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HOW ARE THEY GETTING IT?

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TEENAGE DRINKING: WHERE'S IT FROM?

By Christi McKinney

The guy at the checkout stand has some alcohol he wants to purchase. The cashier gives him the once over and decides, because the customer's a pretty big guy, that he must be over 21. No ID is checked, the purchase is completed and the customer leaves.

In the same store, about two customers back in line, is a school employee who realizes he recognizes the non-carded alcohol purchaser. He recognizes him because he remembers him as a student before he graduated – just last year. He does the math in his head and can't be certain that the really big kid wasn't over 21, but it sure seemed unlikely. It doesn't matter anyway because the kid is now gone with the alcohol he purchased. It doesn't matter until he walks outside and sees the big kid giving the alcohol to some other kids he also recognizes but now there's a real problem: the kids that just received the alcohol and are driving off are students at Liberty High. And he KNOWS they're not over 21.

A scenario like this actually happened recently and resulted in the school being notified and some drinking, underage students were intercepted at a Liberty High football game. But unfortunately, it's not that unusual.

A Typical Night, U.S.A.

It's Friday night, and teens all over America are hanging out. They might be taking in a game, going to a school dance or just hanging at their friend's house watching

movies. It's at times like these that children as young as 11 are taking their first drink of alcohol. Forty percent of American youth have tried alcohol by the time they reach the 8th grade and statistics show the younger you are when you start drinking the more likely you are to have a problem with alcohol.

While beer and Boone's Farm wine



used to be the drink of choice eons ago, more and more teens are hitting the bottle in greater numbers and they are gravitating toward the newer, flavored hard liquors that the alcohol industry is producing.

And they're not sipping it — they're gulping it down like Kool-Aid. An alarming number of teens are “binge drinking.” Binge drinking used to mean drinking heavily over several days. The term now refers to the heavy consumption of alcohol over a short period of time, usually defined as consuming five or more drinks in one sitting. More than 7 million teenagers have admitted to binge drinking and the Surgeon General considers alcohol to be the number one risk for teens when it comes to substance abuse, calling it, “The drug of choice for teens in

America,” and issuing a report warning parents about alcohol consumption among minors. Alcohol-related accidents are the number one cause of death among teenagers. Each year 1.4 million teens are injured in some way through an alcohol related accidents.

Although most Ranchos teens are responsible members of our community, it is no secret that some of them are making the wrong and illegal decision to drink alcoholic beverages. It should come as no surprise that the rate of consumption is directly related with how easily alcohol can be obtained.

Where are They Getting It?

Any place that sells alcohol in the state of California is required to have a liquor license. These licenses are very expensive and retailers are subject to heavy fines or even revocation if they are caught selling alcohol to minors. Chris Weldon, District Administrator of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), said, “Both the ABC and the local Police Department conduct decoy operations in response to complaints.”

Weldon said that their investigators conduct undercover investigations at licensed businesses in response to law enforcement or public complaints of suspected violations. “Individuals are welcome to call our office to report information, and they may remain anonymous,” Weldon said. The ABC last performed decoy operations at the end of September and said that at that time there were no stores in the Ranchos area

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Principal Tefft Leaves Ranchos



Duty to Country and California's Problems Cited for Decision

Scott Tefft, Golden Valley principal for both Sierra View Elementary and Webster Elementary, resigned his five-year position on Oct. 15 to take a similar position at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Before he left, he offered this open letter to the Madera Ranchos Community:

Dear Valued Parents:

I am thankful to say, for the past five and a half years I have been living a dream! To have been part of the wonderful group of educators, staff, students and parents of Sierra View Elementary, Webster Elementary and the outstanding leadership of Golden Valley, has been a privilege and dream come true! I became the servant leader and instructional coach with the great Sierra View family July of 2005 and more recently with the great Webster Team. I am so proud of both teams, their love for kids, the high standard they have set for Madera County and the professionalism they show each day they step on campus. We have embraced a mindset of constant improvement and keeping the best interests of students at the forefront. It has been a joy to serve you and privilege to serve with you. I don't know if I will ever again have the good fortune of serving such remarkable people as you and your children.

I was recently named the new principal at Delalio Elementary School. Delalio is a Department of Defense school located in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. For me, this is not just a new job, in a new state, half-way across the country, but this is a calling that is much bigger than even the position itself. In this new assignment, I will be serving the children of the fine men and women who are bravely and sacrificially serving and defending our country overseas.

I am resigning my position as Ele-

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Cruise-In Raises Awareness, Cash



By Pam Hansen

Thanks to everyone for attending the Word From Home Cruise In on 9/11/10. We had over 50 cars and raised over \$800 to mail packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Andy Isolano, a fireman from New York, and a Ranchos resident, talked to us about his experiences on 9/11. It was very moving



speech. Nick Rivera also brought out the Patriot Guard Riders to commemorate 9/11.

The Central Valley Corvette Club was joined by the PT Cruiser Club and the Madera Classic Car group. A fine bunch of car folks and a very special event.

If you are interested in supporting our Troops by donating to Word From Home, you can contact Pam Hansen at 559-474-2330.

Virus in Ranchos

The Madera County Mosquito & Vector Control District would like to remind residents of the Ranchos that West Nile activity is very active this year. Although we are not finding a lot of mosquitoes, the ones we are able to test are coming back positive for virus. We have been spraying larvacides and adulticides heavily in the area in order to knock the virus back.

To date the virus has affected six people in the Ranchos and four horses in which two horses had to be euthanized. We would like to remind people to wear DEET at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. Dress with pants and long sleeves at those times. Dump or drain any

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What's New with the Children's Programs at the Ranchos Library?

By Ellen Mester

Help us celebrate our Read to Katie the Dog's 10th birthday on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. with cake, games and plenty of photo ops. Many of you have read to Katie over the years or at least visited with this lovable therapy dog. She enjoys listening to children of all ages read to her as much as she loves a good tummy rub. This will be a special time for everyone.



We will be starting up our pre-school story time on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. with Diane Maxfield. Music and movement will be included in the format each week as well as story aids and lots of fun. Children ages 1 to 5 and their parents are welcome. Please join us and be prepared to get silly!

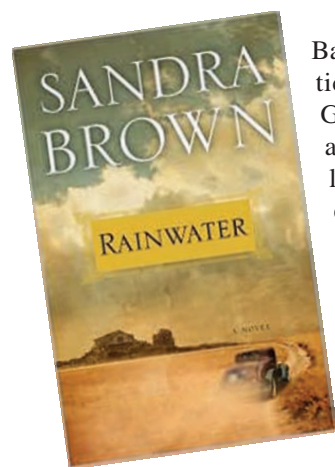
Our regular after school Wednesday programs are still going strong but we may have to make some adjustments in the coming months. With the current staff shortage and compressed library hours, it is difficult to manage our current work load despite the fact that we have excellent volunteers helping us. I will keep you posted.

Book Donations

The Ranchos Library welcomes book donations on behalf of the Friends of the Ranchos Library. This means that when you donate books you are not donating them to the Madera County Library but to the Friends, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Currently we are looking for children's books in good condition that will be given to needy families as Christmas presents. We will be collecting books in cooperation with another non-profit organization. Please drop off your books during open hours.

Keep using those S.H.A.R.E. cards at Save Mart and Food Maxx. And please continue to bring your recycling to the back of the library on the first and third Wednesday mornings — no later than 10 a.m. These programs continue to build up our new library funds slowly but surely.

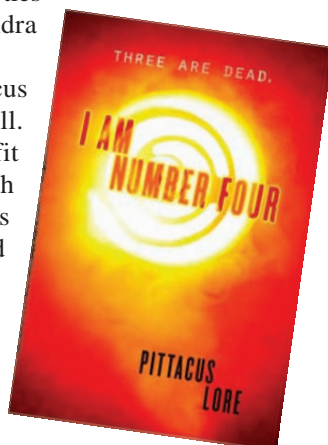
Book Recommendations



Adult Fiction: *Rainwater* by Sandra Brown. Ella Barron, a young widow and mother of a 10-year-old autistic boy, runs a clean, well-managed boarding house in Gilead, Texas. It's the middle of the depression, 1934, and tender-hearted Ella often gives food to poor families camped out at the hobo camp and employs folks even when she can barely afford to. To add to her trials, the local doctor asks her to board his dying cousin, David Rainwater, with the condition that no one is to know of Rainwater's illness but Ella. A handsome man with no outward sign of illness, Rainwater quickly becomes an important part of Ella's life, working wonders with her son, helping poor families and especially standing up to Conrad Ellis, the town menace whose cruelty and bigotry has a long history.

Racial conflicts, murder and societal proprieties of the era add to this wonderful, moving story. It's Sandra Brown in her element!

Young Adult Fiction: *I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore. If you like aliens and teen-age drama this has it all. John Smith appears to be typical 15 year old, trying to fit in with the other high school kids in Paradise, Ohio, with the exception that he must be able to leave at a moment's notice if the Mogadorians find him. He is Number 4 and they have already eliminated the first three of the nine Loriens who arrived on planet earth 10 years ago with their guardians. These nine children have special gifts called Legacies that make them a prime target. They and their guardians are the only survivors of their planet after the Mogadorians destroyed it and they are



the only ones who can stop the Mogadorians from doing the same thing to our planet. Fortunately John makes some new human friends who aren't afraid of a few aliens and together they battle their way out of town, leaving plenty of drama left for a few more books to come in this new Legacy series. It's action-packed and draws you into the story from the beginning.

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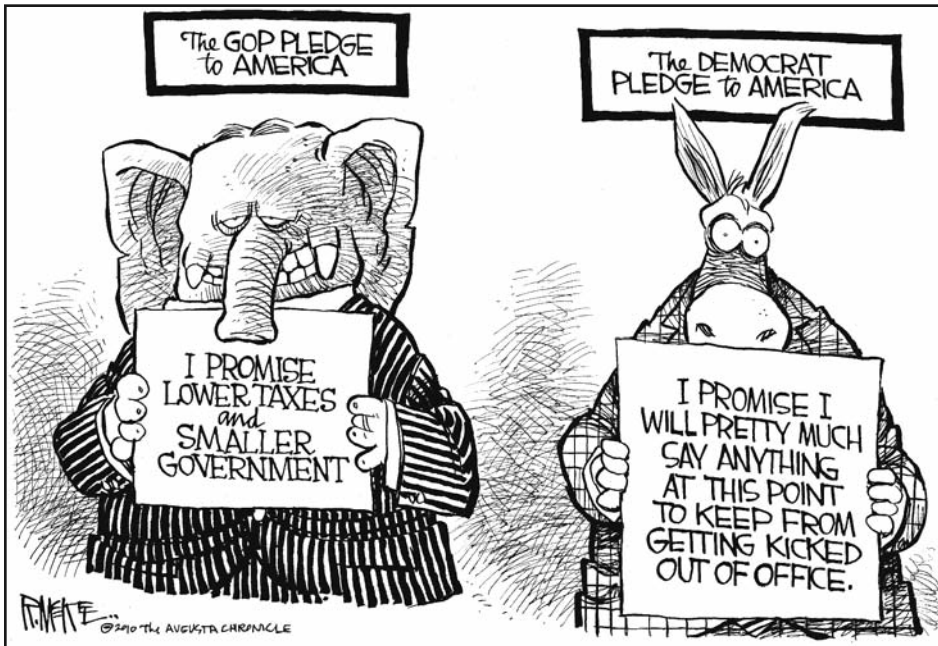
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Editorial

The Independent Recommends

By Randy Bailey

Election time. That one time that you actually get to have some say in what goes on in our form of government.

I love it. Every election cycle I like to put together a list of what I believe to be the best choices for our nation, our state and our community and this year is no different. But what *is* different is the mind set coming from the Democrat-controlled federal administration, senate and house, and in the state of California as well. In my short 55 years of life I have never seen legislators with such a “public-be-damned” sensibility. I don’t know about you, but I’ve had enough. I’m not a big fan of the “throw the bums out!” mentality, but by God, I will throw out the ones who willfully ignore me. Here are my suggestions, with explanations where necessary:

1. Governor - Meg Whitman. To all of those Jerry Brown fans out there I have two questions: 1. Do you have no memory whatsoever? and; 2. Are you kidding?

2. Lt. Governor - Abel Maldonado. Abel’s kind of a Schwarzenegger-style Republican (you know ... a Democrat) but compared to Gavin Newsome he’s Attila the Hun.

3. Secty. of State - Damon Dunn. A new guy on the scene but he’s a business owner, ex-NFL player and grew himself out of poverty by hard work. He’s also black, much to the chagrin of Liberals everywhere.

Hah!

- 4. **Controller - Tony Strickland**
- 5. **Treasurer - Mimi Walters**
- 6. **Atty. General - Steve Cooley**
- 7. **Ins. Commissioner - Mike Villines.**

I think Mike did a great job for us as Assemblyman and will do an equally great job as Insurance Commissioner.

- 8. **Board of Eq. - George Runner**
- 9. **U.S. Senator - Carly Fiorina.** See Jerry Brown comments for Barbara Boxer.
- 10. **U.S. Rep. - Jeff Denham**
- 11. **State Senator - Tom Berryhill**
- 12. **Ca. Assembly - Linda Halderman**
- 13. **Supreme Court - Vote NO to all three.** Their decisions are what is hurting California, flying in the face of the will of the people of California.

14. **Appellate Court - Vote YES to all four.** Conservative justices - they’re so hard to get, don’t let go of them!

- 15. **Sup. of Pub. Instr. - Pick ‘em**
- 16. **GVUSD Board -** These are our neighbors and friends and could all probably do a good job, but after the Candidates Night I was impressed most by **Mona Diaz** and **Steven Lewis**. They had answers when the other candidates had questions. After them I was impressed by **John Grauer** closely followed by **Edward Moseley**. I thought **Kathleen Crumpton** and **Brian Freeman** weren’t quite ready yet, but we’ll see. Remember, if you want **Steven Lewis** you have to write his name on the ballot **AND** fill in the bubble.

Propositions

A. Prop. 19 - NO. This is all we need, people walking around *legally* stoned. It fills me with confidence about the direction of our state.

B. Prop. 20 - YES. I thought we already did this one a few years back. Did they think we were kidding?

C. Prop. 21 - NO. Let’s see if I understand this one ... add MORE on to our license fees for our cars to fund state parks that people from out of state can come and use fee-free? Pass!

D. Prop. 22 - YES. It’s about time. We authorize something in this state and before we can begin it someone else has raided the cookie jar. No more.

E. Prop. 23 - YES, YES, YES! The only problem with this one is that you can

Please see VOTE on P. 18

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Dear Editor:

November 11 is Veterans Day and I noticed very few people are aware of what the service flags are all about. There is the Gold Star Flag, for display by families that have lost a loved one in combat for the U.S. There is the Blue Star Flag for display by families that have a loved one on active duty during a time of conflict. Now there is the Silver Star Flag, but I don't know if it's approved yet, for the families of service members that were injured in combat and survived. Wikipedia.com has quite a bit of information regarding the flags, as does ask.com.

I have sent pictures of my flags that we have here at our home. The gold star flag hangs on my front door; my living son is no longer in the military, so I can only display the gold star flag. I have not seen one person that has come to my door that knows what these flags represent. I think the newspapers need to put the information out there, including the history as to why we have them and when they started. I believe they started in WWII, but can't be positive right this moment.

Please feel free to use my flag pictures, or if you don't wish to use mine, Wikipedia has pictures as well. The Hubbard family, while the third son was still active, would have been allowed to display a flag with two gold stars top center and one blue star at the bottom center. Once their third son was removed from the military under the Sole Survivor act, they are only allowed to display the flag with the two gold stars for the rest of their lives.

Gov. Schwarzenegger has approved the Gold Star License plate, two years ago, but we cannot order them due to the fact that production of such cannot start until donations in the amount of \$300,000 have come in. Right now, last I heard, there were donations of \$170,000 so far. We have a long way to go. That would be a nice tidbit to add to the article, possibly requesting donations.

Thank you,

Sandy Ramey
Madera Ranchos
Proud stepmom of Branden Paul Ramey, KIA 11/8/04 and proud mom of Nicholas Kyle Ramey, served OIF March to September 07.

Dear Editor:

I have some important words I must say before I leave this great community.

I strongly endorse Steven Lewis and Mona Diaz to continue on the Golden Valley School Board. Golden Valley is the top performing district in Madera County and has many proud accomplishments in recent years. This unmatched success does not happen by accident. In addition to the awesome efforts of Golden Valley's incredible classified and certificated staff, I know Golden

Valley's success is due in large part to the thoughtful, wise, considerate leadership of Steven Lewis and Mona Diaz. I know Steven and Mona to be people of the highest integrity and sound character. They constantly keep the best interest of all children in mind, see the big picture, and can make the tough choices. Golden Valley has difficult challenges ahead as it continues to seek to find creative solutions for navigating the California budget crises.

We need board members that are going to keep the needs of our children at the forefront and not their selfish personal agendas. We need board members that do not have conflicted interest to a special union group. Example; Mr. Mosley's father is the Classified Union Representative for the employees in our district. Mr. Freeman's wife is the Vice President for the same Classified Union! We do not need a new voice of division and strife. It is well known that Mrs. Crumpton is running for the singular reason of ousting our current district leadership which will cost the taxpayers several hundred thousand dollars to buy them out of their contracts and rehire new leadership. The very leadership that has led Golden Valley to its current admirable stature despite numerous challenges. We do not need a board whose sole purpose is to undermine and sabotage our thriving district. To me, the right choice is clear ... we need Steven Lewis and Mona Diaz's sound, measured leadership to keep Golden Valley moving forward in a positive, successful way and to keep the best interest of all children at the forefront.

Remember Steven Lewis will not be listed on your ballot. To vote for Steven Lewis you will need to write-in his name on the first blank line and then bubble it.

Scott Tefft
Golden Valley Unified School Principal

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the comments made by Mr. Mark Huddleston in his 9/25 letter to the editor about the classified union's endorsement of Kathleen Crumpton, Brian Freeman and Edward Moseley.

I feel his statement, "the radicals are coming, the radicals are coming" is an incorrect characterization of the candidates. Just because they want change should not label them as radicals. Under his definition anyone who isn't happy with the status quo or anyone with differing opinions than the current board would be labeled a radical. When something isn't working there has to be change to improve it. There has been a breakdown in communication between the community and the current board so electing new board members is one way to improve it.

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English? Who Speaks *That* Today?

Evidently the public school system has given up any hope of producing a crop of adults that can not only count, but know the difference between a verb and a noun or identify a root word. Don't get me wrong, we all flub, we all have worked something into our vernacular that is not grammatically sound. We split our infinitives and dangle our participles, but there is a difference between engaging in informal speech and driving a tractor-trailer over the English language then leaving it there to die.

Let me start by saying, I understand idioms are permanent fixtures in any language and have been since man crawled out of the cave and ordered his wife to make him a brontosaurus burger. But everyone needs to realize that even though each new generation indulges in various forms of slang, it is not a language in and of itself. Sure, it is acceptable to use colloquialisms such as "pimpin'" and "chillax" in familiar conversation among your peers, but expecting anyone outside of your little clique to have the foggiest idea what you are talking about is ridiculous. And when, exactly, did the word "pimp" become a positive ad-

jective? Maybe I am old-fashioned, but I don't consider it a compliment to be associated with a person who makes a living by herding women of the night into dark alleys

where they trade their dignity and self-respect for cash. There was a time when slang was just a part of youthful culture, but now it appears to have weaved itself into the tapestry of American vocabulary and suddenly I am the bad guy for not understanding what a person means when they walk up to me and ask, "What it do?"

The real problem, despite my aversion to slang, isn't the blanket infestation of it in the English language; the bigger issue is that it is now more socially acceptable to sound like a fool than to be articulate and well-spoken, because being articulate has become tantamount to being pompous. I shouldn't think less of someone who murders the English language, be it out of ignorance or for sport, because that makes me a snob. There is no linguistic scarlet letter with which to brand offenders, no dunce cap that I may glue to their heads, no social consequence of any kind for sounding like an idiot because you just cannot deign to improve yourself. On the contrary, I am branded arrogant and condescending for choosing to speak properly and daring to correct another's grammar. Some people are perfectly content using "lie-berry" to describe the big building where the books live, maybe if they visited one every now and then they might be able to pronounce it.

My entire point was illustrated the other evening when I had the misfortune of being cornered and forced into conversation by one of these "sounding like an idiot makes me sound cool"

GENERATION WHY
by **eryn b. nyre**



twits. With each sentence he became more and more difficult to understand. It was slang here, slaughtered conjugation there, inappropriate pronouns from one end to the other, just a linguistic blood-bath. After several attempts to ditch him failed, I finally just told him I couldn't understand a word he was saying. My hopes of him slinking off to entertain someone else with his stunning oratory were crushed when he decided to stay and translate himself. Obviously his beer goggles had migrated to his ears, convincing him that my protest was a request for a "slanguage" lesson. For

At some point, someone is going to have to stand up and say it's not acceptable to be willingly illiterate.

example "rollin' deep" is when you show up somewhere and bring several people with you. Of course, I have no use for this phrase considering I don't travel via clown car.

It wasn't long before I lost my patience with him and told him to either speak English or go away. He then launched into a tirade wherein I was made the villain for being closed-minded because I turned up my nose to the popular vernacular of the times. He told me I had to learn to accept the different versions of English spoken by today's youth, and it made me a fascist for not respecting his individuality, he could talk like me if he wanted to, but that would make him sound stuck-up. To which I responded, first, counting yourself among the masses that hide behind slang rather than educating themselves hardly makes you an individual, on the contrary, it brands you a follower. Two, I wasn't aware that we were allowed to make up our own versions, and three, stuck-up beats stupid. Of course, I just think that because I am arrogant and condescending.

At some point, someone is going to have to stand up and say it's not acceptable to be willingly illiterate. As a society, are we so afraid of looking like the bad guy that we would rather listen to people say "acrosst", "irregardless", "orientate", and "where you at" instead of look them in the eye and tell them that they sound like a raging moron, and maybe instead of watching MTV they should pick up a book, better yet a dictionary, and familiarize themselves with the language to which they have become so estranged? Of course, maybe they should just write their own version of the English language - I heard recently that we were allowed to do that.



Aunt Jean's Ranchos Recipes

by Jean Briner

1, 2, 3, Bake!

From as far back as I can remember, I wanted to be a school teacher – either first or second grade. But college wasn't possible for me so I went to work as soon as I got out of high school (worked at the local library and got \$100 per month). A year later, I decided I wasn't going anywhere that way and, knowing a four year college was out of the question, I looked into commercial college. I had an uncle that loaned me the money so I started to 4C's Commercial College (now Heald College). Bless his heart; interest on the loan didn't start until I was out of school and working.

The reason I'm telling you this is I hadn't realized how much things have changed in those 50 years. Oh, I know you can't buy a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk for 50 cents anymore, or a gallon of gasoline for 35 cents, but my gosh! Cost of Education is outrageous! Every time Fresno State fees go up, I feel sorry for the students and don't think much more about it. But now, with Randy and Vicki's two girls trying to go, I'm a lot closer to it.

A Baking Alternative

Rachael, their oldest daughter, wants to be a psychologist but she knows college is going to be a long ordeal. She loves to bake so she got the idea to be a pastry chef in the short term to help pay her way through college. She went to a local trade school and their fees are – ready for this? – \$18,000 for a six month accelerated course. That's more than I paid for my car!

I told Rachael we would put some of her recipes in this month's article and see how she does. Maybe we have a new

pastry chef among us.

The first recipe she wants to share, she got from her Grandma Faye. No matter who is baking it, it is yummy!

Apple Kuchen

Preheat Oven to 350
13x9 baking dish
½ C Butter or Margarine, Softened

1 Package Yellow Cake Mix
½ C Flaked Coconut (Optional)

1 Can (20 oz) Pie Sliced Apples

(I use the pie filling kind)

½ C Sugar

1 tsp. Cinnamon

1 C Sour Cream

1 Egg

Cut butter into dry cake mix until crumbly, add coconut and pat mixture lightly into ungreased baking dish building up slight edges. Bake 10 minutes.

Arrange apple slices on warm crust, using a fork to line apples in rows. Won't completely cover crust, but don't worry about it.

Mix sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle on apples. (If using canned apple pie filling, you may want to cut down a little on the sugar and cinnamon). Blend sour cream and egg together and drizzle over apples. This will not completely cover the apples, so drizzle is what they mean.

Bake 25 minutes or until edges are light brown. (Do NOT over bake)

Serve warm. Makes 12 to 15 servings.

Can be spooned out, but much nicer if sliced like a loaf cake – and try a scoop of vanilla ice cream on it.

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¾ C Margarine or Butter – Softened

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LETTERS cont. from P. 6

Mr. Huddleston states that the school board will be run by the union if the union-endorsed candidates are elected. Having school board members who are endorsed by the union does not mean the union will control the Board.

Let me clarify who the classified union members in Golden Valley Unified School District are: We are your friends and neighbors. We are your sport coaches, Girl Scout leaders, parent club members, community volunteers, fellow church worshipers, Kiwanis members, Chamber members, small business owners, Boy Scout leaders and we are parents and grandparents! We are hardworking, family involved, conservative and liberal members of this wonderful community.

We are also the bus drivers, secretaries, librarians, custodians, maintenance, landscapers, health clerks, paraprofessionals, librarians, cafeteria assistants, security and playground supervisors, and are often the first school employees your child sees in the morning and the last ones they see in the afternoon.

We held a forum for all the candidates and took a secret vote of who to endorse. The three top candidates were endorsed. Collectively we are members of a school employee union, however, first and foremost, we are individuals who live in and love this community and who have a voice of our own. It is insulting to suggest that because we belong to a union and choose to endorse new candidates for the board that we are controlled by the union. I'm pretty sure my fellow CSEA members would agree that no matter who we vote for it is because we believe it to be the right decision, not because our "Union Big Brothers" forced us. Even though we belong to the classified union it does not control who we vote for.

As a community member, parent and employee of this school district I am endorsing Kathleen Crumpton, Edward Moseley and Brian Freeman because I want my voice to be heard and I feel these candidates will do that. If you have talked to any single one of these candidates you would realize that no one is going to control them. Not even the "big bad Union."

Thank you,

Cindy Landes
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Dear Editor:

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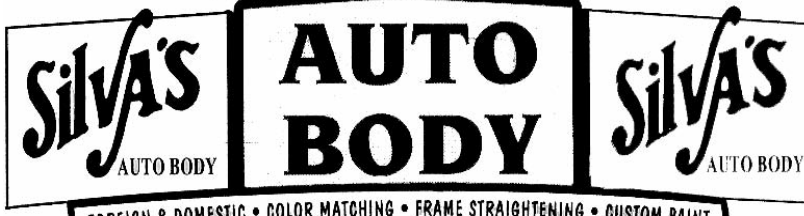
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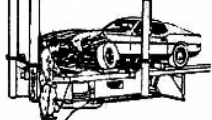
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Is Your Hospitality ... Courageous?

By Bob Crabb

"Then Ananias went to the house and entered it." (Acts 9:17)

In the early years of the church, you might think that Christianity was not doing so well. It was on the run mostly. One of the threats to Christianity was a man named Saul. Saul is reported to have been moving throughout Palestine and Syria trying to destroy the early congregations. What an incredible story this man named Saul (otherwise known as Paul) has! The report has it that Paul was on the way to kill, kidnap and crush Christians and then he has an experience on the road with Jesus Christ. You may remember in Paul's encounter with Jesus

he was struck blind and the Lord asks a courageous Christ follower named Ananias to go and welcome Paul into the church. At first Ananias is resistant. He had heard about Paul's murderous acts toward those who follow Christ and he might have rightly been afraid of Paul. But he goes anyway and Paul is welcomed into the church (Acts 9:17-

18): "Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord — Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here — has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again."

A Simple Act

We are told that Paul was immediately baptized and he began his journey in life as one of the followers of Christ. Paul's journey though was a journey that needed an act of "courageous hospitality" by Ananias. Courage is so often reported today in movies and TV as something done with great violence. But in contrast, the simple act of hospitality by Ananias is one of the first acts of courage in the life of the early church. Hospitality is sometimes more than kindness and generosity. Hospitality sometimes requires courage.

After Ananias we meet another hero of the church named Barnabas. Barnabas's story of "courageous hospitality" goes like this: Prior to his encounter with Christ (and Ananias), Paul had been the chief persecutor of the infant church. Paul had made it his personal business to root out Christianity. He did it in the most cruel manner, but now Saul had met the risen Christ on the road to Damascus and he had become a believer. Not only did Saul become a believer, he became a convincing example of the power of Christ. Can you imagine — the chief persecutor of the church, in just a matter of days, had become a vigorous spokesman for the very thing he had been attacking. His preaching drew the attention of that early Christian Church!

"But Barnabas took (Paul) and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord."

So what do you think their first reaction was to this "new Paul"?

They were afraid.

Acts 9:26 reports: "When (Paul) came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple." Small wonder that the Jerusalem Christians were afraid of Paul when he came to Jerusalem and proclaimed himself not only a Christian, but a preacher to boot! But listen to what Barnabas did when he found that Paul was being rejected by the Jerusalem Christians (Acts 9:27-28 NIV): "But Barnabas took (Paul) and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord."

Promise, Not Threat

The church needed the "courageous hospitality" of Barnabas to help it see God's plan. Barnabas was able to see promise rather than threat in Paul. Ananias was able to see the hand of God instead of the grasp of fear in Saul. The

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Voting Rights - The Wake Up Call

By Verlaine Elinburg

The issue of voting rights in the United States has been contentious over the country's history. Eligibility to vote in the U.S is determined by both federal and state law. Currently, only U.S. citizens can vote in the U.S. elections (although this has not always been the case). Who is (or who can become) a citizen is governed on a national basis by the federal law. Over time the federal role in elections has increased through amendments and enacted legislations such as the Voting Rights Act.

Shortly after the end of the Civil War, congress enacted the Military Reconstruction Act of 1867 which allowed former Confederate states to be remitted to the Union if they adopted new state constitutions that permitted universal male suffrage. The 14th Amendment, which conferred citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States, was ratified in 1868.

In 1870, the 15th Amendment was ratified which provided specifically the right to vote shall not be denied on the basis of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, and in 1965 the 15 Amendment was re-visited and signed into law by president Johnson.

In 1920 the 19th Amendment gave woman the right to vote. The 26th Amendment lowered the voting age of our youth to eighteen.

One vote can make the difference – will it be yours?

Today, when our country is trillions

of dollars in debt and Americans are grappling with foreclosures on their homes, high gasoline prices and medical cost beyond their means, it is hard to see why bothering to vote matters all that much. Believe it or not, over the years just one vote has decided candidate elections, judicial decisions and legislative outcomes.

One Vote

In 2005, 1 vote killed legislation banning discrimination against homosexuals in the state of Washington D.C. It passed the state's house, but was defeated 25 – 24 in the state's senate.

In 2000, 1 vote decided the presidential election. The Supreme Court voted 5-4, in the case of Gore v. Bush, to stop recounting in Florida.

1986: 1 vote raised Iowa's drinking age from 19 to 21. 1978: 1 vote decided an Alaska state senate election. 1920: 1 vote gave the women the right to vote when

Harry Burn cast the deciding vote in the Tennessee state legislature, making it the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment and finally ended the 72 year struggle for women's suffrage.

1846: 1 vote started the Mexican-American War, which resulted in the U.S. gaining control of the territories of Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and California.

Why Vote?

Why vote? Your legislators and gov-

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By Brenda McElroy

Closet Chaos Solutions

By the time you're reading this we'll hopefully be experiencing some cool fall weather. That's the perfect time to step into your walk-in closet (if you can) and reorganize.

First, "shop your closet." Remove a handful of clothes at a time, try them on, and decide which of them you would re-buy. Eliminate the ones you would put back on the rack if shopping in a store.

In addition to the clothes that don't fit your body or taste, remove those that have buttons missing, torn seams, etc. If you have favorites you plan to mend, give yourself a deadline. If you miss the deadline, out they go.

Summer clothes you never wore this last season will probably not be your choice next season either. Put them in the donate pile.

If your goal is to get back into the size you wore B.C. (before children) or whenever, keep your favorite two or three outfits from that size and donate the rest. You can reward yourself with new and in-style clothing when the time comes and you won't be crowding the space you need for what you're currently wearing.

Now, take the clothes you love and wear and separate them by seasons. If space is an issue, consider using a canvas underbed chest to store your off-season clothes.

Sort your remaining clothes into type – shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, blouses, etc. Take it a step further and sort by color, making it even easier to see what you have and find what you're looking for. Plus, you may discover that ten white blouses is more than you need, so purge some more.

Add a low rod to double the space so you can hang tops over skirts or pants. The thickness and type of hanger you use will affect the amount of space used and the overall appearance of your closet.

To help make next season's purge a little easier, when placing

your clothes back in the closet face the hook of the hanger away from the wall. After you've worn an item re-hang it the normal direction. At the end of the season, you'll easily see which items you haven't worn by the direction the hanger faces.

Organize folded sweaters, workout clothes, etc. on shelves using shelf dividers that clip onto shelves, or cubes that sit on top of shelves. Hanging canvas shelves that hook onto the clothes rod make for easy access to frequently used items.

Purge and sort shoes using the same criteria you used for your clothes. Don't allow the price you paid influence your decision to keep something that doesn't fit well, or isn't a style you prefer now. Each item needs to earn the space it takes by its usefulness.

If you have more vertical space than floor space, consider using an over-the-door shoe organizer, a shoe tree, or a canvas hanging shoe organizer. Ease of use will effect how organized you stay. Open shelves along the floor allow for easy access. If you prefer to store shoes in boxes, consider the clear plastic shoe-size bins, or place a picture of the shoes on the outside of box the shoes came in.

Store accessories such as ties, belts, scarves, etc. on hooks or hanger racks, so you can easily see and access these items. Open-topped baskets and bins make good homes for socks, undergarments, hats, and purses.

Hang a nylon bag on a hook for items that need a trip to the cleaners. After dry cleaning, return clothing to its proper hanger and store wire hangers in another bag for reuse at the dry cleaners.

High, hard to reach shelving is a good spot for suitcases and other infrequently used items.

For useful closet products and organizing tools check out Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Target, and online www.organizedatoz.com.

Oh, and don't forget to include in your organizing project the clothes-covered treadmill, chair, dresser-top or floor that has become an extension of your closet. Once those places are clothes-free, keep them that way with the "don't put it down – put it away" rule. It won't take as much time as you think, and it will keep your bedroom and closet clutter-free!

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church needed Ananias and the church needed Barnabas. It wasn't just Ananias and Barnabas; the church needed everyone. Today we hear about Ananias and Barnabas and how the church – then, as it does today – depended on people helping each other spiritually, physically, emotionally and even financially. In the community of New Testament Hospitality the church is blessed. Without this community we are less.

Sharing Courageous Hospitality

People need people and for the churches of Jesus Christ in the world Sundays are important for more reasons than just a personal experience. On Sundays during worship, the followers of Christ share that "courageous hospitality" of Ananias and Barnabas with each other and strangers. We welcome each other into our lives every Sunday in the name of Christ. On Sundays in church, we reach out to each other with the warmth of the Love of God in Jesus Christ. Not only on Sunday – but especially on Sunday – the churches in the world share a common worship experience of the "courageous hospitality" of Christ. Like Ananias and Barnabas, we help each other understand what God is

doing in our lives. In and with the tensions and conflicts of the world, "courageous hospitality" is still called for. We can share this "courageous hospitality" with a simple phone call to someone who is feeling lonely. We can share "courageous hospitality" with a visit to someone who is sad or angry or afraid. We can share the love of Christ through "courageous hospitality" by becoming a visible sign to the world of what the Kingdom of God looks like. The church follows in the steps of the Christ-like hospitality of Ananias and Barnabas.

How do you recognize "courageous hospitality?" Courageous hospitality in Christ does not need to control, it needs no status, requires no recognition. Courageous hospitality does not need to be right, it does not need to win and it does not need to be compensated. Courageous hospitality in Christ needs only the followers of Christ to practice the presence of Christ with each other and with the stranger in the good times and especially in the tough times.

After all, that *is* the church.

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- 1 ¾ C All Purpose Flour
- 1 C Brown Sugar – Packed
- ½ C White Sugar
- 1 Egg
- 1 tsp. Baking Powder
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- ¼ tsp. Baking Soda
- ½ tsp. Ground Cinnamon –

Optional

- 2 C Rolled Oats
 - 1 C Raisins
- Preheat oven to 375

In a mixing bowl beat margarine or butter with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for about 30 seconds. Add about half of the flour and all the brown sugar, white sugar, egg, baking powder, baking soda and the vanilla and cinnamon if using. Beat in remaining flour. Stir in oats and raisins.

Drop by rounded teaspoon 2 inches apart onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 9 minutes or until the edges are golden. Cool cookies on a wire rack. Makes about 4 to 4 ½ doz.

If you or your family don't like raisins, they can be omitted,

and you could add 1 cup chopped walnuts.

The First Cookie

When Rachael first started baking, the first thing she baked was Snickerdoodle Cookies, and she has baked them so many times for her family and friends she now knows the recipe by heart.

Snickerdoodles

- Preheat oven to 375
- ½ C Butter or Margarine
- 1 ½ C All Purpose Flour
- 1 C Sugar
- 1 Egg
- ½ tsp. Vanilla
- ¼ tsp Baking Soda
- ¼ tsp Cream of Tartar

In a mixing bowl beat butter or margarine with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add about half of the flour, sugar, the egg, vanilla, baking soda and cream of tartar. Beat until thoroughly combined. Beat in remaining flour. Cover and chill for one hour.

Combine 4 Tablespoons sugar and 2 teaspoons cinnamon in a

small bowl. Shape dough into one inch balls. Roll balls in sugar mixture and space about 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 9 minutes or until the edges are golden brown. Cool cookies on wire rack. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

Rachael's Pastries

Well, there you have it – the beginning of Rachael's Pastries. If you bake any of these, let us know what you think. We may have more in future articles.

The next issue will be the Thanksgiving issue. If you have any family favorite recipes that you would like to share, please let me know and I'll be happy to pass them on.

One more thing before I close: Saturday, November 6 is the end of Daylight Savings Time – actually Sunday morning November 7 at 2 a.m. – but how many of us will still be up at that time? Be sure to set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed. Remember it is always "Spring Forward" and "Fall Back."

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by Linda Thistle

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Liberty High School Future Farmers Take Multiple Awards at Madera Fair



LHS FFA students taking the awards at the Madera County Fair were (top, left to right) Braden Cardoza, Mr. Diaz and Luke Lock. (Bottom, left to right) David Perry, Scott Bullis, Kelly Lock, Megan Bowe and Brennan Cornell.



It takes help to win a whole basketful of awards at the Madera County Fair, and rising to the occasion was Mr. Cardoza (far right) who was invaluable with his help in weighing the animals raised by the LHS FFA students.

Liberty High Future Farmers "Mow Down" Competition

By Chad Ellis

Liberty High School's FFA Chapter took part in the Madera Fair on September 9 - 12 and their results and placings were stellar. The overall chapter took Third Place in the swine category. Scott Bullis took Fifth Place in intermediate showmanship for the swine category and David Perry took Third Place in the advanced showmanship, also in the swine category. Justin Hart placed Eighth in advanced showmanship with sheep and Daniel Drake placed Fourth in novice showmanship. The Chapter placed First in group breeding sheep.

The members of Liberty's FFA all worked together to build their first-ever landscape, which looked extremely impressive. The landscape placed Second in the "Water Wheel" theme and was given the Fair Board Award, which is only given to nine different projects at the fair.

The Madera-Liberty FFA Chapter would like to thank CM&N Nursery, HR Livestock, Teco Hardware, Scott Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. Cornell, the Ag Advisory Board, the GVUSD School Board and the proud parents of the FFA students. Overall the Madera Liberty FFA Chapter did a spectacular job and as a community we are very proud of these Future Farmers of America. Congratulations FFA members!

Volleyball 'Hawks "Dig Pink" to Help



The Side-Out Foundation is a support and advocacy organization dedicated to making a significant and identifiable difference in the lives of breast cancer patients and their families by supporting clinical trials, increasing compassionate support services and educating communities.

Every year, volleyball teams across the nation take part in the "Dig Pink" campaign to raise money for cancer research. Liberty High School Lady Hawks participated and pledged to raise money for the Foundation during the Cancer Awareness month. The Dig Pink game on October 6 against Washington Union, which was won by LHS 3-0, had an outstanding participation from the students, staff and community. Additionally, LHS Volleyball Boosters raffled off prizes during the game.

GVUSD Wishes Tefft the Very Best



Golden Valley Unified School District Superintendent, Sarah Koligian.

By Sarah Koligian

Principal Scott Tefft has recently been named as the new principal at Delalio Elementary School with the Department of Defense in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. This is not just a new job, in a new state, all the way across the country, but this is a calling that is much bigger than even the position itself. In this new assignment, Mr. Tefft will be the principal at one of the Department of Defense elementary schools serving the chil-

dren of the men and women who are bravely serving our Country overseas.

Mr. Tefft's last day of service for Golden Valley was October 15th. We wish Mr. Tefft the very best in his new endeavor and calling. We sincerely thank him for his dedication and service to Golden Valley Unified School District. We appreciate his rock solid leadership as principal of Sierra View Elementary, in addition to his most recent assignment as principal of Webster Elementary. He and his family will truly be missed.

The district plans to fill the principal vacancy at Webster/Sierra View. The tentative timeline is to have a new principal selected and ready to begin by January, 2011. Until such time, the district has appointed interim principal, Mr. Jerry Stehman, to assist at both sites. Mr. Stehman has had elementary, middle and high school experience. His role will be to support students, staff and to keep the operations of each site running smoothly.

Superintendent Koligian held stakeholder meetings with Webster and Sierra View staff and parents to gather their input on the attributes and characteristics they would like to see in the new principal. This information was used to help design the job qualifications. The principal interview panel will include a cross-section of teachers, classified staff, parents, administrators and Board members.

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mentary Principal of Sierra View and Webster Schools effective October 15th, 2010. My last day of service for Golden Valley will be October 15th. I wish Golden Valley nothing but the very best in the days ahead. I sincerely thank Sarah Koligian, Andy Alvarado and our current school board for their dedication, leadership and service to the students and families of this community. I know Golden Valley's incredible success is not a mistake. Their rock solid leadership and vision have helped us achieve these remarkable feats. I will truly miss this very special place.

I want it to be clear that my leaving had nothing to do with being the principal at two school sites, ill feelings, or frustra-

tion with our current leadership and board. It had everything to do with feeling called to serve our country and the self sacrificing families of our armed forces, and a great deal of concern with the direction of our state - California.

Again, I am thankful to have served the past five and a half years in Golden Valley at both Sierra View and Webster Schools! To have been part of the wonderful group of educators, staff, students, and parents of Sierra View Elementary, Webster Elementary and the outstanding leadership of Golden Valley has been a privilege and dream come true! I wish you all of God's very best in the days ahead. I have no doubt Golden Valley's future is bright.

Sincerely,
Scott Tefft

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GVUSD Highest Performing K-12

By Sarah Koligian

California Department of Education recently released the latest accountability data to the public regarding the 2010 Academic Progress Report (APR).

The APR is the accountability system in California that accounts for the state Academic Performance Index (API) and the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Each school in Golden Valley Unified is to be commended for their API performance which is above the state goal of 800. GVUSD has a district API of 822, a growth of four points from last year. Madera County's average API is 739 and the state average is 767. GVUSD is STILL the highest performing K-12 school district in Madera County and second to Clovis in all of Fresno County!

For the AYP, GVUSD met 17 of the 22 criteria set for us by the state. We made all targets except for percent proficient in English Language Arts and Math for some of our subgroups. Under NCLB (No Child Left Behind) the AYP targets are continually moving upward and even though our schools continue to make growth if they do not hit the target set by the feds under NCLB then we receive a "not met" on that criterion. The good news is that no schools are in Program

Improvement.

The district will continue its focus on academic progress and growth toward the "API 900 Club" as we continue to provide our students with high quality instruction and assessment. Staff will continue their laser-like focus on district wide professional development through EDI (Explicit Direct Instruction), which includes an emphasis on essential classroom instructional skills where all students are successfully taught grade level work every day and continued coaching and support to teachers and administrators on the importance of checking for understanding to measure, monitor and improve the instructional processes being used in the classroom. The district will also be implementing a new data management system, Performance Matters, which has replaced Edusoft. Our teachers will now have access to an incredible benchmark tool through a new software system that will upload test results directly into Performance Matters and provide teachers side-by-side analysis of student CST and benchmark data.

We thank our students, staff, parents and Board of Trustees for your ongoing support of helping all Golden Valley Unified students continue to improve their academic progress and helping "to grow a district of excellence".

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call the Child Find program at your local school or your school district office. In the Madera Ranchos please contact Andy Alvarado, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services at 645-7533 or contact any of these local schools: Liberty High School at 645-3500; Ranchos Middle School at 645-3550; Sierra View Elementary at 645-1122; Webster Elementary at 645-1322 or Educational Options at 645-3580.

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Golden Valley's Employees Shine At Excellence in Education Awards

By Sarah Koligian

On Oct. 14, the Madera County Office of Education held its 4th Annual "Excellence in Education" Award Ceremony at the Madera Municipal Golf Course. This year's nominees for Golden Valley were: School Employee of the Year - Suzie Dunn, Financial Technician, Liberty High School; Teacher of the Year - Crissy McElhaney, First Grade Teacher, Sierra View Elementary and; Administrator of the Year - Kuljeet Mann, Principal, Liberty High School.



Some of Golden Valley's best, from left, Suzie Dunn, Kuljeet Mann, Sarah Koligian and Crissy McElhaney await their awards at the Fourth Annual Madera County Office of Education "Excellence in Education" Award Ceremony.

tion, in conjunction with the Educational Employees Credit Union, did an outstanding job honoring the nominees from all of the Districts in the County. At the awards ceremony, each of our three nominees received a beautiful framed "Excellence in Education" poster.

The Madera County Awards Ceremony was truly an evening to celebrate and honor our "shining stars" of Golden Valley Unified. Congratulations again to Suzie, Crissy and Kuljeet.

Our students and staff are better people because of their continued commitment and dedication to "excellence in education."

The Madera County Office of Educa-

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only vote for it once. Anything that undoes AB 32, YES, YES, YES!

F. Prop. 24 - NO. We get legislation passed to help small businesses in these hard times and along comes a group that wants to take it away. No way.

G. Prop. 25 - NO. Perfect. We make it harder for these guys in Sacramento to tax us and along comes Prop. 25 to reduce it all to

a simple majority.

H. Prop. 26 - YES. This will give fees in California the same protection that taxes got under Prop. 13 back in 1978. Right on.

I. Prop. 27 - NO, NO, NO! Unbelievable. We just passed Prop. 11 two years ago to give US the power to determine legislative districts and here they are trying to pass an initiative to take it all away. If it worked so well before, why did we pass Prop. 11? They truly think we're idiots. NO ... is that clear enough for you?

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Lieutenant Governor	Board of Equalization	Appellate Court	B. Prop. 20 - YES
Abel Maldonado	George Runner	Vote YES to all four	C. Prop. 21 - NO
Secretary of State	U.S. Senator	Superintendent of Public Instruction	D. Prop. 22 - YES
Damon Dunn	Carly Fiorina	Pick 'em	E. Prop. 23 - YES
Controller	U.S. Representative	GVUSD Board	F. Prop. 24 - NO
Tony Strickland	Jeff Denham	Mona Diaz, Steven Lewis and John Grauer. If you want Steven Lewis you have to write his name on the ballot AND fill in the bubble.	G. Prop. 25 - NO
Treasurer	State Senator		H. Prop. 26 - YES
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"It's good to see you! We're glad you came!" These are words we all enjoy hearing. In an effort to create that atmosphere for new Ranchos residents, a women's group from Flipside Christian Church has started a "Welcome Basket" ministry.

"It really has a dual purpose," said Brenda McElroy, a member of the group. "In addition to helping new residents feel welcome and at home here in the Ranchos, we want to give our local businesses an opportunity to promote their products and services through a discount coupon or special offer.

"We're proud of what the Ranchos has to offer and want to make sure that new resi-

dents know what's available out here," said McElroy.

The group is trying to connect with each business through email or personal contact. If, however, a local business has not received their information and would like to participate, they are invited to contact Brenda McElroy at 559-871-3314 or by email at info@organizedbychoice.com.

"We've had a great response from the businesses we've contacted so far," said McElroy, "so we'll start with that and add to it as others join in." The baskets will also include baked goodies and be hand delivered to new Ranchos residents.

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The Stock Report

Three Cheers for the Chamber!

By Audrey Stock

Hi neighbors,

Fourteen years ago, Bill Bell invited me to come to a Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting to tell the local business people in our community what I was doing to get a high school built in the Ranchos. Bill Bell was the editor of the Ranchos Independent in those days. Bill had encouraged me to start writing an article for the paper. Bill had started the local Chamber of Commerce. I was surprised how much work our local Chamber was doing for our community. I was welcomed as a speaker that first time and was asked a lot of questions, some I could answer and some I couldn't. They wanted to know what we were doing, why we were doing it, and some asked how they could help. That was the beginning and I have been attending Golden Valley Chamber meetings ever since.

After we became a school district and I was elected to the first school board, I begin to attend as a representative

from the school board to the Chamber. My job was to bring information to the Chamber and to take back information from the Chamber to the school board. I wasn't a business owner; I am a retired school teacher, so at first I didn't think I belonged as a part of the Chamber. The new school district needed the business owners to back our dream of building a high school, so I just kept on attending Chamber meetings to keep the members informed of our progress. If you want to know what is going on in your community, go to a Chamber of Commerce meeting. Their meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Since I am no longer on the school board, I now attend Chamber Meetings as a representative of the Ranchos/Hills Seniors. Again I let the Chamber know what the seniors are doing and take information back to the Ranchos/Hills Seniors from upcoming Chamber functions. The two major projects that the local Chamber of Commerce puts on each year for the community are the Flatlanders Day Parade and the Annual Crab Feed, which we all enjoy. The Flatlanders Day Parade is a showcase of the people who

live in our community. It has been an honor serving on the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce for the last 13 years.

Last night I went to the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce's Candidates' Night for those running for Golden Valley Unified School Board, which was held at the Ranchos Hills Senior Center. This is just one more thing that our Chamber does for our community. I was pleasantly surprised at how well each candidate answered the questions from both the moderator and also from the audience. Mona Diaz and Steven Lewis obviously both knew about contracts, budgets and other board work that the others couldn't have known about. Steven Lewis is the first person to be a write-in candidate for Golden Valley Unified Board. He even told the audience how to write-in his

If you want to know what is going on in your community, go to a Chamber of Commerce meeting.

name in the square under Mona Diaz's name on the ballot and said don't forget to fill in the small square next to his name. Whoever is elected will have his or her hands full in the next four

years while they balance the various budgets, work with union contracts for both the teachers, classified employees and administrators. It is not easy! With six people running for three seats it should be an interesting race.

Congratulations to the local Kiwanis Club for putting on a great Wine and Garden Tour. This was my first time out of the three years that the Kiwanis Club has been putting on this event in the Ranchos and Rolling Hills. I certainly will go on this tour next year. The Ranchos Hills Seniors were treated to a Touch of Class Limousine ride to the six different gardens and to the luncheon that ended at our local Birdstone Winery. Put it on your "must do" list for next year. The proceeds of this event go to the Special Education Classes at our Golden Valley Unified Schools. A Special Education student greeted us at each of the six gardens on the tour.

I am going on a trip to Europe with the Ranchos Hills Seniors. By the time you read this I will be back. I pray that my new hip replacement will hold me up for the whole trip. I will tell you all about the trip in the next issue of the Ranchos Independent.

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with any violations.

Local Mini-Marts

Since the ABC was satisfied that there were no violations in the Ranchos during their decoy operation, local liquor and mini-marts were asked what their procedures were for people buying alcohol.

At S & K Market, owner Papi Singh said that his staff is instructed to make a judgment call. "My staff is instructed to card everyone who appears to be 30 or under unless they are a known customer and have already had their ID checked." Of course a problem could arise if someone "looked" older than they actually were. At Valero they are using technology to try and take the guesswork out of the equation. Owner Mommohan Dhillon said they card anyone who appears to be under 30 anytime liquor or cigarettes are sold. "Our cash register recognizes when liquor or cigarettes are purchased and a message pops up asking if the cashier has checked ID," Dhillon said. "The clerk needs to answer that message before completing the transaction."

Over at Ranchos Town and Country, owner Danny Singh said that they also require ID for anyone under 30. "We go one step further," Singh said, "by having each new employee sign an agreement that lets them know that if they ever sell alcohol without checking ID, it is grounds for immediate termination." And, like at Valero, they also have cash registers that prompt the cashier to check ID on sales of alcohol and cigarettes.

The Lucky 7 Shell Station did not return our calls.

Home can also be a source of alcohol for teens. Parents' attitudes toward teenage drinking are often mixed and ambiguous. Some people have no problem allowing teenagers to drink at home, convincing themselves that it's harmless as long as no-

body's out driving. The statistics state that 1 in 4 teens say their own parents have supplied them with alcohol.

Allowing teenagers to drink in your home is just as illegal as letting them drink anywhere else and can get very pricey if caught. For the adult who furnishes alcohol to a minor the fine is \$1,000 and possibly 24-32 hours of community service. The minor would be cited for either being in possession of alcohol or consuming alcohol and their fine would be \$250 and 24-32 hours of community service.

Put a lock on the liquor cabinet.

The School Perspective

"In instances like this our first concern is always for the student's safety," said Liberty High's Principal, Kuljeet Mann in response to the scenario above where students were given alcohol and then showed up at Liberty High. "Anytime alcohol is brought onto school campus the Education Code is very specific as to the punishment. On the first offense, three days suspension; second offense, five day suspension and a behavioral contract; third offense is involuntary expulsion."

Felipe Piedra, who is the Learning Director at Liberty High School, adds, "If a student is found with alcohol at a football game we remove them from the situation, call the Sheriff and the parents and obtain a written statement from the student when we're able to."

The key to stopping underage drinking is the involvement of adults, specifically parents. The assumption that there is no need to bring up the subject of drinking until a teenager learns to drive could prove disastrous. If alcoholism runs in a family, children in those environments are four times more likely to become alcoholic. Obviously, there is no better way to teach children about the dangers and responsibilities associated with alcohol than through providing them with a good example.

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Frazier Retirement Dinner Planned

There is going to be a retirement celebration for Dr. Sally L. Frazier, Madera County Superintendent of Schools, on Friday, Nov. 5 at the Madera District Fairgrounds Hatfield Hall in Madera.



Tickets are \$25 per person with a social hour that begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by a dinner and dance at 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Norma Bernal at 673-6051 Ext. 274.

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ernor are deciding on your education; job incentives to locate companies here instead of aboard; health care; decisions on Medicaid and Medicare; private insurance. They make laws and appoint judges and they decide your environment, your public transportation, your Social Security and your education system.

They decide your future.

THE WAKE UP CALL IS NOW.

New Officers

The Ranchos Hill Seniors have new officers for the year 2011: President – Mike Thomson, Vice President – Nancy Palazzo, Secretary – Nancy Koontz, Corresponding Secretary - Verlaine Elinburg, Treasurer – Shirley Tickel, Assistant Treasurer – Dorothy Suderland, and Board of Directors – Carol Reeves, Debbie Farr and Willis Case.

The center will be closed for Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and for Thanksgiving, November 25, 26 and 27. The tentative plan for Thanksgiving celebration at the Center is November 18.

Here's a call for help in the muscle department: A majority of the membership assisting with the physical and administration department are of the female gender. We need more male muscle to assist us with the heavy stuff. So guys, give us a hand and volunteer some of your time. Also, we need some young blood – both male and female – to become familiar with the functions of the Center to carry the torch.

As always our monthly sale is the first Saturday of each month. Cakes, cookies, jams, bread ... all the good stuff. The boutique has many fine items, including jewelry, linens and many other crafts. The Treasure Chest has lots to pick from. We have many of the seniors preparing for the month of November plant sale. The produce is getting low since we are in the summer phase out season. The boutique is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. noon. Need a gift, or produce? Even though the produce pickings are low because of the season, swing by the Senior Center. The Center is affil-

iated with FMAAA (Fresno/Madera Area Agency on Aging), so visit with us and chat with Joann about the programs that are available, or call 559-645-4864.

The Department of Health comes periodically to the Center for free check-ups. The screenings include a personal health history review, blood pressure and blood sugar tests, and nutrition and health education. A low-cost blood test is also available and the health screenings are for 50 and above. For referrals to medical providers and community services, if needed, the contact number is 675-7893 to make an appointment.

A nutritionally balanced lunch program is available Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. Suggested price for 60 years and older is \$1.75. Reservations are needed a day in advance so remember to call Joann at 645-4864. We have a growing exercise program being held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:15 a.m. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. The participants are getting more than just exercise by attending. They have fun, share laughs and meet new friends. There is room for you and you may attend all three days or just one or two of them. After lunch on Tuesdays, at 1 p.m. there is a Pinochle game. Every Thursday we have garden work projects and men and women are requested to join. We have many women but we need some men for the heavy work. Fridays breakfast at 7 a.m. Exercise at 10:15 a.m. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Card Bingo at 1 p.m. Hot date at 6 p.m. (just kidding).

Events for October

Oct. 25 Planning Meeting at 12:30 pm.

Events for November

Papering for Christmas: The decoration of the Ranchos/Hills Center and Christmas Home Tour/Tea that is planned for Dec. 11 need lots and lots of assistance from both senior and young senior male muscle. The November birthday and anniversaries is on Nov. 20 at the Pismo Coastal Grill, 7937 N. Blackstone, Fresno in the Villaggio Shopping Center at Blackstone at Nees.

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Wolves vs. Termites

By Sandy Forbes

Who We Are and Our Core Values

The Central Valley Tea Party Patriots are hard-working Americans, many of whom have never been politically active except to vote. We united regarding concerns about where our country is headed and shared views that embody the Tea Party's core values:

1. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
2. CONSTITUTIONALLY LIMITED GOVERNMENT
3. FREE MARKETS

Taking a Stand

In the early months of 2009, my husband and I were growing increasingly outraged at the way this administration was governing, and felt we should be more proactive. We knew there were others out there like us but were clueless as to the best way of connecting with them.

On Feb. 19, 2009, reporter Rick Santelli openly condemned the bailout on the

floor of the Chicago Stock Exchange calling for a Chicago Tea Party. Afterward the Internet exploded with people from all parts of the country, all walks of life and both sides of the aisle responding with a resounding "Yes." Little did Rick know his comments would spark a flame that would burn brighter every day thereafter.

Just days later, spontaneous Tea Parties were held in 40 cities across the country. On April 15, more than 7,500 concerned citizens gathered on the blacktop (not Astroturf) of the Fresno Save Mart Center, following those hardy souls who stood up to form our own Central Valley Tea Party with a political public outcry known as a "grassroots" movement.

History Does Repeat Itself

In 1773, independently thinking colonists formed the Boston Tea Party, revolting against the British government when Parliament decided to levy new taxes on tea exported to the colonies to fund the British East India Company and fix its financial problems.

Similarly, many independently thinking people are not pleased with the current government's disregard for the Constitu-

tion, out-of-control spending, massive bailouts and regulation of people's lives via an expensive healthcare takeover, the imminent Cap and Trade bill and even a lawsuit against the state of Arizona. This has given birth to history's second Tea Party.

Should we blindly trust the government to know what's best for us? Social reformer Frederick Douglass said in 1857, "Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them." Obviously the results of 22 months of the current administration and congress have set off common-sense alarms for many of us in every state of this great nation. People know that the agenda is costly and wrongfully headed and fear that the leaders are disingenuous and deceitful, triggering the Tea Party backlash of the "Don't Tread on Me" spirit.

Media Slant

From the Tea Party's inception there was little press coverage as the mainstream media, which predominantly favors liberal big-government policies without any investigative questions, embraced this administration's agenda. Only Fox News and conservative talk radio gave the Tea Party respectful coverage. But the media and elected officials can no longer ignore the fact that the Tea Party movement is becoming a national phenomenon and winning the image war.

A Call for Help in the Madera Ranchos

Nine out of 27 people signed up to

help prevent voter fraud in the mid-term election at the first Madera Ranchos Tea Party meeting this September. School board candidate John Grauer was also in attendance. State Assembly Candidate Dr. Linda Halderman attended the second meeting in October. Both meetings addressed how to get involved and hosted a question-and-answer session.

Election of the Century

On Nov. 2, we approach the most important mid-term election of this century. The candidates we elect in the house, senate and local governments will determine America's course for years to come; they will alter the way our monumental problems are approached, setting the stage for the outcome of the 2012 presidential election. The politicians who have controlled Congress for four years and the entire federal government for two have had their chance and now our situation is worse. A sage once said, "America is excellent when we have a wolf at the door but pretty terrible when we have termites in the basement." Our nation is on the brink of a civilization decline. Please vote and steer America away from this destructive path. Voting recommendations are listed on the back of the Tea Party Times, a free copy of which may be picked up at the Ranchos Independent, Ranchos Cafe or the Real Estate Network.

Madera Ranchos Tea Party meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at the Ranchos Cafe from 4 – 6 p.m. For more information, please contact Tea Party Organizer John Smedley at (559) 645-7031.

REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, NOV. 2

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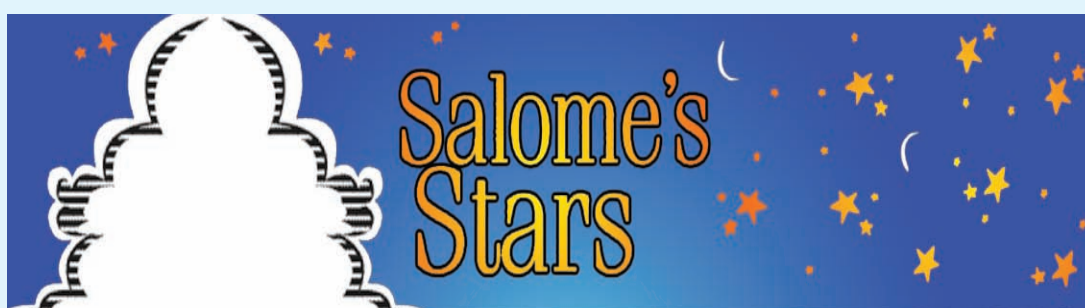
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some flashes of Aries ire might erupt as you confront an unusually bewildering situation. But you should be able to keep your temper under control as you work through it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That marriage 'twixt the arts and practicality that Taureans excel at once again highlights your enjoyment of much of the week. However, you need to watch any sudden urge to splurge.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Even with all the plusses apparently outweighing the minuses, you still might want to defer an important decision to make sure you have all the facts you need.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) One or two problems might threaten to derail otherwise smoothly running situations at work or at home. But a few well-placed words should help get things back on track quickly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This could be a good time for all you Leos and Leonas in the spotlight to open your generous Lion's hearts and share the glory with those who helped you accomplish so much along the way.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might want to get advice from someone who's been there and knows these situations better than you do, before investing time or money (or both) in a questionable matter.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful how you handle a workplace matter that seems out of place in the schedule you've prepared. Before you act, one way or another, find out who set it up and why.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your entertainment aspect is strong this week. Besides providing a wonderful break from everyday obligations, sharing fun times brings you closer to those you care for.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Having a weekend fun fest? Your friend or relative who's down in the emotional dumps could perk up if you find a way to include him or her in your plans.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) If you're in one of those "the Goat knows best" periods, you might want to ease up and try listening to what others have to say. You could learn something.

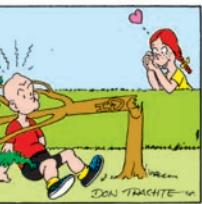
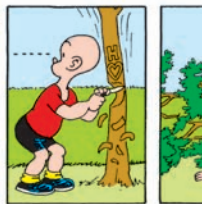
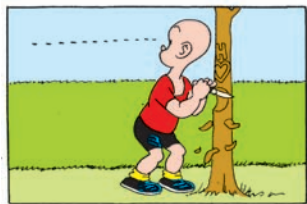
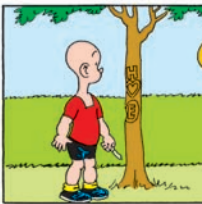
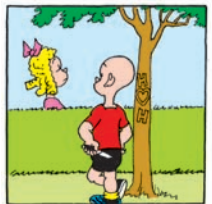
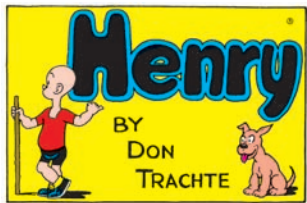
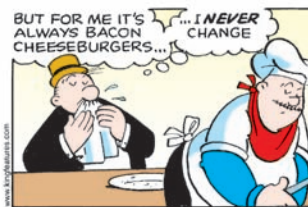
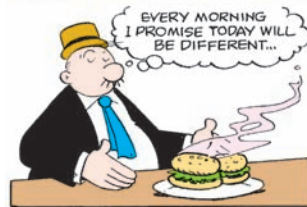
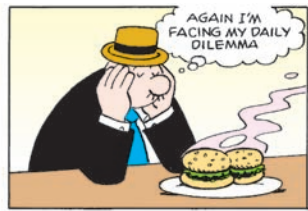
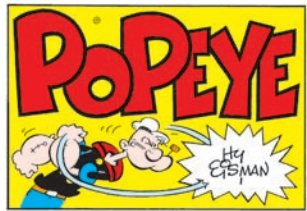
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That new challenge is getting closer, and you should be out there now showing facts and figures to potential allies to help persuade them to rally to your support. Good luck.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting a head start on holiday plans could help free up some time later to spend on other projects. Meanwhile, a colleague has some ideas that you might find worth discussing.

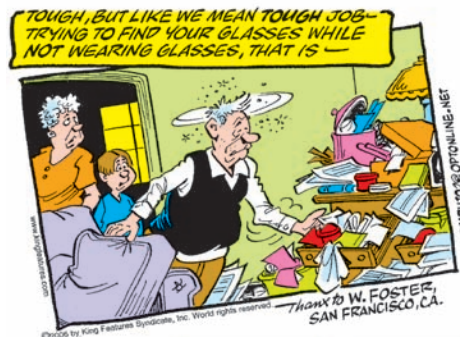
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You are always there for others, and sometimes you need to be reminded that you need to be there for yourself as well.

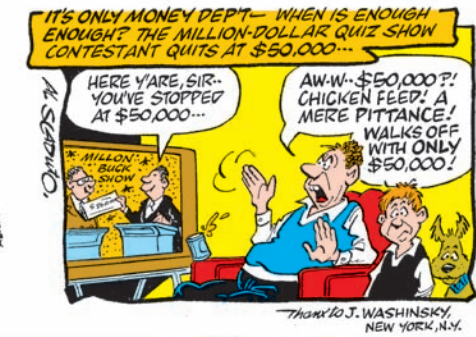
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BY AL SCADUTO



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A FAMOUS PROVERB is hidden in the above frame. Find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "A" in the center of the left rail: "You cannot have your cake and eat it."

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LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short 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: Dribbled, notion, earshot, menaces, laceraled, kindred.

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THE "PEN" IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD!



You'll be able to shout "touché" if you can complete our puzzle. In the grid shown here we have room for eight words, each of which begins with "PEN." Using the following hints, see if you can find them before our duel is finished.

1. British pennies.
2. Hanging jewelry.
3. A flightless bird.
4. A writer may use it.
5. Displayed on a ship.
6. A definite linking for.
7. "The Pit and the ____"
8. A type of star.

Illustrated by David Coulson



Answers: 1. Pence, 2. Pendant, 3. Fun, 4. Pen, 5. Pen, 6. Pen, 7. Pen, 8. Pen

TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. HUMAN ANATOMY: Where is the hyoid bone located in the human body?
2. MEASUREMENTS: When would an antepenultimate event be held?
3. LANGUAGE: What is another name for a virgule, a type of punctuation?
4. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "An onion can make people cry, but there has never been a vegetable invented to make them laugh"?
5. INVENTIONS: When was AstroTurf patented?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of unicorns called?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What is Iatrophobia?
8. MONEY: What is the term for the ridges that are on the sides of some coins?
9. MATH: What is a division sign also known as?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which is the only inanimate symbol in the zodiac signs?

Answers

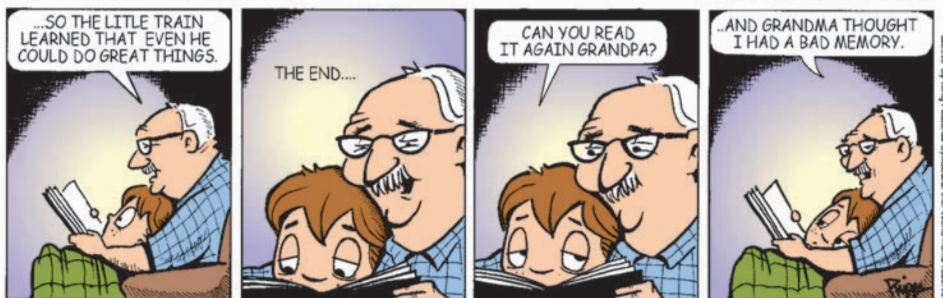
1. The throat
2. Third from the last event
3. Slash mark
4. Will Rogers
5. 1967
6. A blessing
7. A fear of doctors
8. Reeding
9. An obelus
10. Libra, the Scales

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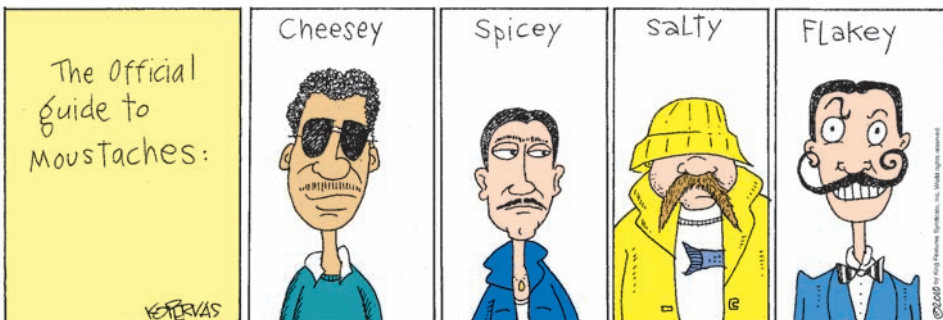
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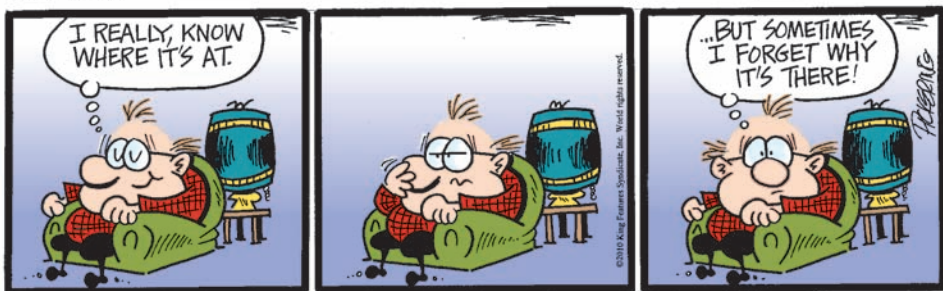
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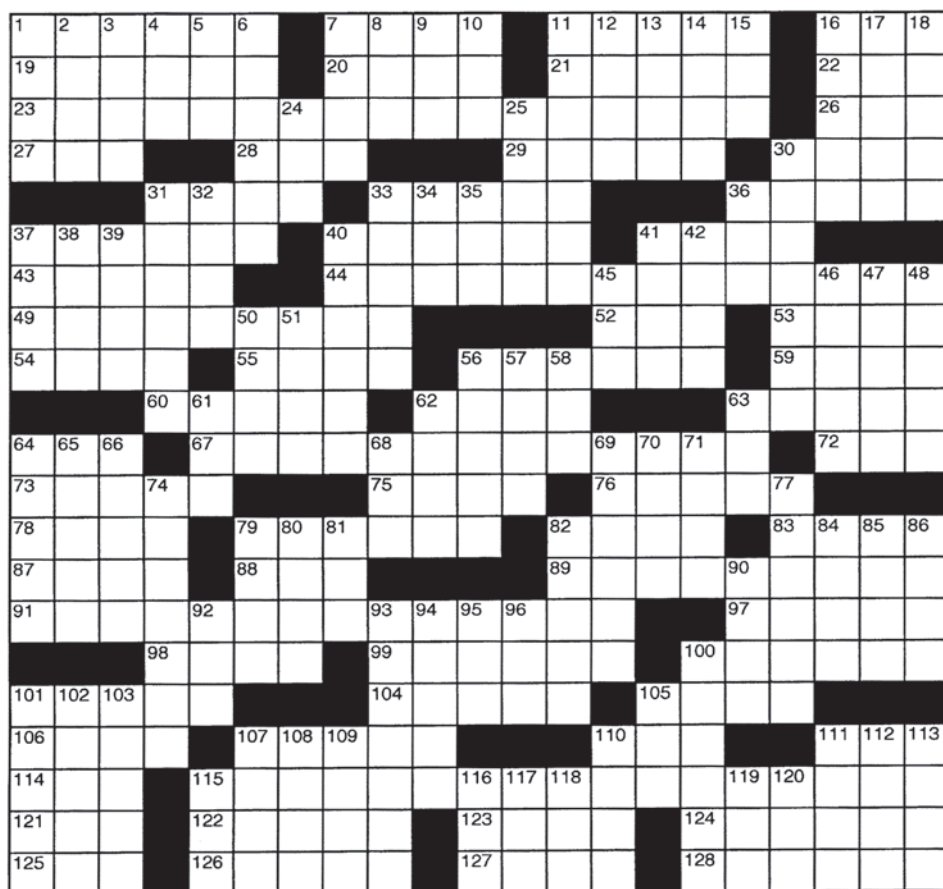
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Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Cabinet knobs are different. 2. Calendar is gone. 3. Woman has a headband. 4. Man's cuff is black. 5. Dog's food is missing. 6. Box on counter is gone.

Super Crossword



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| ACROSS | 1 Tumult | 7 Singer Dottie | 11 Ignominy | 16 Hydrotherapy site | 19 Disquiet | 20 "Nabucco" number | 21 Bile | 22 Son of Noah | 23 '79 Judy Davis film | 26 Literary collection | 27 Bit of butter | 28 LummoX | 29 Forestall | 30 Surprise test | 31 Funnyman Foxx | 33 Feta | 36 Light marinade | 37 Telescope view | 40 Donahue of "Get a Life" | 41 Besch or Andersson | 43 Came around | 44 '31 Marx Brothers movie | 49 Toody and Muldoon | 52 Monte Rosa, e.g. | 53 Machu Picchu native | 54 Vivacity | 55 "My Sweet" ("70 smash) | 56 With enthusiasm | 59 "The Subject Was Roses" star | 60 Norwegian composer | 62 Bridge | 63 Conductor's concern | 64 Mini, to MacTavish | 67 Kirk's command | 72 Itch | 73 Explorer Sebastian | 75 Elwes or Grant | 76 Dodge | 78 Spirited steed | 79 Attempt | 82 Obstacle | 83 Salt serving | 87 Mediterranean port | 88 Skater | 89 Sciorra of "Jungle Fever" | 91 "Double, double" ("Macbeth" refrain) | 97 Heavenly hunter | 98 "Dies" | 99 Jim Varney character | 100 Had a knight job? | 101 Clear the slate | 104 Dutch export | 105 Take-out order? | 106 Pull sharply | 107 Valhalla VIP | 110 Calendar abbr. | 111 "Wiedersehen" | 114 Goal | 115 Peter Graves series | 121 Middling mark | 122 Comic Sherman | 123 Hodgepodge | 124 Verdi hero | 125 Hamilton bill | 126 Effluvia | 127 Wording | 128 Basket material | 6 Tune | 7 Street urchin | 8 History division | 9 Offense | 10 Make lace | 11 Bondage | 12 Take on board | 13 Maintain | 14 Competition | 15 Drop a brick | 16 Rocker Cassidy | 17 Lose control | 18 Stun | 24 Housman's "A Shropshire" | 25 Lake sight | 30 Malaria treatment | 31 Leaves work? | 32 Small business-man? | 33 Fair | 34 "Tin Tin" | 35 Cephalopod's squirt | 36 Kimono closer | 37 Rubberneck term | 38 Way off base? | 39 "Damn Yankees" siren | 40 Materialize | 41 Vatican document | 42 Culp/Cosby | series | 45 Spoiled | 46 Foe | 47 Word form for "view" | 48 Upscale shop | 50 "Coming" ('69 song) | 51 Berg and Drabowsky | 56 Put on guard | 57 Be different | 58 Rapsallion | 61 Furrow | 62 Firmament feature | 63 Rocker Nugent | 64 Barely there | 65 "Tosca" | 66 Problem solvers? | 68 Sgt. or cpl. | 69 Cheese-maker's need | 70 A | 71 It's a long | 74 Cleopatra's Needle, for one | 77 Swimmer Gertrude | 79 Empedocles' last stand? | 80 Lose luster | 81 Robust | 82 Taco topping | 84 Landed | 85 Gin | 86 Round of applause | 90 Cook in a cauldron | 92 Exist | 93 Gets back | 94 Maine town | 95 Burmese statesman | 96 You can retire on it | 100 More nervous | 101 Tape-deck button | 102 Actress Adoree | 103 "As You Like It" setting | 105 Couple | 107 Unrestrained | 108 '52 Winter Olympics site | 109 Tyrant | 110 Detect | 111 Blind as | 112 Radius' sidekick? | 113 Sinn | 115 Hua's predecessor | 116 "I kid you" | 117 "du | 118 Combine | 119 Mexican Mrs. | 120 Part of UPI |
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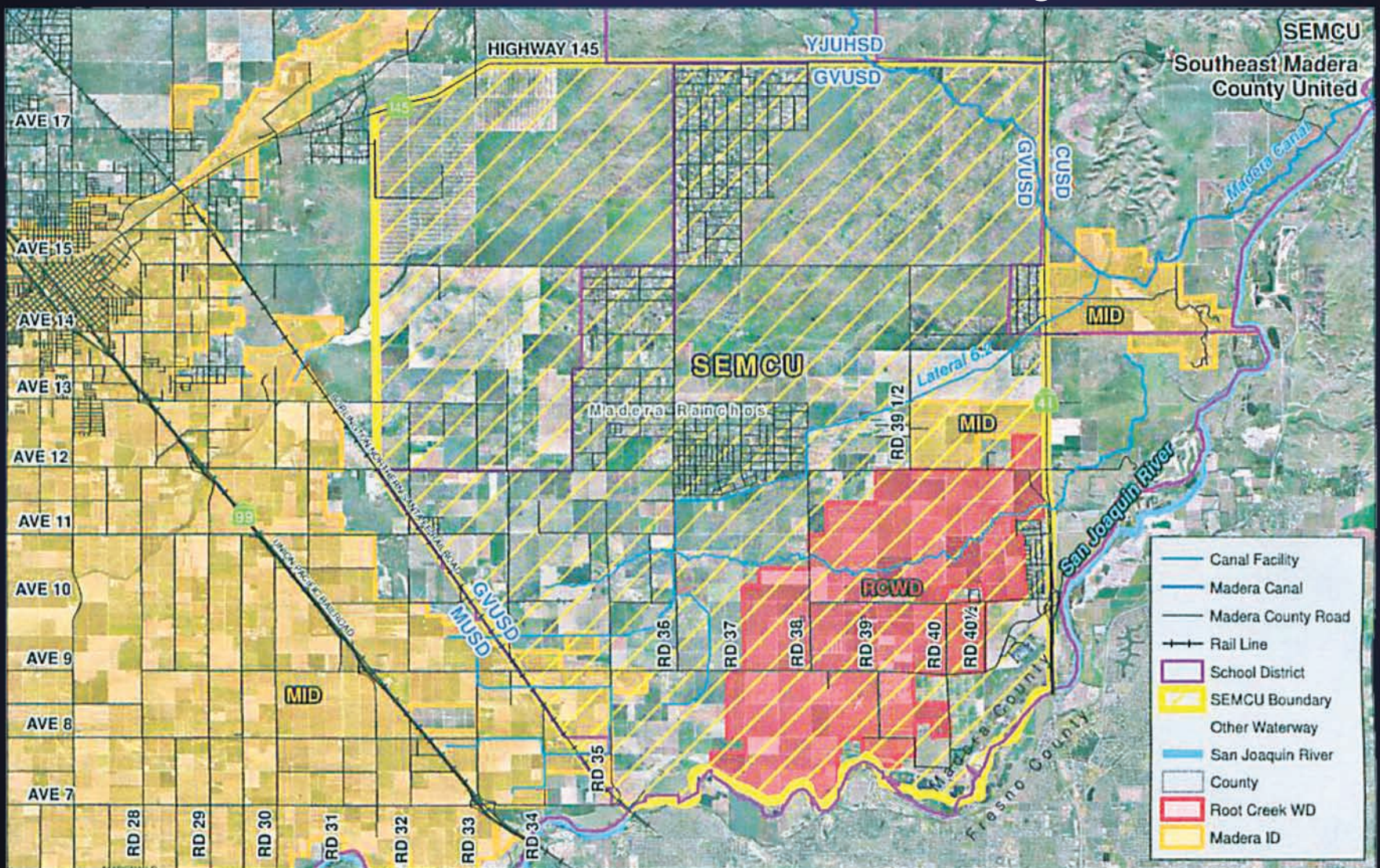
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