

## How sweet it is



Loomis sisters Loralyn, left, and Deanna Owen stop and smell the produce at this year's agriculture-themed Placer County exhibit for the California State Fair. Nineteen-year-old Loralyn Owen painted the Herbert & Taylor Choice Mountain Fruit label on the exhibit's wall.

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## Loomis pair's art to shine for state

### Students researched, painted fruit crate labels

By Stephanie Swanburg  
Journal Staff Writer

Two Loomis sisters are planning to shine at the California State Fair this year, all thanks to fruit-crate labels — the small, colorful pieces of artwork that identify orchards on the sides of wooden produce boxes.

Both 19-year-old Loralyn Owen and 17-year-old Deanna

Owen discovered the agricultural artwork through Paula Amerine's art classes at Del Oro High School. The classes focused on the history and artistry of Loomis' fruit-crate labels, something Amerine had been researching.

"The artwork is so interesting and skillfully done," the teacher said Wednesday. "I wanted to tie that local history in with an art lesson."

#### CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

**When:** Aug. 20-Sept. 6  
**Where:** Cal Expo in Sacramento  
**How Much:** \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5.50 children under 12 before Aug. 13; \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and \$6 children after Aug. 13

for the project. Loralyn Owen, now a Sierra College student, re-created her painting, while future Del Oro senior Deanna Owen designed a label for Placer County that included a map and a rendition of Auburn's historic courthouse.

Excited, the sisters signed on

So when approached by Placer County officials to help find a student's artwork to decorate the county's exhibit in

the California State Fair this August, Amerine thought of the elder Owen's senior project: a mural-sized reproduction of a Loomis label, Herbert & Taylor Choice Mountain Fruit.

"I am shocked," Deanna Owen said Wednesday, looking at the completed exhibit for the first time. Her pieces are displayed at either entrance to the rustic, fruit-shed replica that houses the Placer County Display. "This is

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## Sources: Lay indicted in Enron probe

### Company's former CEO is 30th in court for energy firm's collapse

By Kristen Hays  
Associated Press Business Writer

HOUSTON — Kenneth Lay, the former Enron Corp. chief executive who insisted he knew nothing about financial fraud at the energy trading giant, has been indicted on criminal charges, sources told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The action caps a three-year investigation that has already seen several other executives charged and, in some cases, already sentenced to prison for their roles in the company's scandalous collapse.

In a statement, Lay, 62, said he would surrender to authorities Thursday. "I have done nothing wrong, and the indictment is not justified," he said.

The specific charges remained under seal. Prosecutors from the Justice Department's Enron Task Force presented an indictment to U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Milloy in Houston on Wednesday, and at their request she sealed both the indictment and an arrest warrant, the sources said.

A hearing before Milloy was scheduled for late Thursday morning. Lay's lawyer, Michael Ramsey, didn't immediately return a call for comment.

The Securities and Exchange Commission was expected to bring civil fraud charges against Lay on Thursday, including making false and misleading statements and insider trading, a person familiar with the case said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Prosecutors have aggressively pursued the one-time celebrity CEO and friend and contributor to President Bush. Lay led Enron's rise to No. 7 in the Fortune 500 and resigned within weeks of its stunning failure. Barring last-minute delays, Lay is the 30th and highest-profile individual charged.



**Kenneth Lay: 'I have done nothing wrong'**  
**Faces charges of: Insider trading and making false statements, a source says**

## Suicide not just a teen problem

### Group hopes intervention can aid depressed seniors

By Erin Gallup-Main  
Journal Staff Writer

Though local teens may get more media coverage when they commit suicide, twice as many older adults kill themselves.

But there's help available for all groups.

Senior Peer Counselor Betty Thurman said Tuesday that she was glad to hear tips on how to prevent senior suicide at the latest weekly meeting of 25 volunteers organized by the Placer County Health and Human Services Department.

"We keep up-to-date on things going on in the community," said Thurman, one the counselors who provides free services to Placer

### Getting Help

No matter your age, if your problems seem too big to handle, hope is just a phone call away:

- Placer County 24-hour ACCESS line: 1-888-886-5401
- National Suicide Prevention line: 1-800-784-2433 or 1-800-SUICIDE
- Local number: (530) 885-2300

County residents ages 55 and up.

Many of the counselors said depression and suicide are taboo topics that they work to address before the Placer County coroner receives more suicide statistics.

Co-organizers and clinical social workers Ricki Peterson and Tom

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## Sutter pediatrician changing gender

By Sarah Langford  
Gold Country News Service

When Teresa Yaronon brought in her 4-year-old daughter for a routine checkup on June 11, she noticed something was different about Dr. Milazzo.

Instead of having a short haircut and full beard, he wore his hair in a wispy, shoulder-length style and had a smooth face.

His nails showed a French manicure and he wore female jewelry. He also had a small bust.

Dr. Charles F. Milazzo was becoming a woman.

"I was shocked," said Yaronon, who has been taking her children to see Milazzo at his Roseville office for about six years. "His voice was higher and he was wearing a pink shirt. It was obvious that a change was going on."

Milazzo, an independent affiliate of Sutter Roseville Medical Center, says he suffers from Gender Identity Disorder (GID), the condition commonly referred to as transsexualism.

The 50-year-old pediatrician said he has seen a gender therapist for several years and began slowly transitioning from male to female about three years ago as part of his treatment.

"This is something that has affected me all of my life," Milazzo said during an interview at his office Monday. "I made the change gradually because I wanted to give my



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**Dr. Charles Milazzo, left, performs a routine checkup for patient Jessica Wicks, 21. Milazzo, a pediatrician and Sutter Roseville affiliate, is undergoing a gender change and plans to change his name to Carol Milazzo.**

"I knew that the level of comfort with this change would vary among my patients. ... Every patient is entitled to have a physician they prefer."

— Dr. Charles Milazzo

patients and colleagues the opportunity to adjust."

While he refrained from mentioning the specifics of his transition, he did say he was following the guidelines outlined in the Standards of Care distributed by the Harry Benjamin International Gender

Dysphoria Association, of which he is a member.

The guidelines for transitioning genders include counseling, possible treatment with hormones and/or surgery after living for a period

of time in one's identified gender. Milazzo said he has decided to change genders. A sex change — which involves changing one's anatomy through surgery — may or may not be in his future.

The pediatrician said he never

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#### LETTER QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The obvious problem with peace officers ignoring the law is the sheer hypocrisy."

— Ken Good, Auburn

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