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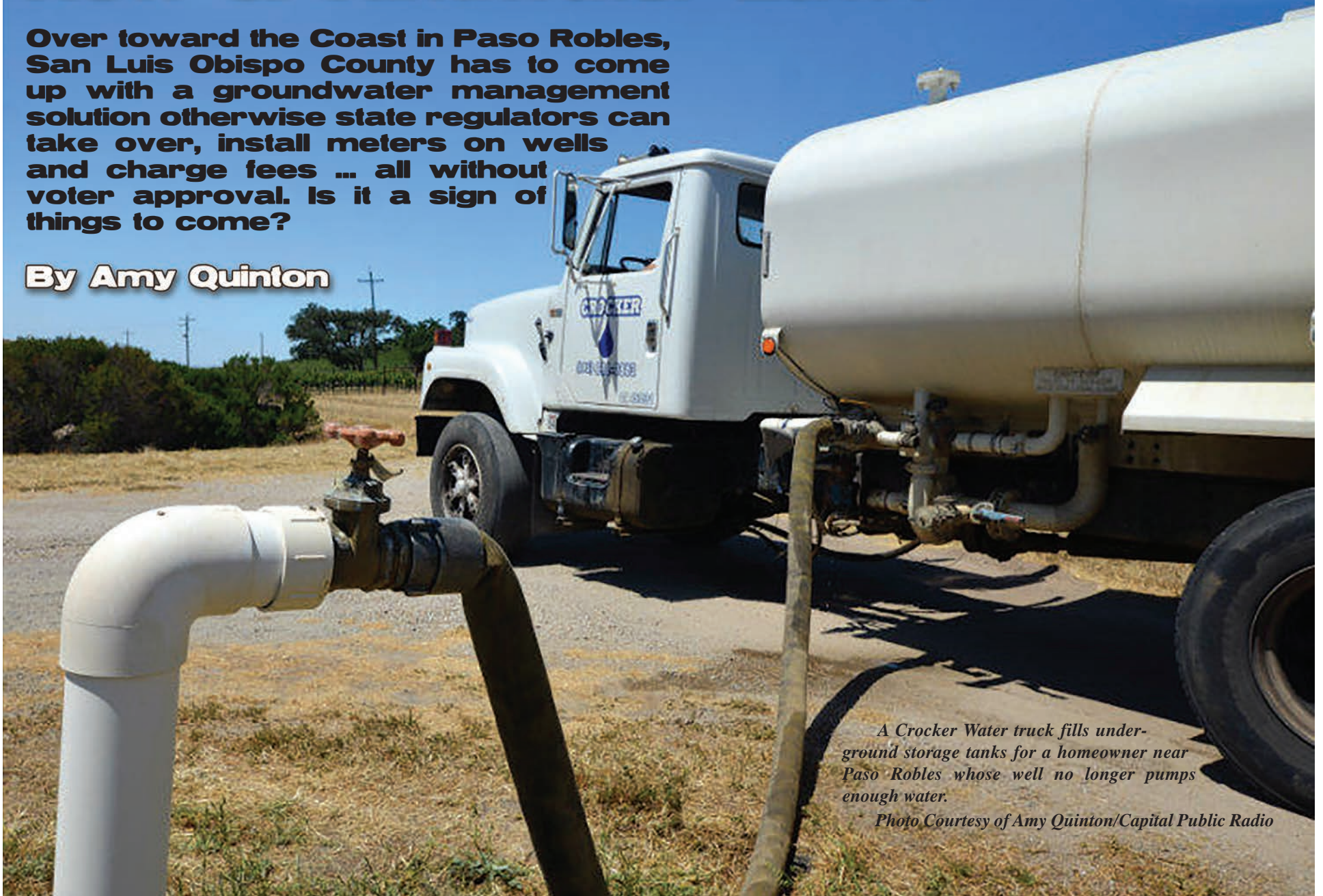
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*A Crocker Water truck fills underground storage tanks for a homeowner near Paso Robles whose well no longer pumps enough water.*

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Two years ago, California became one of the last states in the West to pass a law to manage groundwater. The political will to do so took decades, but the bigger battle may be putting the law into practice. Paso Robles in San Luis Obispo County may be a perfect example of how hard it's going to be.

The region is known mostly for its more than 200 wineries. Amid the rolling hills full of vineyards, it's not unusual to see tanker trucks delivering water to rural homeowners whose wells have run dry. Stephen Johansen with Crocker Water is filling storage tanks for one rural homeowner. He says business is booming.

"Within the last two months we've had probably more than 20 customers added on to our weekly delivery list," Johansen said. "There's no water here."

Right next door, Sue Luft, a retired environmental engineer, started to see her well fail before the drought even started.

"We had a good well, 135 feet to groundwater. Now we're down at 285 feet, a new well, extremely poor quality water," she said.

Luft has spent about \$30,000 drilling a new well that's pulling up water from so

deep it's full of sulfur.

"They drilled. They drilled. They drilled," Luft said, pointing up the road to her neighbors who have also had water supply problems. "Those guys kept dropping their pumps. He's only watering part of the vineyard at a time 'cause he can't keep up anymore."

**Critical Overdraft**

Water levels in the Paso Robles basin have dropped more than 100 feet in some areas. More water is now pumped out of the basin every year than can be replenished.

The state has deemed the basin in "Critical Overdraft" under the new Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – or SGMA. One of the first steps of that law requires the creation of a local agency by next year. These Groundwater Sustainability Agencies would be charged with coming up with a plan to manage the basin.

"Based upon the SGMA requirements, you're going to have to manage this basin. It has to be managed," Frank Meacham with the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors said. "How that's managed, who manages it, the cost involved in that, those are still all trying to be put together."

Back before the state's new law, San

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Luis Obispo County appeared to be well on the way to managing groundwater. In 2013, the county prevented new vineyard or crop plantings unless groundwater demand remained the same. Large vineyard owners and rural homeowners came together to form a local groundwater management district right about the same time the state's groundwater law passed.

"We were doing exactly what the state wanted people to do, which is local people taking responsibility for their groundwater," Jerry Reaugh, a former vineyard owner that supported the proposal, said. But when they put the local district plan to a vote, more than 70 percent of voters in the Paso Robles Basin rejected it.

High on a hillside just outside of Paso Robles, Jacqueline Plant-Mason walks among the 40 acres of wine grapes she grows. She opposed the water district.

"When you have this 'quote' 'water district,' it's another layer of government. That's all it is. It's another layer of control," she said.

Plant-Mason and hundreds of other landowners have sued. They believe a court should decide how to manage the groundwater basin. Greg Grewall led the opposition to the local district. He doesn't even believe the basin is critically overdrafted.

"The other basins included on the list have major, significant problems. We don't have a significant issue," says Grewall.

The arguments against the local water district became ugly, with rumors circulating about a plot by big agriculture to steal water.

"I think there was a tremendous amount of character assassination during this campaigning. There were a tremendous amount of conspiracy issues that were out there," Meacham said. "I just can't deal with a lot of that."

Regardless of why the election went the way it did, state law will require San Luis Obispo County to come up with a solution. Otherwise, state regulators can take over, meter wells, and charge fees – all without voter approval.

**New Management Laws**

The state's new groundwater management laws mean Californians no longer have unfettered use of underground water. State law will require the creation of local agencies with sweeping powers to meter wells, tax and penalize anyone who overuses groundwater. If agencies aren't created by next year, state regulators can take over.

The wine region of Paso Robles is among the 21 groundwater basins the state has deemed critically overdrafted. That means more water is pumped out than can be replenished.

"There is just a lot more demand," says Luft. "The wine industry, which has been wonderful and drove a lot of us to come here, the vineyard growth has just been tremendous."

But blaming the wine industry for all the groundwater problems in the Paso Robles basin would be an oversimplification, says Mark Hutchinson with the San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department.

"The city of Paso Robles has grown substantially in the last 20 years. I think since 1970 it's more than doubled in size," he said.

Population growth and predicted future demand helped drive the critical designation for the basin. In 2013, homeowners like Luft and large vineyard owners began an effort to create a groundwater management district. But when it finally came to a vote this spring, Paso Robles voters overwhelmingly rejected it.

"I think the experience in the Paso

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**Fulbright Award for LHS Grad**

2012 Liberty High graduate Jacquelyn O'Keefe, who's now studying at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, has received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to India as an English Teaching Assistant through the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. O'Keefe will be teaching at Kamala High School in Mumbai through the United States India Educational Foundation.

O'Keefe is one of over 1,900 U.S. citizens who will teach, conduct research and provide expertise abroad for the 2016-2017 academic year through the Fulbright U.S.

well as record of service and demonstrated leadership in their respective fields.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Fulbright Program's establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. Since then, the Program has given more than 360,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists, and scientists the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Fulbright alumni have achieved distinction in many fields, including 54 who have been awarded

the Nobel Prize, 82 who have received Pulitzer Prizes, and 33 who have served as a head of state or government.



Jacquelyn O'Keefe, from the Liberty High's Class of 2012, can now add Fulbright Scholar to her resume as she heads off to India to teach English there.







Letters

Dear Editor:

I am writing to let others in the Ranchos know to be VERY AWARE and on the lookout. I just discovered that an expensive collectible that I have had for over 20 years has been stolen from right near my front door. I have lived in the Ranchos for five years and this item has been hanging in my tree the entire time. It has always been hanging in my front yard at every house I have lived in for two decades. I am a homeowner that takes great pride in keeping up my house and yard, and this has devastated me. I NEVER thought that I would live anywhere that I would have to worry about thievery, specifically right at my front door.

Well, now I do.

It is an awful feeling, making me want to move out of the Ranchos because I feel so violated. I do not work outside of the home, and am here most of the time. Trying to figure out when the disgusting theft took place is driving me crazy, but I also have to live with worry and fear now. There seems to be an increase in unsavory types driving around and casing houses, so we all need to be very vigilant and keep watch for our neighbors and ourselves.

I pride myself on being vigilant and very aware, but this has shaken me. I have informed my neighbors and moved every-

thing of any value into my backyard (which has always had a padlocked gate).

Shame on the person that stole from me. You took so much more than the item. You took my community pride, my sense of safety and my desire to continue to live here too. I hope it was worth it. Get a real job and buy your own things. You disgust me.

A very disenchanted homeowner,  
Charlton Road, Madera Ranchos  
(Name withheld upon request)

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Guest Editorial

A Safe Space From ... Chaucer?

By Rich Lowry

Yale English majors are demanding a safe space from Chaucer.

In a petition to the English department, Yale undergraduates declare that a required two-semester seminar on Major English Poets is a danger to their well-being. Never mind that the offending poets, Shakespeare, Chaucer, Donne, Milton, Wordsworth, et al., are the foundational writers in the English language. It's as if chemistry students objected to learning the periodic table.

The root of the complaint against the seminar is, of course, the usual PC bean-counting, where prodigious talents who have stood the test of time and explore the deepest questions about what it means to be human are found wanting. The petition whines that "a year spent around a seminar table where the literary contributions of women, people of color, and queer folk are absent actively harms all students, regardless of their identity."

This is a variation on the widespread belief on campus that unwelcome speech is tantamount to a physical threat. In this case, the speech happens to be some of the most eloquent words written in the English language. One can only pity the exceedingly fragile sensibility it takes to feel assaulted by, say, *Lines Composed*

*a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey.*

The petition's implicit contention is that the major poets are too circumscribed by their race and gender to speak to today's socially aware students, when, in point of fact, it is the students who are too blinkered by race and gender to marvel at great works of art.

The poet Maya Angelou said in a lecture once that as a child she thought, "Shakespeare must be a black girl." It was because, growing up in the Jim Crow South, a victim of unspeakable abuse, Sonnet 29 spoke so powerfully to her.

Yale's petitioners must consider Toni Morrison a traitor to her race and gender. She had an argument with a theater director years ago in which she defended *Othello* and went on to write a production based on Desdemona, the play's doomed female character. Or how about Derek Walcott, whom a Yale professor sympathetic to the petitioners suggests adding to the required course? He told *The Guardian* newspaper a few years ago it would be absurd to say, "Don't read Shakespeare because he was white."

Anyone reading widely in the English canon will encounter supremely talented female, black and gay writers. In fact, many other Yale courses feature them. But the creative stream began with so-called dead white males. It is their genius that their words transcend their time and place and have given us phrases, characters and stories that are still vital today.

An official description of the Major English Poets seminar says the classes seek to create a heightened "curiosity about the way language works," as well as "a confidence in engaging with historically and formally diverse literary texts." This is a reasonable enough academic goal -- unless the students involved are willfully incapable of curiosity or confidence.

There is an easy solution to the dilemma of the aggrieved petitioners: They shouldn't study English, or anything else that might challenge their absurdly small-minded ideological hobbyhorses.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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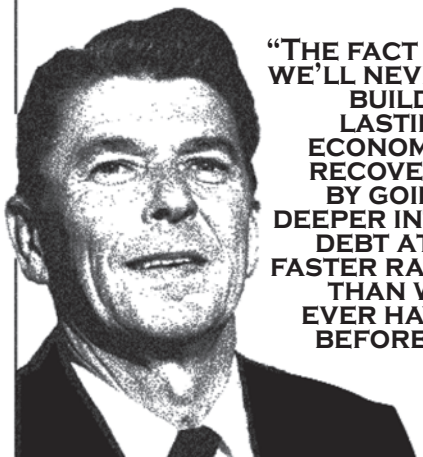
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# Beasts that Make Us Better

A long, long time ago in a land far, far away I used to work for Taco Bell. I actually miss it sometimes ... pause for dramatic gasp. Not so much the work, but I was young at that time and didn't have all the responsibilities that come with each additional step deeper into the forest of adulthood. Okay, maybe I don't miss Taco Bell so much as I miss not being a grown-up.

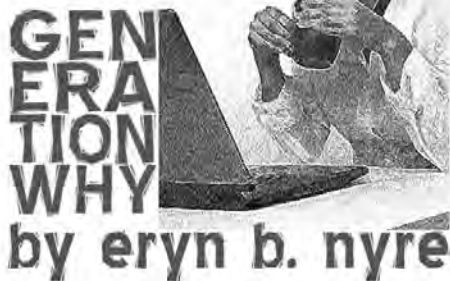
My first boss was a real beastly. She barked orders, demanded perfection and her stink-eye capabilities were rivaled only by my own father's. None of us liked her because we are all stupid teenagers who hadn't yet figured out that work wasn't just a big social gathering, it's supposed to be – you know – work. Tough concept, I know. I'm grateful that she never let up; it helped to shape not only the woman I

have become but also the kind of employee I am today. She taught me how to prioritize and multi-task. She taught me a sense of urgency. She taught me how to count back change. I'm not sure where she is these days, but let me tell you something: I wish we could

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clone her and make her the restaurant manager of every eatery all over the country. Well, In and Out seems to be doing okay for itself, but every other chain.

I thought of her the other day when I was stuck in a drive-thru. I was tired after a long day and I didn't feel like cooking so I did what most red-blooded Americans do, I settled on some greasy fast food that would fill my belly until the next morning when I promised I would be back on my diet. I chose the drive-thru that looked the least busy because I was so hungry I could hear my stomach growling over my radio.



by **eryn b. nyre**

There was only one car in front of me, at the window, so I pulled up to the speaker. This place turned out to be so slow I could have made my own three-course meal, cleaned the kitchen, then wrote the great American novel by the time a voice came through the speaker asking for my order. I could see the distinct lack of customers in the lobby from where I sat so I know they weren't backed up. They didn't appear to be short-staffed either

as evidenced by the many kids in matching shirts and hats all in the kitchen area. For whatever reason the dude working the drive-thru station had trouble handling more than one thing at a time. He didn't start taking my order until the car at the window drove away. Then, as I pulled

away from the window a billion years later, I could hear him just take the order of the car that was behind me when I was stuck at the speaker. See, now if my old boss ran that branch he'd be better trained, or maybe fired. Sure, she would probably have had to reduce him to tears a time or two, but polishing a diamond takes heat, pressure, and friction. In the end he would be stronger for it and have the ability to, you know, handle more than one thing at a time.

I had a similar experience with a young girl working as a

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By Brenda McElroy

*Summer: The Best and the Worst*

The best part of summer is not having a schedule. So, what's the worst part? *Not having a schedule!* It's great to have time to relax, but how many summers have come and gone where you accomplished neither the projects nor the fun stuff you planned to do? Days flew by but the summer dragged on as your kids recited the "I'm bored" mantra.

With no bedtime schedules, there are more battles to get teeth brushed and PJs on and less downtime for parents. Without daytime routines, there's more nagging to get the dog fed and toys picked up. There are more power struggles around TV and computer game time. While schedules take a little more energy up front, they have great potential for reducing stress.

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I'm not suggesting you run your household like Captain von Trapp in the Sound of Music, but developing a framework for your summer schedule, while keeping it flexible, will go a long way in making it more peaceful and productive.

Determine a reasonable summer tuck-in time for younger ones, and an unplug from electronics/bed time for older ones. From there back up to an appropriate time for kids to put things away and get ready for bed. This might not be much later than usual if they are leaving early for daycare in the morning.

If your kids are not in daycare, have a morning and afternoon schedule for days at home. It doesn't have to be breakfast at 7 a.m., but clearly outline a simple plan for mealtimes, personal hygiene, chores, computer time, etc. Routines reduce stress and give kids a sense of security and responsibility in the family.

Now add some fun and productivity. Back in the day, Webster Elementary went through a year-round school phase. Our kids ended up having September, January, and May off. Since we didn't have traditional summer opportunities like day

camp, etc., we created our own — a trip to Superior Dairy in Hanford on Amtrak; Children's Playhouse Theater; tours of the police department; Sun Maid Raisins; Pizza Hut (that was before Pizza Factory existed); and more.

In addition to your family vacation, there are lots of day excursions you can plan throughout the summer. If you're low on ideas, pick up the current issue of Central California Parent Magazine or Google "summer activities" for a long list of ideas and local opportunities. Brainstorm with your kids to see what interests them and create your own summer bucket list.

What are some of the projects you've been waiting for summer to do? Write out your list and prioritize it. Maybe it includes teaching your kids how to bake, or do laundry. Maybe it's cleaning out the garage, organizing closets, or volunteering at a local non-profit. Some of these might be one-day events, others might be things you'll want to incorporate into your weekly routine.

Neither the projects nor the fun outings are likely to "just happen" without scheduling them. Create or print out a June-August calendar. Fill in your pre-determined events, vacations, and camps. Now record

on your calendar specific dates for your bucket list outings and projects. Intentionally leave white space on your calendar for stay-at-home-days.

One way to remain flexible is to put the projects/outings on the calendar with small sticky notes, so that if something comes up, you can easily move it to another day of the week. Place the high priorities on the calendar first, so that if they aren't all achieved you'll at least have accomplished what's most important.

Have a little family meeting at the beginning of summer to clearly explain summer routines and expectations. Entertain reasonable requests for adjustments. Place your activities calendar and your daily routines list on the fridge or post it somewhere where it's always in view. Direct kids to the list rather than nagging and prodding.

Summer is a great time to build character in ourselves and our kids as well as create special memories for the entire family. May your summer schedule be a tool for both!

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## It's Zook Time!

For the past week I have been fretting over what to write about this month. I've just about run out of original ideas and I hated the thought of doing a re-run – they are no fun.

Yesterday Pam was at Randy's desk talking to him about an ad for her quilting business. As she was leaving, I introduced myself and said if she had a recipe she would like to share, I would be happy to include it in my article. She said she had a recipe that was a favorite of her family. She gave me her recipe for zucchini casserole – it is different from our family's recipe so I will call it Pam's Zucchini Casserole.

Thanks Pam for the recipe and giving me the idea for my article this month: Zucchini!

For as long as I can remember, our family has had a garden. My grandparents had a huge garden that not only had vegetables but included a small orchard with peach, apricot, apple and fig trees, and grape vines. When we moved to San Francisco during the Second World War, my folks had a Victory Garden in our backyard. Victory Gardens were planted in backyards, empty lots and even on roof tops. They were used along with Rationing Stamps to reduce the pressure on the public food supply. Victory Gardens were a part of daily life on the home front.

Then back to Chowchilla and another garden in the back yard. Mama grew everything from beans to zucchini. There was always enough for dinner during the summer and nothing was wasted. If it wasn't eaten or given away, it was canned (green beans and tomatoes) in big pressure cookers or the vegetables were frozen.

### Pam's Zucchini Casserole

- 6 C grated zucchini
- 4 C grated cheddar cheese
- 3 eggs, beaten



1 cube butter, melted  
2 C dried cranberries  
1 box herbed stuffing  
Mix all but 2 C cheese in large bowl. Spread in two 9 x 13 baking dishes. Top with remaining cheese. Bake in 350 preheated oven for 45 min. to one hour or until very crisp and browned around edges and center is done. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Want a snack for the kids that they don't know they are eating zucchini?

### Zucchini Fritters

- 1 ½ pounds zucchini – grated
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¼ C all-purpose flour
- ¼ C grated parmesan
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large egg, beaten
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 T Olive oil

Place zucchini in a colander in sink. Add salt and gently toss to combine. Let sit for 10 minutes. Using a clean dish towel or cheese cloth, drain zucchini completely.

In a large bowl, combine zucchini, flour, parmesan, garlic and egg; season with salt and pepper to taste.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Scoop tablespoons of batter for each fritter, flatten with a spatula. Cook until the underside is nicely golden brown, about 2 minutes. Flip and cook on the other side, about 1-2 minutes longer. Serve immediately.

Do you like Lasagna but try to avoid it as much as possible because of the carbs and calories in the noodles? Here's a recipe for lasagna that doesn't use noodles.

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Daddy -- Orville Briner -- in our Victory Garden in San Francisco around 1942.

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RECIPE cont. from P. 8

**No-Noodle Zucchini Lasagna**

2 large zucchinis  
1 T salt  
1 pound ground beef  
1 ½ tsp. ground black pepper  
1 small green pepper, diced  
1 onion, diced  
1 Cup tomato paste  
1 (16 ounce) can tomato sauce  
¼ C red wine  
2 T. chopped fresh basil  
1 T chopped fresh oregano  
Hot water as needed  
1 egg  
1 (15 ounce) container low-fat ricotta cheese  
2 T chopped fresh parsley  
1 (16 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained well  
1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced  
8 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese  
8 ounces grated parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 325. Grease a deep 9 x 13 baking pan.  
Slice zucchini lengthwise into very thin slices. Sprinkle with salt; set aside to drain in a colander.

To prepare the meat sauce, cook and stir ground meat and black pepper in a large skillet over medium high heat for 5 minutes. Add in green pepper and onion, cook and stir until meat is no longer pink. Stir in tomato paste, tomato sauce, wine, basil and oregano, adding a small amount of hot water if sauce is too thick. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer sauce for about 20 minutes, stirring frequently.

Meanwhile, stir egg, ricotta, and parsley together in bowl until well combined.

To assemble lasagna, spread ½ of the meat sauce into the bottom of prepared pan. Then layer half the zucchini slices, half the ricotta mixture, all the spinach, followed by all the mushrooms, then the mozzarella cheese. Repeat by layering the remaining meat sauce, zucchini slices, ricotta mixture, and mozzarella. Spread Parmesan cheese evenly over the top, cover with foil

Bake for 45 minutes. Remove foil, raise oven temperature to 350 and bake an additional 15 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

At Randy's house, Vicki and the three girls are not meat eaters. This is a recipe Vicki gave me that they all love.

**Vegan Zucchini Boat**

6 large zucchinis  
1 can black beans  
1 can pinto beans

Cut the zucchini in half lengthways. With a melon scooper or spoon, remove the seeds and discard. Turn the zucchini over on clean towels and let drain. While zucchini is draining, cook the Spanish rice.

**Spanish Rice**

3 C white rice  
1 small red onion chopped  
1 C Salsa  
4 C Water  
Salt, Pepper and cumin to taste

With a small amount of oil in a large skillet brown the rice and the onion, season to taste with salt, pepper and cumin. While rice is browning, add the water and salsa to rice cooker. Add the browned rice and onion to cooker and cook until rice is done.

Place zucchini in Pyrex baking dish, cut side up. Cover with reserved beans. Cover with the Spanish rice mixture.

Bake in preheated 375 oven for 20 to 25 minutes. Cover the dish with foil if you want soft rice, or uncovered if you want crunchy rice.

And if you really want to disguise zucchini, how about a chocolate cake?

**Chocolate Zucchini Cake**

2 C all-purpose flour  
2 C. white sugar  
¾ C unsweetened cocoa powder  
2 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. salt  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
4 eggs  
1 ½ C vegetable oil  
3 C grated zucchini  
¾ C chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour a 9 x 13 baking pan. In mixing bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon.

Add the eggs and oil, mix well. Fold in the nuts and zucchini until they are evenly distributed. Pour into the prepared pan. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes in preheated oven, until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

This makes a moist fudgy cake. Can be frosted with your favorite frosting or eaten as is.

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### To D.I.Y. or Not to D.I.Y

Hello 93636 and greetings,

This week I attended an Anti-Lock Brake (ABS) update course. The training included the most current diagnostic information and repair procedures for many domestic and foreign vehicles traveling our roadways today. Our instructor is the owner and lead technician of a very successful German automotive repair business in Seattle, Wash. He has 35 plus years of experience, is highly qualified and his classes are in much demand throughout the United States. Unfortunately, there were only about six Central Valley repair shops in attendance. How in the heck are those other shops going to properly diagnosis and repair these ABS systems? The reality is, they won't.

My shop is the shop of last resort for many. A lot of my new customers are referrals. They have been to several shops prior with no success. I hear these words a lot:

"They ripped me off."

"They replaced parts I didn't need."

"They took my money but didn't fix my problem."

Yes, I understand. You have been ripped off but not in the way you think. It is not deliberate and not intentional. The people who worked on your vehicle prior were not qualified. Without proper training and the diagnostic equipment it can become a guessing game. The most expensive diagnostic and repairs are the ones that use the trial and error method.

ASK!!! Make sure you are at an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified shop with ASE certified technicians at a minimum. ASE technicians re-certify every five years so it doesn't *guarantee* your chosen facility and technician is qualified. Vehicle complexity increases geometrically annually. It does mean they are somewhat current and meet a basic standard. ASK about their updated and ongoing education and training. We proudly display our training certificates in our customer lounge.

Ok, back to ABS. The ABS System prevents the vehicle's brakes from locking up and skidding on slippery surfaces and/or during panic stops. This allows you to steer around the object instead of sliding into it. REMEMBER THIS: The

ABS may INCREASE stopping distance, so steer AROUND the object. This isn't bowling so it's ok to miss. Here's a basic outline of the process during an ABS action: When the brake pedal is slammed to the floor, hydraulic brake fluid is pressurized by the master cylinder and channeled to each of the vehicle's four brakes at about 500 pounds per square inch (psi). Each of these channels have an Isolation Valve (normally open) and a Dump Valve (normally closed) controlled by the ABS Module. These valves are essentially gates. When open, fluid flows unrestricted. When closed, fluid flow is blocked. During an ABS event, the module takes control of vehicle braking by closing the Isolation Valves and trapping pressurized brake fluid. You are NOT IN CONTROL – the ABS Module is. If the pressure is too high and a wheel stops spinning (skidding), the Dump Valve is opened to reduce off some of the applied pressure. Once the wheel is spinning again the module closes the Dump Valve trapping the remaining fluid. Ok, how do we re-apply that brake once the applied pressure is reduced? Modern ABS Systems incorporate a high pressure pump and an accumulator or reservoir. When the vehicle's key is turned to the "Start or Run" position, the high pressure pump fills the accumulator in anticipation of an ABS action. At 2,400 psi the brake fluid flows quicker allowing the ABS Module more precise control. The pressurized fluid in the accumulator (not the master cylinder) is what the module uses to control ABS braking. Pushing the brake pedal harder will not stop the vehicle any sooner. Also, you may feel a pulsation at the brake pedal and/or hear a buzzing noise. It's not defective; that's normal.

I like to be proactive. I find a parking lot somewhere where there are no other vehicles so I can safely make a couple of panic stops. The slicker the better. That way I know in advance how my vehicle will react during an ABS event.

Ok 93636 "Do It Yourselfers," here's the primary reason for this article: ABS accumulators are discharged at some point after the key is turned off. Some vehicles discharge their accumulators while performing a brake system check. These types of ABS Modules use an accumulator high pressure fluid to apply the brakes, perform a pressure test, then reduce the applied pressure by opening the dump valve. Do-It-Yourselfers, did you get that? Your vehicle can apply its brakes all by itself! What happens if the "Brake Self Test" occurs while you are changing the brake pads? BIG BIG PROBLEMS. It happens and it's danger-

ous. Some vehicles require the use of a scan tool to place the ABS in "Stand Down Mode" prior to any brake service. If you don't have the scan tool - STOP!

Now, this is where this article should end. I know however there are many risk takers, like me, that won't let a little danger stop us. It gets our blood circulating. If you insist on continuing in spite of the danger, let me tell you what I would do if my scan tool would not "Stand Down" an ABS. I am NOT ADVISING ANYONE TO USE THIS PROCEDURE! I'm telling you what *I* would do to decrease *my* risk.

I would remove ALL ABS fuses and attempt to "power down" the module. If I could not find ALL the ABS fuses or I was not sure, I would disconnect the vehicle's battery, knowing all the learned adaptive values might be lost and I may need to drive the vehicle for a while in order for it to relearn and run well again. If your ABS Module type uses capacitors (stores voltage) as a backup power system, after removing the battery cables from the battery I would touch the posi-

tive and negative battery cables TOGETHER, for at least five minutes to discharge any capacitors.

DO NOT TOUCH THE CABLES TOGETHER WHILE THEY ARE CONNECTED TO THE BATTERY!

That mistake could destroy the vehicle's electronics.

Do-It-Yourselfers, no disrespect, but there are some vehicle repairs that untrained and unqualified persons should not attempt. Brake systems are now one of those repairs. In my opinion not all automotive repair shops are qualified either. Be careful, use your brain and do your homework.

If you have any general or specific vehicle questions or suggestions for future topics, contact me at complete\_car\_care@hotmail.com or leave a message at the Complete Car Care Facebook page.

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**WATER LAW** cont. from P. 2

Robles area has demonstrated that that's not going to be an uncontroversial or easy process," said Rick Frank, Professor of Environmental Practice at UC Davis School of Law. "The authority that these new groundwater sustainability agencies have is quite broad in terms of the ability to tax and to regulate. Just the fact that they have the potential sweeping political and fiscal authority that they have is going to be very controversial."

Voters in Paso Robles didn't want a new layer of government, didn't want to fund it and didn't believe the groundwater was overdrafted. Many property owners over the basin want to stick with the historic way of managing groundwater and get a judge to decide who has a right to the water, but Frank says going through the courts can take too long.

"Those adjudications take many years and lots of lawyers and lots of dollars to get done," Frank said.

Meanwhile, the new state law dictates if no agency is created to manage basins like Paso Robles, the county should manage it.

"It's not a one-time cost," Meacham said, suggesting it may be too expensive for the county. "You have to establish the plan and then you have to implement that plan. Then you have to manage this basin over time. So that means there's a cost every year."

County officials say it could cost \$950,000 a year. That cost could be shared by cities and districts within the county, but it's complicated because five other groundwater basins in the county also have to be managed.



*Greg Grewall, a rancher in San Luis Obispo County, led the opposition to defeat the formation of the water district this spring, but now the state may have to come in and take over, all without voter approval.*

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Frank says Paso Robles sets an example of just how hard it will be to create local agencies. He says it's likely not all overdrafted basins will have them in place by next year.

"I think there will be pressure on the state to step in if the statutory deadlines are not observed and local groundwater sustainability agencies are not created on time," Frank said. "The current overdrafted groundwater basins are, in my opinion, a clear and present danger for California's environment."

No one knows how much water is available in California's aquifers, but there have been grim accounts of dried up wells around the state and sinking land in the Central Valley. The thought of the state taking over groundwater management is exactly what worries Jerry Reaugh.

"I hope they don't make a poster child out of us because that would be the worst thing that could happen," Reaugh said. "In five years, I think people are going to say 'Geez, we had a chance to be in control of our future and we turned it down.'"

The state's groundwater law requires the creation of new local management agencies in 127 basins around the state. Then, the battle to come up with a plan to manage the basins will begin.

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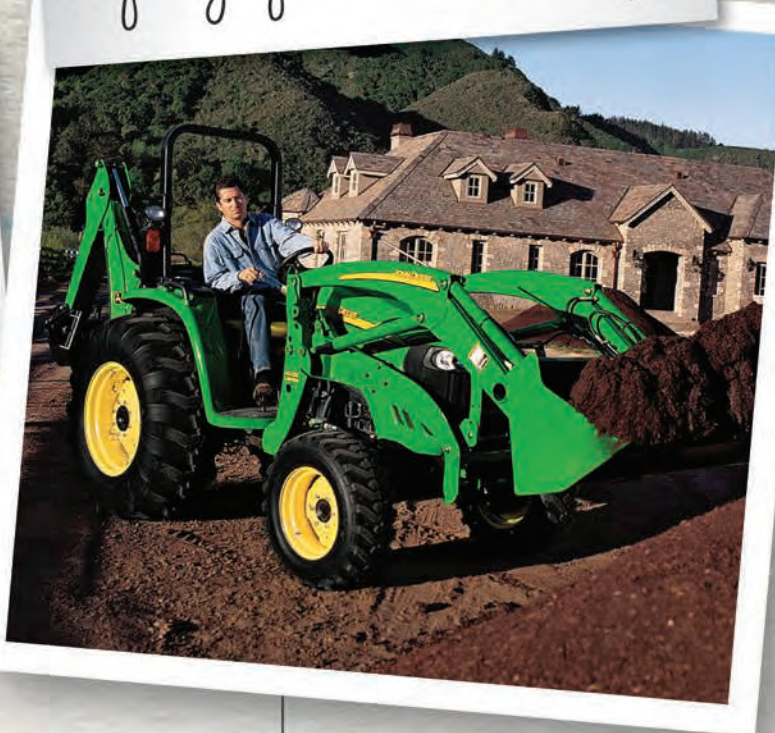
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**Senior Report**

**Seniors Welcome Summer with Events**

By Patti Groh

A wonderful summer is starting with school out and graduations, weddings and Fourth of July picnics and BBQs. The seniors celebrated Independence Day on June 25 this year. We went the BBQ route with hamburgers, hotdogs and ice cream for dessert. This was a members' event with guests charged \$10. The Center will be closed on the 4th of July.

Seniors will celebrate July birthdays and anniversaries on July 16 at the Black Bear Restaurant in Madera. That is at 11:15 a.m. You do need to pre-sign up at the Center so the restaurant can be ready for our numbers. Also, it is most helpful if people are there on time.

There is a very limited time left to buy your lucky ticket from the Seniors. Wonderful prizes are available: Four one-day hopper tickets to Disneyland; fishing boat trip on Shaver Lake for 2-3 people by Fish Box Charters; Pizza Factory large free pizza a month for a year; trash bin delivered to your home and picked up from Red Rock; and one night stay and buffet dinner for two at Chukchansi Gold

Resort. The winning tickets will be drawn on July 4th. We will be notifying the winners by phone. Get your tickets at the Center and Good Luck!

The Shares card that some of you may have been using at Save Mart and FoodMaxx to donate to the Seniors Center (and other nonprofits) can no longer be used. The program no longer requires a card but you must sign up for it. There is a sign-up sheet at the Center. It will require an email account and you will enter your telephone number at the store. If that presents a problem for you, please contact Diane Maxfield and she'll assist you.

Don't forget the Saturday sale at the Center on July 2. Baked goods, boutique items and treasures from the Treasure House will be available. Donations for these activities are always welcome, too.

I want to welcome new members Dorothy Hammerich and Tammy and Richard Trimble. Please introduce yourselves to them with a friendly welcome.

The lunch program at the Center is now offering salads as well as the hot menu. Yum! Please sign up with Joann or Phyllis at least one day ahead, before 11 a.m. Call the Center at 645-4864.

**The Bookshelf**

**Fireworks Sales Help Your Library**

By Amanda Judd

The Ranchos Library has been racing through the Summer Reading Program. We had a really exciting kick off with the "Bubble Man." Thank you to everyone who came in and registered. There are some amazing readers in this community. This year we are celebrating our Gold Medal Readers. We have created a reader wall and will displaying medals of our summer program participants. We are striving to achieve literary excellence. Please note that space is sometimes limited for our entertainment, so you may always call the library to check on individual events but we will surely do our best to provide everyone with reminders in advance.

The Ranchos Library and Friends of the Ranchos Library would like to thank Wonderful Giving/Kevin Olsen for their generous contribution to the library. Thank you for helping us fund our summer reading program. We would also like to thank the Ranchos/Hills Seniors for their wonderful contribution to our program. Ranchos/Hills Seniors support has funded our Grand Prize this year. This year one lucky and hard-working reader will receive a new Samsung 8 Galaxy Tablet. We are so appreciative of those who are also donating their time each

and every week to help us keep things running smoothly throughout our events.

Come out and support your library and chamber. Friends of the Ranchos Library and the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual fireworks booth from July 1st – July 4th from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Maywood Center. When you purchase from our fireworks booth, you are helping contribute right here in the community. If you have any questions or need information, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 645-4001 or the Ranchos Library at 645-1214.

We are excited to see what these next few weeks of summer hold in store for the library. We are adding new titles each and every week. Stop in and take a peek and see if something catches your eye. Our book sale room is always changing too. If you haven't been in for a while, stop by and browse through. We would love for you to come in for a visit.

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## Patriotic Lessons from a Basketball Game

By Betty Van Valkenburg

I love God, country, family and friends. And basketball.

My husband and I have been Fresno State season ticket holders for probably 40 years and have seen many game highlights, thrilling victories and agonizing defeats. But the total experience of one of last season's games impressed me in many ways.

Because I had recently undergone knee surgery and couldn't comfortably get down to my regular seat surrounded by rabid fans, I found a vacant top-row aisle seat at the Save Mart Center, rested my weary knee and observed rather than participated in the usual fan-atic frenzy.

This is what I enjoyed watching from my comfortable bird's eye view.

Everyone in the arena stood for the National Anthem and faced the American flag hanging over Section 109 with hats removed, most with hands over hearts, and all silent and respectful.

I fought back tears as I have so many times during stirring renditions of the Star Spangled Banner. "Everyone" in the arena included different ages, sizes, races, ethnicities, and probably political persuasions and economic circumstances, court crew, cheerleaders, coaches, players, fans, arena staff and invited guests.

When the anthem ended we cheered or applauded before taking our seats, only to rise again at the start of the game and remain standing, as is the custom, until the home team – our team – made its first basket (which on that particular night took much too long for my comfort).

From the beginning our team was missing two starters, so other players had to step up. Then another starter went down with an injury and our starting guard warmed the bench more than the fans wanted, and a freshman became our unexpected all-star.

Fans cheered for their respective teams: Fresno State and San Diego State. Although greatly outnumbered, San Diego fans rooted against the home team with no fear of reprisal. A man sitting near me chanted "San – Di-e-go – State" throughout; and I appreciated, or

maybe just tolerated, his enthusiasm and then cheered as loudly as I could for Fresno.

Our team members came in all sizes and shapes, from 6'1" to 6'10" and weights up to 285 pounds. They hailed from the local area as well as Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma State, Minnesota, Los Angeles, Nevada and Arizona. But they were, and played as, a cohesive team.

At the end of the first half, we were surprisingly down by only one point.

Non-stop halftime activities both entertained and inspired the crowd; at least they did for those of us who hadn't rushed out to the concourse for food or beverage. A member of the military was introduced and honored by a standing ovation. Student athletes ringed the court as they were acknowledged for individual achievement and the best collective GPA average ever. Fans clamored for the pizza giveaway. The dance cam caught some amazing and not-so-amazing moves. The blimp dropped coupons to waving hands. The audience-member free-throw contest was the usual hit, with winners and losers equally cheered by the crowd.

Down to the wire, we squeaked out an exciting one-point win. Fresno State's team and fans went wild. San Diego State's team

and fans didn't. Coaches shook hands. Opposing players acknowledged each other. Fans stayed a little longer than usual, enjoying the win and the camaraderie. Eventually, players headed to the locker rooms and fans to their cars.

I limped away feeling uplifted by the exciting win and the totally American experience: Winning against all odds, giving one's all for the cause, never giving up, coming together as a team, freely advocating for one's chosen side, exhibiting enthusiastic but peaceful "partisanship" and respecting the rights of others to disagree.

If only America as a whole would follow this example. Or have we become so divided and so polarized along political, racial, income and other lines that we may never again be one team/one nation?

Perhaps the political arena could learn from the basketball arena. Everyone plays by the same rules. Real leaders unite rather than divide. Referees follow rules, not the loudest voices. Equality of outcome is not guaranteed. Playing time (success) is earned, not bestowed. And last but not least, leaders who don't deliver on their promises lose their jobs. (I particularly like that last one.)

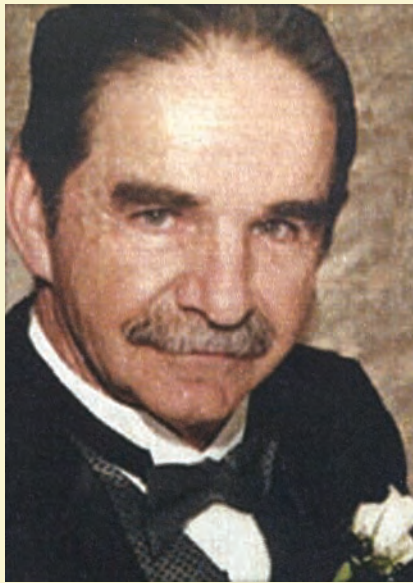
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Donald Eugene Chase, 75, of the Madera Ranchos, died May 15 after a long illness. Mr. Chase was a grocery store manager.

He is survived by his mother Luella Chase; his wife Joanne; two sons Todd and Tim; his sister Betty and several grandchildren.

A memorial was held Tuesday, May 31 at The Bridge Church in Fresno and arrangements were handled by the Neptune Society of Central California in Fresno.

**County Wins Award, Creates Jobs**

Madera County Economic Development Commission received the Award of Excellence from the California Association of Local Economic Development at their annual conference recently held in South San Francisco. The award-winning public/private partnership between Span Construction and Engineering, City of Madera, and Madera County Economic Development Commission was successful in opening Freedom Industrial Park. The partnership converted 98 acres of unimproved land at south Pine and west Pecan streets in Madera into a completely shovel-ready industrial park consisting of 17 parcels ranging from 3 to 20 acres. The first parcel was purchased by Deerpoint Group, Inc. and Span built a state-of-the-art facility that allows Deerpoint to continue to expand their operations. They will provide 70 new jobs.

“A project like this doesn’t happen without an exceptional private sector partner. Span brought performance and old fashioned integrity to every aspect of the Freedom Industrial Park Project,” said Madera City Administrator, David Tooley. “The importance of trust between public and private sector partners cannot be overemphasized.”

All three partners were in attendance to accept the distinguished award. “The Freedom Industrial Park is the result of a unique and positive partnership between the Madera County Economic Development Commission, City of Madera, and Span Construction & Engineering. We have worked with cities and EDCs in many parts of the country, but the cooperation and can-do approach of these agencies is the best we have experienced,” said King Husein, CEO of Span Construction and Engineering.

**Thank You, Madera Ranchos!**



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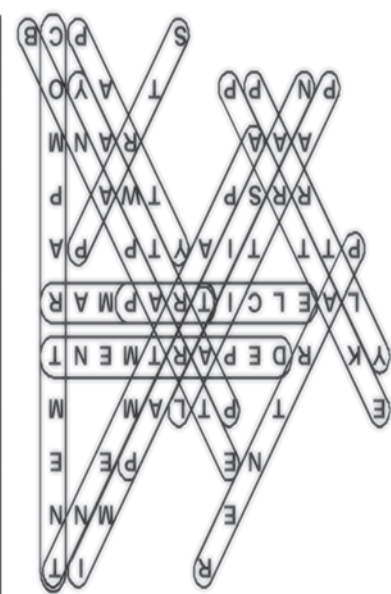
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**GEN WHY** cont. from P. 6

server in one of my favorite haunts for girls' night. She was clearly overwhelmed but her go-to way to handle it was to keep her head down and just pretend she didn't see the customers with their hands in the air trying to get her attention about that side of blue cheese they had been waiting on or the refill on their water they asked for more than 20 minutes ago. I remember wanting to hide in the walk-in when it got busy back in my fast food days. I was ready to welcome a slow and agonizing death by freezing as opposed to having to look one more demanding customer in the eye. I also remember hearing my boss snap at me to move faster, do more, and be nicer. The desire to have her not yell at me made me a better crew member, a better leader and eventually even a restaurant manager by the time I was 23, all because she wouldn't let me hide in the walk-in. I don't think this young woman had such a beastly to push her. Had my boss seen her wandering through the restaurant on her cell phone ignoring customers, that phone would have likely found itself lodged in the most uncomfortable of places in which a phone ought never to be lodged.

I get it: We have to coddle our children, right? The only way to have healthy, confident adults is to never correct, push, or demand excellence from them as children. They must be treated like delicate little flowers too precious to pick and prune. That way, when they get out into the big, scary world they have complete confidence in themselves as a person, which is more important than having any marketable skills or experience. No adult needs that when they have sense of self and an understanding of their own individuality, right? Good plan.

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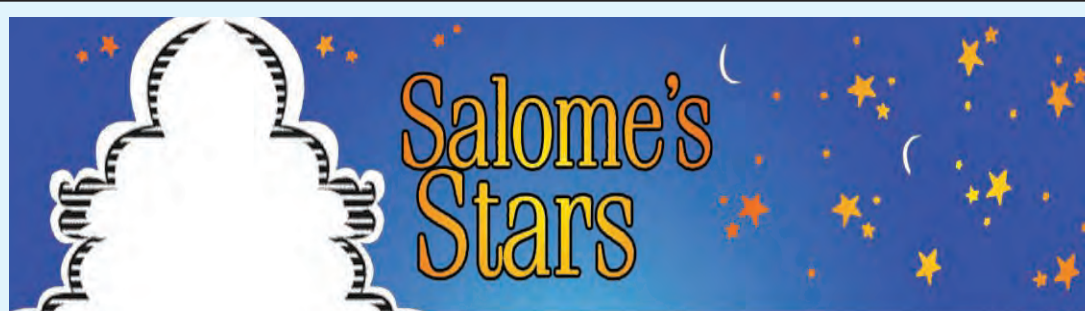


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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You feel ready to face up to a major change, although it might involve some risks. A once-dubious family member comes around and offers support and encouragement.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Move forward with your plans, despite discouraging words from those who underestimate the Bovine's strong will. Your keen instincts will guide you well.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding is easily cleared up. Then go ahead and enjoy some fun and games this week. A Libra might have ideas that merit serious consideration for the future.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel as if you're in an emotional pressure cooker, but the situation is about to change in your favor. Take time out for some well-earned fun.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A shift in your workplace responsibilities creates resentment among some co-workers. Deal with it before it becomes a threat to your success on the job.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Expect some surprises in what you thought was one of your typically well-planned schedules. Deal with them, and then enjoy some lighthearted entertainment.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Be careful: What appears to be a solid financial opportunity might have some hidden risks attached. A hazy personal matter needs to be cleared up.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It's a good time to strengthen ties with family and friends. You might feel unsure about a recent workplace decision, but time will prove you did the right thing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Just when you thought your relationship was comfortable and even predictable, your partner or spouse could spring a potentially life-changing surprise on you.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your usually generous self is overshadowed by your equally strong suspicious nature. You might be judging things too harshly. Keep an open mind.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Love and romance dominate the week. Married Aquarians enjoy domestic harmony, while singles could soon be welcoming overtures from loving Leos.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) An old health problem recurs, but it is soon dealt with, leaving you eager to get back into the swing of things. A favorable travel period starts this week.

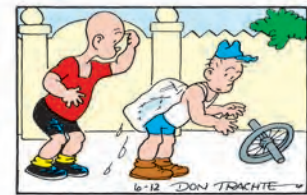
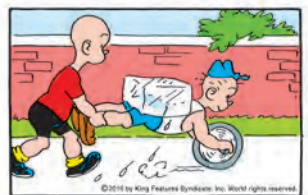
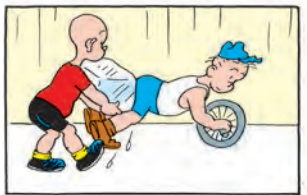
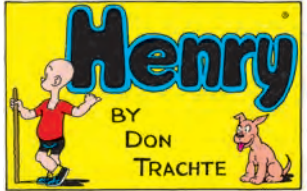
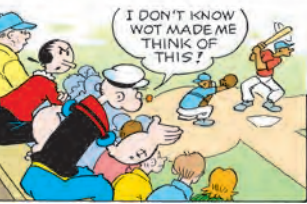
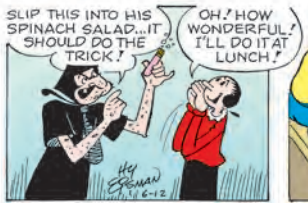
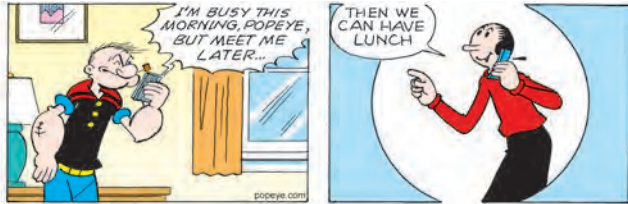
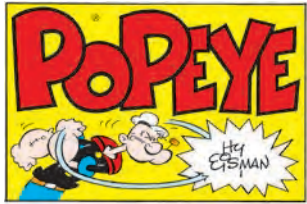
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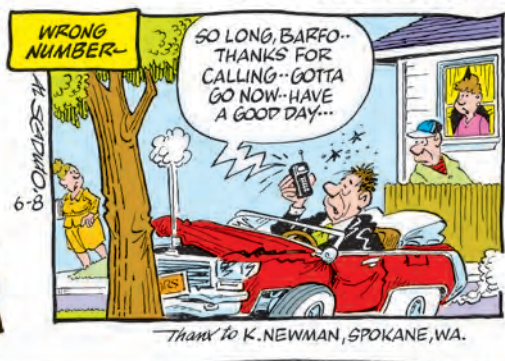
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## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



## BY AL SCADUTO



HIDDEN IN THE ABOVE FRAME is a famous proverb. Find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the second "I" down in the right rail. If the cap fits its put it on!

LET'S SEE HOW YOU "STACK UP" WITH THIS ONE! If 7 bricklayers, with 7 trowels, can lay 7 tons of bricks in 7 days, how long would it take 10 bricklayers, with 10 trowels, to lay 10 tons of bricks?

Answer: It would still only take 7 days for 10 bricklayers to lay 10 tons of brick.

TRY "RACKING UP" A PERFECT SCORE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in grid B.

- Prohibits from doing.
- Animal home
- A connecting element.
- An earnest appeal.



Answers: 1. Bans; 2. Lair; 3. Link; 4. Plea.

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3	7	5	8	2	6	3	2	5	2	3	4	5
E	I	E	N	A	T	L	L	A	E	I	I	R
3	7	3	2	3	4	2	4	8	5	2	4	8
N	N	E	T	O	N	T	G	G	T	E	C	S
5	4	3	2	3	6	4	8	3	4	6	5	3
H	A	F	R	A	A	R	M	C	E	R	I	T
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## MAGIC MAZE PARTED WORDS

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

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

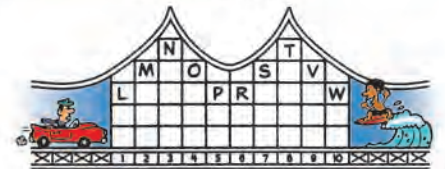
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Bonaparte	Partake	Partly	Party
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## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

### A WORD BRIDGE



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

- Side sheltered from the wind.
- Type of shark.
- A wanderer.
- Legendary bad giant.
- A small piece of butter.
- Untrained and inexperienced.
- A swindle.
- Good with animals.
- A small glass container.
- An artificial covering.

## TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY: What major event in France's history is marked by the year 1789?
- GEOGRAPHY: What European city is known as the City of Peace and Justice?
- MUSIC: What is the next to the last note in the scale that begins "do, re, mi ..."?
- MEDICAL: What is involved in a phlebotomy?
- CHEMISTRY: What is another name for sodium chloride?
- LANGUAGE: What was a bard's profession in ancient times?
- FAMOUS QUOTES: Which 19th-century writer once said, "Nothing that is worth knowing can be taught"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of creature is a pollywog?
- GAMES: How many pieces make up a double-six domino set?
- SCIENCE: What are the four life stages of a butterfly?

### Answers

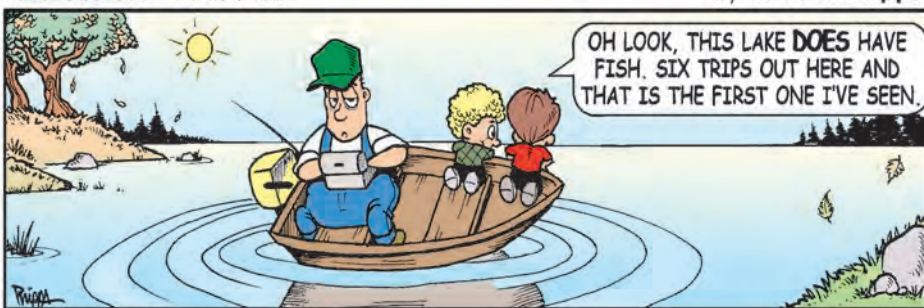
1. French Revolution begins
2. The Hague
3. ti
4. Drawing blood for tests
5. Table salt
6. Poet
7. Oscar Wilde
8. A tadpole
9. 28
10. Egg, larva, pupa, adult

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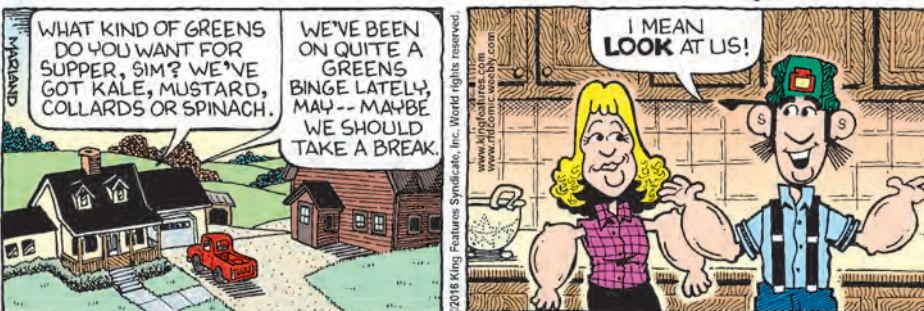
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# R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



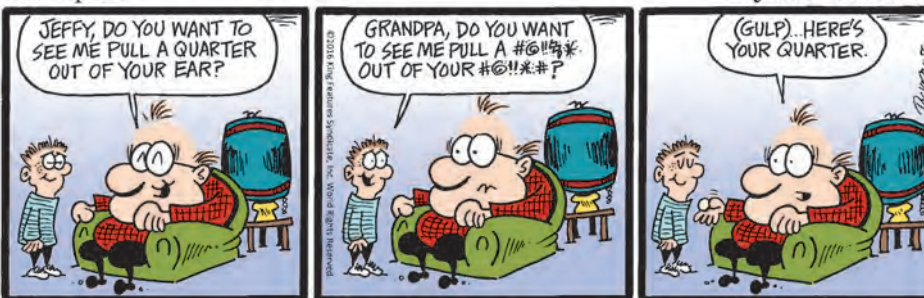
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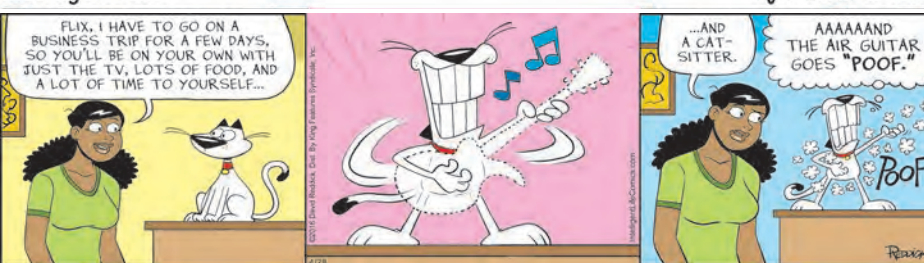
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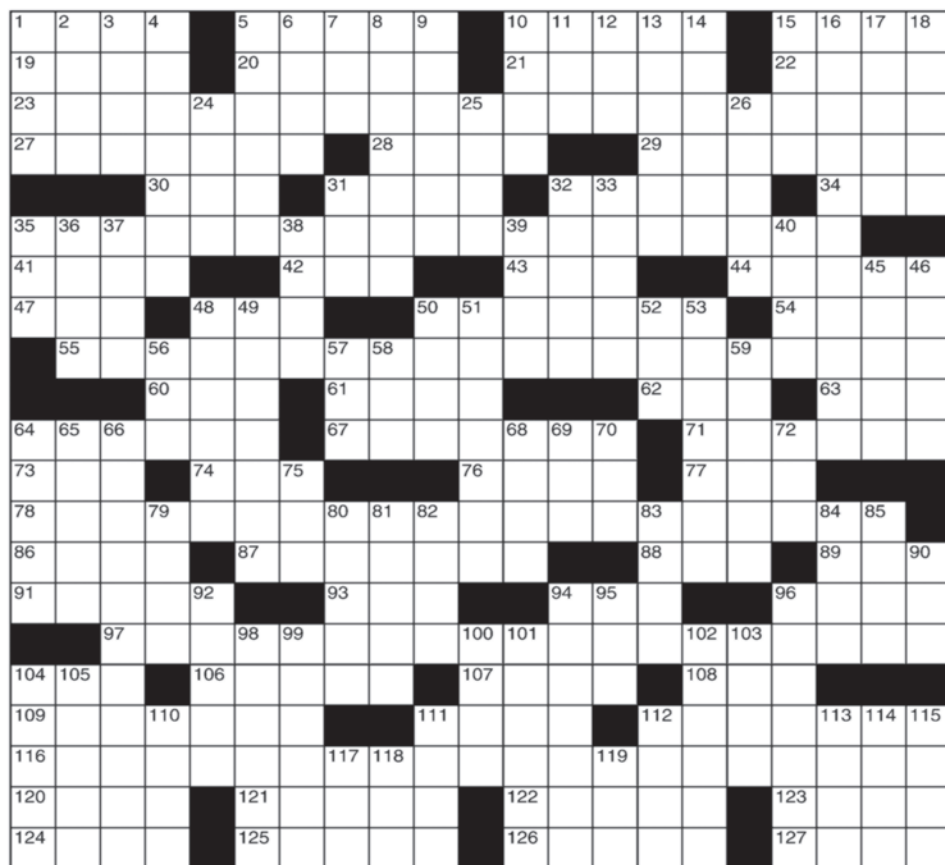
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Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Palm is missing. 2. Hair bow is missing. 3. Snake is shorter. 4. Starfish is missing. 5. Umbrella is missing. 6. Arm is moved.

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# Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Mrs. Alfred Hitchcock
  - 5 Had an expectation
  - 10 "C'est moi," in English
  - 15 Car financing co., once
  - 19 Malicious
  - 20 Greater than
  - 21 Of film sound effects
  - 22 Quiet stretch
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 27 Like potatoes
  - 28 — a soul (nobody)
  - 29 Coagulated
  - 30 Similar to
  - 31 Have — (know the right person)
  - 32 Online letter
  - 34 Serpent follower
  - 35 Riddle, part 2
  - 41 Wields
  - 42 Kitten sound
  - 43 Flatow or Glass of radio
  - 44 SeaWorld attractions
  - 47 Minivan driver, often
  - 48 Geol., e.g.
  - 50 Smart guy
  - 54 Purview
  - 55 Riddle, part 3
  - 60 Many millennia
  - 61 Thrill rider's inhalation
  - 62 Thrown
  - 63 Grafton's "— for Evidence"
  - 64 Graph anew
  - 67 Riddle, part 4
  - 71 Jim who played Ernest P. Worrell
  - 73 Smelter input
  - 74 Lilt syllable
  - 76 Blockhead
  - 77 Is, pluralized
  - 78 Riddle, part 5
  - 86 Befuddled
  - 87 Poison in many murder mysteries
  - 88 Some small batteries
  - 89 Barn bird
  - 91 Bird homes
  - 93 Flamboyant stole
  - 94 Actress Grier
  - 96 Soft cheese
  - 97 End of the riddle
  - 104 "Hostel" director Roth
  - 106 Besmirch
  - 107 "May — a favor?"
  - 108 "Gloria in excelsis —"
  - 109 Making out
  - 111 "— all know ..."
  - 112 Buildup of unfinished work
  - 116 Riddle's answer
  - 120 Lead-ins to big days
  - 121 Elvis hit, e.g.
  - 122 Bang or pop
  - 123 Unit of matter
  - 124 Cardinal and cherry
  - 125 Auto type
  - 126 "Eeew!"
  - 127 \$1,000 units, in slang
  - 10 Doubtful
  - 11 To boot
  - 12 35mm camera option
  - 13 Resident of Islam's spiritual center
  - 14 Cornea coverer
  - 15 Overfill
  - 16 Like a triplex
  - 17 Patriot Ethan
  - 18 Bonnie's pal
  - 24 Sch. for the Bruins
  - 25 Novelist Sarah — Jewett
  - 26 Manuscript leaf
  - 31 Yes vote
  - 32 Zimbalist of "The F.B.I."
  - 33 Marlins' city
  - 35 "Tasty!"
  - 36 With 113-Down, recently
  - 37 Pixar's lost clown fish
  - 38 "Jake and —" (comedy Web series)
  - 39 River to the Seine
  - 40 Trapped like —
  - 45 Cliffside nest
  - 46 Full of lip
  - 48 Suave
  - 49 Situated in the middle
  - 50 Long (for)
  - 51 Blocked
  - 52 Comic actress Gasteyer
  - 53 Blissful state
  - 56 Buddhism, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 57 John Deere Classic org.
  - 58 Dorm leaders, for short
  - 59 Wolfs (down)
  - 64 "Mr. Bear" star Atkinson
  - 65 Wipe chalk from
  - 66 Ale brand until 2011
  - 68 Put on
  - 69 Nabokov's longest novel
  - 70 Male issue
  - 72 Stephen of "Stuck"
  - 75 "— ideas?"
  - 79 Like a Mass: Abbr.
  - 80 African land
  - 81 From here — (henceforth)
  - 82 Ampule, e.g.
  - 83 Poet's foot
  - 84 Kin of "me neither"
  - 85 Leia, to Luke
  - 90 Piano piece
  - 92 Bridal gown fabric
  - 94 Sit to be painted by, perhaps
  - 95 "Great" bird
  - 96 Schoolchild's burden
  - 98 Dances with dipping
  - 99 Squirm
  - 100 Menu choice
  - 101 Deviating off course
  - 102 "My Cup Runneth Over" singer
  - 103 Bi- plus octa-
  - 104 Go in
  - 105 Go out
  - 110 Hug go-with
  - 111 Port city of Yemen
  - 112 Firm cheese
  - 113 See 36-Down
  - 114 It uses a double reed
  - 115 Plates to lift
  - 117 Tally (up)
  - 118 Long of "Premonition"
  - 119 2016 Olympics city

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