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# Frazier Brings New Town Hall Meetings to Ranchos

By Karen Petryna

New Supervisor Brett Frazier held the first of what are to be regular Town Hall meetings for District 1 at the Ranchos Middle School on June 30. Advertised in both the Ranchos Independent newspaper and on its Facebook site, the event was attended by over 150 residents and included presentations on the Root Creek Water District and Riverstone Development, the Madera Irrigation District and, from Madera County, water, solid waste, road and storm water quality issues. Also in attendance were representatives from California State Assembly member and former Madera County Supervisor Frank Bigelow's office, U.S. Representative Tom McClintock's office, Madera County Supervisor Rick Farinelli and City of Madera Mayor Pro Tem, William Oliver.

Supervisor Frazier started the meeting by reading a set of ground rules he borrowed from long-time Supervisor Tom Wheeler who uses them at all his meetings. Rules covered everything from courtesy, respect and mutual honor by turning off electronic devices and refraining from third-party conversations, to holding off on questions until the end of presentations. Frazier, who said he welcomed humor as long as it was not at anyone else's expense, proceeded to get everyone chuckling with a few jokes about himself before introducing the first guest speaker.



*Drought-tolerant plantings were discussed by Madera County Stormwater Quality Improvement.*

## Root Creek Water District and Riverstone Development

The first two presentations were by Phil Pierre, Managing Director of the Root Creek Water District (RCWD) and Tim Jones, former Director of the RCWD and current part owner of the Riverstone (formerly Gateway) Development, both located at Ave. 12 and Hwy. 41. Pierre and Jones spoke about formation of the water district that will serve the residential and



*The Town Hall meeting addressed many topics, including recent activity with the Root Creek Water District, shown here installing a new 48-inch water pipeline near the new Riverstone development at Highway 41 and Avenue 12.*

commercial development, the history of each and planned and included features of both. Pierre said RCWD was formed in 1996, covers 9,220 acres, and is located in the Madera Groundwater Sub-basin. He also said how RCWD has partnered with other local water agencies such as the Madera Irrigation District in order to adopt the area Groundwater Management Program and establish long-term sustainable water supplies for the district.

Pierre also described the In-Lieu Groundwater Recharge Facility. He said it was funded primarily through grants from the State of California and he showed pictures and talked about how it connects the Madera Canal, via 2.7 miles of 48-inch pipeline, to a series of farm land irrigation systems in order to reduce groundwater over-drafting in the RCWD.

Tim Jones, from Fresno, next showed conceptual plans and talked about several features of the Riverstone Development including a club house and swimming pool in each of its five sections, a bike trail to the San Joaquin River and potential community farm plots. He said the first phase will include 253 houses for which the first recreation center is set to open next summer. Jones said the development will use natural gas via a connection at Ave. 9 and confirmed it will have a wastewater treatment plant on Rd. 40 between Avenues 10 and 11, which will also be available to Rolling Hills. He said treated wastewater would be used for irrigation and recharged into the ground.

In response to several questions, he explained how the development had achieved a new Madera-County requirement to achieve a "water balance" when the former development owners, Castle & Cook, secured enough commitments from several water agencies to more than replace

the water the development will use. He said while agriculture uses about three acre-feet per acre per year, houses only use about two acre-feet per acre per year. In response to several questions, Jones also said that when completed the development would include three elementary schools and a high school, which will belong to Golden Valley Unified School District. And he said the County would be collecting \$10,000 per house to pay for road improvements as part of a traffic mitigation plan for the development.

## Madera Irrigation District

Thomas Greci, Managing Director and General Manager of the Madera Irrigation District (MID), gave an overview of his organization next. Greci, a licensed Civil Engineer who is a graduate of Madera High School and of Fresno State University, said that MID, formed in 1920, has as its mission to "... obtain and manage affordable surface water and groundwater supplies in a manner which will ensure the long-term viability of irrigated agriculture in the District." He said the district is made up of 130,000 acres, including 9,400 acres in the City of Madera, and contains 300 miles of canals and 150 miles of pipelines which service approximately 700 customers.

Greci listed several other organizations which MID works with including the Friant Power Authority, the Madera Chowchilla Power and Water Authority, the Regional Water Management Group, the Madera Groundwater Joint Powers Authority, the San Joaquin River Conservancy, and the San Joaquin River Resource Management Coalition as well as the Association of California Water Agencies and the California Special District Association. He said MID has entered a new era of

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By Randy Bailey

The time has finally come. After all the months of conversation between the two sides on the recall issue, it's time to make your voice heard. The actual day of the special recall election will be Tuesday, Sept. 1, however absentee ballots will be out before that. If you vote absentee, you should have your ballot by Aug. 3, approximately one month before the election. Here's what the election and your vote means.

As part of the democratic process, if citizens believe their elected officials have become non-responsive, or for virtually any other reason, they have the right to call for an election to recall those elected officials from office. Recalls are not just for local issues. You might remember that California Governor Gray Davis was recalled in 2003, at the time only the second U. S. governor to ever be successfully recalled.

The three parties involved are Carla Neal, Kathleen Crumpton and John Moseley, representing Areas 1, 2 and 4 of Golden Valley Unified School District, respectfully. The ballot asks a very simple question that requires a yes or no answer. For example: Shall Kathleen Crumpton be recalled (removed) from the office of Governing Board Member, Area 2? A "yes" vote means you want her removed; a "no" vote means you want her to stay.

If you vote "no," you're done. If enough people vote "no," that person will remain in office. If you vote "yes" in either Area 1 or 2, you are also done and your vote is automatically cast for Mona Diaz in Area 1 and Maria Knobloch in Area 2. In Area 4 if you vote "yes" to recall John Moseley, you must then choose between candidates Brian Freeman and Dale Overbay.

Not everyone in the Ranchos will get to vote in this election. Trustees are no longer elected "at large" by the whole community, but rather by their specific geographic "area." If your Trustee is either Mike Kelly or Steven Lewis, you will be a spectator for this one.

Make your voice heard one way or the other and vote on Sept. 1.

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THE FOLLOWING  
CANDIDATES:**

**Mona Diaz**



**Trustee Area 1**

**Maria Knobloch**



**Trustee Area 2**

**Brian Freeman**



**Trustee Area 4**

# Vote "YES" on the Recall

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

**Vote "YES"**



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

**Vote "YES"**



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

**Vote "YES"**



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

- Mike Kelly
- Steven Lewis
- Mark Toole
- Roger Schuh
- Bruce Blair
- Teresa Carter
- Audrey Stock
- Mark Huddleston
- Robert Hallett

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Letters

Dear Editor:

On July 4th, there was a fire involving the back of our property as well as three adjoining properties. I do not know the exact cause of the fire but I wanted to thank the fire personnel who responded so quickly. Although it was at the back of our property away from our house, the fire did threaten our hobby shop where we have several cars, tools and other equipment.

In this extreme drought, and as we are not allowed to water our lawns, I know fire personnel must have an even harder job. We all need to remain alert about the fire risk and work together to get through this drought.

I want to encourage everyone to support our fire personnel and buy tickets to the upcoming BBQ.

Sincere thanks again,

Roger and Peggy Jeanneault  
Madera Ranchos

Dear Editor:

This a letter to the whole Ranchos Community.

I would like to alert you to some alarming facts since Carla Neal, Kathleen Crumpton and John Mosley hijacked Golden Valley Unified School District. Since taking office, their actions through intimidation of staff, ignoring school policy and frivolously spending \$130,000 to buy out our Superintendent, has led to the following LOSS of staff at Liberty High School:

- 25% LOSS of Liberty High staff
- 31% LOSS of Liberty High teachers
- 100% LOSS of Liberty High administration team

I hope these facts are as alarming to you as they are to me and hit home the need to recall these three.

I am encouraging everyone to VOTE

YES and RECALL Carla Neal in Area 1; Kathleen Crumpton in Area 2; and John Moseley in Area 4. Depending on the governing board member area you live within, your ballot will have one of the following YES or No Questions:

1. "Shall CARLA NEAL be recalled (removed) from the office of Governing Board Member, Area 1?"
2. "Shall KATHLEEN CRUMPTON be recalled (removed) from the office of Governing Board Member, Area 2?"
3. "Shall JOHN MOSELEY be recalled (removed) from the office of Governing Board Member, Area 4?"

Please VOTE YES on the Recall question.

Mona Diaz and Maria Knobloch are running unopposed. If the recall in their areas pass, each will win. Two candidates have chosen to run in Area 4; Brian Freeman and Dale Overbay. Between the two, I highly recommend Brian Freeman. Brian has been actively involved in the recall process and is someone I trust to place the needs of the students first.

Steven Lewis, GVUSD Board Member, Area 5  
Madera Ranchos

Dear Editor:

Soon the Ranchos Community will vote to recall Kathleen Crumpton, John Moseley and Carla Neal. In fear they will lose, these three did everything they could to recruit new GVUSD candidates to be on the ballot, and they could only find one: Dale Overbay. Unfortunately, Dale Overbay is their "plant" and is challenging Brian Freeman for the GVUSD Area 4 seat. Brian Freeman was actively involved in the recall process and has a proven record of success and the experience needed

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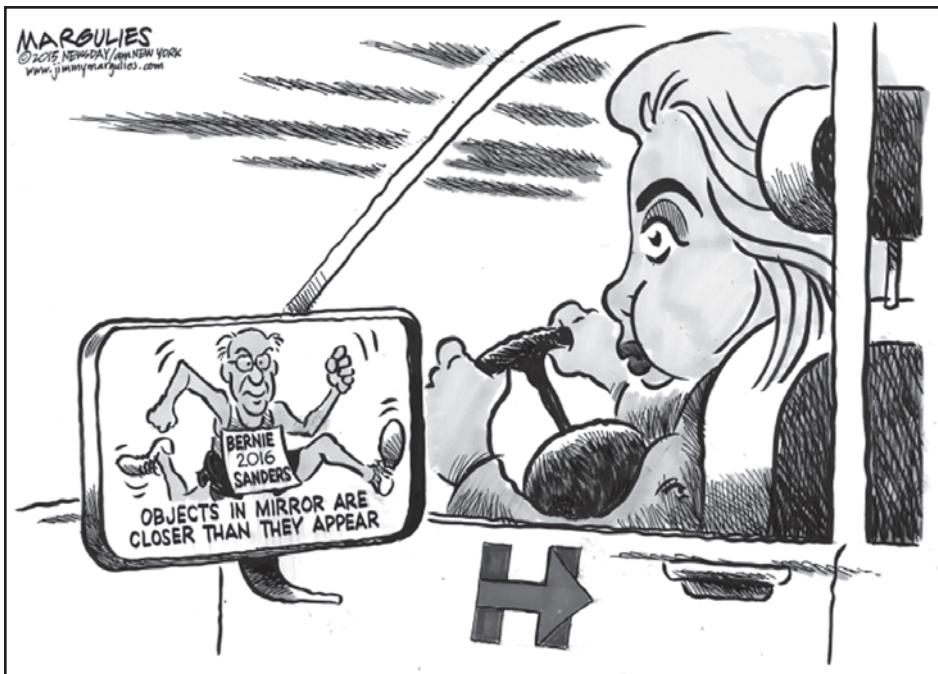
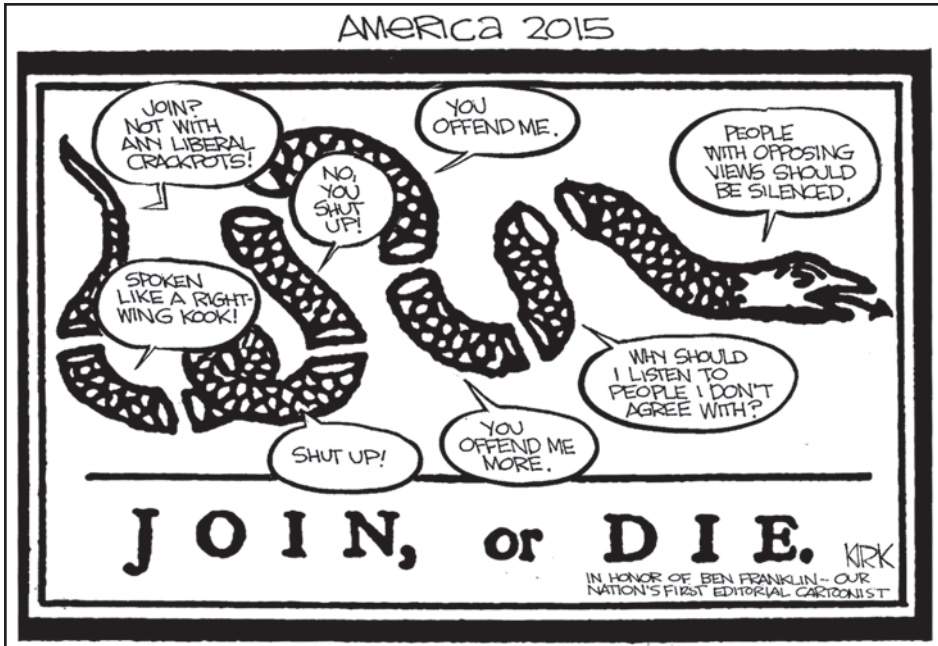
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Editorial

# Here Comes the Election

By Randy Bailey

The recall election is finally upon us. As Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead said, "What a long, strange trip it's been."

It all started back in February of this year with a Golden Valley Unified School District meeting that was unlike any I had ever attended, but set the tone for many more to come. It was at that meeting that the two newly elected board members, Carla Neal and John Moseley, joined forces with Kathleen Crumpton to effectively oust Superintendent Andy Alvarado from his position, a goal that Crumpton had been verbalizing for years but only now had the necessary votes to carry her plan through. It was at that meeting that the crowd was estimated at approximately 500 parents, community members, GVUSD employees and the just plain curious. Golden Valley schools were the pride of the Ranchos; the highest performing schools in Madera County, second only to Clovis schools -- not a bad place to be. We had so many "Schools of Excellence" that Golden Valley became a "District of Excellence," a very high honor and seemingly the result of Andy Alvarado's tutelage. The parents were there for their kids, the employees were there for a boss that they truly loved working for, and the community members were

there for -- among other things -- their property values. They showed up because they mistakenly believed they had the ability to offer input on the Board's decision.

They were wrong.

That first meeting in February set the stage for what was to come. Plans, discussions and decisions made in private between Crumpton, Moseley and Neal. Foregone conclusions before a gavel ever hit a table calling a meeting to order. The Brown Act? What's that? How does that arcane piece of legislation possibly impact us? The deck was stacked before the 500 ever entered the room.

And that was just the beginning.

Emails between Moseley and Crumpton surfaced where they were clearly seen colluding to create a strategy to get rid of Alvarado. Not in a public meeting, not in the spirit of transparency, not in any way you would expect trusted, local elected officials to act, but behind closed doors with no regard for the will of the people who elected them. The only thing missing was a smoke-filled room somewhere.

They conspired to remove Andy Alvarado and when that set the recall election in motion it just made them more resolute in their actions. They postponed the decision to act upon the recall, once presented as official by Madera County, to the last possible date. They set up a date to supposedly discuss an election date, then -- over objections from their constituents -- selected a time when the majority could not attend. Fellow Board member Steven Lewis said he would be unable to attend to which Crumpton turned to Neal and Moseley and then responded to Lewis that it didn't matter, they only needed three. The three showed up at the last meeting with a date already picked and tried to prevent Board member Mike Kelly from even discussing it. Kelly suggested having everything sorted out before the new school year began Aug. 13 to make any possible transition smooth and cause the least amount of disruption for the kids. The three weren't interested. Election day would be Sept. 1.

Absentee ballots go out Aug. 3. If this is the way you want to be treated, do nothing. I think we deserve better. In a representative republic we deserve, at the bare minimum, to be represented.

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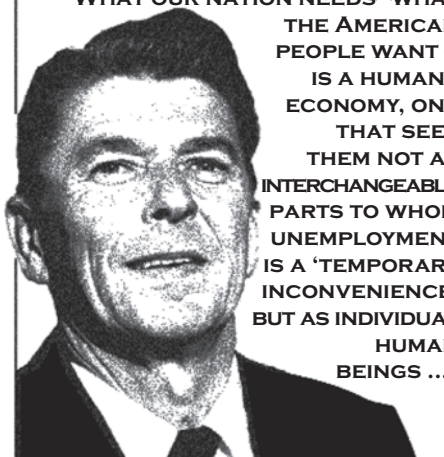
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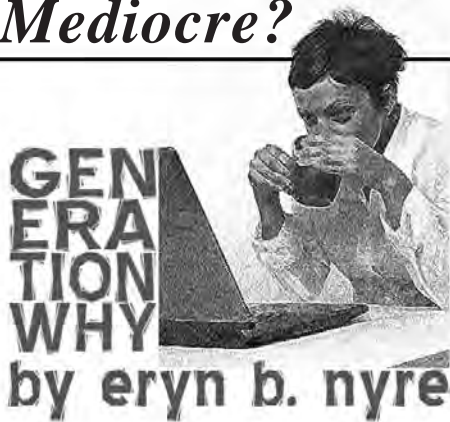
A week or so ago I was sitting at a table in our company break-room listening, as I tend to do, to a conversation between coworkers. One was telling a story about something adorable her six-year-old did the other day while in line at Starbucks. During the course of the story it came out that she buys her son a coffee when he goes to school without complaint. The other woman, who is either better at holding her tongue than I am or simply doesn't share my inquisitive nature, didn't immediately ask her why she feels the need to bribe her child to do what is simply required of him. I started to ask but they were already out of the break-room before I could get my sentence out and I didn't think it would be a good use of my lunch hour to track her to her department and grill her on her child rearing practices.

This got me thinking, though, about how commonplace this type of behavior is. And it's not child specific. I have a colleague in my department who went an entire week without being late to work, which was pretty unexpected considering she is usually

*The baseline is there for a reason, it represents basic expectations. You shouldn't have to praise someone for taking a shower, showing up for work, paying their taxes and obeying the law. That's what is expected of a person; not even an extraordinary one.*

five to ten minutes late for every shift, and our boss made a big deal of out in front of everyone, applauding her effort to be on time. But, aren't we supposed to be on time for work? There were at least five of us that weren't late that week either, or the week before, or the week before – you get the picture. Life happens and people run late from time to time, but am I wrong to think that a strong track record of promptness shouldn't be considered going above and beyond? That should be considered simply meeting expectations. I don't falsify my time card or drink on the job either, should I get a parade for that? Where does it end?

This particular topic stuck in my craw for a few days and I



by **eryn b. nyre**

thought back to all the times as a kid my parents bribed me to behave or go to school ... I couldn't come up with any. They didn't bribe me to be obedient; I faced consequences if I wasn't. I'm not saying I didn't get some ice cream for a perfect score on a test or a new toy for straight As but I didn't get rewarded for performing at baseline.

I was also reminded of a conversation I had with my former roommate. With a long track record of dating highly undesirable men – men she wouldn't dare bring around her family – she finally found herself dating someone she wanted to introduce to her parents. I didn't particularly like him but he certainly wasn't the

worst of the bunch. The day came when everyone would meet and he asked her to iron a button up shirt for him so he could come over after work, jump in a shower and clean up before her parents got to our place for a barbecue. She beamed all day that she finally met a great guy. A guy who showered after working outside all day on a golf course and put on a clean shirt before meeting the girlfriend's parents. She hadn't just lowered the bar – she buried it. I mean, he didn't plan the barbecue, or help with the set up or clean up, she and I did that. But hey, he showered and put on a clean shirt. That's what amazing, top shelf men are

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to get GVUSD back on track. The Recall Committee recommends Brian Freeman. The community has worked too hard to elect a person who did not support the recall. I recommend we elect Brian Freeman as a TRUSTee we can trust!

Lastly, over the next few weeks Kathleen, John and Carla will be doing everything they can to confuse the voters. As we have already witnessed, they will be floating trial balloons and making unsubstantiated wild accusations to see if any stick and gain traction, from charges of tax gouging, federal investigations, a grand jury investigation, GO Bond Freeze issues, tax scares, development planning scares, discrediting the new candidates ... who

knows where they will go next. They are desperate. I hope everyone will be able to see right through them.

Name Withheld Upon Request  
Madera Ranchos

Dear Editor:

We have a recall election date: Sept. 1. Why so late? Wouldn't it be better to have the election prior to the beginning of the new school year?

Yes it would.

It was and is the intent of the Recall Steering Committee and volunteers to have as early an election date as possible. It is not our desire

to extend the conflict and promote unrest in our community. We want distractions and disruptions finished before school reconvenes. We want due process to work expeditiously, have a vote and put the recall behind us. Those sentiments are not however the sentiments of President Crumpton and Trustees Moseley and Neal.

By statute, the trustees could not be served with the "Intent to Recall" prior to being in office 90 days. While waiting, the recall committee and others went online to the Madera County Elections Office and downloaded the Guide to Recall Handbook. We did our homework and prepared. We created all the necessary legal recall documents, crafted our 200 word statement for the petitions explaining our positions, collected the 30 signa-

tures needed (10 from each trustee area), created a web site, opened a bank account, completed the legal documents to allow us to accept donations, created flyers, organized 150 volunteers into trustee area teams including their accountability structures plus much, much more. Just for the record, I was not involved with any of that. It was all volunteers under the leadership of the ad hoc Steering Committee. Because of their diligence and organization, we served the trustees on their 90th day in office, March 3, 2015. The trustees had seven days to respond to our "Intent to Recall" and they used all seven days. While we were waiting, 80 volunteers gathered on Sunday afternoon at Birdstone Winery with our consult-

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**Who Wants Grunt?**

Aunt Jean is recovering from some oral surgery she had done earlier in the month so she decided this would be a good time to re-run an article that appeared in the June 2010 issue.

- Editor

Mama always told us to “keep your mind going – try to learn something new every day. Don’t let your mind dry up.” Well, I learned something just the other day; in fact I learned two things that I never knew before.

I received an e-mail from Debra suggesting I do a column on cobblers, crisps and grunts. She must have been reading my mind because I had intended doing this one on cobblers – but she stopped me with a “grunt.” So I went to the internet (I don’t

know where I’d be if it weren’t for the internet). First I went to the dictionary and looked up grunt. The familiar definitions were there – A sound made when lifting; an infantry man; an unskilled

worker, and then there it was: New England cooking - a dessert, made with fruit and topped with biscuit dough. Then my curiosity was really going, so I went to Google and typed in Peach Grunt and wow, there were all kinds of recipes. Not only that, I found another word I’d never heard of and that was a “slump.” So, back to the internet to find the difference between a grunt and a slump. They both come from New England and one site said the grunt was cooked on top of the stove and got its name from the sound the fruit was making while cooking and a slump was baked in the oven. Both with bubbly fruit with biscuits or dumplings dropped in on top of the fruit. Well, there you have it – if you are like me, you learned two new words today to add to your vocabulary.

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**Peach Grunt**

- 5 C Sliced Peaches
- ¾ C Sugar
- 1 T Cornstarch
- 1 C Flour
- 2 T Sugar
- 1 t. Baking Powder
- 2 T Butter, softened
- ½ C Milk

Combine first three ingredients in saucepan. Cover and cook over low heat until mixture comes to a boil. In a mixing bowl, combine dry ingredients and cut in butter with a pastry blender. When crumbly, add milk, making a dough that is soft but not sticky (you may not need all the milk). Uncover the pot

and drop the spoonfuls of dough into bubbling fruit, spacing evenly. Simmer uncovered for 10 minutes, cover and cook an additional 10 minutes without lifting the lid. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream.

I don’t have a recipe for my mom’s boysenberry cobbler, but I can remember how she made it – saw her make enough of them. She would make her pie crust for a two crust pie.

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- ½ C Ice Water

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crust 9-inch pie or a 9x13 pan for cobbler.

She would line the bottom and sides of a 9x13 pan with half the rolled out pie dough. In a bowl, she would mix whatever amount of berries it took to fill the baking dish (probably about 5 cups of berries) a couple of tablespoons of flour and enough sugar to sweeten the berries. Sugar would depend on the tartness of the berries, but close to a cup of sugar. Pour the berry mixture into the prepared pan and top with the other half of dough and seal the edges. Score the top with holes to let steam escape. Bake in 350 oven until fruit is bubbly and top is golden.

If you don't want to fool with making and rolling out pie dough:

**Batter Topping**

- 1 C Flour
- 1 C Sugar
- 2 t. Baking Powder
- ¼ t. Salt
- 2 T Butter, softened
- 1 Egg, slightly beaten
- 3 T Milk

In large bowl mix all ingredients and beat with a spoon until batter is smooth. Drop batter over fruit mix. Bake 25-30 minutes in 350 oven.

I found a recipe in her cards that sounds real easy and good – I'll pass it on:

**Easy Fruit Cobbler**

- 1 Stick Butter
- 1 C Flour
- 1 C Sugar
- 2 T Baking Powder

¾ C Milk

4 C Canned Fruit (peaches)

Melt butter in 9x13 pan. In mixing bowl mix sugar and flour together, add baking powder, then add milk and beat well. Pour over the melted butter DO NOT MIX TOGETHER WITH BUTTER. Pour canned fruit with juice over batter. DO NOT MIX FRUIT WITH BATTER. Bake at 375 for 45 minutes.


Debra included a couple of recipes for homemade ice cream that I will save for another time, but she did tell me about a quick "freeze" that sounds real good:

Take a two liter bottle of root beer and mix in the ice cream freezer can with two cans of sweetened condensed milk (Not evaporated milk). Whisk to blend thoroughly, and then freeze according to the manufacturer's directions. If you like root beer freeze, you will really love this concoction. Use orange soda in place of the root beer and it will bring back memories of a 50/50 bar (or an Orange Freeze at Foster Freeze).


Well that does it for another month. I really want to thank those of you that sent emails, or called. I really appreciate the feedback. One suggestion was that I include our e-mail address in the column. I took it for granted that since it was in the paper a couple of times, that wouldn't be necessary but perhaps I'm wrong – sorry about that! You can contact me by phone at 645-0634 (If I'm not there, leave a message on the answering machine) E-mail me at [ranchosnews@yahoo.com](mailto:ranchosnews@yahoo.com), or better yet, come into the office and talk to me. We're in the Chamber of Commerce office between the liquor store and Wight Water Pool Supply. I'd love to talk to you. Until next time ...

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# Does our freedom face extinction?



By Betty Van Valkenburg

*"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."* - Ronald Reagan, 1961

Re-reading this powerful Reagan quote recently reignited my fear that we are, indeed, losing our freedom. It spurred me to search other historic quotes (then) and compare them to those of present day (now).

## DEBT

**THEN, 1820:** "It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world." (Thomas Jefferson)

**THEN, 1816:** "We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt." (Thomas Jefferson)

**NOW, 2015:** "In 2004, the federal debt was \$7.3 trillion. Today it exceeds \$18 trillion and is projected to approach \$21 trillion by 2019 ... Public debt per taxpayer \$161,022 ..." (Mike Patton, Forbes.com)

## RIGHT TO LIFE

**THEN, 1776:** "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." (Declaration of Independence)

**NOW, 2015:** An undercover video shows Planned Parenthood's medical director casually discussing over wine and salad how their affiliates harvest fetal body parts for medical research. "I'd say a lot of people want liver," said Dr. Deborah Nucatola, senior director of medical services at Planned Parenthood Federation of America ..." (NCRegister.com) [So much for the unborn child's right to life?]

## RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

**THEN:** "No free man shall ever be de-

barred the use of arms." (Thomas Jefferson)

**NOW, 2013:** Senator Dianne Feinstein, opposing an amendment to her Assault Weapons Ban legislation: "... but I think we have to, if you're going to do this, find a way that veterans who are incapacitated for one reason or another mentally don't have access to this kind of weapon."

**NOW, 2015:** "No Weapons" (Sign on the window of a Chattanooga military recruiting office where four Marines were killed.)

## GRADUAL ENCROACHMENTS

**THEN, 1788:** "... I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations." (James Madison)

**NOW:** "Phase-out regulations effectively ban the manufacture, importation or sale of incandescent light bulbs."

(Wikipedia)

**NOW:** "... the Energy Policy Act ... made 1.6 gallons per flush a mandatory federal maximum for new toilets." (Wikipedia) [Is nothing sacred?]

**NOW, 2015:** "About 6.6 million U.S. taxpayers paid a

penalty, imposed for the first time this year, for not having health insurance." (Business-Record.com)

## EDUCATED CITIZENS

**THEN, 1789:** "Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government ..." (Thomas Jefferson)

**THEN, 1787:** "Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom." (John Adams)

**NOW, 2014:** "France." "China." (Answers to the man-on-the street question, "Who did America fight in the Revolutionary War?" [So much for education.]

## FREEDOM OF RELIGION

**THEN:** "To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical." (Thomas Jefferson)

**NOW, 2015:** Headline: "Court Rules Nuns Caring for the Poor Must Comply With Obamacare Contraception Mandate" - Mother Provincial Sister Loraine Marie Maguire states: "All we ask is to be able to continue our religious vocation free from

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*Are we losing our freedom? If you add to these limited examples the multitude of other violations of individual rights by governments at all levels, the answer is "yes." Now what do we do about it?*

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## Board of Equalization's George Runner Talks Taxes to Locals

On Wednesday, July 15, Board of Equalization Vice-Chairman and District 1 member George Runner participated in two town halls in the City of Madera hosted by Madera County Supervisor Rick Farinelli. The two events, while intended for different audiences, talked about taxes and the state of the California economy.

The first town hall was directed at Madera's business community and hosted in cooperation with the Madera County Economic Development Commission. On the table were many of the state's economic development programs, such as "Cal Competes," a corporate tax credit program designed to encourage businesses to stay or expand in California. The presentation was given by Jason Rancadore, Assistant Deputy Director at the California Office of Business and Economic Development (CalBIS). Rancadore explained that many of these incentives have been complicated to apply for in the past, but that CalBIS has made great strides to make applications simple and free to the applicant.

Runner continued, discussing how his office at the Board of Equalization operates to help make navigating California's complex

tax system easier. "I encourage anyone with tax questions to contact me. No matter your tax question, one of my staff will help you." Runner said, explaining his pro-taxpayer policies. "When California tax policy isn't clear, I side on the side of the taxpayer."

He also didn't shy away from criticizing California's legislature for policies that complicate and confuse the state's business community by oscillating politically between business attraction and repulsion. "On one hand, the State passes taxes and regulations that push businesses to move outside the state, and they when the State sees busi-

nesses leaving, they panic and legislate credits and incentives to try and keep people from leaving," Runner told the audience.

He also had strong criticisms of the way the state manages and spends the tax dollars they do receive. At a District 3 Town Hall that same evening, Supervisor Farinelli gave a dire update on the state of county and state roads and fire protection. Service is declining rapidly in both areas. Runner, who as a State Senator was a strong opponent on increasing taxes, was critical of the way the Legislature prioritizes its spending, often times underfunding

essential services like roads, fire, police and schools, then manipulating voters to support tax increases to pay for those shortfalls. He encouraged the audience to be critical of the proposals to raise road and fire taxes, and to demand their legislators spend their tax dollars efficiently.

One of the State's programs that draws Runner's ire is the \$150 "Rural Fire Fee" imposed on residents in Cal Fire's State Responsibility Areas. The fee was passed in 2011 to create a supplemental revenue source to fund rural fire service during a period where the State was experiencing revenue shortfalls. Runner has been a long-time critic of the fee – which he calls "an illegal tax" for its method of passage – and is even championing a lawsuit against it. He opposes it more now that the state maintains it, in spite of running a surplus. He solicited the audience, if they are impacted by this fee, to fight back – but to do so legally. "My advice? Pay your bill, then appeal it. But make sure you pay first – the fines are not worth it," Runner said. "But also don't forget to appeal it. Even if this lawsuit is successful, you won't get reimbursed unless you have an appeal on file." Appeals can be filed on [www.calfirefee.com](http://www.calfirefee.com).



Madera County Supervisor Rick Farinelli hosted a town hall which featured (from left) Board of Equalization Vice-Chairman George Runner, Madera County Supervisor Rick Farinelli, Fresno City Councilman Steve Brandau, Madera County Assessor Gary Svanda and MaryAlice Kaloostian, District Director for State Senator Tom Berryhill.

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### Barely Passing Smog

Hello Madera Ranchos. I received my first question for my new Ranchos Independent Automotive Questions and Answers Column. 93636 resident Larry contacted me over concern his vehicle barely passed its previous smog inspection. You've come to the right place, Larry. Emissions are something I understand and can help.

#### Different Gasses

The tail pipe emission gases monitored during a smog inspection are: Hydro Carbons (HC), Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Nitrous Oxides (NOx). These three emissions are usually generated from differing causes, have different solutions and they don't always play well together. When you lower CO for example, expect the NOx to rise. Correcting one emission gas is not extremely hard, it's achieving the balanced condition where all three emission gases are lowered together (stoichiometric) and the engine runs well. That's difficult.

HC is normally a symptom of incomplete combustion, CO an "overfueling" condition and NOx an "underfueling" condition.

Larry's concern is elevated CO emissions (overfueling). Since 70,000 miles has elapsed since Larry's last tune up, he decided to try that prior to the next smog inspection. Here is my conversation and answer to Larry:

"Is the engine running poorly?"

His general answer was "no."

"A tune up is probably a good idea but do not expect it to solve an overfueling condition. The better approach is to address the fuel injection system which is where the cause for excessive CO is usually found. Is the air filter dirty and restricting available oxygen from entering the engine? Is a fuel injector internally leaking? Is the air temperature sensor out of calibration and effecting the air density calculation? Is the oxygen sensor lazy?"

Larry, these suggestions and more should be considered but the oxygen sensor is number one on my list to test. Here's why. The oxygen sensor measures the oxygen content in the exhaust and generates a voltage based on that measurement. That information is feedback to the PCM (powertrain control module) and the PCM

uses it to adjust the air to fuel ratio. If the oxygen content in the exhaust is very high (lean), the O<sub>2</sub> sensor will generate a low voltage (near 0 volts). If the oxygen content is very low (rich), the O<sub>2</sub> sensor will generate a high voltage (near 1 volt). Just like any generator, O<sub>2</sub> sensors wear out. When they wear out they struggle to generate the higher voltages. The low voltage signals from a worn out O<sub>2</sub> sensor will be misinterpreted by the PCM as high oxygen content and will command the fuel injectors to stay open longer and thereby cause an overfueling condition.

A secondary ignition tune up does not even address CO, an overfueling condition. A secondary ignition tune up is a routine maintenance issue usually performed at about 100,000 miles. It should not be postponed until there is a problem. If you wait too long and the vehicle develops a misfire, kiss your catalytic converters GOODBYE! It may be too late. \$\$\$\$\$

#### Two Converters?

I asked Larry if he had ever replaced his catalytic converter. He answered, "Yes, twice."

TWICE!?!

Catalytic converters theoretically last forever. Catalytic converters should not get old and die. A defective converter is a symptom, not a cause. If you don't correct the cause prior to replacing the catalytic converter, the converter is doomed. NEVER, NEVER, EVER replace your catalytic converter without verifying the engine is in "Fuel Control." Who is in charge of verifying "Fuel Control"? The Oxygen sensor. He is king of "Fuel Control."

Sometimes a technician will blame the catalytic converter for the emissions failure and recommend replacement. I'm sure the converter is bad but if the condition that caused the converter to fail is not identified and repaired prior to its replacement, your new catalytic converter will soon go bad also. Hopefully you will pass the emission test before it fails and the process begins all over again. Hope this information helps 93636.

Again, guessing is the most expensive way I know to repair the modern vehicle. Accurate testing is much more efficient and cost effective. I am here to answer your questions, give you a second opinion and give you an explanation you can understand. If you have a question or comment for me, please contact me at complete\_car\_care@hotmail.com or send them to the Ranchos Independent. Thanks again and God Bless.

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## Senior Report

### Challenging Ice Cream Social Start

By Patti Groh

Along with the heat of summer comes exciting times for the Ranchos/Hills Seniors this month. Pick up your RHS newsletter at the center or area businesses for the usual activities and note that there is no first Saturday sale in August.

On Aug. 15, Seniors will gather at the Phoenician Garden restaurant at First and Hernon in Fresno at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the August birthdays and anniversaries. Then, on Aug. 23, we will be traveling to Oakhurst to the Golden Chain Theatre for the production of "The Odd Couple-Female Version." We will be leaving the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m., carpooling up the mountain for the 2 p.m. show. Cost is \$12.

Saturday, Aug. 29 we are having a fundraising bunco party at the Center. It's \$20 to participate with bunco, light refreshments, raffles for gifts and bunco prizes. Tickets are available at

the Center or by calling Juanita at 593-2087. Space is limited!

I just have to mention what a good time we had at our ice cream social on July 2. This was a members' only event with BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the Center and potluck items provided by members. But, we almost had a shortage of homemade ice cream. One person who was asked to make a freezer of ice cream real-

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ized that someone had borrowed her freezer and she couldn't remember who it was to retrieve it. Okay, we can get along with just three. One person (who shall remain anonymous) for-

got to put the paddle in her ice cream freezer and could not imagine why it was taking so long to freeze. Eventually she noticed the paddle on the counter and corrected the situation. The second person (trying to do it herself, as the usual ice cream maker husband was unavailable) froze up the freezer with too much rock salt. She eventually just left it there, went to the store and bought ice cream. She had called a friend about her dilemma and that friend had also gone to the store to buy ice cream (just in case). The friend relayed the situation to the grocery clerk. When I got to the store I was amazed that the clerk, who I had told about making ice cream in the morning when I bought 20 pounds of ice, knew all about my dilemma. Can't help but love this community. Well, hubby showed up just in time to pour all the salty ice out and start over. The fourth freezer came in just perfect. Thank you to all who helped make this event a success.

On July 4th the annual RHS raffle was held and the free pizza a month from the Pizza Factory was won by Carol Wood. The Red Rock collection bin was won by Mona Silva. Ruth Baker was the winner of the Camp Chef Burner from Valley Propane. Marilyn Reed Bond won a \$100 gift certificate from the Madera Ranchos Market and Helen Lowell won the 32" Magnavox television.

We are saddened at our loss of Senior member and friend, Pauline Eddings, who passed away in July. This beautiful woman was always willing to help whenever or wherever needed. She was upbeat/positive and always seemed to be smiling. We'll miss her, and we send our condolences to her family.



# SEMCU's Soccer Fest 2015 a Big Success for Ranchos Soccer Fans and Beyond

By Karen Petryna

This year marked South East Madera County United's (SEMCU's) 4th annual and largest soccer clinics event to date with over 620 kids and their families in attendance. SEMCU's Soccer Fest 2015, which took place the last full week of June, owed its success to participation by the LA Galaxy and Fresno Fuego Soccer Clubs, several other sponsors, and a big shout out throughout the community. It was promoted with radio ads in English and Spanish, ads in the local papers, a social media campaign on Facebook, and automated phone calls to the families in Madera and Golden Valley Unified School Districts. The clinics con-

sisted of three age-specific groups on three successive days, at two different locations: Liberty High School on Tuesday, June 23 and Madera High School on Wednesday and Thursday, June 24-25.

Participants were coached by players of both the LA Galaxy and Fresno Fuego Soccer Clubs and rewarded after each session with raffle prizes like signed team balls, jerseys, shirts, hats and free tickets to a Fresno Fuego soccer game at



Julio Perez from Merced enjoyed the very first clinic so much he intended to come back for the others.

Chukchansi Park the following Saturday. Participants were also able to sign up for a free raffle for a round-trip bus ride, with game tickets included, to the LA Galaxy vs. Seattle Sounders game at StubHub Center in Los Angeles on Sunday, Aug. 9. Several of the participants interviewed at Liberty High School, some from as far away as Coarsegold and Merced, said they would be attending all three days of clinics since the training was

progressive.

Also on hand were Melissa Armiento-Van Loon, MUSD Head Athletic Trainer, and Darryl Ratzlaff, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach at Liberty High School. Armiento-Van Loon was there to make sure everyone stayed hydrated and safe, and to be available with ice and first-aid supplies should any injuries occur. Ratzlaff, who is starting a local league for off-season conditioning and training, was there to watch with his son. He said that young people are being drawn to soccer with more media attention due to famous international players joining teams here in the U.S. near the end of their

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5. Because I feel a sense of personal obligation to improve the quality of life in the Ranchos.

## Featured Members

### Paula Stuart – Now & Again Thrift & Gift Shop

A Valley native, Paula was born and raised in Fresno where she attended and graduated from San Joaquin Memorial High School. In 1987, Paula moved to the Madera Ranchos.

Paula opened Now & Again Thrift & Gift in 2012, where her husband Doug has joined her to help run the business. Now & Again Thrift & Gift specializes in vintage, retro and antique furnishings, collectables and clothing. The store's original location was next to the Pizza Factory but in November 2013 it moved to its current location across from the Pizza Factory next to Dough Ray Me cof-



fee shop and bakery. You can follow Now & Again Thrift & Gift on Facebook to stay up-to-date on specials, sales and new items.

This is not your typical “thrift” or “gift” store. A customer sums it up best: “In the mini mall created by Pizza Factory and Subway, Paula Stuart has done it again. Here she has created another treasure house of beautiful items for your home. I found some high-end furniture at a price anyone could afford. My dis-

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### Randy Bailey – The Ranchos Independent

Randy has been the owner of the Ranchos Independent for over 10 years and has been a resident of the Ranchos for more than 20 years.

With a Journalism degree from Fresno State, Randy had edited two local entertainment magazines, a local cigar magazine and was the associate publisher for six ag magazines when he decided to set out on his own with a business partner back in 2005. When they heard that Bill Bell was interested in selling the Ranchos Independent, a deal was struck and they acquired the Independent. The business partner moved away to Washington after the



first year and Randy has run the paper ever since.

“I’m kind of a one-man-band,” he said. “I get the ads together, creating most of them, write the stories and edit the ones from my great staff of freelancers. Then I do the layout, send it off to the printer, pick them up, and bundle them together to take them to the Madera post office every month.”

Randy’s also a big believer in the Chamber of Commerce, having served as President twice and Vice President three times ... so far.

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Randy can be reached at 645-0634.

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ant who conducted a training session on the proper and legal technique for collecting valid recall signatures. When the trustee responses were received, we completed the recall petitions and submitted them to the elections office for approval within three days. We received approval and conformation to start collecting signatures on March 18. We collected 1,362 signatures (although only 916 were needed) and submitted them for verification on Friday, April 3. One week later on April 10, GVUSD was notified by the Madera County Elections Office of the sufficiency of signatures to begin a recall election for President Crumpton, Trustee Moseley and Trustee Neal. From the time we served the "Intent to Recall" until the district was notified of sufficiency to recall was only 38 days. Because of our speedy effort, we moved the first available election date forward to July 21, allowing the community to be long finished and the new board to be seated three-plus weeks prior to the commencement of school.

Crumpton, Moseley and Neal decided it was not in their best interest to have a speedy election.

I think they have adopted a "scorched earth" policy and need the extra time to accomplish the objective of making it as difficult as possible for the next board to undo what they are doing at present. When asked to explain their reasoning for selecting the Sept. 1 date, Moseley answered, "There was no later date option." They are STALLING and the long, drawn-out recall and the disharmony it causes our community and schools is on them.

Furthermore, the district received notice of sufficiency on April 10, 11 days prior to the next school board meeting, April 21. An estimated 200 concerned community members attended that board meeting and were prepared to discuss, debate and select a recall date. The three trustees were unprepared. They decided to call a "Special Board Meeting" for Friday, May 1 at 9 a.m. Because it was designated a "Special Board Meeting" only 24 hours was legally required to disclose the meeting location. They picked a very inconvenient time and date to discourage public participation and involvement. It was their intent to sensor and silence public comment and to obstruct, restrict and interfere with the people's right to access a public meeting. For those who were able to battle their way through those obstacles, the "Public Comment" portion was omitted from the agenda. These three are deceitful trustees and have NO INTEREST in community input and opinions. Our school district leadership has been corrupted. Transparency and openness are gone. They said they wanted to take the school district in a new direction and they have. It no longer resembles the GVUSD of the past.

With only 24 hours of prior notice of the

meeting location, the community rallied and there was standing room only. Trustee Mike Kelly demanded the "Public Comment" be placed back onto the agenda so the community could be heard. See for yourselves. Google "GVUSD," then click on the Golden Valley Unified School District Home Page. Next, click on the "Board of Trustees" button (left side) then the "Agenda Online" button (large and blue). Finally, click on 5/1/15 9 a.m. and see for yourself. The "Public Comment" portion of the agenda was REMOVED. Would you like to read public comment from that "Special Board Meeting"? Would you like to know what the three trustees were attempting to silence? Click on 5/19/2015 5 p.m. Scroll down to "Item L, CONSENT AGENDA" and click on "L.2., minutes from Special Board Meeting, May 1, 2015 attachment 5/1/15" and open the file. Thirty-nine individuals addressed the board. Seventeen requested an earlier election date including acting superintendent, Kevin Hatch. There was NO public comment supporting the late date. Long time GVUSD supporter Joanne Doss directly asked the board to explain the reasoning and thought process behind the late date. President Crumpton's response to Mrs. Doss was: "The board will not be answering that question."

She was right.

There was no board discussion on the motion. NONE NEEDED. The outcome was predetermined all along. The "Special Board Meeting" was a special underhanded way of stalling. Nine individuals called for the resignation of Crumpton, Moseley and Neal. Trustee Neal did make a statement for the record. Her statement was that she does not feel the late date matters. If date doesn't matter trustee Neal, why didn't you vote NO on the motion as the community asked? The reason is, if you had voted NO, the vote would have been 2-2 and the motion would have FAILED. We would have had an earlier election date. The late date certainly did matter to you. Your allegiance is NOT with the community, it's with Crumpton and Moseley. You are their enabler. You are ALWAYS the deciding vote trustee Neal. Just think: Neal won her election by six votes. If only four were reversed, likely we would not be in the situation we find ourselves in. If you think your vote doesn't matter, I wish you would reconsider.

My personal opinion is school board elections are the most important elections in our nation and school board meetings are the most important government meetings in the nation. If we elect the wrong individual to government, we have the opportunity to replace them in the next election cycle. If our students lean wrong, it's long term. It's hard to unlearn bad habits and bad teaching. Like President Lincoln once said: "The philosophy of the school

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
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made of.

I think that's one of the biggest problems we have today. Little by little as people fail to meet expectations we simply lower them. You surround yourself with men who use you, take advantage of you and neglect both you and hygiene and the first guy to shower and put on a clean shirt gets the award for boyfriend of the year. A student who fails to perform the required work finally turns in a paper and manages to barely pass gets celebrated. An employee who is routinely late has a small run of getting to work on time and they are applauded. The baseline is there for a reason, it represents basic expectations. You shouldn't have to praise someone for taking a shower, showing up for work, paying their taxes and

obeying the law. That's what is expected of a person; not even an extraordinary one. A great one does all those things plus. A great student shows up, does the work and does it exceedingly well. A mediocre boyfriend not only showers and puts on a clean shirt but he doesn't ask the girlfriend who spent all day cleaning and preparing for the barbecue to iron his shirt. Instead, he irons it himself, at his own house, where he showers after work so he doesn't mess up the newly cleaned bathroom right before the party. A good boyfriend does all that and stops by the store for some extra supplies and helps clean it all up without having to be asked. There's a big difference between mediocre, good and great, but the more we applaud mediocrity the smaller and more insignificant that difference becomes.

**LETTERS** cont. from P. 16

house in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next."

These three trustees are not interested in representing their voters. Their primary interest is keeping Andy out of the district, hand out employee raises – which they just did – and implement their liberal agenda like Global Warming.

Please invest the few minutes it takes to visit the district's website and read those agendas and minutes so you can draw your own conclusions. When someone comes knocking on your door and asking for your support (including me) don't be shy, be prepared and ask the hard questions. IT MATTERS! To paraphrase Pastor Carl Roth, "Good leaders create PEACE out of chaos and bad leaders create chaos out of peace." It really is that simple,

isn't it? And it's our choice. Let's finish what we started. It's time to take our school district back.

Again, I am personally endorsing Mona Diaz for Area 1, Maria Knobloch for Area 2 and Brain Freeman for Area 4. These individuals need little or no learning curve. They are experienced, responsible individuals and up to the task. I expect the district to be set back on its tracks within weeks, not months and years.

God Bless Madera 93636 and God Bless America,

Warren Parr  
Madera Ranchos

## Letter Writing 101

If you're looking for your letter to the editor and it's not here it's not because I disagree with you and am afraid to post your thoughts. It's because you didn't follow the rules, Rule #1 being you have to sign your letter. "A Concerned Ranchos Citizen" is not a signature. Your name is a signature. And I need a phone number so I can call and verify that these are indeed your thoughts and not just the ramblings of someone else who has put your name on it. If you want to remain anonymous in the paper I will respect that and list you as "Name Withheld," but I get to do that, not you. Letters to the Editor that aren't signed aren't published. Period.

Thank you.



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transparency and welcomes visitors to its office at 12152 Road 28 1/4, to its board meetings on the first and third Tuesday of every month, and to its website, Madera-ID.org and Facebook and Twitter sites. MID newsletters can be obtained by contacting Andrea Sandoval at 559-673-3514, he said.

**Storm Water Quality Improvement Efforts**

Following Greci, Public Relations Consultant Julia Berry-Terzakis spoke about storm water quality improvement efforts. Because of new California storm water quality laws and regulations, she said the County has launched a campaign to increase public involvement to improve reduction, reuse and recycling efforts with the use of billboards, public motor oil and filter disposal events, radio advertising in English and Spanish and a website: RecycleMaderaCounty.com. The program focuses on proper disposal of used oil, which has the potential to wreak havoc polluting groundwater; appropriate car wash clean up or preferably, using a car wash facility, which uses 50 gallons of water that is reused again and again such that each subsequent wash uses only an additional 16 gallons as opposed to 150 gallons that is used by traditional car wash methods; performing regular septic system maintenance; and enhancing water-friendly landscaping by employing native and drought-tolerant vegetation. Berry-Terzakis showed pictures of some of the billboards and posters advertising environmentally friendly events and themes and said that her company is mapping the locations of storm water outfalls in the County and will be taking samples at them when it rains to help gauge current conditions and improvements. She ended her presentation by reminding everyone to report illegal dumping by calling 311 anywhere in Madera County. (Editor's Note: The Madera Master Gardeners will be conducting a free Native and Drought-Tolerant Workshop at the Madera Community College Center on Aug. 15 at 10 a.m.)

**Public Works Director Discusses Dublin Well**

Public Works Director Johannes Hoevertsz next spoke about the completion of the Dublin Well Project. He said the well was scheduled to come on line as part of the MD-10A Water System within a few days (Editor's Note: The Dublin Well is now operating.) One resident asked about naturally occurring arsenic in the ground and Hoevertsz said that should arsenic be detected in the Dublin Well it would be necessary to either treat for it or to install another well that is screened deeper in a region where arsenic is not detected. He also confirmed that arsenic has not been detected in the Dublin

Well. Another resident who lives outside the boundary of the water system assessment area asked about connecting to the system, and Hoevertsz said unfortunately that was not legally allowed. Hoevertsz also responded to a question to say the county has no plans for a moratorium on residential construction.

**Road Improvement Projects**

Deputy Public Works Director for Capital Improvement Projects Jerry Carter next shared a list of road improvements the County was working on or had recently completed. These included, in the western part of District 1, the Hwy. 99 and Ave. 12 interchange, which will be completed by the end of next year, and improvements to Rd. 28 and Ave. 7. In the central part of District 1 improvements included chip seal installation from Rd. 28 to Rd. 20 on Ave. 15 and Ave. 9, a traffic signal on Childrens Blvd., additional sidewalk along Ave. 12 to Rd. 37 1/2, turn lanes at Hwy. 41 and Ave. 12 and resurfacing Rd. 40 from Ave. 10 to Ave. 12, both for Riverstone. In the east part of District 1, the county has completed or is planning a Rd. 206 rehab, chip seal toward O'Neals, a passing lane on Hwy. 41, and improvements at the Madera Rock Quarry. Carter also said that as a result of a grant received, speed limit signs would be installed throughout the County in three to four weeks and that Ave. 12 will be modified to run above the Santa Fe Railroad track and the High Speed Rail at some point in the future.

**Redrock Environmental Group Will Institute New Pick Up Procedures**

Ahmad Alkhayyat, Madera County Deputy Director of Flood Control and Solid Waste, along with Justin Raymond, Division Manager of Redrock Environmental Group, both spoke about new procedures for handling trash. Alkhayyat said curbside recycling will be in full force by October with Redrock providing the recycling containers. But "partial mandatory (pick up) had been postponed until further notice," due to too much push back from an unidentified source. Alkhayyat said the County is required by law to adhere to a 75 percent diversion rate by 2020 and it is now at about 50 percent, which had been mandated by 2000, at the Fairmead landfill that Redrock uses.

Regarding recycling in general, Raymond said Redrock is looking for an "efficient and cost-effective program," and he did not believe the previous clear or blue bag recycling program, where customers of the former trash hauling company were allowed to place extra bags of recycling for free pick up, actually resulted in any recycling because those bags were probably han-

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careers. Ratzlaff also pointed out international futbol, or soccer, has long been more popular worldwide than American football.

**Participants' Profiles**

Eight-year-old Julio Perez from Merced enjoyed the very first clinic of the event so much he intended to come back for the second and third days' clinics as well. Lionel "Leo" Messi of the Spanish club Barcelona is his favorite player and the Mexican Chivas are his favorite team.

Brothers Julian and Humberto Gomez also joined in the first day of clinics at Liberty High. Julian, age 12, who will be in 7th grade at the Ranchos Middle School next year, won an L.A. Galaxy towel and Humberto, who is 10 and will be in 6th grade at Sierra View, won an L.A. Galaxy Banner. After the clinics they demonstrated passing the soccer ball to one another using only their heads. Humberto, whose favorite footballer is Sergio Ramos with the Madrid club, is on a soccer team in Clovis. And Julian, who favors Lionel Messi, also plays with Bullard United in Fresno.

**Fresno Fuego and Freeze Teams**

Jeremy Schultz, General Manager of the Fresno Fuego (men's) and Fresno Freeze (women's) teams, was in attendance as well, possibly scouting future talent. Schlutz said while the Fuego have players from Spain, Ger-

many, Brazil, Peru, Mexico, and Argentina, among others, the team uses at least 75 percent local players in part to foster positive community relations and growth. This approach has resulted in the Fuego remaining among the top three teams in fan-based attendance the last eight years.

**SEMCU Soccer Events Getting Bigger and Bigger**

Midway through, during a break in the clinics, Supervisor Brett Frazier, along with representatives from Supervisor Rick Farinelli's office, the City of Madera, Madera County EDC, Madera Unified School District, Chowchilla Union High School District, and others, met to discuss possible coordination with LA Galaxy regarding a 40-60 team tournament to be held as early as next year. Officials also hope a Madera Sports Complex, which is currently being considered, can be used for such a tournament among other events in the future.

**How You Can Take Advantage of SEMCU's Offerings**

If you would like to learn more about SEMCU events and activities, you can visit South East Madera County United on Facebook or check out their website at [www.semcu.org](http://www.semcu.org). Monthly meetings are open to the public and held on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Pizza Factory on Ave. 12. The next meeting will take place Monday, August 17.



Soccer players of all ages and abilities took advantage of the clinic sponsored by SEMCU.

## How to Save Water and Money with Drought-Tolerant Plant Workshop

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In addition to using less water, native and drought-tolerant plants can also provide food and shelter for our native wildlife, attracting pollinators and birds to

your garden.

The class is being offered at Madera Community College Center, Room R-3A, 30277 Ave. 12 near Highway 99. Free parking is available in Lot C near the Three Sisters Demonstration Garden.

If you have any questions you can call (559) 675-7879, extension 7210, or use email at [mgmadera@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mgmadera@ucdavis.edu). Visit the Master Gardeners website at [ucanr.edu/maderamg](http://ucanr.edu/maderamg) to learn about other free Master Gardener events and services. Events are also posted on Facebook at [facebook.com/MaderaMasterGardeners](https://www.facebook.com/MaderaMasterGardeners).

## TEA TIME cont. from P. 10

government intrusion." (The Daily Signal)

**SIZE OF GOVERNMENT**

**THEN, 1821:** "The multiplication of public offices, increase of expense beyond income, growth and entailment of a public debt, are indications soliciting the employment of the pruning knife." (Thomas Jefferson)

**NOW, 2015:** Sorry, no quote here. The list of all U. S. Government agencies prints out to 37 pages and 6,273 words.

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**THEN:** "I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." (Thomas Jefferson)

**NOW, 2015:** "Food Stamp Beneficiaries Exceed 46,000,000 for 38 Straight Months" (CNSNews headline)

**NOW, 2015:** "The National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program operating in over 100,000 public and non-profit private schools and residential child care institutions." "In addition to cash reimbursements, schools are entitled by law to receive USDA foods, called 'entitlement' foods ..." (USDA.gov)

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## TOWN HALL cont. from P. 18

dled like regular trash. Raymond said Redrock had received consent for a fully automated program such that no "hand cans" could be used. He said Redrock was also planning to provide hazardous material disposal information, electronic equipment or e-waste collection at Hurst Hardware, and a document shredding event in the near future. And he invited everyone to "like" Redrock on Facebook for a chance to win a year's-worth of free trash pickup.

When an audience member asked Raymond about the damage he has observed Redrock dump trucks doing to roads near his house in Rolling Hills, Raymond said the company will be instituting a GPS feature on the trucks soon so they can better monitor the situation.

**Town Hall Meeting Wrap Up**

At the end of the meeting, which took a little over two hours, Supervisor Frazier thanked the speakers and everyone else for attending and being engaged. He said, "We're going to be solving some of our prob-

lems by going in the right direction," adding that while a broad overview had just been provided, "we'll start to drill down in the many meetings to come." Frazier emphasized that he was very available to meet with his constituents and said he not only holds office hours on Thursdays, but he can also meet at the Ranchos Café. To close the meeting, Frazier thanked his Administrative Assistant, Rhonda Cargill, for all her help with the meeting and getting him up to speed on the job; and he thanked his wife, Elizabeth, with whom he is expecting in December.

**How You Can Stay Up to Date with Happenings in Southeast Madera**

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# The Ranchos Independent RECOMMENDS

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### AREA 1

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

**VOTE "YES"**

### AREA 2

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

**VOTE "YES"**

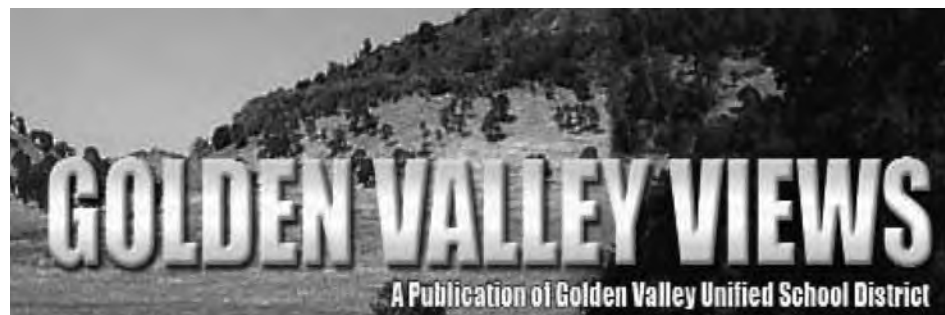
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1. "Shall JOHN MOSELEY be recalled (removed) from the office of Governing Board Member, Area 4?"

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# The Ranchos Independent RECOMMENDS



## Liberty Welcomes New Principal

After teaching and coaching for 10 years at a rival school, new Liberty High School Principal Kirk Delmas is excited for the opportunity to continue Liberty on the positive academic successes the school has seen over the past years.

"I'm very excited," Delmas said. "It's a great school, great staff and a great community. I don't know what else I could have asked for."



*Kirk Delmas is Liberty High's new principal, arriving from Chowchilla High and the U.S. Naval Academy.*

Delmas was an assistant principal at Chowchilla High School overseeing curriculum instruction. Before that, he was the school's athletic director, coached baseball and taught math in his 10-year tenure.

He got into education after serving as a naval officer and then corporate America. "I found out there was no intrinsic value of what I was doing. I was making money for the company and myself, but there was not a lot of 'get back,'" he said. He went to work in Livingston on an emergency cre-

dential as a math teacher in 2002 and the rest is history.

Delmas' wife is a special education teacher in Chowchilla and has been there for 14 years and he spent 10 years there.

He started at Liberty on July 1. "The community has been outstanding. I've known about the school for a long time because the schools are in the same leagues. The staff is outstanding. We've had the chance to hire

some folks and bring in some good people. The entire experience has been fantastic," he said.

He doesn't foresee making a lot of changes based on Liberty's outstanding record. "I don't see a lot of immediate changes," he said. "Developing relationships, promoting the good things the school has to offer and facilitating getting everybody involved, I don't see a lot of changes to make."

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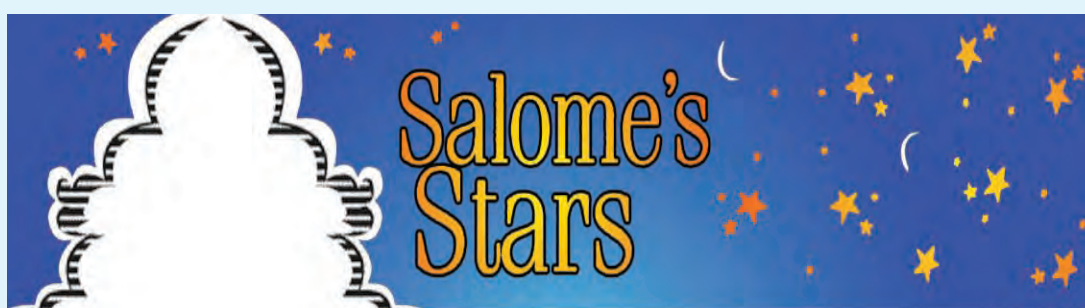
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A bit of Arian contrariness could be keeping you from getting all the facts. Turn it off, and tune in to what you need to hear. It could make all the difference this week.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Getting an answer to a vital question involving financial matters might take longer than you'd expected. A new factor might have to be dealt with before anything can move forward. Be patient.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Use your good sense to see what might really be driving a colleague's workplace agenda. What you learn could lead to a new way of handling some old problems.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A change of mind might once again turn out to be a good thing. True, most of your co-workers might not like the delay, but as before, they might appreciate what follows from it.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You revel in golden opportunities this week. One cautionary note, though: Be careful to separate the gold from the glitter before you make a choice. Someone you trust can help.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Marriage is important this week, as are other partnerships. Don't let yourself be overwhelmed by sentiment. Instead, try to steer a path between emotion and common sense.

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

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A "friend" who is willing to bend the rules to gain an advantage for both of you is no friend. Reject the offer and stay on your usual straight and narrow path.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) After all the effort you've been putting in both on the job and for friends and family, it's a good time to indulge your own needs. The weekend could bring a pleasant surprise.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You might want to do something new this weekend. Close your eyes and imagine what it could be, and then do it, or come up with the closest practical alternative.

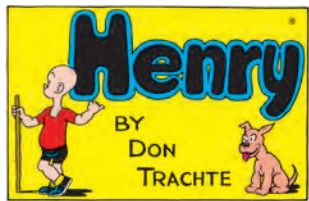
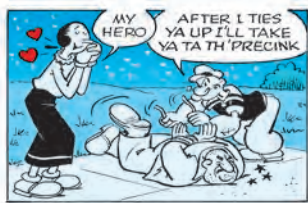
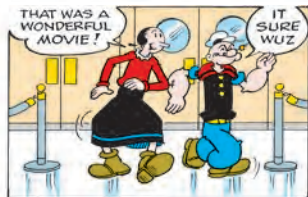
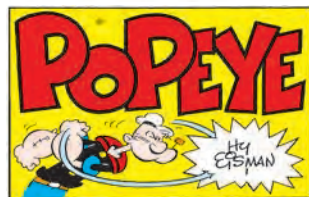
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your good deeds bring you the appreciation you so well deserve. But, once again, be careful of those who might want to exploit your generous nature for their own purposes.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Trolling for compliments isn't necessary. You earned them, and you'll get them. Concentrate this week on moving ahead into the next phase of your program.

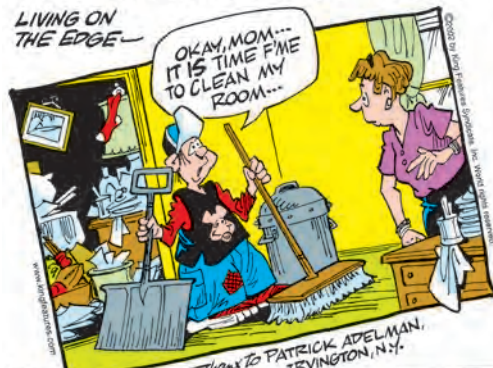
**Born this Week**  
Meeting new people usually means you're making new friends. People want to be reflected in your shining light.



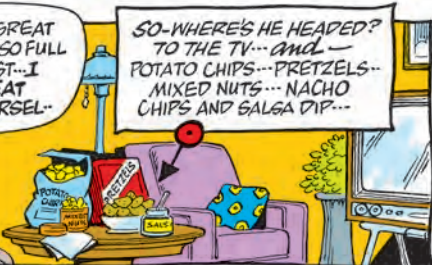
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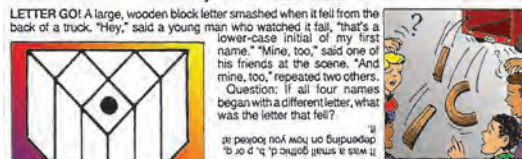


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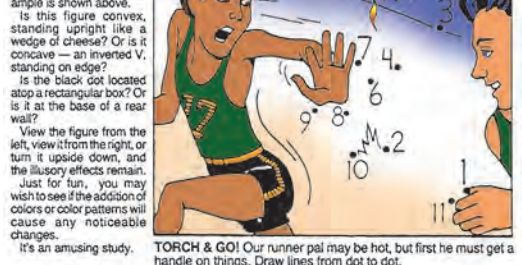
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**LETTER GO!** A large, wooden block letter smashed when it fell from the back of a truck. "Hey," said a young man who watched it fall, "that's a lower-case initial of my first name." "Mine, too," said one of his friends at the scene. "And mine, too," repeated two others. Question: If all four names began with a different letter, what was the letter that fell?



**TYPE CAST!** Tom Tuxson's xrazzled old typewriter types quite well except for the alphabet's sixth and sixth factors. What letters are missing?



**EYES HAVE IT, OR DO THEY?** Optical illusions play tricks on your eyes. An example is shown above. Is this figure convex, standing upright like a wedge of cheese? Or is it concave — an inverted V, standing on edge? Is the black dot located atop a rectangular box? Or is it at the base of a rear wall? View the figure from the left, view it from the right, or turn it upside down, and the illusory effects remain. Just for fun, you may wish to see if the addition of colors or color patterns will cause any noticeable changes. It's an amusing study.



**TORCH & GO!** Our runner pal may be hot, but first he must get a handle on things. Draw lines from dot to dot.

**Wishing Well**

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8	5	4	6	8	6	4	8	3	4	6	8	4
E	T	F	E	N	T	R	E	P	O	A	R	M
2	4	3	4	6	7	2	4	3	2	6	5	4
O	A	P	F	N	H	T	R	R	G	S	I	I
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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## TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: What time zone is the state of Alabama in?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "crypto" mean?
3. SCIENCE: What does an ichthyologist study?
4. MOVIES: What was the first major movie to show a flushing toilet?
5. ABBREVIATIONS: What does BMW stand for?
6. MUSIC: Who wrote the Beatles' song "Here Comes the Sun"?
7. MEASUREMENTS: The word "octennial" refers to a recurring period of how many years?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only mammal that can fly?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What did the African nation of Burkina Faso used to be called?
10. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Egyptian god of the afterlife?

## Answers

1. Central
2. Hidden or secret
3. Fish
4. "Psycho"
5. Bavarian Motor Works
6. George Harrison
7. Eight
8. A bat
9. The Republic of Upper Volta
10. Osiris

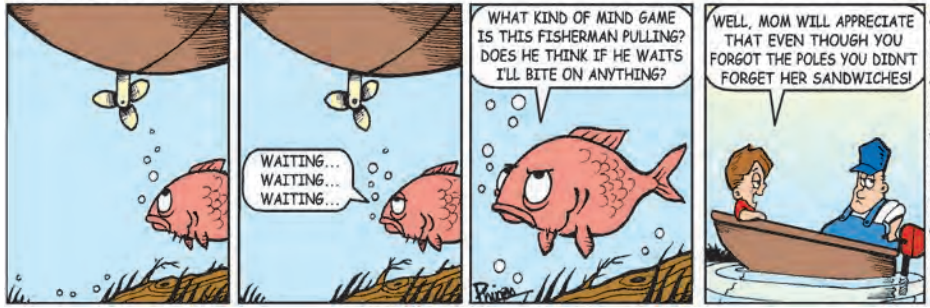
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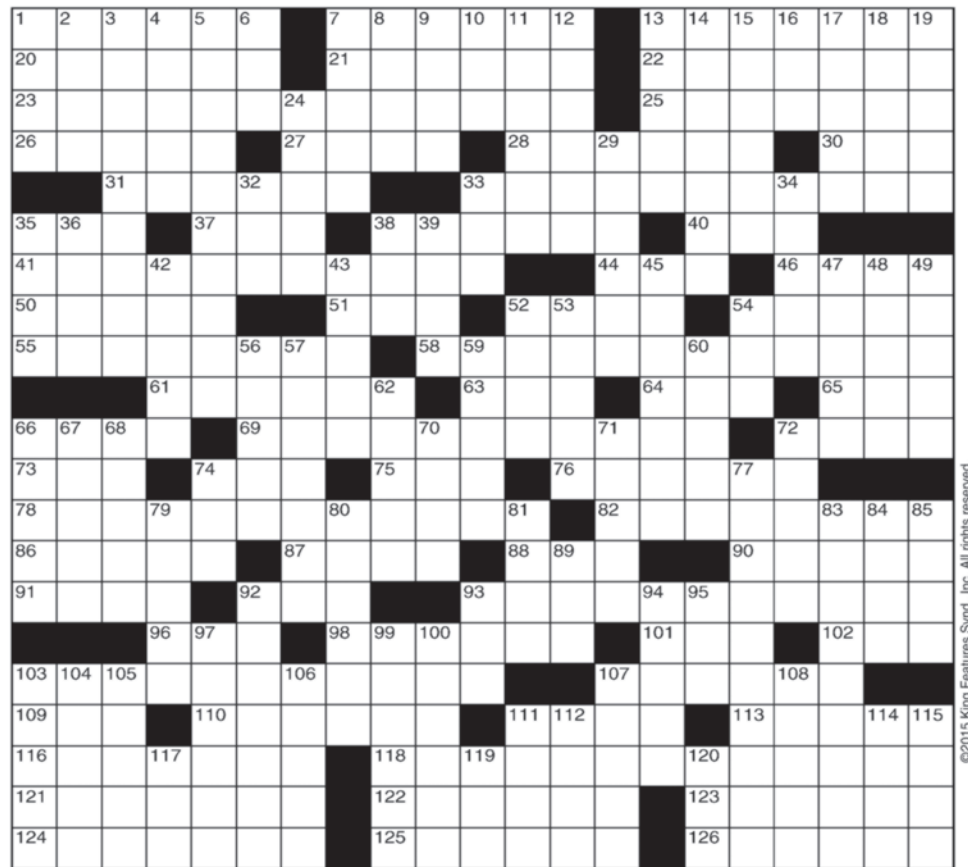
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Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Jacket is missing. 2. Dog's ear is missing. 3. Cap is reversed. 4. Cuffs are missing. 5. Cloud is different. 6. Radio is missing.

# Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Film stars, e.g.
  - 7 Snake-haired Gorgon
  - 13 General who advised Augustus
  - 20 Golfer Mark
  - 21 Rabid fan
  - 22 More gutsy
  - 23 Really get into making electronic scans?
  - 25 Embraced
  - 26 Straitlaced
  - 27 Grand party
  - 28 With the result being
  - 30 Abbas' gp.
  - 31 Gazed wantonly
  - 33 Conrad Hilton with a fever?
  - 35 Part of NCAA or AAU: Abbr.
  - 37 Animals: Suffix
  - 38 Like a rough, harsh voice
  - 40 Oath reply
  - 41 Cobbler cutter's job?
  - 44 — and yang
  - 46 Raise crops
  - 50 "Two Guys and —"
  - 51 GI uplifter
  - 52 Make at work
  - 54 Wheel spokes, e.g.
  - 55 Disoriented driver's remark to a passenger, maybe
  - 58 Decrease in sunburn severity?
  - 61 Last of a tetralogy
  - 63 Boeing plane
  - 64 Stranded stuff in cells
  - 65 "Too many to list" abbr.
  - 66 Tentacles
  - 69 Gorilla's pre-dinner drink?
  - 72 Bit of deceit
  - 73 —'wester (storm type)
  - 74 Songwriter DiFranco
  - 75 Reactor safety org.
  - 76 Put a backup copy on
  - 78 Embrace old French Protestants?
  - 82 Purebred's genealogy
  - 86 Vintage auto
  - 87 Ginger treat
  - 88 Suffix with Milan or Bern
  - 90 Faces
  - 91 Mythical river
  - 92 By means of
  - 93 Bid a Tokyo resident farewell?
  - 96 Blood-typing letters
  - 98 Flowers
  - 101 —'wester (storm type)
  - 102 Waikiki wear
  - 103 Meekness of medics?
  - 107 Hillocks
  - 109 That, in León
  - 110 Backyard pavilion
  - 111 Raines of "The Web"
  - 113 Vex greatly
  - 116 Suspended ski lift cabin
  - 118 How senior citizens address teens?
  - 121 Old French region
  - 122 Tijuana Brass' Herb
  - 123 She's a deity of wisdom
  - 124 Progress delay
  - 125 Sea serpent nickname
  - 126 Paring tool
  - 3 To whom property lawfully passes on
  - 4 "— Was a Lady" (1933 hit song)
  - 5 Fiancée who's a control freak
  - 6 Get less firm
  - 7 Paired up to breed
  - 8 Blue-pencil
  - 9 Sleep briefly
  - 10 Mentalist Geller
  - 11 Burglar alarm component
  - 12 Local lingo
  - 13 — chili (kind of pepper)
  - 14 Aspic ingredient
  - 15 Like many violent films
  - 16 ICU drips
  - 17 Longstocking of kid lit
  - 18 "Edward I" playwright
  - 19 Passion partner in cartoons
  - 24 Start to a bit of bad news
  - 29 "And — off!"
  - 32 — v. Wade
  - 33 Ugly witch
  - 34 Lite, in a way
  - 35 "Lend —" (Oscar-winning Disney short)
  - 36 Buster Brown's bulldog
  - 38 That boy's — about
  - 42 Gets ready
  - 43 Little darling
  - 45 Ready to roll, as a car
  - 47 "Farewell"
  - 48 Prison brawls
  - 49 Chop to bits
  - 52 German river
  - 53 "— a jealous mistress"
  - 54 Elvis' label
  - 56 Chimp's kin
  - 57 Second-cen. pope
  - 59 Throw off a meal
  - 60 In need of a meal
  - 62 White with Pat Sajak
  - 66 Fire leftovers
  - 67 Shake to wake
  - 68 Rocky's gangster partner in cartoons
  - 70 Stage piece
  - 71 Sticky rolls
  - 72 Actor Seth
  - 74 "La Cage — Folles"
  - 77 Asian nation since 2002
  - 79 Group of six
  - 80 Equip
  - 81 Stitching line
  - 83 2011 film about boxing robots
  - 84 Raison d'—
  - 85 Actor Morales
  - 89 Pt. of GPS
  - 92 Like A, E, I, O and U
  - 93 Tamari, e.g.
  - 94 Kofi of the U.N.
  - 95 "— -hoo!"
  - 97 Colombian capital
  - 99 Like Qaddafi
  - 100 Actor Peter
  - 103 Painter Edgar
  - 104 "— Mio"
  - 105 Art able to
  - 106 "The Compleat Angler" writer
  - 107 1971 Jane Fonda film
  - 108 Shop shaper
  - 111 Peepers
  - 112 Singer of film
  - 114 Duncan of Obama's cabinet
  - 115 Ivan or Peter
  - 117 Artistic touch
  - 119 Good times
  - 120 Hiatus
- DOWN**
- 1 Cousins of haddocks
  - 2 Throw off



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- No Host Bar 5:00 PM to Midnight**
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- Firefighter Jailhouse 5:00 to 10:00**
- Silent Auction/Raffle Row 5:00 to 8:30**
- Catered Tri-Tip/Chicken Dinner  
6:00 to 7:30**
- Introduction & Honoring of Firefighters  
7:00 to 7:30**
- Live Auction 7:30 to 8:30**
- Dancing with Wildfire 8:30 to Midnight**

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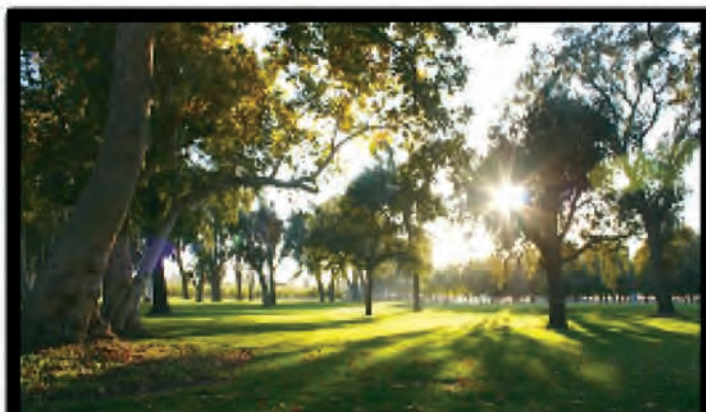
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