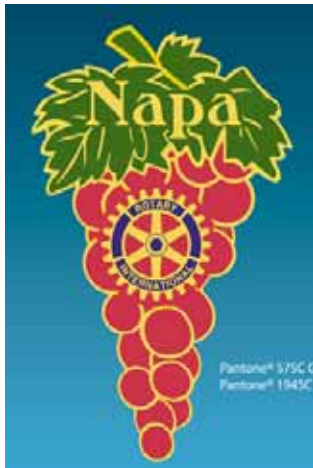


The Napa Rotagram

November 12, 2008



Thought for the Day

Alecia Hancock noted:
Getting older is like visiting an all-you-can-eat buffet. What should be hot is cold, what should be firm is limp, and the buns are bigger than anything else on the menu!



No winner in the weekly raffle, so the jackpot approaches \$1,000 for the one who draws the Joker!



Wally Kempkey is off to the hoosegow! He'll be locked up, but it's all for fun and the serious effort of raising funds for Muscular Dystrophy. Contribute what you can.



That's a pie plate **Bruce McCall** is holding. He reports there are now 33 soldiers in the Pathway Home Project being treated for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He got volunteers to make Thanksgiving pies for the group's dinner.

The Rohnert Park club is putting on a big shrimp and lobster feed on Saturday, November 22. Pres Gary is planning to go. Let him know if you'd like to go along.



It was Fine Free Hat day once again with a pair of lids honoring Napa and Vintage High Schools. **Phil Champlin** and **Jim Barrett** got the haberdashery.

Visiting Rotarians ...



Bob Muters from Napa Sunrise and **Rick Mitchell** of the Cape Coral North Club in Florida. Rick took home a Napa Rotary banner.

Attention Past Presidents: **Chuck DeLorimier** is hosting a dinner at his home on Thursday, November 20.

Jerry Medlin will be going with a group next year to Sapporo, Japan for some cultural exchange and touring. Interested? Let Jerry know.



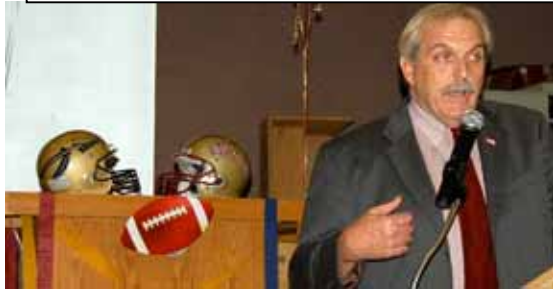
In Days Gone By ...

December 12, 1979 - **Harrell Miller** was wearing his birthday suit again last week. This time birthday boys had an opportunity to wager on whether or not they could guess the answer to a riddle. Of those tested **Jim Lyon** was the only one to answer correctly (Q: What is a Buccaneer? A: High priced corn).

January 30, 1980 - **Tom Young** was in the paper again—this time for his recent election as the Tennis Association President. Because of all of Tom's good deeds President **John (Cochrane)** ordered that the Can give Tom a dollar, but, because of Tom's big mouth that order was retracted.

The Big Game

Friday, November 14, 2008



Bruce was back to introduce the topic of the day: The 37th annual "Big Game" between Napa and Vintage High Schools. Bruce has been helping at the sidelines for 35 of those years. He said rather than talk about the X's and the O's on the playboard, we'd "connect the dots" and learn about the people involved and those aspects of the events that transcend simply athletics. School administration, coaches, athletes – and the academic side of the participants' lives. They have strict eligibility criteria, and many of them tout GPAs of 3.6 to higher than 4.



Superintendent **John Glaser** stressed the academic importance of activities in the Napa Valley Unified School District. More rigorous standards for career and college bound students are part of the district's 21st century plan.



Napa High athletes Tyler Hansell and Michael Ruffino represented the team for the Rotary appearance.

Napa High principal Barbara Franco said the Big Game is a chance to showcase what students are doing. Glaser said of the principal's job, "There's probably not a tougher job around." Franco said the events surrounding the Big Game get larger every year.



Vintage principal Eric Schneider said the events around the Big Game are a "celebration of being a kid." Calling it a trade secret, he said they have a lot of fun but get the students to learn as they do that. This will be his sixth Big Game.



Coach Troy Mott was once a student of Franco's. "She wants us to win," he said, "but win the right way." He stressed the academic achievements of his players, even requiring them to sit toward the front of their classes for high visibility and pride.



Vintage coach Billy Smith introduced student athletes Meto Tellez, Sean Ryan and Kyle Archer.

