**Randy Voller takes the helm as Chatham County Line celebrates 20 years in print**

by Julian Sereno

I n January 1999, Chatham Crossroads published its initial issue. Its printed pages first saw the light of day. In February 2019, Randy Voller, owner of Chatham County Line, the paper Chatham Crossroads morphed into, and became its publisher.

Matt Case, former N&O reporter who covered Chatham County, founded Chatham Crossroads. He saw Chatham at a crossroads: forest and farmland under threat by developments. He inserted and distributed himself. RayCharter and Carlos Slim for T Southern Neighbor, have contributed articles and sales. It was no longer sustainable. The Chapel Hill News, Village Advocate and more all hit the dust. The national dailies thrive only because of the commitment of the Chatham Community. Local folks wrote eloquently and pithily about the issues that awoke their passions. Businesses continued to buy ads. That support sustained the paper.

A few years ago he expressed an interest in acquiring the paper. This month of Chatham County Line published its first December 2001. Kelly Lujk, the designer at the time, donated the design. We continued at five issues a year until 2006, when we doubled it to 10 — a monthly with combined summer (July/August) and winter (December/January) issues. The newspaper business changed dramatically since 2001. The great recession of 2008 killed the major metropolitan dailies when its advertising base evaporated. Real estate ads and auto ads dried up, and Classifieds migrated to Craigslist’s Latin. Papers started going belly up. The model for daily newspapers is now 20% of their revenue came from ads, and only 20 percent from subscriptions and news sales. It was no longer sustainable.

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CISChatham County (CISCC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing Chatham County youth with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve their full potential in life. We accomplish our mission locally through the power of the volunteer efforts of caring adults who provide a one-on-one relationship — to Mentors, Lunch Buddies, or Tutors. Many of our youth’s families face difficult circumstances resulting from trauma, economic realities of low wage work, recent immigration, lack of access to services, social isolation, exclusion, or discrimination. These disparities impact their cognitive growth, social skills, life skills, physical and mental health. Through the power of relationships, our volunteers provide guidance, encouragement, and support to help youth build resiliency and succeed in school, at work, and in life. Our volunteer efforts make a difference in the lives of so many adults and youth in need.

LUNCH BUDDIES
Lunch Buddies provide students in grades K-5 a positive one-on-one relationship with a caring adult for support, attention, and friendship by enjoying lunch together. Lunch Buddies have the opportunity to share a school lunch with a specific student on a weekly basis for the school year.

MENTORS
Mentors provide ongoing guidance, encourage, and support to build a student’s social-emotional skills and confidence for success in school, at work, and in life. This is achieved with friendship, social support, and enjoyable enrichment activities provided by a positive and consistent adult role model. Mentors also help young people by assuring them that they are not alone, modeling positive responses to daily challenges, encouraging good choices in and out of school, building their personal sense of self-worth, and helping youth set and achieve short-term and longer-term personal goals. Mentors typically meet with their student for a minimum of four hours per month for a year.

TUTORS
As a tutor, you will have the opportunity to work one-on-one with a student or with a small group of students from Kindergarten to 8th grade who are in need of academic assistance. Tutors work with students after school and, when possible, during school hours at times set by the school.

IMPACT
When one difference one person can make! Volunteer efforts work. Of CISChatham County youth matched with mentors last year: 90 percent improved their academic performance, 71 percent significantly improved their behavior, emotional, and social approaches to life, and 100 percent improved their school attendance.

VOLUNTEER COMMENTS
“Taking an early retirement from a career in education in Boston left me wanting more: more contact with kids, more collaboration with caring adults, more opportunities to brainstorm ways to educate, help, energize, inspire and motivate young people to engage in school and in life. CISCC provided me with that ‘more’. While the mentors for mentors, opportunities, and experiences for kids will always outstrip the resources (human as well as monetary). CISCC is on the front lines of doing the work every single day in the lives of so many students. I am proud to be a small part of it.”

Cary, Retired Elementary Counselor

“Working with CISCC over the past nine years has been a dream function on a mission as well as a passion for tutoring kids who are at risk of dropping out of school, so that they can stay in school and achieve their full potential in life.”

Shirille Lee, Student Support Specialist/Youth FIRST at CISCC, shirille@cischatham.org or 919-491-5896. For all potential Lunch Buddies, Mentors, and Tutors, Shirille will provide orientation, training, and tips for success. Shirille will work with each volunteer to identify a specific student whose interests and needs may be a best match for your skills and background. And Shirille will maintain on-going contact with all volunteers to provide guidance, suggestions, and encouragement in your relationship with your student. CISCC is grateful for our volunteers who help us transform the lives of those Chatham County children we serve who are “on the brink of success.”

OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE
If you are not able to be a Lunch Buddy, Mentor, or Tutor right now, you can still help Chatham County youth succeed by visiting our website at https://cischatham.org and making a donation. Communities In Schools (and especially Chatham County) serve as a reminder that someone’s bowl is always empty and that we need to continue our efforts to end hunger in Chatham County. This popular event is open to the public. CISCC encourages all community members to support and purchase a bowl and support a great cause.

Cory is excited that this event has relocated to the new venue at Galloway Ridge. This space will allow for more community members and restaurants to participate. In addition to amazing appetizers, breads, soups, and desserts purchased by enjoying your favorite food and restaurants, wine and beer will also be available for purchase in 2019. Entertainment will be provided by the Popcorn Blue Band and Boline Creek String Band.

You can see when Hurricanes Florence and Michael made their presence known. Your recollection of 2018 is that it was a very wet year. The weather forecasters tell us that it was the wettest year on record, but when you see those weather fronts in a time-lapse fashion, you get a new perception of what happened. So that brings a new understanding of who is in control. Let me let you in on a little secret. It is not us, although we arrogantly think we are. Is there a cure for Cary? No, not if we continue to think in terms of our life time and what I can get for myself. Yes, if we begin to think what is best for everyone; not just for me. That is very difficult to do. Joe Jacob, a Chatham resident for more than 50 years and a retired pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, counsels us to think what is best for everyone, not just for us. That is very difficult to do.

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Psychics and medical science

by Brenda Denzler

belong to a group that is all about advancing the cause of participatory medicine—medical care that involves the patient in a very direct and active way, rather than expecting the patient to blindly and meekly do whatever the doctor says with few or no questions asked. Needless to say, “duff” and “meek” are not my strong suit, so the group really resonates with me.

Recently there was a post by one of our most active and visible members, railing against a medical medium who has written a lot lately about thyroid cancer based upon the wisdom imparted by his spirit guides—in fact, a whole book about thyroid cancer, explaining the origins of it (and other cancers) and how to cure it. As with most alternative medicine writings, it strongly brushes some of the most fundamental insights that modern science has given us about the nature of cancer and thus about what we can do about it. This man’s spirit guides are telling him (and us) that modern medicine is wrong, and the patient should trust the psychic’s intuition over the medical doctor’s intuition. The reason for the rejection of medical knowledge is that the psychic’s guides say that modern medicine has misconstrued reality, levels of inter-subjective reality, levels of the divine realm. Nevertheless, I also have a very open mind about the non-physical aspects of reality, many of us do.

While not everyone in this field has a strong degree in religious studies, most do. Not everyone in this field has a strong spiritual tendency or a keen appreciation for the non-physical aspects of reality, many of us do. I count myself among the latter. I’m quite open to the idea of communication with the divine realm. Nevertheless, I also have a very high regard for inter-subjective reality, levels of proof, and science-y stuff—even more so than the encounters I had with the medical profession decades before and walked away feeling disappointed then, too. It’s a sign of just how desperate I was for some relief from the suffering of my condition. I’ve been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. I was trying to figure out what course of treatment I should pursue, and what kind of tumors were present in my body. The difference is that in the end, when pushed by a non-duff, non-meek patient, medical science came through with the goods: an admission that there was a health problem, a plan for resolving it, AND the ability to back up and admit earlier error—the ability to be self-critical.

My position on patient autonomy and science? I’m not against getting psychic read- ings for spiritual purposes—not a whole lot different than consulting with your average priest, rabbi, or minister, I suppose. I know an MD was extolling the virtues of a medical specialist and that were to no avail. In fact they proved very discouraging for several reasons. Had given up hope of ever feeling better.

Early in 2018 an acquaintance of mine who is an MD was extolling the virtues of a medical intuitive, i.e., a psychic who focuses on understanding medical issues (not the same medical psychic as above). I decided that there was no harm in consulting her, as the medical profession had let me down pretty solidly by then. It was about that time that I discovered a small lump over my larynx and, after several doctors had brushed me off by saying it was normal, I had finally consulted with a doctor who didn’t say that. He’d said it was NOT normal, imaged it, biopsied it, and the results came back saying it was most probably thyroid cancer. I was trying to figure out what course of action to take. I decided that the thyroid issue would be a litmus test of the psychic. I would mention nothing about it. I meant, it was so obvious: not a highly visible mass (no no dead giveaways for the psychic), but still one that we could all inter-subjectively agree was present (at last!), plus a question about its nature. What psychic worth her salt wouldn’t be able to pick up on such a clear health issue — if not because of the psychic’s intuition, then at least because of the psychological distress I’d been feeling about it? If her reading of my physical health picked up on that, I would be impressed. If not…

She uttered not a word about anything related to my thyroid gland or— for that matter, my endocrine system. Not a word about some kind of “mass”—nothing. And she said nothing very insightful about my more general health problems since cancer treatment, either. At least, nothing I could really sink my teeth into. She did, however, take my money. Now, to be fair, the same thing could be said about the medical profession. For many years they had nothing to say about my more general health issues, they ignored my steady decline and essentially blamed it on me in one way or another; they repeatedly passed off the pre-laryngeal mass as a normal physiological structure of my throat (when it was not), and when I kicked up a tiny stink and got them to look at the mass more carefully, they finally admitted it was an abnormal structure but were wrong about the diagnosis. In the end, it was not cancerous!

They did, however, take my money. Some might argue that this goes to show my encounter with the psychic was no worse than the encounters I had with the medical profession for all these years after my cancer treatments. Both left me with no actionable answers, and both took my money. Even when it came to the mass over my larynx, the first reaction of three different medical professionals was that it was “nothing.” I mean, we were right there in the wheelhouse of science, with a tangible, palpable anomaly, and they brushed me off.

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Brenda Denzler was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer in 2009. She became a cancer survivor on the very day she was diagnosed.

The right team. RIGHT HERE.

For expert, dedicated health care, you don’t have to look very far. At UNC Chatham Hospital in Siler City, we offer direct access to the exceptional care you’d expect from UNC Health Care. With a wide range of services, we’re committed to providing personalized care in a convenient and comfortable setting.
A dog behavior specialist, the methods I use working with dogs are a combination of dog, child, and horse behavior concepts. There is a common behavioral thread between all of these species. In addition, I utilize some horsemanship techniques that are also effective in dealing with dogs. When working with clients who are successful horse people I am always confident they have what it takes to handle their animal. That confidence helped me understand the similarities.

Like most young girls I loved horses, but was in my mid twenties before I had a horse of my own. Even though I knew a good bit about the health and day-to-day care of horses I realized almost immediately that I didn't understand their psychological side. It took just two short weeks for my dream horse to begin bullying me. He nipped me and literally pushed me around. When I tried to ride him he often would not listen to me and acted like he was generally annoyed by my presence.

At the time, I didn't understand the concept that horses live in a world of hierarchy and my horse, who I named Treasure, saw my constant affection and love as weakness. He saw me as weaker than him in the pecking order. A friend recommended a local horse whisperer who came out and helped me. His advice was simple but effective. When Treasure pushed me around I should push him back. He tried to nip me I should pinch his lip. I needed to demand respect from him. Amazingly; it only took a couple of days to set our relationship on the right track. The man's advice worked! A few weeks later, he nipped, jumped at us and she and I did not have to go through the same learning curve. These two precious beings taught me so much and blessed my life for decades, until they were over 30 years old.

Dogs and horses live in social groups and are most comfortable living with others of their species. If that is not possible they will accept other species, such as cats, goats, and humans. Living completely alone is stressful for them. In addition to companionship living with others offers added eyes and ears for detection of danger. There is comfort knowing others have your back. When there are youngsisters in a bonded group there is also built-in help with raising and protecting them. Most packs and herds are lead by dominant females. There is a social hierarchy and the members know precisely where everyone fits in. Well run packs and herds are, for the most part, peaceful, where everyone's needs are met. Members are relaxed and may even play together.

While working with clients, especially when they have large or powerful dogs, I often share some horse handling techniques with them.

There's a saying in the horse-world. If you can control where the horse's head goes then you can control the thousand pound body. That's why halters and bridles are used on them. When working with dogs it's a much more effective use to employ collars rather than harnesses. Placing the collar high up on the neck, right behind the dog's ears makes it much easier to control the head and entire body.

When handling horses, it helps to grip the reins or lead rope. When you use gloves. Sometimes a horse doesn't want to do what it is being asked and will toss its head to try to snatch the reins or lead rope out of your hands. Gloves can save the day by giving a better grip, more strength, and stamina. When working with out-of-control or powerful dogs, wearing at least one good gripping glove makes all the difference in handling them.

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The canine and equine dynamic

What’s It Worth?

by Chris DiGiovanna

Have you ever come across something that you thought might have some value, but you weren’t quite sure where or how to find out? Well, you’re in luck. At Chatham County Line Magazine we previously extended an invitation to me to write a regular column about the treasures in their readers’ homes. Each column will highlight 1–2 reader submissions, in which I’ll share a bit of history about the item as well as its current market value.

Although I handle a variety of items as part of my job, my favorite items to evaluate are collectibles. The last such submission was received from a gentleman who collected dolls. Some of it is fascinating (anything historical), some is wonderful (mourning jewelry), and some is just plain old (like the 1981 bar of Yoda soap that I once sold).

The first collection that truly made an impact on me was Barbie. Why? Barbie, you ask? Well, like everything that’s collectible, there’s a story behind it.

Inspiration for Barbie came from a similar doll by the name of Lilli, who was originally a character created for a German tabloid newspaper called “Bild Zeitung” (Picture Newspaper). Lilli was considered a character of ill repute and was sold in tobacco shops and bars throughout Germany; often given as a souvenir at bachelor parties. As the story goes, Barbie’s creator (Ruth Handler) first came across Lilli while traveling in Europe with her husband, Elliot, and their two kids, Barbara and Ken. Ruth was fascinated by Lilli and purchased several dolls to bring home. She and Elliot owned a small toy company named Mattel, and eventually

Ruth persuaded Elliot and his all-male staff that little girls would love the idea of playing with an adult doll.

In 1958, Mattel bought the Lilli patent from its German owners and set about producing their own Americanized version. A year later, Barbie debuted at the International Toy Fair to mixed reviews. Many dolls refused to purchase the doll, while others thought she was too provocative. Yet to little girls, it was love at first sight. Mattel sold over 350,000 Barbie dolls in the first year alone!

Today, original Barbie dolls from that first year are extremely scarce, as most of the dolls were played with and eventually tossed out as their owners got older and outgrew their childhood playthings.

My father managed to find one such Barbie several years ago at a yard sale, where he paid $4 for her. She was missing her original box and accessories, but with a bit of digging on eBay, we were able to find everything she needed to be complete. We even managed to find a lovely Barbie restoration specialist, who washed and re-set Barbie’s hair and touched up her lipstick.

I eventually sold that Barbie at auction on eBay for a jaw-dropping $3,938. While I was amazed at the price, the follow-up I received from the buyer was equally stunning. The buyer explained that this was the same doll that her older sister owned when she was a little girl and that she used to have such fond memories of it in her childhood. She noted that the doll would be expensive to purchase, so she had been setting aside money in a special Barbie savings account for a while. I was floored by the revelation that childhood nostalgia was the driving force behind the value of this doll. If you’re interested in Barbie dolls regularly sell for between $2,000 to $5,000. Many of these dolls have a white tint, as their vinyl bodies have changed from flesh color to white over time.

The #1 Barbies have holes in their feet with small tubes, which were used to keep the doll upright on her stand. The #2 dolls lack the holes in the feet, instead being sold with a wire stand that supports the doll under her arms. Both dolls have white irises and will be marked “Barbie®” “Pats. Pend. ©” “MCMVIII” by Mattel Inc.” on their buns. Have a treasure or family heirloom that you’re curious about and would like to have researched? Submit your inquiry with 1–3 high resolution photos via e-mail to chris@traderchris.biz

Chris DiGiovanna is the President of Pittsboro-based Trader Chris Consignments, which specializes in selling valuable collectibles, jewelry, watches, and estate silver on eBay. He has sold over 20,000 lots to buyers in every US state and 14 countries. For more information, please visit www.traderchris.biz
Charles (“Chuck”) Lee Lazarus, trumpeter

By Dr. Lynn Veach Sadler

Chuck left Sanford for the School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. At 19, while still a student at Julliard, he soloed with the New York String Orchestra on the main stage of Carnegie Hall. He has been on the trumpet faculties of Princeton and St. Olaf College, and performed and taught Master Classes throughout this country and the world, and also composed. In 2006 came his debut CD, Solo Settings, in 2007, his orchestral pops show, A Night in the Tropics, which he performed in Sanford. That same year he won the prestigious McKnight Fellowship for Performing Musicians. His “Waves” was voted the Great American Song Contest’s instrumental song of the year. “Now Is Leaving” was honored with “Outstanding Achievement in Songwriting” (2008 Great American Song Contest). He has performed his compositions for the Montreal and Ottawa International Jazz Festivals, live on Radio Canada, for music videos that have aired nationally on Canadian television, and as an opening act for Tony Bennett. He has recorded for television and film scores, as well as major symphony orchestras and numerous classical, pop, and jazz ensembles. He has been a member of the Dallas Brass, Meridian Arts Ensemble, Canadian Brass, and Minnesota Orchestra. He is known for his distinctive blend of “lounge/exotica” and funk jazz and has received acclaim from critics worldwide. [Much additional information can be found on his website—www.charleslazarus.com]
The Battle of Ap Bac

by Barry Reece

Can a single military battle lasting several hours affect the course of a war that would last several years? Neil Sheehan, author of A Bright Shining Lie, suggests the answer is yes. He devoted more than 60 pages of his award-winning book to the battle of Ap Bac. The book was awarded the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. Literary critics say Sheehan has written the best book about the Vietnam war.

American advisors viewed the battle of Ap Bac as a golden opportunity to achieve a major victory and demoralize the Viet Cong guerrillas, who were newly arriving from North Vietnam. The Viet Cong with contempt because they seemed unwilling to abandon their evasive battle tactics and engage in a stand-up fight. At that point U.S. advisors had no way of knowing that a decisive battle could alter the course of the war.

The lethal American technology available to Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) troops included armored helicopters, fighter bombers, armored personnel carriers, small arms, machine guns, semiautomatic M-1 rifles, carbines, 60 mm mortars, and incendiary bombs. By contrast, Viet Cong guerrillas were limited to semiautomatic M-1 rifles, carbines, and 60 mm mortars that proved to be less effective.

American and Vietnamese soldiers subjected the Viet Cong troops to thousands of armaments and machine-gun bullets, 600 artillery shells, and assorted ordnance of armored personnel carriers and helicopter guns. With the weapons they held in their hands the guerrillas killed or wounded roughly four enemies for every man they lost. They inflicted about 80 killed and over 100 wounded on the Saigon forces. They shot down five armed helicopters.

The Viet Cong guerrillas had stood their ground and humbled a modern army four times their number. The battle of Ap Bac created a sharp reaction in the States where public disinterest and official optimism left many people unpersuaded for bad news.

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In 1986, Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act, which gave amnesty to all illegals in country in return for strengthened enforcement and a commitment to secure the borders. The latter was largely ignored and the bulk of the enforcement was left in the hands of private employers checking ID on new hires and filling the new I-9 form. By 1995, advances in desktop publishing capabilities made home printing of birth certificates and Social Security cards easy to fake employers’ — and also gave enough documentation to get a work driver’s license and get hired as a full citizen. These employees would often pay a percentage of their wages to the ones who provided the fake ID. In the full employment period of the late 1990’s, these people were desperately needed and the system flourished.

9/11 did not significantly change all this. The recession of 2000 and the growth of the K-Verify Social Security database did.

What also changed was the conversion of the Mexican government from simply corrupt to a corrupt partnership with drug cartels (similar to 1990 Colombia/Lyce/2006. The cartels, led by Don George W. Bush’s support from conservatives in his second term, came largely from his Texas sensibilities toward immigration, tolerated in 2000, became untenable with the horror stories coming from people near the border.

I do not presume to understand why the people who sup- ported a wall ten years ago fight so intensely now. I can only speak for conservatives in saying that a secure border and controlling who comes over is critical to any policy that follows. Without that, any effort at reform will become a joke, as they did after 1986.

Worse than this is how the overall process is dealt with. “Catch and Release” simply means to process them, bring them before a judge with an overbooked caseload, set a hearing date and release them, only to watch most of them disappear into the heartland and never return. The Obama administration added to this by organizing transport in groups of the released to urban/ suburban areas all over the country — without informing any state or local officials and leaving the schools to deal with the influx of students.

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Are we killing our trees?
by Betty Phillips

And are we “killing” our responsibility to Mother Earth? In the middle of last month, I observed my monthly column and have lots of time to read. Yeah! Unfortunately the last several months have brought us heartbreak as we had to say goodbye to two heavy-chained, large trees—gigantic trees. I released those trees into our Eagle Point subdivision you will start to feel better because most of our homeowners have retained the beauty of native trees. Some trees perished years ago but we are back and doing what is best for our native forests.

When my husband Robert and I purchased our 10 acres years ago we decided to retain all of our trees except for the ones we had to remove for the buildings. We think that buildings employ workers to help us destroy the weeds, unhealthy plants and invasive shrubs. We added walking trails for exercise or sightseeing trips in our go-cart. One day as I was walking listening to music from my iPod, all of a sudden I heard a new spiritual song playing on the radio and I realized it was by the crook I must be destined to get it from God or the angels added to the music already on the iPod. I decided that this tree often with hugs and prayers for our country’s trees and the future of our society.

So the noise of the tree-gobbling machines has finally stopped and the 63 acres is devastated and empty except for the debris left by the tree-chomping machines. The back edge of the yard has been spread with some damage. The invasion came clean-up as we requested but left too much undisturbed. A few of our small trees decased and unwanted water puddles by our trail. The rest of the dead tree litter is added in the back edge of that area. The company has said they plans to add some grass seed to the destroyed area. We hope this plan is implement so someday we can see growing vegetation hiding the ugly destruction.

I am not in the art business to call out this tree-clearing company. They are not the only ones destroying these trees. They are gone. At my age I will never see trees there again. But we should do all that we can to fight the high-speed tractors to preserve our trees. Trees are part of the divine plan to preserve life and love in our world. Please, readers, hug and preserve your trees. They will continue to bring life and beauty to this world!”

Dr. Betty Phillips formerly wrote the Advice column for Chatham Line. She is a psychiatrist.
What does sustainability look like in Chatham Park?

At Chatham Park, we believe a perfect community is one that employs clean and sustainable technologies to gain personal convenience and efficiency in consumption. To that end, Chatham Park is already setting the example in environmental sensitivity with its use of reclaimed water treatment systems, LEED-certified buildings, wider riparian buffers, a solar farm, LID stormwater treatments, water conservation and energy efficiency savings in resource consumption. To that end, Chatham Park is investing in the future by being the first community in Chatham County to install reusable water lines (purple pipe) in the development. While reclaimed water is not widely available in Pittsboro now, this will provide a sustainable source of water for irrigation and cooling of commercial buildings, among other uses, in the future.

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Water as a Renewable, Recyclable Resource

Water is one of our most precious resources, and at Chatham Park, we’re committed to protecting and preserving it. Under the guidance of McKim & Creed, an environmental engineering firm, Chatham Park is developing a water reclamation facility that recognizes water as a renewable, recyclable resource - not a disposable product to used once and thrown away.

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Tim Baldwin of McKim & Creed, Shawn Blazer of Strata Solar and Steve Bowen of PSNC contributed to this article.

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