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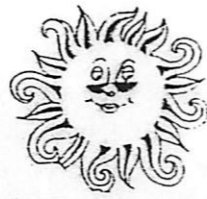
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Weather

Tonight: Clear except for patchy fog. Lows 40s and lower 50s. Light wind. Saturday: Mostly sunny and hazy. A few patches of morning fog. Highs 70s. Thursday's high in Madera was 74 with an overnight low of 46.



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What's Inside

Eastin-Arcola honors its top students from the first quarter of the school year.

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Madera High's boys cross country team, with three runners sick, takes third in the Valley Grand Masters meet. Stefanie McCarty was third in the girls race.

Sierra advanced to the Division IV championship with a sweep of Woodlake Thursday. The

Mother of victim glad ordeal finally over

By Richard Geiwitz
Staff Writer

An attorney for the victim of the Al Hahn molestation case released a statement from the mother of the victim in the civil suit against Madera County and the Board of Supervisors.

In that settlement, the boy received \$350,000 from the county, \$250,000 of which was paid for by an insurance policy.

Hahn had been sentenced to 26 years in prison in 1994 after being convicted of 28 counts of molestation.

The boy, molested by Hahn, sued the two parties claiming they had hired someone who was incompetent for the job and then didn't

properly supervise him.

The county argued that Hahn had a good reputation when hired and that they didn't know about his molestations.

The mother's statement was released through their attorney James Chanin, who did so with the stipulation that the boy not be identified. It reads:

"First, I would like to say that we are relieved this case is finally over. It has been a long, hard, three years for us. My son was tormented and humiliated on a daily basis at school and even at church for coming forward and charging Al Hahn for the crimes he was found guilty and convicted for.

"After one and a half years of hell, we had to leave our home and the friends we had made in

Madera in order for my children to be safe, away from Al Hahn and his family members and friends who regularly detoured through our neighborhood. We have sacrificed enough.

"I feel that Madera County owes my son an apology for their treatment of him, when they should have been thanking him for coming forward and saving their children from falling victim to Al. If it wasn't for my son, Al would still be using his position to gain the trust of his victims and their families, which would've allowed him to continue molesting our children.

"I also feel that the Madera County government should publicly apologize to the victims for turning a blind eye and allowing this to happen as long as it did in the first place. I hope

they have learned a valuable lesson on how to evaluate and supervise their employees.

"Now I would like to thank my attorneys James Chanin and Julie Houk, both from Berkeley, whose honesty and hard work were a tremendous help to us. It's a relief to know that there are still a few good attorneys left.

"I would also like to thank Cindy Besemer and Andrea Machen of the (state) Attorney General's office, as well as the officers who helped us, especially Gerald Kirkland and Mark Evans for their honesty and courage to come forward with information on Hahn, considering their reputations, integrity and/or their jobs were at stake. Also, victim witness worker Beryl Ravisconi and comprehensive coun-

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