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DRIVING BIG, FINING SMALL

John Fazel proved he's more than thinker. He did come up with thoughts of spring, as a young man should. His thoughts in fact went back to the Spring Drive-In theater in Iowa where he was raised. With a faraway look in his eye, he murmured, "Spring spring grass is riz -- this is where the good times is." Apparently following that philosophy, John afterward introduced his new vehicle which one can hardly avoid seeing -- a giant Chevrolet "Pleasure-Way" super-RV complete with king-sized bed, TV set, and other amenities. Sure beats running along a dusty road.



While we're on John, his stylish picture on the front and back of "American Lifestyle" Magazine was passed around. He gave the usual unsatisfactory answer to the usual question -- no, he didn't mention LSR, nor was a pin in evidence. He told the truth on this point, so it only cost him \$20. The question arose as to whether he has returned the suit.



Ernie Furtado got off easier. He was fined only \$5 for the fact that Dan Herbert already was fined for his birthday a couple of weeks ago.

WE DON'T WANT TO DISCOURAGE HIS ATTENDANCE, BUT --

Thomas Raeth has put himself in an extremely vulnerable position. His display at the big Flower Show at the Cow Palace was an absolute knockout by all accounts, and somehow an article and two huge ads from the newspaper appeared. Now, he tried to wriggle out of it by mentioning LSR in the article and wearing a pin in the picture, but are we going to fall for such maneuvers? He of course was not here to face the music, but his time will come. By the way, this is the second Thomas from our little group to make the featured "Merchants" section in the Sun.



THE PRODIGAL SON

Good to see Charlie Franklin back!



A BUNCH OF GARBAGE

The only trouble with getting an M.A. in environmental science at a distinguished school like the U. of Michigan, as our speaker Jenny Oorbeck did, is that you can never quite get away from garbage after that. In fact, she is a recycling specialist with Central Contra Costa Waste Authority.

The State Legislature decreed in 1989 that the waste diversion rate will be cut by 50% (by weight). As of 2005, Lafayette had complied with the 50%; Moraga was even better at 52%. Orinda, on the other hand, was at a lowly 42%. Go figure. In 2005, Central Contra Costa threw away 150,000 tons of garbage.

Garbage-garbage, after pickup, goes to a transfer station in Martinez where it's compacted and loaded in enormous semi trucks which go to Keller Canyon Landfill in Pittsburg. Bulldozing and covering compacts it somewhat. That landfill has about 35 to 50 more years of space. It is lined with clay and plastic, and vented. Methane is a big concern; it is burned off, which can be seen from pipes sticking up from the ground.

Recycleables go to a transfer station in San Leandro, where it is sorted. From there it goes on to international and local re-manufacturers. The main products are plastics and petroleum. A main problem is styrofoam.

Jenny is available to help businesses. The 3 R's are Reduce, Re-use and Recycle. She encouraged buying recycled products such as copy paper, business cards, and TP, which are actually made up of about 35% recycled rather than 100%. When Al Sevilla for some reason objected to paying more for these items, Jenny said she'll take care of that, and offered a one-on-one meeting.

Our unruly crowd asked a lot of questions, such as why City and school officials don't seem to believe in many recycle receptacles, and whether residential or commercial generate the greater amount of waste (you guess).

Jenny very kindly said she's available to help. She's the Program Manager of the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority, phone 906-1804, email jenny@wastediversion.org, website www.wastediversion.org.

At about this time, our President-Elect arrived, yawning and rubbing his eyes. Showing that those in power take care of each other, the Pres levied a measly \$5 for such an egregious offense.



GUESTS

David Geary, Moraga Rotary
Hays Englehart (corrected spelling), still practically arrived
Joe Masciantonio, Dave Watson's bodyguard
Bob Schwein, needs no intro
Bill Killips, with Flaharty
Alex Arnold, with Edwards



UPCOMING

- 3/30: Expose Yourself: Al Sevilla and Jim Brencic
- 3/30: TGITLFOTM, Yeager's, 5:30
- 4/6: Dr. Peter Corona, educator and consultant
- 4/13: Mike Muir, grandson of John Muir
- 4/20: JoEllen Peterson, Raphael House and Sophia Project
- 4/28: District Leadership Training, Vacaville
- 5/4: Jill Buck, GoGreen Initiative
- 5/11: Lois Grandi, Playhouse West (great actress)
- 5/18: Amy Worth, MTC (formerly Orinda City Council), regional transportation
- 6/8: Shelley Sandusky, attorney, death Penalty in California
- 6/17-6/20: International Convention, Salt Lake City

