

## Linden weather

The National Weather Service office predicts 80 percent chance of showers Saturday, mostly sunny conditions for the rest of the week. Daytime temperatures 60-70s and 40s at night. Have a wonderful week!



# Linden Herald

Each week since 1959 • 65th year • Issue 3,363 • April 3, 2024 • Ph: 209-772-8854  
Post Office Box 929 • Linden, California 95236-0929  
A legal newspaper of general circulation • San Joaquin County's only locally-owned newspaper  
email: Lindenherald@gmail.com www.lindenherald.com 50¢

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

## THE POWER OF POSITIVE PEOPLE

SERVING THE CENTRAL VALLEY SINCE 1959

### Linden forecast, high/nighttime low, sunrise/sunset

(National Weather Service)

Linden latitude 38.0213 N • Longitude 121.0838 W • 92 foot elevation

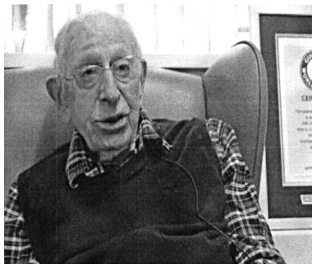
			1st light/sunrise/sunset		
Saturday	58/45	showers 80%	6:03	6:30	7:38
Sunday	63/41	partly sunny	6:01	6:28	7:39
Monday	64/43	mostly sunny	6:00	6:27	7:40
Tuesday	71/48	sunny	5:59	6:27	7:41
Wednesday	72/47	sunny	5:58	6:26	7:42
Thursday			5:57	6:25	7:43
Friday			5:57	6:24	7:43

## Elsewhere

By Linden Herald correspondents

### English gentleman has no secret for a long life

April 5 (UPI) — A 111-year-old resident at a British retirement home has officially been named the world's oldest



living man by Guinness World Records.

The record-keeping organization said John Alfred Tinniswood of Southport, England, was awarded the title after the death of 114-year-old Venezuelan man Juan Vicente Pérez and officials confirmed the former second-oldest living man, 112-year-old Japanese man Gisaburo Sonobe, died March 31.

Tinniswood, born Aug. 26, 1912, still gets out of bed himself, manages his own finances and listens to the radio each day to keep up with the news.

He attributed his longevity to "pure luck."

"You either live long or you live short, and you can't do much about it," he told GWR.

Tinniswood said he doesn't follow any special diets, but he finds moderation to be the key in remaining healthy.

"If you drink too much or you eat too much or you walk too much; if you do too much of anything, you're going to suffer eventually," he said.

Tinniswood has one daughter, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Spain resident Maria Branyas Morera, who holds the titles for world's oldest living woman and oldest living person, celebrated her 117th birthday in March.

(See back page—Elsewhere)

## Celebrating 2 centuries of life



**Ken Gray** (above photograph), long time Linden resident, was born on April 19, 1924 in a homestead dugout (something similar to a basement) in La Mar, Colorado.

He was raised on a 500 acre farm with his grandmother in a stone house with dirt floors, later moving to a 5,000 acre ranch where Ken's uncles were working cowboys.

The Gray Family moved to Yakima, Washington when Ken was a boy. His dad made 15¢ an hour working for a lumber company in the 1930s.

Ken walked two miles one way to grammar school and in high school four miles by a bicycle.

After school and on weekends (including Sunday) Ken worked at a greenhouse business for a dime an hour in wages.

He also picked pansies and cut asparagus on a seven-acre farm.

He worked for Studebaker as a mechanic and later became a pilot and taught flying lessons.

Ken Gray has had a wonderful full life. Congratulations to you, Sir.

**Alma Wagner** will be 100 years old on April 18, 2024. She was born in 1924 in Oakland.

Her grandparents lived in Linden and farmed 100 acres.

In 1950 they harvested beans.

As time went on, she met Harry Wagner. He had served in the Navy on a troop transport during World War II.

Alma and Harry married and moved to Lodi, where he worked for Super Mold.

Alma's grandmother needed help on the farm, so Alma and Harry moved to Linden.

Alma worked for Farmers and Merchant Bank in Linden for 40 years.

She was also involved with Rainbow Girls, Eastern Star and the Linden United Methodist Church.

Alma and Harry had two children; a daughter named Judy and a son Jim.

Her husband Harry passed away in 2015 and earlier their daughter passed away.

As Alma became older, she required a caregiver. The family hired Jimmy and he has been at Alma's side for 20 years.

Alma attends church at the Linden United Methodist Church.

The entire community wishes Alma a happy birthday.



Alma Wagner at her Linden home

## We're lost—help us!

Anyone missing these? They have been wandering around Sun Road off of Beecher Road.



## Coming home ... at long last

Editor's note:

TSgt **Robert Allen** (photo, right) was accounted for in September 2023, but his family only recently received their full briefing on his identification, which is why this release is going out now.



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced this week that U.S. Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Robert Allen, 20, of Oakland, California, killed during World War II, was accounted for in September.

In August of 1944, Allen was assigned to the 860th Bombardment Squadron, 493rd Bombardment Group, in the

European Theater of Operations. On Aug 18, Allen was a crewmember onboard a B-24H "Liberator," when it was struck by anti-aircraft fire after a bombing raid on a German position near Roye, France. Only one airman survived.

(See page 3—Hero)



The crew of the B-24 Liberator Spirit of '76 which was shot down over France after returning from a bombing mission. One of the crew survived. Sgt. Allen is in the lower right-hand corner of this photograph.

# Watch Commander's ... Night Report

Watch Commander's Night Report - April 5, 2024  
TOTAL CALLS: 876

- Robbery Arrest (1633) 7500 Block of Pacific Avenue, Lakeview District.

The male victim, 34, was working in an area business when the suspect entered, stole merchandise, and left the store. The victim confronted the suspect, and the suspect brandished a knife and fled the area. The suspect was pointed out to officers, detained, and subsequently arrested after an in-field show-up. ARRESTED: Thomas Giles, 35, for robbery.

- Armed Robbery (1939) 1600 Block of East Hammer Lane, Valley Oak District

The two male victims, 33 and 32, were in the listed area when the suspects approached, pointed firearms at them, and demanded their property. The victims complied, and the suspects fled the area.

Responding officers later located the vehicle and arrested two suspects. Officers also recovered an illegal firearm and the victims' property. ARRESTED: Josyah Day, 19, and a 17-year-old male for robbery and weapon charges.

- Attempt Robbery (2247) 9300 Block of Thornton Road, Bear Creek District

The employee victim, 64, was working in an area business when the suspects entered. The suspects brandished a firearm and demanded money. When the victim showed the suspect that he had no money, the suspect fled the area. SUSPECT: Black male in his thirties.

- Armed Robbery (2258) 6000 Block of North El Dorado Street, Lakeview District

The male victim, 24, was working in an area business when the suspect entered. The suspect pointed a firearm at the victim and demanded money. The victim complied, and the suspect fled the business. SUSPECT: Black male adult.

- Assault with a Deadly Weapon Arrest (2304) 1200 Block of Buena Vista Avenue, Civic District

The female victim, 55, and the suspect were in an argument when the suspect pointed a gun at the victim and threatened to kill her. When officers arrived, the suspect tried to flee on foot and was taken into custody. Officers recovered an illegal firearm the suspect discarded as he fled from the officers. ARRESTED: Michael Garcia, 23, for assault with a deadly weapon, weapon charges, and outstanding warrants.

- Homicide (0042) Wood Duck Circle and Quail Lakes Drive, Lakeview District

Officers responded to a report of a vehicle accident and located an adult male victim suffering from gunshot wounds. The victim was pronounced deceased by medical personnel. Detectives responded to assist with the investigation. There is no suspect information.

- Person Shot (0449) 300 Block of South San Joaquin Street, Seaport District

The female victim, 48, was in the area when she was shot. The victim was transported to an area hospital to treat her non-life-threatening gunshot wound. There is no suspect information.

## East San Joaquin County Sheriff calls

April 3  
\* 12:38 am, methamphetamine possession, Hwy 88 / N. Disch Rd., Lockeford

April 5  
\* 9:30 am, illegal firearms, unlawful possession, 9400 block E. Hwy 26

April 5  
\* 9:53 pm, illegal firearms, unlawful possession, E. Copperopolis Rd/North Jack Tone Rd.

April 8  
\* 5:30 pm, credit card fraud, 17100 block N. Jack Tone Rd.

## Quote ...

"To have a friend, a man must be one. We should live by the rule of what is best for the greatest number."  
*Clayton Moore, actor (Lone Ranger)*

### Linden Herald

Published each week since September 1959—65th anniversary  
PO Box 929 • Linden CA 95236 209-772-8854  
lindenherald@gmail.com  
www.LindenHerald.com  
Publisher Brian Reilly



## Linden churches

**First Baptist Church**  
17580 E. Hwy 26  
887-3010  
Sunday School .... 9:45 am  
Wed. Bible study.. 6:30 pm  
Youth Group  
Wednesday, ..... 6:30 pm

**Holy Cross Church**  
"In hos signo vinces"  
18633 E. Front St.  
Services:  
Saturday Confession 4:30 pm  
Sat. Mass (English) ... 5 pm  
Sunday .....9:30 am  
Spanish..... 11:30 am  
Wednesday Mass ..... 8 am

**Linden-Peters Full Gospel Church**  
400 N. Fine, Peters  
Pastor Judd  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sun. Worship ..... 11 am, 6 pm

**Linden United Methodist**  
19147 E. Main, 887-3362  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

**Farmington United Methodist Church**  
25626 E. Elm, Farmington  
Sunday Worship 9:30 am

1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10
11				12				13			
14				15			16				
17			18			19					
			20		21				22	23	24
25	26	27						28			
29					30		31				
32				33							
			34			35		36	37	38	
39	40	41				42			43		
44					45				46		
47					48				49		

## Crossword

By Myles Mellor  
Answers on page 6

### Across

- 1 This, for example, with "the"
- 4 Satisfied a craving
- 7 Shower alternative
- 11 Support for a bill
- 12 Assortment of chocolates
- 13 It's measured in square units
- 14 Do dinner
- 15 Adversary
- 17 An hour of prime-time TV, often
- 19 It's a boy
- 20 Infielder's mistake
- 22 Take the money and run
- 25 Gave high honours
- 28 Do some piano maintenance
- 29 Nursing home aid, perhaps
- 30 Sagelike
- 32 Test
- 33 High-pressure weather system
- 34 Tabloid
- 35 Undergo a chemical transformation
- 39 Natural desire
- 43 Slew
- 44 McCoy adjective
- 45 Pile up debt
- 46 Type of wind
- 47 Word repeated before "moons ago"
- 48 Auction action
- 49 "\_\_\_ in the Family"

### Down

- 1 Studied visually
- 2 Close to home
- 3 Statistical information
- 4 On the ferry
- 5 Acme
- 6 Got really angry
- 7 Boston or Chicago
- 8 Equal
- 9 Five-sixths of a dozen
- 10 Magician's stock item
- 16 Sculler's gear
- 18 A \_\_\_ technicality
- 21 Gospel
- 22 Period of success on Broadway
- 23 Unified
- 24 Oyster's place
- 25 Work on Broadway
- 26 It's more than a mere battle
- 27 This or that
- 28 Support for a tire swing
- 31 "I'm with you!"
- 33 Snitcher
- 34 Put faith in
- 36 Where Borneo is
- 37 Poky part
- 38 Like most N.B.A. players
- 39 Bench-pressing limb
- 40 Sweet flower
- 41 Prospector's tool
- 42 Mixed doubles team

Christianity is not a religion. Religion is man seeking a god.



But in Christianity it is exactly the opposite: it is God seeking man through Jesus Christ. Scripture informs us that God "sent His Son" into the world to seek and to save us that we might have a relationship with Him. It is a relationship that is certain, constant and continual.

It begins with a grip. A visitor to the Alps decided to go mountain climbing with a famous guide. As they ascended the mountain all went well until they came to a dangerous crevice. His guide held out his hand but the visitor was reluctant and hesitated. "Grab my hand," shouted the guide. "That hand has never lost anyone." So it is with God. "I am always with you," said the Psalmist, "You hold me by my right hand."

It continues with a Guide. God has a plan for each of us. He knows our possibilities and our limitations. Only He can guide us in the right path because He created us to be God guided in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. We often fall short of what God intended us to be and become but if we are willing he will lead us carefully and safely through life. The Psalmist wisely wrote, "You guide me with Your counsel."

It ends in glory - not a grave. What a blessed hope! He extends His sure-handed grip to keep us from falling. And with our hand in His, He guides us every day of our lives. Finally we end up living eternally with Him in heaven. All because our Father loves us with an everlasting love.

Everyone looks forward to a New Year and the hope it represents. "Well wishers" come at us from every direction wanting us to reap a harvest of joy and happiness, peace and prosperity. A "good new year" is a universal desire that everyone seeks. But how can we assure ourselves of having a Happy New Year? The answer comes from Isaiah 41:10.

First, we must honor the two "nots" - do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Fear and dismay will disturb our minds, trouble our souls and destroy our health. Only as we place our faith in the goodness and grace of God will our fears evaporate and dismay vanish.

Second, add the two "I am's" - I am with you and I am your God. Our God is always with us and we are never beyond His reach. When problems arise He wants to solve them. When needs arise He will meet them. When foes would destroy us He will conquer them. When storms appear He will calm them.

Third, we need to mix them with the three " / will's." / will strengthen you. He has all the strength we need with some to spare. / will help you. Here is help that is seeking us and is sufficient for every situation. / will uphold you. With what? The very same hands that hold the universe together!

If we want the next 12 months to be a Happy New Year we must begin every day of every week of every month of the year reading God's Word and spending time in prayer.

Visit us at [SowerMinistries.org](http://SowerMinistries.org)

## CHEROKEE MEMORIAL

Cherokee Memorial's compassionate funeral and cemetery professionals will guide you through the funeral planning, ground burial or cremation options as well as chapel and reception facility options all in one convenient location.

*Serving All Your Needs...*  
**All in One Location!**

**Funeral Home & Cemetery**  
14165 Beckman Road  
Lodi, California 95240  
(209) 334-9613

Monday - Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 3 pm  
Office Closed on Sunday  
FD 1657 • Insurance Lic. 0C60242

f p i Cherokeememorial.com

# PLANT SALE

## Linden Community Garden Club

Saturday, April 13  
9 am- 2 pm  
Linden United Methodist Church Church Parking Lot  
19147 East Hwy 26 • Linden



Linden Community Garden Club's 14th Annual Plant Sale

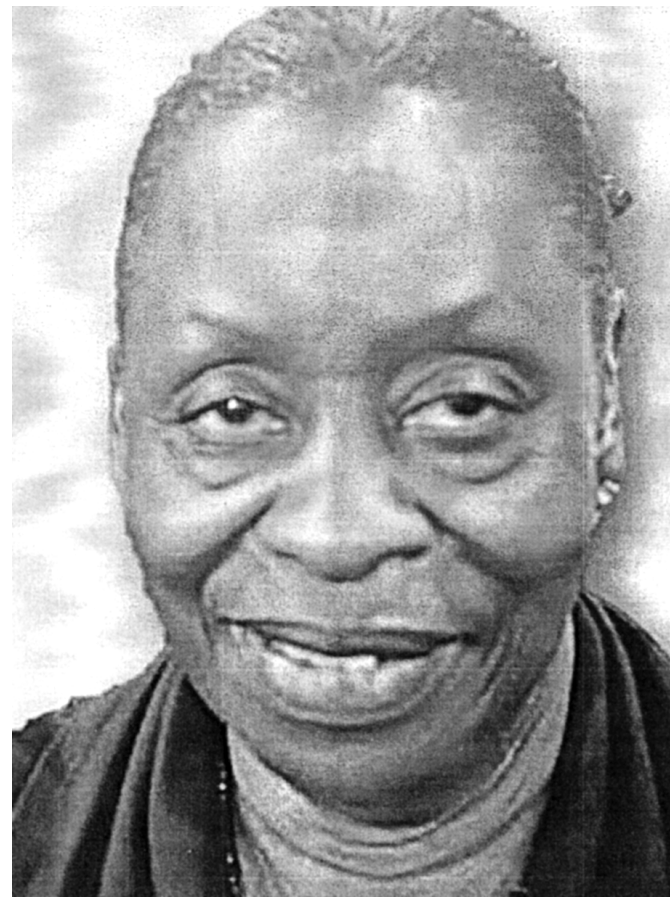
PEPPERS-SWEET & HOT

FLOWERS-ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, SUCCULENTS & LOTS OF OTHER PLANTS COME AND FIND SOMETHING SPECIAL

FOR QUESTIONS, DIRECTIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION CALL: JOYCE 209-403-3320

# Mazie Lee Hatch

Mazie Lee Hatch has died. She was born on August 20, 1942 in Alabama. She was one of nine children. Mazie married Willie Edwards and she had two daughters and two sons. Mazie moved to California and later in her life, married Freddie Hatch Jr. They had one son, Freddie Hatch III. Mazie and Freddie worked for Lockheed Missile and Space Company for 40 years. They both retired on the same day.



Mazie and Freddie purchased and built their dream home in Valley Springs.

Mazie and Freddie were involved in many activities in the Linden area. Freddie passed away in 2012 and Mazie continued to live in Valley Springs. Mazie was a member of the Methodist Church in Linden.

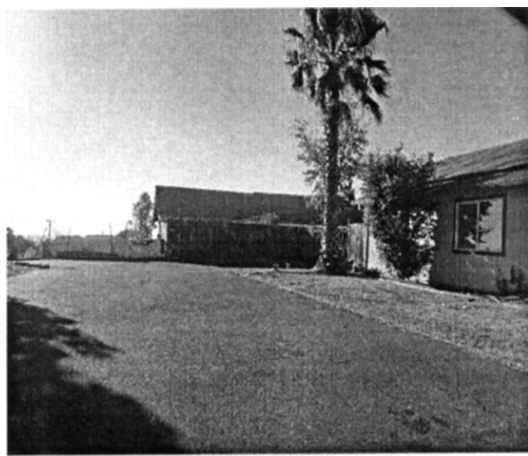
had a love for making zucchini bread which she shared with so many of her friends.

She will be returned to her Alabama home for a family memorial service.

She was known for her kindness and beauty. She

# HOME FOR SALE

**3 bd., 2 bath • \$369,000**  
**6402 Baldwin St**  
**Valley Springs**  
**(209) 772-9390**



# Stockton Monuments



Serving Linden, Stockton, Galt and the Foothill area for over 22 years

**209-942-2747**

Fax: 209-942-2722

821 E. Harding Way • Stockton  
office@stocktonmonuments.com

## More

### Hero

while the other eight crew members, including Allen, were killed. German records indicate the bomber crashed roughly two kilometers west of Boussicourt, where the remains of several individuals were recovered and buried in a village cemetery near Pierrepont-sur-Avre, France.

Beginning in 1945, the American Graves Registration Command (AGRC), Army Quartermaster Corps, was the organization tasked with recovering missing American personnel in the European Theater. Following the war, the AGRC disinterred and identified six sets of remains recovered from the cemetery at Pierrepont-sur-Avre. At the time they were unable to account for Allen and one other crewmember.

In 2018, a DPAA recovery team excavated a site near Boussicourt which they believe correlated with Allen's

crash site. While there, they were able to recover possible remains along with other materials believed to be associated with the B-24H. This new evidence, along with previously unidentified remains, were sent to the DPAA laboratory for analysis and identification.

To identify Allen's remains, scientists from DPAA used anthropological analysis. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Allen's name is memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at Ardennes American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Neupré, Belgium, along with others still missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Tech Sgt. Allen will be buried in Sacramento on July 12, 2024.

For family and funeral information, contact the Army Casualty Office at (800) 892-2490.

DANIEL PURVIANCE  
SAMUEL PURVIANCE

(209) 887-3554  
FAX (209) 887-3574



**PURVIANCE**  
**DRILLERS,**  
**INC.**

WELL DRILLING, PUMPS & IRRIGATION SYSTEMS  
CONT. LIC. 377923  
17707 E. HWY 26, P.O. BOX 64  
LINDEN, CA 95236

# Lawmen want to buy your guns

The Stockton Police Department is participating in a Gun Buyback event. The event will be on Satur-

day, April 27, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Harrison Street parking lot, 300 N Harrison St, Stockton

# Huge improvements for Stockton Metro

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors this week approved \$26,225,000 to fund transformative improvements at the Stockton Metropolitan Airport (SCK) which will support revitalization of key facilities, increase capacity for commercial airline service and attain future economic development goals.

The funding will be used for the following infrastructure projects:

\* \$8 Million: Terminal Investments. Construct a new five gate, at-grade hold room designed to comfortably accommodate 400 peak hour passengers. Remodel parts of the existing baggage claim, Transportation Security Administration security area and ticket counter portions of the existing terminal. Add new baggage conveyors, provide space for rent-a-car counters and update restrooms.

\* \$7 Million: West Ramp Restoration/Redesign. Restore and redesign the west ramp to accommodate new hangar construction.

\* \$5.8 Million: New Hangars/Awnings. Construct new aircraft storage hangars (38 units), aircraft sunshade awnings (10 units). Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) awning, and replacement commercial hangar.

\* \$4.5 Million: Commercial Hangar Acquisition. Acquire an existing commercial hangar to update and repurpose portions, or all, of the building and its site.

\* \$600,000: Construct a Pilot Center and Self-Serve Fueling Facility.

\* \$325,000: Air Traffic Control Tower Study. Complete a siting study for a new FAA-operated/County-owned air traffic control tower.

"These improvements are much needed and a long time coming," said SCK's Airport Director, Richard Sokol. "SCK's current air carrier terminal building is more than 60 years old. Over the years, some basic mechanical systems of the building have been

repaired, but the layout and functionality of the building has gone essentially unchanged. In addition, aircraft size and passenger load has increased and the way airlines use airport facilities has substantially changed since the 1960s. The existing building must be updated to successfully meet the needs of air carriers who wish to grow the airline market at SCK."

Sokol noted that the building was originally designed for airplanes seating 50 passengers, while today's operators feature aircraft seating 138 passengers or more. He also said the existing passenger hold room was added in 2011, but its size cannot support concurrent operations of multiple aircraft used by today's airlines. In addition, security rules and procedures did not exist in 1965 and the way outbound bags are processed has also changed dramatically.

"This funding is a huge step to help attract prospective airline carriers and cargo operators to our region and contribute to jobs, economic development, and overall quality of life," said San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Chair, Miguel Villapudua. "We foresee a time in the near future where we are transporting thousands of passengers each day on multiple airlines to destinations across the U.S. SCK already serves a market of over 1.2 million residents from San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties alone. The addition of an updated terminal with a competitive scheduled airline service would greatly enhance the economic vitality of the County and Central Valley."

Upon the funding approval, the Board also authorized County staff to solicit qualifications for professional vendors for two progressive design-build construction projects, one for the airline terminal building and a second for the general aviation ramp and other structure improvements.

# Let's KEEP ON LAUGHING!



Volcano Theater actors Michelle Checkley, Maya Mireles and James Dove

Volcano Community Theater presents "Keep On Laughing"

Those crazy "Exit Laughing" ladies are back with bigger laughs and even bigger surprises! When last we saw them, the ladies were leaving for Europe, courtesy of their departed friend, Mary, all the while carrying the urn containing her ashes on this trip of a lifetime! Back at home, Connie's daughter, Rachel has married her old Chippendale-stripper-college-law-student boyfriend and they are expecting twins!

Connie, Leona and Millie return from their travels to tell hysterical stories of their adventures, including one which got somewhat out of hand. Level-headed Connie has returned with more "baggage" than when she left... and he's French!

The play takes place through May 11 for weekend performances at 7:30 pm (Sunday 2 pm) at the theater located in downtown Volcano, 16121 Main St. phone: (209) 419-0744.

The historic theater is located about an hour's drive east from Linden along Hwy 88.

**SAN JOAQUIN ASPARAGUS FESTIVAL**  
**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup>**  
 NOON-10PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY • NOON-8PM SUNDAY  
**GREAT FOOD & SAFE FAMILY FUN!**  
**CARNIVAL & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**SHOP FROM OVER 250 VENDORS**  
**DEEP FRIED ASPARAGUS & MORE!**  
**SANJOAQUINASPARAGUSFESTIVAL.NET**

DISCOUNT TICKETS & UNLIMITED CARNIVAL RIDE WRISTBANDS ON SALE NOW AT:  
 Save Mart Lucky  
 San Joaquin County Fairgrounds  
 1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton  
 916-370-3647

**Freshness STARTS HERE**

*We are proud to be a part of the Linden community for over three generations. We are stewards of the land, committed to delivering the highest-quality produce from our orchards.*

Find out more about our pursuit for perfection  
[moradaproduce.com](http://moradaproduce.com)

M O R A D A  
 PRODUCE COMPANY

# Tight lines ... by E-Rod

Lake McClure Merced River and Lake MC Swaine Park Headquarters 9090 Lake Mc Clure Road Snelling. Phone 209-354-2955 info at Lake McClure.com The lake Offers some of the best water recreation in California. Fishing throughout the year is popular for bass with large fish reported at McClure.

Lake McSwain host bi-annually fishing derby for trout in April and in October there is a 10 mph speed limit makes for peaceful full fishing. You can submit your photos to: photosandstories@mercedid.org there are a number of the facilities closed so check ahead for current conditions. Lake Don Pedro Res. 10201 Bonds Flat Road La Grange, phone 209-852-2396 boat rentals

ext.108 In the Sierra Nevada Foothills boating and fishing in 160 miles of shoreline 13,000 surface acres of water some of the popular fishing is under the Hwy 49 Bridge.

I call this Amber's Spot. East of Hwy 49 tributary creeks are closed to fishing between November and April so check with the department of Fish and Wildlife regulations. The Don Pedro Recreation



Agency has been stocking Florida Strain Black Bass on an annual basis since the early 1980s. Reports of large bass small mouth and spotted bass caught in recent years. Watch for a "boil" (schools of fish feeding on bait fish) is something special to witness.

Contact one of the two marinas: Moccasin Point or Fleming Meadows for current information on where to troll where to bank fish. (Watch out for rattlesnakes!) and what bait and tackle is working best at the moment. The Tuolumne River is also known for being the fastest

river in the West with a category 3 rating for the shear drop if you like white water. Please don't attempt this without a professional raft staff member. email Recreation Staff at: dprc@tid.org E-ROD Fishing report for the Linden Herald

## De Vinci's

Delicatessen & Catering

Now open Mon-Sunday  
10:30 am-8 pm

Since 1977

- Catering
- Take Out

18847 E. Front St.  
Linden  
209-887-2121

### RENTAL SERVICES

- CERTA SET
- BIG GUN
- ALUMINUM
- MAIN LINE
- HDPE PIPELINE
- WELL & PUMP SERVICES
- PORTABLE PUMPS
- SPRINKLER PIPE
- FILTER (PORTABLE)
- CERTA LOK PIPELINE

### PUMP SERVICES

- DEEP WELL TURBINES
- DOMESTIC PUMPS
- PORTABLE AND CLOSE COUPLED
- FULL SERVICE 7 DAYS

**PACIFIC  
SOUTHWEST IRRIGATION**

STOCKTON ..... (209) 460-0450  
 DIXON ..... (707) 678-4277  
 CROWS LANDING ... (209) 837-4669  
 BALLICO ..... (209) 634-7010  
 HOLT ..... (209) 921-6011

[pacsouthwestirr.com](http://pacsouthwestirr.com)





**More about...  
Elsewhere**

**Cop plays  
tackle football  
with a runaway pig**

April 5 (UPI) — A Utah police officer was caught on camera dive-tackling a pig running loose through a residential neighborhood.



Grantsville police said three pigs had been on the loose for several days and the porcine perpetrators were accused of leaving a trail of destruction in their wake.

"I'd say about a week ago we got a call about a couple of loose pigs running around town, getting into people's yards and going through their gardens, going through their animal paddocks and things like that," Officer Cory Cooper told KSTU-TV.

Cooper said he and about four other officers responded when the pigs were spotted in a neighborhood on Thursday. Cooper was caught on video doing a dive-tackle to catch one of the four-legged fugitives.

"Pigs are notorious for escaping," the officer said. "I've known a lot of people who've had them and I've had some experience chasing pigs down when they get out."

Cooper said all three pigs were captured and taken to an animal rescue.

**Take another look  
at your kids'  
old comic books**

April 5 (UPI) — A copy of the comic book that introduced Superman to the world became the world's most expensive comic book when it fetched \$6 million at auction. Heritage Auctions said the copy of Action Comics No. 1,



the 1938 comic book featuring the first appearance of Superman, attracted a record-breaking high bid of \$6 million at Thursday's auction.

The comic book, featuring the iconic Man of Steel on its cover, was inspected by collectible-grading service CGC and given a grade of "Very Fine+ 8.5," making it the third-highest graded copy of Action Comics No. 1 known to still exist.

CGC said only about 100 copies of the comic are believed to still exist, as the service has only graded 78 copies over the years.

The comic was published by National Allied Publications, the predecessor to the modern-day DC Comics.

The previous record for most expensive comic book was a copy of Superman No. 1 that sold privately for \$5.3 million

in 2022.

The previous most expensive comic book sold at auction was a CGC Near Mint+ 9.6 copy of Amazing Fantasy No. 15, the first appearance of Spider-Man, which sold for \$3.6 million in September 2021.

**Cops come to  
Florida  
gator aid**

April 8 (UPI) — A Florida woman had to call 911 to get help ejecting an unwanted house guest: a nearly 8-foot-long alligator.

Mary Hollenback said she was at her home in Venice's Grand Palm Community when she heard banging at her front screen door.



"I thought it was somebody else who didn't live here trying to get into the wrong house," Hollenback told WTVT-TV. "I got off the couch and came around the door prepared to say, 'You're in the wrong place.'"

Hollenback said she had two thoughts when she saw the actual source of the sound: "One is, 'Oh my gosh, I have an alligator in my house,' and number two is, 'Oh my gosh, I have an alligator in my house; how am I going to get rid of him?'"

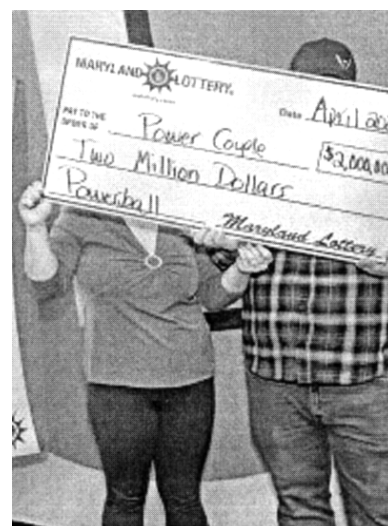
Hollenback called 911, and it ended up taking the combined efforts of several Sarasota County sheriff's deputies and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers to get the 7-foot, 11-inch gator out of the house.

The homeowner said the gator must have traveled from a nearby pond to force its way through her door.

"He had to go through two yards, cross the street and come into my house, but nobody saw him, and it's very surprising," she said.

**Big 'mistake'  
leads to  
big money**

April 8 (UPI) — A Maryland man who mistakenly bought two identical tickets for the same Powerball drawing ended up winning a pair of \$1 million prizes.



The Annapolis man told Maryland Lottery officials he visited the 7-Eleven store on Bestgate Road in Annapolis and used the lottery terminal's

replay feature, which scans old tickets for winners and prints new tickets bearing the same numbers.

The man said he didn't consider that his stack of tickets to scan included some bearing the same sets of numbers, so he ended up with some duplicates.

The player brought his tickets back to scan them after hearing the 7-Eleven had sold two \$1 million winning tickets. He said he realized he had duplicates when four of his tickets won \$4 each.

The man said he was shocked when he scanned a ticket that matched the first five numbers from the drawing, earning a \$1 million prize. The player called his wife before scanning the rest of the stack.

"We had our crying moment," he recalled. "Twenty minutes after that, when I put the ticket down, I went back to the other tickets."

The man's wife said he predicted what happened next. "He said, 'I still have tickets to go through. What if I have the second million-dollar ticket?'" she recalled.

The man discovered he did indeed possess the second \$1 million ticket.

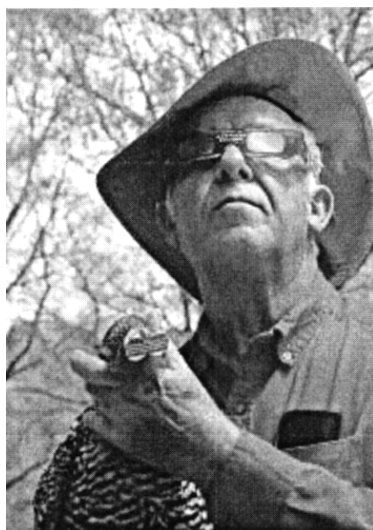
"It was mind-blowing," he said. "I had no idea I doubled it."

The couple said they plan to invest their winnings.

**A chicken in every  
pot and a pair of  
eclipse-protective  
spectacles  
for every chicken**

April 9 (UPI) — One unusual solar eclipse spectator who watched the sun disappear in Arkansas is going viral for her particularly tiny pair of protective glasses and her feathered form.

Tad Fendley, of Amity,



watched the eclipse Monday with his pet chicken, Gertrude, in his arms and wearing her own pair of eclipse protection glasses.

Fendley's sister, Carolyn Fendley Shell, snapped a photo of the scene and posted it to social media, earning Gertrude several new fans.

Fendley told KTHV-TV that Gertrude was so excited by her first solar eclipse that she laid an egg during the event.

The brother and sister said they attempted to outfit their cows with eclipse glasses so they could also enjoy the rare phenomenon, but the animals weren't interested in donning eye wear.

**The normal person  
would have the  
boat throttle  
at full speed ahead  
with 'Jaws' nearby**

A serene day on the water took a turn when a curious



great white shark approached a small fishing boat. One of the fishermen, who floated idly at the back of the boat, was blissfully unaware of the approaching predator. A drone flying above captured the entire scene. The drone operator could see the approaching shark and the obliviousness of the group on the small boat. In a desperate attempt to warn the fishermen, the drone operator starting making erratic maneuvers with the drone.

This caught the fisherman's attention on the boat, who quickly realized the gravity of the situation.

With urgency, the friend in the water was alerted and leapt back onto the boat, narrowly escaping a close encounter with the great white shark.

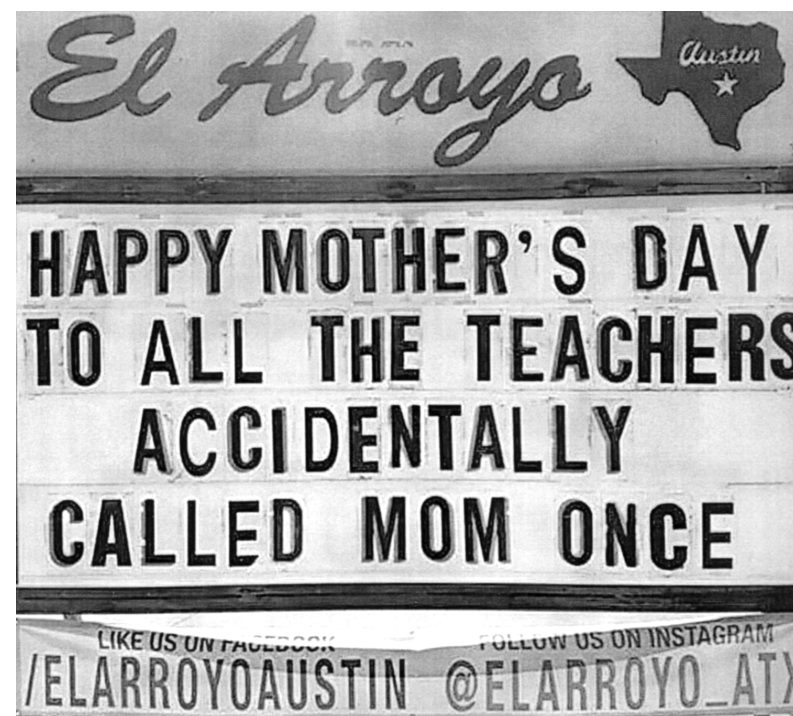
**Want to live to 130?  
eat fish & legumes**

Valter Longo, who wants to live to a healthy 120 or 130, sees the key to longevity in diet — legumes and fish — and faux fasting. Dr. Longo, who is also a professor of gerontology and director of the U.S.C. Longevity Institute in California, has long advocated longer and better living through eating Lite Italian, one of a global explosion of Road to Perpetual Wellville theories about how to stay young in a field that is itself still in its adolescence.



In addition to identifying genes that regulate aging, he has created a plant- and nut-based diet with supplements and kale crackers that mimics fasting to, he argues, allow cells to shed harmful baggage and rejuvenate, without the down side of actually starving. He has patented and sold his ProLon diet kits; published best-selling books ("The Longevity Diet"); and been called an influential "Fasting Evangelist" by Time magazine.

**Restaurant  
sign of the week**



**Sunrise Pharmacy, Inc.**

51 Wellness Way #110,  
(Valley Springs Wellness Center)

Email: SunrisePharmacyInc@gmail.com

Phone: 209.584.9088 Fax: 209-772-9089

Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM- 5 PM

Available Covid-19 Booster-Shots

• Moderna Bivalent

• Pfizer Bivalent

No appointment is necessary

Other Available Vaccines

• Flu shot • Pneumonia

• Shingles • Tetanus

Test to Treat Covid-19 Program

If you have been exposed to Covid-19 and are at elevated risk for severe illness, you can now get free same-day testing and free antiviral medication. Treatment should start as soon as possible. Call the pharmacy anytime if you have questions.