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### *Excitement on the Laguna*

Editor:

A recent sighting of a large flock of Canada Geese on the Laguna de Santa Rosa lends support to the notion that the Laguna should be preserved and restored to a wild state.

On Sunday, Jan. 10, members of Friends of the Laguna were excited by this view of 44 wild Canada Geese. Gary Nelson, a member of Friends of the Laguna, has lived on the Laguna for 38 years and claims he has never seen Canada Geese so close to Sebastopol (approximately one mile from town).

One goose which stayed separate from the flock preferred to stay in thick vegetation on the water's edge while the others were in open water. This thick vegetation is limited in the area; most of the Laguna's banks are open pasture with little cover available. This suggests the importance of restoring some of the Laguna's riparian vegetation and wild character.

Please observe and enjoy the Laguna's beauty.

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