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## ON THE EDGE OF MADERA'S WATER

*Madera Irrigation District's General Manager, Thomas Greci (left) and Chief of Operations and Maintenance, John Bese, have a vision for the future of Madera's water and explain the Ranchos' role.*

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By Karen Petryna

## How Does the Madera Irrigation District Help the Ranchos?

Usually he heads a water exporting entity, but this year Madera Irrigation District's General Manager Tom Greci has been importing as much water as he can find. The goal is not only service the growers, since they need water to do their job, but to try and reduce the amount of groundwater pumping from the Madera Subbasin, where the underground water is located. This year Madera Irrigation District (MID) will provide 10,000 acre-feet of surface water, Greci said, whereas in an average year it's around 100,000 acre-feet and a wet year could be as high as 250,000 acre-feet. The actual water that MID's customers have been using this season came from Millerton Lake from which MID obtained 50 percent of the allocations that were potentially accessible by over 22 different agencies.

### How was that possible?

"The growers were willing to pay for it," Greci said. And that price was pretty darn high. By not counting groundwater well installation and maintenance costs, he compared the electricity cost for pumping groundwater at about \$35 per acre-foot, to the assessments paid by MID subordinate growers of about \$1,650 per acre-foot. When asked why these growers would willingly pay what they estimated to be about 10 times more than they had to, Greci and Assistant General Manager Dina Nolan explained that their clients understand how important, even during this drought, to stop overdrafting the subbasin. Their hope is that there will be water for agricultural irrigation for many years to come.

Recently the Independent sat down with Greci and Nolan to find out what MID is doing these days without much water to distribute and how their activities affect the Ranchos. Greci has also been making the rounds to promote MID's efforts, since he joined MID two years ago, to upgrade their surface water conveyance system. Last month he was one of the speakers at the Ranchos Town Hall Meeting that Supervi-

sor Brett Frazier held (see the Ranchos Independent article starting at the top of page 2 in the July issue online under HOME at [www.theranchos.com](http://www.theranchos.com)) at the Ranchos Middle School.

As far as what kind of an organization it is and who controls it, according to their website, "The Madera Irrigation District operates under rules as set forth by the California Water Code. Under Section Code 20571, irrigation districts are given the right to assess land within their district boundaries. The District sells irrigation water for a fee above and beyond assessments levied on land within the District." This means that the County has no oversight of MID, but growers pay taxes to MID to maintain surface water supplies — whether or not there is any water to supply.

In order to procure and supply surface water, when it is available, MID must maintain 300 miles of unlined canals and another 150 miles of pipeline through 130,000 acres of Madera County. And, according to Greci, during this period of unprecedented drought, in addition to obtaining expensive water on the open market for the growers, MID has been very aggressive in upgrading its facilities. In addition to piping, these facilities include weirs, culverts, and gates. And the work being done primarily involves replacing antiquated equipment — mostly wood — and methods that were put in place in the 1920s when MID was formed. But it also involves building forms and pouring a lot of concrete around the new equipment so that it lasts at least another 100 years. MID is also installing specially designed hardware for raising and lowering gates, and electronics used to operate the mechanical

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## Madera Ranked #1 Nationally for Production Jobs

The Madera Metropolitan statistical area (MSA), which includes most of Madera County, has been highlighted and ranked in the coveted #1 position of best place for manufacturing jobs in a report published by Newgeography.com. The report documents a 59.8 percent growth rate in manufacturing jobs from 2009-2014. Additionally, Madera was ranked #49 nationally on Forbes list of the Best Small Places for Business and Careers under their Job Growth Ranking.

Madera is the only MSA in the Central Valley that was included in the Forbes list. The rankings are a remarkable accomplishment for Madera and while some think it may be questionable, a closer look at the improving industrial sector makes it start to make sense. "When the economy went into a deep recession it definitely put stress on our local manufacturers," said Bobby Kahn, Executive Director of the Madera County Economic Development (MCEDC). "Companies that were in food processing or a related industry fared okay and some even grew during the recession, but it was a real struggle for all others," Kahn said. "Currently things look much brighter. With the addition of new industries coming into Madera County over the past few years coupled with the growth and expansion of several local companies, there has been hundreds of new jobs created," he said. This is verified by the fact that for nearly two years Madera County has maintained a 1 percent or less vacancy rate for industrial space.

This trend has spurred the City of Madera to partner with Span Construction to develop Freedom Industrial Park, a 98 acre industrial park located on the northwest corner of Pine and Pecan Avenue. At build out, Freedom Industrial Park could add another 1 million square feet of industrial space and create hundreds of new jobs.

"We are extremely proud to receive the positive rankings," said Julie Herd, Marketing and Business Development Manager for MCEDC. "We are a small agency that works hard for all of Madera County so getting this type of acknowledgement is very satisfying, but we know we cannot rest on our laurels. We need to continue to do all things possible to assist the growth of our local economy," Herd said.

## Ranchos Boy's 4-H Skills Bring Home State Gold

The newest recipient of the prestigious Golden Bear trophy from the California State Fair for Junior 4-H Master Showmanship is a 13-year-old straight A student from the Ranchos, Garrett Bowe.

"He just has a love of animals and loves raising and showing good quality animals," said Garrett's mom, Julia Bowe.

Although he and his family live in the Ranchos, he represents the Alview-Dairyland 4-H from western Madera County. Garrett is like the Michael Jordan of Junior 4-H showmanship.

"Last year he won 13 goat showmanship contests in a row," Julia said. His victories in the Junior Livestock division included the



Garrett Bowe's Master Showmanship skills propel him toward another victory.

Cow Palace, Fresno State, the Great Western show at San Luis Obispo and the American Royal show in Kansas City, Missouri, which is the second largest in the nation.

The Golden Bear awards are particularly prestigious as there are only five total given out to all of the statewide 4-H entrants. At 13, Garrett is qualified for Master Showmanship in both goats and hogs. His secret?

"It's just how he shows the animals," Julia said.

Now an 8th grader at Ranchos Middle School, Garrett plans to remain active in 4-H and bring some more gold home to the Ranchos.

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# Vote "YES" on the Recall

Shall CARLA NEAL be recalled (removed) from the office of Governing Board Member, Area 1?

**Vote "YES"**



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**Vote "YES"**



Shall JOHN MOSELEY be recalled (removed) from the office of Governing Board Member, Area 4?

**Vote "YES"**



**The following current & past GVUSD Board Members urge you to Vote YES on the recall and vote for Mona Diaz, Maria Knobloch & Brian Freeman:**

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Letters

Dear Editor:

I arrived at the Ranchos in 1988 to farm. Today I'm farming about 1,500 acres on the west side of the Ranchos. Although I live in Santa Monica, I drive to Madera just about every week and drive back to spend the weekend with my family.

In the 28 years I have been a part of the Ranchos community, I never met John Moseley or Carla O'Neal. My first encounter with them was on Feb. 3, 2015 at a board meeting held in the auditorium of Liberty High School.

The community was all up in arms and upset about rumors that 90 days after their election, the newly elected board members were about to fire Mr. Andy Alvarado, the Superintendent of Golden Valley School District.

At that board meeting, with an open mind, I observed and listened to the debate. After some discussion, there was an hour allotment for the public to speak and express their thoughts since the full auditorium had more speakers than ordinary time would have allowed. I was looking to the board for rational behavior and level heads. When I did speak, without any accusations, I simply asked the board for clarity, transparency and a potential solution that would allow the parties to attempt to reconcile.

The session ended abruptly 50 minutes into the promised hour which the board agreed on, leaving the crowd with open mouths; the three newly elected board members apparently decided it was enough and the spirit of representing the community who elected them to office did not seem to count. As they were leaving to a closed session meeting I called for "point of order" noting that the time for comments by the public has not elapsed. I know I was heard through the intercom but there was no response as the three turned their back on their constituents and walked out.

Shortly following that meeting Andy Alvarado resigned.

Yes, "technically" Andy was not fired, but

given no other choice, in order to protect his family's future, he did. If he would not have resigned, he would have most certainly been fired and his career and family life would have been tarnished for good.

I care about my community, "The Ranchos." As a businessman, if the three would have been my employees, I would have fired them. The disregard by the newly elected board members (just 90 days into their new job); the lack of effort for a resolution as well as lack of transparency drove me to do what any person who cares about the way stewardship of the community is being handled would do and I felt the right thing was to support the recall.

My feelings were confirmed when I saw Mr. Moseley's interviews that took place and were published more than two months later on April 14 and 23, 2015. I was appalled when I heard Mr. Moseley "lie" and tell the interviewer in both interviews: "I don't know the reason for the recall," even though on the Feb. 3 school board meeting people stood up and made it clear that getting rid of Mr. Alvarado without a fair process would result in a recall effort.

Mr. Moseley has now turned a personal attack against me as a developer. He makes innuendos, and therefore accusations, that as a developer I have ulterior motives by supporting the recall effort.

"SHAME ON YOU" Mr. Moseley and those who allow and follow your tactics. Mr. Moseley and his two other newly elected board members "never" took the time to contact me to have a discussion about their concerns. I don't remember seeing you in the past, Mr. Moseley, participating in community events, working on helping to reach a sustainable future. Yes, I'm a businessman, a farmer, a developer, a family man and a community activist for a better unified and thriving com-

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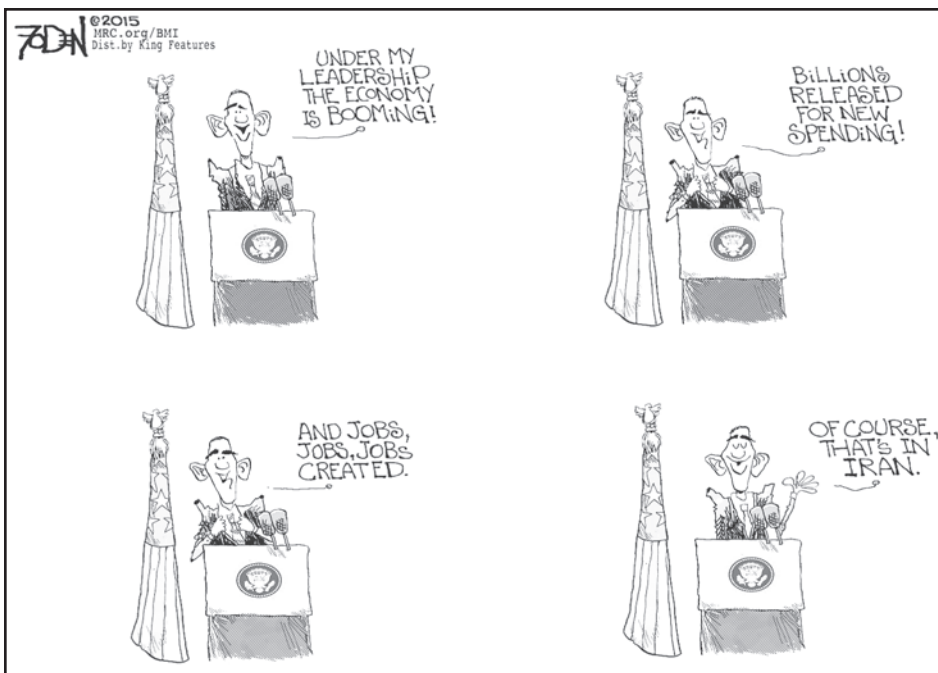
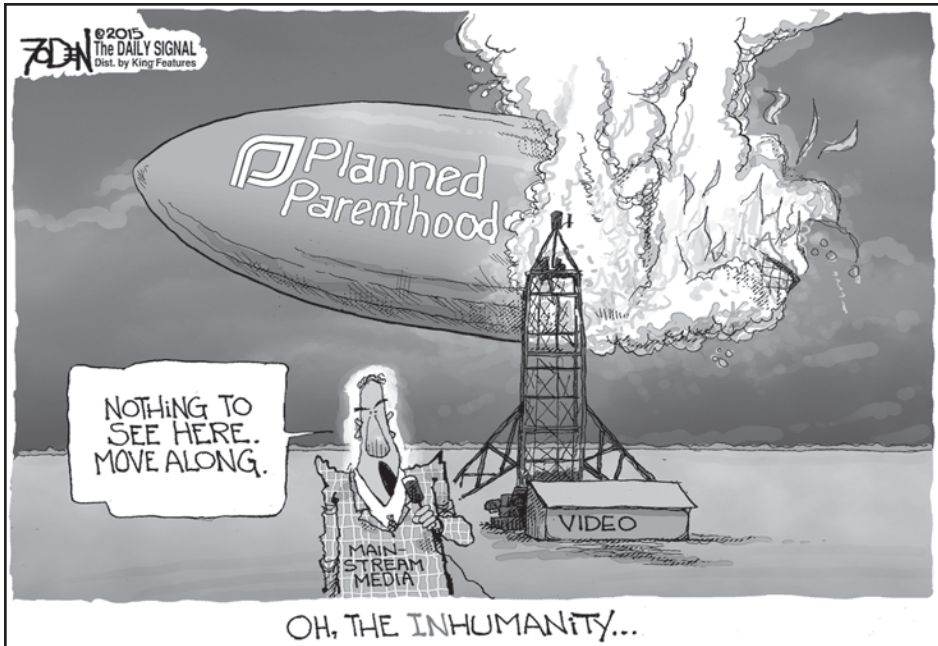
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Editorial

# Ranchos' Stockholm Syndrome

By Randy Bailey

You've probably heard of it before. It's called "Stockholm Syndrome." It's an interesting psychological phenomenon that occurs between captives and their captors. For reasons that are not fully understood, about 8 percent of hostages have feelings of empathy and sympathy toward their captors, sometimes to the point of defending them. It appears that one of the aspects of the syndrome is that the victim mistakes a lack of abuse from his or her captor as an act of kindness. "Well, at least I'm not being treated like crap today, so they must be OK."

Some have turned to Freud for answers. Sigmund's theory was that the trauma of becoming a victim caused the ego to look for solutions and identifying and bonding with the aggressor provided just that. He postulated that when a captive assumes the same values as the captor, those values are perceived as no longer being a threat.

Now, to the other 92 percent of us looking on, the only thing we can wonder is, "What are you doing? Are you kidding? Get out of there!" Of course, then the F.B.I.s definition rings out: "... strong emotional ties that develop between two persons where one person intermittently harasses, beats, threatens, abuses, or intimidates the other."

I don't understand it, but there it is.

I believe the "No on the Recall" crowd are suffering from a form of the syndrome. I just cannot understand it any other way.

Why would you still claim allegiance to a group that has shown over and over and over again that they have no regard for you or your wishes? How could you find truth in the words of people who promise one thing and do something else?

For example, both Carla Neal and John Moseley have disseminated "fact sheets" about their activities during their short tenure on the School Board, stressing, "We do our business in an open and informed manner." I don't know what business they're referring to, but it sure ain't Golden Valley business. We have the emails, the memos passed secretly between Moseley and Crumpton discussing how they planned to trap Superintendent Andy Alvarado, leading to his dismissal, all done behind closed doors and then foisted on a gullible, waiting public at Board meetings who believed they could offer up suggestions.

We have the repeated lie that Alvarado just up and quit, yet when asked why if he "quit" was he given a \$130,000 severance package when there was no provision for that in his contract? Did you just take it upon yourself to shell out that much of the District's money, 'cause he's a swell guy?

At meeting after meeting, the Golden Valley 3, or GV3 as Crumpton, Moseley and Neal are now being called, would show up with decisions already made, would quickly vote on them and would get a 3-2 decision and be gaveled into "law." Brown Act be damned! But over and over after the decisions were reached, concerned community members would raise their hands and simply ask, "Why?"

There were never answers.

It was always as if they were looking at us – their constituents – as if to say, "Why? Because we can."

I first saw the syndrome when Crumpton had run afoul of the "you can't be on the campus if the principal asks you to leave" scenario at Webster. She was obviously in the wrong. The rules said she couldn't be there. But in the aftermath, here came the syndromers on Facebook justifying her actions. I remember one in particular that felt that

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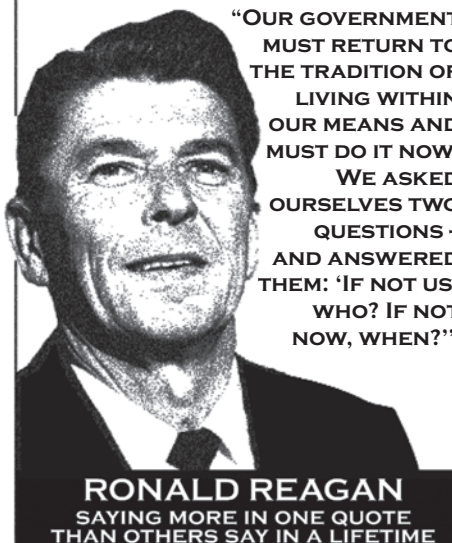
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# When Enough is Enough

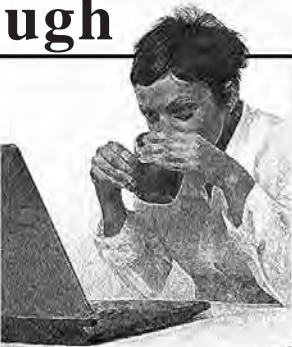
I fear all hope is lost. The world is so far out of control that I just don't see how we will ever get it back on the right track. We have people looting and rioting over a guy who was killed by a police officer while violently resisting arrest. Key word: violently. We are in the midst of an uproar because some guy had the gall to denounce illegal immigration while announcing his bid for the presidency. Key word: illegal. The internet is going crazy calling for the head of a man who hunted and killed a lion on a different continent. Key word: lion.

Don't get me wrong, I don't support trophy hunting. I am vehemently against animal abuse and I would very much like to see people punished severely for it. I think it is very sad that a lion was murdered, beheaded and skinned

all for the glory of proving your manhood. I would be lying if I said I didn't, on occasion, imagine how fun it would be for trophy hunters to be dropped into the middle of the jungle without their guns and bows and arrows and have to take on the beasts with nothing but their wits and their guile. Now there's some reality TV I can get behind. The point here is that I think trophy hunting is despicable, but here is another thing I think is despicable: breaking down on national television over a dead lion while human beings are suffering and dying every day, and here in our own backyard. I have always been pretty indifferent to Jimmy Kimmel, but after his little display of crocodile tears I think he is a buffoon. Mass murder, riots and looting, bombs, terrorist threats, none of which moves him to a public display of sorrow ... until a lion

*When is enough, enough? When do we stand up and say how about instead of mourning the loss of a lion you mourn the deaths of our fellow citizens? How about we mourn the loss of our morality, our common sense, and our civil liberties ... this country is dying a slow death because we have citizens more willing to take up signs and protest a hunter than a sanctuary city.*

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by **eryn b. nyre**



is killed by a Wisconsin dentist. Where are his tears for Kate Steinle and her family? Evidently illegal immigrants shooting up a pier doesn't qualify as an illegal hunt in Kimmel's eyes, or at least not enough to have a bit of a cry on camera. In the hierarchy of important things in his world, murdered humans don't rate very high on the cry-o-meter. This poor woman was gunned down by a known illegal immigrant who

not only had felony convictions but had already been deported five times. But who could have possibly predicted that someone who has zero regard for the immigration laws of this country would break any number of other laws? I don't know, perhaps anyone with at least a partially working brain. I get it, Jimmy, you would be severely dehy-

drated if you cried every time an illegal alien participated in illegal activity; we Californians know how important it is to conserve water.

He is outraged because some dentist feels the need to overcompensate for something small by killing something big, but where is Kimmel's outrage at the man who opened fire in public and took the life of an innocent person? Person, Mr. Kimmel, as in

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**VOTE "YES"**

### AREA 2

1. "Shall KATHLEEN CRUMPTON be recalled (removed) from the office of Governing Board Member, Area 2?"

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## The Bookshelf

### 2015 Reading Program Winners

By Amanda Judd

The Ranchos Library was a full house with the participants of the Summer Reading Program. We would like to congratulate the File Family for winning the movie tickets in our poster contest. The poster is on display in the library for all to see. Thank you to all of our participants; there was some really great work.

It was such a pleasure so see the excitement for reading and all of the attendees at our weekly events. Thank you to our little patrons for giving me the courage to hold a 150 pound snake. It was certainly a first for me. I could not have done it without all of you.

#### Two Grand Prizes

We had a total of 177 total participants with 84 of those participants turning in at least one reading log. We had two Grand Prizes this year, a guitar and a ukulele. Winners were chosen through a random drawing at our Grand Finale and Lawrence File was awarded the guitar and Delaney File the ukulele. Great job reading guys.

These weeks are speeding right along and school is back in full swing. With the beginning of school, remember that the Ranchos Library is the perfect place to come in and pick up books for required reading lists and getting the necessary information to do research for those reports. We have binders for Sierra View and Webster Elementary Schools that can help you check levels for the Accelerated Reader testing and you can also access those websites on your tablets or mobile devices using our Free WiFi.

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**Kitchen Classics**

In my June article I told you about a "new to me" cook book I was given. Well, this month I have another one. I don't know where Randy found this one, but it is awesome. It is the *Good House-keeping Cook Book*, Edited by Dorothy B. Marsh. This one is the ninth printing from October, 1961.

Whoever owned this book must have just purchased a new Frigidaire refrigerator because there is a booklet (that is yellowed with age) on food-keeping tips for the refrigerator. It says the Frigidaire is a product of General Motors. My curiosity got the better of me to see if GM still owned Frigidaire. I investigated and found out that the first electric refrigerator was sold in 1913 by Guardian Frigerator Co. In 1918 General Motors purchased the refrigerator and

gave it its name, Frigidaire. In 1979 White Consolidated Industries purchased Frigidaire from General Motors. You ask why does any of this matter? Well, it doesn't except it tells me that whoever owned this cook book owned it sometime between 1961 and 1979.

OK, back to the book – it is just full of all kinds of recipes and information. There are 696 pages of recipes and information in addition to 64 pages of the index.

In the information section there is everything from how to set a table properly with the correct serving pieces to how to grocery shop. The things we take for granted today.

In going through the recipes I found one that sounded really good – no reason except it might be that I really like short ribs. Don't cook them very often anymore, but still like them.

**Swedish Braised Short Ribs**

- 1 T butter or margarine
- 3 lbs. beef short ribs (cut into 4 serving pieces)
- 1 sliced medium onion
- 1 tsp. salt



**Aunt Jean's Ranchos Recipes**

by Jean Briner

- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. sugar
- ¼ tsp. whole allspice
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 C hot water
- ¼ C cold water
- 1 T. flour
- 2 T. heavy cream
- 1 tsp. sugar

Heat Dutch oven until very hot; add butter then meat. Cook on high heat until meat is very well browned on all sides. Add onion; with fork push down into fat around meat; cook a minute or so until browned. Now add salt, pepper, 1 tsp. sugar, allspice, bay leaves and hot water. Simmer, covered, for 1 ½ to 2 hours or until fork tender.

Remove meat to heated platter and keep hot. Skim fat from liquid in Dutch oven. Stir cold water into flour, stir until smooth. Slowly add to liquid in

pan stirring constantly. Cook until thickened. Stir in cream and 1 tsp. sugar; bring to boil, pour over meat. Serve at once. Especially nice if served with glazed carrots, green beans and mashed potatoes.

**Glazed Carrots**

Cook peeled small carrots until almost tender. Drain well and dry with clean kitchen towel or paper towels. Roll carrots in granulated sugar. In same pan they were boiled in add some butter or margarine add carrots and simmer, turning frequently until glazed. (I have also seen this done with brown sugar).

**Baked Lemon Cake Pudding**

- 2 eggs. Separated
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ C. granulated sugar
- 1 T. grated lemon rind
- 5 T. lemon juice
- 2 T. melted butter or margarine

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¼ C. granulated sugar  
3 T. flour  
1 C. milk

Preheat oven to 350. Grease 1 quart casserole. Beat egg whites with salt until soft peaks form when beater is raised. Gradually add ½ cup sugar and beat until stiff. Beat yolks with lemon rind and juice, melted butter. Stir in ¼ C. sugar mixed with flour; add milk. Fold into beaten egg whites.

Pour batter into casserole. Set in baking pan containing ½ inch hot water. Bake, uncovered 55 to 65

minutes or until top is firm and browned. Cake will be on top and lemon pudding will be on the bottom.

That's all the time I have for this month, but I would like to continue from it for next month. Or, if you have an old (or new) recipe you'd like to share with the Ranchos, let me know. Mail it to:

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Until then ...

## GEN WHY cont. from P. 6

human being! Where is his outrage at San Francisco? A Sanctuary City that welcomes criminals with open arms saying, "Don't worry, we won't tell the federal government you have no legal right to be here. We are happy to allow you to live off the hard-working citizens of the country and flout the laws of this land." Why aren't there angry protests and riots for Kate? Oh, that's right. In this case it's not the criminal who died, it's the victim. Silly me.

What has happened to us? We are hunting a man who killed a lion 10,000 miles away but no one is marching on San Francisco demanding retribution for their hand in the death of an American woman. Where is Kimmel's wholehearted plea for the full-throated support of Kate's Law? This is a law that would demand a minimum sentence of five-years for any illegal immigrant who crosses our borders after having been deported. I don't particularly think it's harsh enough, but hey, it's at least a baby step in the right direction.

When is enough, enough? When do we stand up and say how about instead of mourning the loss of a lion you mourn the deaths of our fellow citizens? How about we mourn the loss of our morality, our common sense, and our civil liberties. Cecil doesn't need your tears, Mr. Kimmel. Your sympathy, yes. Your support for stricter poaching laws and harsher punishments, absolutely. But your tears? No. This country is dying a slow death because we have citizens more willing to take up signs and protest a hunter than a sanctuary city. Our country is dying because we have more people angry over a man who said illegal immigration is a problem than the actual problem of illegal immigration. Our country is dying because even after another murder like poor Kate's there are still people talking about amnesty and our governor is too busy passing laws to have the phrase alien removed from labor code to address the problem of criminal activity perpetrated by illegal immigrants.

Cry for our country, Mr. Kimmel; it needs it more than the lion.



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# Does Rhetoric “Trump” Principles?



By Betty Van Valkenburg

For this political outsider and avowed limited-government conservative, watching the Donald Trump phenomenon is both entertaining and troubling. Stick with me here, please. This is not about supporting or opposing any candidate, but about lessons we might learn during this long election process.

As of this writing (just after the Fox News debate), Donald Trump has tapped into our legitimate fears over the nation’s problems and anger at the politicians who cause or refuse to solve them – problems such as astronomical national debt, unrestrained spending at all levels of government, freedom-crushing over-regulation, a failing economy, vanishing jobs, a porous and dangerous border, a disastrous nuclear deal with Iran, disintegration of social morals and much more.

Mr. Trump’s bombast has also tapped into our distrust of most government officials and our desire that they be, as George Washington advocated, “... chained down by the Constitution.” He’s tapped into the disgust with both parties, but especially the supposed-to-be conservative Republican Party, elected Republicans who make promises they don’t keep, and Republican congressional leaders who refuse to act.

We already know that our nation is in serious trouble and worry whether our constitutional republic – formed specifically to limit government’s power, protect individual rights and keep us safe from aggression – will survive, or if it exists merely on life support. Whether our grandchildren will prosper in an atmosphere of personal and economic freedom or be weighed down by the chains of a micromanaging government. Whether they will know or remember that their destiny and prosperity should depend on their own actions and not on an over-intrusive and dictatorial government.

As of this writing, Mr. Trump leads polls by spotlighting our dire circumstances through the use of sometimes intemperate but otherwise refreshing politically incorrect rhetoric; but he has so far asked us to just believe that he can solve every problem through sheer force of personality and negotiating skills. Of course he’s not the first or only bombastic candidate, but his unfiltered bravado strikes a chord at this time with many who hunger for a course correction in leadership.

### Do Our Homework

So is my point to criticize or praise

Donald Trump or to campaign for another candidate? No. At this time there are almost 10 months before the California primary and 15 months before the general election and anything can happen. The point is that we as concerned conservatives should do our homework as never before. We have time to research candidates for every office and determine who offers limited-government solutions based on Constitutional principles. Do the candidates really understand and support the Constitution? What are their guiding principles? What does their past say about how they would govern in the future? Are their promises tempered by the recognition that they have legal restraints and cannot play God?

### Hyperbole?

Yes, but we are in this mess partly because politicians at all levels act as if there are no limits on their power over our lives and livelihoods.

### Get to Work

The price of liberty is vigilance. It is the duty of every citizen to be active in our civil government and hold our public officials accountable. We cannot wait for, nor put our trust in, any one person or any one election. We have many months to determine why the greatest nation in the world has gone off track and to get involved, as never before, in putting it back on course. A presidential candidate might step up as the most principled conservative with the best plan, but even if elected in November, 2016, he or she cannot “save the country.”

It is we, now, who must start to rein in the out-of-control usurpation of power at all levels of government, not just the presidency. Does your city councilman, school board member, county supervisor, assembly person, state senator, U. S. senator or representative know that you exist? Have you called, emailed, or visited them? Do they know what you want them to do? Do you know what they’ve been up to? Have you attended their meetings? A quick internet search can give you their names, contact information and meeting dates.

If we aren’t accessing in-depth information, then we are left to rely on sound bites and political ads.

Please check out the CentralValleyTeaParty.com website and Facebook.com/CentralValleyTeaParty for resources and information based on the principles of Constitutionally Limited Government, Fiscal Responsibility and Free Markets, and also to get contact information for the local Madera, Oakhurst and other Tea Party chapters.

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Managing construction sites and supervising crews over the years has taught me that people are the most valuable resource of any organization. That couldn't be more true than it is today with regard to Golden Valley. We have lost numerous excellent teachers and administrators who helped make Golden Valley the highest performing school district in Madera County.

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## Ranchos Girl Needs Facebook Help

Ranchos resident Kayleigh Link says she has always had a passion for singing. "For as long as I can remember I've been in love with it," she said. That passion has the potential to possibly take her to the next, professional level.

After an open audition in Los Angeles earlier this year, Kayleigh was offered representation by Indasoul

Entertainment. What followed was a trip to New York in August to Model Management Group where she signed a contract for acting and modeling, followed by a photoshoot to start her portfolio.

Once back in California, Indasoul sent her to a recording studio in Valencia to record a demo so that Indasoul could begin marketing her.



"This is where I need help from Ranchos community members," Kayleigh said. Part of her advertising for her music is on social media such as Facebook and Instagram. "Everyone has been so wonderful with supporting me and liking my Facebook page," she said. What Kayleigh needs help with is building up her fan base at [reverbNation.com/kayleighlink](http://reverbNation.com/kayleighlink).

"I need everyone who likes me to go to this website and click on BECOME A FAN. It doesn't sign you up for anything or email you any junk," she assured. "It just has you log in as a Facebook member and shows your name as a person supporting me and wanting to hear more. Doing this will greatly help me further my career and be able to produce more music."

"I just want to thank all those who have supported me. Without you I could not have gotten this far," Kayleigh said.

## County Honors Voting Rights Act

On Aug. 6 Rebecca Martinez, Madera County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, partnered with the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials and announced the day as the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights

Act, which was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on August 6, 1965.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was a milestone in national legislation that prohibited discriminatory voting practices from disenfranchising African Americans. The act made it illegal to require eligible voters to pass literacy tests in order to register to vote.

Within the same year the act was passed, many key events took place throughout the Civil Rights Movement: Malcolm X was assassinated, the Selma to Montgomery marches occurred, the Watts riots in Los Angeles occurred and President Johnson issued Executive Order 11246 to enforce Affirmative Action for the first time.

Since its initial passage, the act has expanded its reach with amendments that assist language minorities in the voting process by providing language-specific election materials to jurisdictions with large numbers of language minorities.

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with Warren Farn



**The Check Engine Light**

Hello 93636.

The other day I asked my wife her opinion as to what I should address in this month's column. She said she doesn't understand what all the lights and symbols on the vehicle's dash mean. An explanation of those would be helpful. The most common complaint and confusing item we deal with on a daily basis is the "Check Engine" light. Let me give you a basic understanding of the "Check Engine" light.

Let's say you are driving along and your "Check Engine" light comes on. What does it mean and what should you do? The "Check Engine" light is an EMISSION FAILURE warning light. It is NOT a low oil, low oil pressure, low coolant and/or engine overheating warning light, although it is possible for a trouble code to set for those conditions. Failure for one of those problems will turn on a RED warning light. The RED warning light means IMMEDIATELY turn the engine off and call for a tow truck. If the vehicle continues to be driven with a RED warning light on, likely eminent and severe damage will occur.



*If the "Check Engine" light is flashing, STOP and turn the engine OFF IMMEDIATELY!!! If the light is flashing, it means your vehicle is omitting more than 1 1/2 times the allowable tail pipe emissions and catalytic converter damage is happening. It takes as little as 15 seconds to destroy a catalytic converter.*

**Different Colors**

The AMBER "Check Engine" light is cautionary. It basically means the vehicle has an emissions failure. A vehicle with a "Check Engine" light on will automatically fail an emissions test. Just a note: before each drive it is advised prior to starting the engine that you turn the ignition key to the "ON" position and observe that all warning lights are operational. In the event of a failure, your vehicle can warn you by turning on a "Warning Light." Take note of all non-functioning

warning lights and drive at your own risk. Don't hesitate to read your vehicle's owner's manual for specific information.

If the "Check Engine" light turns on solid and the vehicle seems normal in every other way, you do not have to call for a tow truck at this time. Continue to drive the vehicle cautiously paying attention to any changes in vehicle performance. As soon as possible get the vehicle to a technician and have the "Check Engine" light diagnosed. Continuing to drive the vehicle without having it repaired can cause a domino effect and other component failures could result. At minimum your fuel mileage may be reduced. Remember, vehicle emissions are unburned and/or partially burned fuel.

**Burning Dollars**

If the "Check Engine" light is flashing, STOP and turn the engine OFF IMMEDIATELY!!! If the light is flashing, it means your vehicle is omitting more than 1 1/2 times the allowable tail pipe emissions and catalytic converter damage is happening. It takes as little as 15 seconds to destroy a catalytic converter. If you continue to drive with a flashing "Check Engine" light, it's costing you between hundreds to one thousand dollars per mile. Stop the vehicle, turn the engine OFF and call for a tow truck. It's much cheaper to be towed than to replace catalytic converters.

Also, when the "Check Engine" light is turned on, some other very important things happen. The PCM (computer) sets a diagnostic trouble code and records the vehicle's "Freeze Frame Data." The Freeze Frame Data is a snapshot of the vehicle's driving conditions when the failure occurred. It's like a flight recorder. It tells the technician engine RPM, vehicle speed, engine load, engine coolant temperature and much more valuable diagnostic information. The technician will need this information to form a diagnostic strategy. The Freeze Frame Data allows

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*Senior Report*

## New Members, New Friends at Center

By Patti Groh

School has started here in the “Golden Valley.” My own grandsons’ new lunch boxes (some kind of cloth and insulated) made me think of some of the lunch boxes from my youth. Most of them were metal and they had great characters on them. I remember one with Mighty Mouse, and cowboys and Lost in Space (or maybe that was my son’s). I had a plastic and cardboard lunch box with Barbie on it. That one didn’t last long before it tore. Lunch boxes and what we had in them might be a good topic to discuss at a Seniors get-together. Remember to bring it up when you’re there.

Grandparents may have had a busy summer taking kids on vacation, caring for kids while Mom and Dad worked, having kids over for BBQ and swimming. Now we can have a little more time on our hands and a great way to fill that time and have our own fun is at the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center.

We did the Golden Chain Theatre and Bunco in August after the paper deadline, so I’ll tell you about it next month. But September will include more great activities. The usual stuff will be going

on: awesome exercise program, Thursday night potluck and games. Check out the newsletter for the usual schedule.

The birthday and anniversary lunch celebration is going to be at High Sierra Restaurant which is on the southwest corner of Bullard and West in Fresno. That lunch is at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 19. Please sign up at the Center. Then, a trip is planned to the Forestiere Underground Gardens on Sept. 24. I’ve been there before and it is so cool! (Pun intended). The temperature down there is maybe 20 to 30 degrees cooler than up above and it is very interesting. We don’t have exact time yet, but the information will be available at the center and I’m sure there will be car-pooling from the center that day.

We have added a few new members in the last few months. Please greet and welcome these new friends: Alison Bosch, Nancy Thompson, Marlona Ely, Harriet Marcario and Lorene Graham. Add them to your Seniors Roster along with their contact information which is located on the bulletin board at the Seniors Center.

Don’t forget, the center will be closed Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day. The Senior Center phone number is 645-4864. The address is 37330 Berkshire Drive and you are invited.

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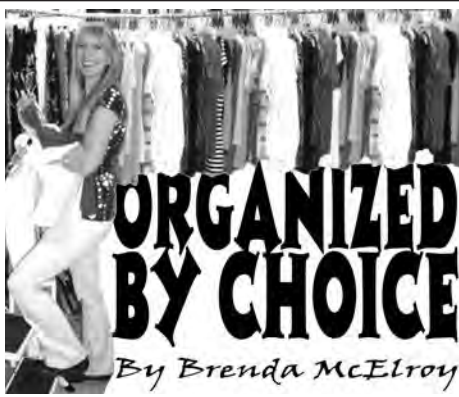
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## Lions Club Update

Greetings from the Madera Ranchos Lions Club. We have been busy for the past few months and want to share our success and thank all those who helped us with our Family Fun Day event. We especially want to thank The Fresno Radio Modelers for the use of their facility, their fantastic support, and the tremendous show they put on with planes and trucks. We are so fortunate to have such great neighbors. Further we want express special thanks as well to the folks at Red Rock Environmental Group and their manager Justin Raymond. They truly went all out to help us financially as well as with equipment and attractions.

So many other folks helped us including: The Ranchos Kiwanis, Valley Propane, C&G Business Solutions, Pizza Factory, Chad's Trucking, Kona Ice and so many more. As a result of all of our efforts we were able to present a marching band xylophone to the Golden Valley School Music Department this past week. We look forward to continued service to our Eastern Madera Communities and invite you to visit us on the first Thursday of each month in the evening at the Pizza Factory.



**What's an Adding Machine?**

The other day I was in Target and overheard an older gentleman ask an employee if they carried adding machines. I had to smile as the young man

asked for a description of what an adding machine was.

Home offices and their contents are highly relative to age and digital use. Of course there are exceptions. Even my son, who went paperless, gets daily mail and occasionally has to put a stamp on an envelope.

Most Baby Boomers have either had a home office all along, or as soon as the kids move out create one. We carry the idea that that's where we should store and do all our paperwork, but with the advent of laptops, paperless statements and online bill-paying, most people find themselves paying bills in the living room or sitting at the kitchen table.

The fact remains, there are still documents you need to keep, or at the very least you need a place to put your digital scanner. Many more peo-

ple are working from home, making a home office a necessity. My office is a work in progress. My husband thought I was crazy when I gave up my huge corner desk and downsized with one that's more my style. Whether your home office sports an adding machine or your "office" is wherever your laptop lands, today's tips include some of the basics for home office management.

**Workspace** - A desktop computer requires, well, a desktop. Preferably, the desk should have a drawer or two for supplies. Even if using a laptop, it's good to have a clean flat surface to process mail, fill out forms and store basic supplies. If space is an issue, a desk like a fold-out convertible desk can be mounted just about anywhere.

**Basic Supplies** - A junk drawer is simply a supply drawer turned junky. Keep it junk-free by using a drawer divider with designated places for

your paper clips, rubber bands, tape, stamps, post-it notes, etc. If your "office" is in the kitchen, designate a drawer for office supplies or place them in a bin in the cabinet.

**Working Files** - I use a Wall File Holder ([www.amazon.com/3-Pocket-Wall-File-Holder](http://www.amazon.com/3-Pocket-Wall-File-Holder)) for forms I need to access frequently, current projects and action items. You can also use them for bills to pay, events (invitations, tickets, etc.), and a temporary holding spot for receipts and other items. A desktop holder can also store such folders and be placed on the kitchen counter, or wherever the mail is processed.

**Shredder** - Unfortunately, this has become a staple due to identity theft. Position your shredder so that as you process your mail you are able

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## “What exactly is a Chamber of Commerce?”

The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of citizens who are primarily investing their time in a community development program – working together to improve the economic, civic and cultural fortitude of the Ranchos. Any citizen who is interested in helping to develop the community is eligible to be a member of the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce. The direct benefit is a stronger local economy: more businesses and more jobs with higher salaries and better fringe benefits. The indirect benefits are more public programs, better schools and less crime. The work of the Chamber is financed by the investments of the community and, to a lesser degree, members' dues. At \$50 to \$100 annually, the dues structure

is designed to permit even the smallest business or individual to be a member. The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce is guided by a board of directors – Chamber members who are individuals and business leaders in the Ranchos.

The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce is a service institution as well as an action institution. It provides a medium through which people can take effective action for the progress of the Ranchos. It helps create job opportunities by stimulating industrial, commercial and agricultural growth. It seeks the improvement of Ranchos facilities, such as streets, highways, parks and schools. It provides the opportunity for members to network with other business leaders and individuals from the

community. In all of these functions, the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce serves as a partner to every business, professional and individual in the Ranchos.

The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce functions through the working committees of the Chamber. Money, planning and inspiration do not fulfill the Chamber's mission unless the members work vigorously on the committees. Careful study is made of the community needs before action is taken. Every member has a voice in determining the policies and projects that the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce undertakes and every member is needed on active committees to achieve the Chamber's goals.

## “Why should I join the Chamber of Commerce?”

1. Because the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce carries the reputation of being a leader of business integrity in the Ranchos and my affiliation lends my business credibility.
2. Because the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce is a close-knit organization in which members support each other's businesses.
3. Because the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce requires financial support in order to perform its job of increasing the economic prosperity of the Ranchos.
4. Because the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce unifies the public spirit of the Ranchos and directs it into useful and constructive channels that are not limited to business.
5. Because I feel a sense of personal obligation to improve the quality of life in the Ranchos.

### *Your Chamber of Commerce*

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.**

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munity. If you are such a guardian of our transparency, look deeper into what I as a developer have been doing to help this community to thrive and reach a sustainable future. My development will be judged on its own merits when the time comes. And your innuendoes of me will not clear your guilt.

In my opinion, the three of you have caused a greater harm than your claims of doing good to this outstanding community. You have managed to divide it and drive a stake into the hearts of good people. The three of you can always call me for a frank discussion and until you can show me otherwise, I will surly remember the lies and the innuendos.

Igal Treibatch  
Madera Ranchos/Santa Monica

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter with great concern regarding the future success or failure of the Golden Valley Unified School District. The three school board members being recalled – Kathleen Crumpton, John Moseley and Carla Neal – must go. They have shown disregard of the children, parents, teachers and taxpayers of our district by wasting our tax dollars and then covering the money they spent recklessly by eliminating the assistant superintendent of CURRICULUM. The students are the ones who will pay for this loss. Who will our teachers go to for support to help with curriculum requirements such as Common Core? Is this how we support Staff and Students?

Carla Neal represents Area 1, which is the area I live in. I have spoken with Carla a few times and her accusations of the District and past board members are very confusing to say the least. When asked to clarify her accusations she responds by saying: "I can't tell you now."

Is that what she calls transparent?

I am voting for Mona Diaz. Golden Valley Unified School District needs someone who works on doing what is best for the children. Thank you Mona for being the driving force at the Webster Elementary playground area to successfully see that the sprinklers are turned on two days a week and making it safe again for the children to play.

Please vote YES on the Recall.

With warm regards,

Jerlyn Hollars  
Madera Ranchos

Dear Editor:

As I am writing this letter, Sunday at 12:20 p.m., Doc [Buchanan] and I would be

having lunch together right now, if he were still here. As many 93636 residents have heard, my teacher and friend, Dr. Floyd B. "Doc" Buchanan, passed away Monday, Aug. 10 at 91 years of age. His passing came as a complete surprise to me, as I have spent much time with him this year and especially the last four weeks. When I last talked with Doc the Saturday evening before his passing, he was in very good spirits, energetic and looking forward to the future. The standing ovation he received Thursday at our recall fundraiser reinvigorated and inspired him. He told me that prior to the fundraiser he didn't understand why he was still here on this earth. After the fundraiser he believed he got his answer: we needed him. I would like you all to know that because of the respect, honor and appreciation you showed to Doc at the fundraiser, he left his life on a very high note.

After his passing I have been asked many times how it came to be that Doc and I were friends and was I an educator prior to becoming a shop owner. If you are interested in that story, read on.

Most of my adult life I have been involved with children as a Sunday school teacher and assistant youth pastor. The values and morals I was teaching my children, including my church kids, were being contradicted by teachings at school. Teachings like values clarification, situational ethics, diversity above unity, safe sex above abstinence and others. Our science text books conveniently left out the pillars of modern science in order to teach evolution as a fact. Pillars like the First and Second Laws of Thermal Dynamics and the scientific method. I was trying to teach my children and church kids to be consistent in their individual walks and live their lives according to their convictions, including while at school. Because of peer pressure and other dynamics, it was a hard standard for kids to meet. They were afraid. I decided I needed to get involved with them at school to support and encourage them. When I made my commitment to my children and students, I was all in. I got involved at Madera High School and Madera Unified School District (MUSD) at all levels. I began attending all school board meetings, became involved with the boosters, parent involvement, site council, WASC (Western Accreditation of Schools & Colleges) and so many things I can't remember them all. What I found was a dysfunctional school district. Madera High School had just received the lowest or near to lowest evaluation that WASC could render. We were given three years to correct the problems and they monitored our progress, or Madera High School would lose its accreditation. Money was missing from some student body accounts so the district was in search of a new superintendent. The high school principal was brand

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By Perry Watkins

"Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child, one community at a time."

What is a community? There are two definitions of community generally. The first is simply: 1. A group of people living in the same place; or 2. A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals.

I have wondered what sort of place the Madera Ranchos is in this regard. When I say the Madera Ranchos I am always speaking of Bonadelle, Rolling Hills and all the areas generally near to the Ranchos. For me, this is our community. I often hope that folks from all those surrounding areas feel that they are a part of this Madera Ranchos Community. Maybe some do, and some do not. If you are one of those people who do not feel that you are a part of the community then I really wish I knew the reasons why. Have you been somehow ignored or alienated by other folks in the neighborhood? Have your neighbors so upset you that you have cut yourself off from the community? Are you just too busy to be an active part of the community? Perhaps, you think that there really is no community? Maybe you are wrapped up in raising your family and give no thought at all to the community. Perhaps this is a bedroom community for your job in Fresno or Chowchilla and you could care less. Maybe you're new to the neighborhood and planned to get involved someday, but maybe someday just hasn't arrived yet.

unteer Firefighters and the Friends of Firefighter Volunteers. There is also a large contingent of Sheriff Department "COPS" – Citizens On Patrol – who work to keep our neighborhoods safe, pleasant and peaceful. Members of the Valley Teen Ranch have also committed many hours of community service to keep our village clean and to support many different events. SEMCU members work to safeguard our water, energy and transportation. If you haven't been involved, let me tell you these groups include some of the nicest folks you will even encounter.

Trash, piles of dirt and weeds don't get picked up without volunteers; scholarships won't happen; many local children's groups, Special Olympics, sports clubs, sport equipment and a robotic club just wouldn't happen without people who recognize the need for a community.

You are a member of this community. We would love for you to be an active member of the community. Give one day a year. Give half a day. Get interested, become involved. Let me tell you the best time to do it is *now*. If you are waiting for a good time to get involved it will never happen. We are all too busy, all of us. We all have families and obligations. Somehow, a few dedicated individuals manage to make time. They manage to make a huge difference in the lives of others



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new. The district was in the process of implementing a new comprehensive curriculum called "Outcome Based Education" which Webster parents hotly rejected. The building of a new high school in Madera Ranchos had just been postponed. There were budget problems and on and on and on. I was out of my league. I didn't know what was right, wrong, in between or where to start. I did what I always do: sought out good teachers and/or find good information. Out of frustration one day, I picked up the phone book and searched for Doc's home phone number – knowing it wouldn't be listed – but it was. I called the number knowing he wouldn't be interested in talking with me or helping me – but he was and he did. From that conversation 24 years ago, Doc became my mentor and teacher. I would explain the situation and the problem. He would listen intently and always say, "OK, here's what you need to do." Whatever the matter was, he would explain how the system was supposed to work and what a good functioning model looked like. He would then tell me what I needed to do and outlined the steps I needed to take. He would also tell me that some would not accept this new concept and I would have to battle. He would tell me in advance what the opponents were going to say and how to defend our position. I was always prepared.

As I am writing this letter, it just occurred to me that over the last few months I have been called a bulldog by many with regard to the recall. I just realized that is the reflection of the teacher in the student. I don't know any other way. That's the way I was taught. Doc's car license plate said "Sic m Doc." It was a gift from the district employees when he retired. My teaching wasn't like that of his Fresno State students. I was learning under fire. What I was taught on Monday I utilized in battle Tuesday in MUSD. I didn't have the luxury of learning in an orderly fashion, chapter by chapter. He taught me what I needed as we went and I learned his philosophy on education and his model. We became close friends over the years but it began as a teacher/student relationship. To me it felt more like we were in battle and he was General Patton.

Over the years, we never once talked about politics or religion. It wasn't about those to him. Doc was about the mechanics, the process and physiology of how students learn. It was about methods and how systems functioned and interacted together. It was about dynamics and how things positively or negatively affected each other. He believed in cause and effect.

Let me give you an example.

The state of California only requires two years of physical education for high school students. Doc believed in four. Doc believed the brain is a powerful organ that requires a lot

of energy (oxygen enriched blood flow) when operating at a high capacity. He therefore believed physical fitness was absolutely essential to learning. He believed laziness, being physically unfit and sedentary lifestyles were impediments to learning. As a result, Doc placed a premium on physical education and athletics. One of the positive effects of a strong four-year physical fitness program is that Clovis Unified School District (CUSD) employees have twice as many full-time coaches as most other school districts. Therefore CUSD is not so dependent on transient "walk on" coaches. The positive effect is CUSD excels in athletics and will continue to do so until other school districts adopt Doc's model or CUSD loses its way.

Doc's philosophy and approach to problem solving mirrors that of mine as an automotive diagnostician. Find, isolate and fix the cause and the symptoms will disappear. Chasing down every symptom is an exercise in futility. The most efficient and cost effective way of isolating the cause is by testing. The least efficient and most costly approach to problem solving is guessing. Because we were such a good match with our methodology to problem solving, I was able to learn his education model and understand how it worked.

Before I started anything new with regard to schools or school districts, I liked to run it by Doc. The recall was no different. I wanted his advice and knowledge. I was surprised to find out that Clovis Unified went through a recall in 1964. The recall was an effort to remove Doc Buchanan's supporters from the school board and replace the superintendent and move in a different direction. The recall effort failed by a 70-30 percent margin. Doc credits the rise of Clovis Unified to that recall. The seven school board members decided among themselves that whatever the outcome of the recall, they would unite and follow the direction and wishes of the community. Doc remained the superintendent, the new Clovis High School was completed in 1968 or 1969, Clovis West was soon to follow as development in North Fresno (CUSD) soared. The rest is history.

I wish our board and community would unite and move forward together after the recall but I'm afraid our division is too wide and too political. When I presented him the evidence and reason for our recall, Doc's words were, "I can't help you." I must have looked dumbfounded because he then said: "You don't need my help; they do."

Doc supported the recall and Andy. I introduced Andy and Doc three weeks ago. Doc gave us a history lesson and answered Andy and my questions about managing growth and development, school populations and the proper methods of building a school site. Doc agreed to be the keynote speaker at my recall fundraiser event supporting the GVUSD re-

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call just four days prior to his passing. Doc struggled a little during his presentation due to a medical condition but seemed to make a full recovery and finished to a standing ovation. As I said, he was reinvigorated and inspired by our generosity.

As long as I've known Doc, he referred to Madera schools as a "Sleeping Giant." He often said: "If we would get ourselves together out here, we would match up favorably with Clovis Unified and then some." I believed him and I still do. We have that potential. He believed in us and our kids. I believe he gave his last measure of service, energy and fight to us and our kids, ALWAYS THE KIDS. He left us a road map and a legacy. The decision is ours.

Thank you Doc for all you did for the children of Madera also. I will miss you.

Your student and friend,

Warren Parr  
Madera Ranchos

Dear Editor:

And the Governor wants to further raise taxes to fix our massive road deterioration? The Caltrans Cartel would just have to create new innovative ways to squander the increase.

By the way, have you noticed the new "Road 209 Suicide Lane" merging onto southbound 41? Obviously Caltrans took the low engineering bid on this dangerous fiasco. Please tell me that our county staff had nothing to do with this?

Those cretins who have been passing you on the right in the very short northbound right turn "scoop" lane at 145 can now also illegally

pass you on the left in the new "Suicide" lane. Travelling south on 41, now known as "The Gauntlet," you will have to deftly negotiate merging (no stop signs) speeding trucks on your right and oncoming northbound traffic on your left. Not to mention the gravel spilled out of those "spill proof" trailers being thrown by 18 wheels.

Can you imagine any Madera County Supervisor supporting 400 more gravel truck trips a day and a YARTS stop at this woefully inadequate piece of asphalt?

For those who think that the "Great Wall of Coarsegold" was a colossal screw up and liability or that "Rocky Cut" is the most dangerous part of Highway 41, you ain't seen nothing yet.

Ray Krause  
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based on everything else Crumpton had done for the schools, we needed to just look the other way. Let this slide.

Is that how it works now? We enforce only the rules we want to enforce? And besides, Mussolini got the trains to run on time in Italy so forget about all that other fascist dictator stuff of his, right?

And now we're hearing if we vote "Yes" on the recall our taxes will magically rise. They won't and no one on the "No" side can explain how they will. I've noticed that the "No" signs are beginning to morph from "Stop the (non-existent) Tax Increase" to "Stop the Deceit - No Facts, No Recall." Finally! Some truth in advertising. So if there ARE facts (how many more do you need?) You'll vote "Yes" on the Recall?

Right?

I was upset that as I kept saying all of this, offering up proof to the hardcore believers who kept wanting to know where the proof was, it continued to seem to fall on deaf ears. Very selective deaf ears. That's when it hit me: I'm negotiating with prisoners that don't want to leave their prison. They're like Brooks Hatlen in Shawshank prison. I can't - and won't - pretend to understand it. Maybe they're all just the embodiment of that poster from the 70s that said: "I've been beaten, kicked, lied to, taken advantage of and laughed at, but the only reason I hang around this crazy place is to see what will happen next!"

I'm not interested in that. The only thing I can hope for is that the other 92 percent of us walk out of our prison on September 1 and vote to get our school district back.

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the technician to duplicate the driving conditions in which the failure occurred so testing can be done during a failure. It also allows the technician to drive the vehicle in those conditions to confirm a successful repair. PLEASE do not let anyone turn off the "Check Engine" light or disconnect the vehicle's battery prior to the diagnosis. The Freeze Frame Data will be lost. Without the Freeze Frame Data, diagnostics will be much harder and require more time. Erasing trouble codes and Freeze Frame Data is like flushing money down the drain.

**Computer Strategies**

In order to compensate for an emissions failure and allow the vehicle to be driven without damage, the PCM may employ any of several strategy options. The PCM can substitute a no-good value or simply ignore the corrupt value and eliminate it from the engine management algorithms. If eliminated, the PCM will rely more heavily on the remaining properly functioning system values. WARNING: if you are trying to diagnosis a trouble code with a scanner, you better determine if the value you are seeing is a substitute value or actual value. If you guess incorrectly, you're in for a long, tough day.

**The Light's ... Off?**

Sometimes the "Check Engine" light will turn off. It turns on and then off a few days later. Let me explain that scenario. The following information is not exact for every vehicle but it's close enough for our discussion. All cars sold in California since 1996 have to be OBD II (On Board Diagnostic II) compliant. All OBD II compliant vehicles perform onboard self-diagnostic emissions testing. Those

tests are called monitors and are part of California emissions testing. Those monitors must complete and PASS or the vehicle will fail its emission test even if the tail pipe emissions are clean. Monitors are separated into two categories: continues and non-continues. Continues monitors are performed on high priority components like some sensors, secondary ignition or fuel injection. They never stop monitoring as long as the engine is running. Non-continues monitors may happen once a drive cycle or once a day. If a continues monitor fails, the "Check Engine" light will come on immediately and will stay on until the condition is corrected. If a non-continues monitor fails, the PCM will store the trouble code in its memory but the "Check Engine" light will not be turned on. If a second failure occurs during one of the next 40 monitors, the "Check Engine" light will be turned on. The PCM will continue testing normally. If that system has three PASS TESTS in a row, the "Check Engine" light will turn off. Two failed tests in 40 turns the "Check Engine" light on and three consecutive pass tests turns the light off. In this case the system is borderline failure. It mostly passes its monitor. It's been my experience the components responsible for this scenario are most likely the oxygen sensor, catalytic converter and rarely the gas cap.

Hope this helps. Please don't hesitate to email me at complete\_car\_care@hotmail.com with any vehicle questions or suggestions for future articles. I am here to help.

Warren Parr  
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to easily shred those items that might compromise the security of your identity. If it can't be near your mail processing area, have an extra folder for the "To Shred" items and dispose of them weekly. In addition to a shredder be sure to have a paper recycling container (just a simple trash can) close by.

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**Wise Words**

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equipment remotely.

At MID's office at the corner of Road 28 ½ and Avenue 12, where there are 39 employees, all the planning, design and construction work is done in-house, Greci said. As an example, he described using a program developed by the Irrigation Training & Research Center (ITRC) at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo to design and implement what are called "flap gates." As shown on a display at the MID office, "flap gates are simple, low-cost gates that provide automatic upstream water level control using a ballast as a counterweight to hold or release water while maintaining the desired upstream water level." Installed at both the Dixieland Canal and the Colony Extension, the flap gates have replaced a procedure that involved manually inserting or removing wooden boards across the gate to raise or lower water levels. The upgrades in equipment and procedures, in some cases facilitated with grants from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and others, have helped MID to go from being reactive to proactive, Greci said, while still cutting costs.

Initially the canals, or flumes, were created to move timber down from Sugar Pine off the Merced and San Joaquin River watersheds, along the Fresno River, down to the mills in what was then Millview. And this is where Madera, meaning "wood" in Spanish, derives its name.

Today, MID also uses the naturally flowing water in the canals to power four electricity generating plants along the Madera Canal and another at Bass Lake, thus making it a green energy wholesaler. MID also leases their surface water conveyance network to the City of Madera to transport the storm water out west of the city — when it rains.

In fact, most of MID's piping and canals are located west of the Ranchos. However, the Madera Canal, sourced at Millerton Lake and providing the majority of water that enters the system, runs northeast of the Ranchos and allows for some groundwater recharge when and where there is surface water to seep into the ground, Greci said. It is also around this area, where the Canal borders the southeast boundary of the Austin Quarry project property northeast of the Ranchos at Hwy. 41 and Ave. 15, that a great deal of recent discussion and disagreement among both residents and experts has been focused. At issue, as alluded to in the quarry project's revised draft environmental impact report, is how much groundwater recharge the canal provides and how much dewatering of the quarry pit, needed to access the rock for extraction, will reduce both the naturally occurring groundwater as well as the canal-sourced groundwater

recharge — if and when the project gets approved by the Board of Supervisors and the quarry begins operations.

#### ***Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formed***

Greci and Nolan also talked about how MID has been actively engaged in forming partnerships and alliances with different water agencies in order to make deals with other water rights owners and more recently to form a state-mandated groundwater sustainability agency, per the Groundwater Sustainability Management Act passed in Sept. 2014. According to the Association of California Water Agencies, "... the act provides a framework for sustainable management of groundwater supplies by local authorities, with a limited role for state intervention only if necessary to protect the resource." Also, it "... requires the formation of local groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) that must assess conditions in their local water basins and adopt locally-based management plans. The act provides substantial time — 20 years — for GSAs to implement plans and achieve long-term groundwater sustainability. It protects existing surface water and groundwater rights and does not impact current drought response measures."

Currently, MID is trying to make the best of a bad situation and supplying as much surface water to its clients as it can. But, even when there is plenty of surface water, some areas and groups, including the residents of both the City of Madera and the Ranchos, rely completely on groundwater. The advantage of using the Madera Subbasin groundwater is that it needs very little filtering or additives, if any to be potable. On the other hand, if only surface water were available for drinking, it would require treatment at a dedicated and permitted facility first — a very expensive proposition. So, to the extent that MID can make it cheaper and easier to get surface water to growers, that reduces the amount of groundwater pumping and overdrafting of the subbasin aquifer's potable water that the plants and trees don't require but people do.

In addition to serving its customers and thereby benefitting those customers' neighbors, in the last couple of months MID has begun helping the County comply with the 2009 Amended Water Code, by participating in the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program. The program is intended to help determine just how much groundwater is left and how fast it is being depleted so that genuine management of this critical resource can really begin. To that end, MID is organizing efforts to get agencies throughout the County to take regular readings of their wells and upload the results into the CASGEM database.

#### ***Madera Ranch Water Bank Project***

Another project that would benefit the

whole county, which MID has contemplated for over a decade, is the Madera Ranch water bank project. As a result of a settlement which took place in December 2014 with its former financing partner, Madera Valley LLC, MID is free to move ahead on the 13,646 acre property located between the Fresno and Jan Joaquin Rivers five miles southwest of the City of Madera and ten miles northwest of the City of Fresno that is currently being leased for cattle grazing.

Water storage equaling 250,000 acre-feet of water has already been permitted for the facility, which is half the capacity of Millerton Lake, Greci said. Yet, despite being a far better alternative to surface water storage and despite the current unprecedented drought and despite the ever-increasing demands for water (Madera County was recently identified as the fastest growing county in the country), the Madera Ranch water bank project may not come to fruition any time soon.

Options for the land that the MID Board is exploring, said Greci, are to sell it, to tackle the project alone, or to find another finance partner to help shoulder the debt and risk involved. According to the June 2005 Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Madera Irrigation District Water Supply Enhancement Project, it is being contemplated in two phases. The first phase would involve "reconditioning and extension of existing canals to provide at least 200 cubic feet per second of conveyance capacity" as well as "construction of approximately 55 acres of recharge basins on current agricultural land to regulate flow, remove sediment, and provide recharge; application of recharge flows to approximately 700 acres of swales; and integration of approximately 2,600 acres of onsite row crops and vineyards into an in-lieu recharge program in which surface water would be periodically served in lieu of groundwater pumpage."

The first phase of work would essentially get the surface water to and into the area under which it will be stored. Currently this is the area to which storm water from the city is already being sent. And the second phase would involve installing and monitoring an extensive network of wells, lifts and pipelines both to keep close track to ensure the water in storage is neither depleted to less than 10 percent of capacity nor allowed to exceed more than its safely determined and permitted capacity, as well as to pump it out back into the MID service area when needed. With or without the Madera Ranch water bank project, the Madera subbasin, which Greci said is ranked sixth in terms of its critical status among all the basins and subbasins in California, has been determined to be a great place to store water.

## **Willow Fire Arsonist Suspect In Youth Custody**

District Attorney David A. Linn announced on Tuesday, Aug. 18 that the adolescent who allegedly started the Willow fire appeared in Madera Superior Court in Department 5 before the honorable James Oakley.

The minor entered his response to the charges filed by the District Attorney for Arson, PC 451, and Unlawfully Causing Fire, PC 452, both felonies. District Attorney David Linn personally argued for the immediate detention of the minor in the Madera County Juvenile Detention Facility. The defense requested release of the minor pending future court proceedings. The minor was detained as requested by the District Attorney and placed in the Madera County Juvenile Detention Facility.

The matter will be heard again in Department 5 on Aug. 26 for the disposition hearing confirmation. The matter will be tried on Aug. 28.

District Attorney Linn stated that he believed that significant psychological counseling would be necessary for the youthful offender, possibly including inpatient treatment at a facility located in southern California.

This is the second alleged arsonist that has been taken off of the streets of eastern Madera County in two days. Yesterday D.A. Linn obtained an order against the minor who started the John West fires. The minor was placed on house arrest, electronic monitoring, and given a curfew during the evening and night hours.

Considering the fact that youthful offenders are responsible for 40 percent of the arson fires throughout the United States, D.A. Linn, who has been handling arson cases for the past 40 years throughout the western United States and Washington D.C., stated that it was his goal to send a loud and clear message to potential offenders in Madera County that their unlawful acts must come to an end.

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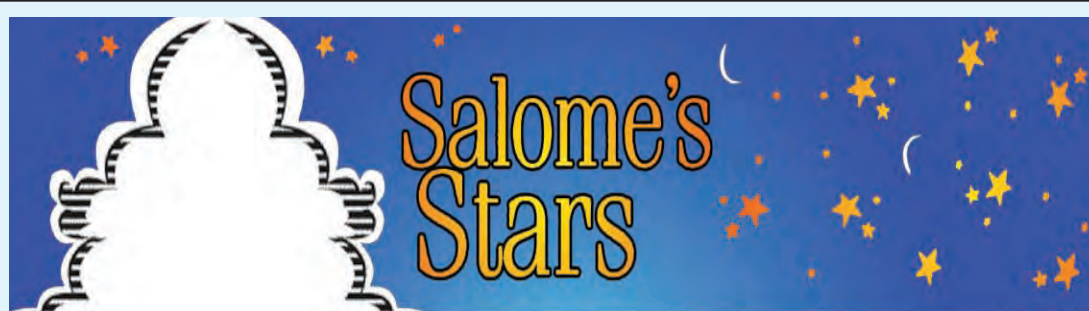
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A relaxed mood early in the week could give way to high-temperature disputes. The Aries Lamb should resist being pulled into heated quarrels that could really singe your wool.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Satisfy that practical obligation first, then you can feel free to indulge in your creative endeavors. Also, check for hidden or overlooked areas where repairs might be long overdue.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Home is still the Twins' major focus this week. But outside matters begin to take on added importance, especially those involving possible career moves. Stay alert for signs of change.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A travel plan might need to undergo some considerable adjustment because of unexpected changes. Keep an open mind and let the facts guide you on how you want to handle this.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Playing cat and mouse with a matter you don't really want to tackle wastes time, energy and, most important, an opportunity. Ask someone with experience to help you get started.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Yesterday's critiques about your methods might have already evolved into today's praise for your achievements. Good for you. Now go on and continue to build on your credibility.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Dealing with someone who has let you down is never easy. But the sooner you're able to clear up this problem, the sooner other problems can be successfully handled.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An occasional temperamental flare-up might occur as you continue to help get things back to normal. Stay with it. You should soon get some idea of where to take things next.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A negative reaction to what you believe was a well-deserved request might mean that you need to reconsider your position and make changes accordingly.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) There's always room for someone new at the Sea Goat's table. And the someone new this week could bring a message you've been waiting a long time to hear.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A pile-on of personal matters this week might seem too overwhelming to deal with. But handling them on a one-by-one basis could have you out from under it by the weekend.

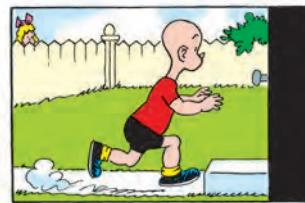
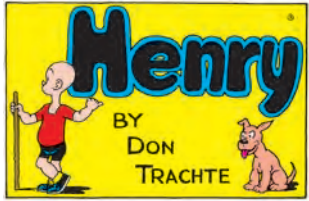
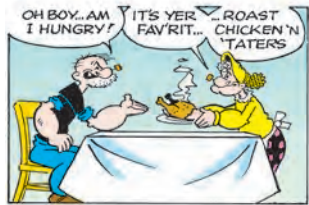
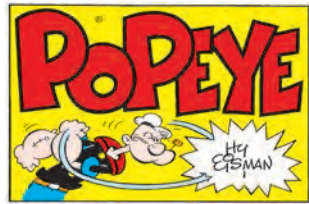
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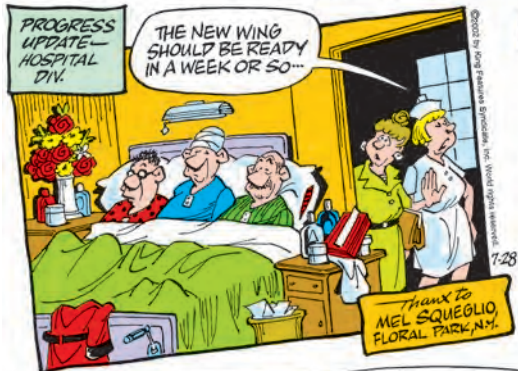
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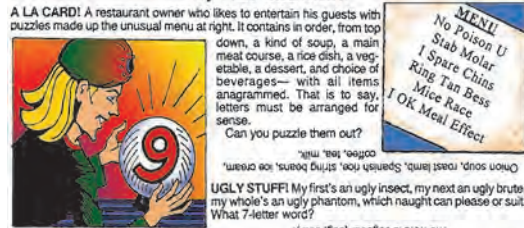


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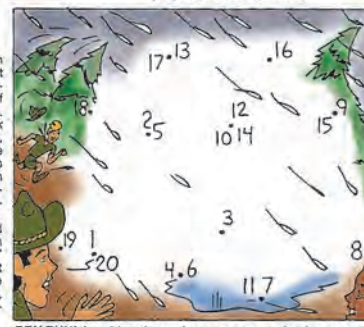
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THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

## TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

- MEASUREMENTS: A quidecennial refers to what period of time?
- CARTOONS: Who was the voice of Nigel in the animated series "The Wild Thornberrys"?
- GEOGRAPHY: In what U.S. state did the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain take place during the Civil War?
- ASTRONOMY: What shape is the Milky Way galaxy?
- LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase, "Cogito ergo sum"?
- MOVIES: What was the name of Meg Ryan's bookstore in "You've Got Mail"?
- LITERATURE: What is the name of the bookstore in Diagon Alley in the "Harry Potter" series?
- EXPLORERS: Which European explorer discovered a sea route to India?
- HISTORY: During what war did the Battle of Trafalgar take place?
- MATH: What is the decimal equivalent of the fraction 1/5?

## Answers

- 15 years
- Actor Tim Curry
- Georgia
- Spiral
- "I think, therefore I am"
- The Shop Around the Corner
- Flourish and Blotts
- Vasco da Gama
- Napoleonic Wars
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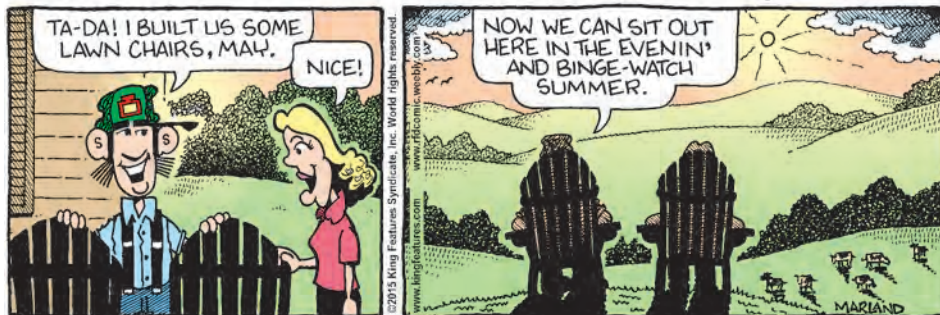
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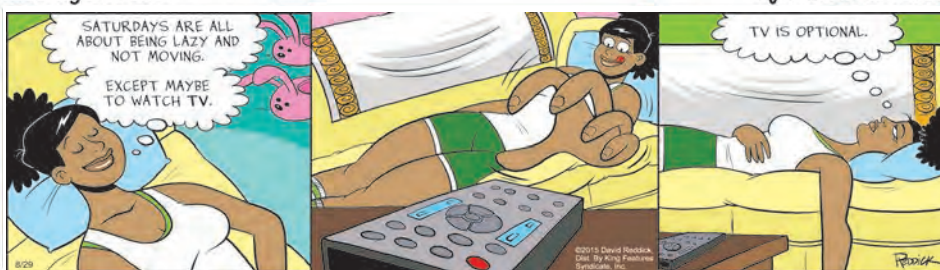
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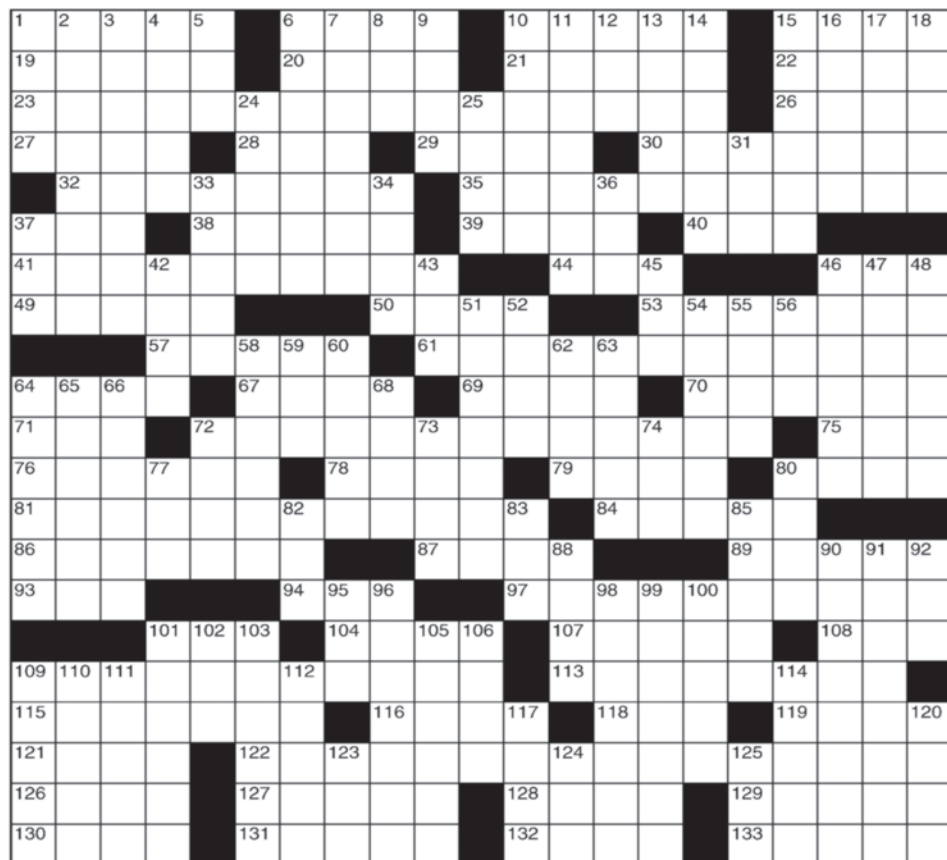
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Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Bat is shorter. 2. Home plate is missing. 3. Fence board is moved. 4. Catcher's glove is missing. 5. Grasses are missing. 6. Collar is smaller.

## Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 "Get — case!"
  - 6 1980s Chrysler line
  - 10 Walk
  - 15 Stockpile
  - 19 Writer — Boothe Luce
  - 20 Top-grade
  - 21 Say hi, in modern slang
  - 22 Baa maids?
  - 23 Jungle guy who loves high points?
  - 26 Corn-on-the-cob units
  - 27 Farming prefix
  - 28 Italian gold
  - 29 Input info
  - 30 Formal letter
  - 32 System of pontiffs
  - 35 Plea from an allergic person to a pair of gloves?
  - 37 Christmas quaff
  - 38 Piebald pony
  - 39 Auld lang —
  - 40 Fan setting
  - 41 Period of constant change?
  - 44 Wrap-up
  - 46 Derby, e.g.
  - 49 "I'll do it"
  - 50 V preceders
  - 53 Young baby
  - 57 Request that one attend
  - 61 Glassware for a burial urn?
  - 64 — serif
  - 67 Seized vehicle, often
  - 69 Actress Talbot
  - 70 Eye narrowly
  - 71 From — Z
  - 72 Luxury watch moving counter-clockwise?
  - 75 "... — penny earned"
  - 76 Numerous
  - 78 Swamp plant
  - 79 Mermaids' realms
  - 80 Preowned
  - 81 Take sailor Drake for oneself?
  - 84 Edifice tops
  - 86 Altar boy
  - 87 Letter-shaped hardware bit
  - 89 "— it!" (cry upon arrival)
  - 93 Copy cats
  - 94 Miami loc.
  - 97 Writer Haley holding a grudge?
  - 101 Down dinner
  - 104 See 106-Down
  - 107 Swimmer Janet
  - 108 Family guy
  - 109 Cuban revolutionary who loves cereal?
  - 113 Twinkling
  - 115 Part of EDT
  - 116 Jethro —
  - 118 Alias letters
  - 119 "... — it Memorex?"
  - 121 Stud money
  - 122 Chem lab reaction all over again?
  - 126 Hershey toffee bar
  - 127 "Milk" co-star Hirsch
  - 128 Old music halls
  - 129 "It pleases me!"
  - 130 "Baseball Tonight" ainer
  - 131 Kinds
  - 132 Hawk's home
  - 133 Ecstasy
  - 4 Old U.S. postal mascot
  - 5 "Pro" vote
  - 6 Pop's — and the Waves
  - 7 Joint emcees
  - 8 Prop- or hex-ender
  - 9 Part of ROM
  - 10 1982 Pryor/Gleason comedy
  - 11 First hit for the Police
  - 12 Boat wood
  - 13 Meek as —
  - 14 Biblical lion's den survivor
  - 15 Tilting board
  - 16 Be in store
  - 17 Vivacity
  - 18 New Jersey county west of Hudson
  - 24 "I swear it!"
  - 25 Water lily leaves
  - 31 — Poke (candy on a stick)
  - 33 Church projections
  - 34 Anchor
  - 36 Finger count
  - 37 Grid org.
  - 42 Dec. 25
  - 43 Bad-check abbr.
  - 45 Genetic helix
  - 46 Actor Ed
  - 47 Not anxious
  - 48 Classified notice, e.g.
  - 51 Hip (to)
  - 52 Harvard or Yale: Abbr.
  - 54 City in Texas
  - 55 German automaker
  - 56 "Science Guy" of PBS
  - 58 "H.R. Pufnstuf" producer Sid or Marty
  - 59 — Aviv
  - 60 "Fidelio," e.g.
  - 62 Summers, in Sedan
  - 63 Seen less
  - 64 Respectful bow
  - 65 Immediately
  - 66 "Some other time"
  - 68 Plow team
  - 72 Classic theater name
  - 73 Domino's shape: Abbr.
  - 74 — Tomé and Príncipe
  - 77 Salt, in Sedan
  - 80 Plebes' sch.
  - 82 Mediator, for short
  - 83 Deli creation
  - 85 Initial
  - 88 "— yellow ribbon ..."
  - 90 Belgian king who abdicated in 2013
  - 91 Frameworks over oil wells
  - 92 Lead-in for skeleton
  - 95 Tyler of "Jersey Girl"
  - 96 Poet France
  - 98 Handheld plug-and-play diversions
  - 99 Delivers a lecture to computer
  - 100 Seminal '40s
  - 101 Nonresident doctor
  - 102 Survey info
  - 103 Tank topper
  - 105 Main points
  - 106 With 104-Across, 1/24 of a foot
  - 109 — and desist theater name
  - 110 Actor Tom
  - 111 Prevent, in law
  - 112 Opponent I've Loved Before"
  - 117 Writer — Hubbard
  - 120 Patsy Cline's "— Got You"
  - 123 Dunk
  - 124 Lyric verse
  - 125 Leaf vein

# FUN PAGES



## 6 Reasons to Vote

# YES

## ON THE RECALL

### ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

#### **#1 Put Our Kids' Future Ahead of Politics**

Neal, Crumpton and Moseley have put their personal agendas ahead of our children's education.

#### **#2 Maintain Educational Standards**

Neal, Crumpton and Moseley are putting educational standards at stake by eliminating a critical administrative position charged with educational content.

#### **#3 Keep Talented Teachers and Administrators In Our Schools**

At Liberty High School alone, 100% of administrators and 31% of teachers have left. We MUST keep talented teachers and school leaders.

#### **#4 Neal, Crumpton and Moseley Have Put Our District in Danger**

Budget gimmicks and one-time monies have been used to balance the budget—which may put our district's financial stability in jeopardy.

#### **#5 Make Our School Board Responsive and Transparent to YOU**

Neal, Crumpton and Moseley appear to have consistently made decisions in shady back rooms and ignored their duty to be responsive and transparent.

#### **#6 Keep Politics Out of the Classroom**

Elect experienced and responsible School Board Trustees to keep Golden Valley the highest performing school district in Madera and make sure our children get the best education we can provide.

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## Vote YES to Secure Our Children's Education.

# VOTE YES IN THE RECALL ELECTION

## on Tuesday, September 1st