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BIG SIR Gus Lopez Says:

What a great meeting!! Ms. Victoria Man-Hauser's Crystal Springs Uplands School students did a great job singing. The school is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school for grades 6-12 with only a student body of 350 (which means that with 30 students singing for us was 10% of their student population). According to the schools website CSUS endeavors to equip students with a feeling of joy in lifelong learning by encouraging individual leadership, cooperative interaction, intellectual risk-taking, and a respect for one's self and for the views of others. In the view of this SIR the school is doing just that. I found the students a joy to be around. Their 30 minute program was very well received and is easily one of the best luncheon programs I've attended at SIR.

I'd like to thank all of you for giving a little more for the students. As you know, as a rule, SIR doesn't pay speakers, but this was a special case and because of your personal generosity we were able to present the school

with a \$250 donation. Also I want to thank each of you for responding to my request to sing "God Bless America" back to the students. I've received a couple of e-mail messages from the students and school indicating that they loved our singing. Maybe this type of program can become an annual event.

This month we have a major national holiday coming up, Memorial Day. When I was a youngster, Memorial Day signified the start of summer time vacation. Now of course I realize what this holiday actually symbolizes for my country: It is a special holiday to remember the many Americans who have lost their lives serving our great country. Originally established in 1868 called Decoration Day to commemorate the Civil War dead, it now serves as a special day to remember all U.S. men and women killed or missing in action in all wars. As veterans and those who have lived through times of war this day takes on special meaning, a day where we remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Here are a few suggestions on how we can continue to show our love, support and remembrance of the sacrifice given so that we can live our life's in freedom:

- 1) **Proudly display the U.S. Flag**
- 2) **Place a flower arrangement on your door step with the names of those you wish to honor.**
- 3) **Participate in the "National Moment of Remembrance": at 3 p.m. pause and think upon the true meaning of the day.**

Memorial Day is a time to salute all those who have given their lives in defense of this nation. For two hundred and thirty two years, thousands of men and women have died to assure our freedom. Their sacrifice has assured that tyranny does not reign in America--as it does in so many places around the world--because so many have loved their country more than their own lives. To them we owe an unpayable debt. God Bless America!

From LITTLE SIR Phil Chan:

PG&E will send a Representative (name unknown as of this writing) to discuss how we may all save on energy consumption. He (or she) will also discuss rebates on appliances, the gasoline situation, and how we may best conserve our energy supply. This is very timely information considering the present price per gallon and climbing daily. Don't miss this informative discussion.

LUNCHEON MENUS

May 12, 2008 – Stuffed Pork with Sun
Dried Tomatoes, Caesar Salad,
Cream Puffs.

Alternate: Chinese Chicken Salad

June 9, 2008 – BBQ (NY Steak \$15)
Spinach Salad, Three Flavors Cake
Alternate: Salad Bar

PATCHIE I

By: The Editors

This is a difficult story to write; it deals with the unknown, the unexplainable, and the mystery of why and how things are.

When our pet cat, **Patchie**, at age 16, began to move with difficulty, as if she were in pain, her veterinarian prescribed a low-dose pain medication for her. A year later, X-rays showed that **Patchie** had inflammnatory bowel disease, and she was put on prednisone via daily injection. Still, she remained playful and full of spirit.

She had as toys, five yarn balls, or pom-poms, that we made for her. They were colorful and each had a unique design and color combination. **Patchie** batted these balls all around the house, running after them, getting her exercise. One day we noticed that one of the balls was missing, the red one. She now only had four. At first, we didn't pay much attention, but later on, we became intrigued as to where she could have hidden this ball. We began to look for it. We looked under the couch, under the bed, behind the stove and refrigerator; we even moved all the books in the library and looked behind the ones on the bottom shelves. The more places we looked, the more we were spurred on to find **Patchie's** hiding place. Eventually, we looked everywhere in the house and were mystified as to what she could possibly have done with it; there was no place left that we hadn't checked.

This became a game with our cat. Whenever we started looking, she would follow us around, very alert and watchful as to what our next move would be.

Unfortunately, the cat got worse physically; it was obvious that she was in a great deal of pain. The vet had exhausted his remedies and suggested that it was time to put the cat down. (By now she was 17 years old.) We procrastinated as long as we could. Finally, we made an appointment for 3 pm the following day. We scooped her up, placed her in her carrier, and drove to the vet's. She died peacefully in our arms, soaking wet from our tears that we shed over her.

When we returned home, the first thing we saw, placed strategically in the middle of the corridor hall, **Patchie's** long-lost, long-looked-for red ball.

We could not believe our eyes! Where had she hidden it? When did she bring it out? What did this mean? We suspected that she had been playing with us right along, and that she thought this was a usual game played with pet owners. But why bring the ball out today, after all these months of keeping it hidden?

Did she know that this was her last day on earth? Was she telling us that she forgave us for what had been done, that she was grateful for “no-more-pain”?

Dear, dear **Patchie** – we will never know. And you, smart little cat, “bested” two intelligent human beings all of this time. And who was it that said, “dumb animals”? Ha! They never knew our **Patchie**. Maybe she didn’t have the gift of language, but she had more than enough of everything else.

WE ARE IN TROUBLE

By: **Midge Damonte**

The population of this country is 300 million.

160 million are retired.

That leaves 140 million to do the work.

There are 85 million in school.

Which leaves 55 million to do the work.

Of these, there are 35 million employed by
the Federal government.

Now, there are 1,211,998 people in prison.

That leaves just two people to do the work...

You and me. And there you are, sitting on your ass, at your computer, reading jokes.

WE ARE IN BIG TROUBLE!!

2008 GOLF SCHEDULES

Date	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10	June 17
Course	Willow Park	Poplar Creek	Shoreline	Willow Park	Skywest	Sharp Park
Time	9:30	10:30	10:00	10:00	9:30	9:30

ACTIVITIES:

Ray Calonge, Chairman – 589-3959

GOLF: Dale McAfee, 583-2332

Scores: Mar. 18th, Palo Alto, Par 72:

St. Denny 87/67, McAfee 90/70, Zorb 95/70, Green

97/71. CTP: Zorb & Silva. Mar. 25th, Shoreline,

Par 72: Cannuli 84/71, Zorb 96/71 Apr. 1st,

Willow

Park, Par 71: Cannuli 82/70. Apr. 8th, Skywest,

Par 72: Raymond 97/69, Turner 98/71, Wehner

98/71. Apr. 15th, Santa Clara, Par 72: Cannuli

82/71, Larwood 94/69, Wehner 95/70, Canderle

96/71, Raymond 98/71. CTP: Silva.

BASEBALL: Warren Moresco, 697-7747

BOCCE BALL: Alvaro Bettucchi, 871-9278

BOWLING: George Zorb, 345-1264.

Scores: Calonge 179 – 458,

Musonic 203 -555.

Every Thursday morning at Bel Mateo Bowl.

Practice starts at 9:50 with games starting at 10:00 AM.

TENNIS: Branch 91 SIRs play at Highland

Park, Melendy Dr., San Carlos, on Wed. &

Fri. 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

COMPUTERS: George Trombulak, 344-0301

Meets @ 8:30 AM every 3rd Friday of the month

at the San Bruno Senior Center, 1555 Crystal

Springs Rd., San Bruno

SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN: John Costa, 873-1705

New Branch # 91 web address:

91.sirbranch.com

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

By: **Dale McAfee, 583-2332**

Membership Chairman

ACTIVE MEMBERS 176

INACTIVE : 13

ACTIVE to INACTIVE: Baney, Larsen, Day, Haynes

RESIGNED: Mercer, Miller

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

We have a total of **14 SIRs** who

will be celebrating this month

Have a happy one!

Bill Brachna, Ralph Del Prete, Ray DeVincenzi, Joseph Federico, Arnold Goldman, Mario Marcucci, Lou Poloni, Jerry Raye, Dennis Rosaia, Gene Semenza, George Sestak, Ray Yoschak & George Zorb.

WANTED:

One of our 175 members to step forward and offer to be the Membership Chairman. The job requires the ability to use a P.C. (for which training is available). Must attend monthly Executive Committee meetings (1 hour). Job requires approximately 2 hours during the month to do related duties. The benefits are a chance to get to know a many more of the members and get another hour of comradery with fellow SIRs during Executive meetings.

NOTICE TO ALL BULLETIN CONTRIBUTORS:

The deadline for copy intended for the coming month's bulletin is the 18th of the month. The editor cannot guarantee that material received after the 18th will be included.

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IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO AN UPCOMING MEETING:

PHONE: Keith Barnes @ 588-8666 AND your table captain, by the Thursday before the lunch date, but in any event, report a "no show" in advance. Circle the date(s) you can't come, insert your name and badge number, cut off this coupon and mail it to **Keith Barnes**, at 1 Greenwood Dr., SSF 94080. Underline reason: **FAMILY EMERGENCY –**

MEDICAL – TRAVEL – PERSONAL DUTY

Next meeting: **May 12, 2008**

Meeting after:

After that:

Name: _____ Badge No. ____

Contribution: _____

BECAUSE I AM A MAN...

...I will drive miles out of my way, spend a fortune in gasoline, even miss the party, before stopping at a gas station to ask for directions.

...when I lock my keys in the car, I will fiddle with a coat hanger long after hypothermia has set in. Calling AAA is not an option. I will win!

...when the car isn't running very well, I will pop the hood and stare at the engine as if I know what I'm looking at. If another man shows up, one of us will say to the other, "I used to be able to fix these things, but now with all these computers and everything, I wouldn't know where to start." We will then drink a couple of beers and break wind, as a form of holy communion.

...when I catch a cold, I need someone to bring me soup and take care of me while I lie in bed and moan.

...I can be relied upon to purchase basic groceries at the store, like milk or bread. I cannot be expected to find exotic items like "cumin" of "tofu". For all I know, these are the same thing.

...when one of our appliances stops working, I will insist on taking it apart, despite evidence that this will just cost me twice as much once the repair man gets here and has to put it back together.

...I must hold the television remote control in my hand while I watch TV. If the thing has been misplaced, I may miss a whole show looking for it, though one time I was able to survive by holding a calculator instead (applies to engineers only).

...you don't have to ask me if I liked the movie. Chances are, if you're crying at the end of it, I didn't.

...I think what you're wearing is fine. I thought what you were wearing five minutes ago was fine, too. Either pair of shoes is fine. With the belt or without it, looks fine. It does not make you look too big. (It was the pasta and potatoes and Margaritas that did that.) Your hair is fine. You look fine. Can we just go now?

...and this is, after all, the year 2008, I will share equally in the housework. You just do the laundry, the cooking, the cleaning, the vacuuming, and the dishes, and I'll do the rest. Like wandering around in the garden with a beer, wondering what I could do to look busy.

