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Bigelow, Patterson Request Audit

Assemblyman Jim Patterson (R-Fresno) and Assemblyman Frank Bigelow (R-Madera) announced they have submitted a request to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee asking them to review the process by which the California High Speed Rail Authority is acquiring privately owned land.

On Jan. 14, the California State Public Works Board authorized the Authority to begin acquiring 356 parcels of prime farm land in Fresno and Madera Counties. The acquisition of right-of-way is a critical prerequisite before the Authority initiates the largest state public works project in the nation's history. Specifically, the request asks whether the Authority has specific policies and procedures in place that would allow landowners to appeal appraisal values prior to the initiation of eminent domain proceedings and what safeguards are in place to ensure fair and reasonable offers. Bigelow and Patterson noted that effective oversight is needed to protect private property owners and to ensure that no landowners are unnecessarily displaced.

"California agriculture is one of the state's premier industries and in order to

protect hundreds of acres of the most productive agricultural lands in the world, it's important we know the process for such acquisition," Bigelow said. "Our Valley's farmland and citizen-owned private property can't be replaced, so we have to make sure we get it right the first time because there is no going back."

A previous audit request for the right-of-way information was submitted to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee in March of this year but was rejected after Authority officials stated they could provide the information within a "few days." To date, that information has not been provided.

"We cannot allow the Authority to continue a reckless, headlong pursuit of high speed rail that results in taking as much property as they can for the least amount of compensation. Private property owners need to be treated fairly and adequately compensated for the loss of their land and businesses," said Patterson.

The audit request will be reviewed by the Committee and the Bureau of State Audits before it is heard later this month.

MC-ALERT for Free County Alerts

In light of a fire that threatened hundreds of homes in Oakhurst in early August, Sheriff John Anderson is urging residents and property owners throughout Madera County to register for free emergency alerts by signing up with MC-ALERT.

"We were lucky, this time," Anderson said, referencing a 20-acre blaze that threatened hundreds of homes and property in the area of John West Road and Road 426.

The MC-Alert Emergency Warning System is used to deliver alerts when there is a threat to the health or safety of Madera County



residents. The process begins when MC-Alert sends out a message about a potential safety hazard or concern. Messages may be sent to all standard voice and text communication devices, including landline phone numbers, cellular phone numbers, faxes and email. If you do not confirm receipt of the message, the system will continue trying to contact you until it receives a confirmation from you.

As fire crews battled the blaze on Aug. 11, the Madera County Sheriff's Office issued 3,822 emergency alerts, notifying homeowners, renters and property owners

about a possible evacuation. Unfortunately, records show that only 233 confirmed they received the notification, and out of those 233 confirmations, it appears only 110 confirmations came from those who had signed up with MC-Alert.

Anderson explained how an Oakhurst couple signed up with MC-Alert were on vacation in Colorado when the blaze broke out. As soon as they got word, they called

their neighbors back home asking them to handle immediate affairs on their behalf. Fortunately, no action had to be taken as they later received

an all-clear notification.

There is no cost to register. MC-Alert is a free service provided by the Madera County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services in cooperation with the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians and participating cities.

Madera County is issuing critical warnings to citizens county-wide, but you have to be signed up to receive them. For those who need help signing up they can call Erica Stuart, Public Information Officer, at 559-675-7976, or you can visit the website at www.mcalert.org.

Salvador's Hat in Sheriff's Ring

Undersheriff Michael Salvador, of Madera, has officially announced his candidacy for Sheriff of Madera County. Four-term incumbent Sheriff John Anderson, who appointed Michael Salvador Undersheriff, has elected to retire when he completes this term.

As the number two person in the Madera County Sheriff's Office, Undersheriff Michael Salvador served six years with the Kerman Police Department, rising to the rank of sergeant, then spent four years as a sergeant on the Chowchilla police force and currently has served 16 years with the Madera County Sheriff's Office, quickly rising from Deputy Sheriff to Undersheriff. Salvador is also an elected member of the Madera School District Board of Trustees.



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He moved to Madera County in 1991 after receiving his degree in Criminology from Fresno State in 1990 and is recently married with three children, one of whom serves in the U.S. Navy.

"I was proud to promote Michael to Undersheriff to serve as my number one assistant," Sheriff John Anderson said. "He has a broad range of experiences within the Department, from frontline in the field police work to administration and modernization of systems and programs. His unique background allowed for that smooth transi-

tion from Deputy Sheriff to Undersheriff."

Undersheriff Salvador's assignments have included Central Planning Area CALSIEC (California State-wide Emergency Communications Interoperability Committee) chair, responsible for the coordination of the seven-county Central Valley (Merced-Kern) area's emergency communications and the effective spending of a \$5 million Federal Grant (2008-2012) and voting member CALSIEC, responsible for the coordination of emergency communications statewide and the effective spending of a \$50 million Federal Grant (2008-2012).

"Sheriff Anderson has provided the people of Madera County a highly professional law enforcement agency," Salvador said. "I plan to use my experiences as a platform to take the de-

partment to the next level. The Department will continue to be open to the people of Madera County and respond to their safety needs as quickly as possible. I have the training and experience and used those to upgrade the modern technology and systems of the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Anderson has led us into 21st Century law enforcement. Working with the Deputies, Board of Supervisors and community we will continue meeting law enforcement needs with the most up-to-date techniques and technology."

All 2013 Assessed Value Notices Now Available Online for Review

Assessed Value notices for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for all properties in Madera County are now available online. Property owners can review their value notices at:

www.madera-county.com/index.php/assessed-value-change-search

The notice can be searched for by the Assessor's Parcel Number, which can be found in the upper right-hand corner of a property tax bill. Posting the value notices online allows the Assessor to make Assessed Values available for all properties while saving tens of thousands of dollars in printing and mailing costs.

Property owners without access to

the County website can obtain a printed value notice by calling 559-675-7710, or by visiting the Assessor's Office or sending a written request to: Madera County Assessor's Office, 200 W. 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637.

An improving residential market coupled with strong agricultural property sales have contributed to a 5.03 percent increase in the total assessment roll over the previous year.

"The 12 months leading up to the 2013 Lien Date have seen a decrease in the relative number of distressed property sales and the beginnings of a housing market recovery," Assessor Tom Kidwell said.

Burglars Take Advantage of Grieving Family; Use Newspaper, Online

A warning to residents: Be careful of what you post in newspapers and online

Madera County Sheriff John Anderson is warning citizens to be careful about sharing information in newspapers and online. Something as personal as a viewing for a deceased loved one can turn into a crime of opportunity for thieves.

Recently, while a Madera family attended a visitation, burglars made their move, broke into the family's home, ransacked it and stole their valuable possessions.

Sheriff Anderson called the break-in a crime of exploitation because those behind the burglary are suspected to have been aware of the family's loss, as the time and place of viewing were widely publicized in newspapers and on the internet.

There's no doubt that the internet is the

fastest and most effective way to reach a large body of people in a short amount of time, but, he says, with the advent of rapid technology, we have to be vigilant as well. "Be mindful of what you share and how you share it. Whether we like it or not, thieves are accessing our every move by simply following us in posts placed in the newspaper and on Social Media," Anderson said.

He says the public should try to avoid the temptation of :

- Announcing planned events – thieves will know when you won't be home.

- Sharing information while on vacation – thieves back home will know you're not at home.

- Posting seemingly innocuous pictures that give thieves a bird's eye view of you, your habits, and when you're not at home.

Thieves are getting smarter and they're wasting no time in seizing an opportunity to exploit you.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

In the May issue of the Ranchos Independent the article entitled "Generation WHY" by Eryn B. Nyre wrote about the United States Postal Service. I have a few things to say about the United States Postal Service also.

First of all, the U.S. Postal Service is an independent agency that receives no tax dollars for its day-to-day operations but it is subject to congressional control. Eryn Nyre prefers everything electronic because she says it feeds the need for instant gratification that society has nurtured in her. Since she rarely uses regular mail she can see no earthly reason to have the United States Postal Service any more. She asked who writes letters anymore? I had not heard that writing paper, envelopes and stamps had gone out of style. There are still some of us who thrill when we get a birthday card or Christmas card in the mail box. Some of us don't trust the computer as much as you do, Eryn. I still pay my bills by check and put them in an envelope with a stamp. It is my way of keeping track of my life. I don't trust the computer to care as much about my finances as I do. If we are not teaching our children what an envelope is or how to address it and where to put a stamp on it, it is our fault not theirs. Yes, I use email even at my age but I don't use it as my mail service. A computer is a wonderful machine if and when it works. Letters sent by mail has been the way people in America have communicated for hundreds of years. I hope it never stops. Small towns and large cities all over America rely on the U.S. Postal Service. The U.S. Postal Service provides thousands of jobs all over America. With jobs so hard to find, do you really want to put thousands more out of work?

For years I have taken it for granted that when I walk to the mail box to either mail a letter or pick up my mail that it would be there. I never thought about the person whose responsibility it was to put it in my box. I never thought about how many hands a piece of mail goes through before it is delivered to me. I know all of the jokes about "SNAIL MAIL" and it not being as fast as computers but an email just isn't the same as getting a hand-written letter

or a card that someone has spent time picking out special for you. It isn't magic when you find a card or letter in your mail box. A mailperson was up early in the morning at the post office casing the mail, magazines, newspapers and boxes for their route, trying to make sure that the right item gets in the right box. I know it doesn't always happen, especially if a substitute carrier happens to be on the route that day. It is hard in the Ranchos because we have addresses that have 1/4, 1/2 and 3/4 on them. The mail person has to try to figure all of this out by trying to remember everyone's last name on their route. In the summer when they are delivering mail and it is over 100 degrees outside they have no air conditioning. In the winter when the time changes they often are delivering mail in the dark by flashlight. Your regular mailperson is a lifeline to many older people in the Ranchos and all over America. My daughter is a mailperson and her husband is a mail handler at the central office in Fresno. Both jobs have been hard on their bodies as they are very physical jobs. They have been able to raise a family and maintain a home in the Ranchos by having jobs with the U.S. Postal Service.

Audrey Stock
Madera Ranchos

The Ranchos Independent welcomes your letters. Whether you're a fan or someone looking for something to line the birdcage, we want to hear from you. The only rules? Sign it, be civil or forget about it.

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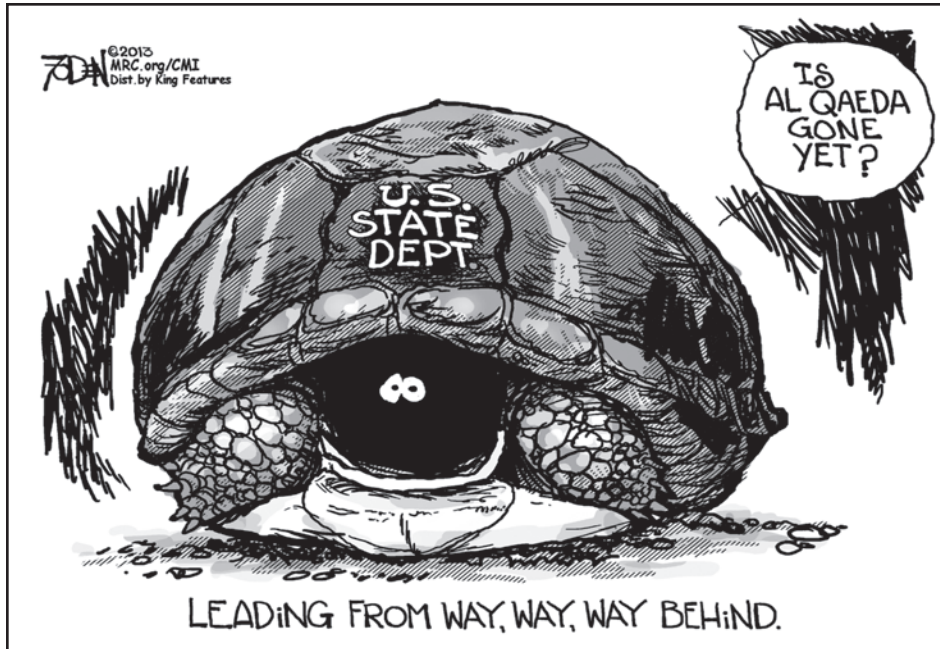
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Editorial

They Always Know Best

By Randy Bailey

I am so glad that I don't have any children attending California public schools anymore.

Just this month, Governor Jerry Brown signed Bill AB1266 into law. Typical of Liberal-created legislation, on its surface it sounds reasonable. It sounds rational. It sounds fair.

They're always big on "fair."

In the Legislative Counsel's Digest, AB1266 is referred to as a "pupil's rights" bill, pertaining to "sex-segregated school programs and activities." The wording of the bill (now law) is: "Existing law prohibits public schools from discriminating on the basis of specified characteristics, including gender, gender identity, and gender expression, and specifies various statements of legislative intent and the policies of the state in that regard. Existing law requires that participation in a particular physical education activity or sport, if required of pupils of one sex, be available to pupils of each sex."

See what I mean? Doesn't that sound fair? Now who could disagree with that? I know I certainly don't. If my daughters had wanted to play football (which none of them did) and they could make the cut, let 'em play!

Oh wait ... there's more to the bill? Well it's certainly fair up to this point. What other injustice could it possibly

be interested in correcting?

"This bill would require that a pupil be permitted to participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, AND USE FACILITIES CONSISTENT WITH HIS OR HER GENDER IDENTITY, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE GENDER LISTED ON THE PUPIL'S RECORDS."

I'm sorry ... I think I missed that. Come again?

"... AND USE FACILITIES CONSISTENT WITH HIS OR HER GENDER IDENTITY, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE GENDER LISTED ON THE PUPIL'S RECORDS."

So ... I'm a 14 year old boy who feels that I'm actually a woman trapped in a man's body. My self-defined gender identity is that of a female, although my plumbing would suggest otherwise. And the only way that the school can treat me fairly is to let me use the girls' bathrooms and the girls' gym lockers.

Have I got this right?

I understand Liberals and their never-ending social engineering schemes. They're miserable in who and what they are and believe me, misery loves company. The only way they can justify what they are is if everyone else is like them. And in the legislature in California they have free reign. If ALL of the Republicans voted against this bill (which they did -- plus two Democrats) it still passed.

What I truly don't understand is in this ultimate push to be "fair," where's the fairness? If there are 100 14-year-old girls in the locker room and Mr. Gender Identity walks in, what about the 100 girls? Where's their right to privacy? Where are those pupils' rights? And why is it so important to these Democrat lawmakers to specify using gender-identified facilities? What kind of perverse mind set is that? So -- before -- Billy felt bad about having to use the boy's bathroom; now 100 girls feel bad that he's using the girls'.

Hmmm ...

I also love that we knew nothing about this as it was moving through the legislature. Guess you can do that when you have one-party rule.

I am so glad that I don't have any children attending California public schools anymore.

What about your kids?

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Honoring School's Early Helpers

By Audrey Stock

Hi neighbors,
 Way back 15 years ago it was June 1998. This community passed a ballot to create a school district and also the first five members of a school board. The Madera County Schools' Superintendent, Sally Frazier, helped us through the system to become recognized. It was 30 days later before Sally could certify the members of the first Golden Valley Unified School District School Board. Sally acted as the first interim superintendent for Golden Valley Unified School District. I remember going to Sally's office, since I was on that first elected school board, and said now that we were a school district we would need an address and a phone number so that we could do business. Sally said that the school board would need to go through the process of finding and hiring a superintendent before we would need an office. Up to this point Golden Valley Unified was known as a "district in a box."

It took all summer to go through the process before we found Ed Costa. On Oct. 1, 1989 Ed became the first full-time superintendent of Golden Valley Unified School District. The store front that had been promised to the board had been rented by the time that we got Ed. Ed worked out of the Madera County Office of Education while the board looked for office space. We were still a "district in a box."

I happened to be talking to Ethel Pronin at the Ranchos/Hills Seniors and she said that she had a vacant building and that she would donate it rent free to the new school district. I was so excited I called Ed to come and see the office. Ed said it would work fine and on Nov. 1, 1989 Golden Valley Unified had an address and phone number and we were

ready to do business, all because of Ethel Pronin's gift of one of her storefront buildings.

On Tuesday, Aug. 13 the Golden Valley Unified School Board presented Ethel Pronin with a thank you plaque for her generous gift to Golden Valley of that first district office building. It was where we started to put together the many pieces of a brand new school district and passed our first school bond so that we could build our beautiful Liberty High School. Many of Ethel Pronin's Ranchos/Hills Seniors friends were at the presentation. Ethel has

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done a lot for this community. Her business is Eddings Realtors at 37144 Ave. 12 Suite 102 in the Ranchos. Drop in and say, "Hi."

All Golden Valley Unified schools in the district have started. Sierra View Elementary has a brand new administration building paid for out of school bond money and classrooms have also been repaired

all in time for school to start. Webster Elementary has a new principal named Michael Diaz. Golden Valley Unified is going digital at Liberty High School this year. Electronic Tablets will be given to every sophomore student, starting with the Sophomore Class for the 2013/2014 school year. Each student will use the same tablet assigned to them for all three years until they graduate. Hopefully this will work out well for both students and teachers.

I went to the Fireman's BBQ on Aug. 17. It was good to see 735 people show up to support our local fire stations. It was a beautiful night and the food was great. Having the BBQ at the Borba Ranch is a pretty setting with lots of room. There were at least 20 Ranchos/Hills Seniors there at the BBQ.

Summer isn't over yet, so be careful not to be out in the sun too long. Wear sunscreen and keep the water handy.

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A Heartfelt Farewell

Dear Readers:

I lost my other grandmother a couple of weeks ago. This month I was hoping you would allow me to run a letter I wrote to her after she passed. She always read my articles and looked forward to them every month. I thought this would be a nice way for me to honor her by submitting this letter as this month's article. Obviously, it's not what I normally do but it means a lot to me.

Thank you,
Eryn

A Letter to Nana

To My Beautiful Grandmother,

It's with mixed emotion that I say goodbye. You had been suffering for a while now, your body slowly giving out long before your spirit was willing to throw in the towel, so it is with a heavy heart that I find myself grateful that your suffering has ended. All the typical clichés come to mind, “you are in a better place,” “you are out of pain,” “you are with Papa,” and although I know all of that to be true, I can't help but feel overcome by the loss. There is so much more that I want to share with you, so many things I still have to accomplish that I wanted you to be a part of. I find myself wishing for more time, just one more birthday, one more Christmas, just one more day, a chance to wrap my arms around you and tell you again how very much I love you.

The Good Lord saw your suffering, He felt your pain and laid His hands upon you and said, “It's over” and He called you home. You will no longer feel the agony of sickness and a failing body, you will no longer suffer the loss of your loved ones that have passed, and I know in my heart that all you know now is peace and joy, and I wish I could wrap myself in that knowledge like a blanket and find some comfort in it, but I miss you too much.

In those quiet moments, when I am left alone and the pain of losing you becomes a bit too much, I try and keep my thoughts turned to all the wonderful memories we shared instead of focusing on the sadness and emptiness that I feel right now. I can remember how you never so much as grimaced when I asked you if I could watch Pete's Dragon for the millionth time, and this is after two older grandchildren already wore out a copy or two. There was never a shortage of home-cooked deliciousness bursting from your kitchen. Long before every recipe known to man was available at your fingertips

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by **eryn b. nyre**



via the internet, you would spend hours in the kitchen experimenting, coming up with treats and snacks and meals that managed to appeal even to the pickiest of eaters. Of course, after the whole sour cream on my hot fudge sundae fiasco, it was a long time before I tried anything you cooked. Don't try and deny it, you know you did it on purpose.

For a tiny little thing, you were a force to be reckoned with when necessary. No one messed with your family, even if it was your own daughter trying to discipline your granddaughter. Your capacity for love was unmatched. You made sure the world knew how proud you were of your family and how much they meant to you. None of us can doubt for even a second that you loved us wholly and unconditionally. You were always my most loyal fan in everything I did. You never missed an opportunity to tell me how much you loved me and how proud you were of me, sometimes over the most mundane of accomplishments. But that's how you were; everything was worth celebrating.

I spend a lot of time picturing your face, your expressions. I don't want to forget anything. The adorable way you would crinkle your nose and stick your tongue out when we made a joke at your expense. I will also never forget how tiny your feet were and how I outgrew being able to shuffle around in your shoes before I hit double digits.

Whenever someone is lost, there is that lingering fear that they might not know how you felt about them. We all knew how you felt about us; your love was powerful, all-consuming and unconditional. I only hope I did everything I could to let you know how important you are to me, how much you mean to me and how your love lifted me up and made me strong.

This is not goodbye, and until we meet again, you will remain a part of me and I will carry you with me always. I love you, Nana.

Love,
Your Doll Baby

Pass the Pigskin

Can you believe the kids are back in school and the boys have been at football practice for weeks, and the first day of fall isn't for another month?

I read that the Liberty High Hawks have had a busy summer with morning workouts, passing tournaments, lineman competition, the Youth Football Camp, and their annual car wash – all in preparation for another great year of football. The Hawks' first home game will be Friday evening, Sept. 13 playing Madera South High School. Their first league game will be Oct. 11 – at home, playing Yosemite High School. GO HAWKS! I root for the Hawks, but since my Alma Mater is Chowchilla High, when they play each other it is a tossup for me, but last year when they played each other I knew that by beating Chowchilla, Liberty would have the league championship so I have to admit I was rooting for the Hawks.

I see Fresno State Bulldogs are getting new uniforms this year. They have three colors to choose from – the traditional red, or white and this year they will have black. They haven't called me yet for my opinion, but I really wouldn't vote for black.

Tailgating, especially at college games, has become quite the thing to do. Have you ever driven by Fresno State on the day before a home game? There are garbage bins everywhere, preparing for the tailgaters. And after the game, the grounds are clean, but the bins are overflowing. I've never been tailgating, but from everything I hear it must be a lot of fun. When I was in high school if we had an extra quarter in our pocket we'd get a hot dog and soda at the concession stand.

I was surprised at the paraphernalia they have to take to get their food on the table. An ice chest of course is a must, but a barbecue is another necessity. These days it isn't just hamburgers and hot dogs – there is tri-tip, chicken, ribs or sausages to choose from. Then there are all the salads – macaroni, potato,



Aunt Jean's Ranchos Recipes

by Jean Briner

pasta, and how about baked beans (don't you dare just open a can of pork and beans). And of course dessert – cobblers, pies, cakes. What you end up with is a backyard barbecue that you take with you to the football game.

What party is worth having that doesn't include some kind of chicken wings? You can make everything from hot wings, to the sweet and sour wings. How about:

Sweet and Spicy Chipotle Chicken Wings

1 (15 ounces) can tomato sauce

2 T butter

½ C honey

¼ C chipotle-flavored hot sauce

1 T grated lime rind (about 3 limes)

3 T fresh lime juice

¼ tsp. ground red pepper

4 to 5 pounds chicken wings

1 T salt

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. pepper

1 C all-purpose flour

Peanut or vegetable oil

Heat tomato sauce and butter in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring until butter melts. Stir in honey and next four ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer, stirring often, 5 minutes. Set sauce aside.

Cut wingtips off and discard. Cut wings in half at joint.

Sprinkle wings with salt and pepper; dredge lightly in flour, shaking off excess.

Pour oil into large skillet or Dutch oven to a depth of 1 ½" and heat to 375 degrees.

Fry wings in batches for about 8 minutes per batch or until golden and crispy. Using a slotted spoon, remove wings to drain on paper towels. Be sure to allow oil to heat up again before starting the next batch.

Place wings in a large bowl. Drizzle with the tomato sauce

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mixture, tossing well to coat. Let stand 5 minutes before serving or packing up to take to the tailgate party.

Or how about some meatballs on your table? This recipe gives the ingredients to make your own meatballs, but if you didn't have the time to make those little meatballs, how about cheating and get a bag of frozen meatballs at the grocery store?

Sweet and Sour Meatballs

- ¾ pound lean ground beef
 - ¾ pound ground turkey
 - 1 small onion, minced
 - 1 egg
 - ½ C Italian-seasoned bread-crumbs
 - ¾ C Ketchup
 - 1/3 C white vinegar
 - ¼ C Worcestershire sauce
 - 3 T Sugar
 - 2 tsp. dry mustard
- Combine first five ingredients, shape mixture into 1 inch balls. Brown meatballs in batches in a

large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Remove meatballs from skillet, and wipe skillet clean. Stir together ketchup and next four ingredients in skillet, bring to a boil. Add meatballs, reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes or until meatballs are no longer pink. Makes about 40 meatballs.

While your tri-tip is on the barbecue, you may want to serve your guests an appetizer. In addition to the usual dips and chips, jalapeño poppers would be fun. This recipe might take some time but the end results would be worth it. It is highly recommended that you wear gloves while preparing the peppers; remember the oils in the peppers can burn your skin.

Jalapeño Poppers

- 30 jalapeño peppers
- 2 8oz. packages of cream cheese, soften to room temperature
- 12 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 C. milk
- 1 C. flour
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. black pepper
- 1/8 tsp. paprika
- 1/8 tsp. chili powder
- 1/8 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 C. seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 quart oil for frying

With your gloves on, slice peppers in half lengthwise. Use a spoon to scrape out the pith and seeds inside the peppers. The seeds and the pith are where the intense heat is so you need to discard the heat.

In a bowl combine cream cheese and cheddar cheese, stir until well blended. Use a spoon to fill each pepper half with the mixture.

Place flour in a small shallow bowl. Add salt, pepper, paprika, chili powder and garlic powder to the flour. Blend spices into flour until a uniform appearance. Place milk into a separate shallow bowl. Dip stuffed peppers in milk, and then roll into the seasoned flour mixture. Place floured peppers on a baking sheet with a rack. Let the peppers dry for about 10 minutes. This step is crucial for the peppers. The flour layer will help the stuffing remain inside the pepper, and give the bread crumbs something to hold onto.

Pour the bread crumbs into a

Please see **RECIPE** on P. 10

The Bookshelf

Barnes & Noble Bookfair Coming

By Lori McClendon

A message from acting librarian, Kalani Torres:

Everyone here at the Ranchos Library would like to say thank you – all of you – for making the Summer Reading Program such a GREAT success. This year brought many families out to each event and more children participated in the reading logs this year than in the past couple years. Thanks for all the parents, grandparents and caregivers for supporting the library and bringing your children out to all the events. We would also like to say congratulations to the grand prize winners. Two of the winners took home gift cards to Target and one lucky winner took home their very own Barnes & Noble Nook. Congratulation to all the kids for reading at least 150 minutes a week for the summer. We can't wait to see you next year.

Mark your calendar for our Third Annual Barnes & Noble Bookfair at Riverpark on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Did you know free homework help is available at the Ranchos Library for grades K-5 Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. with Mrs. Taylor. Additional times may be available by appointment, just ask at the front desk.

Check out our New Arrivals Adult Fiction

Revenge Wears Prada: The Devil Returns by Lauren Weisberger.

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up to the sensational #1 bestseller *The Devil Wears Prada*.

Almost a decade has passed since Andy Sachs quit the job "a million girls would die for" working for Mi-

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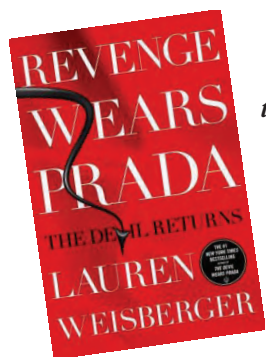
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shallow bowl. Dip the peppers into the milk then into the bread crumbs. Place pepper back on rack. Preheat oil to 350 degrees. Dip the peppers into the milk and the bread crumbs for a second time. The bread crumbs coating needs about 5 minutes drying time.

Fry peppers one or two at a time until golden brown. This will only take a minute or two. Remove from oil and drain on baking rack.

The first Bulldog home game is Thursday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. playing Rutgers. There are six

home games this year and the one on Nov. 2, playing Nevada at 4 p.m., will be the game with the team wearing their new black uniforms.

I love football. I grew up with it. My dad played on the Chowchilla team in 1926, both of my brothers, Randy and all of his brothers all played on their respective high school teams and Adam played for Fresno City College. So whether it is the Hawks, Chowchilla, Fresno City, the Bulldogs, or whichever team you are rooting for, I sincerely hope they have a good season and you have a good time!

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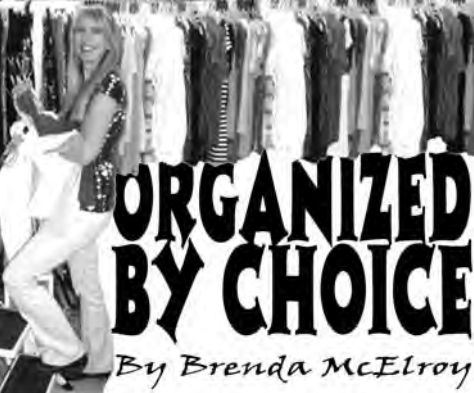
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By Brenda McElroy

The Perfect Model

Back to school season is somewhat nostalgic for me. Our kids attended Webster School when it was still a K-8 – not exactly a one-room schoolhouse, but a while ago. Two of our kids had Mrs. Marian King for Kindergarten. She is an amazing woman and shared important life lessons with us all. As a parent volunteer in her classroom, “station time” wiped me out and I always wondered how Mrs. King lasted all day, every day. I think a key to her success was being

well organized.

In the fashion of Robert Fulghum’s *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, I’d like to share some organizing tips from the Kindergarten model that will help you last all day, every day too.

Create a place for everything, and keep everything in its place. How much time have you spent looking for your keys? Why not start with that?

Divide your space into sections or themes keeping like things together and everything you need to complete specific tasks. If wrapping a gift is the task, store the gift bags/wrap, bows/ribbon, scissors, tape, cards, and a pen for signing the card, together.

Use labeled containers to store your stuff and stack them neatly on shelves. Batteries, light bulbs, extension cords, and candles are just a few of the things that if containerized and labeled, can be accessed much more easily.

Cleanup after yourself throughout each day so that there’s no major mess to deal with at day or week’s end. Make a habit of putting everything back in its place when you’re finished getting ready in the morning, making dinner, paying bills, etc.

Make cleanup a team effort with everyone participating in age and skill-appropriate tasks. Rotate chores or work as a team to ensure everyone claims responsibility for common use areas.

Clearly define expectations. When you have established #1 (a place for everything) it’s much easier to explain to your child what

“clean your room” means.

Be consistent and follow through with consequences. With your kids, once you’ve defined your expectations (household chores, being ready on time, completing homework, etc.), clearly define the consequences of not meeting those expectations and then follow through. You might even want to teach them to respond like they did in Mrs. King’s classroom, “Thank you for reminding me of the rules.”

Establish routines with lots of practice and affirmation so that each one can eventually accomplish what’s expected without being asked or reminded. Watching Mrs. King’s Kindergarteners going through the motions of their daily routines helped me realize what all of us (even our young children) are capable of.


Follow a schedule and have time boundaries for each activity: work, play, reading, etc. If it seems like you never have time for _____, try scheduling it!

Make quiet time a daily occurrence. Five year olds aren’t the only ones that need rest. You will “last longer” when you give your mind and body a break during the day.

Thank you, Mrs. King, for the many years you invested in the families of the Ranchos.

You can contact Brenda McElroy to have questions answered at Organized by Choice (because things don’t always fall into place) at P.O. Box 26152, Fresno, CA 93729, or you can email her at info@organizedbychoice.com, visit her website www.organizedbychoice.com or she can be reached by phone at 559-871-3314.

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September 7	Swap Meet (at Hurst Hardware)	SEMCU
October 5	Chili Cook-Off/Car Show Festival (in planning stages)	Ranchos Kiwanis
December 6	Christmas Tree Lighting (at Maywood Center)	Chamber of Commerce

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We plan in the future to expand our services to the Ranchos Middle School and to Sierra View Elementary School. Our meetings are on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Pizza Factory on Avenue 12 and we always have a program and or a guest speaker of current interest.

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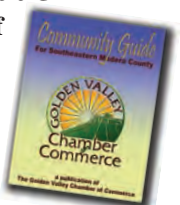
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After a 5-year wait, the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce is producing a **NEW** Community Guidebook. If you would like to be included in this invaluable resource that will be mailed to every Ranchos address, or if you would like more information, contact the Chamber at 645-4001.



The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce would love to see you at our next meeting, always the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. 37167 Ave. 12 Suite 5C. Call us at 645-4001.

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Senior Report

Ethel Pronin, Others Make a Difference in the Ranchos and So Can You

By Verlaine Elinburg

Going back in Ranchos/Hills Seniors' history, we find an interview from the Ranchos Independent in August of 2000. Entitled, "Senior Spot Light," it contained a brief Q & A from Ethel Pronin.

Q: What is the most important lesson you have learned in life?

A: Care about people and share your love and knowledge with everyone.

Q: What advice would you like to share with others?

A: Give and you will receive.

Ethel is and has been one of the most giving citizens in the Madera Ranchos. She was one of the driving forces that made the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center happen. She has been, and still is, a pillar of support to many of the Madera Ranchos organizations. The Golden Valley Unified



Members of the GVUSD School Board honor Ethel Pronin for her support since 1998.

School District recently presented her with a plaque in recognition of her generous donations and support from 1998 to 2013. Ethel donated the use of office space and most of the necessary costs to maintain a storefront office for the fledgling Golden Valley School District during its first year of operation. She continues to volunteer, donate revenue, time and shares her knowledge. She is one of the pioneers of the Bonnadelle and Madera Ranchos in Madera. From all of us at the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center, a special "thank you" for your ongoing support.

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Or you can make a difference and volunteer. Attend an orientation meeting held every second Saturday of the month ... call Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Jones at 559-673-2313.

the area's cat population by trapping the cats and then altering and returning the wild-cats to their original habitats. It has proven to be effective in reducing the feral cat population. The law states that after you feed feral cats for 30 days or more, you can claim ownership and then can take them to the animal shelter where you will be charged \$20 per cat for altering the cats. You can also call 311 and the Friends of Madera Animal Shelter will pick up wild kittens or cats. Or you can make a difference and volunteer. Attend an orientation meeting held every second Saturday of the month at 3 p.m. at the adoption center at 14269 Road 28 in Madera. You can also call Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Jones at 559-673-2313.

Seven Rules of Life

1. Make peace with your past so it will not screw up your future.
2. What others think of you is none of your business.
3. Time heals almost everything – give it time.
4. Don't compare your life with others and don't judge them, You have no idea what their journey is about.
5. Stop thinking too much – it's alright not to know all the answers. They will come to you when you least expect it.
6. No one is in charge of your happiness, except you.
7. Smile. You don't own all the problems in the world.

Dates to Remember

Birthdays and Anniversaries – Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m. at Black Bear Diner, 1209 Almond, Madera. Sign up at the Ranchos/Hills

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On Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. are a variety of card games to be enjoyed. Come and learn new games.

On Thursdays at 6 p.m. we have a great pot luck with poker and other great card games and you can come and join us for Movie Night on one Friday of the month.

Check your calendar for daily events for each day of the week. If you do not have a copy of the newsletter, stop by the Senior Center for a copy. Additional copies are available at the Ranchos Market and Hurst Hardware and several businesses along Avenue 12.

The Farmers Market at the Center needs help so anyone wanting to volunteer is welcome. Jams and jellies are still available and The Boutique also has many new, handy and "on the spot" needed gift items.

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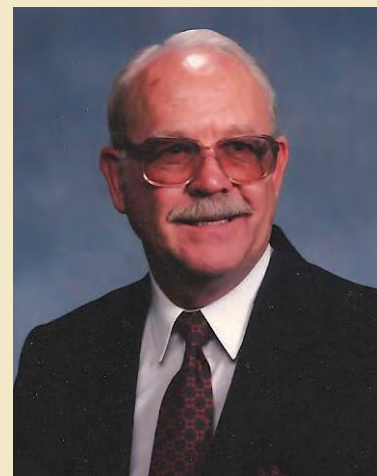


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In Memoriam



Herbert E. Schwartz, Jr.

August 26, 1930 - June 5, 2013

Herbert Edward Schwartz, Jr. was born in Clovis, California on August 26, 1930. He passed away in Fresno on June 5, 2013 at the age of 82. He was the only child of Herb and Clara Schwartz.

Herb enjoyed playing on the varsity football team at Clovis High School and graduated in 1948. Two years after graduation he married his high school sweetheart Jean Christenson. He was a sergeant in the National Guard from 1950-1956. He spent over 40 years as the co-owner of Herb Schwartz and Son, a well drilling company. He was the Association of Drilling Contractor of California President from 1969-1970, a lifetime member of the California Groundwater Association, the 1988 contractor of the year, and the distinguished President of East Fresno Kiwanis from 2008-2009. Herb was passionate and had a zest for life. He liked to play tennis, travel with his late wife, and participate in various charitable groups (e.g. Kiwanis).

Herbert is preceded in death by his wife Jean Carol Schwartz. He is survived by his daughters Cathe Hutchison of Madera, Debbie Kastner of Tehachapi, Marsha Machado of Fresno, Julie Woodard of Fresno and Melinda Carlton of Fresno; their husbands; 10 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Rest in Paradise

Ranchos Youth Soccer Takes 4th

The Madera Ranchos Liberty United Pythons Boys Under 11 (U11) Comp Soccer team attended a tournament the week of August 11 in Dublin, Calif. The team took 4th place overall.

The U11 boys are the only "comp" team within the Liberty Ranchos Youth Soccer League. Unlike recreational youth soccer which focuses on developing basic soccer playing abilities, competitive, or "comp" soccer, is a higher level of play for players with more advanced soccer skills.



Center fullback for the Madera Ranchos Liberty United Pythons Boys U11 Comp Soccer team, Dalton Epps, takes a shot during the team's eventual 4th Place finish at a tournament in Dublin, Calif.

Comp level teams usually travel to play against other clubs and a greater commitment level is expected from players. Children with little or no soccer experience who play at the recreational level can develop their soccer skills in preparation for advancement to competitive level play.

The Liberty Ranchos Youth Soccer League U11 Comp team has been playing together for two years now and the boys on the team work together all year long to represent the league.

Heating Things Up at the 28th Annual Fire BBQ



All pictures courtesy of John Glueck

Ever wonder what over 700 BBQ eaters look like? Wonder no more.



The real stars of the evening were the volunteer firefighters from both Station 19 and 9 in the Ranchos ...



... But the BBQ provided by Outlaw Catering did its best to steal the limelight.



Event organizer and longtime supporter Debbie Farr handled much of the MC duties.



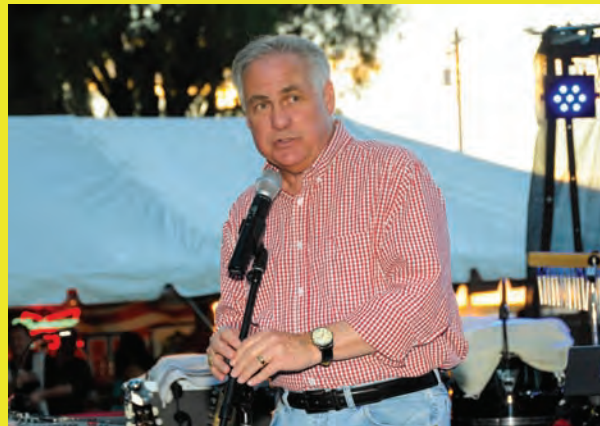
The silent auction tent drew lots of bidders for items ranging from gift baskets to skateboards.



There was also a separate auction for several different types of firearms for the hunting and sporting enthusiasts.



No BBQ is complete without dessert and the dessert table helped to further raise money for our volunteer firefighters.



State Assemblyman Jim Patterson was filling in for Ranchos-area Assemblyman Frank Bigelow who couldn't attend.



The Ranchos/Hills Seniors were represented with several tables at the Fire BBQ.



A touching moment was the playing of Amazing Grace in remembrance of the Hotshot Firefighters who died in Arizona.



The blend of disco, country and overall dance music of the Marie Wilson band packed the dance floor all night long.



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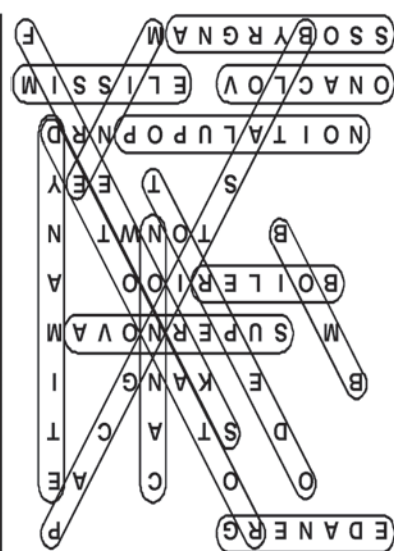
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by Linda Thistle

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your honesty might upset some people, but you inevitably win more admirers for having the courage to tell the truth when others are more likely to scramble for cover.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your efforts to defend your project begin to show favorable results. You should soon be able to win over even the most determined detractors who had lined up against it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You win praise for your selfless efforts in a very difficult situation. But be careful not to allow your generous nature to be exploited by those who have their own agenda.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A trusted colleague sheds light on a recent spate of puzzling workplace situations. This should give you the information you need to bring to your superior's attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A shift in workplace management could be helpful for talented Leos and Leonas who have been waiting to have their accomplishments rewarded by receptive leadership.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding between you and someone you care for should be corrected immediately. This relationship is too important to lose over a bruised ego.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A welcome piece of good news helps clear the air in a family situation. A job-related incident also eases as more information provides a clearer focus on the problem.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Quick action to heal bruised feelings pays off in a big way. Now you'll be able to move forward with your plans without that problem holding you back.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your creativity combined with a positive attitude should give you a considerable edge in finding a way to get around the negativity you've run into.

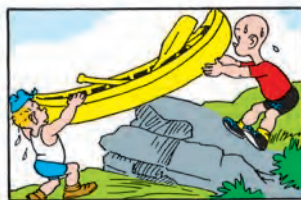
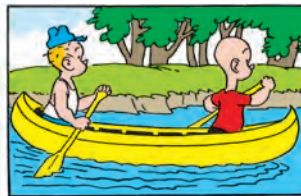
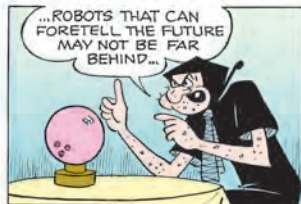
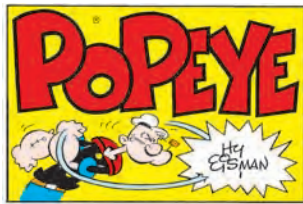
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) That sudden streak of stubbornness could cause some problems. Try to be more open to helpful suggestions and more flexible in making needed changes.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Now that that special relationship appears to be well and truly restored, you can spend more time dealing with those long-needed workplace changes.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new opportunity sounds promising. But watch out for any conditions that might be attached. Before making a decision, ask that each one be explained in detail.

Born this Week
You can be distracted by promises of good times, yet you ultimately reach the goals you set for yourself.

FUN PAGES



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

BOOK MARKER! Place six books on a table or on the floor, as shown at right. State that when you leave the room you would like someone to point to one of the books, which you will identify when you return. And you will — in cahoots with a collaborator.

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TWO-TEE WORD TEASER

LET'S see if you can TEE off on these non-golf related words (with two TEEs in place as clues). You are asked to find five-letter words to form a word square — that is, a square in which words are the same across and down.

- 1. Court proceedings.
 - 2. Baseball player's rep. for instances.
 - 3. Have a feeling.
 - 4. Follow in course.
 - 5. Handle the wheel.
- Remember, words read alike across and down. Time limit: 2 minutes. Give it a try.



QUICK PICK! Now, for the Miss Personality award. And the winner is... Who will it be -- contestant 1, 2, 3 or 4?



END RUN! What a ride! Why don't we sit back and go 'round again. Coloring code: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Lt. brown, 5—Flesh tones, 6—Lt. green, 7—Dk. brown, 8—Dk. purple.

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- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
- Angry boss
 - Blasting cap
 - Boiler
 - Bomb
 - Cannon
 - Detonator
 - Dynamite
 - Fireworks
 - Grenade
 - Mine
 - Missile
 - Population
 - Supernova
 - Torpedo
 - Volcano

TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

- ENTERTAINERS: What are the first names of the comedian duo Abbott and Costello?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which Caribbean island's capital city of Plymouth was destroyed by an active volcano in 1995?
- ART: What is cloisonne?
- LANGUAGE: What is unusual about the word "facetiously"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is an ungulate?
- TOYS: What was the name of Barbie fashion doll's best friend?
- ENTERTAINMENT: What are PATSY awards?
- ADVERTISEMENTS: What company's logo is "Because you're worth it"?
- HISTORY: What was Annie Oakley's nickname?
- SCIENCE: What is the name for the process when a liquid becomes a gas?

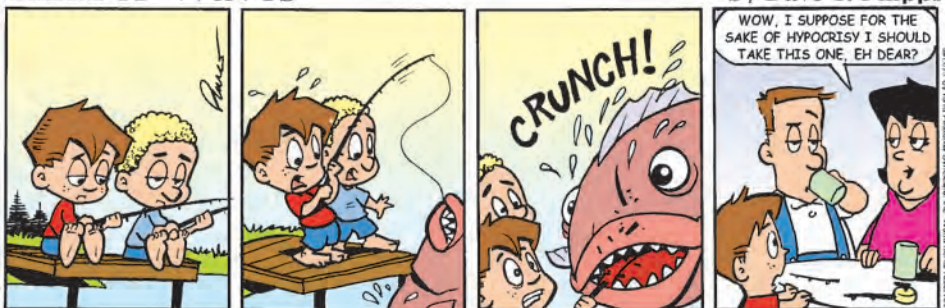
Answers

- Bud Abbott and Lou Costello
- Montserrat
- Enamel decoration of metal objects
- It contains all six vowels, including "y."
- A mammal with hooves in alphabetical order.
- Midge
- Best animal performances in film and TV
- oreal
- Little Sure Shot
- Vaporization

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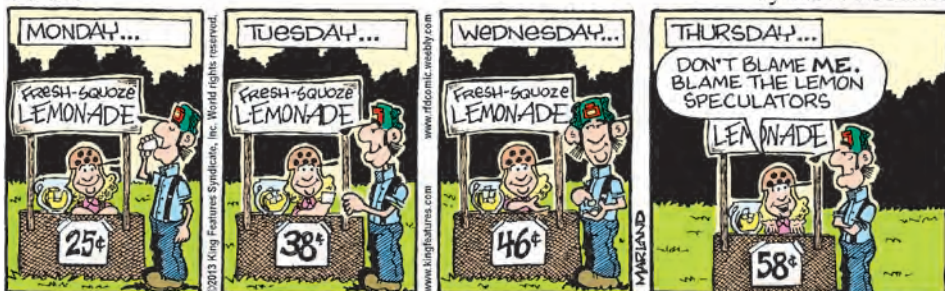
Amber Waves



Out on a Limb



R.F.D.



The Spats



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Life: **DESIRE**

Assume: **SOUPPES**

Elude: **VIDAO**

Motion: **COTIAN**

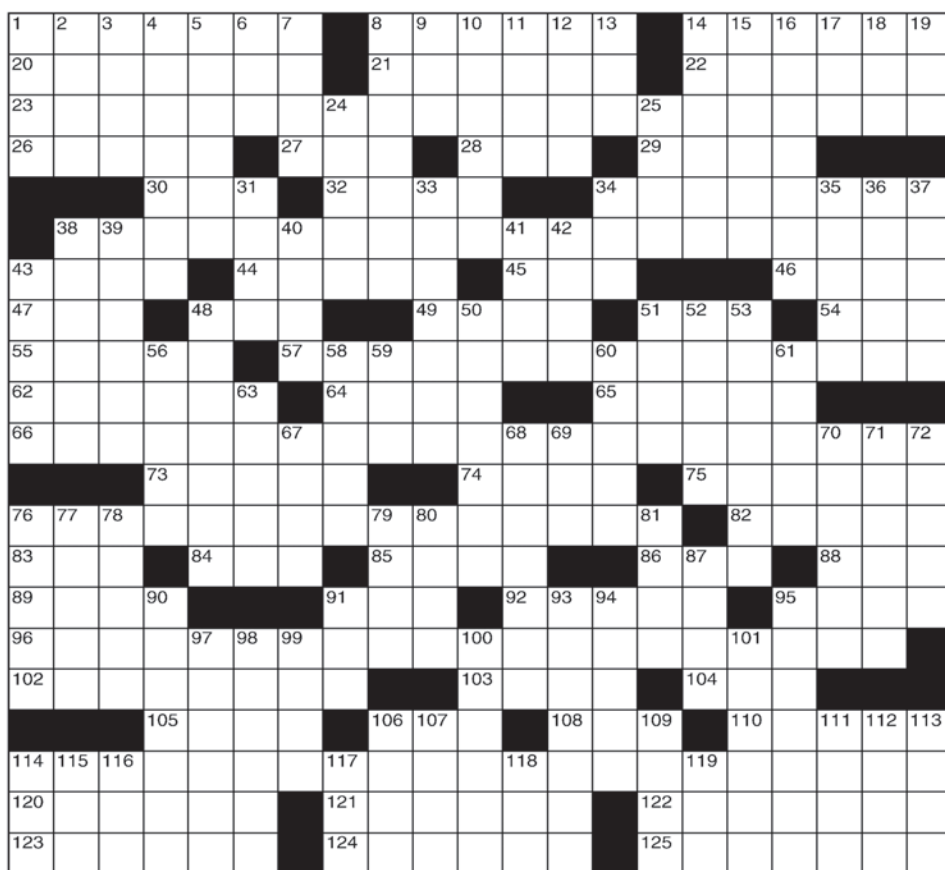
TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How many can you find them? Check off those differences in the list below. 1. Hat bow is missing. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Hammer is missing. 5. Cap is missing. 6. Hat is missing. 7. Hat is missing. 8. Hat is missing. 9. Hat is missing. 10. Hat is missing. 11. Hat is missing. 12. Hat is missing. 13. Hat is missing. 14. Hat is missing. 15. Hat is missing. 16. Hat is missing. 17. Hat is missing. 18. Hat is missing. 19. Hat is missing. 20. Hat is missing. 21. Hat is missing. 22. Hat is missing. 23. Hat is missing. 24. Hat is missing. 25. Hat is missing. 26. Hat is missing. 27. Hat is missing. 28. Hat is missing. 29. Hat is missing. 30. Hat is missing. 31. Hat is missing. 32. Hat is missing. 33. Hat is missing. 34. Hat is missing. 35. Hat is missing. 36. Hat is missing. 37. Hat is missing. 38. Hat is missing. 39. Hat is missing. 40. Hat is missing. 41. Hat is missing. 42. Hat is missing. 43. Hat is missing. 44. Hat is missing. 45. Hat is missing. 46. Hat is missing. 47. Hat is missing. 48. Hat is missing. 49. Hat is missing. 50. Hat is missing. 51. Hat is missing. 52. Hat is missing. 53. Hat is missing. 54. Hat is missing. 55. Hat is missing. 56. Hat is missing. 57. Hat is missing. 58. Hat is missing. 59. Hat is missing. 60. Hat is missing. 61. Hat is missing. 62. Hat is missing. 63. Hat is missing. 64. Hat is missing. 65. Hat is missing. 66. Hat is missing. 67. Hat is missing. 68. Hat is missing. 69. Hat is missing. 70. Hat is missing. 71. Hat is missing. 72. Hat is missing. 73. Hat is missing. 74. Hat is missing. 75. Hat is missing. 76. Hat is missing. 77. Hat is missing. 78. Hat is missing. 79. Hat is missing. 80. Hat is missing. 81. Hat is missing. 82. Hat is missing. 83. Hat is missing. 84. Hat is missing. 85. Hat is missing. 86. Hat is missing. 87. Hat is missing. 88. Hat is missing. 89. Hat is missing. 90. Hat is missing. 91. Hat is missing. 92. Hat is missing. 93. Hat is missing. 94. Hat is missing. 95. Hat is missing. 96. Hat is missing. 97. Hat is missing. 98. Hat is missing. 99. Hat is missing. 100. Hat is missing. 101. Hat is missing. 102. Hat is missing. 103. Hat is missing. 104. Hat is missing. 105. Hat is missing. 106. Hat is missing. 107. Hat is missing. 108. Hat is missing. 109. Hat is missing. 110. Hat is missing. 111. Hat is missing. 112. Hat is missing. 113. Hat is missing. 114. Hat is missing. 115. Hat is missing. 116. Hat is missing. 117. Hat is missing. 118. Hat is missing. 119. Hat is missing. 120. Hat is missing. 121. Hat is missing. 122. Hat is missing. 123. Hat is missing. 124. Hat is missing. 125. Hat is missing.

Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Source of healthful fatty acids
 - 8 Cards for soothsayers
 - 14 Stunning weapons
 - 20 Produced by its own staff
 - 21 Latin "and others"
 - 22 Sound setup
 - 23 Really big souvenir given to a trick-or-treater?
 - 26 Throat-infecting bug
 - 27 Nada
 - 28 Lion tail?
 - 29 Great Plains natives
 - 30 Sit in (for)
 - 32 Dawber and Anderson
 - 34 Tapioca-yielding plants
 - 38 Connected group of a World War II general's combat units?
 - 43 Saintly
 - 44 Actor Sam
 - 45 Sweetie pie
 - 46 Father deer
 - 47 Viper type
 - 48 The Gem State: Abbr.
 - 49 "... hear — drop"
 - 51 Partner of to
 - 54 In a funk
 - 55 Tail ends
 - 57 Mentally ill
 - 62 Theater tickets, informally
 - 64 City in Texas
 - 65 Lauder of perfume
 - 66 Go uninvited to a night-club show in an Asian ethnic district?
 - 73 Love, in Dijon
 - 74 Memorial bio
 - 75 Idyllic place
 - 76 Hogtie an old Roman fighter?
 - 82 Allow to enter
 - 83 Hoppy brew
 - 84 Understand
 - 85 Angel player Cheryl
 - 86 Be sickly
 - 88 Agcy. that helps mom-and-pops
 - 89 Paws, e.g.
 - 91 "Well, let me think ..."
 - 92 "Where do —?!" ("It's a deal!")
 - 95 Sanders and Klink: Abbr.
 - 96 Vast sand hill in Central Park?
 - 102 Screenplay it up?
 - 103 Moby Dick's adversary
 - 104 Itty-bitty drink
 - 105 Sand
 - 106 Palme — (film award)
 - 108 Put tears in
 - 110 Clean a spill
 - 114 A heptad of mischievous sprites turned laterally?
 - 120 Charlotte — (capital of the Virgin Islands)
 - 121 Rocker Ric of the Cars
 - 122 Fiji is in it
 - 123 Hot winter drinks
 - 124 Equine, in tot-speak units?
 - 125 Football great Tony
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Smyrna fruits
 - 2 Beginning ltr.
 - 3 — -Pei (dog breed)
 - 4 Truthfulness
 - 5 Part of I/O
 - 6 Suffix with Brit or Turk
 - 7 Slope
 - 8 Like juicy biographies
 - 9 From — B
 - 10 Most crude
 - 11 Bullring yells
 - 12 1-1 and 7-7
 - 13 — Juan
 - 14 Fly of Kenya
 - 15 As many as
 - 16 Park fixtures
 - 17 South end?
 - 18 Pensioned: Abbr.
 - 19 — Canals
 - 24 Painter Fra Filippo —
 - 25 Lament
 - 31 Stock's kin
 - 33 Asia's Strait of —
 - 34 "John King, USA" ainer
 - 35 "Presto!" kin
 - 36 → or ←
 - 37 Makes slant
 - 38 Phony type
 - 39 Llama cousin
 - 40 Kind of tide
 - 41 Lima's home
 - 42 A wife of Chaplin
 - 43 One of two in "crocus"
 - 48 Connecting land strip
 - 50 Driver's license, e.g.
 - 51 Pert. to finances
 - 52 Levy again
 - 53 Yellow pool rack item
 - 56 Tabulae — (blank slates)
 - 58 Whirlpool
 - 59 TV chef who "can cook"
 - 60 Relative of largo
 - 61 Astrologer Dixon
 - 63 Listerine rival
 - 67 Immense Bible book after Amos
 - 69 Quipster
 - 70 Exposes by finking
 - 71 Fit for eating
 - 72 Food fishes
 - 76 Flat floaters
 - 77 — acid (fat compound)
 - 78 Golfer Calvin
 - 79 Mrs. Alfred Hitchcock
 - 80 — with faint praise
 - 81 Sitar piece
 - 87 Taverns
 - 90 Citrus fruit
 - 91 MDs' group
 - 93 "— & Hutch"
 - 94 Hit — (really go places)
 - 95 Small domes
 - 97 C.S. Lewis' magical land
 - 98 Often-purple flowers
 - 99 — Field (Mets' stadium)
 - 100 Annoy a lot
 - 101 Light-varying switch
 - 106 Old art style
 - 107 Man — bird
 - 109 Urge on
 - 111 Long deeply
 - 112 The "U" of CPU or BTU
 - 113 H.S. junior's exam
 - 114 Little pouch
 - 115 Screwball comic
 - 116 Hoover or Dyson, for short
 - 117 Homer Simpson cry
 - 118 "— -haw!"
 - 119 — -friendly (green)

SEM CU

south east madera county united

The Community Swap Meet is Coming!

Got stuff to sell or looking to buy?

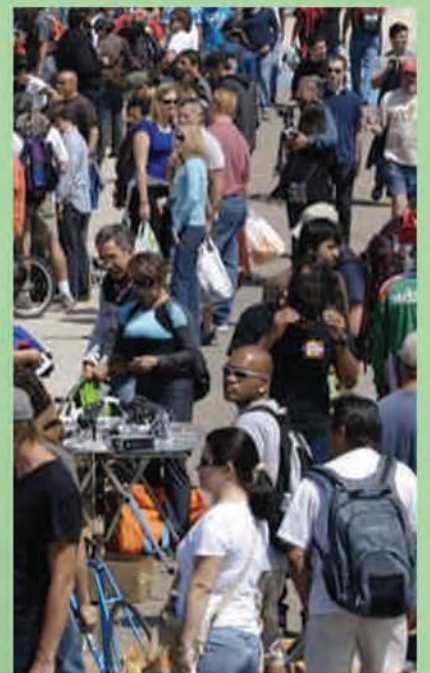
A Community Swap Meet is coming

Saturday, September 7 from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

at the lot at Hurst Hardware on the corner of Berkshire and Fernwood.

Booths are open to all and are only \$20. Admission is FREE.

You can sign up for a booth at Hurst Hardware.



SEM CU REGULAR MEETING

Monday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. • Ranchos Pizza Factory

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