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It was so nice to read in the Times-Standard about the special recognition given to Mark and Dina Moore for the exceptional care of their Kneeland Ranch and all the things connected to that endeavor. Mark and Dina have been running their ranch and Mark's parent's Lone Star Ranch for a number of years, and doing it very well, according to the State of California and the overseeing by it's conservation department. To run a ranch under those conditions takes a lot of effort, knowledge and learning about all the facts and sheer complicated conditions of earth, timber, animal usage, logging and a number of other factors. I spent summers on my grandparent's farm in Idaho when I was a kid, so I have a minute amount feeling about some of the effort it takes to run a ranch. On top of that, I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with many of the Kneeland, <sup>mt. View</sup> Shower's Pass, and Maple Creek ranchers. I put in many years at Norris Market, now known as Myrtle Avenue Market, and many of them traded at that market. Shaw's, Edsall's, Rousseau's, Fulton's, Mullen's, Stapp's, Gordon's, Fredrickson's, Moore's and Gifts are some of the folks I knew best, and I helped move and mark cattle, build fences, clear windfall logs for firewood, and even hunt on some of the ranches. It's great to sit and have lunch or a cup of coffee with those folks and learn how to behave in the ranch country-no trespassing, leaving gates as they were when you went through, don't throw trash out, things like that. Good, common sense behavior, but it's amazing how many folks don't treat it that way.\* So, to Mark and Dina and all the other ranchers in the Kneeland, Shower's Pass, Maple Creek and Bridgeville

country-Thanks for taking your ranching seriously, and thanks for showing those of us "City Slickers" the way to take good care of "God's Country,

Did you hear how many "Pot Permits" were applied for? I imagine many of those were illegally being grown on these rancher's property, stealing their water, and making travelling on their own land precarious. You regular listeners know about where I stand on Marijuana growing and use, so I won't go into it today. but, unfortunately, that is a real downside to all the good things our ranch people accomplish. All that used for medicine? I rather doubt that.\*//

As I was preparing to write this comment, my wife told me that, according to KIEMTV, they were going to make CR campus a smoke-free area. I'm not a smoker, and I know smoking is bad for ya,, but face it-many people smoke. This move is going to make "sneak-smokers" out of a lot of people. Why not leave the lower parking area alone so that it won't make "criminals out of people?", even though it would be a minor offense\*. Leave containers around for them to put their "butts" in, and don't make it too easy.//Friday night-7:30 P.M-Calvary Lutheran Church-South and Prospect Streets The Eureka Chamber Music Series presents the Horzowski Trio. A meet the artists reception will follow the concert. Be There!