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Clear Lake Annual Splash-In

LAKEPORT, CA—The 29th Annual Clear Lake Splash-In is scheduled September 19 – 21, 2008 at Lakeport, California. Organized by SeaPlane Operations, LLC, this is the oldest and largest seaplane gathering in the Western United States.

Arrivals and registration begin Friday the 19th at noon with most activities scheduled for, and aircraft arrivals expected on, Saturday the 20th.

Headquartered at the Skylark Shores Resort, the event utilizes the nearby Natural High School field for on-shore parking of amphibious seaplanes. Land planes use

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Home Sales Increased In Lake County

By Ray Perry



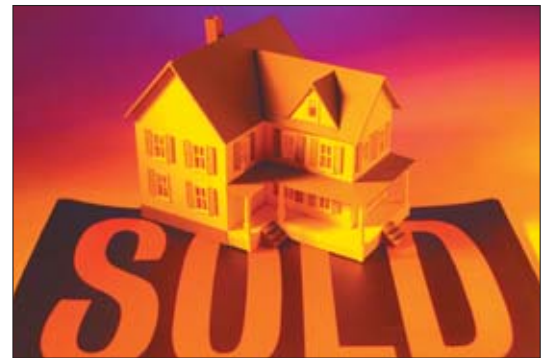
LAKE COUNTY, CA—Home sales increased 15.8 percent in July in Lake County compared with the same period a year ago, while the median price of an existing home fell 25.9 percent, the Lake County Multiple Listing Service (MLS) reported.

“Sales improved significantly in July 2008,” said California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) President William E. Brown. “Deeply discounted, distressed sales continue to drive volume in many regions of the state.

“Year-to-year increases in the number of transactions ranged from a 6.7 percent increase in the San Francisco Bay Area to a 176.5 percent increase in the Riverside/San Bernardino region,” he said. “In general, greater percentage gains occurred in lower-priced areas that had been most adversely affected by the market downturn since late 2005 and that are concurrently experiencing the biggest declines in prices.”

Closed escrow sales of homes in Lake County totaled 88 in July according to information collected from the MLS. Countywide home sale activity increased 15.8 percent from the revised 76 sales pace recorded in July 2007. Sales in July 2008 increased 41.9 percent compared with the previous month.

The median price of a home in Lake County during July 2008 was \$200,000, a 25.9 percent decrease from the revised \$270,000 median for July 2007, the MLS reported. The July 2008 median price fell 8.9 percent compared with June’s revised \$219,450 median price.



“Once again, the 40.3 percent year-to-year decrease in the median price of a home was an all-time record, surpassing the previous record set in June with a 37.9 percent decrease,” said C.A.R. Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young.

“Since the statewide median remained in the \$585,000-\$595,000 range through August of last year, the market will continue to experience significant year-to-year adjustments through August even if the median price holds steady over the next few months,” she said. “The statewide median was last in the \$350,000 range in early 2003.”

The Lake County market as well as the rest of the country is being driven by the large volume of foreclosures at this time. Sellers who are not in foreclosure have to compete

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Goats Safe, Effective Method to Reduce Wildfire Risk



Brush Buster goats creating a three hundred foot fire safe zone around a ridge-top residence.

In California, living with wildfire is a fact, but to do so safely requires landowner and community preparedness. Goats are a common sense approach for reducing fire fuel loads—the brush, weeds, grasses and low tree branches that fuel wildfires—on private and public lands. Using goats to reduce fire fuel loads is a not an entirely new idea, but one that is growing in popularity. In many communities throughout California, including Oakland, San Diego, Contra Costa, Chico and Menlo Park, goats are eagerly anticipated annual visitors dotting hillsides and valleys, where they can be seen doing their part to reduce flammable vegetation for community fire safety. Goats naturally eat a diet consisting of 80 percent

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Garrison Keillor

THE OLD SCOUT

Eulogy for the Winnebago

Eighty-six percent of the American people believe the price of gasoline will climb to five bucks a gallon this year, a big shift in public opinion from a year ago when most people felt that oil prices were spiking high and would soon return to normal—which is 35 cents a gallon, same as a pack of smokes—and we'd be able to head west in our Winnebagos for a nice summer vacation.

This does not appear to be in the cards and Winnebago stock has fallen about fifty percent in the past year. If you are selling a big box on a truck chassis for as much as a quarter-million dollars when gas is at four dollars and rising, you are aiming at a rather select clientele indeed, folks who might rather buy a beach house in Costa Rica than go cruising the Interstate.

Nonetheless it's sad to see the motor home fade into the sunset. I used to despise them when I was a canoeist, of course. You paddle up to a campground at the end of a hard day and see a few RVs parked there, the air conditioners rumbling, the flickering blue light of the TVs in the windows, and as you set up your tent as far from them as possible, you feel a moral grandeur purer than you will ever feel again. A holy Christian pilgrim among the piggish heathen.

The fantasy of comfortable vagabondage lies deep within each one of us, though, and once, 30 years ago, driving a GMC motor home around western Minnesota, I fell under the spell. To have the freedom of the road and the comforts of home—your own books on the shelf, your clothes in a drawer, your brand of beer in the fridge—is an aristocratic privilege and I was happy to give up moral grandeur for a couple weeks and enjoy it.

Five-dollar gasoline is pushing that fantasy to the wall, and it's also showing most of us that we live in communities whose design is based on the assumption of cheap gasoline—big lots with backyard privacy make for a long drive to the grocery store. In the big old-fashioned city neighborhood, if you're bored in the evening you just stroll out the door and there, within five or ten minutes, are a newsstand, a diner, a movie theater, a palm reader, a tavern with a bartender named Joe, whatever you're looking for.

But in the sort of neighborhood most Americans prefer, there are only a lot of houses like yours and residents who give evening pedestrians the hairy eyeball. The mall is a long hike away and it's an amalgam of chain outlets, with a vast parking lot around it. To a person approaching on foot, it feels like an enemy fortress.

So we will need to amuse ourselves in new ways. I predict that banjo sales will pick up. The screened porch will come back in style. And the art of storytelling will burgeon along with it. Stories are com-

mon currency in life but only to people on foot. Nobody ever told a story to a clerk at a drive-up window, but you can walk up to the lady at the check-out counter and make small talk and she might tell you, as a woman told me the other day as she rang up my groceries, that she had gotten a puppy that day to replace the old dog who had to be put down a month ago, and right there was a little exchange of humanity. Her willingness to tell me that made her real to me. People who aren't real to each other are dangerous to each other. Stories give us the simple empathy that is the basis of the Golden Rule, which is the basis of civilized society.

So when gas passes \$5 and heads for eight and 10, we will learn to sit in dim light with our loved ones and talk about hunting and fishing adventures, about war and romance and times of consummate foolishness when we threw caution to the wind and flung ourselves over the Cliffs of Desire and did not land on the Sharp Rocks of Regret.

I'll tell you about the motor home trip and how lovely it was, cruising the prairie at night, stopping by a little creek and grilling fish on a Coleman stove, listening to coyotes. The vanishing of the RV only makes your story more interesting. One thing lost, something else gained. Life is like that. ■

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PET world

Asthma Affliction: Cats Benefit from Modern Medicine, Inhalers

by Steve Dale

Q: I think my cat has asthma and my vet said to put the cat on steroids. However, I'm a pretty sharp granny, so I checked the Internet. I found what looks like equipment to treat people with asthma also being used for cats. How can I learn more about this? I figure if my veterinarian knew about this in the first place, I wouldn't be writing you.

—S.G.F., Fort Lauderdale, FL

A: My guess is you've found the Web site, www.fritzthebrave.com. This site was named for a cat with asthma who's doing great thanks to modern medicine. There's lots of great information on the site, as well as videos demonstrating cats using inhalers similar to those used by people (called Spacers.)

Dr. Phil Padrid, based in Chicago, is one of the world experts on respiratory medicine for pets. He's also an associate professor of molecular medicine at the University of Chicago. Padrid helped develop a technique that transformed an inhaler for people to be used for cats, employing an inhaled steroid. While cats

are not nearly as impacted by steroid pills as people or dogs, it's still not the best option long term. The inhaled version of the steroid has far fewer potential side effects than steroid pills.

"Most cats really do respond," says Padrid. "In fact, if they don't respond, I tend to think the problem may not be asthma."

The inhalers are available at www.aerokat.com for around \$55 (no prescription needed). With a prescription, the medication for the inhalers may be purchased through www.universitydrugstore.com.

Padrid cautions that you still need to work with a veterinarian to regulate dosage, and for frequent follow-ups. If your vet is uninterested for some reason, consider a specialist member of the American Association of Feline Practitioners. Find one at www.catvets.com. Good job, Granny! ■

Steve's Web site is www.stevedalepetworld.com; he can be heard Sundays on WGN Radio, 8 to 10 p.m. (www.wgnradio.com to listen live), and hosts Steve Dale's Pet World and The Pet Minute, both syndicated radio shows. Distributed by Tribune Media Services, Inc.

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by Dave Barry

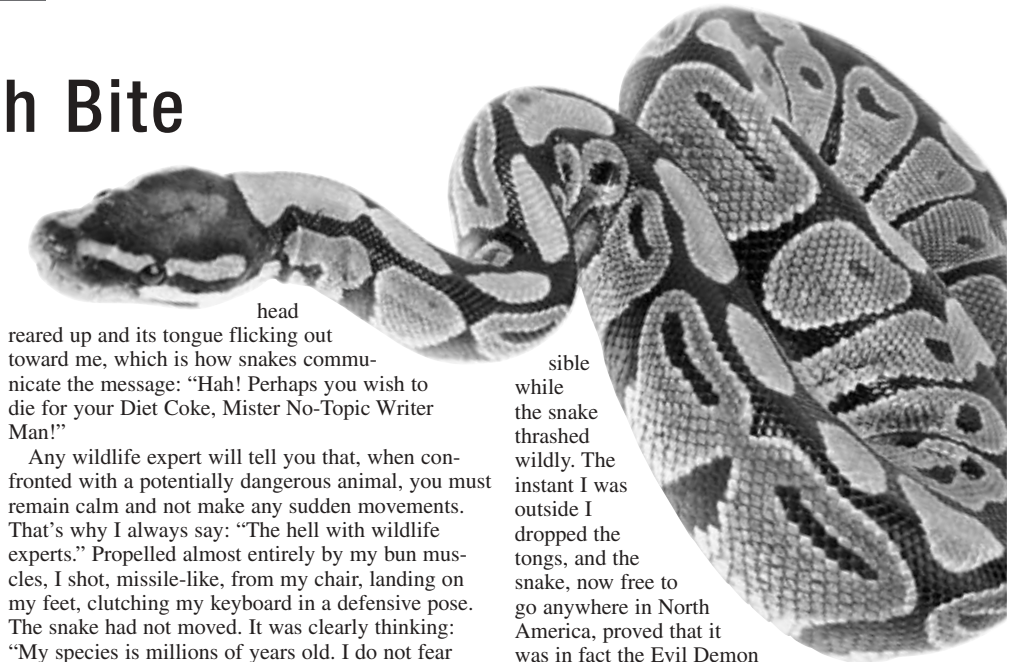
People always ask me: "Is it hard to be a professional writer like you and Joyce Carol Oates?"

Yes. Very hard. Here is a true example of the kind of difficulties we face: The other day, I was in sitting at my desk in my home office, doing what I do all day, which is frown at my computer screen and wrestle with professional writing issues, such as: "Do I have anything to say about this topic?" And: "What, exactly, IS this topic?"

This is tiring work, so roughly 35,000 times a day I have to take a break to eat something or drink something or scratch something. At this particular moment, I reached to my left to pick up my can of Diet Coke, and

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That is the screaming sound my brain made when it realized that my hand was, at most, two inches from a LIVE SNAKE. Really. As a South Florida resident, I'm used to having ants on my desk, but they are friendly, harmless and easy to smush. Whereas this was a full-blown snake, coiled for attack, with its



head reared up and its tongue flicking out toward me, which is how snakes communicate the message: "Hah! Perhaps you wish to die for your Diet Coke, Mister No-Topic Writer Man!"

Any wildlife expert will tell you that, when confronted with a potentially dangerous animal, you must remain calm and not make any sudden movements. That's why I always say: "The hell with wildlife experts." Propelled almost entirely by my bun muscles, I shot, missile-like, from my chair, landing on my feet, clutching my keyboard in a defensive pose. The snake had not moved. It was clearly thinking: "My species is millions of years old. I do not fear your keyboard."

So I ran into the kitchen and grabbed what I felt was the best anti-snake weapon I own: barbecue tongs. Brandishing them, I went back to the office and lunged at the snake. The good news was: I was able to grab it. The bad news was: I grabbed it in its midsection, and it was long enough (I am estimating 17 feet) that it could easily reach my hands with its mouth, and it was flailing around in a very irate manner. Fortunately, I was able to keep a cool head, as we see by the following verbatim transcript of my thought process:

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I dimly remember bursting out the patio door, with my outstretched arm gripping the tongs as far back on the handle as possible

while the snake thrashed wildly. The instant I was outside I dropped the tongs, and the snake, now free to go anywhere in North America, proved that it was in fact the Evil Demon Serpent from Hell by slithering directly into the swimming pool. Head high, it began to briskly swim laps in a counterclockwise direction.

"Ha ha, Barbecue Boy!" it was indicating. "Perhaps you do not have a large enough pair of tongs to handle the likes of me!"

So I had no choice but to pick up the tongs again and chase the snake around the edge of the pool, in that schizophrenic way that you chase a critter when you are actually terrified of it. Like, if you see a crab or a squirrel in your path, you keep moving toward it, not because you are brave, but because you believe it will run away from you. But if it's one of those renegade crabs or squirrels that run in your direction, you—admit it—turn and flee, whimpering, because even though you're 200 times the critter's size, you're afraid that it will bite (or pinch) you, whereas you know in your heart that you will not bite (or pinch) it.

We just have to hope that more critters do not figure this out. That was the situation I found myself in, chasing the Demon Serpent around the pool. I'd get close enough to grab it with the tongs, and suddenly it would reverse direction, and WHOA I was fleeing from the snake. This went on for several minutes—chasing the snake, fleeing from the snake, chasing the snake—until finally the snake made the classic tactical error of going into the pool filter basket. Once again, I was able to get close enough to get the tongs on it and

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This time, when I dropped the tongs, the snake went into the patio planter, where it disappeared. It's still out there somewhere, lurking, and now I'm a nervous wreck, wondering how it got into the house and where it will show up next.

I'm also exhausted. YOU try sleeping with barbecue tongs. ■

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nearby Lampson Field and the Aero Airport Shuttles provides shuttle services to and from the venues.

Exhibitors from Big Foot Air, Delta Seaplane Tours, Norcal Aviation, the Seaplane Pilots Association and Leading Edge Insurance will be providing information and seminars for anyone interested in flying and seaplanes.



Community support from Lake County, the city of Lakeport, the Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Lake County 4H Club, the Lake County Public Works Department and the Lakeport School District has made this the local, successful event it has become. Strong interest in the event from the community creates a popular event for families throughout the region and hundreds come to see the planes on exhibit in Lakeport.

Emblematic of this support is the recently established Lakeport Seaplane Festival. Now in its second year, the festival celebrates the annual return of the seaplanes to Lakeport. Taking place in Library Park 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, the festival features seaplane rides, model aircraft flying, seaplane flying exhibitions on the lake in front of the park, vendors, food booths and great fun for the whole family. Thousands of people are expected in Lakeport for the festival.

Seaplane pilots from throughout the region, and from out-of-state, attend to show off their planes and see others. Approximately 50 seaplanes are expected to attend, making an interesting day of flight and ground displays. Water bombing contests and spot landing contests will allow pilots to showcase their planes and flying skills.

The Lake County 4H Club will be providing food and drink during the day at the Natural High School Field and the Skylark Shores Resort as well as a tri-tip dinner at the Skylark Shores Resort Saturday evening.

See www.clearlakesplashin.com for complete information. Further details will be posted on the Web site as times and events are confirmed. Photos from past Clear Lake Splash-Ins are available on the Web site as well.

This event is in conjunction with the arts and crafts show in Library Park.

Field for Lakeport Council Race Finalized

Written by Lake County News Reports

LAKEPORT, CA—The field in the fall Lakeport City Council election is finalized, the city clerk reported. City Clerk Janel Chapman reported that the field of candidates who have qualified for the ballot include challengers Virginia “Ginger” Ingersoll, Suzanne Lyons, Marc Spillman and George Spurr, and incumbents Roy Parmentier and Bob Rumpfelt.

The election will take place on Nov. 4.

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Konocti Challenge Bike Ride



LAKEPORT, CA—The 18th annual bike ride, formerly known as “Pedal the Puddle,” is scheduled for October 4, 2008 and offers a beautiful view of Clear Lake. It will feature first-class rest stops and a world-famous chicken and steak barbecue. There are four ride options: 100- or 65-mile routes, or the less strenuous 30- or 19-mile family rides. The event is a benefit for the Rotary Club of Lakeport. The ride starts at 7 a.m. and the barbecue will be served from noon-6 p.m. Pre-registration can be done via the Web site listed below. Registration varies depending on ride option.

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Loch Lomond Vernal Pool Ecological Expansion Near Completion

by Robert J. Turney

Lake County, CA—The proposed expansion of the Loch Lomond vernal pool which has been running its course through the State of California Resources agency's Department of Fish and Game for several years, is now almost completed. Persistence, patience, money and partnership were critical to the success. Innovative solutions, working with state and federal agencies private foundations, and through common goals and

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Seeking Cobb Mountain Artists

Call for ARTwork

We are expanding to hanging art on downtown business walls and desire artwork and new members to bless our community with 2-3 month exhibitions. It is being organized with sales in mind, but exposure is also our intent. This event may be expanded to a monthly ARTwalk where further opportunity for musicians and crafts arise.

Life Drawing Sessions

We are also considering local ongoing life drawing sessions. We're pondering 3-hour sessions for \$15-\$20 depending on membership.

If either of these opportunities sound of interest to you, please contact Glenneth at 928-4158 for more information.

Farmers Market in Loch Lomond

by Robert J. Turney

The Loch Lomond Farmers Market is open and is offering wonderful vegetables for the community. The produce comes directly from the local farm, where it is lovingly grown.

Olivia, the manager of the Loch Lomond market has established and created a local stop to get fresh organic vegetables and fruit. On Wednesday afternoons,

If you miss that day, you can just stop-by at the Loch Lomond Market and they will have on stock, most of the same organics offered at the farmers market.

While you're at it, stop by at Giovanni's coffee shop and try the best coffee on the Mountain or have a fresh fruit smoothie!

You can also stop by the new flower shop and buy your sweetie some flowers, and if you need a fast gift or present, stop and see Madelyn at her shipping and mail store, you can even send a fax.

The Loch Lomond Roadhouse, serves great prime rib dinners on Friday and Saturday and they have ice cold beer and drinks. You can even go swimming at the historic Loch Lomond pool and stay a few nights at the beautiful and natural, Big Pines rv campground.

Remember that Loch Lomond is usually 10 degrees cooler than the valley and a great place to take a day trip and visit this summer and fall.

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mutual benefit made plans into realities.

The agreement between Fish and Game and the owners of Big Pines campground consists of the state of California purchasing a 1.5 acres of the 25-acre Big Pines campground, consisting of vernal pool habitat and upland Ponderosa pine forest in a land exchange (see figure 1). The 1.5-acre land exchange would protect actual vernal pool and adjacent upland Ponderosa pine forest.

Loch Lomond Vernal Pool Ecological Reserve (LLER) is classified as a northern ash flow vernal pool and is one of two protected in the Napa – Lake County region. This reserve was purchased and expanded to protect the vernal pool and four rare, endemic vernal pool plants: Calistoga popcorn flower (*Eryngium constancei*) many flowered navarretia (*Navarretia leucocephala* ssp *pliantha*), and the few flowered navarretia (*Navarretia leucocephala* ssp *pauciflora*) and the Loch Lomond button-celery (*Eryngium constannciei*).

Wildlife surveys have documented Pileated Woodpeckers and their nesting behavior was observed. Other birds observed in the area include: great blue heron, mallard, red shouldered hawk, red tailed hawk, red shafted flicker, Audubon’s warbler, white-breasted and red-breasted nuthatch, American robin and the western

bluebird. Amphibians, including the Pacific tree frog, California newt and salamander are known to use the vernal pool for reproduction and rearing of young.

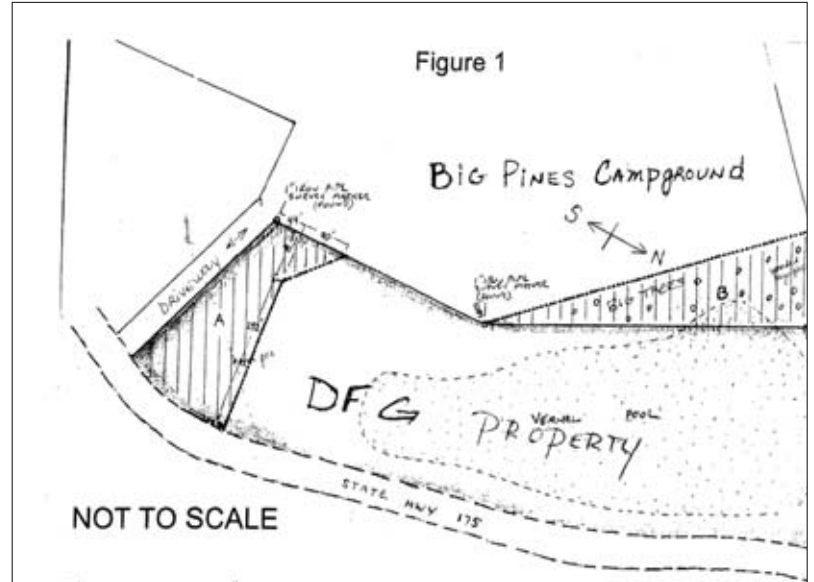
A plant inventory conducted in 1993-94 has identified about 175 species of plants within the Ecological Reserve.

A land acquisition evaluation (LAE) for the Loch Lomond Vernal Pool Ecological Reserve was completed, and a Phase 1 inspection, appraisals and surveys also were conducted.

The LLER was purchased in three separate transactions and currently consists of 13.5 acres and was purchased to protect listed vernal pool species. This land conversion involves a 1.5-acre portion of the larger parcel that was purchased from William and Rita Squire, et al in 1995, and is now owned in fee by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG). It is the southern upland area of LLER and was previously developed with cabins, a dwelling, a mobile home, sheds and well. It is currently covered with invasive broom and old foundations.

These 1.5 acres would be exchanged for 1.5 acres of prime Ponderosa pine and vernal pool lakebed at the north-western end of LLER and this area is in an undisturbed natural condition.

Big Pines campground is planning inter-



Map of Loch Lomond Vernal Pool Ecological Reserve.

pretive functions and guided tours and classes to view the vernal pool and learn about the reserve and its inhabitants. Call (707) 928-LOCH

A non-profit group called Friends of the Loch Lomond Vernal Pool Ecological

Reserve has been formed and is seeking members and donations to help build a new fence and install interpretive signage. Please call Bob Turney at 928-LOCH to offer help or volunteer.

GOATS continued from cover—

brush and weeds and 20 percent grasses, making them well suited to Lake County. Goats are particularly adept at getting into difficult-to-reach places like blackberry, broom or poison oak thickets, under trees, around rocks and on slopes; typically any place difficult for equipment and human workers to reach. The cost of using goats for vegetation control is comparable to other methods: hand labor, herbicide, mastication, and controlled burns and often causes far less public concern.

“The key to effectively using goats for vegetation control is good project design and management,” according to Alisa Carlson, owner of Brush Busters, a commercial goat browsing service located in Lakeport, California. She says there is a misconception that goats eat anything and everything. “Not true,” says Carlson, “successful browsing projects require monitoring to ensure healthy animals, healthy landscapes and progress to goal, whether the goal is reducing fire fuel loads, weed abatement or habitat enhancement.”

Carlson begins browsing projects by working with landowners to establish short-term vegetation management goals, for instance, reducing dangerous fuel loads, and longer-term goals—what landowners want their landscape to look in five years. “Don’t expect to just put a group of goats out on some land and forget

about them. That’s not consistent with good stewardship of land or animals,” advises Carlson.

After good project design, perhaps most important, is the ability to confine goats to a specific project footprint or to exclude areas from animal impacts. “Goats are clever, we’ve learned how to build really good fences, thanks to the goats,” laughs Carlson. Beyond fencing, managers of successful browsing projects must also have knowledge about a broad range of topics including selection of animals suitable for project goals, knowledge of plant life cycles and nutritional values, livestock physiology, behavior and care, and predator protection. Carlson adds, “Yes, there are many elements to be considered, but that is the nature of utilizing living systems.”

Alisa Carlson and husband Gary Gregory are owners of Cow Mountain Kiko Goats and Brush Busters Vegetation Management Service. They provide goats, gear, consultation and expertise for the management of large and small, public or private lands consistent with good stewardship practices.

More information about using goats for fuel load reduction is available at brushbusters.us, or contact Alisa at kiko-goats@wildblue.net or (707) 262-1577.

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Tallman Hotel Listed on California Register of Historic Resources

UPPER LAKE, CA—Upper Lake's Tallman Hotel was notified this week that it has been officially listed on the California Register of Historic Resources as a Point of Historical Interest. The California Historical Resources Commission approved this designation unanimously at its meeting on July 25 in the chapel of the Presidio at Santa Barbara.

The Tallman Hotel, originally constructed in 1896 by Rufus and Mary Tallman as the Lake County terminus of stage lines from Cloverdale and Ukiah, fell into disuse and disrepair by the mid-20th century. Derelict since 1962, the hotel was purchased in 2003 by Lynne and Bernie Butcher, who lovingly restored the building and converted it into a state-of-the-art boutique country hotel. "We're really happy with this California

all the modern conveniences."

The commission confirmed the view that the hotel is historically significant because of its simple western vernacular architecture, its connection to the pioneer Tallman family and, most important, the central role it played in the development of Upper Lake and Lake County as a transportation, tourism and agribusiness center at the turn of the 20th century.

Mr. Butcher thanked all those who actively supported the nomination, including Supervisor Denise Rushing and the County Board of Supervisors, Congressman Mike Thompson, Andy Peterson (past head of the North Shore Redevelopment District), County Marketing Director Debra Sommerfield as well as Tony Marchese and Randy Ridgel of the Lake County

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Top left: Derelict Hotel at purchase by the Butchers, August 2003. Top right: Tallman Hotel (then called Riffe's Hotel) in the 1920s. Bottom left: Tallman Hotel as currently restored.

Historical Society. In a letter to the commission, County Administrative Officer Kelly Cox stated that he was, "intimately familiar with this building, both in its dilapidated former state and as fully restored. The Butchers not only saved the building, but fully restored it and, better yet from our perspective, returned it to its original use as a hotel."

The Tallman Hotel joins seven other Lake County buildings similarly listed on the California Register, including the Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse and Lakeport's St. John's Episcopal Church.

Register designation," Bernie commented. "It confirms the fact that we did everything possible to preserve the heart and soul of the old building while adding tasteful period design elements and



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by Kaitlin Kraft

Trendy trench coats and chase scenes abound in director Peter Segal's remake of the '60s-era spy spoof of the same name, starring Steve Carell as eager Maxwell Smart and Anne Hathaway as foxy, headstrong Agent 99.

While the original Maxwell Smart, played on TV by Don Adams, has virtually disappeared, there are still remnants of what made the show popular in the first place; the film often tipping its hat with cute catch phrases like "Missed it by that much," "Would you believe...?" and "I can't believe I fell for the old [fill in the blank] trick."

'Get Smart' is Fun, Misses Mark by that Much

But mostly, we get Steve Carell just being Steve Carell, or rather, being Michael Scott—which for a lot of us fans of "The Office" isn't so bad. Steve Carell is a great actor, he has proven this more than once, (most notably in "Little Miss Sunshine") but has been pigeonholed as of late. Don't get me wrong; this vehicle does work for him on a certain level. The audience empathizes with him, as usual, in a "He means well" sort of way. I suppose if the shoe phone fits, wear it.

In the original show, adoring Agent 99 played Penny to Smart's blundering Inspector Gadget (a role Don Adams also took on), happy to clean up any mess he mistakenly got into. In the film, however, the playing field has been leveled and the two are constantly at odds.

The competition between Max and 99 elicits a few smirks along the way, usually when one turns to the other to boast about a high-tech spy gadget, asking: "Oh, you don't have one of these?" While the audience is quick to believe the duo's bickering, the subsequent and inevitable love story that follows is hard to swallow.

Supporting characters, for the most part, complement Carell and Hathaway nicely. Academy Award-winner Alan Arkin plays Chief, the head of CONTROL spy agency, perfectly, and even manages to steal a few of the movie's best lines. Dwayne Johnson takes on the role of a newly developed character, beefy Agent 23, and although everyone is quick to crack "The Rock" jokes, he actually has quite a knack for comedy.

In short, "Smart" just doesn't have the bite of Mel Brooks and Buck Henry's original scripts. The irony and grit of the television show has been polished and made safe for this year's film, though allusions to 9/11 amid an apparent

Russian/Cold War setting only seem confused and out of place.

Both Brooks and Henry were credited only as "consultants" on this year's movie, and I have a sneaking suspicion I know why. "Get Smart" is funny, but could have been funnier. Missed it by that much. ■

Kaitlin Kraft is a long-time movie buff whose writing appears in publications throughout the United States. Readers may e-mail her at kaitlin@gochp.com.



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- Oct. 2: HVLA BOD hearing, Country Club at 3:30 p.m.
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This year, the Kelseyville Pear Festival will feature an expanded Pear Pavilion that will highlight the town's agricultural heritage with historical photos and exhibits. Festival-goers will be able to learn all about the many types of pears grown in and around Kelseyville, affectionately known as the "Pear Capital of the World."

The Kelseyville Pear Parade, a Lake County tradition, kicks off the day's festivities at 9:30 a.m. and is a must-see for families.

The event, which is always held on the last Saturday in September to celebrate the local harvest, also features a quilt show, a fine arts show, local arts and crafts, as well as performances

throughout the day from local musicians, dancers and cloggers. Mule-drawn wagon rides through the streets add to the hometown feel.

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Time for the Board to Speak up

by Sid Donnell

Darrell Watkins and John Stoddard have perpetuated a continuing attack on the board of directors of the Clear Lake Riviera Community Association through "guest commentaries," letters to the editor and online forums. In the past, the board's members have elected to remain silent in the hopes that people would consider the source and realize that any response by the board to these people would only generate more unproductive commentary. Unfortunately, it would appear that by not responding to the lies and innuendo the board has lent credence to the claims of these people. The "guest commentary" by Darrell Watkins on June 20 in the newspaper was particularly hostile and defamatory.

The following facts relate to the falsehoods and defamatory statements published

in Mr. Watkins' guest commentary in the Lake County Record-Bee.

The commentary alleges:

1. That Alan Siegel and I are "imposters" defrauding the public.

Alan Siegel was elected to the board July 2004. He completed his term in June 2006 and left the board. Due to resignations by board members, Alan was asked to return to the board. He agreed and was appointed to the board in October 2006. In June 2007, the association had no nominations or volunteers to run for the vacant board positions. At the November 2007 board meeting, the board appointed Daniel Bridges who had volunteered to participate on the board. The board reappointed Alan Siegel and myself to fill the vacant positions resulting from lack of participation in the June 2007 annual election.

I had been volunteering as a member of

the Architectural Control and Planning Committee and was appointed to the board January 2006 to fill a vacancy created by another resignation. Clear Lake Riviera Community Association Bylaws state that "Any vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the directors then in office." They further state: "Directors shall be elected for terms of two years and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified (emphasis added), and not be eligible for re-election (emphasis added) after serving a two year term until they shall have not been a director for at least one year."

California Corporations Code Section 7527 states, "An action challenging the validity of any election, appointment or removal of a director or directors must be commenced within nine months after the election, appointment or removal. If no such action is commenced, in the absence of fraud, any election, appointment or removal of a director is conclusively presumed valid nine months thereafter."

2. "They have broken nearly every law on the books."

This charge is without details or factual basis and is totally unsubstantiated. No current board member has received any personal gain or consideration in conjunction with their service on the board, nor have they knowingly violated any laws or regulations relating to Association business. This board has always sought legal advice when questions arose regarding proper conduct of association business.

3. "They have defrauded the public by signing important contracts when they weren't eligible."

The eligibility of the board members has already been addressed. In order to have defrauded anyone the board would have to have obtained something of value under false pretenses relating to any contracts they signed. Nothing was so obtained and no losses to anyone have been sustained based on any contractual obligations signed by the board's directors.

4. The board "elected to employ a secretary as an independent contractor to avoid taxes."

A consultant with homeowner association management experience was hired by the board to assist a newly hired office manager who filled a salaried position. The consultant was contracted to assist the office manager as needed. She was not given any scheduled hours nor was she given any association equipment with which to perform her consulting services. She was correctly classified at that time as an independent contractor reportable on IRS Form 10-99. When the then current office manager left, the consultant was hired as a salaried employee and reported to the payroll processing company as such. This board has not attempted to avoid paying any taxes on behalf of the association. The board would have absolutely nothing to gain by erroneously classifying its employees.

5. The board "has abused the elderly both verbally and financially."

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6. "People are being forced to cut natural chaparral ridiculous distances (100 feet) from their homes."

Given the hazardous fire conditions in California, amply demonstrated by this years fires, the Association has made an effort to reduce the fire danger in our community. The association's weed abatement guidelines are distributed to members of the association and are sent out with notices of violation relating to the association's fire hazard abatement program. Nowhere in the governing documents or in the guidelines is there any mention of a distance requirement. Homeowners cannot be compelled to do anything outside their property boundaries.

7. The "association's own laws say 30 feet, and the board of directors is breaking the county ordinance and their own law."

As noted previously, the association has no distance requirement. The board of directors cannot be breaking the county law (Kelseyville Fire Protection District Ordinance 12) since the board does not enforce county ordinances and the ordinance applies to property owners not association boards.

8. "Some widows and single mothers are being fined \$250 a month because they can't afford to cut brush 100 feet every year. Some don't even know they are being fined because the Association is breaking the due process laws of the association."

The distance issue has already been

addressed above. No individual is fined without first being notified by a courtesy letter advising them of the alleged violation and requesting that they correct the problem or contact the Association office regarding their intentions to correct the problem. If no response is received and the violation is not corrected, both certified and first class letters are sent advising the individual that formal violation proceedings are starting and advising them of when the board will consider the matter and inviting them to appear at the hearing. A letter is sent within 15 days after every hearing reporting the hearing results. Each month individuals in violation are notified that a board hearing has been scheduled and that they have the right to appear before the board and present evidence and mitigating circumstances. The individual Mr. Watkins identifies as an abused property owner hasn't paid dues for a number of years and has been continually notified that she was in violation. She has elected to ignore notices relating to both her failure to pay dues and failure to correct the violation on her property.

9. We are "fining the elderly outside judicial rights."

The elderly aren't selected out for any special treatment. In fact, in most cases we have no knowledge of the age or status of any property owner on the association roles. Fines for violation of the CC&Rs are imposed in accordance with legal requirements outlined in the California Civil Code, Davis-Stirling Act, and the governing documents of the association.

10. Attempting to "destroy the CC&Rs through illegal amendments."

The board attempted to legally amend the CC&Rs. The meeting was publicized and attended by many property owners. An attorney representative, Beth Grimm, was hired to manage the amendment process. The procedure was done in accordance with the Civil Code and the association's governing documents. The attempted changes were never enacted due to questions relating to the mail-

ing of a corrected copy of the entire CC&Rs. The vast majority of the votes received approved of the proposed amendments. The current board neither enacted nor enforced the proposed 2006 amendments to the CC&Rs.

A group of volunteers have attempted to oversee the fair and impartial application of the laws and rules governing this common interest development. They have attempted to provide oversight of the daily operations of an organization with many competing constituencies. Their reward has been an unrelenting attack by a small group of individuals, individuals with personal agendas, intent on destroying the organization because it serves their purpose to have the association dissolved.

Unfortunately, the majority of property owners are unaware of the efforts and benefits that their Association provides. They won't become aware of its value until they lose it. Once the association is destroyed there will be no getting it back. There will be no covenants regarding property use and appearance that all property owners agreed to when they purchased their property. Property owners will then have no recourse to resolve problems

other than cumbersome and expensive civil legal procedures and no organization to represent them when the county approves actions that are detrimental to their ownership rights, such as approving the building of a 35-foot tall building that totally obstructs their view.

Nobody is forced to buy into a common interest development. Once you do, you are expected to abide by the rules. If you disagree with certain rules, there are legitimate means of changing those rules. If the majority of the property owners want to abide by the rules, no individual has the right to exempt themselves from the rules they don't like. Attacking the volunteer board members doesn't change anything. Many individuals buy into a common interest development precisely because they want certain rules that protect their environment, neighborhood and property values.

Sid Donnell lives in the Clear Lake Riviera and served on the association board.

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Lake view home on a cul-de-sac. 2 bed and a den that could possibly be used as a third bedroom. Tile and hardwood in most of the house, the master has new carpet. No steep driveway and room to be creative with landscaping. Call Ray Perry for more information.



1072 Martin St. • Lakeport South
MLS #106456 • \$215,000

Pristine home in Lakeport. 2 BR, 2 BA, with vaulted ceilings. Easy care yard. There is a den/office and separate 1-car garage. Large yard. Call IRENE RIVAS for more information.



5214 Hall Lane • Kelseyville
MLS #106518 • \$85,000

Rare opportunity to invest in a parcel located in the city limits of Kelseyville! Power, water, and sewer already in. Located at the base of the Mt Konocli. Located near other large parcels of land. For more information call Cheri Farrell.



1000 Oak Park • North Lakeport
MLS #102259 • \$471,100

Awesome 4-BR, 3.5-BA home, large rooms throughout. Currently under construction, home to be sold unfinished "As Is." Located on nearly an acre in parklike Oak Park Estates. Seasonal creek. Unfinished area under home could be permitted for bonus rm. Call IRENE RIVAS for more information.



10633 Sunset Ridge Dr. • Kelseyville
MLS #107135 • \$399,000

Enjoy the big lake view from your spacious living room or two decks. Hardwood floors and wood burning fireplace in the living room, an office. The spacious family room can have many uses. This home is simply the best the area has to offer. For more information call Ray Perry.



4265 Lakeshore Blvd. #16 • Lakeport
MLS #105217 • \$41,999

Senior Park. Corner space w/extra parking. Spacious 2 bed, 2 bath unit in good conditions, cooler, monitor heater, & cent. heat. Newer dual pane windows, kit. appliances, wash & dryer. Lg.covered porch, carport & a work shop. Call Cindy Campman for more information.



7341 Sierra St. • Nice
MLS #107238 • \$239,900

Brand-new home. Enjoy your morning tea on your deck that peaks through the trees. 2 bed, 2 bath w/2-car gar. Bamboo flooring, Cherry cabinetry w/granite & tile counter tops throughout. Cozy woodstove along with central air and heat. Call Cindy Campman for more information.



1185 Van Sleeper Rd. • Upper Lake
MLS #106182 • \$365,000

3 bed, 2 bath. Large family room w/office area. Easy care wood-like flooring, new counter tops & many other upgrades. Large screened in patio. 1,500 sq. ft. shop. Two wells, one is for irrigation. Great horse property with two shelters, tackroom and hay storage area. For more information call Cindy Campman.



1025 Martin Street • Lakeport South
MLS #107446 • \$39,900

Located at Fairgrounds Village, this double wide boasts a patio and outside storage building as well as a covered car port. Call Steve McKenzie for more information.



5830-A Kelsey Creek Dr. • Kelseyville
MLS #104924 • \$547,000

Large home on Kelsey Creek. Approx. 5 level acres. 3 BR, 2 BA, 2-car garage, new roof and garage door. Close to town and Hwy 29. 1 of 4 parcels available, subject to approval of lot split. Home available to finish yourself or wait until remodel completed by seller. For more information call Cheri Farrell.



5830 Robin Hill Dr., #30 • Lakeport North
MLS #106917 • \$97,000

3 BR, 2 BA home built in 1999 in beautiful lakeside setting senior park! Garden tub in master bath, bright and roomy kitchen opens up to dining area which opens up to spacious living room. Tandem carport with storage shed. For more information call Cheri Farrell.



4387 Foothill Drive • Lucerne
MLS #105817 • \$62,900

A mostly flat, buildable lot in a very nice neighborhood. Some views of the lake and Mt. Konocli. Water meter hook-up is already with all there and all utilities are available. Call Steve McKenzie for more information.



16270 Conestoga Road • Hidden Valley
MLS #104827 • \$74,900

This property is ready and waiting for you to build your new home. Enjoy the beautiful mountain and valley views along with all the resort like amenities that Hidden Valley Lake has to offer. For more information call Steve McKenzie.



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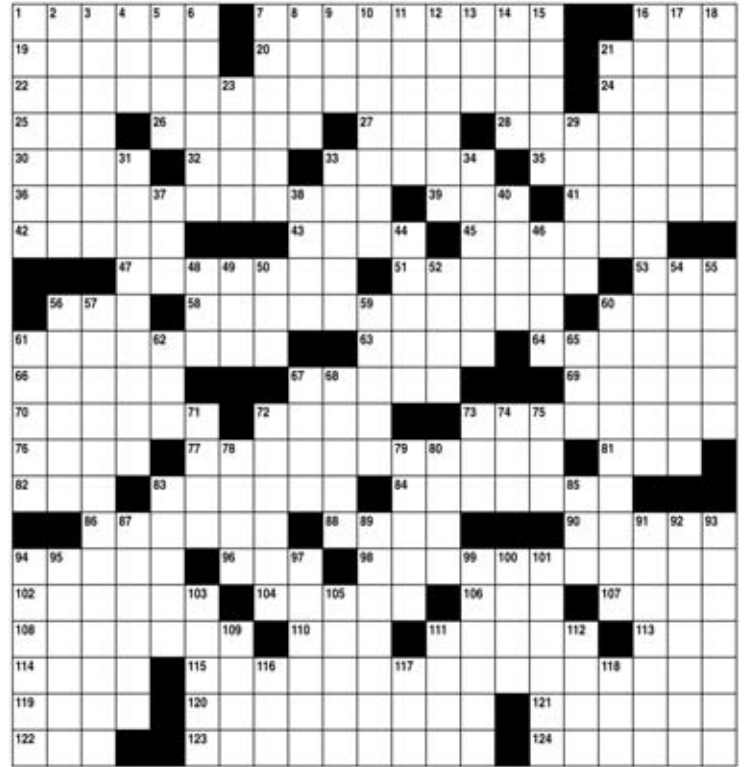


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What the H? BY BRENDAN EMMETT QUIGLEY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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 - 25 Sycophant's reply
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 - 58 Causes of meteorological phenomena?
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 - 2 Showed delight over
 - 3 River crosser
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 - 9 Summer setting in MA and PA
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Sports Trivia QUESTIONS

Compiled by Tony Serowik

- What do major-league baseball players Jackie Robinson, Frank Howard, Rick Sutcliffe and Mike Piazza have in common?
- Against which team did Hall of Famer Rod Carew get his 3,000th career hit?
- On the same day Carew was getting his 3,000th hit, what pitcher picked up his 300th career major-league victory?
- Who was the last University of Michigan football player to be selected first in the NFL draft before the Miami Dolphins took Michigan tackle Jake Long with the top pick in 2008?
- Who was the first golfer to earn \$100,000 in a year on the PGA Tour? On the LPGA Tour?
- Who were the two American women who won three gold medals at the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome?
- Name the three U.S. male track and field athletes who won gold medals at the 1956 Olympics and successfully defended their championships four years later at the 1960 Olympics in Rome?

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Why it Pays to Have a Water Softener

According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS)¹, 89.3 percent of US homes have hard water. That makes hard water the single most widespread water problem in American homes today. Since hard water reduces the effectiveness of soaps and detergents, leaves noticeable spots on surfaces and scale around fixtures, clogs pipes, water heaters and plumbing, and triggers dry itchy skin, the cost of hard water to the average home is staggering.

The long-term impact that hard water can have on household plumbing and appliances can be extremely costly. "If left untreated over time, hard water can calcify, causing damage to plumbing fixtures and appliances."² This damage can cause irreversible corrosion that leads to expensive repairs or pricey product replacements for such appliances as water heaters, washing machines and dishwashers. Plumbing and plumbing fixtures last much longer, too.

A good quality water softening system will solve your hard water problem. By purchasing or renting a quality system, such as a Rayne Water Softening System, customers can see a considerable decrease in the amount of soaps and detergents needed, while taking advantage of the increased lifespan of textiles and household fixtures. "...Clothes can last 33 percent longer, with up to 80 percent savings on soap and cleaning aids, and up to 75 percent savings from wear and tear on plumbing and appliances."³

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1. The USGS is responsible for collecting data on water quality and water supply throughout the nation.
2. Source: HGTV
3. Source: On The House, The Arizona Republic, 08/20/05
4. The International Water Quality Association (WQA), the trade association that represents the water treatment industry, has developed these standards and definitions for the water produced by the variety of water treatment devices.

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MLS #94752 • \$345,000

12542 Maple Ln. • Loch Lomond



Knotty pine and a large open living area is downstairs, a modern master suite with spacious bath is upstairs. New decks, 2-car garage and a basement that could be used as a bedroom or game room is included. For more information call Robert J. Turney.

MLS #104022 • \$249,900

2824 Spring Valley Road • Clearlake Oaks



Oversized corner lot (.31 acres) in desirable Spring Valley subdivision. Any way you look at it, this is a GREAT price! Seller financing available! For more information call Cheri Farrell.

MLS #102141 • \$23,500

9071 Fairway Dr. • Kelseyville



Classic home with modern touches, new carpet, tile and custom paint. Lots of open living space. Spacious downstairs could be a 4th bedroom, pool table or family room. For more information call Ray Perry.

MLS #107403 • \$315,000

6325 Lyons Road • Lakeport North



Tuscan-style 4 BR, 2.5 BA, on hill w/20 acres, wonderful views. Pompeii red kit countertops, dome ceiling in DR w/2-sided gas FP. Large master w/large Roman Jacuzzi tub, bidet, veranda overlooking orchard. 3-story elevator, large bsmt. Call IRENE RIVAS for more information.

MLS #107127 • \$319,000

7115 Fairview Drive • Kelseyville



Downstairs is a studio apartment w/kitchen & bath with separate entrance. Monitor heater, wood fireplace insert, deck w/roll-out awning. This home is spotless, and the mature landscaping is manicured. For more information call Ray Perry.

MLS #106316 • \$280,000

1877 Riggs Rd. • Lakeport



Custom home on one acre. Peaceful surroundings compliment the spacious lawn and landscaping. 4 Bed, 2.5 Bath. Cathedral ceilings in great room. Open kitchen, large deck 500 sq. ft. barn. Completely fenced. Call IRENE RIVAS for more information.

MLS #107303 • \$575,000

701 Mountview Rd. • Lakeport



Pristine manuf home on 2.5+/- acres. This great house has an open and spacious feeling with family room, dining area, kitchen and a screened in porch. There's a separate guest cottage. 2-car garage. Peaceful and private. Call IRENE RIVAS for more information.

MLS #107172 • \$369,500

454 Fairview Way • Lakeport



Lovely 3 BR, 3 BA home in Lakeport. Spacious living rm. Closet-in porch. Downstairs bedroom could be sm guest room, has small kitchen area. Separate entrance. House faces fairway and back of home faces Sayre St. Call IRENE RIVAS for more information.

MLS #107127 • \$319,000

10680 Sunset Ridge Dr. • Clear Lake



Stunning lake and golf course views can be yours in this spacious home on a large lot located on the 2nd fairway. Massive master suite with private deck is downstairs. A large kitchen. For more information call Ray Perry.

MLS #94752 • \$345,000

6521 E Hwy 20 • Lucerne



2 BR, 2 BA manufactured home with large living room. Covered porch, deck with views of lake, on 2 spacious lots. Lakefront lot with 120' long multi-level pier and electric swim platform that can be easily retrofitted into a boat lift. Call IRENE RIVAS for more information.

MLS #107087 • \$415,000

3299 Ogden Rd. • Lucerne



2 BR, 2 BA manufactured home on 2 lots. Nice level area with some views of lake. There is a large deck over the carport. Water supplied from well on adjoining parcel for 1 year. Call IRENE RIVAS for more information.

MLS #107086 • \$229,000

600 Bevins St. • Lakeport



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MLS #106815 • \$275,000

10540 Sunset Ridge Dr. • Kelseyville



Affordable living on the golf course. Manufactured home with a huge back yard. Close to the elementary school, this home is one of the best priced in the neighborhood. For more information call Cheri Farrell.

MLS #105339 • \$195,000

10790 Terrace Way • Kelseyville



Beautifully maintained home ready for your personal touches. Gazebo in front, storage shed in back. Laminate flooring throughout kit and LR areas. Open floor plan. Large master. For more information, call Janet L. Smith.

MLS #107612 • \$240,000

5830-B Kelsey Creek Dr. • Kelseyville



Level land, approx. 5 acres bordering Kelsey Creek. Open view of Mt Knocoti, close to town and Hwy 29. Appears to be well on property. 1 of 4 parcels for sale, subject to approval of lot split. Tentative parcel map available. For more information call Cheri Farrell.

MLS #104927 • \$245,000

1060 N. Main Street, #30 • Lakeport



Lived in only part-time, great family park. Bonus room off LR. Open floor plan. Close to schools/PO/shopping/hospital. Lake access w/pier, dock, boat slips, laundry facilities, showers. Financing avail. For more information call Cheri Farrell.

MLS #99082 • \$117,500

10 Knocoti Ave. • Lakeport South



3 BR, 3 BA home in Lakeport. This pristine property has all the amenities. Hardwood floors, new 1998 addition and remodeled kitchen. There is an office, sun porch, hobby room. Call IRENE RIVAS for more information.

MLS #106355 • \$449,000

626 Blue Oak • Lakeport North



This 17+/- acre, 2 parcels. Zoned 1 acre (per owner/per county) investigate your favorite building site while enjoying your comfortable, luxurious 2,800+/- sq. ft., 3 BR., 3 BA. estate home. Call IRENE RIVAS for more information.

MLS #105990 • \$999,999

7556 Wight Way • Kelseyville



3 acres just outside of Kelseyville. Perfect horse property. Front yard has been newly landscaped. Remodeled kitchen, laminate floors, fresh interior paint, open living room with rock hearth and wood burning stove. For more information call Cheri Farrell.

MLS #106174 • \$294,000

5565 Teton Way • Kelseyville



Large home on flat, double corner lot w/panoramic views of Clear Lake and mountains! 3 BR, 2 BA w/open kitchen to great room and living room. Hardwood floors, tile, tons of deck space with hot tub. For more information call Cheri Farrell.

MLS #105615 • \$375,000

16117 Pine St • Cobb



Great starter home or vacation retreat nestled on wooded lot. Covered deck. Recent remodel included roof and septic. Clean and cozy. Refrigerator stays. For more information, call Janet L. Smith.

MLS #105018 • \$151,000

8959/8965 Soda Bay Rd. • Kelseyville



3.9 acres, two homes that includes a 2 BR, 2 BA stick built home and a 3 BR, 1 BA mobile home w/lakeviews (now rents for \$650) across from Clear Lake. Inground pool, fruit trees, 2-car garage, crown molding, and privacy from Soda Bay Road. For more information call Cheri Farrell.

MLS #106180 • \$535,000

4995 Iroquois Trail • Kelseyville



Oversized corner lot with lake views! Septic in place with old foundation. Great subdivision, yearly dues only \$86 per year. Community pool, clubhouse, restaurant, golf course and elementary school. For more information call Cheri Farrell.

MLS #106502 • \$73,500

350 Armstrong St. • Lakeport



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MLS #101593 • \$315,000

5942-A Kelsey Creek Dr. • Kelseyville



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MLS #104929 • \$251,000

1050 Oak Park Way • Lakeport North



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MLS #102889 • \$549,000

12498 Black Oak Dr. • Middletown



Excellent visible location, with easy access to Hwy 175. Multi use property, many possibilities. This is a large parcel, water, power available at lot line. This is a very good parcel, great investment. Call Robert J. Turney for more information.

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