that the City of San Francisco should pay the federal government \$25 million per year, since the city generates an average of \$38 million annually from selling hydroelectric power from Hetch Hetchy to other municipalities. California Democrats in Congress kill the proposal.

\* 1997 - The Sierra Club's California/Nevada Regional Conservation Committee establishes a Hetch Hetchy Task Force with Ron Good as chair.

\* 1998 - Harold Wood of the Sierra Club Hetch Hetchy Task Force creates a feature devoted to the restoration of Hetch Hetchy on the Sierra Club website.

\* 1999 - Leaders from several environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club, join together to form a new non-profit organization, Restore Hetch Hetchy, to focus exclusively on the goal of restoring Hetch Hetchy, and establish a website advocating restoration at <<http://www.hetchhetchy.org/>>.

\* 2000 - Restore Hetch Hetchy <<http://www.hetchhetchy.org/>> gains tax-exempt, tax-deductible status to pursue educational efforts.

\* 2001 - Restore Hetch Hetchy <<http://www.hetchhetchy.org/>> raises funds; hires Ron Good as Executive Director to further pursue a feasibility study for the restoration of Hetch Hetchy. Restore Hetch Hetchy invites people to join as members <<http://www.hetchhetchy.org/join.html>>. Sierra Club Hetch Hetchy Restoration Task Force continues its efforts.

\* 2002 - October 19 - New York Times <[http://www.hetchhetchy.org/news\\_2002.html](http://www.hetchhetchy.org/news_2002.html)> advocates feasibility study <[http://www.hetchhetchy.org/news\\_2002.html](http://www.hetchhetchy.org/news_2002.html)> to see whether it would be economically and hydrologically feasible to remove the dam that created Hetch Hetchy reservoir in Yosemite National Park; says San Francisco's water needs could be met in other ways. [The NY Times seventh editorial on Hetch Hetchy, but the first in 89 years!

\* 2003 - Restore Hetch Hetchy releases a new video/DVD <[http://www.hetchhetchy.org/catalog/hh\\_yosemitees\\_lost\\_valley.html](http://www.hetchhetchy.org/catalog/hh_yosemitees_lost_valley.html)> explaining its campaign to restore Hetch Hetchy. A University of California Master's thesis indicates that it is feasible to restore Hetch Hetchy - the first of several recent studies <<http://www.hetchhetchy.org/studies.html>> to make this determination.

\* 2004 - Bush Administration proposes raising the rent for Hetch Hetchy from \$30,000 to \$8 million a year <<http://www.yosemite.org/newsroom/clips2004/february/020404.htm>>. The annual rent of \$30,000 San Francisco pays for Hetch Hetchy has not changed since the 1920s. Nothing happens.

\* 2004 - September - Environmental Defense publishes a new study <<http://www.environmentaldefense.org/hetchhetchy/article.cfm?contentID=3907>> that shows that Hetch Hetchy can be restored in a way that would continue to supply the Bay Area with the same high-quality drinking water from the Tuolumne River. study is accompanied by a new campaign and a virtual tour of Hetch Hetchy, narrated by John Muir himself <<http://www.environmentaldefense.org/hetchhetchy/tour/>>.

\* 2004 - August - September. - Sacramento Bee publishes a series of 14 editorials <<http://www.sacbee.com/content/opinion/editorials/story/10513409p-11432525c.html>> and additional news articles on the theme of restoring Hetch Hetchy Reclaimed Series

\* 2004 - November - California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Secretary of Resources announces the state will study restoring Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite <[http://www.hetchhetchy.org/press/wolk\\_9\\_11\\_04.html](http://www.hetchhetchy.org/press/wolk_9_11_04.html)> - Study will look at costs

for replacing water storage and economic benefits of restoring public access to unique valley, but will only use existing studies.

\* 2005 - Restore Hetch Hetchy publishes a feasibility study, Finding the Way Back to Hetch Hetchy. <[http://www.hetchhetchy.org/catalog/finding\\_the\\_way\\_back.html](http://www.hetchhetchy.org/catalog/finding_the_way_back.html)>

\* 2005 - Sacramento Bee "Hetch Hetchy Reclaimed" <<http://www.sacbee.com/content/opinion/editorials/story/10513409p-11432525c.html>> series wins the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing <<http://www.pulitzer.org/year/2005/editorial-writing/>>

\* 2006 - July - California State study of restoring Hetch Hetchy confirms earlier studies <<http://www.hetchhetchy.org/studies.html>> by

Sierra Club, Environmental Defense, Restore Hetch Hetchy, and others, that restoration of Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park is feasible and practical, <[http://www.hetchhetchy.org/press/state\\_agrees\\_restoration\\_feasible.html](http://www.hetchhetchy.org/press/state_agrees_restoration_feasible.html)> and can be achieved with no harm to San Francisco Bay Area water and power users and Central Valley irrigation districts. The debate now revolves around cost, not feasibility. Sierra Club Conservation Director Bruce Hamilton says that the battle over Hetch Hetchy Valley restoration "illustrates the tenacity of this movement and the fact that the spirit and ideas and idealism of John Muir never died... It's a piece of unfinished work that John Muir left to his heirs."

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# KIDS STUFF AND TOUGH STUFF

by Nadine Pedron

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**FOGL NEWS:**

. Big **SPRING SALE** at the **BOOK NOOK**, **SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 10:00 - 2:00**. Great book bargains and gorgeous raffle baskets. The baskets will be on display in the library prior to the sale.

. FOGL has purchased new High-inter-est/Low level books for our Bookleggers to share with Tenaya students.

. FOGL volunteers have been assisting in the library when classrooms visit. Several Tenaya classes, as well as the parent preschool, have recently conducted field trips which have yielded many new library cards and new fans of the library.

. A warm welcome to new member **Pat Culff**.

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. **Book Nook** sales every Saturday downstairs at the library, 10:00 - 2:00. Wide selection of used books, well organized and at great low prices. Enjoy coffee and a cookie while you are there also.

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**Kids Stuff:** Storytime at the library happens every Friday from 10:30 - 11:00. Preschoolers love the stories from lavishly illustrated big books and help tell the stories with flannel board activities. On special Fridays **Frank Menacho** brings his puppets or **Lisa Sherman** charms everyone as **Mother Goose**. The children stay on after the story to enjoy puzzles, each other and choosing books and videos to check out for home. Do come in to treat your children to a great time and to literary readiness as well.

**Tough Stuff:** In this case we refer to the challenges that technology brings for those of us not born to it - and an event designed to help us with our questions and confusions. A **"TECH-KNOW RODEO"** will be offered for anyone in need of instructions on the mysteries of computers, email, websites, virus protection...and much, much more. Date: **MARCH 31ST, 9:30 - 3:00** at the **Sonora Main Library branch (480 Greenley Road)**. Stay the day or drop in during the day. For more details, please call the library.



*Lisa Sherman, as Mother Goose, engages Mitchell, Jonathon and Amelia at library story time.*

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# Local Seamstresses Contribute to Camp Tuolumne Trails

by Virginia Gustafson



Jane Hansen at work on 60 curtains



Judy Cozad shows a completed pillow case

One of the most wonderful things happening around the building of Tuolumne Trails is the breadth and depth of community involvement. People are contributing their time and their talents on many levels.

An impressive project is underway sponsored by the Pine Needlers Quilt Guild of Groveland. They began by making lap quilts and wall hangings for the camp. Now, they have expanded the project to making decorated pillow cases for the children who will be at the camp next summer. Ms. Judy Cozad is the project coordinator. Recently, a group of talented seamstresses held a workshop at the Mountain Lutheran Church and made dozens of the pillow cases. If you'd like to get involved with the sewing or to contribute fabric, please contact Judy Cozad at 962-7144.

In addition, Ms. Jane Hansen is sewing one hundred yards of fabric into 60 curtains for children's bunkhouses. Dwaine Carver has made and installed curtain rods on all those windows.

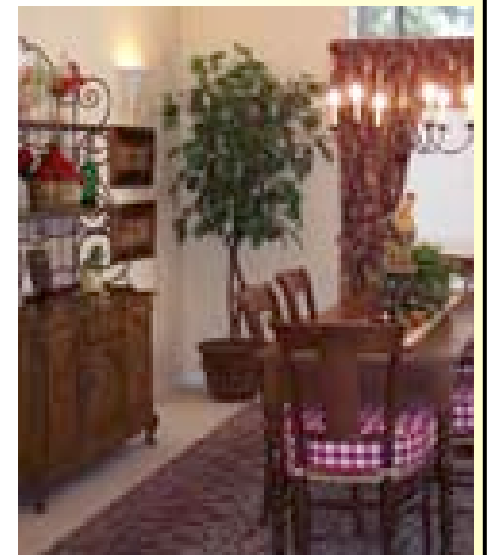
Tuolumne Trails is a project of the Jerry and Paula Baker Foundation of Groveland, a nonprofit 501(c)3 public charity. Donations to the foundation are tax-deductible and are used strictly to offset costs to the special needs children. We are trying to collect enough money to

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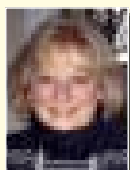
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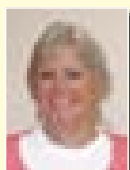
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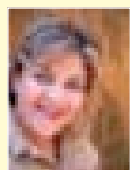
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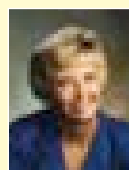
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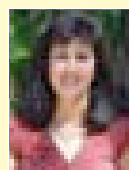
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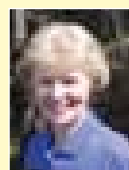
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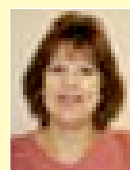
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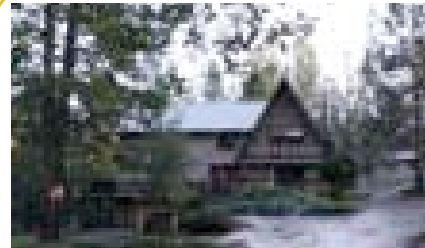


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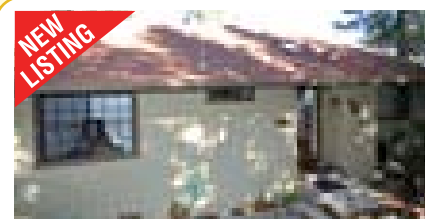
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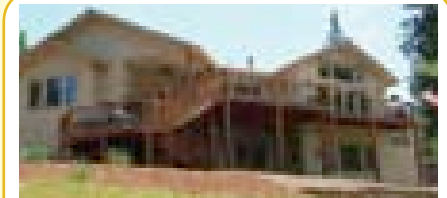
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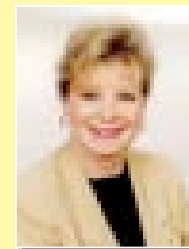


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**OFF THE BEATEN TRAIL:** Located on 40 acres, sitting on the ridge above Groveland with views all the way to the valley floor. This 3 bd, 2 bath home has tile floors, open beam ceilings, window seats, central vac. detached 2 car garage with work bench plus car port and hot house. Kitchen with plenty of storage, antique stove, cook top, oven and trash compactor. \$495,000 20111 Cherokee Trail

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# Tuolumne Trails Continues Building

by Virginia Gustafson

It's been a busy month at Tuolumne Trails, the new camp for children with special medical needs located just outside Groveland. Major efforts are now focused on the building of the three-story 15,000 square foot Great Hall, which will house the kitchen, dining hall, offices, arts and crafts center, and the infirmary.

The gods smiled and the rains held off. Thanks to stalwart volunteers and a great crew from AED Construction in Sonora, the first floor walls are in place. A big caravan of 15 cement trucks delivered 150 cubic yards of concrete which were poured over a ten hour period – a long day, but a big achievement.

Meanwhile, the bunkhouses now have their beautiful green roofs and wheelchair ramps in place. Volunteer painters, led by Charlie Fratus, Sally Salinas, Regina Tilley, Jan Sloan, and Sandy DeRodeff among others, are making steady progress on the window and door trim painting. Volunteer Otis Fender is sanding the cabin floors and they do look good! We have some new volunteers – rangers from Yosemite who are also helping out in their spare time – and local builder Steve Cooper. Volunteers are always welcome, and we always have fun while doing good.

**Big News:** The Muscular Dystrophy Association has been added to the schedule of campers for the inaugural 2007 season. We look forward to welcoming them this summer and giving them a special experience in a camp built especially for special medical needs.

The Baker Foundation is partnering with United Camps, Conferences and Retreats to manage this camp this summer. UCCR is a nonprofit organization that manages 15 nonprofit camps and conferences centers throughout northern California and Nevada. Partnering with the other camps and conference centers leads to much greater operational and financial efficiencies. This spring, UCCR will begin hiring cooks, maintenance and housekeeping staff, and a lifeguard. These are seasonal, hourly positions. Anyone interested in working this summer at the camp, please call Sally Shine @ 800-678-5102 or email: SallyShine@UCCR.org.

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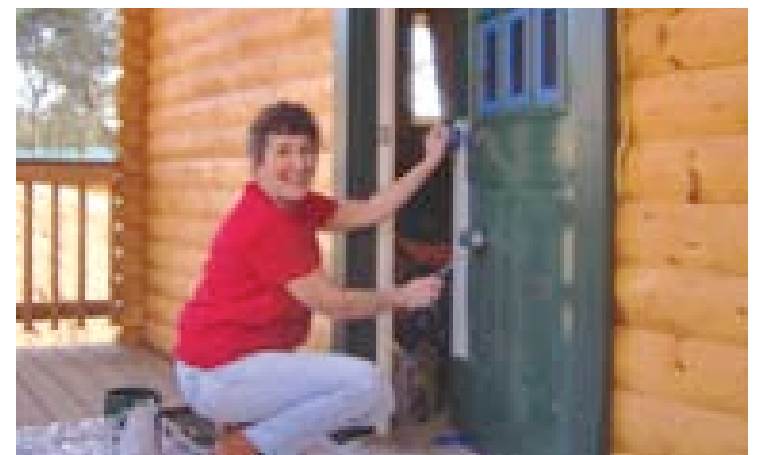
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Left: Volunteer Charlie Fratus paints a cabin door. Right: 150 yards of concrete was poured into these walls in a single day.

# Proposed Community Plan For Big Oak Flat/Groveland

In January 2007, Tuolumne County awarded a contract to prepare an Area Community Plan for the communities of Big Oak Flat and Groveland. Funds for this undertaking are from a Technical Assistance Community Development Block Grant obtained from the Federal Government for the amount of \$35,000.

A Request for Proposal For Consultant Services was sent to a list of qualified consultants in early December, 2006. Out of 3 bids submitted, the successful contractor chosen is Sierra Business Council (SBC). Formed in 1994, with headquarters in the northern Sierra Nevada at Truckee, the firm has established an enviable track record in community planning. Among community

plans completed were : Inyo 2020, Placer Legacy, June Lake, and Minden, Nevada.

Completion of the local plan is slated for the end of September 2007.

SBC's mission is to secure the economic, social, and environmental health of the Sierra Nevada region. It was awarded the American Planning Association's prestigious Daniel Burnham award in 1997 for its publication, "Planning for Prosperity: Building Successful Communities in the Sierra Nevada".

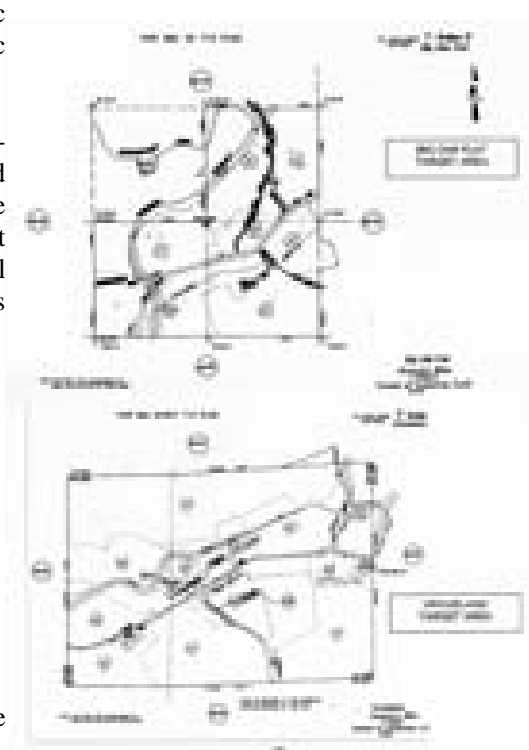
This reference guide encompasses a number of principals for sound planning, "Safeguard the rural quality of the Sierra Nevada by maintaining a clear edge between town and country.

- Preserve historical assets.
- Build to create enduring value and beauty.
- Enhance the economic vitality of our small towns through on-going investment in the downtown core.
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- Do not place people and structures in harm's way.
- Maintain the health of the natural systems that support life in the Sierra Nevada.
- Expand local and regional transportation options to reduce traffic congestion and the intensity of public dependence on automobiles."

include a kick off meeting, a review of the full draft community plan, a review of final document, and a review draft of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents

- Prepare final CEQA review documents

The Northern Yosemite Corridor Partners, Inc. (NYCPI) will be closely involved with SBC as data for the plan is gathered and a draft is prepared. NYCPI's Community Visioning Source Document is a vital source of information and shall provide a sound basis for SBC to consider and incorporate in their planning as the community's vision for the future of our area. We encourage all interested citizens of Big Oak Flat and Groveland to participate in the plan's development.



As defined by the county's Development Department, the BOF/Groveland community plan (exclusive of Pine Mountain Lake) must be consistent with the Tuolumne County General Plan (approved in 1996) which includes these elements:

- Land Use
- Circulation
- Conservation and Open Space
- Public Facilities and Services
- Recreation
- Cultural Resources
- Community Identity

Other requirements of SBC are:

- Hold 4 public meetings; these

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**March 6 – Chinese Dinner**  
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**March 16 – Saint Patrick's Day Dinner**  
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**March 18 – Pool Tournament**  
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**March 24 – Band Night**  
*The Fantasions*  
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**March 27 – Chinese Dinner**  
4:30 PM to 8:30 PM

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**March 31 – Celebrate Tim's Birthday**  
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## Red Hat Mountain Mamas

The Mountain Mamas chapter of the Red Hat Society met for their February luncheon at Alpenglo at Manzanita Hill. The gorgeous surroundings of Alpenglo and the beautiful antiques displayed made for a delightful ambience in which to enjoy a delicious Thai buffet. The luncheon was catered by Chef Victor of the Charlotte Café to the delight of all. Make sure you mark your calendars for March 21st as we will be dining at the Licksillet Café in Columbia and then enjoying the matinee performance of "Perfect Wedding".

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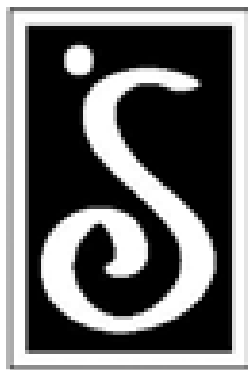
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The FAMILY WELLNESS FAIRE, open to everyone in the community, is set for TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007, at Tenaya Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This will be the 7th year Soroptimist International of Groveland (SIG) has sponsored this event which offers the most up-to-date, valuable health and safety information for men, women and children of every age. A variety of FREE preventative health screenings will be available, including: bone density, hearing, vision, blood pressure, diabetes, dental and chiropractic. Professionals from Sonora Regional Medical Center will provide a blood chemistry panel that includes cholesterol (total LDL, HDL and triglycerides) kidney function, thyroid, liver function and lipid panel for only \$20 and Prostrate Screening Antigen (PSA) for just \$10. Fasting (nothing to eat or drink except water for 12 hours prior to blood testing is requested). A summary review of your health screenings will be available. Many members of our community compare their summary results from the previous year to monitor their health and to provide early detection for potential problems.

Again, there will be a Women's Center to provide helpful health information pertinent to females. The popular Children's Health Center (in Tenaya cafeteria) will return with attention to nutrition and health issues for youth along with games, face painting, refreshments, goody bags and a surprise or two!

SIG, along with their sponsors and over 30 wellness related exhibitors believe in the importance of preventative health care through screenings which aid in early detection of potential problems and education which promotes understanding of proper health maintenance. We invite and encourage the entire community to attend this important event where you'll enjoy free refreshments with friends and neighbors and gather fam-

ily health information. Circle APRIL 10 on your calendar and plan to attend the FAMILY WELLNESS FAIRE.

In 2005, SIA (America:) received \$223,000 from Soroptimist International to support 34 club projects across the federation. Grants enable a club to make a real difference in the lives of women and girls by sponsorship of shelters and safe houses, intervention centers, education and training programs, new starts and so many more. The impact of these grants: 2930 women and girls received career counseling, skill building and personal development training; 2057 domestic violence and sexual assault victims received shelter, counseling and support; 358 adolescent girls were educated about challenges of teen motherhood; 57 low income women received free dental care and one new domestic violence shelter was built. We are proud of these achievements and they are only part of what SI Clubs and members are doing to meet their mission.

We're having an ENCORE premiere event and you're invited! All who attend will feel like glamorous stars as they walk the red carpet, sip bubbling champagne, enjoy appetizers served on silver trays and indulge in decadent desserts including a flowing chocolate fountain! ENCORE is a Silent Auction fundraising event where the esteemed guests will be eager to bid on beautiful gifts, gorgeous jewelry, fabulous decorating accessories, heavenly home and garden accents, small appliances and so much more. These "previously loved" and "gently used" items will be making a 2nd Audition on Tuesday, MARCH 6, at the PML Country Club beginning at 11:30 a.m. Admission to this premier event is \$12 (tickets available through Soroptimist members or call Judy Gravino 962-5430). Come enjoy a grand time and you, too, will be shouting "Bravo" and "Encore"!

For information about Soroptimist membership, contact Donna Thayer 952-5007.

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# FDA WARNING

## FDA Warns Consumers Not to Eat Certain Jars of Peter Pan Peanut Butter and Great Value Peanut Butter

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning consumers not to eat certain jars of Peter Pan peanut butter or Great Value peanut butter due to risk of contamination with Salmonella Tennessee (a bacterium that causes food borne illness). The affected jars of Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter have a product code located on the lid of the jar that begins with the number "2111". Both the Peter Pan and Great Value brands are manufactured in a single facility in Georgia by ConAgra. Great Value peanut butter made by other manufacturers is not affected.

If consumers have any of this Peter Pan or Great Value brand peanut in their home that has been purchased since May 2006, they should discard it.

Symptoms of food borne illness caused by Salmonella include fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. In persons with poor underlying health or weakened immune systems, Salmonella can invade the bloodstream and cause life-threatening infections. Individuals who have recently eaten Peter Pan and Great Value brand peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 and have experienced any of these symptoms should contact their doctor or health care provider immediately. Any such illnesses should be reported to state or local health authorities.

FDA's warning is based on a just-completed epidemiological study by the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion (CDC), the states and local health agencies, which links 288 cases of food borne illness in 39 states to consumption of varying types of Peter Pan peanut butter. This report was provided to FDA on February 13.

The outbreak appears to be ongoing and the first consumer may have become ill in August 2006. The cause of food borne illnesses can be difficult to identify. As a result of extensive epidemiological testing and recent case control studies, CDC was recently able to identify Peter Pan peanut butter as the likely cause of illness. Great Value brand peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 is manufactured in the same plant as Peter Pan peanut butter and, thus, is believed to be at similar risk of contamination.

ConAgra is recalling all Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 that already was distributed. The company also is destroying all affected products in their possession. The company will cease production until the exact cause of contamination can be identified and eliminated. ConAgra will advise consumers to destroy any Peter Pan and Great Value brand peanut butter beginning with product code 2111 in their possession. To assist in this endeavor, FDA has sent investigators to ConAgra's processing plant in Sylvester, Georgia where the products are made to review records, collect product samples and conduct tests for Salmonella Tennessee.

FDA will provide regular updates as more information becomes available.

Consumers who have questions should contact ConAgra at 866-344-6970.

# Whitewolf Art Gallery

The Gallery is featuring the whimsical art of Slimm Buick. His work will be exhibited until March 3rd.

Slimm Buick is an artist, entertainer and American music collector. He was born and raised in San Francisco, and currently lives in Alameda, CA with Justine tenZeldam, her daughter Audra, and their three pet rats, Connie, Vet and Martha. Slimm's art bikes have been featured at major museums such as San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Oakland Museum, Place Pigalle, and Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, where he was also a guest curator. Slimm's first bicycle art creation became part of the permanent collection of the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum in Los Angeles in 2006. Two of Slimm's creations made an appearance in the 2005 movie, "Rent" (Sony Pictures). Slimm has been featured in books on bicycle culture, on the 1990's swing scene in San Francisco where he was a prominent DJ, and was also featured on the popular show "Weird Wheels" on the Discovery Channel. He has given lectures on his favorite subject, vintage American music, for the Art Deco Society of California, adult continuing education, as well as on cruise ship performances with his old friend, the late great Cab Calloway. When not performing, or creating art, Slimm buys & sells antiques, and repairs and refurbishes old furniture, lamps and record players. Slimm and Justine also perform live jazz standards and "crooner" style tunes at parties and company events, as well as open mic venues such as Kelly's Jazz Club in Alameda, Martuni's in San Francisco, and their

favorite place, The Alley, a piano bar in Oakland where they met in 2004.

On-going exhibited artists in the gallery include the artwork of Michael Carey, Milton Eisenhower, David Wilkinson, and currently, Christina Wilkinson.

Carey is a wildlife artist from Sacramento who specializes in color pencil. He creates the beautiful custom log frames that accompany each piece on display.

Eisenhower lives in Yucca Valley, CA full-time and visits Groveland frequently. His wildlife sculptures are made of alabaster.

David Wilkinson is a nature and wildlife photographer as well as a traditional artist. He grew up near the Southern entrance to Yosemite National Park in Coarsegold, so he's had the opportunity to photograph the park and it's wildlife since he was in high school. He also shoots outside the area and in Groveland. David also specializes in custom automotive airbrush artwork.

Christina Wilkinson has been an artist since she was old enough to pick up crayons. She is an eclectic artist who works in many mediums to include watercolor, color pencil, pen & ink, digital and mixed media. With her precision in pen & ink as well as computer rendered art, she has won numerous awards for her illustration.

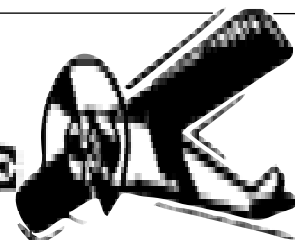
Both David & Christina are professional illustrators.

Exhibit space is filling up quickly. The Gallery is currently booked through July with only one three week exhibit space available before then. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm and Saturday from noon to 6 pm. For info on exhibiting, please call 962-0342.

## Crossword Puzzle Solution Feb 2007

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# HURRICANE RELIEF Return to New Orleans

by Pastor Ron Cratty

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In November 2006 twenty-one members and friends of the Groveland Evangelical Free Church journeyed to New Orleans, Louisiana, to participate in the Hurricane Relief Project sponsored by Touch Global, a branch of the Evangelical Free Church of America. The team consisted of a few current and retired construction workers and many ordinary people. Those who were trained in construction were invaluable to the team providing the expertise needed to get the job done. But those who were not construction trained offered the extra

oomph needed to get the job done. Both men and women joined it to pull nails, sweep floors, strip sheetrock, move heavy objects out of the way and often times offer moral support to a weary home owner.

Once in New Orleans (Covington, Louisiana to be more specific) our team divided into four areas: those who worked in the kitchen crew back at Covington's Trinity Church, (our home base for the week), a roofing crew who provided a new roof for a home in Slidell, Louisiana; a follow-up team that visited those who had previously been assisted by Touch Global and the gutting crew that participated in the gutting

of three different homes in New Orleans.

The amount of devastation in the area will require years of recovery work, and Groveland Evangelical Free Church would like to invite YOU to be a part of the next team headed to New Orleans.

In October 2007 we eagerly anticipate a return to Louisiana and would like to invite members of the greater Groveland area to join us in the trip. Any persons interested in being part of this trip are encouraged to join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday evening, March 21, 7:00 p.m. at Groveland Evangelical Free Church, 19172 Ferretti Rd., Groveland. For questions or further information please contact the church office at 962-7131.



# NEW MOUNTAIN LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

by Dorothy Parker

**W**ith the anticipation of Easter, new beginnings occur in our lives with warmer days and sunny skies. It's an exciting time of year. The beautiful sight of Spring flowers bursting forth assures us that our Heavenly Father is with us, directing and encouraging us as we prepare for the special season of Lent.

In commemorating the Lenten Season we will be continuing our Wednesday evening services at 7 PM. This month they will be on March 7, March 21 and April 4 at 7 PM.

At these Wednesday evening services Pastor Ginger will strive for a new and meaningful experience for us with God and scripture. It is Pastor's hope that through "Guided Imagery Meditation on Scripture and "Extreme Make-Over—Of Us" will take place.

Perhaps we will be aware of a new God-given gift we can find ourselves using for the first time. Or maybe we will discover where God is leading us on our spiritual journey.

Please remember that everyone is welcome at the New Mountain Lutheran Community Church. We are located at 13000 Down to Earth Court, just off Ferretti Road, Groveland, and the worship service is at 10:45 AM each Sunday.

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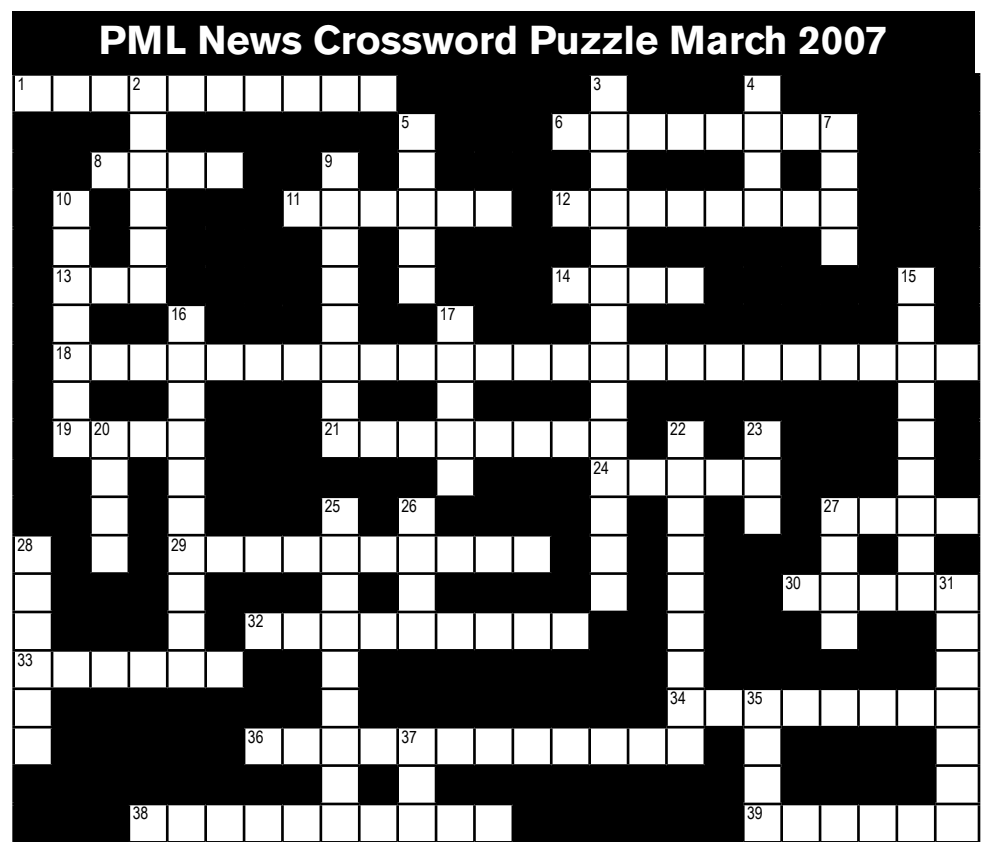
The Solution to the February Puzzle is on pg 52.

ACROSS

- 1 Page 63 contains the \_\_\_\_ ads
- 6 Country \_\_\_\_ Riders
- 8 Not enough of this weather so – Let It \_\_\_\_
- 11 Tenaya Student of the Month, Giovanni “\_\_\_\_” Amoruso
- 12 April 10th is the Soroptimist’s Family \_\_\_\_ Faire
- 13 Whitewolf \_\_\_\_ Gallery
- 14 A \_\_\_\_ leaf clover is a good luck charm
- 18 Services section of the PML News (3 words)
- 19 Portal covering
- 21 National Park to the east of Groveland
- 24 Greeting
- 27 Small pesky bug
- 29 Helping Hands \_\_\_\_
- 30 Pine Cone Singers Spring Concert “Red, White and the \_\_\_\_”
- 32 Friends of the \_\_\_\_ Library
- 33 March 30th “\_\_\_\_ Chance Prom”
- 34 March 10th \_\_\_\_ Lions St. Patrick’s Day Dinner
- 36 Local \_\_\_\_ contribute to Camp Tuolumne Trails
- 38 GCSD converting to \_\_\_\_ disinfection
- 39 Tioga Fire Science and \_\_\_\_ ROP

DOWN

- 2 Look to the west to see a beautiful \_\_\_\_
- 3 Real Estate section of the PML News (4 words)
- 4 Female horse
- 5 March \_\_\_\_ bring April showers
- 7 A bird’s home
- 9 Tioga High Student of the Month, Dylan \_\_\_\_
- 10 Healthy Heart Recipe – \_\_\_\_ Red Potatoes
- 15 Evangelical Free Church – \_\_\_\_ Relief
- 16 A mischief making elf of Irish folklore
- 17 Number after six



- 20 Bake cookies in the \_\_\_\_
- 22 PML Garden Club \_\_\_\_
- 23 Type of small boat
- 25 Pine Cone Players \_\_\_\_, “Curse You, Jack Dalton”
- 26 Kid’s game – \_\_\_\_ and seek
- 27 At the end of the rainbow is a pot of \_\_\_\_
- 28 Thanks to the ROOFBB’s the Country Club has a big-screen \_\_\_\_ TV
- 31 March 21st is Family \_\_\_\_ Night at Tenaya Elem. School
- 35 Sound a lion makes
- 37 Head to Badger Pass or Dodge Ridge to \_\_\_\_

**The WINNER of the February Crossword Puzzle is Dorothy Beck. Congratulations!**

# Mystery Scene

Can you guess who helped build these walls? Answer to previous month mystery scene is on page 43.



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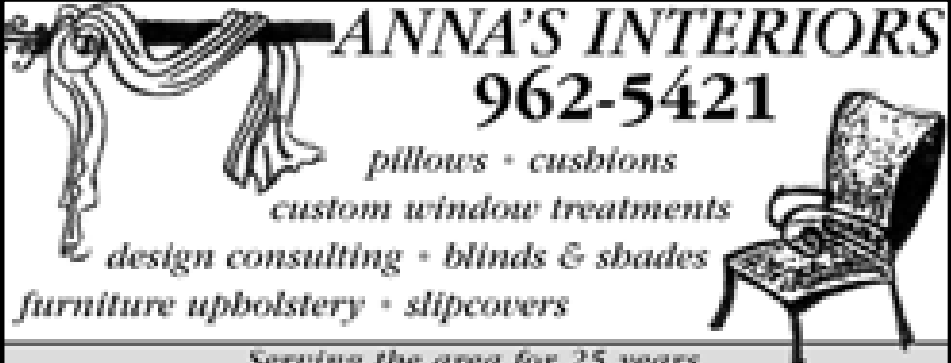
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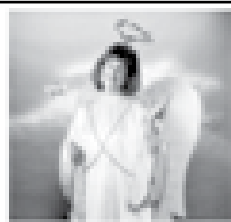
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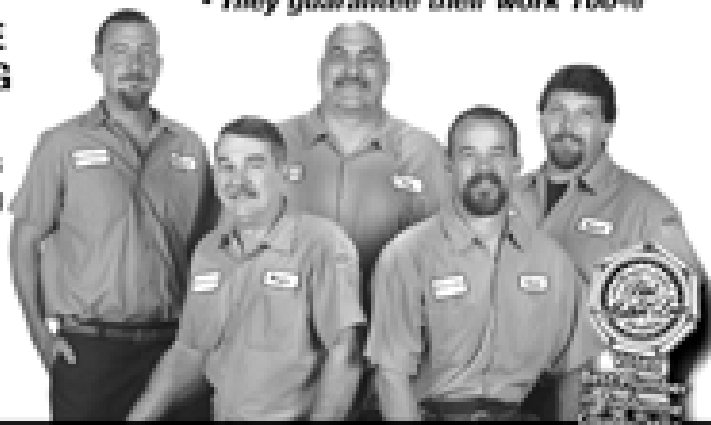
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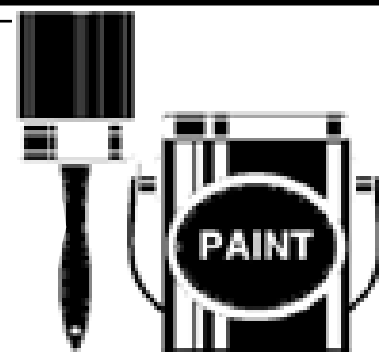
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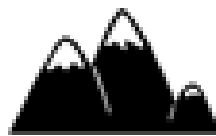
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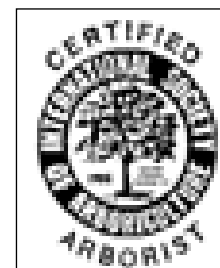
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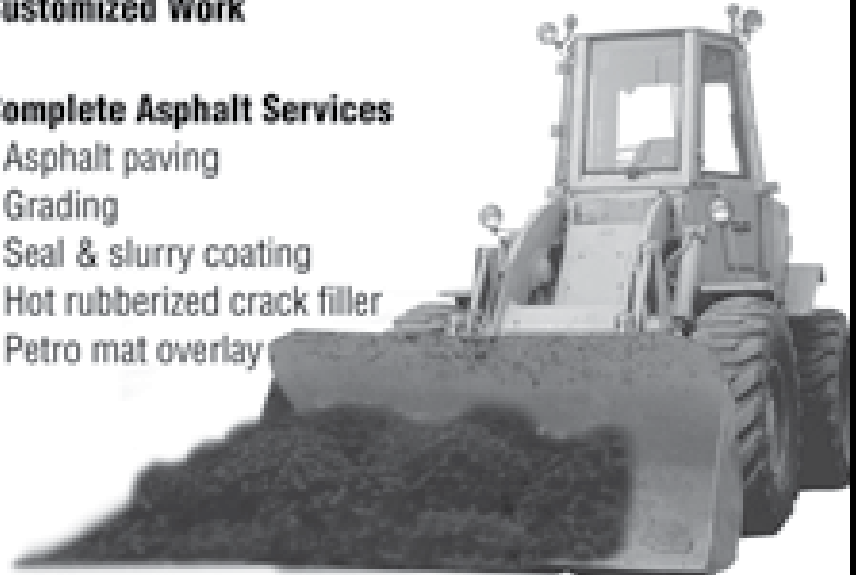


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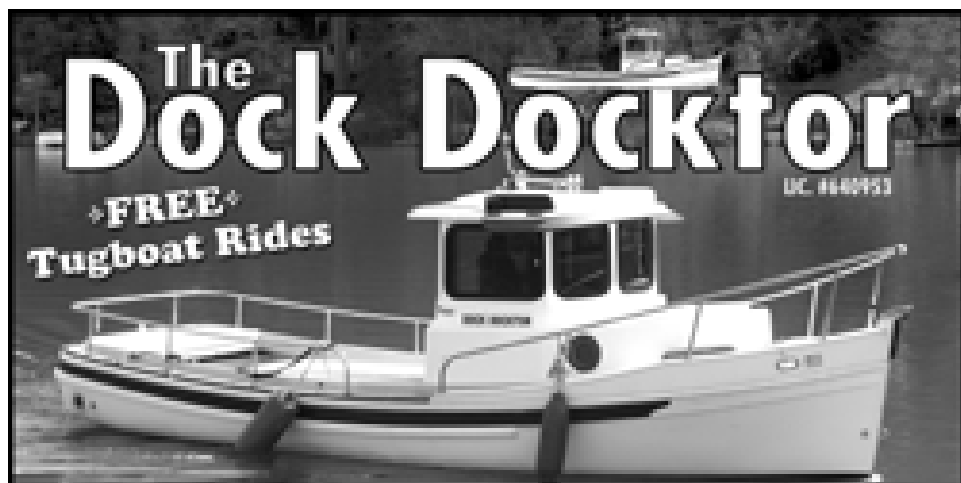
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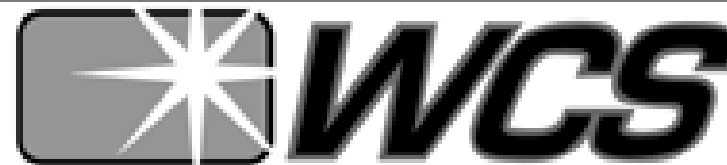
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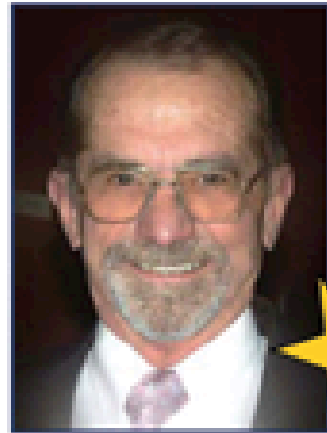
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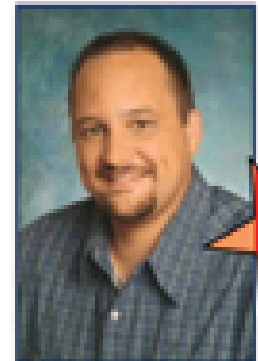
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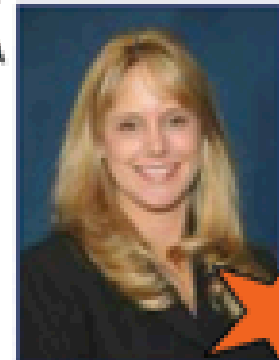
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