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*Madera Ranchos teen cyclist
Kieran Devere travelled north to
Santa Rosa and Davis and came
back the Junior State
Criterium Champion and
California State Time
Trial Champion.*



Photo Courtesy of John Devere

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Flag Barn Volunteers and Fans Raise Flag on July 4



Vietnam Veteran Tom Baum, left, was instrumental in getting the flag barn repaired and was on hand at the flag raising on July 4.



The red, white and blue are hoisted as the repaired flag barn looks on.



Fans of the flag barn stopped by on the morning of July 4 to celebrate the barn's renaissance, observe the flag raising and snap a picture for the memory book.

By Christi McKinney

On the morning of July 4, a caravan of bikers and veterans joined volunteers, friends and family on the northeast corner of Avenue 12 and Freeway 41 to watch a heartwarming flag raising ceremony. Veterans who were instrumental in organizing, working on and overseeing the restoration of the "Old Glory" flag barn felt the installation of a flag pole and the flying of an American flag was an appropriate finishing touch to the corner on which the flag barn sits. They chose the 4th of July to raise the flag for the first time. It was a very simple but extremely heartfelt ceremony.

"Ready! Salute! I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America ..."

Within moments the flag was fluttering in the wind. Horns honked and people waved from every direction in appreciation of the new addition to the property and to show their appreciation and thanks as travelers made their way up the hill to enjoy the holiday.

Just a few months ago the flag barn was a mess after being hit by high winds last winter. After being touched by a story he read here in the Ranchos Independent, resident and Vietnam Veteran Tom Baum took it upon himself to contact the McCaffreys, the owners of the property and the barn, to see how he could help. After a few meetings to work out the details Baum was given permission to begin restoring the barn. With each day that passed more people arrived to help. Countless veterans and

volunteers generously gave their time and talents. Baum was joined by McCaffrey Homes, their trade contractors and vendors who all generously helped. While many companies donated supplies and materials, two notable donations came from Borga Steel Buildings and Components and Home Depot. Individuals even stopped to offer cash donations which were designated to go to the Wounded Warrior Fund.

"It was our hope to have the flag barn restored by the Fourth of July and we are so pleased to see the job completed," said Robert McCaffrey. "We extend our appreciation to the community members and the veteran volunteers who helped with the ef-

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Local Craigslist Job Scam Found

Sheriff John Anderson is warning job seekers to beware of a scam that has surfaced on Craigslist.

An Oakhurst woman, looking for employment as an in-home caregiver, found herself dialoguing with a man who almost duped her out of nearly \$3,000 in cash.

After answering the ad, and advised that she had been hired, she received a check in the mail in the amount of \$2,650. She was to deposit the check, keep \$600 as her first salary and send the rest back to a "realtor" in Florida who would then send her the key to the home she would be visiting. When she attempted to deposit the check in her local bank, the teller of that bank warned her that it appeared to be a scam.

In response the potential victim notified the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Anderson says there are

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Meth Trafficker gets Conviction

On Thursday, July 5 a Superior Court jury convicted 32-year-old Firebaugh resident, Manuel Miranda, of two felony counts for trafficking methamphetamine in Madera, according to Michael R. Keitz, District Attorney for Madera County. Miranda was charged with conspiring to sell methamphetamine and possession of it for sale, transportation of more than one kilogram, and an additional misdemeanor count for possession of a vehicle with a false compartment.

During the trial, Deputy District Attorney Mary Thornton introduced evidence that the Madera County Narcotics Enforcement Team and the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation received a tip that Miranda was involved in narcotics trafficking.



Manuel Miranda is looking at 11 years in prison for trafficking meth in Madera County

On Nov. 3, 2011, they commenced surveillance of Miranda in Firebaugh and followed him to Bakersfield. When he was there, he picked up a car with a false compartment and 7 ½ pounds of methamphetamine and drove it to Madera. The officers then obtained search warrants and recovered the methamphetamine, \$7,500 in cash and a scale used to weigh large quantities of drugs.

Following the jury verdict, sentencing for Miranda was set for August 2, 2012 in Madera Superior Court Department 1. Because he has previously suffered a robbery conviction under

California's Three Strikes Law, and because of the large quantity of methamphetamine in his possession, he could receive more than 11 years in state prison.

Ranchos Teen State Champ



Madera Ranchos teen cyclist Kieran Devere, center, was crowned the new California State Criterium Champion and California State Time Trial Champion.

Kieran Devere, a teenager from the Madera Ranchos, was very busy this spring training and racing her bike, mainly competing in triathlons. But she decided to branch out and started racing her bike more, primarily to help develop and enhance her cycling skills for the bike portion of many of the triathlons she competes in annually. Her bike racing led her to Santa Rosa in northern California on May 28 where she competed in the United States Cycling Federation's California State Junior Criterium Championships. The Junior State Criterium Championships were an ancillary lead up event for the Amgen Tour of California.

The Criterium is a bike race that pits riders against each other on a closed circuit course which usually is under a mile in length and cyclists are required to do a designated num-

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Save the Date Octoberfest Festival

SEMCU will be hosting its inaugural Octoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 6 in the Ranchos. This will be a fun event for the whole family and a great way for the Community to come together. There will be a carnival, booths, raffle, music and food for everyone to enjoy. More information to come.

Click on "Local News" at

Stolen Credit Card Linked to Central California Identity Theft Ring

The Madera County Sheriff's office believes a stolen credit card used to rent a room in Oakhurst may be connected to an identity theft ring operating in Central California.

The Sheriff's Office believes there may be as many as half a dozen suspects connected to this case, one of whom is believed to be 31-year-old Corey James Smith, AKA Corey James Sahagian-Smith, of Fresno. He has brown hair, blue eyes, weighs about 180

pounds and stands 6 feet tall.

Early on the morning of July 9, a hotel clerk in Oakhurst rented a room to a man and a woman. The woman was described as being in her mid-30's, dark skinned (possibly Hispanic), medium build, standing roughly 5 feet 7 inches tall with short dark hair and tattoos on her arms. The man was described as being in his mid-30's, white, standing about 6 feet tall and weighing between 180 and 200 pounds. He had light

colored, wavy shoulder-length hair and was unshaven.

Starting at around 6:30 a.m., witnesses in the area started to see people entering and leaving the hotel room. Two males were seen delivering property to the room. The same two males were also seen driving in an older black truck with California license plate 7Z99808. The driver of that truck was

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"The hotel clerk discovered the card used to rent the room had been stolen after he received a call from the victim who resides in Maryland. It had also been discovered that purchases were made on that same card at a gas station and a donut shop."

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First, Do No Harm: *Good Advice*



By Christopher Green

Oh, the wisdom of Hippocrates.

How was it that he understood ethics in a way that today's liberal politicians, media and academics are unable to comprehend?

Primum non nocere, meaning first, do no harm, is a medical aphorism loosely derived from the Hippocratic oath set forth in ancient Greece over 2,500 years ago. This simple maxim is based on the idea that no matter how much humans think they know, decisions in real life are made with incomplete information and imperfectly executed by flawed human beings. If doctors, therefore, are to act ethically, they must first protect the rights of the helpless against further harm. They should only take an action if there is a compelling reason to do so; for the unintended consequences of any action taken to heal may end up causing more harm than good. In other words, good intentions mean nothing.

The patient on the operating table is the Body Politic of America. It is being dissected and assaulted daily by laws and regulations that skirt or exceed constitutional limits and damage the rights and property of some citizens simply to advance the demands of others. The politicians operating on this patient are like a well-intentioned emergency room intern who after stabilizing the accident victim decides to go beyond his authority and "improve" the victim by performing plastic surgery, without realizing that after numerous incisions, the patient had lost so much blood she is now in need of life support.

For generations our government has inflicted social experimentation upon America. Aside from the social impacts, faith in America and its future is predictably disappearing because even advances in technology to improve our material lives can no longer keep up with increasingly invasive and incompetent governance that is destroying not just the spirit of the nation but its economic foundation.

The high-speed rail is a spectacular tribute to the hubris of unethical liberal politicians pushing a system that will slice the length of our state at ruinous expense and creating wealth for a few; multitudes of losers all along its path and a legacy of debt for our children. Thankfully, local elected officials in Madera City and County governments have now collectively resolved to first, do no harm and to oppose high-speed rail as an abuse of state power and an outrage against ethics and common sense.

Madera Chapter Tea Party Meetings

For the July meeting Sheriff John Anderson spoke on the State of the County and Rural America. Also Don Jans gave a speech and proposed the question: "Is the Fundamental Transformation promised by Obama the same one outlined by Karl Marx?" Jans also presented his book, *My Grandchildren's America*. Please check out his website at www.mygrandchildrensamerica.com if you missed this informative meeting.

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 instead of the many untruths that are consistently spread throughout the mainstream media.

The next meeting is Aug. 20 and we are proud to present Congressman Tom McClintock. This is a meeting you won't want to miss. McClintock is an impressive speaker and because of his busy schedule it took four months to have him visit us.

Madera Chapter meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at VFW Hall, 2026 Granada Drive in Madera. Meeting dates can be confirmed on our Central Valley Tea Party website at www.centralvalleyteaparty.com for scheduled speakers and their topics of discussion.

For comments or questions contact Madera Ranchos Tea Party Coordinator John Smedley by e-mail at jsmedley@comcast.net or call him at 559-645-7031. You may also contact Madera Tea Party Coordinator Rick Farinelli by e-mail at richardfarinelli@sbcglobal.net or call him at 559-706-5386.

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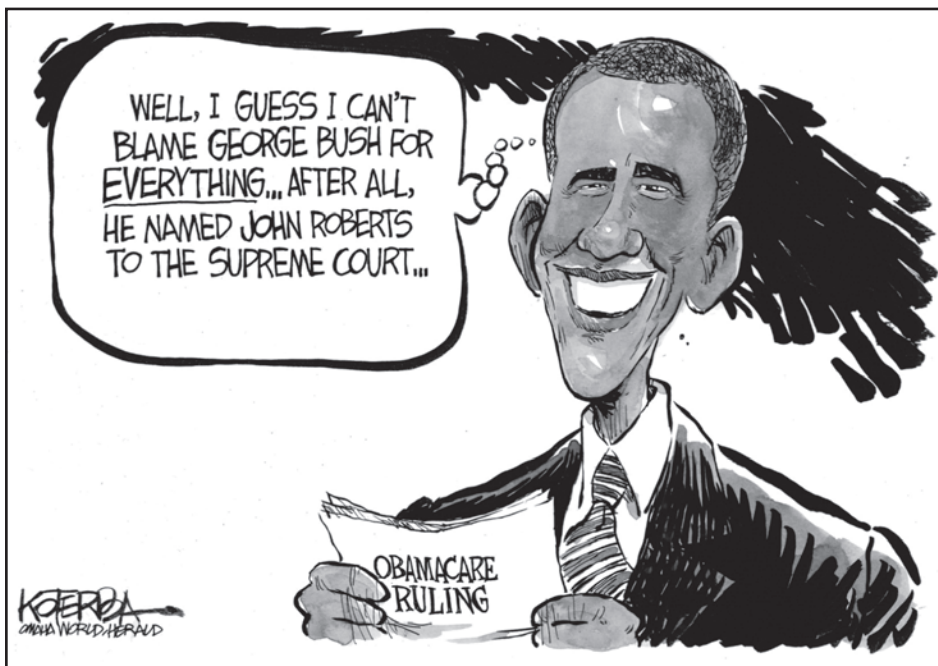
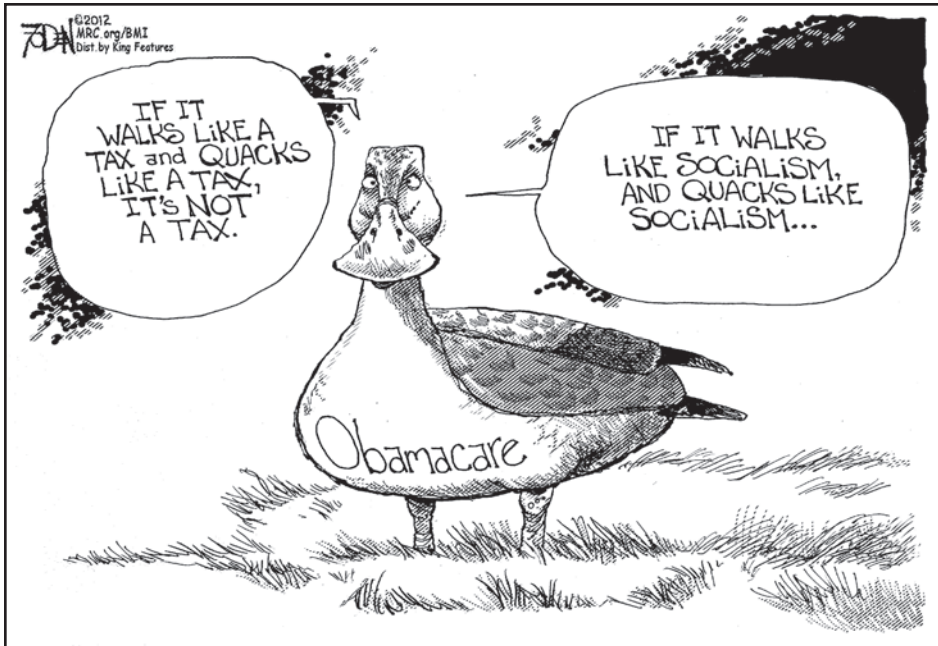
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Editorial

Are You Better Off?

By Randy Bailey

Larry Sabato is the director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics and is one of the nation's most respected and accurate election predictors. He has a website called Sabato's Crystal Ball where this week he published an analysis of the upcoming election by Alan Abramowitz, an Emory University professor and Crystal Ball senior columnist. Abramowitz uses something he's created called the "Time for Change" forecasting model which concludes, according to Sabato, "... the changes to the model, and its conclusions, provide more evidence that at this point the presidential election's outcome is very much in doubt." Ultimately, Abramowitz says victory will depend on which party does a better job of mobilizing its supporters and appealing to a small group of swing voters in a handful of battleground states.

The "Time for Change" model is based on three key areas: 1. President Obama's final June Gallup Poll approval rate; 2. The change in real second quarter GDP in this election year and; 3. The advantage given to an incumbent president. This model has successfully predicted the winner of the popular vote in the last five presidential elections.

There's something new that Abramowitz has had to factor in this time around, and he's calling it the "po-

larization effect," which is an unwillingness to cross party lines to vote for a candidate from the opposing party. This cuts Obama's "incumbency advantage" in half and ...

Wait a minute.

Are you kidding me?

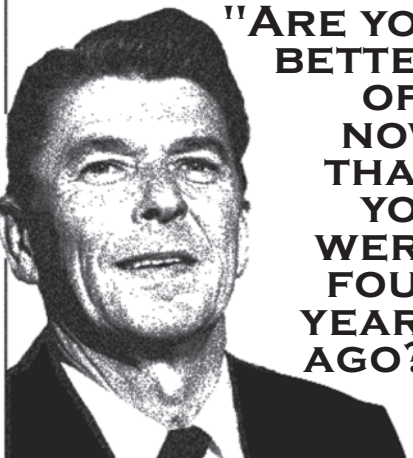
I'm no Luddite. I appreciate technology and advances in science that can help us improve our lowly lot in life. If Abramowitz's model has nailed it for the last five elections, there must be something there -- but what I think I'm most disturbed by is what the "there" is.

At the end of the first term of the Jimmy Carter debacle, candidate Ronald Reagan asked a simple question: "Are you better off now than you were four years ago? Is it easier for you to go and buy things in the stores than it was four years ago? Is there more or less unemployment in the country than there was four years ago? Is America as respected throughout the world as it was? Do you feel that our security is as safe, that we're as strong as we were four years ago? And if you answer all of those questions 'yes,' why then, I think your choice is very obvious as to whom you will vote for. If you don't agree, if you don't think that this course that we've been on for the last four years is what you would like to see us follow for the next four, then I could suggest another choice that you have." A reflective voting populace stopped, thought about it and basically said, "Hell no!" and Reagan won by a landslide.

George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." I find it hard to believe, with the exception of the hard Left that is so consumed by the "don't confuse me with facts" mentality that absolutely nothing can get through to them, that if a majority of Americans were asked Ronald Reagan's question today that their answer would be anything but, "No ... I'm NOT doing as well as I was four years ago."

Like Reagan said, if this is the best that we can do for ourselves and our children and our communities, then your choice of who to vote for is obvious. However, this would be a real good time to remember the past.

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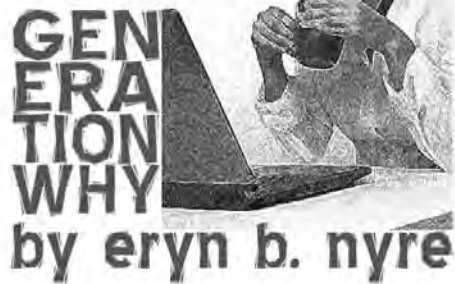
Just How Independent are You?

Evidently all it takes to be considered independent is the simple act of moving out of your parents' house. Mundane details such as whether or not you earn your own money and use it to pay your own bills and put food in your refrigerator no longer have any business in the equation. As long as your address doesn't match that of good ol' Mom and Pop, you are hereby officially independent.

I was recently discussing this very phenomenon with a woman of just this mindset. She doesn't work, she relies on the county to pay her rent, buy her groceries, supply day-care for her child and cover tuition for her to go to school. If not for the tax payers her son would be in foster care and she would be living

in a box somewhere in the shady part of town. Yet she was boasting about being independent, while simultaneously complaining about people who live off their parents and women who live off the fathers of their children. Her entire identity is wrapped up in the delusion that being on welfare doesn't make you dependent. What might you call it then? Be-

cause not being able to make your rent payment without a check from the government, not being able to put groceries in the house without that special card also issued by the government all points a big fat foam finger to a state of dependence. The fact that you moved out of your parents' basement does absolutely nothing to absolve you of that. I, for one, wish she did still live with her parents or her son's father. Let them absorb some of the burden currently hoisted on an unsuspecting public. This, of course, is exactly what I said to her when she prattled on about being inde-



pendent and not the kind of person who mooches off her mother and father. No, you just mooch of me and all the other tax payers. And like so many others I have talked to in similar situations, she had absolutely nothing to say to that, she simply sat and stared at me, mouth agape, eyes wide. How could I, someone who is currently helping to foot the

My beef here is with perception. Regardless of whether you are an honest recipient that needs a little help for a short amount of time, or a sneaky, underhanded thief that is defrauding the system and robbing money from the pocketbooks of hardworking Americans, either way, don't close your eyes to your own situation. If you aren't earning your own paycheck and using that to pay your bills, then you are not independent.

bill for the social programs she is taking advantage of, make such a statement, such a judgment?

First, it is not a judgment. Many Americans acknowledge that we clearly have a welfare problem in this county, and further, an issue with welfare fraud that needs serious attention. My beef here is with perception. Regardless of whether you are an honest recipient that needs a little help for a short amount of time, or a sneaky, underhanded thief that is defrauding the system and robbing money from the pocketbooks of hardworking Americans, either way, don't close your eyes to your own situation. If you aren't earning your own paycheck and using that to pay your bills, then you are not independent.

This twit I was speaking to, apart from her being clearly offended at my insinuation that her parents or her baby daddy should be

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The Stock Report

Summer Activities to Beat the Heat

By Audrey Stock

Hi Neighbors,

This summer is going way too fast for me. The July 4th has come and gone, the bang this year was not as loud as in years past. I watched the Boston Pops tribute to America in song, music and fireworks. It brought back memories of when I was able to attend the Boston Pops concert in 1976 when I took a group of students on the 1976 Bi-Centennial trail of our country's founding. We started in Boston and ended in Virginia. I have great memories of that trip.

On June 20 the New America Singers, a 24-voice ensemble selected from the California Baptist All-State Youth Choir, appeared in concert at the local Golden Valley Baptist Church. The group played to a full house. We all enjoyed the energy and showmanship of the students. These students were trying out their routines before they left for Hong Kong, China and Thailand. Traveling is one of the most eye opening experiences that a student can have. It gives them a different outlook of the world that they live in.

In June the Ranchos Hills Seniors lost two of our active seniors. Marian Murphy, age 90, died on June 20. Marian was active in the Ranchos Hills exercise class. We in the exercise class enjoyed Marian's bright smile and her positive attitude. Marian lived with her daughter Michelle and son-in-law Homer Dahl in Rolling Hills. A memorial service was held at the Northwest Church in Fresno.

Myron "Mike" Smith, age 86, died on June 22. Mike came from the state of Iowa. When Mike's wife died, he came to the Madera

Ranchos to live with his son Dennis and daughter-in-law Susan Smith. Mike's body was cremated and Dennis and Susan took his ashes back to Iowa. Mike joined the Ranchos/Hills Seniors when he came west. He enjoyed the company at the daily lunches served at the center and the card games played at the center. Mike also joined our local Golden Valley Baptist in the Ranchos. His memorial service was held in his home town in Iowa.

On June 30, our Ranchos/Hills Seniors worked at a bicycle rest stop at Shaver Lake. This was the

It was the 36th Annual "Climb to Kaiser Summit" ride. The Ranchos/Hills Seniors President Mike Thomson was one of the riders and we are so proud of him. This is the second time that he has made it to the 14,000 foot summit of Kaiser Mountain and then completed the 155 mile round trip by riding down the mountain and back to Clovis where he started.

bike ride sponsored by the Fresno Cycling Club. It was the 36th Annual "Climb to Kaiser Summit" ride. The Ranchos/Hills Seniors President Mike Thomson was one of the riders and we are so proud of him. This is the second time that he has made it to the 14,000 foot summit of Kaiser Mountain and

then completed the 155 mile round trip by riding down the mountain and back to Clovis where he started. There were 11 Ranchos/Hills Seniors with Carolyn Thomson as our leader who set up and worked the rest stop from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. We had water, soda and Gatorade for the 301 bike riders. We also had fresh fruit, cookies, trail mix, chips, peanut butter sandwiches and meat and cheese that we used to make sandwiches to order for the riders. There were 23 women that made this ride and stopped to refuel at our rest stop. I only worked until noon because I had a birthday party to go to when I got home. I admire the determination and energy that these bicycle riders have to make this difficult ride.

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Getting Fruity



by Jean Briner

When I was doing research for these articles, I read a website claiming to be able to grill anything in the produce department. Later, I was picturing the produce department in my head and I would like to challenge the author of that article to prove to me her claim. At the time I had an artichoke cooking in my pressure cooker (about 10-15 minutes and it is ready to eat). Then I thought of cabbage or lettuce (although my Grandma would bring lettuce in from the garden and wilt it in a pan with vinegar and sugar and it was yummy). How can they be grilled?

Ever since I can remember, when we brought a watermelon into the house there was room made in the refrigerator for it to get cold. I never heard of cooking a watermelon or any fruit for that matter except when we would cook peaches, pears or apricots to prepare them for canning.

I found a recipe for grilled watermelon that I will pass on to you -

Grilled Watermelon Salad

1 watermelon - 3 to 4 pounds
(Preferably seedless and not too ripe)

¼ C Extra virgin olive oil, plus extra for brushing on the melon

3T lime juice (about 2 limes)

Juice of 1 large navel orange

Pinch of cayenne pepper to taste

Pinch of sea or kosher salt

to taste

¼ C chopped fresh mint

½ C crumbled feta cheese (optional)

Preheat a gas grill or build a charcoal fire for direct grilling.

Cut the watermelon in half lengthwise, then cut each half in half. Cut these quarters in 2 inch thick slices. Brush the slices lightly with olive oil and set aside until ready to grill.

Combine lime and orange

juices. Taste, if it is too tart, add more orange juice. It should taste like a "sour" orange. Add the salt and pepper and whisk continually while adding the oil in a thin stream. Whisk until thickened. Taste and adjust the oil and salt to your liking. Add the mint and set aside.

Just before serving, place the oiled watermelon

slices on a very clean cooking grate directly over the heat source. Grill until marked and just warmed through but still crunchy. About 2 to 3 minutes per side. Set aside to cool.

Cut off the rind and discard. Cut the watermelon into chunks and place in a serving bowl. Pour the dressing on top and toss lightly. Top with the feta if you are using it and another pinch of cayenne.

I love pineapple, both canned and fresh. I found the

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GEN WHY cont. from P. 6

housing and feeding her rather than the citizens of the state, just couldn't understand how I had the audacity to dispute her claim of independence. To which I responded, "Do you get the money to pay your rent from a job?"

No.

"Do you get the money for the food you put in your kitchen from a job?"

No.

"Do you get the money to pay the babysitter from a job?"

No.

Incidentally, she wouldn't need the babysitter if she took advantage of the daycare program offered through the community college she attends, with the tuition paid by the state. Instead, the state gets to pay twice because she prefers to send her son to the babysitter around the corner so she doesn't have to wake up too early in the morning. Add that all up and there is not a shred of independence to be found. This, of course, fell on deaf ears.

Again, this is not a comment on her level of need or whether or not I feel she deserves assistance; this is about being self-aware. If you need help, that is what the programs are there for, and as long as you are not perpetrating a fraud or taking advantage of the system, then I take no issue with it. But, at least have the common sense to recognize your current state of affairs. If you are accepting help, then you are by definition, not independent. Period.

The point I am trying to make is that if you want to be independent, as well as be perceived as independent, then you cannot be actively relying on someone else, even the state, to survive. Conversely, if, due to circumstances beyond your control, you need to rely on the state for a short time in order to live, then you have to let go of the idea that you are independent, at least for the time being. Simple as that. But stop wandering around claiming that you have your act together, making reference to others living off their parents as mooches when you yourself are surviving off the backs of the tax payers. Own up to it. Once you do, maybe that healthy realization can help motivate you to get off the assistance and become truly independent, in the traditional sense of the word.

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Letting Go and Letting God take Over

By Mike Bailey

I have to say the added benefits of this program are far, far beyond anything I have ever thought or imagined they would be. When you finally get it, the fact to be thankful about everything, not just the good but everything, your whole world changes – your thoughts, the way you react, even the manor of the way you live changes. You are happy and you are free. As the Big Book tells us, remember to say, “Your will, not mine be done.” We never really know what God’s will is, but we always know that it is better for us than our own. He promises us to always be there, and to never forsake us. God always has us in His hands and He loves us more than we love our own children. Let me

ask you this: How much do you love your children? Now multiply that by infinitum! That is how much He loves YOU!

Last month I had the privilege of jury duty. I say privilege now but before the

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trial it was what I thought to be a burden. “OH NO! JURY DUTY!” who hasn’t said that? Well, after they called roll at lunch, if your name was called you were to report to courtroom 70. Yes, my name was called and I reported to the courtroom as they asked. There were about 60 of us remaining so the chances of being selected were still pretty slim. So I’m feeling pretty good; I might just still get out of this. Then they call roll again, but this time there was catch: as your name was called you were to come forward and fill the seats in the jury box. There are 19 and they call roll randomly so my last name starting with a “B” really does not come into play. After they called the unlucky 19 in which I was not one of them, the judge started to ask questions of us all. Then slowly they went through everyone one at a time to see if there were conflicts or concern. The judge said to be honest in your answers. The one question that stuck out to me was, “Would serving on a jury from five to seven days be a financial burden?” I.E. not pay rent, PG&E ... As I am considering, pondering – call it what you want, I call it trying to figure a way out of this – this feeling comes over me and a little voice says, “I got this. Remember I am in control.”

To say that it would be a financial burden is a little too steep. Hurt? Yes, but I would still be able to pay my rent. My reply to my feeling, the voice I heard or whatever you want to call it was, “Your will, not mine

be done.” So, when they finally got to me I just let them pass. Stayed seated, sat on my hands and kept my mouth shut. Make a long story short, I made the short list and was picked as a juror. My first thought was, “Really, man ... I’m gonna’ be broke.” On the third day of the trial I received a phone call from the house manager of House on the Rock, the sober living home where I lived for almost a year. Cedric, whom I love very much and care for deeply, a man that I aspire to be, tells me that I have a check at the house. From where I do not know and from whom I don’t know that either, but hey it’s a check. I pick up the check and it is roughly the amount I make in a week’s pay period. It is from an old past due account when they had garnished my wages. As I am staring at

the check all I hear is, “I got this. I am in control.” I look up and glorify His name with thanksgiving and praise. That, my friends was only the first blessing and answered prayer that week.

The next day the jury was let go to deliberate. It was after 4 p.m. and they want us out at 4:30. There was no time for us to deliberate that day. When I got home, the burden was heavy to say the least. I had a man’s future in the palms of my hands and so did 11 others. As I prayed, I asked for clarity of what I was feeling and for God to make it really, really clear that what I was feeling was correct. In the morning I prayed the same prayer. I left it at the cross, I gave the burden to Him. Once at the courthouse all of us were going over a few things. A few of the other jurors and I thought that an anonymous vote should be taken just to see where we all were. Once the votes were tallied it was a unanimous vote, everyone had voted as I had. It was really, really clear that what I was feeling was correct. Another answered prayer.

If you are still struggling with giving it all to God, you are not alone.

If you desire to have the freedom and serenity that only comes from God, you are not alone.

Remember the song says “I surrender ALL.”

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If you want God to work in your life, you have to let Him.

Until next time,

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Things never slow down at the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center. The very next Saturday after working at the bike rest stop was July 7 and the seniors were busy waiting on customers at our monthly sale at the center. Do you know that the Ranchos/Hills Seniors have a farmers market of local fruit and vegetables available each day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.? After the monthly sale at the Center we rested for a couple of hours and then car pooled with 14 seniors for a drive to Hanford. Our first stop was at the famous Superior Ice Cream Shop for an ice cream

feast. One scoop at this shop would be three scoops any place else. I couldn't believe the size when they put my one scoop in front of me. My granddaughter Tammy Morrison and her family live in Hanford. I called her to let her know I would be at the ice cream shop and she and her son Jake, my great grandson met me there.

After we finished our ice cream, we walked across the historic Courthouse Park to the historic Fox Theatre. What a treat this beautiful old restored Fox Theatre is. The lobby is a museum of Fox movie posters from the glory days of the Fox movie empire. Our Ranchos/Hills Senior, Jo-

lene Mason, found this gem and arranged for our seniors to make the trip to Hanford. About every two months the Hanford Fox Theatre has a program of old silent movies. The organist comes from the Los Angeles area to play the organ as background music to the movies. He also gave us information about the actors and how the movie was made. The first two movies were Laurel and Hardy comedies and then there was an intermission while they set up for the silent movie. I got home at 11 p.m. so it was a full evening event.

Be careful, this summer could be a hot one. Drink lots of water and stay someplace cool.



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Dear Editor:

I wish to thank everyone in Madera Ranchos for their support of my candidacy for Mayor. Although I did not win, the Ranchos Library has additional funds for literary materials to support the library needs of this community. I truly had grass-roots support from individuals as well as the wonderful small businesses in our community. I especially want to thank Pizza Factory, Ranchos Market, the Coffee Spot, the Friends of the Ranchos Library, Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce, Laura's Books and Coffee, Ranchos/Hills Seniors, Hurst Hardware, Robin Anderson and Candy Hall for their financial support and raffle items. You are awesome!

Diane Maxfield
Candidate for Mayor
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Thank you.

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Music Big Part of Library's Assets

By Garin Gonzales

Well, the Summer Reading Program has been a huge success so far. We've had lots of fun with our presentations and we've also had a lot of kids turn in completed reading logs. This is good news because it means kids are reading over the summer instead of having their brains turn to mush due to inactivity. So if your kid looks as if his or her brain is turning into mush, tell that kid to get to the library and sign up for the reading program pronto!

On July 18, we had a scheduled visit from magician Chris Lopez and then we wrap things up with songs and fun with the theme "Starry Night" from Rick and Linda Cole on July 26. Plus, all those completed reading logs get thrown into a big jar and a winner for our grand prize will be selected. What is the grand prize? I'll never tell (okay I will tell, but not until the suspense is almost unbearable). So kids, keep reading. And keep your feet on the ground, but keep reaching for the stars.

Need another great reason to visit a library? Sure, you can check out books and book on CDs from our library. They are very popular. But do you know that you can check out music CDs from our libraries? So why would you go to a music store? You have an awesome collection of music right at your library. As you may well know from previous articles, I'm a big music fan. I borrow CDs all of the time because the San Joaquin Valley Library System (SJVLS) has an absolutely astounding collection of CDs. So here, in no particular order, are my five favorite "finds" from the SJVLS CD collection (sorted by different musical genres):

R&B/Soul: Otis Redding - He was only 26 when he died in a plane crash in 1967, but Otis Redding's legacy is undeniable. His songs range



from tender ballads (*I've Been Loving You Too Long* or *I've Got Dreams to Remember*) to dance floor r a v e - u p s (*Shake*, his excellent recording of

Respect, later a huge hit for Aretha Franklin) and sometimes he just hits a sweet spot somewhere in between (his classic [*Sitting on the Dock of the Bay*]). The Madera Ranchos library has two of his collections in our CD area; I suggest you check them out.

Classic Rock: Big Star - This Memphis "power pop" band from the early '70s never had a huge hit (*September Gurls* [sic] is probably the closest), but are big influences on every band that ever heard them (one of my favorite bands, The

Replacements, even wrote a song called *Alex Chilton* after Big Star's lead singer). Their two greatest albums, *#1 Record* and

Radio City are packaged together on the Rykodisc label and are available to order through our library. But beware of their third album, *Third/Sister Lovers*. It's a major drop-off.

Country: Justin Townes Earle - He's the son of country star Steve Earle and he was named after Texas troubadour Townes Van Zandt, but the only thing he inherited from those two is his penchant for getting into trouble. Still he's got miles of style, hopping from Hank Williams-like honky-tonk to plaintive ballads and choice covers (his version of John Prine's *Far From Me* is a knockout). My favorite Earle albums are *Midnight at the Movies* and *Harlem River Blues*.

Rap/Hip Hop: Big Boi - He's the harder working half of OutKast (come on Andre 3000, put out a solo album already, you lazy goat). Big Boi (real name Antwan Andre Patton) is still

"cooler than a polar bear's toenails" (his words, not mine). I read somewhere that when he submitted his album *Sir Lucious Left Foot: The*



Son of Chico Dusty to his label the label reps didn't know what to do with it because they didn't hear a single. It sort of shows you how tone-deaf label reps can be. The album doesn't have a dud on it. Check out *Hustle Blood* or *General Patton* for proof.

Alternative Rock: Cloud Nothings - This Akron, Ohio band is one of my favorite finds. The library system has their eponymous debut album and it's filled with poppy sing-alongs with choruses that will burrow into your brain. But it's their second album *Attack on Memory* that is the real gem. They slowed down the pace a bit, stretched out song lengths and let loose an intense, angst-ridden caterwaul of sound that is both unique but grounded in '90s alt rock.

So stop in your library or go online to check out whatever type of music you're into. I can guarantee you you'll be shocked and amazed at the great selection. No matter the genre of music you're into, you'll find it at your local library. Happy listening!



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ber of laps around the course. Kieran, racing for Pinnacle Women's Racing/Hammer Nutrition, competed in a combined race which featured the junior women in the 15-16 age group and the 17-18 age group. Having placed second last year, Kieran was able to come away with the win in the race this year and was crowned the new Califor-

nia State Champion in the junior women 15-16 age group.

Then on June 3, Kieran drove north once again to Davis to compete in the California State Time Trial Championships, a race which pits the cyclist against the clock. A time trial race differs from a criterium in that each rider starts at a different time and is racing against the clock to see who can establish the fastest time over a designated

course. Kieran was able to beat last year's State Champion, Aliya Traficante of Chico, by 13 seconds and claim the 2012 State Title in the Girls 15-16 age group. Kieran's next big race for the summer will be to travel back to Ohio in August to participate in the United States America Triathlon's Junior Youth National Championship, which she won last year. Kieran will be competing in the 13-15 age group and

this will be her last opportunity to compete in that age group as she will "age up" next year.

Kieran spends much of her time on and around the roads in the Madera Ranchos area riding her bike and running. She says she appreciates all the support the community gives her and especially appreciates sharing the roads with the vehicles while riding or running.

BARN cont. from P. 2

fort. Over the past few months we have been truly humbled by those in our community who share our sense of patriotism and appreciation for those who have given of themselves to protect the freedoms we hold so dear. While some have said this is a story about our flag barn, the bigger story is about our community, our sense of patriotism and the strong belief we share in the meaning of the red, white and blue."

Baum continues to donate his time by agreeing to raise the flag each day and take it down each night because no light was installed on the flag pole which sits on Madera County property. "The daily raising of the flag is to honor all veterans," Baum said. "We just came out today to make sure that the 4th of July comes in really, really good and to do what I can to bring America back together like it was right after 911."

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The 2012-2013 Golden Valley Unified School District school year is right around the corner and the first step is a visit to your local school. Here is a list of when your local school offices will be open:

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following recipe for grilled pineapple, but I'm not sure I would use alcohol, but that is your choice. If you do use the alcohol, be real careful when putting it on the grill as it will flare up for sure. Of course you could use the tequila or rum just to show off like seeing Cherries Jubilee being served in a restaurant. But fair warning: Have everyone, especially the kids, stand well back. You don't want singed eyebrows.

Grilled Pineapple Dessert

- 1 Pineapple, peeled, cored and sliced in 1 inch thick slices
- ¼ C Tequila or Rum **
- ¼ C Brown Sugar
- 1 ½ tsp. Vanilla
- ½ tsp. Ground Cinnamon
- Vanilla ice cream

Preheat grill. Mix liquor, sugar, vanilla and cinnamon together until sugar is dissolved. Place pineapple on grill. Baste with sugar mixture while grilling, turning occasionally. Grill for about 10 minutes. Serve hot on dessert plate with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on top.

***You could use pineapple juice.*

My sister Faye's favorite stone fruit was an apricot. When we were little, we had a neighbor that would make fried pies (that is a whole different article) and Grandma Ross always made sure we got one. If Faye were alive, she would have a conniption fit if she saw the

apricot orchard near where I live. It is part of the Fresno State Ag Dept. I watched it as it was bare in the winter and then when the crews came in and pruned it in the early spring. I watched the beautiful blossoms turn to golden fruit ... then it stopped. The fruit started dropping on the ground and no one came in to pick the orchard. It looked like the ground was covered with golden California poppies. It was pretty, but at the

same time I thought it was tragic. No one was getting any use out of the apricots. I wondered why they didn't pick or let some organization come in and glean the orchard. What a shame. Once in a while I would go by and see a car deep in the trees (probably trying to hide) and I hoped they were getting some use out of the orchard. By the way, it is on the southeast corner of Willow and Bullard if you are ever that way.

Easy to Grill

Stone fruit is easy to grill. Wash the fruit and pat it dry. Cut in half and brush on some butter and grill. Don't cook too long, about 10-15 minutes for good grill marks.

Grilled Fruit

- 2 ripe bananas
- 2 ripe peaches
- 1 pound container of Strawberries
- 1 Stick butter
- 1 T Sugar

Peel the banana. Wash the peaches and strawberries and pat dry. Slice the peaches into quarters, making sure they are large enough to put straight on the grill. Hull the strawberries.

Place the strawberries on aluminum foil, sprinkle with sugar and wrap. Brush butter on each banana and each peach slice.

Put all the fruit on the grill. If the flames get too high, put the lid on the grill. Grill until there are visible grill marks or black crisps. Depending on the heat do not cook longer than 15 minutes.

Bananas take the least amount of time and are usually done in about 10 minutes. Strawberries take the longest. Remove the fruit as soon as it is done. This can be served as a side dish with dinner or as the dessert. Serve a spoon of the fruit on a slice of pound cake with a dollop of whipped cream or a scoop of ice cream.

Artichoke Doubts

In the first part of this article I said I doubted that an artichoke could be grilled. Well, I found out I was wrong. It can be grilled. During the time I was writing this article, I was home recuperating from cataract surgery and couldn't do much of anything so I watched TV. I couldn't find much to watch, so I turned on the food channel. Giada was on and getting ready to grill artichokes. I perked up and wanted to see how she did them. She started by putting a large pot of water on to boil. Then squeezed the juice of two lemons into the water and then dropped in the remainder of the lemons and seasoned the water with salt. She then took three medium sized artichokes and cut the top third off and, with scissors, she trimmed the leaves. She then cut each in quarters and with a paring knife cut out the choke from each piece. She dropped these into the water and cooked until tender, then took them out of water and drained them on a baking pan. Giada then sprinkled each piece with olive oil, salt and pepper, some chopped garlic and rosemary, and then grilled them for about 15 minutes.

Tonight when I went on the Food Network website to look up her recipe, I typed in "Grilled Artichokes" and believe it or not there were 91 recipes. Fortunately hers was the third one. May go back and look the others up, but I still think I like the pressure cooker way best.

The [apricots at Fresno State's orchard] started dropping on the ground and no one came in to pick the orchard. It looked like the ground was covered with golden California poppies. It was pretty, but at the same time I thought it was tragic. No one was getting any use out of the apricots. I wondered why they didn't pick or let some organization come in and glean the orchard. What a shame.

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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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Learn to Make Soap, *Naturally*

Learning to make your own soap, *naturally*, is being presented by the Madera Master Gardeners on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Madera Community College Center. The instructor is Master Gardener Monique Taylor.

There is a \$10 fee to take the class but that includes sample soap when you're done. The class size is limited to 15 so pre-paid reservations are required. You'll need to wear long sleeves, long pants, safety glasses and rubber gloves. The specifics are:

Who - Madera Master Gardeners

What - Making Soap, *Naturally*

Where - Three Sisters Demonstration Garden, Madera Community College Center, 30277 Ave. 12, Madera.

When - Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9-11 a.m.

Why - Crazy fun

How - Age-old soapmaking techniques

For more information/reservations, call 559-675-7879, ext. 210, or reach them by email at mgmadera@ucdavis.edu. The Madera Master Gardeners' office is located at 328 S. Madera Ave., Madera and their website is cemadera.ucdavis.edu.

Is Your Car Ready for Vacation?

Many people are planning their family vacation. For most, that means a long car ride. Before you hit the road, there are some things you need to do.

First, make sure someone knows the route you are taking and when you will arrive and have your cell phone and charger with you. Since you will be carrying the most precious cargo, your family, you need to make sure your car is up for the trip. Start by checking your tires. They should be inflated properly and have plenty of tread. Then check to make sure your lights are working properly and your brakes are good.

Next, open the hood and examine all the hoses and belts. Replace any that have cracks or are worn. Check all the fluids in your car. Any fluids that are

dirty should be flushed and replaced.

If the color of the oil is brown or milky, it means that coolant is getting into one or more cylinders in the engine. This is a serious problem and needs to be fixed immediately. If you do not fix it, you run the risk of blowing the engine.

If you are uncomfortable about taking the car on a long trip, this might be the time to replace it. A car dealer will not want your current car since it has major problems so one excellent alternative is to donate your car to charity. Cars4Charities does not care about its condition and will pick it up for free. You will get a very nice tax deduction for your car donation. Simply call them at 1-866-448-3487 or go to www.cars4charities.org.

Make a Difference in a Child's Life

By Ramona Frances

An 8-year-old Madera County boy deserves special attention considering he is so young and living in such a complicated world. His father has spent the last 8 years – the boy's entire life – in prison as part of a 30-year sentence. The boy visits him at the prison but instead of being raised by a mother and father, he is being raised by his disabled grandmother. His mother is absent. His grandmother Maria agrees that prison is not the place you want to take children to visit a parent, but it is the only way Jose will get to know his father. The father is his only role model in his immediate family. The remaining family lives in Mexico. What is more, she struggles to get by financially.

The boy's older sister has been matched in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program Madera Chapter for nearly a year but the boy continues to wait. He wants to know when it will be his turn. When a Big

Sister picks up his sister Alma for an outing, he asks when his "Big" will be coming. He sometimes gets sad and cries because he does not have something that he feels he is missing.

Last Christmas he told his grandmother that he did not want any Christmas gifts – all he wanted was a Big Brother. Even so, he remains on the Big Brothers Big Sisters waiting list along with many other boys and girls. BBBS matches mentors with youth in Madera, Fresno, Kings and Tulare counties. Despite his situation, he is described as having a warm and delightful personality. He shows kindness, is helpful with a sense of social appropriateness. However, his desire to be matched is very strong.

Madera Ranchos residents are urged to consider volunteering an average of four hours a week to make a difference in a child's life. For more information or to reach the Madera office, call 559-673-4863. To reach the Fresno office, call 559-268-2447.

Local Artist Brings Unique Technique to The Coffee Spot Arts Show

A resident of the Madera Ranchos known for her artistic versatility, Ramona Frances will be showing her work Aug. 17 through September at The Coffee Spot and will be featured at the next Meet the Artist event on Friday, Aug. 24 from 4 - 7 p.m.

After leaving the newsroom environment in 2011, Frances, a former reporter and photo-journalist, began experimenting with the application of ink, felt pens, paint and protective chemicals and graphics to create an often one-of-a-kind, 3-D effect for portraits and landscapes.

"With the eye of a photographer, the talent of a painter, and the sophistication of a graphic artist, Ramona brings life into her custom portraits with this exciting new technique," said Linda Leach of the Madera Ranchos.

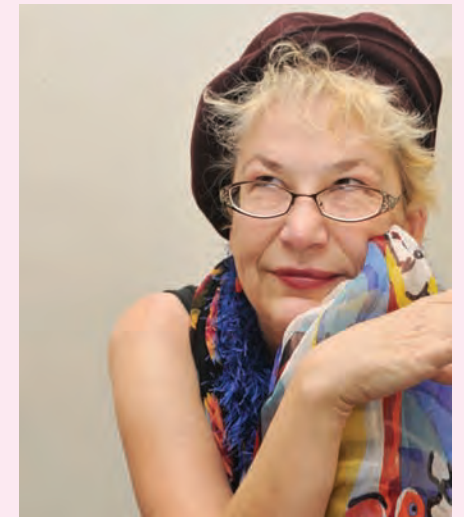
Frances often describes her art as the marriage between painting and photograph, "But

until you actually see it, it is hard to imagine," she said. "For good or for bad, the results may be totally unexpected but usually in a very good way. I honestly don't know if it's ever been done this way before. I did a lot of experimentation and botched some canvases before I got that 'aha' experience."

Frances learned that putting acrylic paint directly onto an untreated ink canvas undesirably draws the color out of it. By finding compatible chemicals, she was able to achieve something entirely new in that the realism could be considered extraordinary. Meanwhile she has built confidence in a highly marketable product. Today, she has more invitations to show her work than work to show. Even so, she has agreed to host three art shows in summer and fall and plans to enter the Celebrate Agriculture in the Arts competition sponsored by the Madera County Arts Council. The show at The

Coffee Spot will feature human portraits. Those interested in hiring Frances can either provide a portrait or digital file, "Provided it meets a certain photographic standard, and I will paint it," she said.

During the Fresno Art Hop in August, Frances will be showing landscapes on canvas at the Big Brothers Big Sisters office just south of Olive Ave. on Van Ness. What is more, the San Joaquin Parkway will feature her work during their 10th Anniversary in October, although her work may be hung as early as September at the Coke Hallowell Center for River Studies, a beautifully restored homestead off of Old Friant Road on the San Joaquin River in Fresno. Rotating artwork may also be viewed in Madera's only four-star restaurant, the Vineyard Bar & Grill. Permanent artwork is on display at Kuck-enbecker Tractor's main office in Madera as well as several courthouses in Fresno.



Ramona Frances will be the featured artist for the month of August at The Coffee Spot with a Meet the Artist event planned for Aug. 24.

Senior Report

An Open Letter to Our Grandchildren on the State of America Today

By Verlaine Elinburg

I was going to write an article on the new healthcare pertaining to seniors but I gave up. All I could find was a good sales job on all the issues but you have to keep in mind that there is another side to the stories. The Ranchos/Hills Seniors is in the process of putting together a small Senior Wellness Day Open House in the near future and I hope by then I will have the needed information on how it will affect our healthcare and our finances. For now instead, here is letter for our Grandchildren:

As Americans your opportunity for happiness are limited.

Our generation has made a mess of things and we apologize for the America we now pass on to you, and give you some guidance on how to undo our mistakes, giving your grandchildren a country that truly supports peace, justice and opportunity for all.

We grew up in a more caring place; few of us had much money, but jobs were plentiful, moms were not forced to work outside the home and being a stay-at-home mom was not a put down. We had little crime and trusted the people in our lives and most of all our government and the media.

What happened? We all got blinded by greed, allowed our government to put us on a plantation, become their slaves and obey their choice of laws. We got greedy, we acquired stuff and it became more important than rela-

tionships. We are selling ourselves the rope that will hang us. Profits are more important than people. Our government got greedy also, and they sell themselves to the highest bidder and become puppets. They pass laws that hurt the country and the people.

Our generation, as the word goes, "We screwed up." But there is something that you can do about it. First, know that this great country of ours is indeed yours and does not belong to the government, corporations or the world. We help the world. As you grow, study the U.S. history and what got us into this mess. Keep in touch with what laws your government is implementing. Read the news on politics on both parties and make your own decisions. Become involved with what is going on around you, especially your local, state and federal government. They shape your choices of how you live. We trusted our government to do their job and they failed us by becoming near dictators.

This is a very important election year. Nothing is free, especially FREEDOM. Do you still have to take civics? Only about half of U.S. citizens bother to vote. Above all, look to your own conscience to know what's fair

and fight for it. It's your country. It's a great place. Take it back.

BBQ a Success

The BBQ held at the Senior Center on July 5 celebrating our freedom was well attended and enjoyed. The winners of the raffle of the Home and Garden Festival were Robert Aleman, 1st Prize winner of the \$250 shopping spree donated by the Ranchos Market. Second Prize went to Julie St. Mane, a case of wine donated by Cru Winery and valued at \$240. Third Prize was a \$200 Gift Certificate donated by Hurst Hardware and it went to Harriet Marcario.

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. 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. 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 and also notify the center if you need to cancel or change your reservation.

We have a growing exercise program being held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. The participants are getting more than just exercise by attending. They have fun, share laughs, meet new friends and get updates on old friends, their fellow members and get current news 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.

On Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. are a variety of cards games to be enjoyed. Come and learn 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. Additional copies are available at the Ranchos Market and Hurst Hardware and several businesses along Avenue 12. The Farmers Market at the Senior Center has a variety of vegetables and fruits, and jams and jellies are available. The Boutique also has many "on the spot" needed gift items.

Birthdays and Anniversaries will be celebrated August 11 at the Olive Garden. Call for details.

The Senior Center monthly sale will be held on August 4, featuring the Treasure House, Plant Sale and Boutique. There will be no bake sale in August.

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described as a white male in his mid-30's. He sported a blonde crew-cut and wore a red shirt. Two little girls were seen with the driver. The other occupant had a beard.

The hotel clerk discovered the card used to rent the room had been stolen after he received a call from the victim who resides in Maryland. It had also been discovered that purchases were made on that same card at a gas station and a donut shop.

When Deputies were dispatched to the hotel, the rented room was unoccupied. Deputies were however able to secure a warrant to search it and they recovered the following items:

1. Three laptops
2. One printer
3. One scanner
4. Bag containing hundreds of credit card numbers
5. Magstripe reader
6. One fixed blade knife.

So far detectives have uncovered more than two dozen victims – many of whom either live or work in Fresno County.

If anyone has information about this case, they are urged to call either the Madera County Sheriff's Office at 559-675-7770 or CRIME STOPPERS at 498-STOP. An anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers that leads to the apprehension of these suspects could be worth up to \$1,000.

Wanted Man Arrested at Lake

A man wanted in Fresno for battery is behind bars in Madera County, following his arrest at Eastman Lake.

Anthony Thomas, 39 of Fresno, was taken into custody by Sheriff's Deputies during a routine boating check on the lake.

Thomas, along with a group of men,

were reportedly fishing from his boat in a restricted area of the lake. After running his name, Deputies learned he was wanted on a \$10,000 warrant for domestic violence.

Thomas was taken into custody without incident and booked in Madera County Department of Corrections.

Sheriff Issues Lottery Fraud Alert

Sheriff John Anderson is issuing a fraud alert after learning about a new lottery scam that has been mailed to Madera County residents.

Just today the Sheriff's Office received a complaint from a local woman who received a notice in her mail from "Microsoft Lottery Commission," announcing that she had won \$4.5 million.

The notice claims the recipient was picked from the "Hispanic Lottery Euro

Million Dollar Promotions Program."

In order to collect, the recipient is instructed to contact a claim agent. In this case, the agent is a Dr. Frank Martin, foreign operations manager of Claim Funds Payment Company. It listed their email as claimfunds@rocketmail.com and also listed a telephone and fax number.

If you receive such a notice in the mail, Sheriff Anderson says to just throw it away.

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some basic rules consumers can follow in order to avoid falling prey:

- If you receive a check, and are advised to wire a portion of it back, it's probably a scam.

- If you're asked to wire money for any reason to someone you do NOT know it's probably a scam.

- If you receive a check or money order from someone you do NOT know, it's more than likely fake and you will be responsible for the entire amount if you cash it.

Russia Named As 2013 Topic

The United States Academic Decathlon has announced that the 2012-2013 Academic Decathlon theme is Russia. This year's Super Quiz topic will include questions based on six subject areas including art, economics, literature, music, science and social science.

The Madera County Academic Decathlon will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 with seven high schools slated to participate. Schools include Liberty High, Chawanakee Academy, Chowchilla High, Madera High, Madera South High, Minarets High and Yosemite High Schools. Team members will be announced in December.

This will be Madera County's 31st year participating in the Academic Decathlon hosted by the Madera County Office of Education.

If you suspect fraud as a result of a Craigslist seller emailing you, go back to the ad and flag it. You can also forward any suspicious emails to support@craigslist.com along with an explanation as to why you suspect the ad in question is fraudulent.



Organized Travel Tips

Wasn't vacationing as a little kid the best thing ever? You excitedly anticipated the trip for weeks, and then the morning of, you woke up, got dressed, and off you went! As adults we know there's a lot more involved and we really need a vacation with the time and energy it takes to prepare for one. Here are a few tips that will streamline the process for you.

Create a labeled folder or document envelope to store your itinerary, reservation confirmations, tickets, maps and packing checklists. Make photocopies of your prescriptions, passports and credit cards you're bringing and place them inside. This is also a great place to pack postcard stamps, addresses and emergency phone numbers. Bring the folder along in your suitcase and use it to

place brochures and memorabilia you collect while traveling.

Contact the post office (www.usps.com) and newspaper to put a hold on your mail and newspaper subscription while you're gone. Inform your credit card company if you'll be using your card overseas. Arrange care for pets, plants, and home protection. Put house lights on timers, secure valuables and give your emergency contact info to a neighbor or friend. Schedule a tune up for your car and car inspection if planning a road trip.

Packing only what you need will save you time, space and money if traveling by air. If staying in a hotel, find out what amenities they offer (hair dryers, swim towels, shampoo, etc.) so you don't pack items they provide. Use a packing checklist (www.realsimple.com/packingchecklist) or create your own customized list on the computer. This is especially handy if you have an annual trip to the same location.

Keep a basic toiletries bag packed at all times with deodorant, toothpaste, cotton swabs, etc. This way you're less likely to forget one of the essentials when leaving for a weekend or vacation.

Place bagged shoes, books and other heavy objects at the bottom of the suitcase near the wheels, so they don't crush clothes when suitcase is being rolled. Fill the nooks and crannies with rolled up underwear, T-shirts, jeans

and knitwear. Shrink towels, linens, bulky sweaters and dirty clothes (on the way home) in travel compression bags.

Use packing cubes, packing folders or large zipper bags to separate clothing by category (workout clothes, shirts, etc.), or contain complete outfits and layer by when it's going to be worn. Wrap easily wrinkled items around the packing cubes to prevent folding creases.

If you've given up on packing nice jewelry, try threading necklaces and bracelets through straws and place them in resealable bags or toothbrush holders. Jewelry can also be stored in seven-day plastic pill holders or in snack-size resealable bags pinned to the corresponding outfit. Bag small items, like electronic chargers, and place them in the shoes you're packing to make the most of your space.

If packing for air travel, remember the 3-1-1 rule: 3.4 ounce bottles (or less) packed in a 1 quart-size clear, plastic zip-top bag; 1 bag per passenger. To expedite your trip through security, bring your car keys, loose change, belt, cell phone, pens jewelry, etc. to the airport in a clear zip-top bag. That way you can easily place it on the conveyer and pick it up without a lot of small pieces to manage. Once you're settled in waiting for your flight, you can put everything in or on where it goes.

Keep prescription medicines in their origi-

nal containers — in case you need to prove they're yours. Tie a brightly colored luggage tag or ribbon to your suitcase to help identify which black one is yours in the baggage claim area.

Finally, be prepared to be in the airport longer than expected by packing a snack bag with granola bars, snacks and water. You don't want to exhaust your spending money before arriving at your destination! Be sure to bring your water bottle through security empty. Happy travels!

Here are some helpful travel websites:

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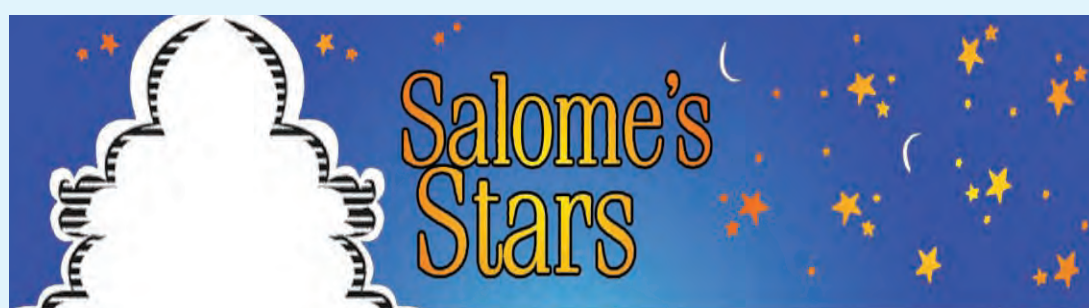
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're wise to let your Arian skepticism question a former adversary's request to let bygones be bygones. Time will tell if he or she is trying to pull the wool over the Lamb's eyes.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Congratulations. Your hard work soon pays off with some well-deserved recognition. Meanwhile, that important personal relationship needs more attention from you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That new person in your life seems trustworthy, but don't turn him or her into a confidant just yet. Remember: The secret you don't reveal is the one you won't lose sleep over.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your kindness makes a difference in someone's life. But by week's end, a touch of Cancerian envy could create a problem with a colleague. Take care to keep it under control.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new spurt of energy sends you roaring back into that challenging work situation. But be careful not to overdo it, or your sizzle could fizzle before your task is completed.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your practical sense helps you see the logic of being a bit more flexible with a workplace colleague. But you still have a ways to go before there's a true meeting of the minds.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A surprise situation could cause you to spend more money than you feel you can afford. But careful budget adjustments will help. Your fiscal picture soon brightens.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That decision you made might still have its detractors, but your supporters are growing. Meanwhile, your personal life takes on some welcome new developments.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Matters of the mind intrigue the sage Sagittarian through week's end. By then, you should feel more than ready to make room for pursuits of the heart.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The canny Capricorn can offer good counsel to others. But how about taking some advice yourself from a close friend or family member who is able and ready to help?

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new workplace opportunity offers a variety of challenges that you might find intriguing. Best advice: Take things one step at a time so that you don't feel overwhelmed.

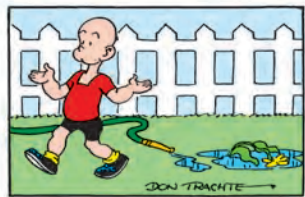
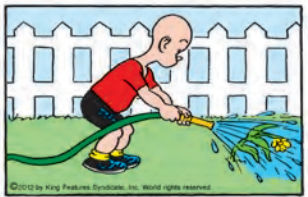
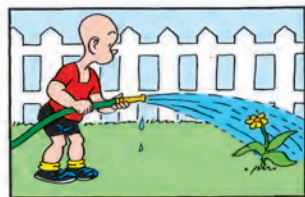
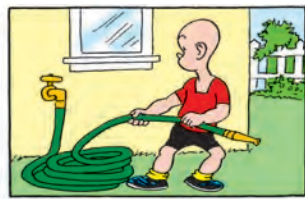
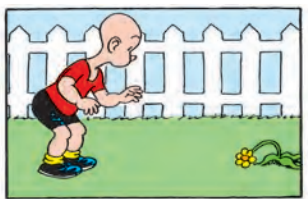
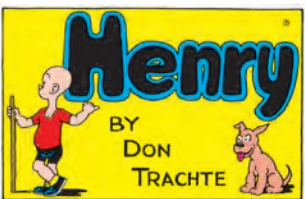
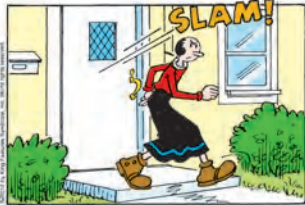
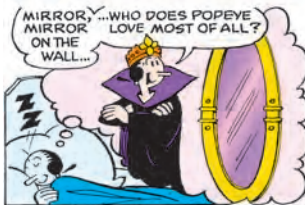
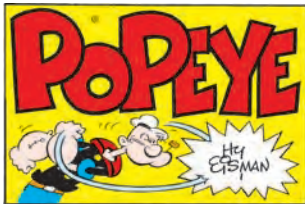
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A bid to revive a relationship that ended on a bitter note needs to be carefully thought out before you can even begin to consider plunging into a new emotional commitment.

Born this Week

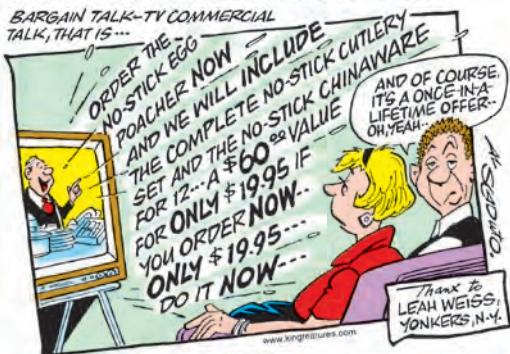
You enjoy being with people, and people love being with you. You would probably do very well in politics.

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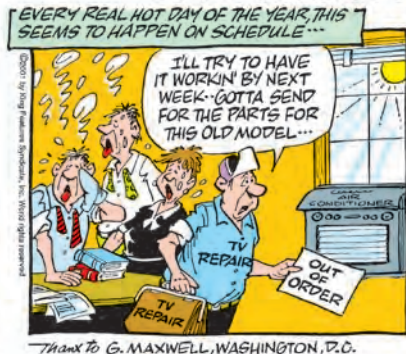
FUN PAGES



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



BY AL SCADUTO



FIND TWINS! There are two sets of twins among the various beach balls above. See how quickly you can find both sets.

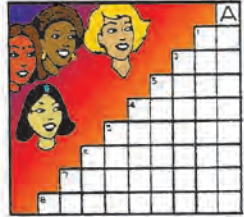
IN CROWD! Insert a consonant into the name of a desert animal and find the name of a California seaside resort. Into this name, insert a vowel and find a possible choice of center in a box of assorted chocolates. Time: 1 min.

LINK-UPS! This classic poser continues to present a challenge. We have six segments of chain containing five links each, at right. We would like to join these segments into one continuous chain by opening and closing the fewest number of links in the shortest amount of time.

If it takes one minute to open a link, and one minute to close one, in how few minutes can we complete the circle?
Try puzzling it out.
Ten minutes — by opening all five links of one segment and using each link to connect ends of the others.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



ADD-A-LETTER WORD POSER

Add a letter in each step progressively at left, rearranging letters as necessary, to form new words in accord with the following definitions:

1. First letter of alphabet (A, in place).
2. In attendance.
3. Occupied a chair.
4. Hollywood status.
5. Gaze steadily at a person or thing.
6. Metal frames used in fireplaces, etc.
7. Unfamiliar
8. Police officers next below captains or lieutenants.

Time limit: 2 minutes.

1. A, 2. At, 3. Sat, 4. Star, 5. Stare, 6. Gates, 7. Strange, 8. Sergeant.



Wishing Well

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

- Baker
- Clinton
- Dulles
- Fish
- Haig
- Jay
- Kissinger
- Madison
- Monroe
- Muskie
- Powell
- Rice
- Rusk
- Shultz
- Vance

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TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What state is home to the most of the Yellowstone National Park?
2. TELEVISION: What was Norm's wife's name in the sitcom "Cheers"?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of toads called?
4. PERSONALITIES: What 1950s television newsman signed off his broadcasts with the words, "Good night and good luck"?
5. LANGUAGE: What does recalcitrant mean?
6. MUSIC: What famous duo performed "Foggy Mountain Breakdown"?
7. MEDICAL: What common condition is known as cephalalgia?
8. INVENTIONS: Where were cross-bladed scissors invented?
9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Dracula"?
10. MOVIES: What famous actress played an uncredited bit part as a Halloween ghoul in the movie "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial"?

Answers

1. Wyoming
2. Vera
3. A knot
4. Edward R. Murrow
5. Resistant to authority
6. Lester Flat and Earl Scruggs
7. Headache
8. Early Rome, about 100 A.D.
9. Bram Stoker
10. Debra Winger (Nurse Zombie carrying a Poodle)

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AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



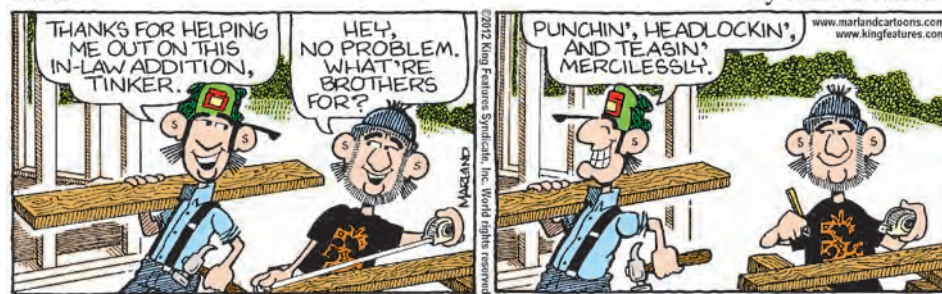
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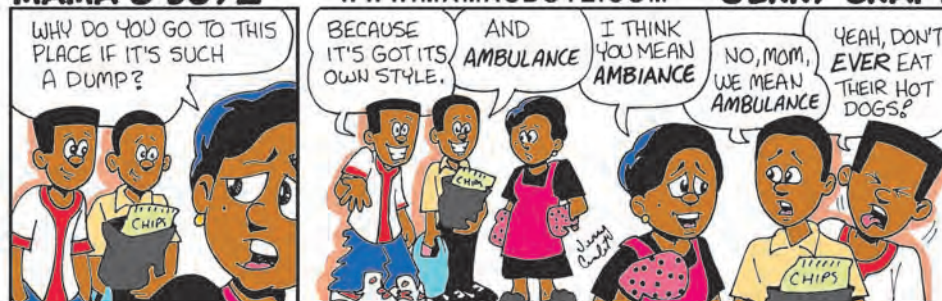
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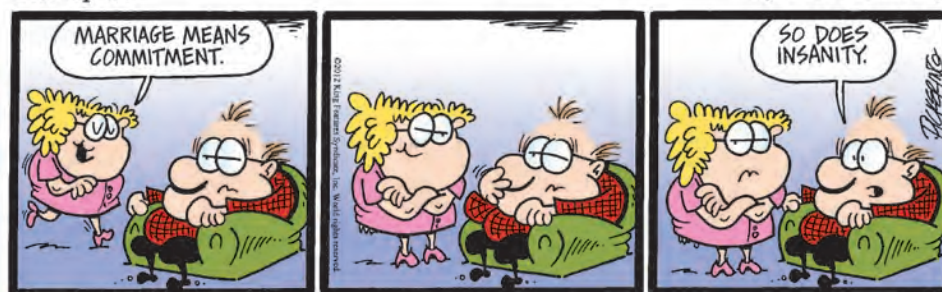
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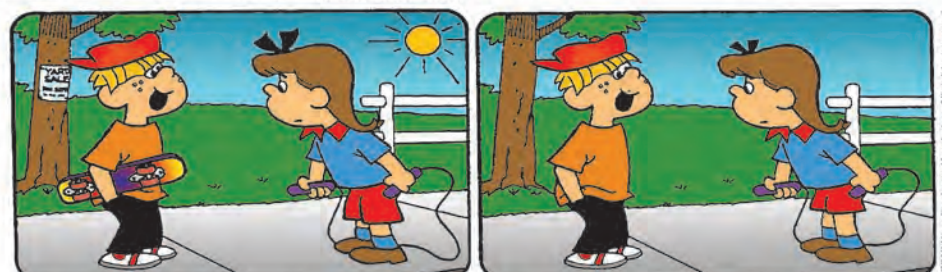
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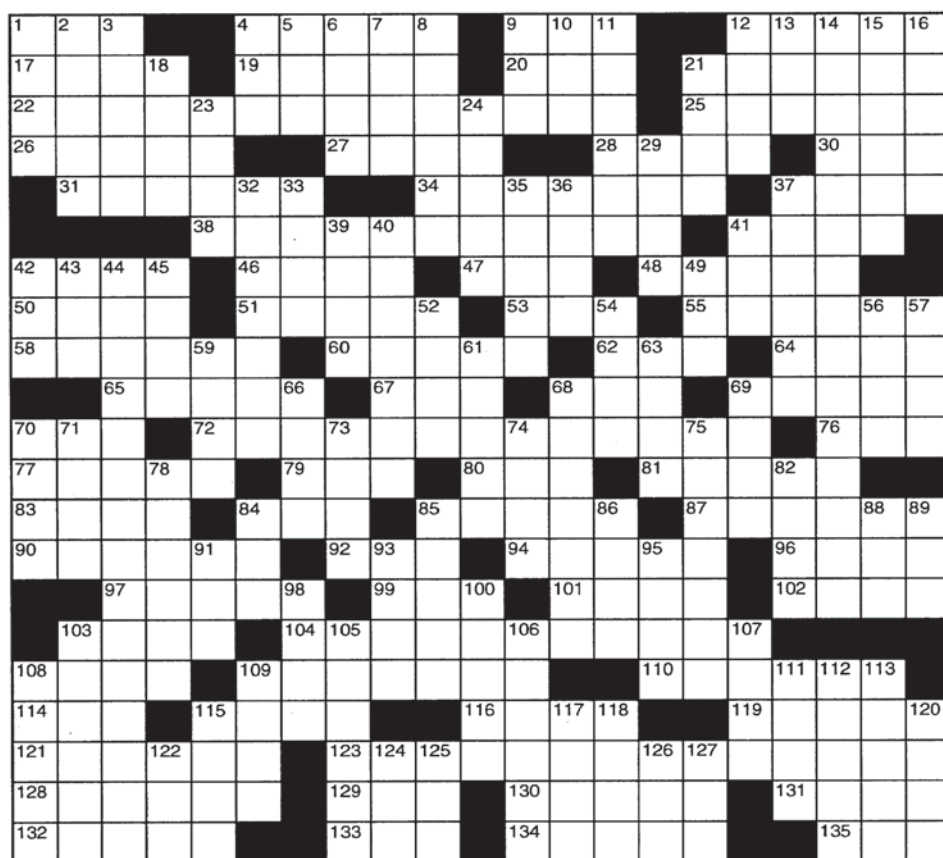
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Differences: 1. Poster is missing. 2. Skateboard is missing. 3. Bow is smaller. 4. Sun is missing. 5. Shorts are shorter. 6. Jump-rope is different. 7. Boy is smaller.

Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Mineral suffix
 - 4 Awaited
 - 9 Two, in Tijuana
 - 12 Out of line
 - 17 Worthless
 - 19 Pad
 - 20 Journalist
 - 21 Hapsburg capital
 - 22 Like a spy story
 - 25 Actress
 - 26 Former Pentagon head
 - 27 Big name in locks
 - 28 Dweeb's cousin?
 - 30 Competitor
 - 31 Germ type
 - 34 Made likely
 - 37 Pumper's pride
 - 38 Harrison Ford movie
 - 41 With 68 down, "CHiPs"
 - 42 Tenor
 - 46 Writer
 - 47 Hunter
 - 48 Field marshal
 - 50 Chemistry info
 - 51 Gets slushy
 - 53 Seoul soldier
 - 55 Non-threat-ening
 - 58 Ms. Goldberg
 - 60 Act like
 - 62 Fine stuff?
 - 64 Actor
 - 65 Bring up
 - 67 Conger
 - 68 Look over
 - 69 "Superman" star
 - 70 Pitch in
 - 72 Somerset
 - 76 Former work
 - 77 Pale
 - 79 Gravy
 - 80 Rum sum
 - 81 Mead's milieu
 - 83 Eatery
 - 84 Snyder or Hanks
 - 85 Houston ballplayer
 - 87 Detest
 - 90 "Calendar Girl"
 - 92 Fox's crooner
 - 96 Fox's foot
 - 94 Desert
 - 96 Circus schlepper
 - 96 Circus barker?
 - 97 Fight site
 - 99 Crank's comment
 - 101 Take risks
 - 102 Auto adornment
 - 103 Very, very satisfied
 - 104 Michael
 - 108 Egg plant?
 - 109 Fondue ingredient
 - 110 Rifleman
 - 114 Business abbr.
 - 115 James of "Misery"
 - 116 Pearl Harbor's locale
 - 119 Hold back
 - 121 Flautist
 - 123 The
 - 128 Private's posture
 - 129 Lodge member
 - 130 Carry on
 - 131 Joy Adamson's joy
 - 132 Hirsute
 - 133 Jamaican
 - 134 Occupy a cot
 - 134 Chutzpah
 - 135 Chariot bumper?
 - 3 Hitch in haste
 - 4 Quote from 41 down
 - 5 — Saud
 - 6 Comic
 - 7 Snorri's Goodman
 - 8 Snorri's stories
 - 8 He moves cars
 - 9 Excavate
 - 10 Laudatory lyrics
 - 11 French philosopher
 - 12 Isn't completely wrong?
 - 13 Diocese
 - 14 Roman
 - 15 Put behind bars
 - 16 Cardiff's country
 - 18 Where lions laze
 - 21 Nothing but space
 - 23 Handle
 - 24 Class
 - 29 Used to be
 - 32 Imperfection
 - 33 Roof edge
 - 35 Breathe like a bull
 - 36 Reverse
 - 37 Eventual monarch
 - 39 Chip's chum
 - 40 Beseech
 - 41 Fluffy female
 - 42 Mouth piece?
 - 43 Antique ending
 - 44 Impending peril
 - 45 Pericles' portico
 - 49 Mil. group
 - 52 De Lesseps' ditch
 - 54 Danny or Stubby
 - 56 French hot rocks?
 - 57 Early orchard?
 - 59 Essence
 - 61 Machinations
 - 63 Some wines
 - 66 Mr. Saanen
 - 68 See 41
 - 69 Across
 - 70 San —, Italy
 - 70 Basics
 - 71 "Dies —"
 - 73 Interstate exit
 - 74 Coll. cadets
 - 75 Armada member
 - 78 Shred
 - 82 Kind of kiln
 - 84 Prepare to be in "Baywatch"
 - 85 Vigilant
 - 86 Astronomer
 - 88 "Bali —" female
 - 89 New Haven hardwood
 - 91 Brew barrel
 - 93 "— Named Sue" ('69 hit)
 - 95 Slips up
 - 98 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
 - 100 Biblical tyrant
 - 103 Musical composition
 - 105 Stream
 - 106 Kevin of "SNL"
 - 107 Unrestrained
 - 108 Churchill trademark
 - 109 Motown's Marvin
 - 111 Organ part
 - 112 Boxer
 - 113 Hair coloring
 - 115 — Grande, AZ
 - 117 Present
 - 118 Weekend warriors (Abbr.)
 - 120 Autocrat
 - 122 Angkor — (Cambodian temple)
 - 124 Ivy Leaguer
 - 125 Manage, with "out"
 - 126 Off-rd. transport
 - 127 Formerly known as
- DOWN**
- 1 Peruvian of old
 - 2 Oklahoma city

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