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An Uncertain End to an Old Friend

Wind Damage, Property Sale are Just a Few Factors Against Red, White and Blue Barn

By Christi McKinney

The large barn painted like an American flag on Freeway 41 at Avenue 12 has become known internationally as a landmark in the Madera Ranchos. It's been featured on the national news and featured in several national magazines. Oprah Winfrey admired it on air as she headed to Yosemite. Last year the L.A. Times did a story on it and Major League Baseball filmed it, saying, "It's the All-American game, and you have the All-American barn," recalled Karen McCaffrey. Since at present there is no sign on Freeway 41 directing visitors to the Ranchos, you're often likely to hear, "Look for the big red-white-and-blue flag barn – when you see it head west and you'll be in the heart of the Madera Ranchos."

Unfortunately the barn was heavily damaged in a recent windstorm and half of the roof was destroyed. The barn and the land beneath it belong to Robert and Karen McCaffrey. Karen McCaffrey says they have not yet assessed the damage or made a decision as to whether the barn will be repaired and repainted. The piece of land where the barn sits has been slated for eventual development, but there are no immediate plans to do so.

Feelings about the flag barn run very high in the Madera Ranchos. It means many different things to many different people. High school classes, volunteer fire departments, engaged couples, motorcycle clubs and tour buses from all over the world stop there on their way to Yosemite to pose for pictures in front of the flag barn.

The landmark flag barn is especially meaningful to veterans and their families awaiting their return. Charles Taliaferro, a Ranchos resident and a retired Navy man involved in a local veterans group, has said: "We get letters from all over the country asking, 'What's the story on that barn?'" Laura Lemanek, owner of Laura's Used Book Store, is second generation military and two of her sons, who are third generation, are currently serving in the military. Lemanek, who recently returned from the war zone in Afghanistan, says, "The barn standing there is a symbol of the Ranchos. It's the last part of 'home' you see in your rear view mirror (through the tears) when you're heading off to deployment. It said to me several times, 'Go with God and come

home soon. I will be standing here waiting for you.' Upon your return when you see it, you know you're home, you made it and you will soon be in the arms of the ones you love. It says, 'Welcome home and thank you.' The fact that it's painted as a flag shows our community support for our military members, past, present and future."

Initially, the barn had a yellow ribbon painted on the west end facing the highway. After it was defaced with graffiti the McCaffreys had it painted solid blue. Karen McCaffrey said, "When the painters were covering up the graffiti they were amazed because cars driving by would stop and people would try to give them money." Just days after the 9/11 attacks Robert McCaffrey said, "I've been thinking about it, and I'm going to paint our barn with stars and stripes."

"It was just our own way to express love of country during a difficult time, but it seems to resonate," Karen McCaffrey said. "It's taken on a life of its own."

Ranchos resident Sandi Orcutt says, "My family loves that barn and it really means a lot to us. My father and husband are retired Navy and my son Josh is currently in the Army. It sticks out because it's a big barn painted like a flag but, still, it seems natural for it to be there. It just fits." Josh Orcutt served both in Iraq and Afghanistan where he and his patrol dog, Riky III, searched for explosives. On his first tour in Iraq, Josh hung a picture of the barn in his Humvee.

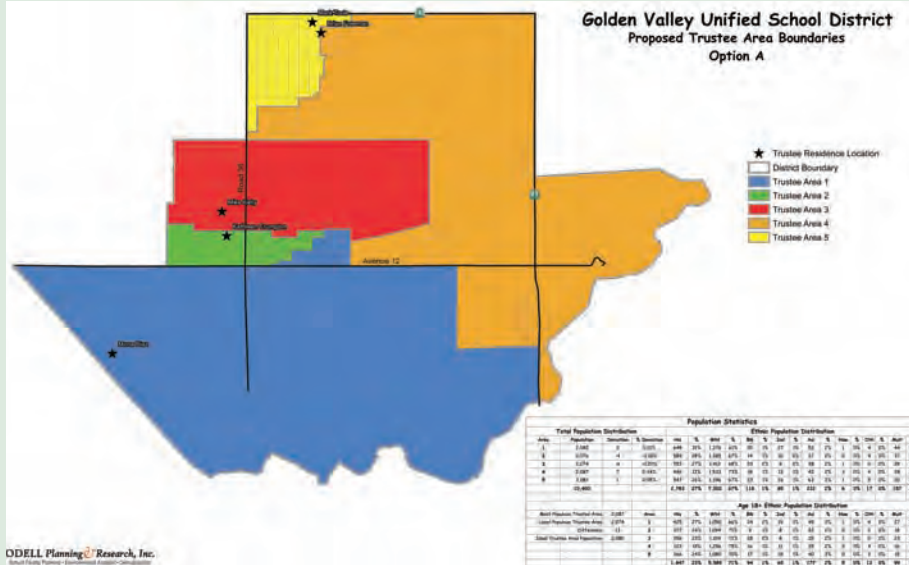
Kelly Ann Willett and her husband Christopher, who served in the Navy, took their engagement pictures in front of the barn before they got married. Willett says, "When traveling home from Fresno, we just kind of sigh when we see the barn in the distance. It makes us feel as though we're headed somewhere less hectic, more friendly, a real community. To see it now is heartbreaking. Please let us know how we can help!"

Willett's sentiment has been expressed by numerous Ranchos residents offering help rebuilding it, painting it and even maintaining it, while others would gladly offer money or materials to help restore it. The McCaffreys are now aware just how important this landmark is to our community and that the Ranchos community is ready, willing and able to help preserve this landmark however we can. Even if it takes a good old fashioned barn raising!

Both Robert and Karen McCaffrey are from fourth-generation farming families but they are now second and third generation

Please see **BARN** on P. 11

GVUSD Changing Representation



On Feb. 7, the Golden Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees adopted trustee areas in lieu of using at-large voting. The decision to move Golden Valley to trustee areas was not made lightly nor was it a popular decision amongst the board.

On Feb. 9, the GVUSD Board of Trustees adopted Resolution # 2009-05 Commitment to Conduct a Trustee Area Study within the Golden Valley Unified School District. This resolution was adopted in response to a lawsuit filed in 2010 against the Madera Unified School District, aimed at greater Latino participation on the school board. The Madera County Office of Education encouraged all of the school districts in the county using at-large voting to evaluate whether to convert to district-based voting.

Roughly 90 percent of California school boards use at-large voting, as do many city councils and other local boards. The State's Voting Rights Act, enacted in 2002, bans at-large voting if there is evidence that it "impairs the ability" of a minority group "to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election."

Lawsuits have already begun to reshape school boards, city councils and special districts throughout California.

Madera isn't the first proving ground for the California Voting Rights Act, which gives civil rights lawyers tools not covered by the U.S. Voting Rights Act. In

the most prominent case, the Modesto City Council agreed to abandon at-large voting after a \$3 million fight with the Lawyers' Committee.

The Madera County Office of Education contracted with Odell Planning and Research to research and analyze the census data for each district and provide options for forming trustee areas within the district on Dec 20. Each of the options provided for five trustee areas of almost equal populations, the deviations from the

ideal population of 2,080 were very small (10 persons or less in any area). The Trustee area map that was adopted by the district was "option A" which allowed for areas noting current board members. School district trustee areas are reviewed

to be redrawn at the end of a census period.

Geri Kendall-Cox from the Madera County Office of Education also attended the board meeting on Dec. 20, and Feb. 7, and stated the county would rather see taxpayer dollars in the hands of school districts spent on educating students rather than on litigation. She further noted that the Madera County Committee would adopt trustee areas for county districts if the local school board did not. The Madera County Council held a public hearing on the adopted trustee areas adopted by Golden Valley on Feb. 14 at Liberty High School.

Coffee Spot Opening its Doors to Area Artists to Showcase Talent

By Ramona Frances

In addition to offering coffee, tea, smoothies, ice cream and pastries, Madera Ranchos coffee shop owners want to serve up art. Daniel and Audra Damore, owners of The Coffee Spot, a business they opened less than six months ago, are featuring the work of local artists.

"I want to share my building with artists," said Danny Damore. "I hope people in the community will latch onto what we want to give. I want this place to be a destination, a 'happening' environment - a place people want to go and enjoy themselves."

The line-up of local artists to be showing their work is growing



Local artist Lisa Woodward brings her unique three dimensional art to the Ranchos with an art show beginning March 16.

with plans for live music and wine tasting during opening reception. Some of the artists in line to show their work in the future are Jim Quaschnick, Ray Reyes, Nina McDonald and more. All live in the Madera Ranchos.

This month's featured artist is Lisa Woodward. Her son Allen will perform on guitar during her opening reception held on Friday, March 16 from 5 - 8 p.m.

Self-taught artist Woodward, 52, who began with a passion for drawing as a young girl, later graduated to working on canvas. Her creativity was unquenchable. More recently, she began using themes

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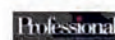
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So Little Time, So Much to Do

By Garin Gonzales

A professor once told me some sage advice about riding motorcycles (of all things): "Focus on the horizon, not on the road in front of you." Now, I don't know if that's good advice for riding a motorcycle because the only time I've been on a motorcycle I crashed it (obviously this happened before I received the sage advice). True story. My buddy Dennis told me, "You looked awesome until you crashed!"

The point of that little anecdote is that sometimes instead of focusing on what is right in front of you, it is better to look to the future. And here at the Ranchos library we have a couple of events in the future that I think I need to prepare for right now: The Flatlander's Day Parade and Craft Fair (on May 12) and The Summer Reading Program (June through July).

Being new to the area, I had no idea what the Flatlander's Day festivities were all about. I had no idea that the founders included Jackie Gleason and Jack Haley (who, I'm told, played the Tin Man in "The Wizard of Oz")! That is incredible. That saying: "You learn something new every day" is so true!

Anyway, each year the Friends of the Ranchos Library sponsor the Flatlander's Day Craft Fair. It's a fun way to come out and meet your neighbors, eat delicious food from local vendors and check out (and buy) local crafts. If you'd like to sponsor a booth in the Flatlander's Day Craft Fair please contact the library at 645-1214 and we'll fill you in on all the details. A craft booth costs \$30 and a food booth is \$50. All applications must be turned into the library by April 30.

The Summer Reading Program doesn't start until June, but there is a lot of work to be done if we want it to be a successful venture. That is why I'm calling for volunteers now! If you'd like to help the Ranchos library by volunteering for the Summer Reading program please stop by the library or give us a call. We want to have a great kick-off party, but in order to pull it all off we could use extra help. So if you'd like to help, let us know. We've got time, but it's always nice to get started now. Look to the horizon, people.

Book Chat: The Art of the Short Story

Call me "Johnny Come Lately." I was going to use this space to write about the latest book I've read, but since everyone and their dog has already read *The Hunger Games* and its sequels, I decided to write about something else that I like: The short story. When I was in college, I became fascinated with short stories. Reading them was a perfect way for me to wind down at the end of the night. Most short stories are small enough that I could read (and finish) one right before I went to bed. If it was a good enough story it would even affect my dreams.

There are a ton of great short story writers out there, but my favorites are Flannery O'Connor, Tobias Wolff and Raymond Carver.

Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964) was a southern writer born in Savannah, Georgia. Although she had written well-regarded novels, her short stories are more famous. A lot of her protagonists are usually in need of a comeuppance and her stories always have a satisfying ending. Check out *A Good Man is Hard to Find* or *Everything That Rises Must Converge* and you'll know what I mean.

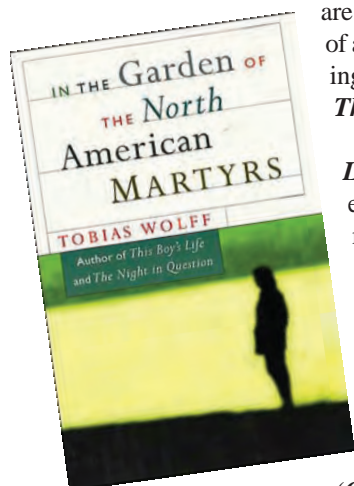
Tobias Wolff (1945 -) is a terrific memoirist (*This Boy's Life* is his most famous memoir, but *In Pharaoh's Army* is equally excellent) but his short stories really resonate with me. Check out the story (and its collection of the same name) *In the Garden of the North American Martyrs* or *A Bullet in the Brain* for good examples of his work.

Finally, **Raymond Carver** (1938-1988) is my absolute favorite. His spare, minimalist style is easily readable and his stories can be uplifting (like the beautiful *Cathedral*) or bittersweet (*Where I'm Calling From*), but they are always terrific. His short story collections (*Cathedral*; *What We Talk About When We Talk About Love*

and *Will You Please Be Quiet, Please*) are all classics that should be read by ...

well, everyone.

I'm sad to say that none of these collections are in our library (although we can order them for you from other libraries), but I will rectify this dreary situation post haste, even if I have to donate these titles from my own collection. Stop by and we can talk about your favorite authors. And don't forget your library card. In fact, don't leave home without it!



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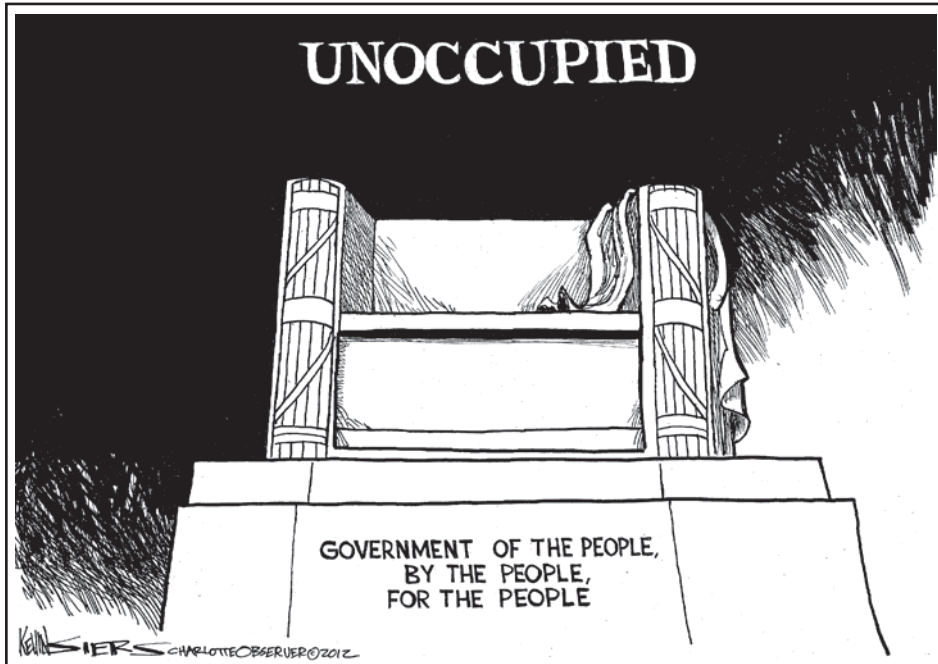
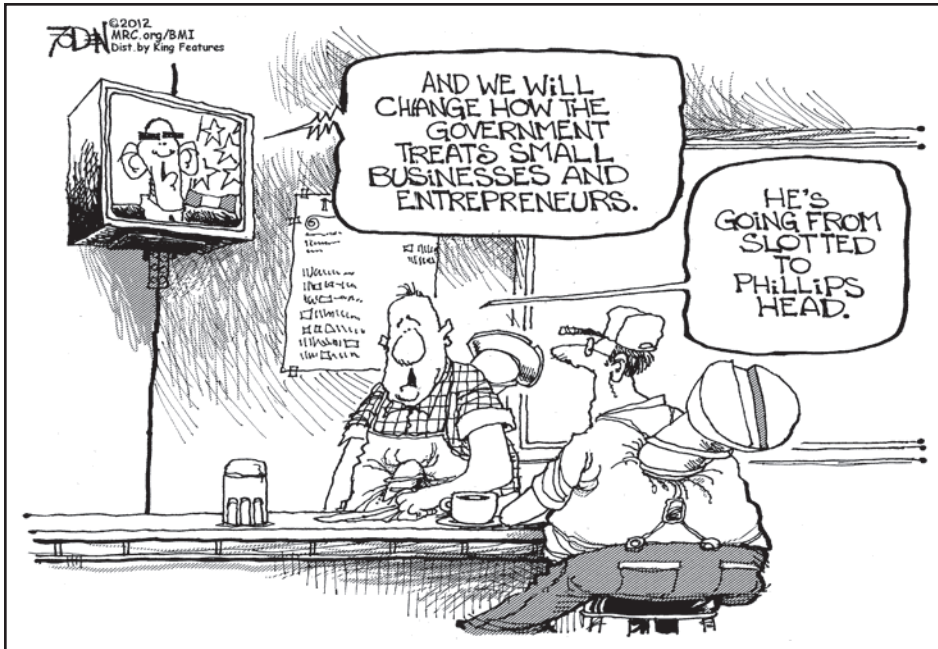
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Editorial

Paying for Sex

By Randy Bailey

Get out your checkbook. If the Liberals have their way there will be a whole new definition for "paying for sex." Specifically, you and I will be paying for their sex.

Nancy Pelosi, ever the shill for President Obama and the universally loved and eagerly anticipated Obamacare (remember? "... we have to pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it, away from the fog of controversy ...") decided it was a good idea to have a congressional hearing about some of the hardships Americans are facing today that Obamacare could fix. She brought in a co-ed from Georgetown law school (a \$45,000-per-year tuition college) to speak on the plight affecting four out of 10 co-eds on campus. It seems that this 40 percent of the female student body is having so much sex that they can't afford contraception and they're going broke in the process.

"Without insurance coverage, contraception, as you know, can cost a woman over \$3,000 during law school," Sandra Fluke told the hearing.

Let's run some numbers.
 Law school is a three year proposition so that's \$1,000 per year. A check of Georgetown area health facilities showed that condoms could be had for \$1 apiece so that's 1,000 condoms. With 365 days in

a year that would work out to be approximately three sex acts every day for a year.

Every day.
 For a year.
 Fluke's research shows that the women of Georgetown are so busy getting busy that they're going broke in the process and the only reasonable solution is for the American taxpayer to cover the cost. It's just too expensive in law school to have sex without mandated Obamacare coverage.

"Forty percent of the female students at Georgetown Law reported to us that they struggled financially as a result of [Georgetown student insurance not covering contraception]," Fluke said. "For a lot of students, like me, who are on public interest scholarships, that's practically an entire summer's salary."

And all of this at a Catholic university to boot.

But, as always when you dig a little, things are not necessarily as they seem. Ms. Fluke refers to herself as a "reproductive rights activist" who selected Georgetown, a Catholic university, specifically because their student health plan did not cover contraception. At the hearing that Pelosi invited Fluke to give her story and findings, Fluke was the only person allowed to speak. No counter arguments. No opposing viewpoints. I guess you have to hold the hearing just so you can find out what the purpose of it is.

These are indeed strange times in our land. If Ms. Fluke's testimony and rationale doesn't take the concept of what an entitlement society we have become, I don't know what does. Not only does Ms. Fluke want what she wants, she wants it now and she wants the only thing that resembles responsibility to be borne by someone else -- you and me. She has equated the female population at Georgetown (and by extension, the rest of the American female population) to a bunch of feral cats that have absolutely no control over their bodies, instincts or urges and the only viable solution is for "free" remedies supplied by the government.

If I was a woman I would be outraged. If I was a Democrat I'd be embarrassed. If I was a Liberal I could justify it all.
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Keeping Ranchos Eyes on the Prize



By Serafin Quintanar

It seems that the Republican presidential campaign has gone on forever now. There have been endless debates and countless swings of the pendulum. A screenwriter could not have written a better storyline with so many twists, turns and drama. As of the time of writing this article, the ultimate nominee of the GOP is far from a done deal and many Republicans are still hanging on every vote cast in the process.

All of this is well and good. It is a healthy process for the Republican Party. However, the national primary process may leave many feeling left out or with the idea that they still don't matter too much in the big scheme of things. If you feel like this even just a little bit, then I want to let you know that you can make a huge difference. However, you need to shift your focus on to elections that you can influence directly and that, at the end of the day, will have a

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bigger impact on your day-to-day life than who eventually occupies the White House.

You see, also up for grabs this June are numerous local elections that will determine everything from school boards, city councils, the board or County supervisors, to the makeup of the Republican Party County Central Committee. These races are not usually as flashy or interesting as statewide or federal offices, but they do impact our lives every single day. It's a lot easier helping to get the right person into office when you can walk precincts or make phone calls right in your own neighborhood than simply sending a check to a campaign that you never really get to see in person. Having run for office and planning on supporting one or two local candidates this year, I can tell you that despite the sacrifice of time and a little sweat, it is very rewarding knowing that you are making a direct impact on an election.

As you have noticed, this article is not so much to provide information, but a call to action. It's simply not enough to express our opinions anymore. These times require that we take action and make our voices heard. I,

for one, won't sit idly by and watch while others do the heavy lifting and then complain later if things don't turn out the way I'd prefer. I'm going to do as much as I can to make sure the right people become my local elected officials and that they know who got them there and what is expected of them.

Madera Chapter Tea Party Meetings

The February meeting presented guest speaker, Mike Hinton, a civics teacher at Madera High School who spoke about history and civics that is taught to your students. This meeting was at the VFW Hall, and on a different week and day than usual scheduled meetings.

If you haven't already, please take the time to join us. We would appreciate your presence allowing you the opportunity to discuss current issues and ideas or just listen. These meetings are educational with interesting guest speakers so we can proceed well equipped with facts not with the many untruths that is consistently spread throughout the mainstream media. Serafin is spot on with his comments above. Although electing a conservative for president next November is crucial for the survival of America as we have all known it, citizens in Madera can have a very important direct impact by supporting local conservative candidates building a

much needed conservative base one city, one county and one state at a time.

We have changed our meetings to the third Monday of every month at the V.F.W. Hall in Madera at 2026 N. Granada Drive. The next meeting will be on March 19 at 6 p.m. Should there be a change in scheduling, as there was for February, please confirm meeting dates and guest speakers on our newly designed Central Valley Tea Party website at www.centralvalleyteaparty.com. Scroll to the bottom of the home page, select the events tab on the white menu bar, scroll down to the current month calendar and click on the Madera chapter meeting. A new page will open where you can scroll down for more details on location, speakers and topic of discussion.

Need more information? Contact Madera Ranchos Tea Party Coordinator, John Smedley, by e-mail at jcsmedley@comcast.net or by phone at 559-645-7031. Or you can contact Madera Tea Party Coordinator, Rick Farinelli by e-mail at rickfarinelli@centralvalleyteaparty.com or by phone at 559-706-5386.

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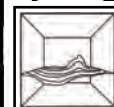
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Dear Editor:

I had recently been approached by a person I admire. I was surprised to find out that I was a disappointment to that person. It seems that there were things that were unknown to that person about me, things that person felt I should have disclosed. I assume that if there is one person feeling like that, there must be others.

I truly thought that all along throughout my community involvement I have been transparent; now it seems to me that I was not transparent enough, even though I never made an effort to hide anything.

So, to set the record straight, and put all rumors to rest . . .

My name is Igal Treibatch. I was born in Israel, arrived in the U.S. with my parents in 1962, served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1967. I worked for my family meat processing business until 1975 when I thanked my father for teaching me about life and business and went to work for myself.

It was 1998 when I first walked the orchard on the west side of the Ranchos and fell in love with it. Along with my associates, we have been farming it since then. We farm approximately 1,450 acres including pistachios, mandarins, grapes, almonds and pomegranates.

Although I live in Santa Monica, I spend half my time here in Madera with my wife at my side on many occasions. I have two wonderful kids in their mid-twenties. I started coaching them in soccer in West L.A. when my oldest was six years old and I never stopped. Today I still coach other kids because it makes me feel good. My kids are out of the house now and “doing their thing” on their own.

I don't own a home in Madera, yet I consider the Ranchos as my second home and neighborhood. I like my neighborhood and I like my neighborhood to be a place I'm proud of. I like my front yard and my back yard to be places where I want to spend time. I don't have the time to coach soccer here, but I can do other things that give me satisfaction and pleasure.

Aside from being my play yard, the orchards I farm are also my business and livelihood. As a businessman I look to improve our output by utilizing state-of-the-art methods. In 2003 I became aware of the potential water problems looming ahead and made contact with the Israeli Department of Agriculture as well as the Israeli National Water Company in order to improve our farming techniques and be more efficient in the use of our natural resources. In the ensuing years I learned a lot. I learned how much I did not know. I then embarked on creating a flow of information and technology between Israel and California.

Around that time, the economy took off and all around us developers were buying land with the intent of building homes. We saw the writing on the wall: within 20 years we would be out of the farming business and there was nothing we could do about it. We analyzed the short and long term

outlook for our orchards and came to one conclusion: we must prepare for the future. So, after much deliberation, in 2005 we decided to submit a development application to the county of Madera. The project's name would be “Liberty Groves.” After looking at the progress of the Gateway Village development, we were aware it was going to be a long process. Liberty Groves morphed to what it is proposed today: a potential 1,320 acres development with 7,000 homes. Even though we are processing Liberty Grove's plans, we are also planting 80 acres of mandarins and 80 acres of pomegranates this spring.

Well, “California Dreaming” was a great song and just as it passed its time so did the great economy. The dive it took in 2008 is still going on with very slow recovery on the horizon. The State's and County's finances along with a drought have affected everyone in this community.

That is when I realized that we can bring money by applying for grants to help this community and fight back. SEMCU (South East Madera County United), a non-profit entity, could be the vehicle which could help us do two things:

- Unite the community, not by replacing others, but augmenting and helping all.
- Apply for grants, bring available funds and help the community with projects the community thinks are needed and worthy.

People always ask me: “Why are you doing all of this? What do you expect to get out of this?” My answer always is: Besides enjoying accomplishing positive community projects, a thriving community will also be better for my future and my family!

A community without the community's involvement is an empty community, no matter how many homes are in it.

It is for the community as a whole to chart its own course. Come and see for yourself what SEMCU is all about, as its motto says: “By the community, for the community.”

I like to tend to my front and back yards, and I'm proud of being a SEMCU member and a partner in Liberty Groves.

Igal Treibatch
Madera Ranchos/Santa Monica

Dear Editor:

As the proposed Madera/North Fork casino nears successful completion after 7+ years of rigorous state and federal review (we are one signature away!) opponents to the project have launched a massive campaign of negative attacks.

Recently Maderans have been barraged by an onslaught of bogus polls, anonymous mailers, and letters cajoling Chukchansi employees, vendors, and even tribal citizens to oppose the project.

In the past the Chukchansi tribe employed a

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Cheese It!



I've been trying to think of a food that can be used from an appetizer (you thought I couldn't spell hors d'oeuvre, didn't you? The word is French meaning, "Outside the Meal") to a dessert.

I concentrated on appetizers and desserts that use the same kind of foods and then it dawned on me - cheese.

I never dreamed there were so many kinds of cheese, nor so many countries that make cheese. If you want to get educated about cheese, go on the website Cheese.com. It lists more than 50 countries that make cheese and you can click on

the individual countries to find out how many different varieties of cheese that country makes. The United States makes more than 35 different varieties. A few of the cheeses that I had never heard of were Cougar Gold, made of cow's milk by Washington State University, that is packed in a can; Humboldt Fog Cheese,

made from goat milk in Arcata, Calif., and Idaho Goatster, which is a hard cheese made from goat milk. And so many different kinds of milk used: buffalo, camel, ewe, reindeer and mare (in Turkey). Oh, and believe it or not, a chef in New York is making cheese from human female milk - I kid you not!

There is an alphabetical list of kinds of different cheeses. I didn't count them but the list includes about 150 to 200 names from Ab-baye de Belloc to Zanette Parmigiano Reggiano and all kinds in-between.

I love cheese. What is a hamburger, or a bologna, or ham or even a tuna sandwich, without cheese? Or a toasted cinnamon raisin bagel without cream cheese? Or cottage cheese, how can you go

wrong there? Or on a cold night, how about a grilled cheese sandwich and a cup of tomato soup? Or a burrito or taco without cheese? So you see, there are so many good reasons to use cheese.

A real simple appetizer is to cube two or three kinds of cheese and serve them with some sliced meats like salami, ham and/or turkey with two or three kinds of crackers.

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Or how about a cheese fondue? A fondue is a fun and informal way to gather friends and family together. A fondue can be used for an appetizer or a main course, depending on the cheese, or what you serve with it. Think about putting a platter of cooked, shelled, deveined shrimp or ham chunks, or raw vegetables or even apple

slices in addition to the chunks of French bread.

Cheese Fondue

- 2 C Half and Half
- 1 T Worcestershire Sauce
- 2 tsp. Dry Mustard
- 1 Garlic Clove, Peeled and Halved
- 1 ½ lbs. Shredded Cheddar Cheese (About 6 C)
- 3 T Flour
- Salt

About 30 minutes before serving, in a fondue pot or saucepan (recipe recommends not using an aluminum pan as mixture may turn dark) over low heat, heat milk, Worcestershire sauce, mustard and garlic, stirring until hot but not boiling. Discard garlic.

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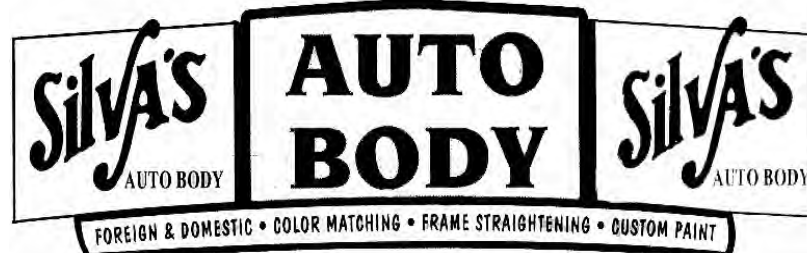
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Meanwhile, in medium bowl, toss cheese with flour. Gradually stir cheese into hot mixture with a fork or wire whisk. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until cheese is melted and mixture is smooth and bubbling. Add salt if needed. Keep hot over very low heat in fondue pot.

I went through my Mom's recipe cards hoping to find her recipe for macaroni and cheese but like so much of what she cooked, she didn't write it down. But I remember it being gooey and crunchy on top. I found this recipe on the internet and it sounds a lot like hers.

Classic Baked Macaroni and Cheese

1- 8 oz. Package Macaroni
4 T Flour
4 T Butter
1 C Milk
1 C Cream
½ tsp. Salt
Black Pepper to Taste
2 C Shredded Cheddar Cheese
1 C Buttered Bread Crumbs
Preheat Oven to 400

Cook and drain macaroni according to package directions and set aside. In a large sauce pan, melt butter. Add flour mixed with the salt and pepper, using a wire whisk to stir until blended. Pour milk and cream in gradually, stirring constantly. Bring to boiling point and boil 2 minutes (stirring constantly to avoid burning). Reduce heat and cook (stirring constantly) 10 minutes. Add shredded cheese a little at a time and simmer an additional 5 minutes until cheese melts. Turn off fire. Add macaroni to the saucepan and toss to coat with the cheese sauce. Pour mixture into buttered baking dish. Sprinkle with bread crumbs Bake for about 20 minutes or until top is golden brown and casserole is bubbly.

Do you use the "blue box" for mac & cheese instead of making it

from scratch? Try making it from scratch for your family and see how much better they will like it. I'll admit I used to keep the blue boxes. When I took care of the girls and had to fix their dinner because mom and dad were working late, I would open a blue box for them – they loved it. I remember one time I was cooking it and my niece Carolyn (she was about six or seven years old) was watching me. When I was finishing and added a little pepper to it, she said she really liked my mac & cheese and I asked her why? She said, "Because you put pepper in it." Wow! By the way, if you are reading this on the 28th of February that little girl turned 17 years old. Where does the time go?

Have you ever thought of or had a cheese blintz? I always thought they were a crepe filled with whipped cream – sort of like a cream puff. In doing some research, I found out they can be made with mashed potatoes and served as a main course.

Cheese Blintz**Crepes:**

1 ½ C Flour
2 C Milk
3 T Butter, Melted
2 T Granulated Sugar
2 Eggs
½ tsp. Vanilla
½ tsp. Baking Powder
½ tsp. Salt
Additional Butter (for pan)

Filling:

1 C Cottage Cheese
1 C Farmer Cheese, Soft or 1 C Softened Cream Cheese
¼ C Powdered Sugar
¼ tsp. Vanilla

Using an electric mixer, blend together all the crepe ingredients (except the butter for the pan) in a large bowl. Blend just until smooth. The batter will be very thin.

Combine the filling ingredient in

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Keep Your Shirt On ... Please

My Dad instilled in me, at a young age, an appreciation for the rock and roll of the sixties and seventies, where bands sounded just as good live as they did on their records and lead singers had charisma, personality and a penchant for dancing with their bandana-adorned microphone stands. Many of my favorite songs were recorded before I was even a twinkle in my father's eye. The unfortunate part of being a fan of music made before your time is that it is nearly impossible to see any of the acts perform live with all the original members. But that doesn't stop me from going to concerts and seeing the groups now held together with scotch tape and bubble gum. An original guitarist here, a drummer from another band there, a wet-behind-the-ears, barely-out-of-his-teens bassist in the back, like a patchwork quilt, but man, some of them can still tear up an auditorium.

My best friend and I went to see Foreigner, or at least the modern day version of Foreigner. It was well worth every penny, a truly fantastic and entertaining show. The lead singer was phenomenal, an energetic presence and powerful voice. We rocked out to some great classic tunes, even a few new songs that surprised me. All the while I was able to participate in one of my favorite pastimes, people watching. And let me tell you, a concert featuring a musical act that was popular nearly four decades ago sure brings out some interesting characters.

I should preface the next comment with this: I have absolutely no problem with anyone, of any age, going a little wild and rocking out to the songs of their youth, especially at a concert. Rat your



hair, dance your rear off, party till you drop. Heck, break out the old zebra print leggings and headband, I don't care, but let us not lose touch with reality. Maybe a micro-mini, a corset midriff top and knee high boots with wrinkled and leathery rolls of flesh protruding and bulging over material that is stretched to the point of ripping isn't a necessary part of recapturing your youth. This might be what you wore in 1976, but in 2012 a tad more material is a bit more appropriate. I saw several women fitting this description, and part of me thinks that they simply pulled their old concert clothes out of storage and shoe-horned themselves into them. Time

Another highlight of the evening was a woman, who was likely in her thirties when Foreigner first hit the scene, stripped off her bra, threw it on stage and then proceeded to flash the band. I use the world "flash" loosely, as I am quite certain no one got a real flash of anything since the goods had long since succumbed to time and gravitational pull.

changes everything: your outlook, your style and your body. You can revel in the memories of your past without stuffing yourself in to the wardrobe.

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I think my favorite sight of the evening was a pair of what can

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Community Update for Liberty Groves Project

An Open Letter to the Community

On Jan. 18, 2012, the Liberty Groves project team hosted an open house meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an open forum for the community to learn more about the Liberty Groves project, a proposed 1,320-acre master-planned mixed-use community.

The meeting was well attended with close to 100 people ranging from local residents and business owners to County representatives. As an open house meeting, attendees were free to come and go as they pleased and directly interact with the project team members who are responsible for designing:

- Water, sewer and storm drainage systems;
- Circulation (vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian) system;
- Financing and urban services plan; and
- Land use and zoning for the Liberty Groves project.

As the project is still in the early stages of the County review process, there are several components of the project that are continually being refined. We truly appreciate the input we received from the community and will use this input to help shape Liberty Groves into a sustainable, master-planned community that existing and future residents can be proud of.

If you were unable to attend the meeting or would just like to learn more about the project, please visit www.libertygroves.com or contact us at 559-307-5431 or info@libertygroves.com

We will be hosting several additional community meetings as the project continues to progress and encourage you to stay involved.

Sincerely,

Igal Treibatch
Managing Member, Liberty Groves, LLC

developers. The McCaffrey family has a long history with development in the Madera Ranchos. Karen McCaffrey's late father John Bonadelle was instrumental in developing the Madera Ranchos. In fact many of the streets here are named for Bonadelle's family and friends. Bonadelle Ave. is of course the most recognizable, Pauline was John Bonadelle's wife; Karen, Paula and John Albert roads are named for his children, while Mark Road was believed to be an employee. Karen states, "The Ranchos were always very important," to her father. She recalls one particular night when her father had an inspiration in the middle of the night. He was so excited about his inspiration that he woke up his wife and his infant daughter, Karen, and he drove them to the Ranchos in the middle of the night to show his wife and to explain what his vision was. Karen also recalls many trips to the Ranchos when her father would take his entire family out to see projects as they were being developed. The McCaffrey's next development in the area is "Tesoro Viejo" a master-planned community which will be located in the Rio Mesa area, east of Highway 41 and Road 204 south of Avenue 15.

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Know Why You Relapse Before

By Mike Bailey

Over the last few weeks you may have heard about the relapse of All-Star outfielder from the Texas Rangers, Josh Hamilton. Josh was a very big prospect coming out of High School. Josh was the first pick in the 1999 Major League Baseball draft. Soon after he signed a then-record \$3.96 million bonus, he was 18. Josh's pro career was erratic at best after that due to injuries, a car accident – which included his parents getting hurt. With all the injuries and free time on his hands (not to mention a lot of money) Josh started drinking and using. Josh failed numerous drug tests with the MLB and every time the punishment would be a little harsher winding up with 12 months of suspension from baseball completely. After many attempts to get sober, countless attempts at rehab, Josh finally put 10 months together and the MLB let him sign with the Cincinnati Reds in 2005. His comeback was sketchy and everyone wrote him off as a player that “could have been.”

With my informal education in this area I have figured out why Josh relapsed: The reason Josh relapsed is because he does not know why he relapsed.

Except for the Texas Rangers. They needed a big bat and in 2007 the Reds traded him to the Rangers. Over two years, clean Josh was back, better than ever. By the 2008 All-Star game he led the majors in batting average, runs batted in and homeruns. He was the highlight of All-star week, with a Homerun Derby win and an RBI in the All-star game where the American League scored three runs in the ninth inning for a comeback victory – a performance for the ages.

Over the last few years he has not let up, becoming one of baseball's biggest stars. He still is one of the superstars in baseball ... and he is still human.

He did relapse. Just a few beers at a bar, that's all.

But in this day and age of information and electronics it was posted on YouTube before he left the bar. This does not make Josh a bad person. It does not make me love him or care about him any less. My heart aches for him and I pray for him daily. Brother Josh, learn from this: Get up, dust yourself off and learn.

Josh held a press conference a cou-

ple of days later and you could see the pain and hurt in his eyes. He expressed how sorry he was and that he did not know why he relapsed. It made me cry and made me thankful for a caring, loving and forgiving Lord and Savior.

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Rarely have we seen a person fail who has truly followed our path. That is the first sentence in chapter five (How it Works) of the Big Book. If you follow the suggestions (The 12 Steps) truly, it is almost guaranteed that you will not relapse. If you do relapse, you have not been following the suggestions. It is that simple!

My first few questions are: Are you going to meetings? Are you hanging out with the right people? Are you in contact with your sponsor? Are you serving others? Steps 10, 11 and 12 are all about how to stay sober. Step 10 is continue to take personal inventory and when you are wrong promptly admit it. That means you check yourself

daily and man up when you had hurt or wronged somebody in any way, shape or form. Step 11 is seek, through prayer and meditation, to improve your conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out. Meaning you need to pray daily for His wisdom and His will, not mine, be done. You want to know God? Let him know you, communicate with him daily.

Step 12 is having had a spiritual awakening as the results of these steps, we try to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs. Meaning we need to help others, stay out of ourselves and work, work, work. If everyone followed the principles of the steps this world would be a much better place.

I'm not perfect, I am always making progress. That is all anyone can ask.

Stay strong Josh, you are still loved. By God and a whole lot of others.

Until next time,

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only be described as interpretive dancers. With each song they would flail their arms and wave their hands in strange patterns. I'm not entirely certain what they thought they looked like, perhaps they were painting the colors of the music with their hands. In any event, to them their gestures must have been large and dramatic, symbolizing what the lyrics meant to them, in reality they looked like a couple of drunk twits gyrating offbeat with no discernable rhythmic ability. They were entertaining, nonetheless.

The only disappointment of the night was our seat assignments. We were stuck in the wrong section. All the flashers, interpretive dancers and general raucous partiers were in every section except ours. We were in the stick in the mud section, surrounded by people that didn't leave their chairs for the entire concert. They didn't yell, scream, cheer or even sing. They just sat there and stared at the stage. You were at a rock concert people – the more noise you make, the more appreciated the band feels. They see you glued in place and they are going to

think they are boring you. That didn't stop us though; we partied like it was the first time. We got more than our fair share of dirty looks as we stood and danced, threw our arms in the air, whooped and hollered. The woman next to me kept putting her fingers in her ears. Did she not understand what she was purchasing when she bought the tickets? Could she have confused "concert" with "antique road show"? Did she think this was the world's first rock gig performed entirely in sign language?

I did learn one invaluable lesson. As fantastic as the camera on my cell phone is, with a crowd like the one seeing Foreigner I would have benefitted from bringing a real camera in with me because my phone just doesn't have the flash or zoom needed to catch some of the crazies on film. Because when you take rock and roll, a bunch of baby boomers from both ends of that generational spectrum, throw in a little alcohol and a lead singer constantly sticking his bum into the outstretched hands of the audience, you have one heck of a party, and the brilliant beginnings of the next viral You Tube video.

The Stock Report

Making Change a Positive Thing

By Audrey Stock

Hi neighbors,

I have found that life is filled with little miracles and a kaleidoscope of change all year long. Many people are afraid of change and make themselves miserable when it is forced on them. What separates each of us is how we cope with change. We can see beauty in change and marvel at the flowering of God's plan for us or we can fight each change, perhaps giving us more challenges to live with. It seems that our natural inclination is to try to slow down change, to keep

that illusive, stable, "safe" feeling but that can be a self-defeating habit at times. There will always be and always have been changes such as life, death, health, sickness, happiness, sadness, love, hate, promise and disappointment and so much more. I am a positive person and try to go with the flow but as my body ages the choices also change and I am not always ready for the change.

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Another community fundraiser in March is the annual local Chamber of Commerce Crab Feed. It will be held on Friday, March 9 at the Dante Club in Fresno. The tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce office for \$45 dollars. This fundraiser helps the Chamber put on the Flatlanders Parade each year. This will be the 22 year for the Flatlanders Parade. The theme for the parade this year is "Community Unity" and will be held on Saturday, May 12. People are proud of our little Madera Ranchos community. It is a struggle for our shop owners to keep our little village alive and we need to remember to

spend our dollars here if we want the businesses to stay here.

Also in March some of us Ranchos Hills Seniors are going to Mariposa to attend the 25th Annual Festival of Storytellers. I attended last year and was thrilled with the professional storytellers that had come to Mariposa from all over America. This year they are from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, North Carolina and Cal-

ifornia.

February has been a busy short month Valentine Day is special, Presidents Day is different since some one had the bright idea to combine George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's birthday into a three-day weekend .and for me my annual trip to my CPA to get my income taxes done. At my age why do I still have to pay taxes?

At the Ranchos/Hills Seniors Boutique you can sign up for a specially made Easter basket. The baskets will be sold for \$5, \$10 or \$15. There will be boy and girl basket for you to pick up just before Easter. Easter is on April 8 this year, so put in your order now.

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All proceeds go to the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Annual Crab Feed sells out every year so get your tickets early!

Get tickets at the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Ranchos Independent, Ranchos Pizza Factory or the Ranchos Café.

Call the Chamber for more information. 645-4001

Chamber of Commerce



GVUSD Kindergarten Information

Although area kindergarten registration occurred prior to publication of the Ranchos Independent, if you still haven't registered your child there is information here that can be useful in getting your little one into school.

Editor

Please bring your future kindergartener with you to registration as assessments will be given during the registration process.

In order to register your child, you will need the following:

1. Your child must be 5 by September 1, 2012. You will need to bring in his/her birth certificate to verify this.

2. Your child's immunization record showing that your child is up-to-date on all of his or her shots.

A. TB Test (A GVUSD Requirement)

B. Polio (4)

C. Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (5)

D. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (2)

E. Hepatitis B (3)

F. Varicella (Chicken Pox) (1)

3. Proof of residency within the Golden Valley Unified School District boundaries.

A. This can be a utility bill, tax records, rental agreement, etc.

4. A completed registration packet.

Webster Elementary

645-1322

March 2, 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. - Registration packets can be picked up Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Webster Office beginning February 17, 2012 if you want to have them filled out and ready to bring in on March 2nd. In addition, if you have concerns about your immunization records and would like to verify that your child has all of the necessary

shots before March 2, please feel free to bring the immunization card to the office.

Sierra View Elementary

645-1122

March 2, 2012 - 8 a.m. to noon or contact office for an appointment on that day. Please call the school office at 645-1122 to schedule an appointment and pick up your registration packet. If you have concerns about your child's immunization records please feel free to bring the immunization card to the office when you pick up your packets.

Transitional Kindergarten

The Kindergarten Readiness Act, a historic reform to kindergarten education, gives California an unparalleled opportunity to ensure that 120,000 more children every year are better prepared to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. The new law creates transitional kindergarten (TK), the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience for those students who are born between September and December. It also changes the kindergarten entry date from Dec. 2 to Sept. 1, so children enter kindergarten at age 5.

Transitional Kindergarten is a program blending preschool foundations and kindergarten standards with high expectations creating a bridge to success in kindergarten and beyond by giving the gift of time.

Golden Valley will begin the Transitional Kindergarten Program in the fall of 2012. Children who are 4-year olds born between September 2 - December 2 will be eligible for TK program. Pre-registration for Transitional Kindergarten will also be on March 2, 2012 at both Sierra View and Webster Elementary Schools, please see the article on Kindergarten Registration for details.

Soccer Standout Signs with Stanislaus

When Liberty Hawk girls soccer player Jordan Moineau signed her name on the dotted line on her National Letter of Intent to California State University, Stanislaus, she continued a trend of Liberty athletes heading off to college.

Moineau is the fourth athlete in the last four years to sign a National Letter of Intent, following Ben Cowger, Bonnie Paul and Jonathan Kirkman.

"It wasn't really a goal to play to get into college,"

Moineau, who carries a 3.8 grade point average, said. "I just loved the sport. I got better at it. I knew college was going to be expensive and strived to get a scholarship. I love playing so I want to keep playing."

Moineau will stay relatively close to home after being courted by Southern Oregon and Fresno State. She is just far enough away for her parents to watch her play, but close enough to make a weekend visit home to raid the pantry and get laundry done.

"I'm very glad she made that decision," father Mike said. "We never miss a game and we look forward to watching her play."

"I'm very proud of Jordan," Liberty girls soccer coach Ed Benavente said. "I have known her from the beginning as a

freshman. When I saw her, I went to her mother and said she was special. As a coach, I feel good to know that I made a difference."

Moineau decided to play at Stanislaus, a Division II school in Turlock that is coming off a league championship, after a visit with the coaches and players.

"They talked to me about everything, about what goes on during the soccer season and how they liked the school,"

Moineau said. "They wanted me there. It's a good environment there. I felt like I can belong."

Another reason to play at Stanislaus is the opportunity to compete for a starting job at attack in midfield.

"The coach said he could see me starting my first year, which is very good," Moineau said.

Moineau is excited about being able to continue to play the sport she loves.

"I never thought I could do this," Moineau said. "It's going to feel good to play the sport I love and get paid for it. I feel a sense of accomplishment."

"This is very nice," mother Shannon said. "I am very excited to watch her play. The best thing is the team she will play for is a top school."



Liberty Hawks girls soccer player Jordan Moineau (center) prepares to sign her National Letter of Intent to attend California State University, Stanislaus on Feb. 1. From left are Devin Moineau, coach Ed Benavente, Mike Moineau, Jordan, Shannon Moineau and LHS principal Kuljeet Mann

Vision Statement

Golden Valley Unified School District is committed to creating and maintaining an innovative learning community based in excellence.



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Liberty High's Got Talent



Katlyn Berna was a big favorite at the Liberty Talent Show as her singing and guitar work totally silenced the crowd. She went on to place second in the NSL Talent Show, which concluded in February.

By Alexis Newman

Liberty's Talent Show was a great one this year and crowd members were entertained by three dancers, two duets, three singers, a comedy act, a magic act, and a pianist showed off their impressive talents. Justice Yang played "Fate of the Unknown" on the piano with perfect precision. Senior Joe Montio dressed up like Pedro from *Napoleon Dynamite* and busted out the full dance, while the crowd clapped, shouted and

laughed. Joe definitely brought an old movie back to life.

Ashley Weir and Eli Williams played guitars and Ashley sang a song that she wrote herself. Two finalists moved on to the NSL Talent Show: Katlyn Berna, Ashley Weir and Eli Williams, and Justice Yang performed again as a bonus act. Katlyn Berna silenced the crowd and was a big crowd favorite as she sang and played her guitar and placed second in the NSL Talent Show, which concluded in February.



Joe Montijo and Kevin Dakin bring down the house AGAIN as they recreate the dance scene from Napoleon Dynamite as Napoleon and Pedro at the Movie Rally at LHS.

Pennies for Patients Fights Cancer

From Feb. 6 until Feb. 24, Liberty High School started its annual Pennies for Patients penny war, which benefits the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. The goal is to end up with the most amount of pennies. The

winning class gets a pizza party but all involved enjoy the fun and the fact they are helping to save peoples' lives. Liberty's students and staff always try to make a difference for those less fortunate, and have fun doing it.

Challenge Day Pushes Students

By Alexis Newman

On Jan. 24, Liberty High School students got to participate in ASB Leadership-sponsored Challenge Day, which was a day full of meeting and getting comfortable with new people. Students submitted applications to be a part of this "challenge to change," and there was a great turnout with almost 150 students participating.

Participants were brought in, blindfolded, and put next to people they never met. The lights were out and the only senses these people had were smell, sound, and touch. When the lights turned on and the blindfolds were removed, the challenge started.

From then on, the students met many new people, even visiting leadership students from Madera South High School, students had to learn each others names and activities those people enjoyed or disliked. Memorization was a big part of the beginning of the Challenge and later on it became a challenge, to be honest. Once the students were back in the stands, stories were told

about misfortunes of others losing their lives; a young boy taking his own, and the tragedy of Landon Guglielmana who was a Madera South High School student who lost his life in a car accident. Madera South's Activity Director, Julie Larrivee, brought up some tears and memories from her own high school life that all the kids related to.



Liberty High School students are blindfolded and lead into the dark gym as part of the activities in the ASB Leadership-sponsored Challenge Day.

When Larrivee was finished, a game of "Cross the Line" was played to show kids how much their peers are affected by things most kids never knew. Tears were shed and difficult things were realized by all. After Cross the Line, students got into small groups and were challenged to open

up and let out some personal dilemmas of their own. To conclude Challenge Day at Liberty High School, each student was given labels to write to their fellow Challengers and tell them truly honest, helpful, emotional and uplifting comments and stick them on to the person they wrote it for. Every kid walked out of Challenge Day with white labels and a new outlook on their overall lives.

Sadie Hawkins Dance at Liberty

By Alexis Newman

Sadie Hawkins was held on Feb. 4 and was hosted by the freshmen class. Of course, girls asked their dates to the dance and some people did it in big ways, such as short videos in the Movie Rally, signs hung at sporting events and scavenger hunts around

River Park. The theme was Hollywood, and some couples dressed up like Hollywood Couples. Jordan DeChamplain and



From left, Juniors Ryan Mayfield, Eunice Castro, Jordan DeChamplain, Martin Escarcega, Katelyn Berna, Mason Temple, Jocelyn Hernandez and Paul Vandergriff pose for a quick picture at Sadie Hawkins.

Martin Escarcega dressed as Lucy and Ricky from "I Love Lucy," and Eunice Castro and Ryan Mayfield dressed as Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber. The dance was not as highly attendand as usual, but everyone had a nice time. The deejay even played some awesome clean up music as

some students stuck around to end the night with a good deed. Liberty sure knows how to throw a fun themed dance!

In Memoriam**Bill Bailey****November 19, 1935 - January 28, 2012**

Isaac Leo "Bill" Bailey was born Nov. 19, 1935 in Caddo Mills, Texas to Allen "Buck" Bailey and Mattie Lou Bailey. He was an identical twin, sharing his birth with his brother Jim. He passed on to his Savior on Jan. 28, 2012.

Bill was one of nine children and was part of the Bailey family "picking operation" that would find crops to pick and the family, whose children aged from 3 to 17, went to work. In 1944 when Bill was 9 years old, the family settled into Chowchilla where Bill eventually was raised.

Bill graduated Chowchilla High in 1954 and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1956. He met his wife Helen in 1957 and they were married on Nov. 30, 1957.

At the completion of a 4-year stint with the military, Bill was hired as a police officer by the City of Firebaugh. He also worked for the City of Montclair, Calif. but the majority of his law enforcement career was spent with the

Merced Police Department where he rose from the position of Patrolman to Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and finally, Assistant Chief of Police.

Bill was also active in the Masonic Lodge and was a member of the First Assembly of God in Merced and was saved on July 4, 1987 and was then baptized on April 12, 1988 in Merced.

Bill and Helen and were blessed with two girls. Paula Suzanne was born in August 1963, but died shortly after birth and Julee Diane arrived on June 21, 1967.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Helen and his daughter Julee, and his parents Buck and Mattie Lou. He was also preceded by his brothers Joe, Allen "Junior," and sisters Norma Jean, Joy and Florence Lou.

Bill is survived by his brothers Jim and Harlan and his sister Eva Runelle. In addition Bill had many sisters-in-law, grandchildren, nieces and nephews who sorely miss him.

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inspired by the environment such as vineyards and grapes, wine glasses and musical instruments painted on steel, work that has been featured in wineries. With the assistance of her husband Randy, an artist who created a business custom pin striping on cars, has a way with metal and seemingly practical know-how.

"My husband prepares the steel (surfaces) and I paint," Woodard said. By prepare, Woodward cuts and bends the metal and later finishes it with automotive clear - a hard slick chemical that seals and protects the paintings.

Lisa said her husband cuts and bends each piece of stainless steel that forms a canvas. Each sheet is then individually prepared to receive paint and no two are exactly alike. The vivid colors are the result

of generously applied "glass" paint which, according to Woodard, allows light to be reflected off the stainless steel canvas providing surprising depth and intense color. After the final strokes, the piece is sanded, cleared, then cut and polished to a beautiful, permanent shine.

Damore describes the work as "impressive." It should be no surprise that Damore himself has an interest in art and the work of artists. He attended the Phoenix Institute of Art to study sculpture, fine art and graphics and is enthusiastic about promoting something that he himself is passionate about. He is also making plans to show his work at his shop in the future having already sold painted wine classes over Christmas.

The Coffee Spot is at 37164 Avenue 12 next to Subway. For information call 645-1225.

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certain breakfast cereal boxes have these small coupons on them. They are worth 10 cents each when a school sends them in to the company. If you haven't been cutting them or tearing them out, please start doing so and turn them in to any Golden Valley Unified School. You don't have to have a child at the school to help out the school. This is much needed extra money for the school and doesn't cost you anything but a little time to collect the coupons.

When I was on the Golden Valley School Board I bought I tee shirt from each school with the school logo on it. For the eight years that I served on the board I tried to visit each of our schools at least once a month or more to see if things were going alright. I would try to wear that school's tee shirt to show my support. I now have a closet full of school tee shirts with school logos on them. I will be giving these tee shirts back to the schools as I am cleaning out closets. Maybe someone at the schools

can use them.

Liberty High School's senior class will be graduating on Thursday, May 31 this year. I was talking to Randy Bailey, the owner and publisher/editor of our local Ranchos Independent paper, the other day and found out that he is the chairman of the graduating senior class Sober Grad Night this year. This is an important event for our senior class. It is held on the night of graduation. It keeps our senior class safe and off of the roads and even gives them a chance to win a car to start this next phase of their life. Folks, Randy needs help to get prizes and money to put on this event for our students. He will also need help on the night of the event to man the various games that keep the students busy and having fun that night. If you can help, stop by the Chamber of Commerce office and tell them, "Yes, I will help with the Sober Grad event." Randy and the students will thank you. When it is for our school students our community members always come through. Before you know it another school year will be over.

Want a Vintage V-Twin?

How about for 10 Bucks?

The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce is having a drawing for a vintage Suzuki 800 Intruder V-Twin, donated by SEMCU. Drawing tickets are only \$10 apiece. You can see the bike at the Annual Crab Feed on March 9. The bike will be awarded at Flatlanders Day. You may buy as many tickets as you like and they are available at the Chamber office. Call 645-4001 for more information and good luck!

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Kiwanis Korner**Ranchos Kiwanis Plan 2012**

By Perry Watkins

“Kiwanis international is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child one community at a time.”

Our members have been busy all month planning for the year ahead. This takes some careful consideration, as there are many worthwhile groups who might benefit from our efforts. There are a great many deserving groups and individuals and a very limited pool of resources in our tiny organization. We are looking to do the most good and therefore try to get the most “bang for our buck” as the old colloquialism goes.

We, as always, try to keep our endeavors local and focus our efforts on helping the children of our community first and foremost. We will continue our history of bringing scholarships to Liberty High and awards of recognition to the other schools in our area. We are excited about continuing our lasting relationship with area Scout groups, Fire Station 19 Explorers, and Cadets. We are always looking at ways to benefit school groups, sport teams and our own Kiwanis Youth Groups. An award was approved for “The Torch of Excellence” to recognize outstanding students at Liberty High.

We are looking forward to a return visit and a program update from the Virtual Enterprise program at Liberty high School. This very worthwhile class room experience provides virtual business planning, implementation, budgeting, and outcome evaluation in order to prepare students for real world business practices. We have had the pleasure of witnessing the improvement and growth of students who have participated in this program previously.

Considerable time has been devoted to our annual fund raisers. It is challenging to design events that will be fun for the community, family friendly, affordable and effective without stepping on the toes of other groups and events which are already on the community calendar. We are excited about some of the events after carefully editing and redesigning and imagineering activities for the coming year. We are considering a new event for the fall involving a pet parade. Our pets are such important parts of our lives, many of us consider them to be full-fledged members of the family. How can we not show them off? You can expect a return of a Mayors Race, though it may kick off instead of ending with Flatlanders Day, May 12. The winning Mayor is to be announced at a later date. RANCHOS NEEDS A MAYOR. We will also continue

some of our customary events like fireworks in July.

Although we do the vast majority of our good work right here at home. We also intend to participate in the planning of Kiwanis International Goals. Our parent organization is making a 25 year plan for international service. Currently, international projects help children right here in the U.S.A. as well as Canada, and further broad in Congo Africa and Guatemala. Projects may prevent illness or pestilence, provide education and supportive services, or help to eliminate disease. Our next District meeting will be May 3 in Monterey, Calif.

This year we intent to honor members of our community who have done so much for the Ranchos who were also tied in some way to our local Kiwanis. We will honor Dale Lucas, Merven Vick and the Bryan and Kathy Lee family in memory of Karson Bryan Lee. Current and ongoing scholarship awards will be made in each of their names. Each award will be made for a purpose near and dear to the hearts of those we remember. The Dale Lucas award will be made to a student who demonstrates plans and preparation for military service.

We would like to thank Carla Hart for her contributions in these pages during the past years as well as her efforts serving on Kiwanis Board of Directors. We hope circumstances favor her return at a later date.

Kiwanis exists solely for the purpose of making a difference in the lives of others, particularly children. We are looking for people at least 18 years old who are interested in serving the community, making new friends, and having fun with a purpose. If you are interested, contact President John Glueck at 559-706-5215. We meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:45 a.m. at The Coffee Spot and every Thursday thereafter at 6:30 p.m. at the Ranchos Pizza Factory. Come join us at a meeting for fun and fellowship and see what being a Kiwanian is all about.

www.ranchoskiwanis.com

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A Flipside to Facebook: Captured!

A Nevada woman wanted in Long Beach, L.A. County, San Bernardino and San Diego is no longer a fugitive after someone spotted her photo on Facebook.

Twenty-eight-year-old Andrea Beavers, aka “Diamond Beavers,” is now in custody – captured in Coarsegold on Feb. 10.

Beavers, who uses nearly a dozen aliases, was wanted on a \$500,000 warrant in San Bernardino, \$100,000 warrant in Long Beach, a \$26,000 warrant in L.A. County and a \$10,000 warrant in San Diego, all for prostitution.

The Madera County Sheriff’s Department was notified on the 10th that Beavers could be found in Coarsegold, information that surfaced when the tipster saw her picture posted on the popular social networking site.

Within half an hour of receiving that call, Sergeant Tyson Pogue and Deputy Brandon Harlow tracked Beavers down at a home on Crystal Springs Way located in Yosemite Lakes Park.

Andrea Beavers now sits behind bars in Madera County Department of Corrections awaiting extradition.

Senior Report**Ranchos/Hills Senior Reminders**

By Verlaine Elinburg

The Department of health comes periodically to the center for free checkups. The screenings include: Personal health history review, blood pressure and blood sugar test, nutrition and health education and a low-cost blood test is available. The health screenings are for 50 and above and for referrals to medical providers and community services 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. and a suggested price for 60 years and older is \$1.75. Reservations are needed 24 hours in advance prior to 11 a.m. so remember to call Joann at 645-4864.

We have a growing exercise program being held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fri-

days at 10 a.m. The participants are getting more than just exercise by attending. They have fun, share laughs and meet new friends and get updates on their fellow members and get current news and updates on what is happening at the Center. There is room for you and you may attend all three days or just one or two of them. New to the agenda is Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. with a variety of card games to be enjoyed. Come and learn some new games.

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 or find additional copies at the Ranchos Market, Hurst Hardware and at many of the businesses on Avenue 12. The Farmers Market at the center has a variety of vegetables and fruits; jams and jellies are available and the Boutique has many “on the spot” gift items.

Madera Ranchos/Southeast Madera County
COMMUNITY CALENDAR
BROUGHT TO YOU BY SEMCU AND THE GOLDEN VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

March 9	Annual Crab Feed	Chamber of Commerce
April 7	Home and Garden Festival	Ranchos/Hills Seniors
May TBA	Ranchos Farmer’s Market (at Hurst Hardware)	Chamber of Commerce
May 12	Flatlander’s Day	Chamber of Commerce
May 18	Friday Night @ the Movies	SEMCU
– Aug 17	(at Maywood Center)	
May 31	LHS Graduation and Sober Grad	Sober Grad Committee
June 2	SEMCU Swap Meet	SEMCU
Aug 18	Fireman’s BBQ Dinner	Station 19
Sep 8	SEMCU Swap Meet	SEMCU
Oct 6	October Feast	SEMCU
		Chamber of Commerce
Dec 7	Christmas Tree Lighting	Chamber of Commerce

To add items to the Community Calendar contact the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce at 645-4001 or SEMCU at 363-9095. Items must be submitted AT LEAST one month in advance and are subject to editing.

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a medium bowl and mix by hand. Set aside.

Preheat a 10 inch crepe pan (or frying pan) over medium heat. When the pan is hot, add about 1/2 tsp. butter. When the butter has melted, pour 1/3 C batter into pan. Swirl the batter so that it entirely covers the bottom of the pan. Cook for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or until golden brown on bottom. Slip a spatula under the crepe and using your fingers, flip the crepe over, and cook for another 1 1/2 minutes until not quite as brown as the other side. Repeat this until all batter is used. Stack the crepes on

top of each other to keep them warm.

Heat the cheese filling in the microwave for a minute or two or until hot. Place each crepe on a plate. Pour 2 or 3 T of cheese filling across the center of the crepe. Fold the sides in and turn the entire blintz over (seam side down) onto a serving plate. Serve with a dollop of sour cream and a spoon of strawberry preserves. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Before I close, I want to remind you of the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce Crab Feed coming up on the 9th of March. It's their big fundraiser for the year. Come to the Dante Club and support the Chamber!

LEGAL NOTICE

“MADERA COUNTY HAS DECLARED THAT THE GROWTH AND ACCUMULATION OF WEEDS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY POSES A FIRE SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH RISK AND THEREFORE HAS DECLARED WEEDS A SEASONAL AND RECURRING NUISANCE. THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ABATE SUCH NUISANCE LIES WITH THE INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNER. THIS YEAR THIS NUISANCE MUST BE ABATED ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2012.”

Due to the weed regrowth and the continual hazard throughout the summer HAZARD ABATEMENT MUST BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE FIRE SEASON. This may require REDISCING/HAZARD ABATEMENT MORE THAN ONCE AS WEEDS AND HAZARDS MAY RETURN.

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Picture This

Your third grader comes home and says, “Mommy! I’m student of the week! I get to bring a picture board from when I was a baby until now!”

Or, how about, “Dad and Mom, I’m engaged!” Suddenly you’re envisioning envelopes, bags and boxes of photos in closets and drawers from which you’ll need to pull pictures of the bride for the reception slide show.

If organizing your photos, or even finding what you need for a picture board, seems like

an overwhelming task remember it’s just like eating an elephant ... it must be done one bite at a time.

Here are the Organized By Choice four C’s of photo organizing:

Collect – Retrieve your photos from wherever they have landed in closets and drawers and place them into temporary storage bins or boxes.

Categorize – Sort the photos into three categories:

- **Album** – the best of the best (top 20%) that you’ll want to display

- **Archive** – important photos to be stored in photo-safe boxes and/or digitized

- **Abandon** – Discard doubles, blurry photos, unflattering photos, landscape and buildings

Create – Choose a method to display your album quality pics

- **Traditional photo albums** with sleeves to slip photos into

- **Scrap books** – you might even find a scrapbooking enthusiast to hire for this job

- **Photo books** – photos must first be digitized and then uploaded into photo book templates online; the result is a hardback photo

book. My daughter did her wedding album this way and it turned out beautifully! (www.blurb.com, www.shutterfly.com, Costco Photo Center)

Containerize – Sort remaining important photos by year and containerize in photo safe storage and/or digitize

- **Photo boxes (shoebox size)** – these stack nicely and can be labeled on the front with the year or event; \$2.50/box when on sale at Michael’s

- **Check stores** with scrapbooking supplies for larger photo-safe storage containers

Our photos tell a story and preserve memories. In addition to creating albums and containerizing your precious pics, I highly recommend digitizing them. You can protect and preserve them by scanning and placing them on a disc. Keep a duplicate with a friend or family member in case of fire.

This is also essential to preserve home movies that are currently on 8mm film, Super 8 film, or VHS. For all your photo, slide and movie digitizing I recommend locally owned Make Edits at www.MakeEdits.com or 559-343-3444.

Now with digital cameras, organizing photos on the computer is another priority. Creating the proper folders is essential. I recommend starting with a folder per year and then create interior folders for specific events (trips, birthdays, Christmas, etc.). There are exceptions to that rule for pictures from various years that you want to store together (reunions, club or church photos, etc.). Transferring your photos directly from your camera into these folders will make for easy retrieval when looking for a specific picture. Don’t forget to back up your photos on discs and keep them in a protected place.

If your photos are feeling more like a burden than a blessing, picture yourself enjoying a new photo book or album and start today by putting a date on your calendar to **Collect, Categorize, Create,** and **Containerize** your prized possessions.

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, email her at info@organizedby-choice.com, visit her website www.organizedby-choice.com or she can be reached by phone at 559-871-3314.

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posse of high-priced lawyers, lobbyists, and PR operatives to produce such attacks. Now they have enlisted other rich gaming tribes and outside anti-gaming mercenaries to try to stop the project.

These outsiders aren't working for the good of Madera. They are paid opponents hired by tribes who already have casinos. They are also distorting the truth.

Their negative attack ads have twisted the history of the Madera project beyond recognition. They claim that a Las Vegas developer bought land in Madera and then "recruited" our tribe. In fact, we selected Station Casinos as a recognized leader in the industry known for exceptional worker and community relations. We selected Station—not the other way around—and then authorized them to secure an option for our proposed site.

The attack ads also suggest we are going against the will of the people of Madera and somehow skirting the law by "reservation shopping." This is not true.

Maderans twice voted to support Indian gaming as a tool for tribal self-sufficiency and good gov-

ernance. Chery Schmit, a leading gambling opponent, is on record as far back as 2006 in a statement regarding the Madera/North Fork, saying: "This is not reservation shopping... This is the state exercising its authority to locate gaming where it is wanted."

We are following the precise process that Congress established in 1988 to provide tribes who do not have a land base, such as North Fork, the same opportunity to engage in tribal governmental gaming that Chukchansi and its rich allies now enjoy. This process is the only way left to us to develop economically so that we, like the opposing tribes, can take care of our citizens and communities.

We have followed the very rigorous process of qualifying these lands, satisfying every level of federal approval.

This is not "reservation shopping" at all, but rather "responsible development" that works in the best mutual interest of both Tribe and community. Once completed, the casino will be on "Indian lands" in full accordance with all state and federal laws. It will also generate nearly 4,500 jobs as well as \$100 million annually in economic output and \$5 million in community funding.

The U.S. Interior Department's positive determination of September 2011 confirmed that the proposed Madera/North Fork casino would be "beneficial to the Tribe" and "not detrimental to the local community." The decision also highlighted the Tribe's historical connection to the site and strong local community support.

We eagerly await Governor Brown's signature which would follow his predecessor in support of the Madera/North Fork project.

So, why do some wealthy tribes distort the truth? Simple—we are close to final approval and they fear competition.

In opposing the project to the Madera Board of Supervisors, Chukchansi Tribal Chairman Morris Reid revealed their fears that a Madera casino would "cut the artery to [Chukchansi]."

Yet a former spokesperson for our project (Doug Elmets) who now works for the opposing gaming tribes, dismissed such claims back in 2004, saying the opposition was: "simply focused on maintaining a monopoly. What North Fork believes is that a synergy can be created among the casinos that are in the Central Valley so that it creates a tourist destination."

The North Fork Tribe has pursued Indian gaming in a constructive, transparent, and collaborative manner with a singular purpose: to build a robust local economy and respectful, effective, self-sufficient modern tribal government.

As we near final approval of our project, negative attacks from other gaming tribes will likely increase. We know opponents have already committed millions of dollars trying to stall or derail our project—money that could otherwise go to their tribal citizens or communities.

But we're confident that the people of Madera County will keep in mind the goals of the project and its potential to help all citizens of Madera County.

We have always been and will remain good neighbors and citizens of Madera County. The North Fork project is the result of careful planning and approval on the local, state, and federal levels and will produce a project that will benefit us all without serious harm to Chukchansi or any other tribe's economic interest.

Ms. Elaine Bethel-Fink
Tribal Chair, North Fork Rancheria

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3. Take That
4. Roger Waters
5. Taylor Swift
6. Kenny Chesney
7. Usher
8. Lady Gaga
9. Andre Rieu
10. Sade

* gross earnings
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SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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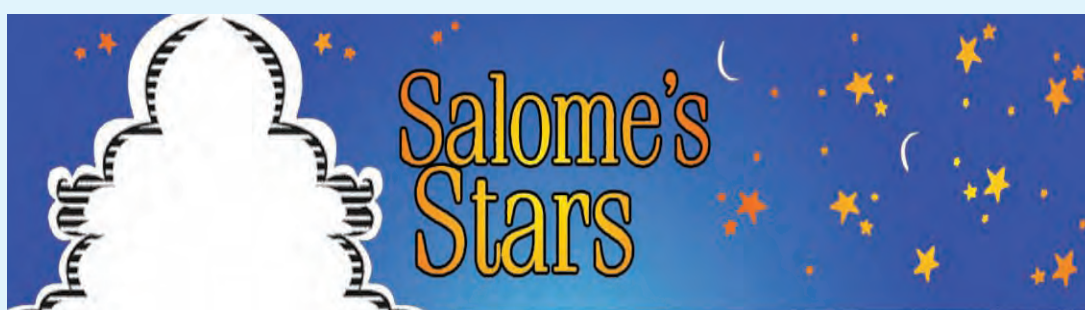
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ideas are finally reaching those who can appreciate them. But don't expect any immediate reactions. That will come later. Meanwhile, a personal matter needs your attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don't wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. Once you act, there'll be little or no wiggle room for any adjustments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters improve, but you still need to be cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leonine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's nice to know that you're finally getting due credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending decision could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under. Consider letting someone help you see it through.

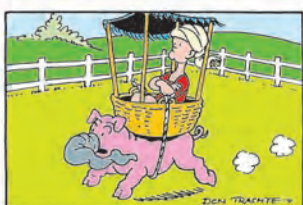
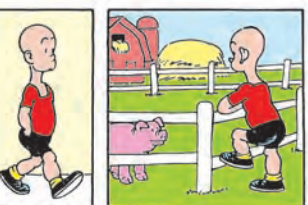
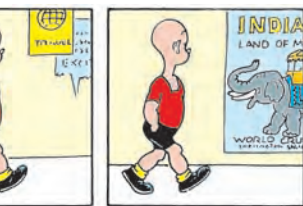
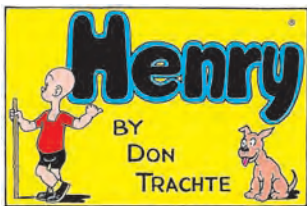
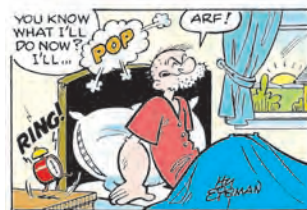
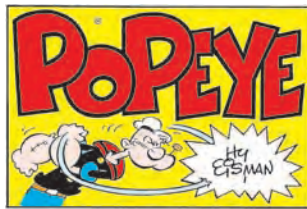
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

Born this Week

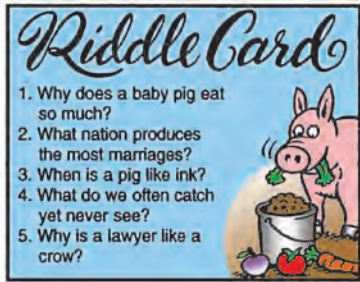
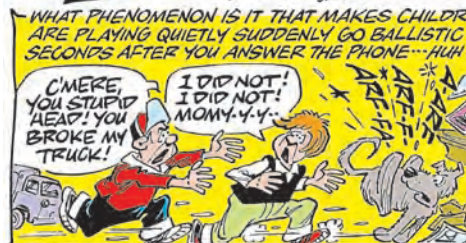
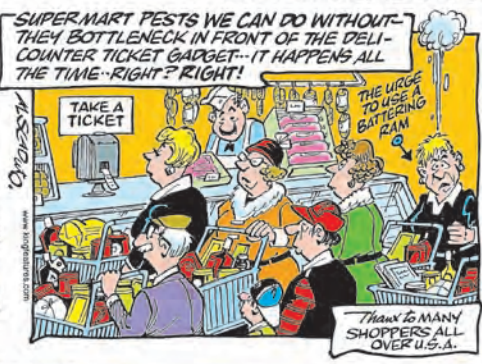
You enjoy traveling and meeting people. You are especially good with children and would make an excellent teacher.

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Riddle Card
 1. Why does a baby pig eat so much?
 2. What nation produces the most marriages?
 3. When is a pig like ink?
 4. What do we often catch yet never see?
 5. Why is a lawyer like a crow?

Answers: 1. To make a hog of himself. 2. Fascination. 3. When you put it in a pen. 4. A passing remark. 5. Because he likes to have his cause (caws) heard.

DON'T GET SNOWED! To solve this problem, replace the letters in the AlphaMath problem pictured with the digits 1 through 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. See if you can get a higher total than we did.
 Our Answer: S=8, N=4, O=3, W=2, P=7, L=5, C=1, E=9, A=6, B=8, R=3, T=1, I=2, D=9
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GET A GRIP ON THIS PUZZLE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in grid B.

GRID A				GRID B			
S	N	O	W	T	I	R	E
N	O	W		I	R	E	
O	W			R	E		
W				E			

Answers: 1. Seal-leas. 2. Snit-lins. 3. Tict-tot. 4. Anew-wans.
 1. Like a chair.
 2. A state of irritation.
 3. Faster than a walk.
 4. To start again.

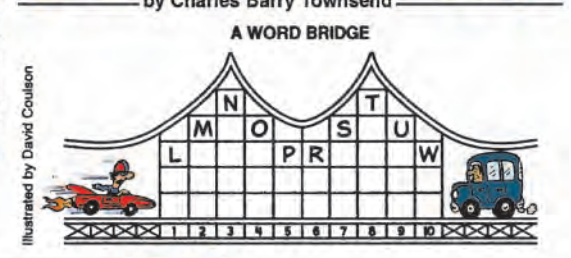
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Junior Whirl



The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each, plus plenty of hints.

1. A garland of flowers.
2. A tailless cat.
3. Sound of a horse.
4. To flow out slowly.
5. A type of nose shape.
6. Slang for marvelous.
7. A fortuneteller.
8. A female domestic cat.
9. Native American people.
10. A trap.

TRIVIA TEST

- By Fifi Rodriguez
1. TELEVISION: What was the theme song of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"?
 2. MUSIC: What rock group was featured in the documentary "The Kids Are Alright"?
 3. MYTHOLOGY: In Norse mythology, who were the Norns?
 4. MOVIES: Actress Shirley MacLaine played a nun in which movie?
 5. CARTOONS: What were the names of Daisy Duck's nieces?
 6. MEDICINE: Who discovered that yellow fever was transmitted by mosquitoes?
 7. LITERATURE: What was the first novel written by Raymond Chandler?
 8. AD SLOGANS: What company advised motorists to "trust your car to the star"?
 9. ANATOMY: What is a human being's normal body temperature in Celsius?
 10. GEOGRAPHY: The tiny principality of Andorra borders which two European countries?

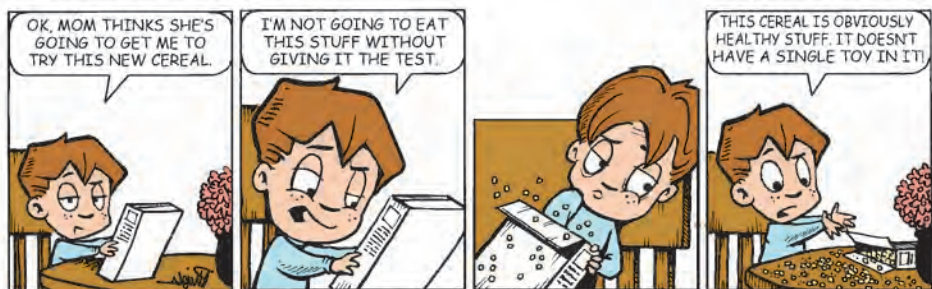
Answers

1. "Love Is All Around"
2. The Who
3. Norse goddesses of fate
4. "Two Mules for Sister Sara"
5. April, May and June
6. Dr. Walter Reed
7. "The Big Sleep"
8. Texaco
9. 37.0
10. Spain and France

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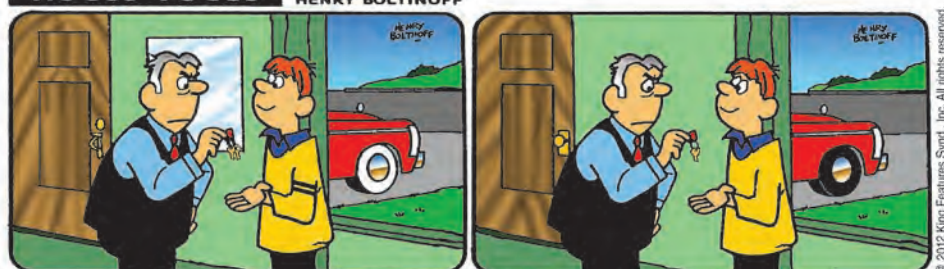
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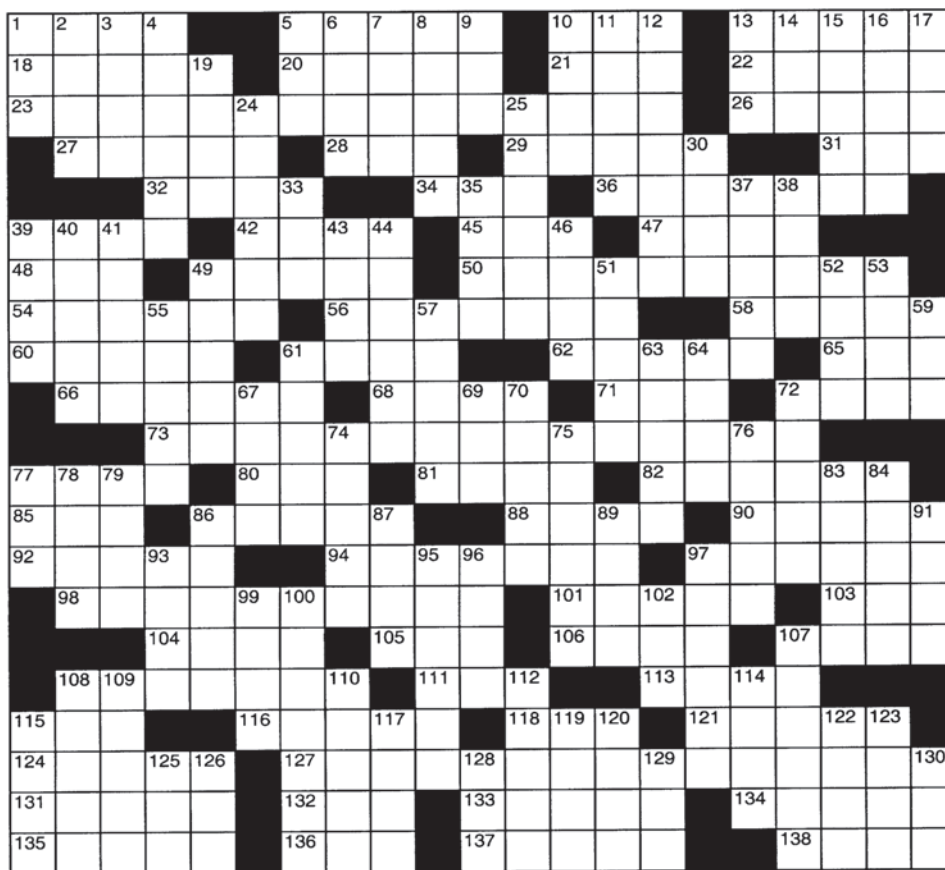
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Tree is black. 2. Shrubs have been added. 3. Sweater has no stripes. 4. One key is missing. 5. Door knob is different. 6. Wall is bare.

Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Thieves
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