

EDITOR'S DESK

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A Day of Plenty

The seasons are sure tumbling into each other at a crazy pace! Where did summer go so suddenly, and when did Christmas decorations beat Thanksgiving decor in stores and malls during the first week of November? Has it now just become a seasonal holiday marker before Christmas, a day to be rushed through?

Hopefully, Thanksgiving is still our 'rudder', our 'granny gear' day to slow us down a bit as we race through the year; a day to enjoy all we are blessed with, to appreciate those who make a difference in our lives. A day still considered special to spend precious, quality time with those who make it all worthwhile, family. No matter how you enjoy your Thanksgiving Day this year, or who you have at your festive, holiday table, remember the history behind this Thanksgiving day; a day of harvest and plenty, a day of thankfulness, a day of friendship and family. Remember to count your blessings before you enjoy that meal!

Volcano Press

Volcano Press has been publishing books on domestic violence and women's health for forty years. Forty years ago, the domestic violence movement consisted of a handful of grass-roots shelters, struggling to survive. And yet the struggle to end domestic violence is still a movement. Although today there is the federally funded Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and many dedicated community agencies, activists, counselors, attorneys, law enforcement, and caring families and friends, there is still a long way to go. We are living in a time of violence. If we can develop tools and understanding to effectively stop intimate violence, perhaps we can develop tools and understanding to end all violence in our time. Towards this goal, we continue to pledge our allegiance. We hope that the Volcano Press books will be of assistance. We are now making available some fine books and pamphlets from other publishers, and plan to add more as we learn about them. Please let us know of good materials that we are not carrying.

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Copperopolis

Copperopolis Christmas Extravaganza, December 5th, 2009, 10 am - 4 pm craft fair at Copperopolis Elementary School (in multipurpose room). Bake Sale (proceeds to benefit Copperopolis Elementary), Raffle prizes (donated by the crafters, proceeds also to benefit the school). 2pm: First EVER Copperopolis Christmas Parade - Main Street - starts at Armory and ends at Copperopolis Elementary School; 5:30, Fifth Annual Christmas Tree Lighting - Copper Park (next to Copperopolis Elementary) to be followed with caroling, hot cocoa and cookies (in the Copperopolis Elementary School multipurpose room). Event sponsored by C.A.B.A. and Dream-Scapes Entertainment. Contact: Becky Winter (209) 785-9874. More info available by emailing: info@dreamscapesentertainment.net

Food and Fun, late!

Some evenings get so busy that before you know it, it is past dinnertime and most of the places you can grab some real food (not fast food) have already closed in the Sutter Creek/Jackson areas. I expect this will happen more often as the holidays completely bamboozle us! That's what happens in gold country, when by 9pm most places are closed.

Well, happily I was reminded of a fun and lively place that's open til 10pm weekdays and later on weekends. Hoot'N Annie's in Martell offers delicious food, with lots of different choices to please everyone. A full bar awaits you with domestic and import beers to go with that delicious burger, or Amador County wines and liquor, or soda for the kids. For those sport lovers, get together with friends after a hard day to watch the plus 10 flat-screen TVs to keep on top of the sports world. Families love the reasonable prices and easy atmosphere. New are the DJ and Live Music nights on weekends; fun for all! Saturdays swing!

Check out the chicken specialties, zesty salads, 10 burger variations, great garlic fries, yummy sandwiches, and fiery chicken wings. Come on in to Hoot 'N Annie's at 11310 Prospect Drive, Suite 50; open for food service from 11 a.m. to 10 pm daily; later on weekends. Bar is usually til 130am. For more info, call 209-223-4400. Check out the music: Nov 21, Saturday, live music with *Pinkie & The Resistance*; Nov 28, Saturday, live music with *It's All Good*. NEVER any cover! Full menu online at www.hootsbar.com.

Hospice Annual Tree of Lights!

Come celebrate the joy of remembrance - This year there will be trees in both Amador County and Calaveras County to honor our loved ones. Celebrate the life of someone you love with a light. For each \$10 donation, Hospice will place a light on the Tree and list the name of the person you wish to remember on a Memorial Board at the site.

Please join us for the Tree Lightings: Our Tree of Lights in Calaveras County will take place on Saturday, Dec 5, 5pm at the Calaveras Senior Center, 956 Mountain Ranch Rd, San Andreas. This year, our festivities will include music, a candle lighting celebration, lighting of the tree and refreshments.

Our Tree of Lights in Amador County will take place on Sunday, Dec 6, 5pm at the Hospice Thrift Store at 10776 Argonaut Lane, Jackson. This year, our festivities will include music, a candle lighting celebration, lighting of the tree and refreshments.

For additional information or to pick up a form, please go by the Hospice of Amador & Calaveras Thrift Store at 10776 Argonaut Lane in Jackson, the Hospice of Amador & Calaveras office at 1500 So. Hwy 49, Suite 105, or you may call 209-223-5500. VISA and MasterCard payments are accepted.

BusinessAward

Bodega del Sur Winery, owned by local businesswoman Evelyn Reyes-Umana, has been named the Woman-Owned Business of the Year Award by the Women's Initiative Organization in the Silicon Valley. Evelyn will be recognized at an Awards Ceremony on Nov 19, at the Olympus Conference Room, 1400 Crittenden Lane, Mountain View. For more info about the awards and a complete list of winners, go to www.womensinitiative.org.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Eliza Doolittle (Melissa Rae Frago) is transformed from street musician to diva with coaching from Henry Higgins (Scott Divine) in BIT's modern adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion." Courtesy photo to the Gold Country Times

Pygmalion

The Big Idea Theatre is pleased to present a modern look at this classic George Bernard Shaw masterpiece, as adapted by Melissa Rae Frago. In this pop-culture informed production, Eliza has designs on reaching diva-level stardom through the coaching she receives from Henry Higgins and his friend "Cole" Pickering. This show is not a musical, but features two pieces of original music that highlight Eliza's on-stage debut. Shannon Mahoney directs, and BIT company members Scott Divine and Melissa Rae Frago head up the cast as Henry and Eliza, joined by the talents of Christian St. Croix (renowned as Claude Bukowski in Artistic Differences' 2007 production of *Hair*), Stephen Dowdy, Deborah Forester, Sierra Hersek, Susan Madden, James Roberts (our writer!) and more. Performances of *Pygmalion* are at 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, continuing through December 5, 2009. Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. (November 15, 22, 29 only). General admission tickets are \$15. SARTA/League/Seniors \$12. Located at 1616 Del Paso Blvd., Sacramento, CA. Phone 916-960-3036 for more information. Theatre schedule online at www.bigideatheatre.com

Editor's Note: The Big Idea Theatre is an intimate setting with great plays that remind you of the way theater used to be; no mikes, no electrical equipment, no lighting effects. Just the actors and their voice projection (an art in itself) bring alive a story, their voice inflections portraying emotion. A must-see for live theater!

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