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## THE ELECTION ISSUE



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Their Own Words**

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# The Candidates : In Their Own Words

Every election cycle, the Ranchos Independent turns its pages over to the local candidates running for local office. We put no restrictions on either the length or content of their submissions. This year we have statements from three candidates running for Madera County District Attorney and two who are running for Madera County Superior Court Judge. Read their reasons why *they* think you should vote for them and then *you* decide. -- Editor



**David Linn -- Candidate for Madera County District Attorney**

I have been proud to lead the Madera County District Attorney's Office as your District Attorney for the past three years. I have been described by many community leaders and citizens as the "Most effective and best District Attorney in Madera County History." Up until approximately seven months ago, I was considered by many to be the "most popular" elected official in the Central Valley. In November of 2017, the Madera County Board of Supervisors decided I was a threat to their exclusive power over Madera County and

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**Sally Orme-Moreno -- Candidate for Madera County District Attorney**

Integrity, decisiveness, loyalty and motivating others to test their limitations, is the meaning of leadership and this is what I will bring to the Madera District Attorney's office. Upon returning from protecting my country as an Army Officer in Desert Storm, and while serving as a police officer in L.A., I believed I could be a successful prosecutor. In 1992, I enrolled at the San Joaquin College of Law for the sole purpose to become a prosecutor. Since graduating and passing the bar in 1995, I successfully achieved my goal and

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**Paul Hornick -- Candidate for Madera County District Attorney**

I am Paul Hornick, 39 years old. I was raised in Central New York. My father is a retired electrician; my mother is a retired lunch-lady who began her career only after my younger brother and I started school. I am the first member of my family to obtain a bachelor's degree, and the first to attend law school. My lovely wife, Amber, and I have been married for eight years. In order to be together, she resigned her job in San Jose so we could purchase our home in the Ranchos and begin to build our family. Our intention is to

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**Carol Moses -- Candidate for Madera County Superior Court Judge**

I am passionate about justice and committed to the Rule of Law. I believe everyone is entitled to due process and fair treatment under the law. I have the endorsement of Judge Wieland, Sheriff Jay Varney, all members of the Madera County Board of Supervisors and all members of the Madera City Council. Members of the Madera County Deputy Sheriff's Association and the Madera Police Officers' Association, community leaders, educators and business owners and many others have also

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Voting for judge is one of the most important voting decisions we can make. At this level, a judge will be tasked with following the law. If elected, I will do this fairly, equitably and will maintain an expeditious court calendar.

This does not answer the question of why judge is so important of a vote. Judges have the ability to move on to higher courts. On a higher court level, judges may interpret the Constitution in many cases, rather than just applying the law.

At a higher level, it is my opinion, we want judges who share our values and our interpretation of the Constitution. The Constitution is a well-crafted document which clearly explains our forefathers' intent and cannot

**Brian Austin -- Candidate for Madera County Superior Court Judge**



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Dear Editor:

This is in support of Sally Orme Moreno in her bid for Madera County District Attorney.

Sally and her family not only live, but support the county of Madera. Sally worked many years as a Madera County Deputy District Attorney, prosecuting crimes from burglary to homicide. Not only was she a successful prosecutor, but she was well liked and respected for her work and professionalism. Sally understands that sometimes good people can do bad things; she takes that into account during her continued daily life as a prosecutor. Not all convicted people have earned the maximum sentence for a crime, and Sally's unique position and understanding of that fact serve well the community in which she lives.

In fact, Sally's compassion for the people in the Central Valley generally, and Madera County specifically, can be seen in her family dynamics. She has raised her children well. They are individual, independent souls, but show the common good sense and discipline that their mother has instilled in them. Each of Sally's children exhibit good manners and an open mind to new experiences. They are happy and healthy, and enjoy meeting new people.

Not only Sally, but her whole family participates in various charity events. Whether they are seen participating in the recent Walk-a-Mile put on by Community Action Partnership of Madera County to bring the issue of Domestic Violence to light, or supporting Madera Sunrise Rotary's Trees for Charities where the proceeds of that event benefit local and international charities, Sally and her family are a force to be reckoned with. They have also served meals and handed out clothing items at our local Holy Family Table.

Sally is a real, well-rounded, down-to-earth person. She makes herself available to those who wish to talk with her and exchange ideas or knowledge. She knows the community in which she lives. She understands and has seen the good and bad in her fellow man. Sally is a perfect fit for the position of Madera County District Attorney. She has and will continue to keep our community safe through her partnership and mutual respect with law enforcement and the judicial system. Madera County can do no better than one of our own - Sally Orme Moreno.

Phil and Rebecca Janzen  
Madera

Dear Editor:

Two front-runners have emerged in the June 5 election for District Attorney: Paul

Hornick and Sally Moreno. As a Deputy District Attorney in Madera, I know both. Both are veterans. Both are experienced prosecutors. Both are aggressive trial attorneys. Both have important law enforcement endorsements. Both have ruffled the feathers of more than a few defense attorneys. Both are also intense competitors, and in a close race like this, expect fireworks.

I have good news for the People of Madera. Both Paul Hornick and Sally Moreno are capable prosecutors. But we cannot have two District Attorneys. Only one can win. Like my fellow prosecutors, I support Paul Hornick. I will give you one reason today: Sally left us when we needed her most.

By 2014, political chaos had driven nearly every experienced prosecutor out of Madera. Within months of the 2014 election, Sally was our last homicide prosecutor. Then Sally left for Fresno, leaving the County of Madera with a docket full of murders and not a single murder prosecutor. By luck and grace, several prosecutors stepped up to challenges far beyond their experience, and none of these murderers escaped justice. Others followed suit, and together we filled the gaping holes in our ranks. Sally left us in a legal melee, to fend for ourselves. We learned the hard way, with lost sleep and long hours. We learned more in the last four years than many prosecutors learn in a career.

When we needed experience and leadership most, Sally left for Fresno. I understand why. The new administration was no fan of hers. I am sure they made her job here thoroughly unpleasant. In her shoes, I do not know what I would have done. But hard times are when leaders persevere, and when things got hard, she left.

Paul Hornick joined our office during those hard years. He fought alongside us in the legal trenches every day. A year of experience in Madera during that time is worth 10 in Fresno. Paul leapt into this battle head-first and never looked back - he tried cases that no one else would, and even now while other candidates are off shaking hands and kissing babies, Paul is right alongside us where he has been the whole time.

Like you, I have a lot at stake in this election. One of these two will be my boss, and I know speaking my mind could have a heavy cost. It's worth the risk. I want the next District Attorney to be the one who has stood with me in the trenches during the hard times. I'd follow Paul Hornick anywhere, and for whatever my opinion is worth, I hope you'll vote for him.

Cavan Cox  
Fresno

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Editorial

# Get Up and Off Your ... Keyboard

By Randy Bailey

Being busy is not the same as doing something. There are people who actually say they're so busy they never get anything done.

Let that sink in for a minute.

I fear that we are moving toward a period of human development where the appearance of activity is being accepted as actual activity. I fear the computer and the internet are the prime suspects.

I have a Facebook account for the Ranchos Independent. Since the paper only comes out once a month, I needed a way to get timely information about the Ranchos, and other topics, out to my readers. Now, if I see something of interest, I can post it on my Facebook page and anyone who is linked up to it can get that information right now. Of course, this is a two-way street. Not only do they see what I want them to see, now I get to see what they want ME to see. Which leads to today's editorial.

A few weeks ago someone had posted on Facebook about one of the many god-awful drivers barreling down Avenue 12. After describing the driver and his on-road behavior, and the sorrowful lack of a police presence in the Ranchos, the post ended with something along the lines of, "Someone sure needs to do something."

That's when it struck me: All of these people merrily chatting about this driver and sharing their stories of having con-

fronted a similar (or worse) situation on Avenue 12, or Road 36, or that time on Berkshire ... it went on and on. And after each horrific story there was the obligatory confession that there never was a cop around when you needed one and how come they don't patrol out here more often and virtually each story was neatly wrapped up with: "Someone sure needs to do something."

That was when I weighed in.

I explained that "someone" is you. You need to call the Highway Patrol. You need to get ahold of your Supervisor, Brett Frazier. You need to be the squeaky wheel. You need to get some grease. You need to make so much noise that they'll do something just to shut you up. You need to get ahold of the whole Board of Supervisors, if necessary. You need to talk to Sheriff Varney. You need to call Assemblyman Frank Bigelow's office in Sacramento and State Senator Anthony Cannella up there while you're at it. And understand that although picking up the phone or emailing or writing a letter is a huge leap that 99.9 percent of the people commiserating with you right now on Facebook won't ever do, you still haven't done anything. You've sat there in the comfort of your home and taken a few minutes away from *Dancing with the Stars* and *The View* and Facebook to basically leave a few messages and make a very limited introduction of yourself and your problem.

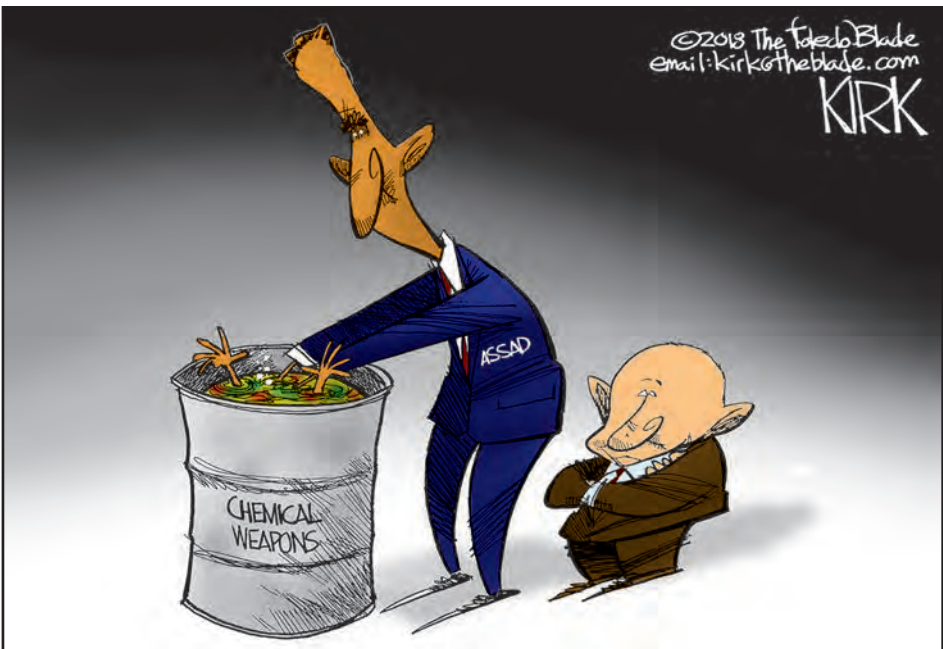
The *doing something* part of the equation is what happens next. That's the part where you don't stop until, by god, something gets done. This is where everyone who got a call now gets an email and everyone who got an email now gets a letter and after they get a letter -- you guessed it -- they get a new phone call. Just like the simple instruction on the shampoo bottle: "Repeat."

Unrelentingly.

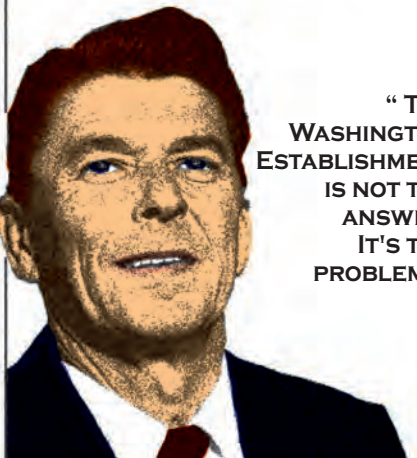
You have to be on a mission if you want to get something done ... unless of course you're all talk.

But here's the magic: Imagine if everyone in that little Facebook chat did the same thing. Heck, if only half the people did, there would be a movement in the Ranchos. We would be on everyone's (who could do something about it) radar.

The other choice is simply wait until someone gets killed. That always serves as a good motivator. Then the Facebook chat will be, "See? I told you someone needed to do something!"



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its people. Because I was investigating them for wrongdoing and illegal practices, they decided to publicly humiliate my wife and I. The allegations they used against me were absolutely untrue and came from a disgruntled employee who had previously been terminated from other District Attorney's Offices for bizarre behavior.

Following the Board of Supervisors' claims against me and largely due to the fact that they illegally prevented me from defending myself, I now face two challengers in the upcoming election. Neither of the challengers are qualified to be Madera County District Attorney.

Ms. Moreno has had her license to practice law in California revoked on two separate occasions; she also has, during her life, gone by 20 different aliases and has resided, if at all, for a very brief period of time in Madera County. Her campaign is largely funded by company businesses and government agencies from Fresno County. In short, she is just not one of us.

The other candidate running against me, a recent hire by my office, is totally unqualified to be District Attorney. He has only been licensed to practice law in the State of California for a brief period of time, a little over four years. Up until a year ago, we used to joke about who was going to "hold his

hand and take him to the Courthouse." Electing someone as naïve and inexperienced as him will allow him to become a pawn of the Board of Supervisors and destroy justice in Madera County.

Ms. Moreno, who claims to be a former police officer, intentionally fails to tell county residents that she never finished her Peace Officer Standard and Training (POST) qualifications and therefore could not be a police officer now. When asked why she didn't continue to be a police officer she replied, "I never really liked it very much."

Both of my competitors claim to be veterans, but really only in the technical sense. Ms. Moreno helped to guard one of the West Coast Ports sometime during Operation Desert Storm. Mr. Hornick's service history reveals that he has primarily been an Army Lawyer. Neither has ever been stationed in a war zone, nor have they seen hostile fire. On the other hand, I am a highly decorated combat veteran of Viet Nam and still carry battle scars from that conflict.

Although my opponents claim that the Madera County District Attorney's Office is currently in a state of confusion, nothing could be further from the truth. We have won nine significant jury trials in a row, without a loss, and increased and maintained a larger DA staff of attorneys, investigators and clerical personnel.

Madera County has one of the best, if

not the best, record of any county in sending individuals to state prison rather than county jail, keeping violent individuals such as the "Chowchilla School Bus kidnapper" and the "Yosemite Lakes Park arsonists" in prison while we have fought against Proposition 57.

With the cooperation of the Sheriff's Office, I created a jail policy so that Madera County could cooperate with Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE), deporting dangerous criminals after they have served their jail time and before they could be released into our communities. My ICE policy prevented community ICE sweeps, hospital sweeps, or the disruption of farm labor.

I have handled, and I am personally continuing to prosecute, the largest water theft case in the State of California. As a result of my prosecution, I believe that we have prevented "water bandits" from invading our portion of the Central Valley. The biggest threat to our water resources in Madera County is our Supervisors.

I have made the Madera County Superior Court – Sierra Division in Bass Lake a full-time courthouse again, opened a full time District Attorney's Office in Oakhurst, created a Veteran's Court for our county's veterans, and prevented arson fires in the mountains and throughout the county with my highly praised "Youthful Offenders Arson Program."

I have brought transparency to Madera

County Government, and I will continue to fight for the people.

Please vote for me so that I can finish the job, drain the Supervisor Swamp, and make Madera County the best place to live in California.

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have proudly served my community.

I have prosecuted arsonists, sex offenders, murderers and gangs and other criminals that believe they can prey on law abiding citizens. Candidly, I feel good when I am able to deliver serial arsonists, who terrorize communities, long prison sentences. I must admit, particularly as a mom who worries about the safety of my own children, it feels good knowing that a child molester I sent to prison for life will not have the opportunity to harm another child. I believe it is my duty to keep my community safe by sending violent criminals to prison. Unfortunately, our State Legislature doesn't agree.

As Sacramento passes law reducing penalties and limiting sentences and encouraging early releases, our county jails are now over capacity. Something must be done to stop these failed laws and it's time for the conservative heart of California to start pushing back. We can do this in many

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## All in the Family

As I've told you before, lots of times I sit down at my computer to do this article without a clue as to what I'm going to write about. That was the case a few weeks ago when I was trying to think of something that would be of interest to you and would be somewhat easy for me to write about. Then the phone rang and it was my niece Sara calling. She wanted to know about an ancestor that had been in the Civil War because her son Sam was doing a speech on a family member that was in that war. After we finished with the information she needed, she told me about her daughter who had entered a cake in the Big Fresno Fair (junior exhibit) and had won Best in Class in baking. Georgia will be 10 years old in August and according to her mother may just become a baker. Congratulations Georgia!

Georgia Grace is the granddaughter of my brother and sister in law; and she got her Meyer lemons from their orchard.



It must run in the family. My great-niece Georgia and her award-winning Meyer Lemon Bundt Cake.

Here is her winning cake recipe:  
**Meyer Lemon Bundt Cake**  
**Cake**

- 3 C all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 C unsalted butter - \*\*\*
- 2 C granulated sugar
- 1/8 C Meyer lemon zest - about 3 lemons
- 4 large eggs - \*\*\*
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ¾ C milk - \*\*\*
- ½ C sour cream - \*\*\*
- 2 T Meyer lemon juice - 1 lemon

\*\*\* These ingredients should be at room temperature

**Syrup**

- ¼ C Meyer lemon juice - approx. two lemons
- ¼ C granulated sugar
- Glaze
- 1 C powder sugar
- 3 T heavy whipping cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla

**Instructions**

**Cake**

Preheat oven to 350 and grease and flour a 12-cup bundt pan. Be sure to get in all the cracks of the bundt pan.

Whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt together, set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat butter until smooth. Add sugar and lemon zest and beat until light and fluffy.

Add eggs, one at a time, fully incorporating after each addition.

Add vanilla.

Add flour and milk alternately, beginning and ending with the flour. (3 additions of flour and 2 of milk) Fully incorporating after each addition.

Add sour cream and lemon juice and mix until combined.

Add some batter into your prepared bundt pan and press it into the cracks of the pan with a small spatula. Add remaining batter until pan is no more than three quarters full. Smooth the top with a spatula and whack the pan against the counter

to evenly distribute.

Bake for 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into center comes out mostly clean.

Place cake on wire rack to cool for 10 minutes. Whack the pan on the counter to loosen the cake and turn out onto wire rack.

**Syrup**

Place lemon juice and sugar in a small sauce pan. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, until simmering and all sugar is dissolved. While the cake is still hot poke it with holes, using a toothpick or skewer and immediately

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brush with the syrup. Allow cake to cool completely.

**Glaze**

Place powdered sugar, cream and vanilla into a two-cup measuring cup. Stir with a fork until fully combined. Drizzle over cake. Garnish with freshly grated lemon zest.

Thank you, Georgia, for sharing your winning recipe and giving me the inspiration for the rest of this article. Love you! P.S. Sara and I agreed to keep this a secret from Georgia, grandma and grandpa until they read this article – SURPRISE!

The other evening, I was watching the TV show *Martha (Stewart) Bakes*. She was using lemons in all her baked goods that evening and she said how much she loved desserts made with lemons; I knew there was a good reason I liked her.

My favorite pie is Lemon Meringue, but really I would be just as happy without the pie crust and the meringue. Just a bowl of lemon curd ... I could eat the whole bowl (if only I could). Doesn't cost anything to dream. You can put this on vanilla ice cream, or how about on a slice of pound cake? Yummy.

**Lemon Curd**

½ C fresh lemon juice  
2 tsp. finely grated lemon zest  
½ C sugar  
3 large eggs  
¾ C stick (6 T.) unsalted butter, cut into bits

Whisk together juice, zest, sugar and eggs in a 2-quart heavy saucepan. Stir in butter and cook over moderately low heat, whisking frequently until curd is thick enough to hold marks of whisk and first bubble appears on surface, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and chill, covering surface with plastic wrap until cold, at least one hour.

The powers that be always suggest that when life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade. Why don't you try this instead?

**Lemon Cheesecake Souffles**

12 lemons  
1 ½ C lemon juice  
¾ C water, chilled  
1 ½ T gelatin  
1 ½ C sugar  
1 pinch salt  
3 C heavy cream, chilled  
Blueberries, to garnish  
Mint leaves, to garnish

Using a melon baller and a paring knife, hollow out the lemons, reserving

the insides in a large bowl. Cut a small piece off the bottom of each hollowed lemon to allow it to sit flat, and place the lemons on a sheet tray.

Pour the reserved lemon slices and pith into a mesh strainer placed over a medium bowl. Press gently with a spatula to press the juice out of the lemon pieces.

To the lemon juice, add the chilled water and sprinkle the gelatin over the top. Allow to sit for a few minutes then transfer the mixture to a heavy-bottomed saucepan. Add the sugar and salt and cook over medium-low heat until the sugar is completely dissolved. Set aside and allow mixture to cool to room temperature.

In a medium bowl, whip heavy cream until it reaches soft peaks. Add the lemon juice mixture and use a hand mixer to combine. Transfer filling to a pastry bag, and pipe some into each hollowed out lemon.

Garnish with blueberries and mint, and enjoy.

And while we're on the topic of lemons, how about a lemon dessert that takes just 5 minutes to make? Give this one a try.

**Lemon Pineapple Can-Can Dessert**

1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained  
1 15 ¾ oz. can lemon flavor instant pudding and pie filling  
1 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk  
1 8 oz. carton Cool Whip, thawed  
Lemon slice (to garnish)

In a medium bowl, combine first three ingredients then fold in Cool Whip.

Spoon into individual dessert bowls, then refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Before serving, garnish with lemon slices, if desired.

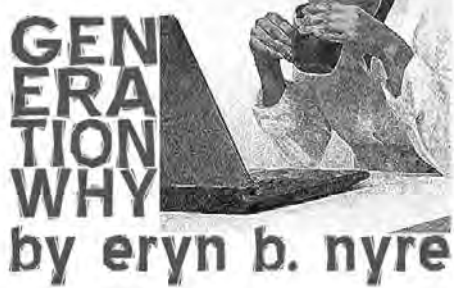
Do you have a child that likes to cook – maybe has a specialty at which they are good? Boy or girl, child or grandchild, niece or nephew or neighbor, doesn't matter. I love kids and I would love to dedicate a whole article just to future chefs. Call me at 645-0634, e-mail me at ranchosnews@yahoo.com or come into the office at 37167 Ave. 12 #5C in the heart of the Ranchos in Maywood Center. Randy likes to say we're in the perfect location for a newspaper: Halfway between the library and a liquor store. I'm usually there Monday through Wednesday from about 10:30 a.m. to around 3 p.m. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.



# Thankful Mama Memories

For anyone who has lost their mom, Mother's Day can be a rough time. It's definitely one of the hardest days of the year for me. My mom was my best friend. We talked nearly every day even though we lived nearly a thousand miles apart. I would call her and tell her silly stories about my day or recount some ridiculous display of clumsiness that would make her laugh and call me her little accident waiting to happen. When we would go too long without talking, which at most was maybe two days, she would call me and tell me she needed her baby fix. I miss her so much it hurts. But rather than write a sappy and tear-filled homage to the greatest mother on the planet, I would rather devote my time and keyboard to some of my favorite Mother's Day memories.

Mama loved a good spa day. I can still remember the first time she took me to a spa where we spent the entire day acting like Kardashians. Well, Kardashians with half the makeup, twice the intelligence, and none of the tantrums, but you get the point. My mom was really more of a low maintenance, down-home kind of woman but she did love lounging around in a fluffy robe once or twice a year. Whenever we would do something luxurious like that it was Mama who was usually the bankroll; she loved to spoil me. I remember the first time I actually treated her to a spa day. She happened to be visiting me on Mother's Day and I surprised her with a day full of pampering. She cried



when I told her where I was taking her. Her sister and my aunt's daughter-in-law came with us and we all spent the day wrapped in fluffy clouds of supple cotton and lounging by the pool in-between spa treatments. It will always be one of those days I will never forget.

*I can't make any new Mother's Day memories with her which is why I hold so tightly to the past, but the memories I have are of a wonderful life with the most amazing, selfless, supportive mother for whom anyone could ever hope.*

I never got to take her to Disneyland for Mother's Day, which I will always regret, but she did take me and a friend of mine to Six Flags Marine World one year when I was a teenager. She loved all animals, but watching the dolphins and walrus perform their tricks made her giggle and light up like a little girl. The whale was her favorite and she never missed a show. I'm relatively certain she would have still been squealing with delight even if the orca swallowed her whole like a female Pinocchio. She hated roller coasters, but I managed to get her to ride one that whipped her up, down, sideways, and (if you believe her) ripped her soul out of her body momentarily in a near death experience. She survived, but that was the last time I ever got her on one outside of the multiple coaster "light" rides at the Happiest

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Dear Editor:

Election season is upon us. The position of District Attorney is critically important to the safety and security of all Madera County residents.

It is clear to me there is only one real option: Sally Moreno.

Sally was born and raised in the San Joaquin Valley. She worked as a police officer for the Los Angeles Police Department and is a decorated Desert Storm Army Military Police veteran. This background gives her an understanding of law enforcement, leadership, and management that no other candidate possesses.

She went to law school here at San Joaquin College of Law, and has been a prosecutor and raised her children in this Valley

ever since. For over 20 years she has shared our Valley values.

We have all seen the totally inappropriate conduct of the current office holder (if you have not, a search for the report on the County website will confirm that 10 of his own attorneys, under oath, detail his inappropriate comments in the office – racial, personal, sexual, threatening. Not OK.).

What hides in the background is the terrible management of the office. According to the third candidate, the office is in almost complete disarray and the incumbent's vile conduct continues. And the third candidate was appointed by the incumbent to clean it up over two years ago! What has he done?

When the incumbent came in, he made it clear, he didn't want Sally around, cut her out of supervision and any decision making, and removed her from critical cases. Unable

to effect any change from within, she moved to Fresno where she learned new skills and learned in detail how a well-run office functions. (That she was able to move into a senior prosecutor position in another office so easily is a testament to her prosecutorial prowess!)

The fact that her heart has always remained in Madera is patently clear. As all of who know her have seen, she has remained involved in local Rotary, the Parish Council of her Church, and coaches Mock trial at a Madera High School, just for starters. She is an involved member of our community, seeking to make it better, and a proven prosecutor and leader.

Sally Moreno has my vote.

Gary Gilbert  
Supervisor District 5, Madera County, Ret.

Dear Editor:

This is why I like and support Paul Hornick for Madera DA. I have had two Madera DA candidates come to my door. Paul Hornick was polite, answered all my questions, let me know what he would bring to the table if elected as Madera DA. Sally Orme Moreno came to my door, didn't say anything about what she would do for Madera. She did say that Paul Hornick was too young. That is a discriminating remark. (the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people or things, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex.) That is also against the law. She said she would mentor him if SHE was elected so he could be the next DA after her. Hmmm isn't this an elected position? There is no picking your successor. She also said that

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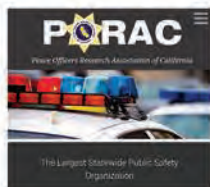
## Sheriff Jay Varney Endorses Sally Orme Moreno For District Attorney



*"I have reviewed all 3 of the candidates running for District Attorney and Sally is the most qualified. Sally already has a great working relationship with other law enforcement agencies, victim services agencies and other groups that help us keep Madera a safe county." - Sheriff Jay Varney*

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ways and I can help lead us in this direction.

The Keep California Safe initiative is one solution. I am honored to be part of the process of putting this law together. If this initiative passes and becomes law, I am particularly proud of my directive in the initiative to make sure that serial arsonists will no longer be eligible for early release. It adds numerous crimes to the list of those ineligible for early release including: domestic violence, rape of an unconscious person, human trafficking and other heinous crimes. It creates a felony theft offense for repeat thieves who steal items valued at over \$250. It also increases the number of arrestees from whom we take DNA samples and run through our "cold case" databases.

Locally, it is critical that the local public safety community joins forces and works together to develop new ways to solve chronic crime problems. No one person has the resources to develop and sponsor new ideas, but, "all of us" are always smarter than "any of us." This is something I learned as an officer in the United States Army and I will use it as your next District Attorney. This is why I have the support of our Sheriff Jay Varney and the vast majority of law enforcement officers in Madera County.

Together, with the support and participation of other public safety leaders in the community, we can develop and implement new safety strategies. "OLIVE," a new entity in Madera, is developing a dynamic new paradigm to rescue women and children from the clutches of human traffickers and get them on the path to recovering. I'm proud to say I have lent them my skills to help them get established.

We have also developed new collaborative courts. I worked with a team of people led by Superior Court Judge Dale Blea to implement a behavioral health court. It is focused on using intensive supervision and community resources on our diagnosed seriously mentally ill. We must get them off street drugs, on their proper medications (if necessary), back to work and into stable housing. Veterans' court is following a similar program.

Furthermore, as a community we must

continue to address repeat drunk drivers. They are a danger to every family and I will not tolerate excuses for bad behavior.

Our District Attorney's office needs good management. I have worked as a company commander in the United States Army. I have successfully overseen the training, budgeting, pay, performance, promotion, and general management of approximately 100 soldiers.

I have also successfully managed within the Madera District Attorney's office. As a supervisor for over a year, I worked with all of the special team attorneys that included gangs, sex offenses, narcotics, juvenile crime and serious DUI cases.

By all accounts, the current District Attorney's office is consumed by controversy and in disarray. I have the knowledge, experience, work ethic and commitment to give us a District Attorney's office we expect and deserve. I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, June 5th.

Hornick cont. from p. 2

grow old together in this wonderful community.

I am licensed to practice law in both Florida and California; I am also qualified to practice before any authorized military court-martial. I was first admitted to practice law in 2005 in Florida, where I worked as a prosecutor for the Broward County State Attorney's Office. During my time in Florida, I handled cases which ranged from traffic infractions up to first-degree felonies. In 2009, I felt a personal calling to join the United States Army, and I did. At the age of 31, I attended basic training and went on to attend Officer Candidate School. In 2010, I was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and assigned to the Transportation Corps. During my time in the Army, I served in various leadership positions, including those of Platoon Leader, Battalion Maintenance Control Officer, and Battalion Adjutant. I credit my active duty experience with significantly preparing me to serve as District Attorney. As an Officer, I was directly responsible for

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Place on Earth. She spent the entire Mother's Day dotting on me and my friend instead of me on her. That was the kind of mother she was. Even though I look back and wish I wasn't so selfish at that point in my life, I will always cherish the memory of her twirling through the air screaming something about how bringing me into this world gives her permission to take me out of it.

One year I gave my mother a piece of jewelry that took me months to pick out. It was a necklace with a silver heart with an inlaid cross and an inscription on the back of my favorite scripture. I couldn't be with her that particular Mother's Day and I wanted to do something special for her. I had already done the flower delivery thing, the edible arrangement thing, and the random DVD-I-think-she-might-like thing. I really wanted that year to be special. It turned out to be her favorite piece of jew-

elry. She wore it to every major event in her life from that point on until she passed away. Now it's dirty and slightly tarnished from all of that wear but I can't bring myself to have it cleaned because it serves to remind me of how much she loved it and how close she kept it.

I think what makes this time of year so hard for me is not just that I don't get to see my mom or hear her voice or hug her; she gave the best hugs in the whole world. What makes it hard is that all those experiences are behind me now. Looking back, I don't think I deserved half the things she did for me and I pray she didn't pass without knowing how deeply I loved her. I can't make any new Mother's Day memories with her which is why I hold so tightly to the past, but the memories I have are of a wonderful life with the most amazing, selfless, supportive mother for whom anyone could ever hope. I miss you Mama and I hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day with Jesus.



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To learn more about the effects of elder abuse in Fresno and Madera Counties, please plan on attending the World Elder Abuse Awareness event on Friday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hilton Double Tree at the Fresno Convention Center at 2233 Ventura Street in Fresno. Tickets are free but seating is limited. Go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and enter "world elder abuse."

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## Senior Report

# New Center Members, New Senior Friends

By Margaret Tynan

A big THANK YOU to all who participated in the Ranchos/Hills Seniors Home and Garden Festival. It's great to live in such an engaged vibrant community. The next fun community event is the Madera Ranchos Flatlanders Day Parade to be held May 12 with the parade starting at 10 a.m. In discussions with Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce's Secretary Virginia Vick and Chamber President Bill Whyman, I learned a little of the history of the event. It was originally called the Harvest Festival and was started through the efforts of the Friends of the Library. In 1996 the newly formed Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce took over the parade while the Library continued to oversee the rest of the day's activities. Many local businesses and organizations are involved in the event and the parade including Madera Volunteer Fire Station 19 and Boy Scout Troop 118. The Ranchos/Hills Seniors have participated in Flatlanders almost since the event's inception. This year the Center will have a booth to give information and give the community the opportunity to get in on a great raffle. Look for Center members wearing wild and crazy hats mingling in the crowd with tickets available. The prizes this year are: 1st Prize -- Fish Box Charter Shaver Lake fishing trip donated by the Santoro family; 2nd Prize -- a large pizza every month for a year from Pizza Factory; and 3rd Prize -- A Taste of the Ranchos gift from Valley Propane. Be sure to get your tickets and good luck.

Don't forget the Bake and Boutique and Treasure House sale Saturday, May 5 from 8 a.m. to noon. Also, there's still time to sign up at the Center (37330 Berkshire Dr.) for the free Improv classes to be held on four consecutive Mondays: April 30, May 7, 14, and 21 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Classes are open to adults in the community.

Welcome to the new members who joined the Ranchos/Hills Seniors so far this year. I've had the pleasure of visiting with four of them to learn a little more about them. I quickly learned that Margo Conkle has a sense

of humor. She answered my phone call saying she was outside "harvesting" weeds. She and her husband Jerry built their home in the community about 40 years ago. Margo laughingly shared that her job title during the construction was "gopher." She and Jerry spend part of the year in their second home in Arizona and enjoy travel. She says Jerry would travel all the time but she is more of a homebody and likes to spend time gardening (harvesting weeds?). Margo says she finds the Ranchos/Hills Seniors Center to be a "real gem." She is impressed that the Center is self-funded and offers many opportunities for members and community.



New member Bud Page visits with longtime Ranchos/Hills Seniors member Juanita Williams at the Thursday evening potluck.

Another longtime resident of the community to become a Center member is Cynthia Malding. She and her husband Kenneth moved to their home on 2 1/2 acres in 1975 where they raised their two children. She says that at the time it took a year to get a phone installed. They have watched the growth and development of the area over these many years. Cynthia enjoys gardening and loves to see the kit foxes play on the property. She retired from the IRS 10 years ago and Kenneth served as Post Master at North Fork before his retirement.

Leonard "Bud" Page moved into the community about three years ago to be close to his daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren. Bud was in the construction business with his son in the Bay Area before he retired. He visits his son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren there as often as he can. Bud told me that he used to race motorcycles and enjoyed camping. He especially remembers with fondness a road trip of nearly 10,000 miles which included attending the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid in 1980. He currently enjoys reading and playing cards.

It is great to have such interesting new members join the Ranchos/Hills Seniors. We look forward to our times together. I hope to visit with and get to know the other new members soon.

Thought for May: "Since there is nothing so worth having as friends, never lose a chance to make them."

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## The 28th Annual Flatlanders Day is Almost Here!



The 28th Annual Flatlanders Day Parade, sponsored by the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce, is coming Saturday, May 12 beginning at 10 a.m. and will showcase local groups, businesses and individuals from the Ranchos and beyond. There's also a food and crafts fair at the Maywood Center sponsored by the Friends of the Ranchos Library that will last into the afternoon.

An entry form for the parade is to the right and applications for booths at the food and crafts fair are available at the Ranchos Library.

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5. Because I feel a sense of personal obligation to improve the quality of life in the Ranchos.

The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce would love to see you at our next meeting, always the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., 37167 Ave. 12 Suite 5C in the Maywood Center. Come join us on May 9 and help plan future events for the Ranchos. Call us at 645-4001.

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Hello 93636,

It's that time of year again. The 28th Annual Flatlanders Day Parade & Craft Fair is coming to the Maywood Center on Saturday, May 12. The parade begins at 10 a.m. but the craft fair begins at 8 a.m. and runs till 3 p.m. I would like you to stop by my booth at the Craft Fair and introduce yourself. You can talk about your favorite *In Good Hands* article, ask a question about a pesky problem with your car, or just say "Hi." We'll be in spaces 27 and 28 on the southeast corner. I hope to see you there.

Spring and summer is upon us. For me, that means lots of cool automotive training classes. For you guys it means travel and vacations. I wish I was traveling with you.

Since I'm not, I thought I would give you a few pre-trip vehicle inspection tips that will help keep your summer travel safe, comfortable and enjoyable. Every inspection or test may not be applicable to every vehicle.

Let's start with a vehicle walk around. Is the vehicle flat and level? Are there any fluid leaks under the vehicle? While standing in front and then the rear of the vehicle, have an assistant turn on each set of lights (high and low beam headlights, emergency flashers, turn signals, brake lights, etc.) one at a time. Have the assistant look at the instrument cluster and make sure each indicator lamp illuminates. Make sure the side mirrors are adjusted correctly.

Next, let's inspect all wheels and tires, including the spare. A flashlight will be helpful. Take the palm of your hand and rub it around the circumference of each tire, bottom front to bottom back. Roll the vehicle forward to expose the bottom of the tire and do it again. It should feel even and smooth. If you feel rolling hills (cupping), it's an indicator the wheel is bouncing. Using your flashlight, look inward at the top of the shock absorber or strut shell where the plunger extends upward. It should be oil and dust free. A collection of dust is an indicator of a leaking component. Bounce on the front and rear bumpers of the vehicle. It should cycle (rebound and recoil)

one time maximum after you jump off. I recommend shocks and/or struts be replaced in pairs, front and rear. If the shock absorbers and/or struts pass your inspection, have the wheels balanced and rotated. At this time, you should also be inspecting for hazards such as nails or screws.

Turn the steering wheel all the way left and then right to expose the front tires for easier inspection. Is the tire tread depth even across the tire? If the center is more worn, the tire is likely over-inflated. If both edges are more worn, likely the tire is under-inflated. All vehicles should have a tire pressure label on the driver's side door jam. **TECH TIP:** For many vehicles, the front, rear and spare tire pressures are different.

If one of the above wear patterns is present, let's first attempt to correct it by setting the tire air pressure correctly and rotate its position on the vehicle. If more correction is needed later, adjust the air pressure accordingly in increments of 3

pounds per square inch (psi). There should be a maximum tire pressure stamped on the side wall of each tire. Don't exceed.

If either the inside or outside of the tread is more worn, that's an indicator of worn suspension, steering component(s) or misalignment. Do the same thing for the rear tires except for the steering wheel thing.

Tires have several "wear bars" between each tread. The "wear bar" height is 3/32. If the "wear bar" is even with the tread height, it's time to replace the tires.

It's a good idea to replace all tires together. The smaller circumference tires (used) will spin faster than the larger circumference tires (new). The different wheel speeds (via wheel speed sensors) can confuse the transmission, antilock and/or vehicle stability modules resulting in reduced performance and/or false warning indicator lamps set. If your vehicle is a fulltime 4-wheel drive or all-wheel drive, you **MUST** replace all four tires together. You **CANNOT MIX** tires with different circumferences. The different wheel speeds will cause the clutches in the transfer case to slip and overheat. **VERY Destructive!**

OK, wash your hands and jump into the driver's seat. Turn the ignition key to the "ON" position but do not start the en-

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engine. This test is called a "Bulb Check." All monitored systems warning lamps (check engine, oil pressure, coolant temperature, battery, brakes, drive restraint, vehicle stability, etc.) should be glowing unless that system is monitored by a gauge. If a warning lamp bulb is out, the vehicle will not be able to warn you in the event of a system failure. Fix it immediately.

Briefly start the engine. Every warning lamp should be turned off, indicating each system passed its monitor. Honk the horn. Activate the windshield washers and wipers. Apply the parking brake to check for proper adjustment. Turn on the HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) system and check the blower motor, mode, temperature and recirculation functions. You never know when you may need the windshield washed or defogged.

Time to raise the hood. The engine should be cool before performing the following inspections. Check the engine oil, engine coolant, power steering, windshield washer and brake fluid levels. Check both the radiator and coolant reservoir levels if possible. Everything should be full. If not, there is a leak. Turn the radiator cap over and inspect the two rubber seals for cracks. Replace as necessary. Top off the cooling system with distilled water or the correct coolant only.

The same is not necessarily true of the brake fluid. If the brake fluid level is low, that's an indicator the brake pad linings are low. It's not necessary to add brake fluid unless it's below the minimum level marked on the brake master cylinder reservoir. If you need to add, there is a leak.

Some vehicles, like BMW, do not have an engine or transmission oil dipstick. That information should be available on the driver information display. Scroll through the menu and check your fluid conditions.

Start the engine and bring it up to full operating temperature. The following tests should be performed with the engine at idle. Set the HVAC blower speed and temperature functions as high as possible. **TECH TIP:** If the heater is **NOT TOASTY HOT**, the engine coolant level in the radiator is likely low.

With the cooling system now pressurized, inspect the radiator, radiator and heater hoses for swelling, leaks or other defects. **DO NOT TOUCH** any plastic coolant component or hoses connected to a plastic component. Several times in my career I have been scalded from a plastic component that under stress exploded from just the touch of my finger. Very painful. Watch the electric cooling fan(s) cycle. When the fans

are spinning, place your fingers through the vehicle's grill and you should feel the ambient air passing by.

Turn every electrical load to high (AC, high beams, radio, flashers, etc.) so the alternator and air conditioning compressor loads will stress the serpentine belt. Have your assistant turn the steering wheel back and forth. The belt should remain steady and true. If it vibrates or is sloppy, time to replace it including the belt tensioner.

If your vehicle has a transmission dipstick, check the fluid level, color and smell. It should not be brown, dark or smell burnt. If so, or the transmission fluid has 100,000 miles or more of use, my advice is to change the fluid even if it is life time fluid. Better to change the fluid and extend the transmission's life.

Check the battery cable ends for corrosion and/or looseness. Wiggle the cables. They should be tight. If there is corrosion on the battery posts or cable ends, a little baking soda mixed with water will dissolve the acid corrosion. By the way, 7 Up works great also.

Let's remove the air filter cover and inspect the air filter. Next, using your garden hose and spray nozzle, spray water through the front grill and through all the heat exchangers (power steering and transmission coolers, AC condenser, radiator, etc.). Let them soak for 5 minutes to allow the debris to soften. Spray again at high pressure until they look clean and the nozzle water freely flows through each core. Your air conditioning and other affected systems will perform so much better.

Finally, drive the vehicle to an empty parking lot and safely turn tight circles at medium speed, forward and reverse, while braking. This test loads the wheels, axle bearings, constant velocity joints, differential, steering linkage, suspension and braking components. Listen for odd noises (clunks, rattles, popping, etc.) and/or the feel of driving over bumps. If one of those conditions is present have your shop of choice diagnosis the problem.

OK guys, that's all for now. Have a happy and safe motoring summer. Send me pictures, including pictures of your vehicle. If you have any questions or need help, come on by or send me an email or text. I will be glad to help. Don't forget to stop by on Flatlanders Day.

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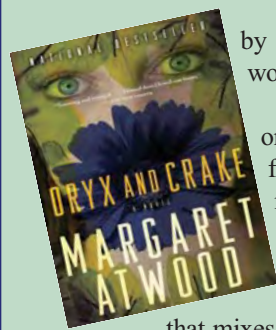
By Jerrica Edmundson

This month at the library, preparations for the Flatlanders Day Craft Fair are in full swing and we are headed straight for an epic event. We can't wait to see the community come together to make this one of the greatest fairs to date.

The following week after the craft fair we will be holding our first ever "Game Night at the Library" where people of all ages can come and learn to play some new board games in a family friendly environment — all in collaboration with the Crazy Squirrel Game Store out of Fresno.

Even though we have a lot of fun events coming up, your faithful librarians of course still make time to read and want to share with you what's on our shelves this week:

**Jerrica's Shelf:**



*Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood.

This book is one of my all-time favorites and manages to show off Atwood's amazing ability to weave a tale that mixes current-day scenarios with a future that is both daunting and realistic. The story begins with a man named Snowman waking up on a beach and proceeding to tell his story to a group of weirdly ethereal humanoid creatures that seem to be the last "people" on Earth.

Lo and behold there has been some cataclysmic event that has apparently destroyed society as we know it, and Snowman is the last one — and of course is the one who knows the whole story too. The book revolves around his telling of the story beginning with his childhood and showing how he grew up with a friend, fell in love with a girl, and then witnessed the destruction of it all.

I love the way this book is plausible while being fantastic all at the same time, and it is the beginning of the Maddaddam Trilogy which continues to delve into this world from different points of view but all resulting in the same, horrible ending.

**Spencer's Shelf:**

*Pathfinder* by Orson Scott Card.

In *Pathfinder*, the first book in the *Pathfinder Series*, Orson Scott Card masterfully blends Sci-Fi and Fantasy to create an incredibly compelling setting for one of the most unique time-travel stories ever written. Rigg, the protagonist of this story, is an exceptionally bright young man. He has spent most of his life traveling the wilderness with his Father trapping furs to sell to the nearby town. His father has raised him to be a very knowledgeable person, teaching him everything from hunting and trapping, to advanced calculus, biology and physics. Rigg is not an ordinary boy, however. He has the ability to see the paths that every living thing makes through space and time. Although he doesn't know it yet, Rigg's ability makes him a very important person, tied irrevocably to the future and the past of the world in which he lives. The *Pathfinder Series* is a must read for any *Ender's Game* fans or fans of Orson Scott Card in general.



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By Brenda McElroy

*Engineering Hope*

“Isn’t it time for you to leave yet?” I’ve learned not to take it personally when my clients say that. And some of my favorite clients do say that. I’m a pleasant person, but to do my job I must, at times, hold my clients’ feet to the fire. This comes in the form of keeping

them on task and asking many questions. Questions with predetermined answers that are challenged with more questions.

Me: Do you need this?

Client: Yes.

Me: How long has it been since you used it?

Client: I don’t remember.

Me: Describe for me a scenario in which you will use it.

Client: Hmm . . .

Clients don’t hire me because they want things to stay the same, but that doesn’t mean they’re excited about making changes. Even with obvious benefits like being able to find things, not having a room full of boxes, or walking into a walk-in closet, change doesn’t come easily. There are obstacles that they, and perhaps you, face in the process of change. Do any of these resonate with you?

*“My identity is connected to my stuff.”*

This is one of the hardest things for teachers.

You’ve poured your life, energy, time and money into creating and preparing teaching materials. Teaching is far more than a job. It’s who you are. And now, in retirement you have to get rid of it all? Well, no. How about snapping photos for a photo book, or creating a scrapbook with a few pages from your favorite units? Check with your neighborhood school, private schools, or Home School Groups to see what materials might be useful to them. Join a retired teachers Facebook group and ask for ideas. Make room for a new identity to form as you pursue your retirement goals and dreams.

Maybe you weren’t a teacher, but you’re storing books, binders, and miscellaneous paraphernalia from a former job. Keep a small portion for reference or remembrance sake, pass along resources of value, and recycle the rest. Allow your legacy to be based on the people your goods and services helped, rather than how much stuff you’ve saved to show what you did.

*“I don’t want to go there.”* One of my

clients had lost all the members of her immediate family. As she and her husband prepared for a move, she knew she couldn’t sell the house before reducing a lot. With tears we sorted through her parents’ and sister’s belongings as well as

*If you’re facing a daunting task, the key is giving yourself scheduled time, accountability (someone that can help you reach your goal without making it worse), and grace.*

many of her own. It was a painful and dreaded process for her. After many months, we completed the job. Her house looked great and sold quickly. As we said our goodbyes she told me,

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the health, safety, welfare, and morale of my soldiers, as well as equipment valued at more than \$10 million. I also received experience in budgeting, resource allocation, and personnel matters.

In 2010, I discharged from active duty, but continued to serve in the Army Reserve as a JAG Officer, drilling monthly. I currently hold the rank of Captain.

I was admitted to practice law in California in 2013. I have been blessed in that I successfully completed both of my Bar Exams on my first effort. I presently serve Madera County as a Senior Deputy District Attorney, and I am maintaining full-time employment throughout this campaign. As a Senior Deputy D.A., I appear in court daily, and handle everything from traffic infractions to murder; I am presently responsible for one attempted-murder and three murder cases.

I am distinguished from my opponents because I am endorsed by the Madera County Prosecutors' Association, an organization that is composed of my peers. These folks opted to endorse me over both Mr. David Linn and Ms. Sally Moreno. Notably, these people are the only people who have worked with all three candidates from within the DA's office, and, as such, they are in the best position to weigh our strengths and weaknesses and opine on who should hold this critically important office. Again, they chose me over the others.

Second, it is worth noting that Ms. Moreno's endorsement from the Deputy Sheriff's Association was issued well before my entrance into this race and was not the result of a vote by the membership at large. Whereas both of my endorsements were issued following meetings, question/answer interviews, and a vote by all members.

I am also endorsed by the men and women of the Madera Police Officers' Association. I am honored to have the support of police officers from an agency that I work with every day. It should also be noted that several individual D.A. Investigators and Deputy Sheriffs also support me.

Third, the role and function of the District Attorney is as much, if not more, one of an administrator. Of the three of us, I submit that I am the best suited for this role as well. Mr. Linn is simply not present for duty. And, in Ms. Moreno's career, she has established a historical record of failing to pay attention to important details.

The Jackson/Waterman arsonist case which Ms. Moreno completed in 2014 is currently pending direct appeal for prosecutorial misconduct. The alleged misconduct involved Ms. Moreno failing to turn over evidence to the Defense. Notably, this evidence was known to her and in her possession. Be-

cause of her inattention to detail, we may be forced to re-do a six-month trial that should have been done correctly the first time.

The murder case of Frank William Hogan, which Ms. Moreno completed in 2013, has already been returned from the Appellate Courts for a re-do because of cumulative error. This was a horrific murder, where the victim was also sodomized by the Defendant. In sum, we now must re-do this case because the Defendant did not receive a fair trial because of cumulative errors committed during the trial. Prosecutors share in the responsibility for ensuring that those who are accused of crimes receive a fair trial. Here again, Sally Moreno has demonstrated an inattention to detail therefore causing additional time, taxpayer expense, and delay to justice.

Ms. Moreno has also twice lost her eligibility to practice law. As lawyers, we have very few obligations imposed upon us to maintain eligibility to practice law. In sum, we are required to pay an annual fee, and we are required to complete continuing legal education and timely submit records of attendance/completion of that education. Ms. Moreno has failed to complete each of these requirements on two separate occasions. This is public record and can be verified by visiting her profile on the California Bar website. Plainly, Ms. Moreno is hardly someone who should be controlling the office's \$4.2 million budget.

I have handled thousands of cases throughout the course of my career, and not one has ever been returned for prosecutorial misconduct, failing to turn over evidence, or cumulative error. I maintain two separate law licenses; never once have I failed to pay my annual membership fees or failed to complete my required legal education.

Very simply, the people of Madera County deserve a District Attorney with a demonstrated track record of honesty and integrity; this person also needs to be detail orientated. I am this person, and I would be honored for your support and vote during this June 5th primary election.

I can be contacted through my campaign website: [www.hornick4da.com](http://www.hornick4da.com), or through Facebook at "@hornick4DA". Thank you for considering me.

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endorsed me. (For a complete list, please visit: [MosesforJudge.org](http://MosesforJudge.org).)

As I have met with individuals and groups, I share information about my two decades as a Yosemite National Park law enforcement and protection ranger and my 25 years as a practicing attorney as well as my

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As a homeowner or resident within the community, shouldn't you be aware of subjects now and not too far off that will affect you and your family?  
As a business owner within the community, shouldn't you be aware of the problems and solutions facing your business daily and in the future that will ultimately affect your investment?

SEMUCU provides a platform for all of us to learn what's going on in our community. From subjects as broad and diverse as water and development, to schools and roadways and beyond, we all need to be informed about what's going on in our community.

SEMUCU meetings are held at 6 pm on the third Monday of each month at the Madera Ranchos Pizza Factory at 37184 Ave. 12 in the Madera Ranchos. Call 559-363-9095 for more information.

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**KEEP CALM**

**BECAUSE TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG**

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"You gave me my house back — no, you gave me my life back." As she pushed through the purging process, she cleared the clutter from her physical space, as well as her mind and emotions. She was ready now to move on to a new and fulfilling place and purpose.

If you're facing a daunting task, the key is giving yourself scheduled time, accountability (someone that can help you reach your goal without making it worse), and grace. Keep the things that bring you the most joyful remembrances. Bear in mind that it's not the quantity of keepsakes that honors your loved ones. Saving fewer things that are used and displayed gives value to the items and the people they represent.

"It will never work." You're convinced you'll never finish, never get it just the way you want, or never keep it that way. Recently my son-in-law was working with my 4-year-old twin granddaughters and their baby sister, rehearsing their getting-ready-for bed routine. Remembering all the steps can be overwhelming, so they use a chart with pictures. In addition, he talked with them about taking it just one step at a time,

like eating an elephant, one bite at a time. Now, when it's time for bed baby sister says, "Eat elephant!"


When learning to ski there's a bunny hill for beginners. When learning to play the piano, you don't sit down with the score of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. Likewise, when beginning to organize don't bite off more than you can chew. Start small. Choose one flat surface, one drawer, or one shelf. Purge, organize and create routines to keep it that way. Once you enjoy success with that area, take the next bite.

In their book *Switch*, Chip and Dan Heath say, "When you engineer early successes, what you're really doing is engineering hope. Hope is precious to a change effort." Whatever your organizing project is, I encourage you to start small. Succeed. Move on and keep your bites manageable. *Eat elephant!*

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if she wasn't elected then she would stay in Fresno as the Homicide DA. If you are as great a DA as you say you are then why don't you work in Madera prosecuting the criminals and putting them behind bars? Again, hmmm, if you live in the Ranchos and are campaigning for the Madera DA, why would you not want to work in Madera keeping your county safe? You will only work in Madera if you get everything your way????!! Is this a case of, "If I don't get what I want I am going to take my marbles and go home."?

I didn't appreciate her acting like a political candidate and bashing one of the candidates. She didn't even mention the other one. Paul Hornick didn't bash her. He was very up front on his dedication to the Madera DA office. Yes, he actually does work in the Madera Office. She stated she was a Desert Storm veteran and then discredited all other active military and veterans. From start to finish, Desert Storm only lasted 43 days, from Jan. 17 to Feb. 28, 1991. In fact, the land campaign is infamously known as the "100-hour ground war" for obvious reasons - that's about as long as it lasted. Paul Hornick is still in the military, still giving his service to this wonderful country. After a few more negative comments from DA candidate Moreno and the way she was talking to me, I could very well believe she would create a hostile workplace.

She never did say what she would give to the Madera DA office if elected. Is she just another political candidate only out for herself? That was a wasted conversation. I hope she doesn't come back to my door and waste any more of my time!!! I was open to listening to both. I didn't appreciate the condescending tone from Sally Moreno. After that conversation I did a little research on her. She isn't the great American Hero she portrays herself to be. Yes, my vote goes to Paul Hornick. There were so many wrongs

in the conversation with Moreno. I just named a few. I hope the public does their research and picks the candidate that is best for our county.

Becky Gribble  
Madera Ranchos

Dear Editor:

Sally Orme Moreno has my vote to be the next district attorney for Madera County. As a resident of the Madera Ranchos, I have witnessed Sally demonstrate sincere compassion for our community by participating in events and taking action on issues such as human trafficking. With over 20 years of experience as a career prosecutor, Sally has the qualifications to prioritize the needs of Madera along with character values to bring people together. Sally will bring her experience of being a soldier in the United States Army and serving as a police officer to her role as District Attorney of Madera.

Jose Rodriguez  
Madera Ranchos

Dear Editor:

With all the revelations circulating around the District Attorney's office, it is time we bring in someone who can clean it up. That someone is Sally Orme Moreno.

Sally has the most experience as a prosecutor and has worked in the DA's office when there was civility and respect. Currently, the DA's office is mired in controversy and dysfunction. Now the insider, Mr. Hornick, says he wants to clean it up! I learned he has only worked in the office for 2 1/2 years. And he is in charge of cleaning up the office that whole time. Is this true? If so, why didn't he clean it up? Instead, he and the prosecutors' association endorsed the in-

cumbent, Mr. Linn; said Linn was doing just fine last June! Really, that's not what the attorneys who work there said in the the county report!

Mr. Hornick is from New York and has been a resident of Madera less than two years. Makes you wonder, how long has Mr. Hornick been practicing law in California? Madera is not New York. Maybe it's just politics or with Mr. Hornick "the more things change the more they stay the same."

Sally Orme Moreno is from here and will hit the ground running, I'm for Sally Orme Moreno for District Attorney.

Cindy Chidlaw Diaz  
Madera

Dear Editor:

As individuals run for public office and place themselves under the microscope, unfortunately, we look for what they have done poorly vs. concentrating on what they have done well.

In the race for District Attorney, I wanted to share my vote for Sally Moreno and one particular case I worked with Ms. Moreno during her career in Madera County. She was very diligent and consistently kept the discussion to what were the facts presenting. With her recommendation and strength of how the case was presented, the issue was resolved, and my employer was reimbursed for the damages that were incurred.

On a personal level, I have seen the positive effect that Ms. Moreno also has in the community. She has been a volunteer Academic Decathlon coach at St. Joachim School over seven years. She has worked with Madera Unified with the Mock Trial team over three years. She has also volunteered as a Parish Council member with St. Joachim's Church.

With a background in the military, followed by law enforcement and now, as an

attorney, Ms. Moreno has held herself to the highest standards in doing things correctly.

A vote for Sally Moreno returns back a quality attorney to work for the county.

Jim Monreal  
Madera

Dear Editor:

Madera County is moving toward the future, but we must maintain our rural values and protect our way of life. I have been honored to serve as your county Supervisor the last four years.

I am unanimously supported by the Madera County Deputy Sheriff's Association, the District Attorney Investigators, and our county firefighters (CalFire 2881). I will continue to work closely with our public safety leadership to ensure we devote the resources necessary to protect lives, our neighborhoods and schools.

We must preserve our precious natural resources. I believe we must develop self-sustaining local water banking facilities so that future generations can prosper and we are not reliant on the State and Federal government for our water.

We must attract and retain family wage jobs so that our economy will grow, our children will have more opportunities and vital services will be adequately funded, like public safety and education.

Lastly, our government should be open and transparent. I promise to be accessible, and responsive to your needs.

Working together, we will make Madera County a better place to live, work, and raise a family. On June 5th, vote Brett Frazier for County Supervisor. I would be honored by your support.

Brett Frazier  
Supervisor District 1  
Madera Ranchos

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by Linda Thistle

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### GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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*America is Still  
the Home of Innovation*

By Edwin J. Feulner, Ph.D.

Those who pay attention to the news are used to hearing a litany of problems. And they're used to hearing something else: Calls to spend more taxpayer money on some federal program to fix those problems.

Federal programs have their uses, but we seem to forget that the United States is the home of innovation. Nearly every type of product that has improved the quality of life the world over — from medicine to computers to entertainment — has its roots in the United States.

The freedom we enjoy to dream, to act and to think has brought about cures for diseases, aid to the disabled and the elderly, and the widespread distribution of necessities that once were luxuries.

Henry Ford created the assembly line that made the automobile affordable to all Americans. Dr. Jonas Salk created a vaccine for polio, the plague of the early 20th century. Bill Gates created the operating system for computers that

made them usable and accessible to all the peoples of the world. Americans were the first to reach the moon, invent air conditioning, transplant organs, and develop many other technologies and advancements.

By contrast, in nations where liberty is curtailed or controlled by government, innovation is stymied. What innovations or inventions that we use today came from the old Soviet Union? From Cuba? Or North Korea?

It's not out of line to say that the United States has directed the course of human history more significantly and positively than any other nation in the history of the world. The key to our success is, always has been, and always will be, our liberty. The liberty we enjoy unshackles the mind and nourishes creativity.

The ability to think and to question the status quo should also characterize our attitude toward government. Sadly, though, many Americans have come to regard the growing reach of Big Government as a necessity of modern life.

The Founders had a burning faith in the ability of ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things once they were freed from the fetters of Big Government. But today, too many Americans — who grew up in a welfare state and have become accustomed to delegating many of life's tasks to a gigantic bureaucracy — aren't sure they can take up the slack on their own.

In the absence of Big Government, they ask, who would help the poor? Who would protect the environment? Who would see to the ed-

ucational needs of our children? Who would guarantee an adequate level of health care? Who would provide a decent living for the old, the sick and the disadvantaged? Who, in short, would serve as his brother's keeper, if not Big Brother himself?

The answer, of course, is us. "We the people." Not we, the helpless, ignorant masses, who cling desperately to our "guns or religion" and anxiously await the arrival of a messiah-president to deliver us from our frustrated, bewildered and embittered selves.

We Americans need to regain a sense of our own power, ingenuity and creativity. We need to realize that many of the tasks the public sector performs so poorly today could be performed far better by the private sector tomorrow.

We need to understand that there are more compassionate ways of helping the poor; more enlightened ways of protecting the environment; and more effective ways of educating our children, healing our sick, and tending to our elderly than relying on the "invisible foot," as Milton Friedman called it, of a distant, muscle-bound bureaucracy.

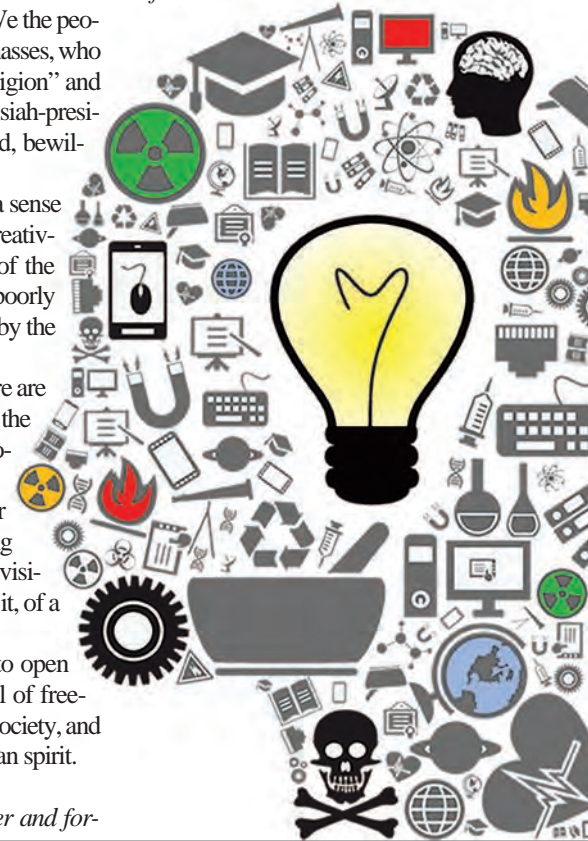
In short, we Americans need to open our minds to the untapped potential of freedom, to the hidden strengths of civil society, and to the limitless power of the American spirit.

*Edwin J. Feulner is the founder and for-*

*mer president of The Heritage Foundation.*

*This piece originally appeared in the Washington Times.*

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community activities. I would like to share a little of that information with you.

While working as a law enforcement officer in Yosemite, I also served on search and rescue and wildland firefighting teams, was a park medic and wrote environmental compliance documents for the resource manager in the Park. I was on front country horse patrol, ski patrol, road patrol and backcountry patrol. I was a criminal investigator, collected fees, was an emergency dispatcher.

During this time, I attended classes at Fresno State and earned an agricultural business degree with honors. I continued my education at San Joaquin College of Law in Fresno where I earned a law degree.

I was sworn into the California Bar Association in 1993 and have operated my own small business, a law firm, since 1998. Most of my work is in Madera, Mariposa and Fresno counties as well as in Yosemite.

I am passionate about education and have chaired a Federal Bar Association program, Law Day Yosemite, in Yosemite National Park for the past five years. Our sixth event will be on May 4th. We are expecting more than 300 eighth graders to attend the event this year along with many judges from throughout the area.

Other community activities that I'm in-

cluded with include the boards of directors of the Madera County Arts Council (of which I'm treasurer), the Federal Bar Association and the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust.

In my spare time, I'm an avid backpacker and runner and have completed more than 30 marathons. Each summer for the past 27 years, I have completed a one-day hike that takes me from Tuolumne Meadows in Yosemite to Devil's Postpile.

To quote Judge Wieland from a recent letter to the editor, "This election is about what each candidate for judge has demonstrated to judges, watchful lawyers, law enforcement officers, and others in our community during the past 20 years regarding their character, demeanor, ethics, fairness, honesty, courtroom experience, success, work ethic, leadership skills, ability to work well with others, common sense and community service. Lawyer Carol Moses has proven herself to be clearly qualified to be our next judge. That opinion is shared overwhelmingly by those who know her."

I hope you will join Judge Wieland and my other supporters by voting for me on the June 5th ballot.

Thank you.

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be infringed upon by the States.

As an Attorney with 22 years of experience, I have worked for multimillion dollar corporations in areas such as contracts, litigation, property and gaming law. My private practice experience has included criminal, bankruptcy, business and child protective law.

As a Medically Retired Military member, my life experience has involved being trained as a leader in hazardous situations and finding solutions while under extreme pressure. I was promoted meritoriously three times while serving in the Marines.

Having served as both a Police Officer and Deputy Sheriff, I obtained my Basic and Intermediate POST Certificate. My law enforcement career was in some of the roughest areas of San Diego County and involved ex-

treme danger to deputies. We handled violent crime daily, many times with back up miles away.

Born and raised right here, I grew up spending summers working cattle at Beasore Meadows, working in agriculture on the Westside, or just being a kid. This is my home and it is supported by agriculture.

An active member of VFW, American Legion, Elks, YMI and Disabled Veterans, I believe keeping your family safe is your priority and it will be mine.

I am a past officer of the Madera County Republican Central Committee and a Member of the NRA. I stand for the flag and kneel for the cross.

My decisions will be fair and unbiased and based on law, not political emotions.



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**DON'T Drain Your Ranchos Pool!**

By Randy Bailey

California's five-year drought has brought lasting and continued consequences. The massive loss of trees in the Sierra Nevada and wells that have gone dry are just two examples. Although the last two rain seasons have helped, water conservation is still important.

If you're a swimming pool owner, you know there comes a time when you just might have to drain your pool. Draining a pool will require a couple of days to complete, possibly requiring a permit. Fifteen to 25,000 gallons of water, possibly more, will be wasted. There is a chance that the pool surface could be damaged and there's the cost of refilling the pool. In the Ranchos that usually means trucking the water in, and the quality of that water will not be the same as what you just wasted.

There is a better way.

NuWater ReSource is a service now provided by Backyard Spa and Leisure. This process allows homeowners to filter their pool water rather than drain and refill when their water becomes too dense and difficult to keep balanced.

In 2015, Backyard Spa and Leisure owner Tom Verduzco learned about a

water conservation process for pools called the Puripool process. It is a multi-filter system that uses UV light and reverse osmosis to clean and purify pool water, all in a mobile filtration system. The system reduces the levels of calcium hardness, cyanuric acid, total dissolved solids, bacteria and viruses, plus the water going back into the pool is of drinking water quality.

The process results in an approximate 15 percent loss of water, thereby producing a net savings of about 85 percent of water over draining your pool. That's water that doesn't have to come out of your Ranchos well.

The process usually takes less than a day to fully filter your pool's water. The filtration process results in cleaner, safer and healthier pool water. The process does not eliminate the need to keep your pool water sanitized, but it does give you the very best water with which to work.

Whether you're a pool person or not, no one in the Ranchos has to be told the value of saving water. If you are a pool owner, this process could help save a very valuable resource.

You can get more information about the entire process by calling Backyard Spa and Leisure at 559-276-0494.



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



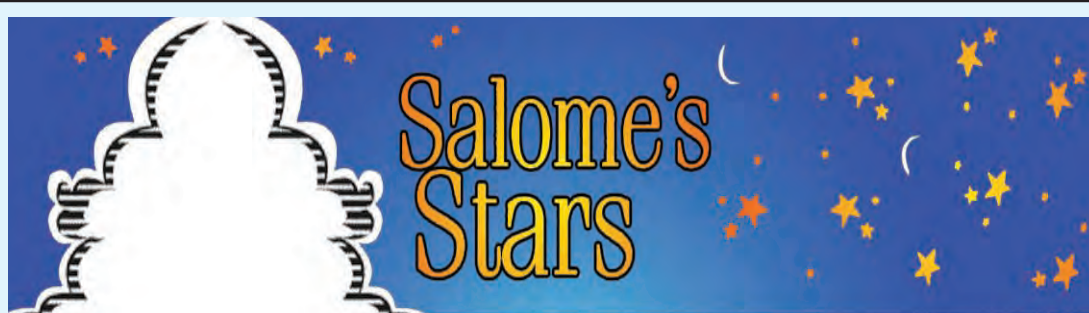
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Don't waste your time and energy fretting over remarks you consider unnecessary or unkind. Best advice: Ignore them, and just keep doing your usual good job.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Getting that new perspective on a workplace situation could lead to a solution everyone will accept. Meanwhile, make time to keep up with your creative pursuits.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Those changes you planned to implement in early summer might need to be reassessed. But don't make any moves until you've discussed this with someone you trust.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your aspects favor harmony, making this a good time to work out problems in relationships -- whether personal or professional, big or small. An old friend comes back.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) While you're still riding that high-powered beam, you might begin to lose focus by week's end. Could be that you'll need to do a little cat-napping to restore your spent energies.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected development creates a lot of excitement. Where it takes you is your decision. Check out the possibilities, then decide if you want to go with it or not.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Although your supporters help you squash an unfair claim against you, don't let this go unchallenged. You need to learn more about the motives of those behind it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) There still are some tasks to clear up by midweek. Then you can welcome the new month on a high note. A friend brings surprising but very welcome news.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You might want to change your plans before they're set in cement. Consider advice from colleagues. But remember that, ultimately, it's your choice.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A difficult situation is working itself out. Lingering problems should be resolved by week's end, allowing the Goat to enjoy a calmer, less stressful period.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to move so quickly that you miss possible warning signs that could upset your plans. Slow down. Your supporters will continue to stand by you.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your generosity in sharing your time and wisdom with others leads to an intriguing development that could have you considering some interesting choices.

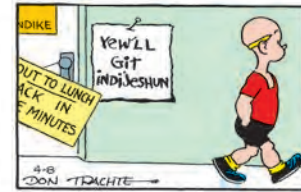
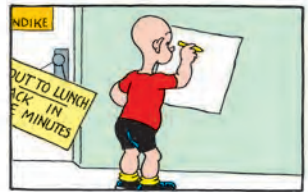
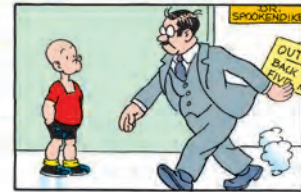
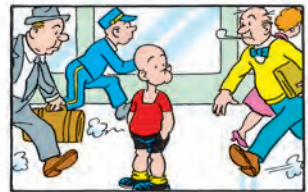
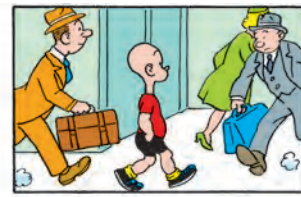
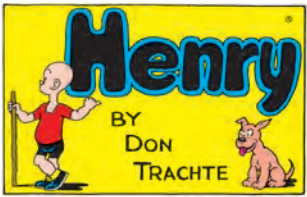
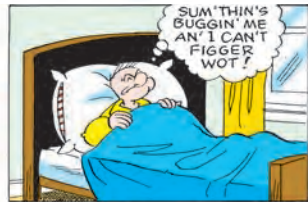
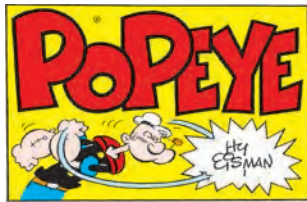
**Born this Week**

*You have a way of influencing people to be and do their best. You would make an excellent teacher.*

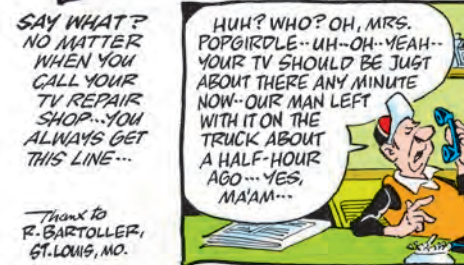
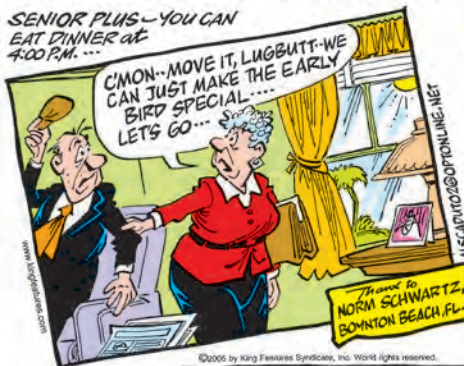
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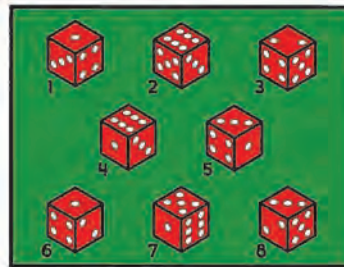
# FUN PAGES



## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



## BY AL SCADUTO



**FIND THE FAIR PAIR!** Only two of the above dice have been made correctly. Which are the true cubes?

Answer: When dice are made correctly, the numbers on opposite sides always add up to 7. The good cubes are 2 and 6.

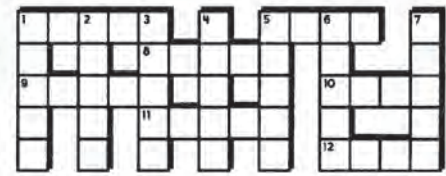
**A SHAKY BET!** Bet anyone that if they stand on a chair you can make them come down by saying two words. How's it done? Just say, "Step down." You'll win because they'll have to get down sooner or later.

**LINK-UPS!** Here's a list of 12 one-syllable words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

Answers: Hassled, limbeck, impends, warped, mangled, tangled



## A GIRLS' NAMES PUZZLE



Below are 14 girls' names you'll need to complete the puzzle grid above. Use the trial-and-error method.

4-Letter Names	5-Letter Names	5-Letter Names
CORA	APRIL	GLENN
EDNA	CATHY	GRACE
NELL	DELLA	LILAH
	EDREA	NELLY
	ELENA	RENEE
	GILDA	

Answers: (Across) 1. Glenn, 5. Cora, 8. Elena, 9. April, 10. Nell, 11. Lilah, 12. Edna (Down) 1. Grace, 2. Edrea, 3. Nell, 4. Della, 5. Cathy, 6. Renee, 7. Gilda.

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5	6	2	4	3	8	5	4	5	2	4	5	4
S	Y	P	E	W	S	I	R	T	R	M	T	A
6	5	2	5	7	6	4	5	3	6	2	8	5
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R	R	E	H	I	E	D	E	E	N	I	U	D
8	2	7	3	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	7
G	S	S	R	G	S	L	U	E	N	S	N	Y

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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## MAGIC MAZE ● ANAGRAMS OF COUNTRIES

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 G R A Y M (E N G L A N D E R) V  
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 I F D B A Y W L G K U E S Q O  
 M K I N F D N A I L R N R B Z  
 X W A U I S E I B A R A S U Q  
 O N L J N A H T A I N P D O P  
 F D C I A Y H Y W R V D S T S  
 Q P A N L K I C H E F L E E C  
 B P Z Y W V U S R S A O Q R P

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Also	Dark men	Old pan	Rabies
Analog	Englander	Pains	Red nail
Big mule	Gray men	Panel	Serial
Chain	Laity	Pure	

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## TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

- INVENTIONS: Who invented the first successful electric razor?
- U.S. STATES: What is Ohio's official gemstone?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Griffith Observatory located?
- ORGANIZATIONS: What volunteer organization celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many gills are in a pint?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the heaviest?
- LITERATURE: Who popularized the term "The Jazz Age" in a book title?
- MUSIC: Who had a 1961 hit with the song "Hit the Road Jack"?
- GEOLOGY: The terms "carrara" and "calacatta" refer to what type of stone?
- PROVERBS: What is the end of the proverb that begins, "What's good for the goose ... "?

## Answers

- Jacob Schick
- Flint
- Los Angeles
- The Peace Corps
- Four
- William Taft weighed 332 pounds
- Scott Fitzgerald
- Ray Charles
- Marble
- "... is good for the gander."

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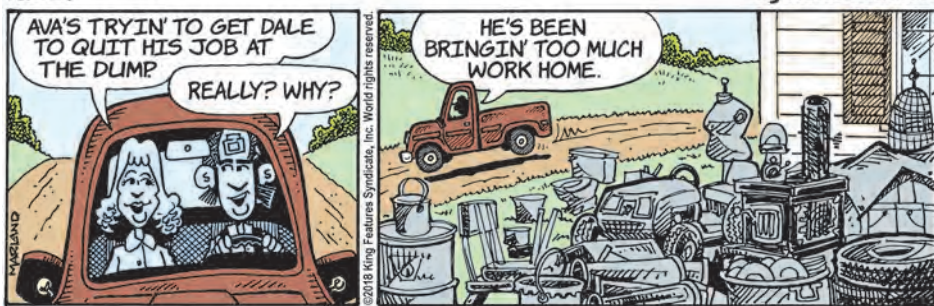
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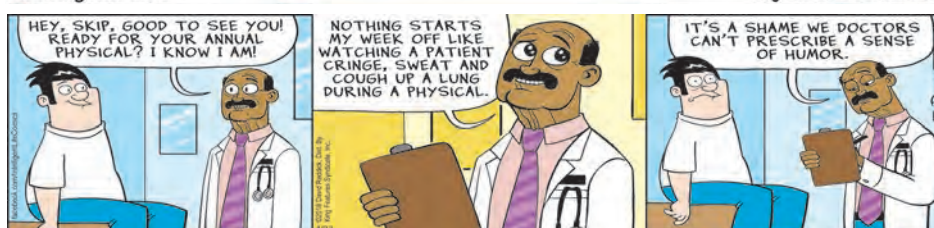
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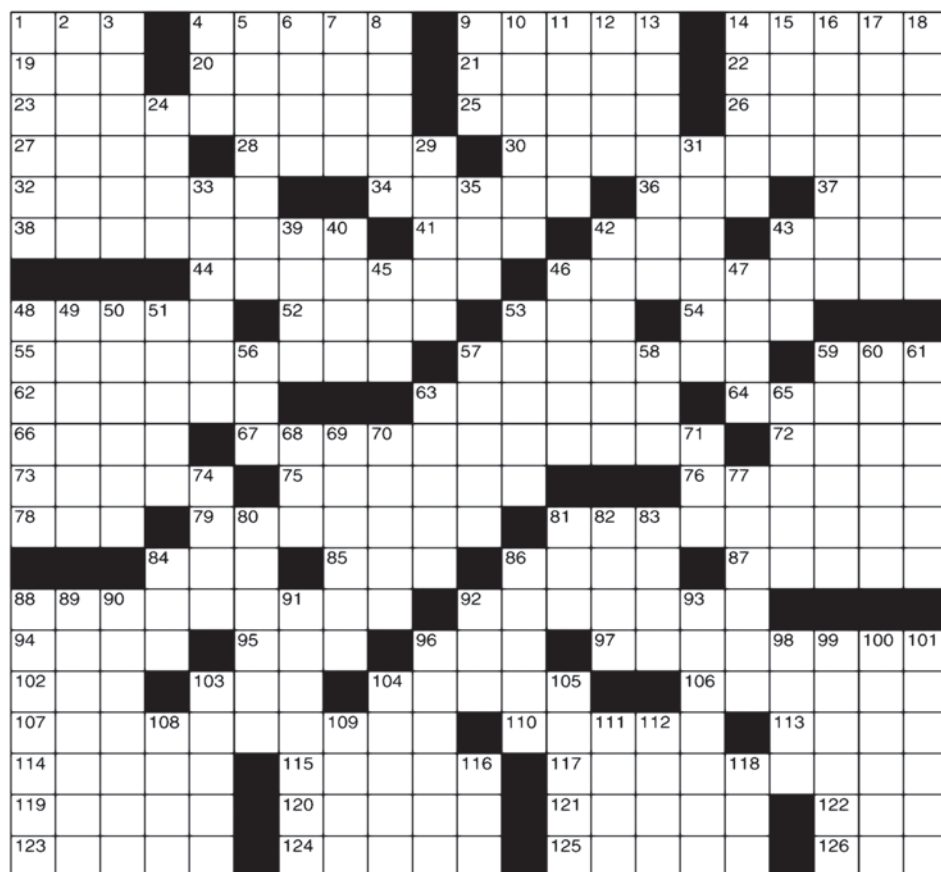
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Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Pencil is smaller. 2. Bunny is missing. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Can is missing. 5. Picture is different. 6. Fur is different.

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# Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Former Delta rival
  - 4 Humane org. since 1866
  - 9 Shining
  - 14 Birds' beaks
  - 19 On top of, in verse
  - 20 Nerd relative
  - 21 City in Utah
  - 22 Bugged a lot
  - 23 Support a female donkey?
  - 25 All fired up
  - 26 Flag sewer
  - 27 "Dies —" (Mass hymn)
  - 28 Squirmy
  - 30 "Listen up, warm-blooded animal!?"
  - 32 More itty-bitty
  - 34 African country
  - 36 Disfigure
  - 37 Horror director
  - 38 Open a new tavern?
  - 41 Magna — laude
  - 42 Baltique or Adriatique
  - 43 Units of bag thickness
  - 44 "Bridge of Spies" actor
  - 46 Core belief of orthopedic practice?
  - 48 Home to Pago Pago
  - 52 "Vesti la giubba," e.g.
  - 53 — Majesty the Queen
  - 54 IM-offering
  - 55 Choose a wooden peg?
  - 57 Aromatic resins
  - 59 Chair or pekoe
  - 62 Pyle and Els
  - 63 Railcar walkways
  - 64 Sees
  - 66 Church call
  - 67 Makes a warden gentle?
  - 72 Australian avians
  - 73 Be the king
  - 75 Delilah
  - 76 duped him
  - 78 Sketch show since '75
  - 79 Estate of a winegrower
  - 81 Curly-furred cat's giggle?
  - 84 The way, to Lao-tzu
  - 85 Undertake
  - 86 Thing to hum
  - 87 Wraith
  - 88 Descend upon a certain grainfield in droves?
  - 92 Circles around heavenly bodies
  - 94 Sails through
  - 95 Neither hide — hair
  - 96 Bad review
  - 97 Very tentative taste of food?
  - 102 Greek "H"
  - 103 Match unit
  - 104 Ballroom dance
  - 106 Dr. Seuss' real surname
  - 107 Pale people writing things quickly?
  - 110 Jetsons' dog
  - 113 Caffeine-laden nut
  - 114 Perrier rival
  - 115 Aristocratic
  - 117 Toast topper that's nifty?
  - 119 Tuscan town
  - 120 Bugs a lot
  - 121 Sporting site
  - 122 Big cat's lair
  - 123 Stunning gun
  - 124 Cries out
  - 125 Cyclist, e.g.
  - 126 Before, in verse
- DOWN**
- 1 Way of being thrilled or torn
  - 2 What to do if the shoe fits
  - 3 Esoteric stuff
  - 4 Modifying word: Abbr.
  - 5 Really rely on
  - 6 100-Down's partner in magic
  - 7 Euro fraction
  - 8 Big gulf
  - 9 Orang, e.g.
  - 10 Minister Billy
  - 11 Boston airport
  - 12 Outranking
  - 13 Guys on the job site
  - 14 Elephant king of kiddie lit
  - 15 Agenda unit
  - 16 "Open up!"
  - 17 The Bunkers' "old" car
  - 18 Hair salon employee
  - 24 Actor Dullea
  - 29 Agave plant
  - 31 Actress d'Abo
  - 33 Online brokerage
  - 35 Receivable
  - 39 What "there oughta be"
  - 40 Uncommon
  - 42 Choice bit
  - 43 Hollywood's Gibson
  - 45 Zippo
  - 46 Celebrity lawyer
  - 47 Mix, as salad
  - 48 Pickle units
  - 49 Flying guys
  - 50 "Chicago Hope" doctor
  - 51 Assenting to
  - 53 — impact on (effects)
  - 56 East, in Ulm
  - 57 Small jewel
  - 58 Suffix of enzymes
  - 59 V8 ingredient
  - 60 Musician's exercises
  - 61 Affirm
  - 63 Analyze
  - 65 Australian state capital
  - 68 — whole
  - 69 Subject
  - 70 Manicure aid
  - 71 Scoundrel
  - 74 University sports org.
  - 77 Tuna variety
  - 80 Wasp variety
  - 81 1921 sci-fi play
  - 82 Sufficient, in verse
  - 83 TV "Warrior Princess"
  - 84 "Conan" network
  - 86 Pacific island country
  - 88 "My Little Chickadee" co-star
  - 89 Wife of Nero
  - 90 Head-hugging hats
  - 91 Mega Millions, e.g.
  - 92 Soup holder
  - 93 French forest region
  - 96 Soft shade
  - 98 Moped, e.g.
  - 99 "Tristan und —"
  - 100 6-Down's partner in magic
  - 101 Boosler of comedy
  - 103 Sub detector
  - 104 Quaver
  - 105 Actor Werner
  - 108 Tarzan's lady
  - 109 Author Wiesel
  - 111 Actress Polo
  - 112 Bog grass
  - 116 Slalom path
  - 118 Pickle holder







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