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## They're baaaaack ...

**Thanks to an uptick in cases of the "Delta Variant" of the Covid virus, California counties are reinstating mask mandates. Is Madera far behind?**

**By Randy Bailey**

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**S**tarting last weekend, Los Angeles County reinstated its mask mandate and 10 other counties throughout the state were “strongly recommending” that residents – even those fully vaccinated – return to wearing masks indoors. Those 10 counties were Fresno, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma and Yolo. The city of Berkeley also added its name to the list. It’s interesting to note that these 10 counties comprise over half of the state’s population.

As of this writing, officials of the state have not indicated one way or the other if the state will take over and mandate its mask requirements statewide. Both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state have gone on record stating that those who have been vaccinated do not need to wear a mask indoors. Further, virology experts contend that those fully vaccinated really

don’t need to wear masks.

**A Real Concern**

What’s concerning experts is the rapid spread of the “Delta Variant” of the Corona virus. In an online interview, Interim Assistant Director for the Fresno County Department of Public Health, Joe Prado, said, “This Delta variant is spreading fastest in areas with low vaccination rates. Vaccines provide excellent protection against the Delta variant and other Covid-19 strains.” What’s happening in Los Angeles is non-vaccinated people are causing continual increases in the number of Covid-19 cases.

State health statistics show that “breakthrough cases” – or cases of people already vaccinated who then get re-infected – is infinitesimally small. In the first half of 2021 there were only 8,699 cases reported out of more than 20 million people vaccinated, or .04 percent.

In Madera County, Madera County Public Health Department Community Health and Wellness Assistant, Phylisha Chaidez, said, “At this time, we are not modifying or developing our own masking guidance outside of the California Department of Public Health.” She further said that Madera County is encouraging everyone to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their family. “Those who are not vaccinated need to continue to wear a mask, and those who are vaccinated may continue to do so.”

**Madera County’s Guidelines**

The current guidelines for Madera County are as follows:

**Individuals: Fully vaccinated individuals can choose to not wear a masks with the exception of:**

- Public transportation (transit, airplanes, trains, etc.)

- Healthcare settings
  - K-12 schools, childcare and youth settings (this may change - updated 1-12 guidance coming soon)
  - Work settings when required by Cal/OSHA
  - Required by a business you choose to patronize
  - Emergency and homeless shelters
  - Correctional facilities and detention centers
- Masks are required for non-vaccinated individuals.

**Businesses**

**Patrons: In settings where masks are required only for unvaccinated patrons, businesses can choose to:**

- Allow vaccinated individuals to self-attest they are vaccinated upon entry without a mask
- Require vaccine verification to determine if individuals are required to wear a mask
- Require everyone to wear masks upon entry
- No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business.

**Employees: Per June 17th CalOSHA ruling -- Vaccinated employees are not required to wear masks while indoors, except when:**

- Work setting is public transport, healthcare, detention centers, homeless shelter, K-12 & childcare settings
- Employer chooses to require masks for all employees, vaccinated or not
- Vaccinated employee still choses to wear a mask (Per CalOSHA without fear of retaliation)
- Non-vaccinated employees must still wear face masks indoors

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## River Fire Finally 100% Contained



By Randy Bailey

The source of the Ranchos’ recent worsening air quality, the River Fire located on the border of Madera and Mariposa Counties was officially listed as 100 percent contained on the evening of July 19.

The fire began on Sunday, July 11 at a location about 14 miles north of Raymond and during the course of the fire was responsible for the destruction of at least 12 homes and structures, and fire damage to others.

A state of emergency was declared for Madera County last week, designed to help the county access more state and federal government resources. That declaration has

been lifted.

With the lifting of the state of emergency, all evacuation orders, warnings and road closures were also lifted for both Madera and Mariposa counties.

Located approximately 40 miles due north of the Ranchos, the River Fire was uniquely positioned to dump smoke and ash on the Ranchos as the fire continued to burn, a sober reminder of last year’s Creek Fire that darkened area skies for months.

It’s been estimated that the fire burned approximately 10,000 acres before its containment, a fraction of the 380,000 acres consumed by the Creek Fire last year. At its peak, there were approximately 1,200 fire-fighters from around the country converged on the River Fire.

Over the weekend prior to full containment, Cal Fire issue a “Red Flag Warning” throughout the Sierra Nevada. A Red Flag Warning is issued for weather events, such as lightning, that may result in extreme fire behavior within 24 hours. It is Cal Fire’s highest alert. During these times, extreme caution is urged by all residents, because a simple spark can cause a major wildfire.

California’s primary fire season is June through September.

## Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month

### Medical Equipment with Love

By Randy Bailey

Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce member and 5 Medical owner Maria Butler just likes helping people. “If we can’t help, we’ll find someone who can.”

5 Medical has been in business since 2009, but it isn’t Maria’s first go at medical equipment and supplies. “I have been involved in medical supplies since 1985,” she said.



2009 is when 5 Medical, located at 4656 E. Dakota near Maple in Fresno, opened its doors. Their area of expertise is wheelchairs and bracing for customers’ backs and knees. But what makes 5 Medical truly unique is their expertise. Maria is an Orthotist certified by the reknown Joint Commission, the same group that certifies orthopedic hospitals and doctors. Other companies may sell medical supplies, but 5 Medical provides a fit and customer service like no other, including home assessments AND home delivery, something other companies simply won’t do.

The companies Maria works with reads like a “Who’s Who” of the medical community. Health Net, Health Net Calviva, First Choice Medical, Medicare, Sante CommunityProviders, Imperial Health Holdings, Dignity Health, Kova and many more. “We don’t just say, ‘Sorry. We can’t help.’ We’ll find someone who can.”

If it feels familiar at 5 Medical it’s because eight of the nine employees are family ... and they all get along. “I can’t imagine not working with family,” Maria said.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

My name is David Giglio and I'm running to represent the Ranchos in the United States House of Representatives, District 16.

For years, Jim Costa has used his seat in Congress to enrich himself at the expense of our Valley. Jim has made a career of pandering to voters with lavish promises only to return to DC and fail to act or deliver.

Meanwhile, our farmers are suffering, our businesses are closing and our schools are failing. If the first six months of the Biden Administration are any indication, the worst is yet to come. Biden, Kamala and Pelosi are just getting started. They are committed to fundamentally changing America and they are counting on support from their puppet – Jim Costa – to get it done.

Make no mistake about it; Unless we fight back now, they will destroy our farms, take our guns, raise our taxes, cripple our economy, silence our voices and strip us of our freedoms.

The only way to ensure they fail is by electing individuals who understand that our government works for the people. I am not a career politician. I'm a former history teacher turned small business owner who believes in our Constitution, our rights and our nation.

I pledge that once I am elected, I will work tirelessly for our Valley. I will support the construction of new water storage and oppose bullet trains. I will support tax cuts and oppose wasteful spending. I will fight for deregulation and work to limit governmental power. And, now more than ever, I will support school choice and oppose the divisive critical race theory.

Costa thinks he is undefeatable. Though our fight ahead will be a difficult one, we will win. All of the input we have received from voters around the district, as well as from our data, makes one thing clear: Jim Costa is vulnerable. And now, for the first time ever, the National Republican Congressional Committee has taken the historic step of adding the 16th Congressional District to their list of targeted seats for the 2022 midterm elections.

With over \$185,000 raised in Quarter 2 and over \$250,000 cash-on-hand, it is clear that our campaign has the money, the message and the organization not only to challenge Jim Costa but to defeat him.

As our campaign team and organization continues to cement itself, and with an ever-growing army of volunteers, we expect our momentum to continue to grow with each passing day. Our message of putting the people of the Valley ahead of the DC establishment has already begun to take

root throughout the 16th district and our movement will only continue to grow stronger as we look toward 2022.

To volunteer or donate to our fight, visit our website: [www.DavidfortheValley.com](http://www.DavidfortheValley.com). Your support will be the driving force behind our historic victory.

Thank you,

David Giglio  
Candidate for Congress, 16th District

Dear Editor:

When the Democrats passed Mr. Biden's \$1.9 trillion spending spree in March, a lot of people got a lot of free money – thousands of dollars in many cases. But the bill is already coming due for that free money, and, as many of us warned, it turns out that free money is very expensive. Indeed, it turns out that the very same families most harmed by the lockdowns will be the most harmed by paying the bill for the lockdown relief. It comes to about \$15,000 for an average family and the first installment is already reflected in the rising inflation sapping the purchasing power of working families.

The sad and sober reality is that government cannot put a single dollar into the economy that it has not first taken out of the same economy. When government spends a dollar for you it has already decided to take a dollar from you – and it can only be taken back in three ways: from your current earnings through higher taxes, from your future earnings through borrowing and from your savings, retirement income and purchasing power through inflation. There is no other way to pay for every dollar government spends.

Inflation is the most insidious of these taxes because it silently hollows out everything that a family labors to achieve.

Anyone who has gone near a gas station or a grocery store in the last few months can now see where their relief checks came from and how they will be paid back. The Democrats shut down productivity with their lockdowns and then flooded the economy with dollars! More dollars chasing fewer goods is the classic recipe for inflation. And this is just the beginning.

The Consumer Price Index increased 4.2 percent in April. It was 2.6 percent in March. Core inflation is already growing faster than at any time since the end of the Carter Administration.

What does that mean, exactly? It

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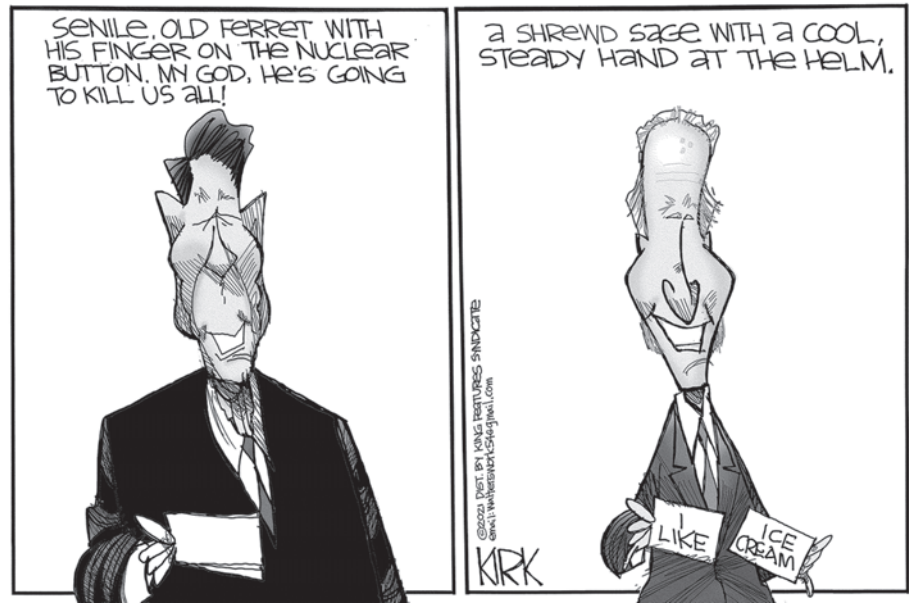
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Guest Editorial

Biden's Afghan Folly

By Rich Lowry

Perhaps the Afghan government and its forces will prove more resilient than many expect, but if the country continues its slide toward chaos or, worse, the Taliban rapidly take Kabul, President Joe Biden's decision to withdraw a residual U.S. force will look like an amateurish, unforced error by a man who prides himself on his foreign policy experience and acumen.

With his top military leadership opposed and credible warnings that Kabul could fall within *months* after a withdrawal, Biden went ahead with it anyway on the basis of what an aide has called "his gut."

So far, indications are that the president would have been better off heeding his military advisers than his viscera.

The Afghan war has stretched on for two decades and become a holding action satisfying to no one. But the cost to the U.S. of sustaining 3,500 troops in the country without losing anyone in combat for more than a year hasn't been high compared with the entirely plausible downside of Islamist extremists allied with al-Qaeda sweeping to power again in Afghanistan.

The desire to pull out of Afghanistan has been an area of rare Biden-Trump agreement. Then-President Donald Trump's foolhardy ceasefire deal with the Taliban in February 2020 set the

predicate for Biden's withdrawal. It would have taken some determination for Biden to reverse the U.S. promise in that deal to withdraw its forces by May 2021, although the Taliban's transparent bad faith provided plenty of occasion for it.

Biden says not to worry. The U.S. will continue to provide "over the horizon" support, i.e., from a distance, for the Afghan government. This is likely a pipe dream, and nothing about Biden's poorly thought-out drawdown lends any more credibility to it. The CIA has been struggling to figure out how to maintain intelligence-gathering capabilities in Afghanistan. There will be no targets to strike from "over the horizon" if we don't have the assets on the ground to find them.

Ideally, the U.S. would locate some other base next door to Afghanistan, but there are no good options in the neighborhood. Conducting operations from the Persian Gulf eight hours away isn't much of a substitute. In congressional testimony, Gen. Kenneth McKenzie, the head of Central Command, said the long-distance missions would be "extremely difficult to do," but "not impossible."

In addition, the contractors who have worked with the Afghan Air Force to maintain its planes are leaving, too, potentially stripping Afghan forces of air support. The fate of the Afghans who have assisted U.S. forces is uncertain, although under political pressure here at home, Biden has committed to getting them out. And Biden wants to provide \$3 billion in security assistance to the Afghans, but who will do the training with that money?

The administration is anxious to get the Turks to stay to secure Kabul International Airport, without which we won't be able to maintain our embassy. Biden has tried to provide reassuring signals but are the Afghans, and the Taliban, not supposed to notice that nearly all of his forces have already withdrawn?

One thought is that leaving will free up resources for the growing threat from China. It's not as though the 3,000 ground troops are going to relocate to East Asia and make a difference in the balance of power there.

Biden has gotten his drawdown. Now, he may reap the whirlwind.

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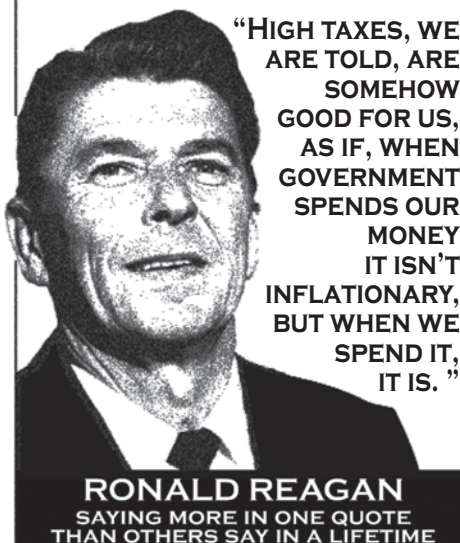
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# Who was that Unmasked One?

I call this story: *She left her brain at home because it just didn't go with her outfit.*

Honestly, you would think after nearly 18 months and three different vaccine options that people would have calmed down a bit. Evidently not everyone got the memo.

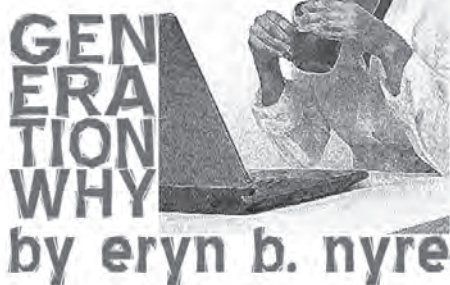
My friends and I decided to check out Disney's latest attempt to reinvent a villain. Our favorite theater is back to pre-pandemic operations. Though, if you are not fully vaccinated then you are supposed to wear a mask. My friends and I bought our tickets, spent a small fortune on various tasty delights and headed into the theater. I drew the short straw and took the far seat next to the stranger. That's where my story begins.

The woman to my left looked a little older than me and was sitting with her husband or boyfriend, or perhaps he was a hostage given some of his body language by the end of the movie. What-

ever her back story, she was eyeballing me from the moment I sat down. That got my attention, but she also had a strange way of snacking by keeping her mask on and lowering it just long enough to

pop some candy in her mouth and then pull her mask back up while she chewed. It seemed both excessive and suffocating to me, but to each their own.

After about the fifth or sixth glance in my direction I finally turned my head and locked eyes with her and smiled. I figured she might as well know she wasn't being subtle. It was when she shook her head at me that I asked if I could help her with something. She said that she wasn't comfortable with the fact that I wasn't wearing a mask because she didn't know if I was actually vaccinated or not. She was concerned to take her mask down to enjoy her movie snacks because I wasn't wearing one and if I wasn't vaccinated she felt her health was in danger. I smiled and said that was one of the risks we all take venturing into public. We never know the extent of the risks we are taking with our health and safety. She could have sat down next to a serial killer who likes to stab people in the neck with a letter opener just as the movie begins. Risk is all around us. I happen to be fully



vaccinated, but that really isn't any of her business.

I suggested that if she were that concerned about it then maybe she should keep her mask on and wait to eat her snacks in the safety of her own home. She didn't love that proposal and proceeded to tell me that if I cared about my fellow humans, I would tell her whether or not I was vaccinated so she could enjoy her movie in peace. Now, at this point the lights dimmed and the previews started so

*This woman wanted me to wear a mask so she would feel safe. Shouldn't your own mask make you feel safe? If that's not enough, shouldn't you avoid places like crowded movie theaters and restaurants?*

as much as I wanted to tell her exactly what I thought of her and her ridiculous request for my personal health information, I chose to simply ask her why she wasn't vaccinated if she was so concerned about her health.

Perhaps she has a condition that prevented her from getting the vaccine, but if that's the case she should probably avoid crowded theaters. It turns out she was fully vaccinated. My mind was blown. This fully vaccinated woman, who was actively wearing a mask, was still so afraid of this virus that she was uncomfortable around unmasked strangers.

At this point, two of my friends and the couple in the row behind us were all staring at her like she didn't have a head. Well, a head maybe but it's questionable whether or not there was a brain running things. I just laughed, shook my head and watched what felt like an hour worth of previews. I could feel her glaring at me throughout the movie but I didn't engage her again. She got up at the credits and stormed out with her gentleman companion who looked like he was rethinking a lot of his life choices. The couple in the row behind joined in as I was relaying my conversation to my group. They thought

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she was a moron who should stay at home if she was that worried. I concur with their assessment.

This has ultimately been my issue throughout this entire pandemic. Your health is your responsibility. When you decide to come out of your house you run the risk of coming into contact with the unvaccinated rule breakers who've taken off their masks. Just like when I choose to go out in public, I run the risk of coming into contact with unreasonable little twits who expect me to take responsibility for their lives.

*You can do whatever you want to protect yourself, but I feel protected enough by the vaccine that I don't mind being in public with others who might not be vaccinated.*

This woman wanted me to wear a mask so she would feel safe. Shouldn't your own mask make you feel safe? If that's not enough, shouldn't you avoid places like crowded movie theaters and restaurants? You can do whatever you want to protect yourself, but I feel protected enough by the vaccine that I don't mind being in public with others who might not be vaccinated. I know the risks and I'm willing to take them. Conversely, if you are unwilling to take risk, I support your decision. Feel free to self-quarantine until you change your mind. I'm sure we can manage without you.



Silent Messages

My oldest is a busy mom with twin seven-year-olds and a five-year-old. She's definitely not a clutter-bug, but family life gets messy. The other day she texted, "My room is almost clean! It's been two months since it felt orderly in here ... now I don't even mind my bedding as much. Isn't that funny? I kept thinking 'if only I got new bedding, I'd enjoy my room more.' But really it just needed tidying!"

In Fumio Sasaki's book, *Goodbye, Things*, he says that every single item in our house is sending out a silent message. Starting out as a "maximalist" he was never able to keep his apartment tidy. In his journey to minimalism, he discovered that "each material thing has the usefulness of having it around and the inconvenience of having to maintain it."

"If you weigh them both," says Sasaki, "and find that the inconvenience is winning ... it's time to start giving decluttering a serious thought."

Look around your home. Listen. What silent messages do you hear from your belongings? Is your stack of magazines crying out to be read? Are the clothes you can't fit into taunting you? Is the pile of decorative pillows on the floor calling out to be arranged on the bed? Is your clutter saying you need to remodel, when the true message is you need to declutter?

To achieve a peaceful and productive environment, reduce the negative messaging. Sometimes that means reducing quantity. One or two magazines sends a different message than three stacks. A few decorative bed pillows are more convenient than eight to 10.

Consider Sasaki's approach as you listen to and weigh the value of your belongings. You may not become a minimalist, but chances are you'll become more content having only what's truly worth keeping.

**Gadgets:** "Fixes almost anything in 4 seconds!" "Lasts hours without power!" "Instant pain relief!" "The must-have gift of 2021!" Gadgets make great claims. Electronic,

kitchen, yard, therapy, personal care, pet care, travel, recreational... and the list goes on. I remember when my Salad Spinner lost the usefulness verses inconvenience challenge. It took a lot of space, I washed it by hand, and it didn't always work well. If your gadget's usefulness doesn't live up to its promise — let it go.

**Entertainment:** DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes and cassettes (yes, some of you have those). If they're telling

*"Each material thing has the usefulness of having it around and the inconvenience of having to maintain it."*

-- Fumio Sasaki

you they're useful, but you never use them, they're lying. Many households are streaming movies and music. Maintaining space for the old formats is

costly. Let them go. Home movies, however, send a unique message — "I'm irreplaceable." Transfer old home movie formats to DVDs and/or flash drives. The sooner the better to maintain their quality. Costco, Walgreens, Legacybox.com, and Southtree.com are a few companies that do that.

**Consumables:** Cleaning products, make-up, hair products, etc. How many half-full, unused bottles and cans are clogging up your cabinets? What are they saying? "You might use me someday." "I was ex-

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## Scream for Ice Cream

(July 2011)

*Editor's Note: With the passing of Aunt Jean, I have decided to bring you a "Best Of" of her recipes over the past 10 years. Good recipes are timeless and I hope you enjoy them all over again.*

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! What is better than a freezer of homemade ice cream on a hot summer evening?

I remember when we were young we had a hand-crank ice cream maker. We kids would have to sit on the freezer so that it would stay in one place while they were cranking the handle. Daddy would put a folded blanket on it for us to sit on, but we would still gripe that our butts were getting cold.

But we loved it.

The ice cream always started out vanilla, but if there were fresh peaches or strawberries they were crushed and sweetened. Then when the ice cream was almost done, he would take the lid off and take some of the ice cream out and put the fruit in, and finish cranking until it just wouldn't crank any more. Of course we always got to eat the ice cream he took out, then when it was done, he would take the paddle out and "pack it" until it was ready to eat. He would fold up a piece of wax paper to fit over the top of the canister then put the lid back on, this way the ice and salt couldn't get into the ice cream. Then he'd drain off all the water and repack it with lots of ice and more salt and cover it with a gunny sack and the blanket that was used for our seat. Then we would have to wait. Have you ever had to wait for the mailman to bring you that package you ordered two weeks ago? Or even Christmas or your birthday? That was what it was like waiting for the ice cream to be ready to eat.

When I got older and was doing some of the kitchen chores, mama would let me make the ice cream mix. I remember it was 10 eggs, beaten until light colored, adding three cups of sugar, a half teaspoon salt and one teaspoon vanilla. Pour this mixture into the canister, and add a can of evaporated milk and enough whole milk to come up to the line on the canister. Then as I got older, and began to hear about eating raw eggs, I



### Aunt Jean's Ranchos Recipes

by Jean Briner

started making a custard. I would beat the eggs, adding the sugar, salt and vanilla. Heating the milk (at this time, I started using some half & half in place of the whole milk) until it just comes to a bubble (don't boil it) and add some of the milk to the egg mixture, beating all the time to avoid having scrambled eggs, then add this mixture back into the milk. Be sure to cool this mixture before putting into the canister to freeze and crank until it's done.

In later years, I remember not using as much sugar but would add a large package of instant vanilla pudding to the mix. After my brother got out of high school and went to work he bought an electric ice cream maker. It was a heck of a lot easier, but on the down side, it just didn't make the ice cream as hard as the old crank method.

As a "Reminisce" moment: Do any of you remember before crushed ice in a bag? We went to the ice house and would put a couple of quarters in the slot and this big block of ice would come out that had a strong twine wrapped around it for carrying. We would bring this block home and put it in a galvanized tub and start chipping it with an ice pick.

Randy's youngest brother Adam (the pie maker) made a freezer of ice cream for us for the fourth of July. It was delicious and I asked him for his recipe for a four quart freezer:

#### **Homemade Ice Cream**

- 2 C Whole Milk
- 1¾ C Sugar
- ½ tsp Salt
- 1½ T Vanilla
- 2 C Half & Half
- 4 C Whipping Cream

Put the milk in a pan to heat just to the scald stage. DO NOT BOIL! After the milk is hot, remove from heat and add the sugar and salt, stirring until dissolved. Add the vanilla and the two creams and put the mixture in the refrigerator until it cools. After it is cool, put it in the canister and freeze according to your freezer's directions.

I love sherbet – pineapple is one of my favorites. When we were all still at home I would make pineapple sherbet as

Please see **RECIPE** on P. 9

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**RECIPE** cont. from P. 8

often as I could. I made it so often; I knew the recipe by heart. There were seven of us, so I would always double the recipe – hope you like it too:

**Pineapple Sherbet**

- ½ C pineapple juice (canned)
- 1 T lemon juice
- ¾ C sugar
- 2 C cold milk

Combine the pineapple juice, lemon juice and sugar, mixing to be sure sugar is dissolved. Put in refrigerator until it is cold. Pour this cold mixture into the cold milk – NEVER pour the milk into the juices or you will have one curdled mess! Pour into a shallow pan and put in freezer. Just before it is frozen solid, use a fork to stir it up then put back in freezer to freeze solid. When frozen, turn into a mixing

bowl and beat lightly with a mixer. Return to pan and freeze until frozen.

Ice cream is always good eaten by itself, but if you want to make some cookies, I have a recipe for you. One of our readers Linda Autry sent me this recipe. She said she wishes she could take credit for developing the recipe but she couldn't, she got it off the TV from the Paula Deen Show. Regardless of where it came from, it still sounds OOEY GOOEY! She went on to say she took a platter of the cookies to a graduation party and the teenagers gave her a sitting ovation. Enjoy.

**Chocolate Goey Butter Cookies**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

- 1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 stick butter, room temperature

- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 box moist dark chocolate cake mix
- Confectioner's sugar

In a large bowl with an electric mixer; cream the cream cheese and butter until smooth. Beat in the egg, the vanilla, then the cake mix. Cover and refrigerate for two hours or more to firm up so you can roll the batter into balls. Refrigerate overnight is best! Roll the chilled batter into tablespoon-sized balls and then roll them in confectioner's sugar. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet, two inches apart and bake for 12 minutes. Let them sit on the cookie sheet for 15 minutes until they are completely cool. These cookies will remain soft and goey, if they last that long! Linda said a lemon, spice or any flavor moist cake mix can be used instead of chocolate.

For those of you that make a lot of cookies and use the teaspoon or tablespoon method to drop your cookies on the cookie sheets, if you haven't done so yet, have you considered investing in an ice cream scoop? The old-fashioned kind with the thumb release. My mom had four or five of them – all the way from a tiny one, about the size of a melon baller, to a large one, the size for meat balls. She used them for lots of things – her Martha Washington candy, all sizes of cookies and making even-sized hamburgers. I don't know how expensive they are now, but you might want to look into them. I found many to choose from online, just search for "portion scoops."

I sincerely want to thank all the contributors. As I've said in each article, THIS ARTICLE IS FOR AND ABOUT YOU – NOT OUR FAMILY.

*Until next month – Aunt Jean.*






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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## The VA's Fourth Mission

The Department of Veteran's Affairs has been busy. It was recently announced that it has completed 150 Fourth Mission assignments across the country.

Fourth Mission's goal is to improve preparedness for response to war and national emergencies by developing plans and taking actions to support service to veterans as well as national efforts. In other words, when a need is there, so is help. (The first three VA Missions are health care, benefits and national cemeteries.)

If you ever doubted that the COVID pandemic has been a true emergency, you only need to look at the very long list of Fourth Mission humanitarian efforts to back up the nation's health care system.

Here are a few examples of what the VA's Fourth Mission has accomplished in all 50 states plus territories:

- Provided 935,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment.
- Admitted 488 non-veteran citizens to VA medical centers for treatment.
- Deployed over 5,000 medical personnel to 1,215 state VA homes, 980 community nursing homes and 94 non-VA hospitals. In Arizona alone, they provided staffing for six civilian hospitals. In Florida, they worked with over 8,000 long-term-care patients at 82 facilities. In Virginia, it was 852 long-term-care facilities.

There were untold thousands of COVID tests given and results processed. When the vaccines came out, VA personnel were there across the country to administer them.

The efforts weren't limited to hands-on medical staff. Truck drivers were sent to multiple states to deliver supplies and vaccines. Pharmacists were sent to numerous locations, including federal prisons. VA personnel fed 250 veteran families every month in Georgia, along with 150 homebound VA patients. They held town hall and state meetings with civilian authorities to coordinate how to contain the spread of COVID.

I'm impressed by this massive effort. To the thousands of VA personnel

who volunteered to go, thank you.

## Fake Dog Trainer Nailed for Scamming Veterans

I'll admit, after reading about so many Department of Veterans Affairs-related crimes over the years, this is a new one. A judge has sentenced a Texas resident to 10 years in prison for scamming the VA out of a lot of money ... for fake dog-and handler-training courses.

The scammer defrauded the VA by submitting 185 claims for courses that were supposed to train dogs and their handlers. Each course cost between \$6,500 and \$12,000.

On his application to create a training program that veterans could attend and use their education benefits, he lied. He listed the names and certifications of four real dog trainers as the instructors. Those people hadn't given their permission, and one of them was deceased. Because of that fraud, he was ineligible to collect VA dollars.

Over time, he actually placed dogs with police departments, dogs he'd supposedly rescued from shelters and trained. Of the veterans who'd actually tried to take the course, however, 81% were dissatisfied.

The scammer was nailed for two counts of money laundering, two instances of submitting a false tax return, eight counts of wire fraud and four counts of aggravated identity theft.

Not only is he going to the slammer, he forfeited a big pile of cash and property, including multiple vehicles, a luxury motor home, jet skis, a trailer and more.

He allegedly sought a presidential pardon. He didn't get it. What he did get on multiple websites were comments from people who didn't hold back in their disgust for what he'd done.

What we'd like to know, however, is whether there was ever a question of animal abuse. It was reported that 31 dogs were found in the raid of the property, but only 26 were taken to local shelters. It was also reported that some of the dogs died due to bad health. Surely that's good for another 10 years, right?

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# SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

## No, Life Has Not Returned to Normal

A recent survey concluded that we seniors are ready to go back out into the world, to resume our former pre-COVID activities. I suspect the poll questions weren't asked of seniors in my part of New England. We are not, for the most part, ready to get back to what we were doing before.

We learned to talk to family and friends on internet conferences and managed the software quite well. We explored new hobbies with materials that arrived by mail since we weren't going into stores. We mastered complicated recipes (with ingredients picked up curbside at the grocery), and we renewed our interest in chess and other games, playing online. We explored parts of our state we hadn't seen be-

fore because we could safely drive around -- as long as we didn't get out of the car.

Our senior center is still holding the men's Monday lunch in the parking lot, socially distanced, of course. The French language class still isn't meeting because it didn't work out well trying to hear and speak French while spaced out across the parking lot with cars going by. The art classes are still done remotely because it's difficult to do watercolor painting outside with the breeze blowing, and no one is ready to go inside the building.

A few fast phone calls revealed that, no, the American Legion hall still isn't open. The auto dealership is trying to restrict potential buyers to test driving only three cars because each one has to be sanitized after customers take one out for a spin. The deli on Main Street is still taking orders only at the front window and doesn't know when it will open for indoor eating.

If a poll were done here, I suspect it would conclude that, no, we're not ready to come out yet.

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## Senior Report

# Calling All Ranchos Crafters, Artists

By Margaret Tynan

Calling all Crafters and Artists! If you've been busy making arts and crafts, it's time to register to show your work at the Third Annual Ranchos/Hills Seniors Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You're invited to share the day with us selling your products and services. We were unable to hold the Craft Fair last year because of the pandemic, so we expect people are anxious to come out, shop and have some fun. The event will be advertised through various means such as Community Calendars, TV, radio, newspapers, flyers, Facebook and other social media. Space is limited so register early. Cost is \$35 per space. Stop by the Center to pick up a Registration Form or email your request to [rhseniors@att.net](mailto:rhseniors@att.net) Attention Rosemary Janis. For further information call: 559-645-4864 or drop by the Center at 37330 Berkshire Dr. Center hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We look forward to hearing from you.

On Wednesday afternoons you can find Ernie McGarity calling the numbers for Card Bingo. Members meet at 12:15 p.m. for an entertaining, lively game. There is always room for more players. It's a pleasant way to meet with friends, socialize and spend a hot summer afternoon in air-conditioned comfort. See you there.

If you like playing regular Bingo, join us for a variation on the traditional game — White Elephant Bingo (\$1.00 per card). As the name suggests, the twist is the prizes for winning are fun surprise white ele-

phant gifts. The event will be held on Thursday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. In addition to Bingo, you can also join in a 50/50 Raffle. So, bring your sense of humor, finger food snacks to share and enjoy.

Historically, Center members have celebrated birthdays and anniversaries at restaurants in the Madera and Fresno area and have really missed the tradition over the past 18 months. To restart, more than 30 members met at our local Ranchos

Liberty Café.

There was lively conversation and laughter ringing through the air. The Center looks forward to more good times resuming prior activities and members are encouraged to come to the planning meetings the first Tuesday of each month. We need your ideas. The next Planning Meeting is on Tuesday, Aug. 3 at 12:30 p.m.



June Celebration at Liberty Café saw Margo Conkle (center) enjoying conversation with Tony and Nancy Palazzo.

We hope to see you there. Also, a reminder that the second Tuesday of each month the Board meets at 12:30 p.m. with the General Meeting following immediately after. The next Board and General Meeting is Tuesday, August 10. Get involved.

Note: The regular monthly Treasure House, Garden and Boutique sale will be held Saturday, Aug. 7 from 8 a.m. to noon. Since August is too hot to bake, we will have a "No-Bake" bake sale for this month. However, any donated funds are welcome. The Ranchos/Hills Seniors Center is a self-funded non-profit organization. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

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## When is the NEXT Chamber of Commerce Meeting?

The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce would love to see you at our next meeting, Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m., 37167 Ave. 12 Suite 5C in the Maywood Center. Come join us and see what's going on in your community. Call us at 645-4001.

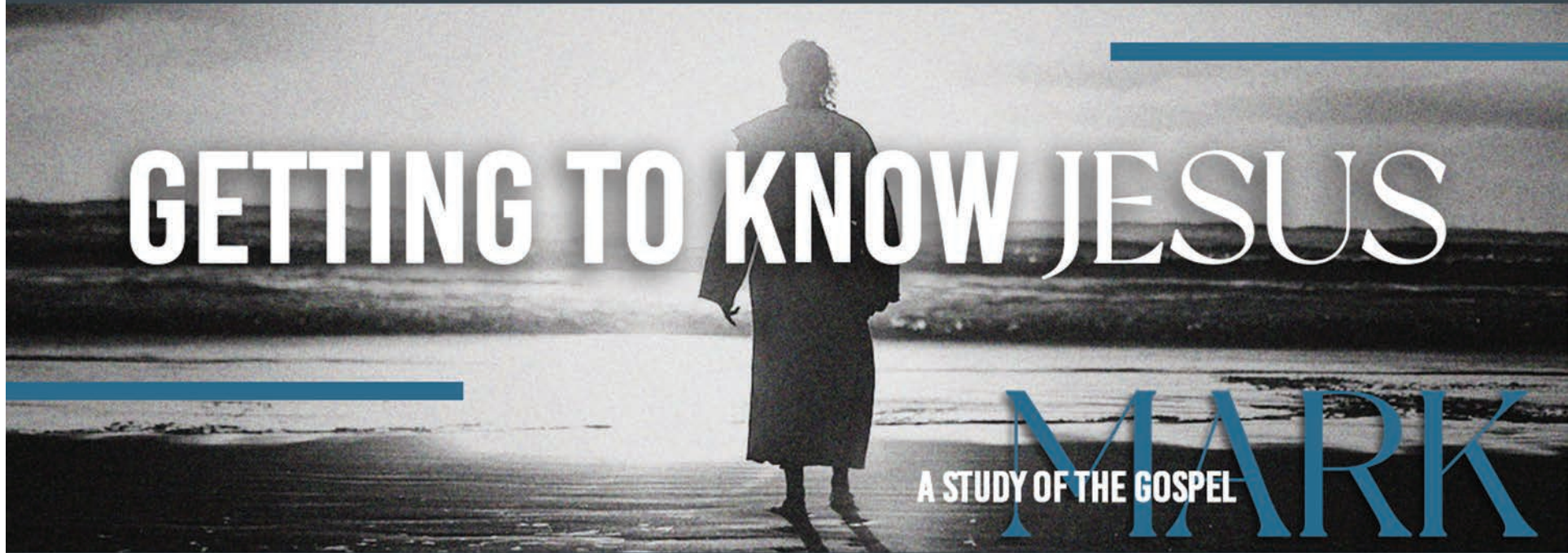
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# SEMCU speaks

## Well Failures

By Matt Maringer

### Domestic Water Wells Failure and Contamination - Are There Helping Solutions?

In past years, Southeast Madera County residents have experienced significant problems with their wells and well water. It manifested itself with lower water levels, contamination and outright well failure. Under today's drought conditions, we expect that these problems will manifest themselves again.

At SEMCU, we are gathering and organizing information channels to help and expedite potential solutions. For example, we are looking into potential grants to help the community as well as lining up discussions with the Department of Water Resources to see how we can deliver the most value. If there is anything you would like SEMCU to look into and/or bring to the County's attention, we are here to listen. Please do not hesitate to attend the next SEMCU meeting, email us at [info@semcu.org](mailto:info@semcu.org) or call us at 559-363-9095.

#### Information is Necessary

In addition, we feel it is necessary to keep you informed and provide any information and knowledge while

moving forward. Below is a link to the Madera County Water & Natural Resources site. This site has information from past and future meetings, links and presentations pertaining to water and different agencies. Go to [www.maderacountywater.com](http://www.maderacountywater.com).

Another resource we would like to provide is how the state of California is dealing with the drought. The site offers topics such as the state's response, the current conditions, resources, and news. Go to [drought.ca.gov](http://drought.ca.gov).

#### Free Discing

Repeating: The fire prevention project for this summer from SEMCU is FREE discing around the perimeters of properties to qualified residents in the SEMCU area of Southeast Madera. This project is to help prevent and mitigate the risk of fires throughout the months with excessive temperatures. We found many people

took advantage of this opportunity last year, which is why we want to continue it. If this is something you would like to have done on your property, please email

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SEMCU meeting notice: Since the state began to open public gatherings, we're able to resume our meetings in person. Meetings will still take place on the third Monday of each month at Verlaine Elinburg's home at 37101 Ave. 12 with parking available on site. The public is invited and encouraged to participate and offer ideas of projects that can help improve our community.

To call SEMCU for more information, call 559-363-9095. Or reach the organization by email at [info@semcu.org](mailto:info@semcu.org). or you can visit the website at [www.semcu.org](http://www.semcu.org).

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means that if you've managed to save \$100,000 for your retirement, the government has just taken \$4,200 of it – because your savings are now worth that much less. Your balance hasn't declined – but its purchasing power has lost \$4,200.

Check your grocery bill. Or your utility bill. How much more are you spending to put food on the table or heat your home? There are other bad policies at work as well – green energy, for example – but a big part of that difference is your inflation tax, paid directly from the reduced purchasing power of your money. And that is true of everything you buy.

It doesn't stop there. The Democrats are promising a massive increase in corporate taxes – while assuring the gullible not to worry, because the corporations will pay

it. But corporations don't pay corporate taxes. You do. You pay them as a consumer through higher prices; you pay them as an employee through lower wages; and you pay them as an investor through lower earnings – your 401(k), for example. There is no other way a corporate tax can be paid. And the resulting reduction in productivity will further feed the inflation tax.

The Democrats' sick joke is this: everything that the government has handed out to your family is already being taken back from your family through higher prices.

What makes the Democrats think that socialism will work any better here than every other country that has tried it? It consistently produces shortages, unemployment, inflation, poverty, and malaise wherever it is imposed. And we will continue down this dismal path until Americans awaken to the simple economic

realities that the Democratic socialists have now unleashed upon our country.

In his inaugural address, Thomas Jefferson surveyed the boundless bounties our nation enjoyed and asked, "With all these blessings, what more is necessary to make us a happy and a prosperous people? Still one thing more, fellow-citizens—a wise and frugal Government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government."

Americans deserve a wise and frugal government. But it is not enough to deserve it – we have to demand it at the ballot box.

Congressman Tom McClintock  
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## Finding a Hidden Problem

Hello 93636,

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"I don't think so."

About five minutes later another call. Soon after another. Then my cell phone and shop phone started ringing off the hook. I received calls from New Hampshire, Seattle, Sacramento and even Madera Ranchos. Complete Car Care's email had been hacked and I'm not sure I even understand what that entails.

If you are a Complete Car Care customer, you probably received one also. Someone using my name and email address was asking for money. The email said, "Favor to Ask ... Warren Parr ... Hi there, I need a favor from you. Do you have an Amazon account? Thanks." For those who opened the email it said my niece was in the hospital fighting cancer and that "... today is her birthday but there is a problem with my bank account. I promised her a \$100 Amazon gift card. Can you please help. I'll pay you back tomorrow when I get my banking matter resolved ..."

PLEASE DON'T SEND MONEY. It's a scam.

My staff and I started working to stop the scam immediately. My pastor did purchase an Amazon certificate, but his money was returned. As far as I know the hack was unsuccessful. My pastor said it was a great blessing so many people were concerned enough to call and check in on me. I must confess, that's not what I was thinking when my phone wouldn't stop ringing. Our email was down for six days but all has now returned to normality. I'm very sorry for any inconvenience.

Yesterday while I was out picking up parts, I received an urgent phone call from my office. One of our fleet account managers wanted to speak to me. He just received a \$10,000 estimate from a local dealership to replace a 5.3L engine in a 2018 Silverado 1/2-ton pickup with only 75,000 miles. He wanted a second opinion.

On the previous day, the driver had checked the engine oil level and found it to be about one pint low. He topped it off so we know the engine oil was full at that time.

The following day he noticed a trail of oil behind the truck. When he lifted the hood to investigate, he was surprised to find engine oil leaking from the radiator reservoir tank's overflow hose.

When he removed the reservoir's cap, a brown sludge looking like a chocolate milkshake came flowing out. He again checked the engine oil level but it was too low to register on the dip stick. It was towed to the dealership for diagnostic.

Since the truck wasn't at my shop, I wasn't exactly sure, but after some thought my thinking was a radiator failure was the most likely cause. I've never experienced a gasoline engine with an internal engine oil cooler failure before, but I have diagnosed and repaired internal automatic transmission oil cooler failures. By the way, internal radiator engine and transmission oil coolers are very common these days, especially in trucks.

From my experience, when transmission fluid—generally red—has leaked into the cooling system and mixed with coolant via the water pump, the sludge is usually pink. It looks like a strawberry milkshake. It wasn't hard to conclude motor oil leaked into the cooling system and mixed with coolant would look like a chocolate milkshake. It also seems consistent that the additional oil in the cooling system is the likely cause of the cooling system overflow and the low engine oil level symptoms.

I called the driver and I asked him some questions.

"Did the engine ever overheat?"

No.

"Did the engine ever run badly?"

No.

"Did the low oil pressure warning lamp illuminate?"

No.

"Was the engine running normally when you turned it off?"

Yes.

At that point my recommendation was to diagnosis the radiator's internal engine oil cooler for leaking. Of course, that was what Gerry wanted to hear so the truck was towed to Complete Car Care.

The Silverado's radiator (like many of General Motor's light-duty truck platforms) is the heat exchanger for the engine coolant and the transmission and engine oils. If overheating occurs, poor lubrication of vital engine and transmission components can occur as well as other heat-related failures. It is important the engine's cooling system be serviced regularly. General Motors service recommendation is every five years or every 150,000 miles, whichever comes first.

Our Silverado's radiator is a cross-flow design with a plastic tank on each side. Inside each radiator tank is an auxiliary cooler. On the driver's side you will see two hard lines threaded into the tank. Inside is the transmission oil cooler. Inside the passenger's side tank is the engine oil cooler. Engine oil is circulated through oil cooler lines into the radiator's internal engine oil cooler.

The heat is transferred from the oil into the coolant.

When the engine is running, the oil system pressure, including the oil cooler, is 30-60 psi. The cooling system's maximum pressure is about 18 psi. As we all know, high pressure flows to low pressure. If the internal oil cooler is leaking, motor oil will be pumped into the radiator. As engine speed increases the flow rate increases and so does the leak.

When the engine is turned off, the opposite occurs. Now the engine oil pressure is zero, but the surrounding coolant remains pressurized until the engine cools off. Now it's possible for the engine oil to become contaminated with coolant.

It's my experience when that happens that the engine oil can look like cottage cheese. The coolant tends to vaporize out of the oil and stick to the top of engine components—like valve covers and valve cover caps. When I removed the oil filler cap it was clean and clear.

We began our diagnostic by pressurizing the cooler with smoke, but we couldn't generate enough pressure to recreate the leak. We tried using shop air but I wasn't convinced it was accurate. We removed the radiator, separated the plastic tank from the header and extracted the oil cooler. As you can see from the picture, the oil cooler has lots of nooks and crannies to hide oil leaks. I decided to reconnect the oil cooler to the cooler lines and started the engine. It only took seconds before the leak appeared.

Monday we will replace the radiator, the recovery tank and thoroughly flush the cooling system as well as replace the oil and filter. My major concern now is the cooling system's rubber hoses. If you have ever experienced an engine leaking oil on to hoses, belts or motor mounts, you know how soft and pliable the rub-



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ber becomes. Since the oil residue is on the inside of the hoses, the potential damage may not be visible.

OK Guys and Gals, that's all for this one. I hope it helps. If you have any questions regarding this article, suggestions for future articles, ideas, recommendations and/or any general or specific automotive questions, please text me at 559-907-7661 or email complete\_car\_care@hotmail.com. God Bless America and God Bless 93636. Happy Motoring.

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By Samantha Weaver

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## GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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## HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo



Actress Debra Messing prepares for a singing role in "13: The Musical." Photo by Depositphotos.

Unveiling her singing skill is "Will & Grace" Emmy winner Debra Messing, who, although she starred in 2012's 32-episode musical series "Smash" (about Marilyn Monroe), didn't sing much. She's been set to star for Netflix in "13: The Musical," based on the Broadway musical that ran from 2008-09 and served as the debut vehicle for singer Ariana Grande and actress Elizabeth Gillies.

How long should someone charged with the alleged sexual assault of 20 young men be ostracized? Kevin Spacey - best supporting actor Oscar winner (for "The Usual Suspects" 1995) and best actor Oscar (for "American Beauty," 1999) -- watched his world crash down in 2017 when actor Anthony Rapp alleged Spacey made sexual advances toward him when he was 14 years old. When 15 other young men came forward claiming similar abuse, filming was suspended of the fifth season of "House of Cards," and Spacey was removed as star and executive producer. He also was replaced by the late Christopher Plummer in "All the Money in the World," for which Plummer received an Oscar nomination.

The news that Spacey has been signed to do a cameo, opposite Vanessa Redgrave and Franco Nero (best known as Lancelot in "Camelot"), who also is directing the Italian film "L'uomo Che Disegno Dio" ("The Man Who Drew God"), sent shock waves through the Hollywood community. It's furious that Franco Nero has given Spacey a film when his blacklist time was definitely NOT up!

On a happier note: Oscar nominee Timothee Chalamet will play a young Willy Wonka (Gene Wilder was an older Wonka in the 1971 "Willie Wonka") and will unveil his singing pipes in the film. Willy Wonka is a staple in casinos, where the musical and magical slot machines entertain so many.

Yet another comeback story is Lindsay Lohan, getting an assist from Netflix, which has named her to star in an as-yet-untitled holiday rom-com being directed by Janeen Damian, wife of former "The Young and The Restless" soap star Michael Damian, who co-wrote the script with her and has recently directed two films for the Hallmark Channel.

The richest man in the world, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, has purchased MGM (formerly the greatest movie studio ever) for \$8.45 billion. MGM may now stand for "My Goodness Me!"

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Now here's a tip! by Jo Ann Derson

- Keep a pretty basket by your front door for anything you need to take along when you leave. This can be store returns, backpacks, exercise gear for the gym, your sunglasses, whatever. When you leave the house, check the basket!
- "Necklaces can be stored together without tangling if you thread each one through a straw. You can cut the straw to a shorter length for choker-length necklaces or bracelets. No knots!" -- I.A. in Arizona
- If you have a little bit of touchup paint left in your gallon can, transfer it to a mason jar. Write the exact color and brand on the lid, and it will be much easier to store.
- "Our basement was dark and a little claustrophobic. My husband painted it a lovely sunny yellow and that helped, but it needed something else. I took a photo of the spectacular view at our son's house in Montana, and had the photo blown up. We mounted it on the wall with some dummy curtains! It's perfect, and it reminds me of him." -- R.W. in New York
- Need to chill a bottle of wine quickly? Wet a kitchen towel, then wrap it around the wine. Twist the ends to secure, and put the whole thing in the freezer for 30 minutes.
- Great ways to remove stuck labels: nail polish remover (NOT for use on plastics), WD-40 oil, soaking in hot water, rubbing alcohol.
- "Before I go to the beach, I freeze

an ice-cube tray full of lemonade. Then, we use the cubes in our travel cups. It keeps the lemonade cool, and as it melts (which tends to be quickly), it doesn't water down the drink." -- K.H. in South Carolina.

- The world's largest waterfall, in the Denmark Strait between Iceland and Greenland, is underwater.
- Dunce caps used to be a sign of intelligence! Thirteenth-century philosopher John Duns Scotus believed that a pointed cap helped spread knowledge from the tip to the brain, and his followers proudly wore them as badges of honor. A few hundred years later, when his ideas became less popular, the meaning of the Duns cap was turned on its, er, head, becoming a joke that led to its less flattering association.
- About a month after its dedication, the Statue of Liberty became a working lighthouse for 16 years.
- When Benjamin Franklin designed the first U.S. penny in 1787, it was emblazoned not with E Pluribus Unum, but "Mind Your Business."
- The tongue of a blue whale can weigh as much as an elephant.
- TASER is actually an acronym for Tom A. Swift's Electric Rifle. "Tom Swift" references the book character who is not just an inventor of amazing gadgets, but a childhood favorite of the Taser's inventor, Jack Cover.
- The average high-school swimmer swims 1 million strokes per season.
- Researchers found that male bottlenose dolphins in Western Australia's Shark Bay have formed "boy bands" that harmonize their mating calls together in order to better attract females.

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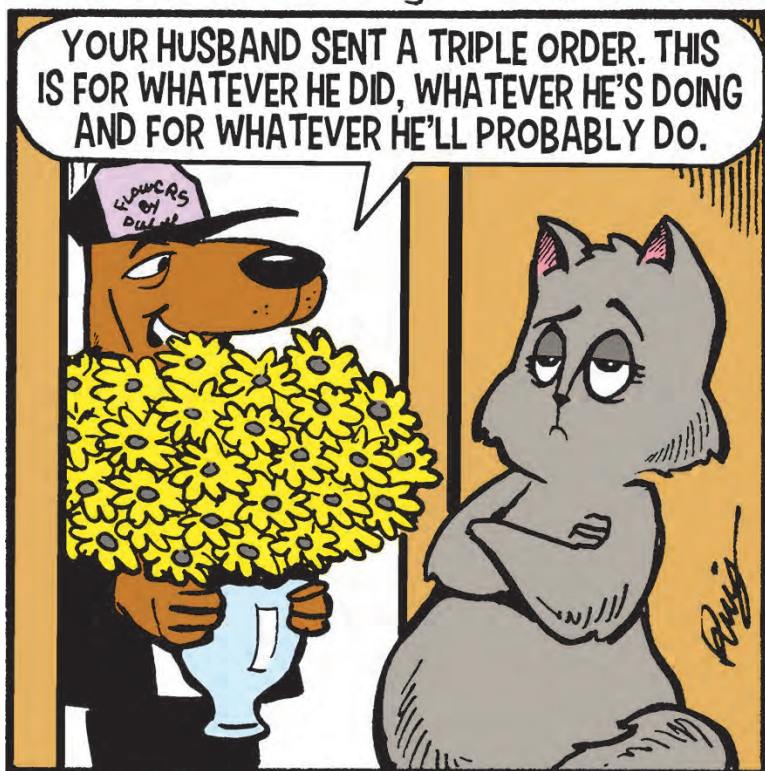
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by Dave T. Phipps



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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) As changes continue, expect things to get a little more hectic at your workplace. An unexpected travel opportunity could open new career prospects.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Confront who caused your hurt feelings and demand a full explanation. You'll recover your self-esteem and gain the respect of others.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) That personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone's biased interference. Stand your ground, and you'll soon find allies gathering around you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You don't accept disapproval easily. But instead of hiding out in your den to lick your wounded pride, turn the criticism into a valuable lesson for future use.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) That former friend you thought you'd cut out of your life is still affecting other relationships. Counter his or her lies with the truth. Your friends are ready to listen.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) What appears to be an unfair situation might simply be the result of a misunderstanding. If you feel something is out of balance, by all means, correct it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A stalled relationship won't budge until you make the first move. Your partner offers a surprising explanation about what got it mired down in the first place.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A co-worker shares some startling news, but before you can use it to your advantage, make sure it's true. The weekend favors family matters.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your usual conservative approach to family situations might not work at this time. Keep an open mind about developments, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

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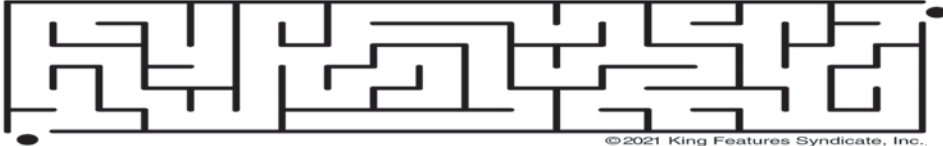
*You also love to solve puzzles -- the harder, the better.*

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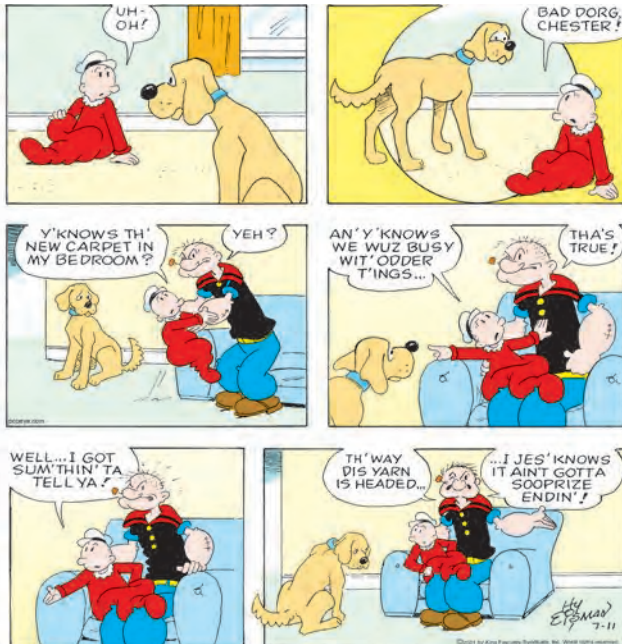
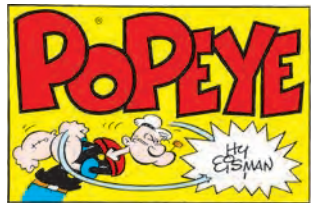
## Kids' Maze



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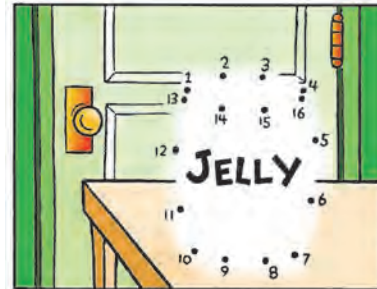
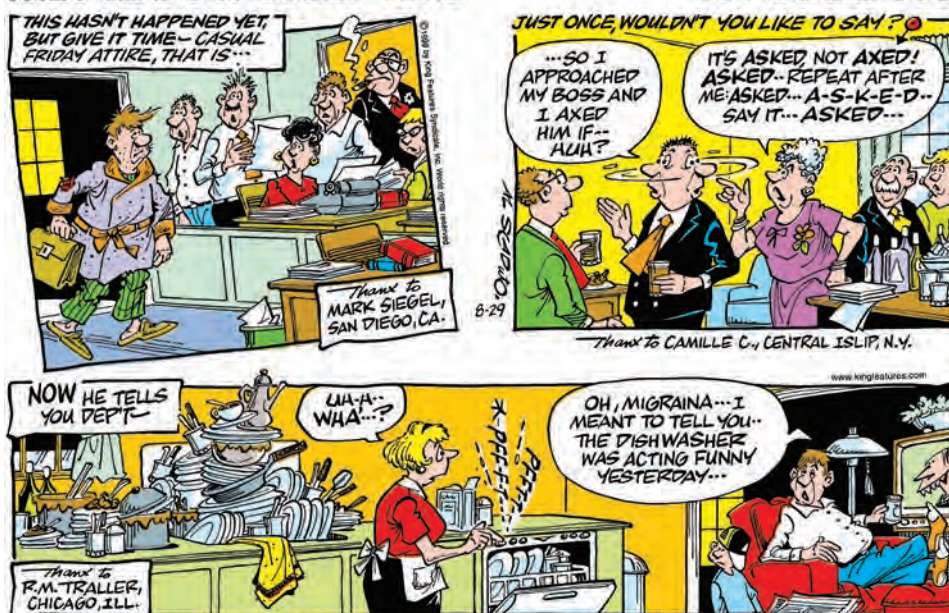
## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



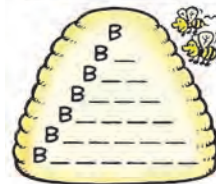
## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



CONNECT THE DOTS and find out when a door is not a door.

**A MONEY MATTER!** Take out an American one-dollar bill and see if you can count how many times the numeral "1" and the word "one" appear on both sides of it. (The numeral "1" does not count when it appears in a date or a serial number.)



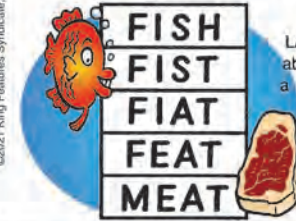
**BUSY BEE WORD HIVE!** Each word, as you go down the hive, contains the same letters as the word above it plus a new letter. We've given you all of the B's. Here are some hints from the top down:

- 1) Second letter of alphabet (given).
- 2) To exist.
- 3) A place to sleep.
- 4) Ran, as color.
- 5) Part of an ice skate.
- 6) Removed water from boat.
- 7) Having two feet.

Illustrated by David Coulson

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



UP THE LADDER!

LADDER puzzles test your ability to look ahead. You are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example we changed FISH into MEAT in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves:

1. COIN to BILL.
2. STAR to FEET.
3. BELL to SIFT.
4. CALL to MUTE.
5. RAFT to WING.

Answers:  
1. Coin, coin, coin, coin, bill.  
2. Star, star, star, star, feet.  
3. Bell, bell, bell, bell, sift.  
4. Call, call, call, call, mute.  
5. Raft, raft, raft, raft, wing.

## Wishing Well

6	5	8	6	4	7	2	8	4	6	7	2	8
L	U	O	M	M	Y	N	A	V	A	O	I	
7	4	8	2	7	8	7	6	5	4	5	4	6
K	K	O	U	E	N	S	E	S	E	W	O	
3	7	5	6	4	7	2	6	8	6	7	4	3
P	O	T	F	I	M	F	S	O	O	E	S	E
7	4	3	4	7	2	3	8	7	6	3	6	4
O	E	A	C	N	L	C	F	E	C	E	I	H
8	6	8	6	3	6	8	6	8	3	4	6	5
I	A	D	L	F	W	E	O	A	U	O	R	A
6	7	2	3	8	2	7	2	7	4	3	5	4
K	G	O	L	S	U	L	R	A	I	L	L	C
7	4	2	4	5	2	5	2	3	5	3	5	3
D	E	I	S	E	S	N	H	I	T	F	S	E

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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## MAGIC MAZE ● MADE OF PLASTIC

I I F S C A S X V S Q O L J H  
 E C A X T V T L R P N L J G L  
 P H F D B E Y X L V T R A P L  
 O A S M K I K G E O D R B Z A  
 X C R E D I T C A R D S C W B  
 S C S W L U T R U E Q R U O E  
 N N O E D T L J N B R I P I L  
 G F O M N O T H D C E A S A F  
 S L W O B O O O Y X L H Y W F  
 V T S R P S H F B P U C O O I  
 N L K J E S E P I P R E T A W

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A MEASURING STICK

- Bottles
- Bowls
- Buckets
- Chairs
- Combs
- Credit cards
- Cups
- Dolls
- Food wrap
- Garden hose
- Phones
- Spoons
- Toys
- Water pipes
- Waffle ball

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## TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What were the first names of the "Golden Girls" characters on the 1980s sitcom?
2. MOVIES: What was the name of the dance song in the movie "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the newest internationally recognized nation in the world?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How big is an Olympic swimming pool?
5. U.S. STATES: What is the state animal of Nevada?
6. ASTRONOMY: What color is the sunset on Mars?
7. HISTORY: When was the Emancipation Proclamation issued?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are the offspring of cicadas called?
9. AD SLOGANS: Which auto is advertised as "the ultimate driving machine"?
10. LITERATURE: What is the setting for the novel "Anne of Green Gables"?

## Answers

1. Rose, Blanche, Dorothy and Sophia
2. "Time Warp"
3. South Sudan (2011)
4. Fifty meters long, 25 meters wide and at least 2 meters deep
5. Desert bighorn sheep
6. Blue
7. Jan. 1, 1863
8. Nymphs
9. BMW
10. Prince Edward Island, Canada

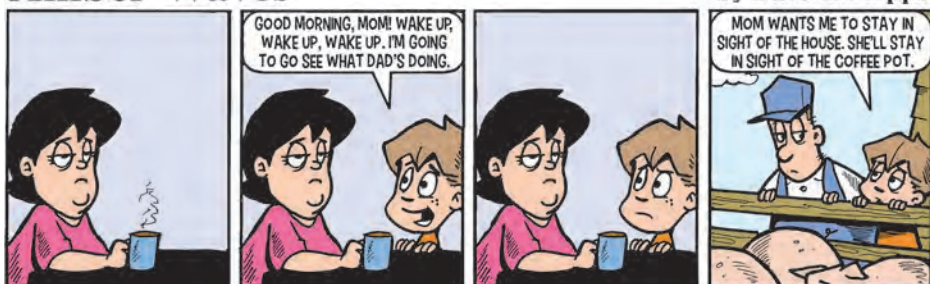
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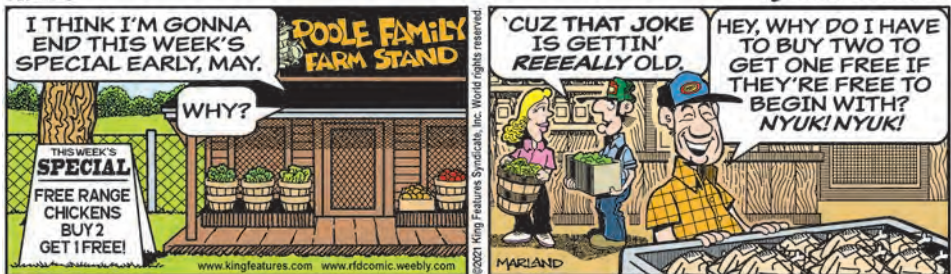
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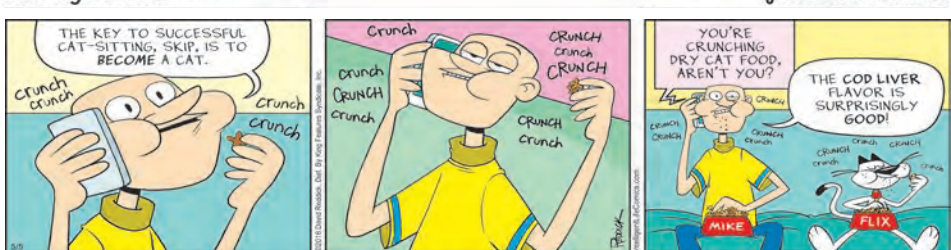
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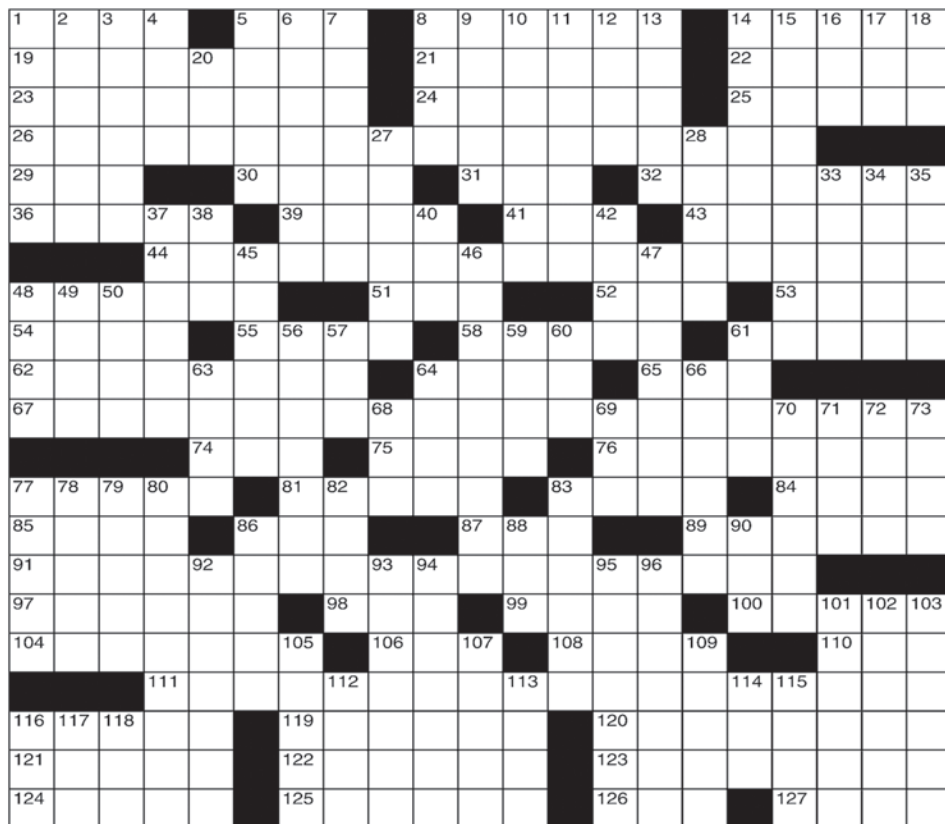
### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Music stand is different. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Curtain is narrower. 4. Picture is moved. 5. Lampshade is different. 6. Sleeve is longer.

## Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Cookout rod
  - 5 Long wedge-shaped inlet
  - 8 Dermal drawing
  - 14 Alfalfa's girl in "Our Gang"
  - 19 Lacking a permanent shelter
  - 21 Sponge up
  - 22 Hawke of the screen
  - 23 Get closer
  - 24 Gated water channel
  - 25 Blue-footed bird
  - 26 Start of a riddle
  - 29 Sippy cup part
  - 30 "— yellow ribbon round ..."
  - 31 "Little" actress Issa
  - 32 Web page visitor's directory
  - 36 With 53-Across, walks across
  - 39 World power until '91
  - 41 New title for a bride
  - 43 Italian cardinal Borgia
- DOWN**
- 44 Riddle, part 2
  - 48 "— à son goût" ("Each to one's own taste")
  - 51 Big-billed bird
  - 52 Actress Novak
  - 53 See 36-Across
  - 54 Violin master Hilary
  - 55 Big-billed bird
  - 58 Increase
  - 61 Belief set
  - 62 Just slightly
  - 64 Insects in forest trails
  - 65 E. African country
  - 67 Riddle, part 3
  - 74 River in Switzerland
  - 75 Real heels
  - 76 More like heaven's gates?
  - 77 In the company of
  - 81 19th-century German industrialist Alfred
  - 83 Roman 2,505
  - 84 Sphere
  - 85 Root used to make poi
  - 86 Darjeeling, e.g.
  - 87 Singer Ocasek of the Cars
  - 89 Like the firstborn child
  - 91 End of the riddle
  - 97 Soprano Auger or actress Sorkin
  - 98 Soccer's Hamm
  - 99 West African land
  - 100 Big name in baseball cards
  - 104 Put on anew, as a play
  - 106 "Lili" studio
  - 108 Done, in France
  - 110 Liquid in la Seine
  - 111 Riddle's answer
  - 116 Major port in Japan
  - 119 Terrarium creature
  - 120 Like firefighters and cyclists
  - 121 Swanky watch
  - 122 Like single-guy bands
  - 123 Extensive essay
  - 124 Megaphone noise
  - 125 Mole zappers
  - 126 Former JFK jet
  - 127 Behaves
  - 138 Beatles' bud Sutcliffe
  - 140 Fleecy male
  - 142 Noted Fifth Ave. store
  - 145 Puzzlement
  - 146 Started a play-for-pay career
  - 147 Drunk, slangily
  - 148 Cartoonist Addams, for short
  - 149 Padlock part
  - 150 "Alas"
  - 156 Frat party dispenser
  - 157 Place to stay the night
  - 159 Off-road trucks, briefly
  - 160 British verb suffix
  - 161 Singer of the hit "Believe"
  - 163 Neither hor. nor vert.
  - 164 Take — (doze)
  - 166 Go on a trip
  - 168 Hosp. part
  - 169 Tach abbr.
  - 170 "My pleasure!"
  - 171 Suffix with multimillion
  - 172 Roger of "Cheers"
  - 173 "Damn it all!"
  - 177 In a conflict
  - 178 Skiing gold medalist Phil
  - 179 Tough tests
  - 180 Student at a lecture, often
  - 182 Chicago mayor Emanuel
  - 183 Golden Arches java chain
  - 186 Faint trace
  - 188 Suffix of elements
  - 190 Drunk, slangily
  - 192 Cleaver
  - 193 Musical tone qualities
  - 194 "I dunno!"
  - 195 Detrains, e.g.
  - 196 Dawdles
  - 197 Relating to digestion
  - 198 Least ruddy
  - 199 High-end leathers
  - 200 Rave about
  - 201 Cheek tooth
  - 202 Speck in the sea
  - 203 Sushi staple
  - 204 Some male dolls
  - 205 Doc bloc
  - 206 Prefix with tarsal
  - 207 Sphere
  - 208 Fa-la link
  - 209 — mode

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