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PRICE 50¢

\$1M dollar view for \$299K

Foreclosures forcing below current market prices

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It is a million dollar view with a \$299,000 price tag.

An unobstructed view of the Coastal Ranges looms to the west, the well-kept vineyards of McManis Family Vineyards are to the north and west while the tree-line of the Stanislaus River is visible to the south.

That view also comes

with 10.71 acres featuring fertile

sandy loam soil along with a large pond and a 1,248-square-foot modular home built in 2002. The property is at 30601 Two Rivers Road about eight miles south of Manteca near where the Stanislaus and San Joaquin rivers join forces.

Even 20 years ago you couldn't find property like that for less than \$300,000.

HOUSING

And it's not exactly going begging, either. There have been dozens of interested buyers. But due to one of the quirks of the current housing mess, appraisers are jittery about putting a price on the modular home as there are simply not comparables nearby in the past six months they can do a comparison price to satisfy ever tightening FHA requirements. That means

the only buyers who can get loans if they don't have all cash are those that can go conventional which means 20 percent down or \$29,900 upfront.

"There just isn't any country property out there," noted Re/Max Executive agent Cheryl McFall.

The owners - who want to move - have equity even at \$299,000. McFall could also

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DENNIS WYATT/The Bulletin

Cheryl McFall of Re/Max Executive in front of the pond that's part of the 10.71 acres that includes a modular home.

ELECTION 2010

Dresser throws hat in ring for mayor's post in Lathrop

By ROSE ALBANO RISSO
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LATHROP - Former Lathrop councilman and planning commissioner Steve Dresser is running for mayor in November.

"Living here in Lathrop, we can sit back and complain about things we don't like. But if you don't get involved, you don't have any right to complain," said the father of four and grandfather of eight explaining about the "revelation" he had over the weekend which convinced him to go after the city's top elected post.

The many phone calls he has been getting "from regular citizens" asking him, "are you going to run this time?" and commenting, "we'd like to see you back," have been contributing factors to his decision as well.

Describing himself as "more a centrist than a polarized individual," Dresser hopes to help heal the council and the city.

"The council is not better off than it's been. Perhaps I could help bring (the council members)

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UNDER PRESSURE



HIME ROMERO/The Bulletin

David Shaw goes up for a shot under pressure during a pickup basketball game at Woodward Park that took advantage of sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s.

CRIME

5 shot in midnight drive-by shooting

By GLENN KAHL

Staff reporter of the
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Five people were shot shortly after midnight Tuesday morning - miraculously no one was killed. A neighboring resident told the Bulletin she heard a burst of gunfire that sounded like an automatic weapon being discharged.

Manteca Police Detective Wayne Miller said the drive-by assault occurred at 12:07 a.m. when shots rang out targeting a group standing in an open garage in the 200 block of Acacia Avenue. Three victims were transported to local hospi-

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COMMUNITY

Manteca Idol ready to launch seventh season

By JASON CAMPBELL

Staff reporter of the
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It started as a spin-off to the blockbuster television program to raise money for the Boys and Girls Club.

And while it still does that, Manteca Idol - now in its seventh season - has become somewhat of a blockbuster itself - attracting new

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Teens explore health care career choices

Delta College nursing student Alla Yarmolyuk works with Manteca High Health Science freshmen at last week's field trip.

Photo contributed



By VINCE REMBULAT

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About 31 ninth-grade students at Manteca High attended last week's Health Science field trip at Delta College.

They're part of the Health Science program. According to school officials, not only did they have fun at the March 17 event but were also exposed to valuable career information.

SCHOOLS

Take the nursing skills lab, for example.

It's here that students learned firsthand how to do blood pressure readings. They also received training on the respirometer - this is a device used to measure the rate of respiration of a living organism via the rate

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Interest strong in reserves even with pay reductions

By DENNIS WYATT

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Manteca's reserve firefighters have taken a 56 percent pay cut yet there is still a strong interest for the chance to land one of the available spots with the city fire department.

There were more than ample candidates for the 10 new positions the city is now in the process of filling. The first step in the screening process was a written examination taken last

FIREFIGHTING

week at fire station No. 1.

"A lot of people in this economy are looking at other job options," noted Fire Chief Kirk Waters. "There also is a high desire to help the community."

Waters noted the 10 current reserve firefighters were "more than support" of cutting their pay in exchange for

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Reserve firefighters augment the full-time personnel of the Manteca Fire Department.

Bulletin fire photos

WHAT'S INSIDE



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ESSENTIALS



Partly sunny skies

Today:
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Tomorrow:
70 / 45



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