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Ready or not, here they come ...

The first olive trees at the Gateway Village development
at Highway 41 and Avenue 12 are coming down.

What's next?

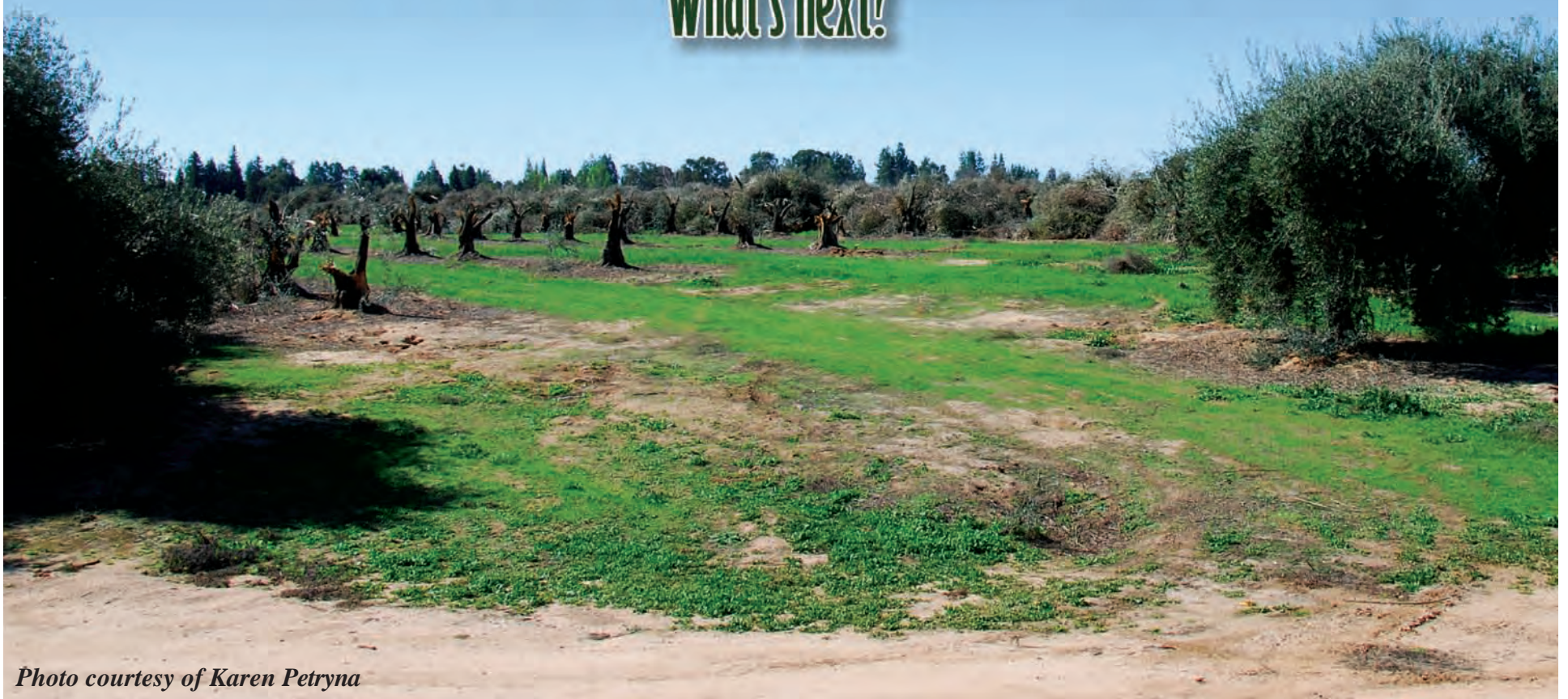


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Ready or not, here they come ...

By Karen Petryna

The mysterious removal of hundreds of olive trees at the intersection of Avenue 12 and Highway 41 is a mystery no more: Gateway Village Development, LLC has begun preparing for house construction there in earnest. A master planned community including 6,578 residential units divided into five villages and a park is on its way.

Most Ranchos residents became aware of the project in the 90s when Castle & Cooke took the reins and began the process of getting government approval for the development, but the 2,100-acre project began in 1960 when Apache Oil bought the land with plans to put in houses by 1980. In the interim, orchards of pistachios and oranges were planted. In 1990, Apache sold the property to Dole Food Company which utilized its real estate division, Castle & Cooke, to further the project. Castle & Cooke sold the property in 2010 and Gateway Village Development, LLC was created to bring the project to fruition. Timothy Jones, a Fresno-based at-

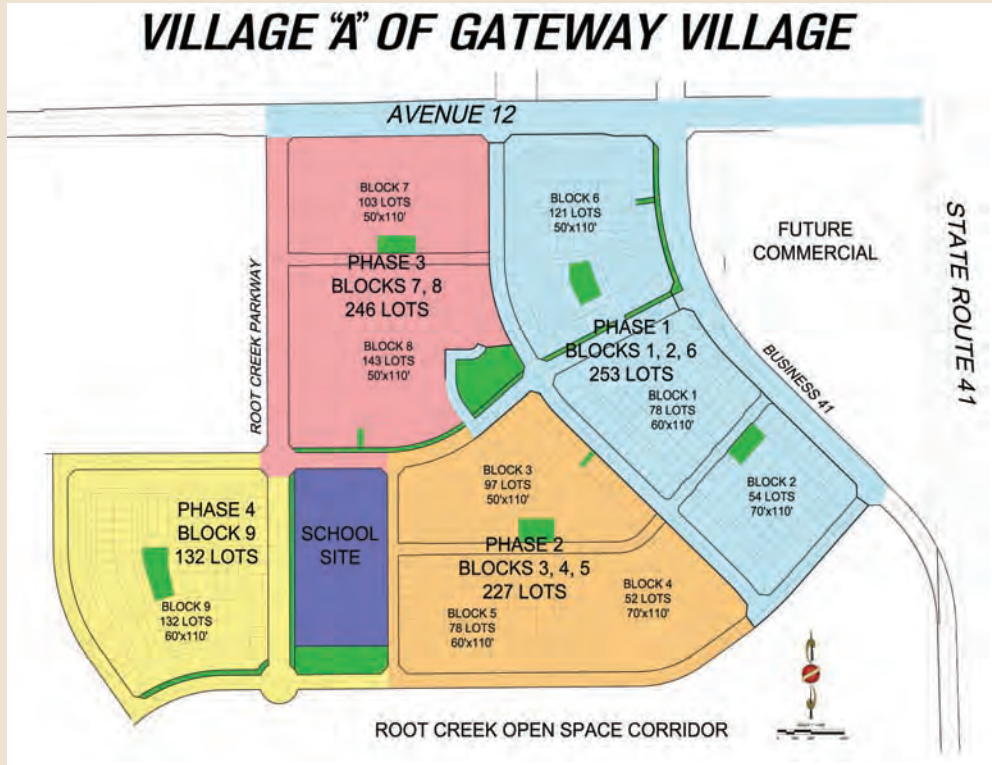
torney, is a member of Gateway Village Development, LLC and is also Director of the Root Creek Water District. He agreed to speak with the Ranchos Independent about Gateway Village and what the LLC's goals are.

Project Description

Jones said that ultimately 6,578 residential units in this master

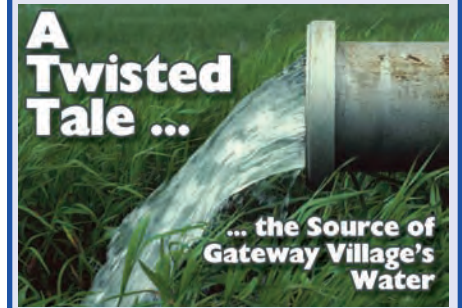
planned community will be divided into five villages complete with a park. After the backbone infrastructure of roads and utilities are installed, Village A, located near the southwest corner of Avenue 12 and Highway 41, will be the first to be developed. Village A will include 858 single family dwellings and a new elementary school for the Golden Valley Unified School District. Between Business 41 and Highway 41, 48 acres of commercial

property will be developed after the houses begin to go in. Five of the 48 acres of the commercial area is reserved for a new Avenue 12 – Highway 41 interchange, Jones said, and acknowl-



The groundbreaking taking place at Avenue 12 and Highway 41 is just the beginning of a full-fledged development that will bring five "villages" comprised of over 6,500 new homes.

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By Lois Henry

So, a pile of water banked in Kern County is being used to support a massive urban development in Madera County.

Before you try and wrap your head around how that's geographically possible, there's the whole question of whether the banked water (and other water slated for the project) even can be used for that purpose. Then let's tack on whether it's cool that public resources are being used throughout this deal to basically benefit private businesses. I swear when I started this I just wondered how the water would "move" up to Madera.

Why can't anything ever be simple?

Let's start in Madera County.

A 2,000-acre development called Gateway Village was proposed way back in the 1990s by Castle & Cooke as a "master planned" community of more than 6,500 homes with parks, commercial space, etc., in the southeast corner of the county just north of Children's Hospital Central California along Highway 41. The taps and toilets for all that urbanization will require more than 6,300 acre-feet of water a year, according to Gateway's environmental documents. (Imagine 6,300 football fields each covered with a foot of water – it's a lot).

Of course, the question is where will that water come from?

The development is in the Root Creek Water District, formed a little before Gateway Village was first proposed. It covers about 9,200 acres and is home to citrus and grape farming. Root Creek's groundwater is severely overdrafted and the district has no other surface supplies. The district is not a contractor within the federal Central Valley Project (CVP), which moves water through the Friant-Kern Canal from Millerton Lake north of Fresno to the Arvin-Edison Water District in Kern County.

Gateway developers came up with a plan under which Root Creek would

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Mariposa Man Arrested After Harassing Girl Scout

Lance Wesley Dondero, 36, of Mariposa spent the weekend behind bars – caught harassing a 13-year-old Girl Scout outside a grocery store in Oakhurst.

Deputies were dispatched to a shopping center off of Highway 49 Friday night, March 14, with reports of an intoxicated subject harassing customers, including a young girl trying to sell Girl Scout Cookies.

According to reports, Dondero, who appeared drunk, approached the girl at around 5:30 p.m., asking her what she was doing. He then walked into the store and exited carrying "some type of alcoholic beverage." Roughly an hour and half later he returned, chasing a woman into the gro-



Drunkenly grabbing more than cookies got Lance Dondero arrested.

cery store. She alerted store personnel who in turn notified the Sheriff's Office.

When Deputies arrived, Dondero was back at the Girl Scout's booth where he reportedly put his arm around the young girl and started spewing profanities. He was swiftly taken into custody. As soon as Dondero was placed in the patrol car he started screaming and kicking the back window. During the drive down the mountain, he spat on the patrol car's Plexiglas partition, threatened to kill the deputy and relieved himself while still seated in the back of the vehicle. Dondero was eventually booked into Madera County Department of Corrections for Drunk and Disorderly Conduct.

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Gary Johns in the Running for District 1 Supervisor

It's time that we had a Supervisor from the Ranchos/Rolling Hills area.

Hi, my name is Gary Johns. I've lived in the Ranchos for 28 years. Our area makes up the vast majority of this district, yet we haven't had a Supervisor from our area in over 20

years. I feel it's really important that the person who represents us knows the area's problems first hand. Case in point, recently, my well went dry. The stress my family and I went through can't truly be understood without going through it yourself. With this in mind

and the fact that I served on the Planning Commission for four years and General Plan Committee for five, I decided to run for County Supervisor. Now my wife makes fun of me by calling me a politician, but it will be worth it if we finally get our fair share of representa-

tion.

Water, public safety and roads will be my top priorities. The lack of adequate surface water storage and ground water recharge are major threats to our way of life. As for public safety, I

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The Bookshelf

Books: What Movies Wished to Be

By Kalani Torres

Two follow up things to start this article off. We are officially off and running with the Flatlanders Craft Fair and Parade. Oh boy, here we go. You can pick up applications at the library for all your vendor booths or we can send them to you via email. Just give us a call. This is a great community event and we can't wait to see you out there. This year's going to be awesome. We still are asking anyone with a pop up tent to consider donating it to the library for the day. We need tents for our annual book sale. The pop up tents would allow everyone to browse in comfort. For all you need to know about Flatlanders give us a call at 645-1214.

Moving on.

So the other day I was thinking how almost every movie these days is based on a book. I guarantee you at least 50 percent of movies that are out today were books first. Now, I love movies. Comedies, dramas, chick flicks, action adventure, tear jerkers, cheesy, family, kids and even musicals. I love them all – BUT the book is always better. Now I know they have to cut out things because every movie cannot be five days long, but in a book you get more story, more emotion, you get more funny, you get more drama, you get more of what the author was trying to express when they wrote the book. Books open in your mind. They make you think. They take you places. They let your brain work and breathe. You can get lost in a book.

When I was in junior high I read *Holes* by Louis Sachar. A year later they came out with a movie based on the book. And although I love that movie – I mean it has a young Shia Labeouf – I was sad that some of the things from the book were not in the movie. Things that help capture who the characters were, where the story happened.

I have been reading since I can remember. It started with my parents reading

to me when I couldn't even talk. My love for reading is one of my oldest memories. Books are one of my oldest friends. Reading new books takes me to new and different places. Rereading a book takes me back to the first time I read it – didn't know books were a time machine, did you?

Life gets sticky, but books have the ability to take you somewhere you want to be. Even if it's just for 233 pages, you get to escape from whatever is happening. Sometimes the simplest things are the best things. I encourage you to see if your favorite movie is a book. And I then challenge you to check out the book and see which is better. Not that life is a competition, but if it was the books would win ... every time! Here are some movies that I love that were books first:

- Lord of the Rings Trilogy* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- Harry Potter Series* by J.K. Rowling
- Holes* by Louis Sachar
- Austenland* by Shannon Hale
- The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- The Princess Diaries* by Meg Cabot
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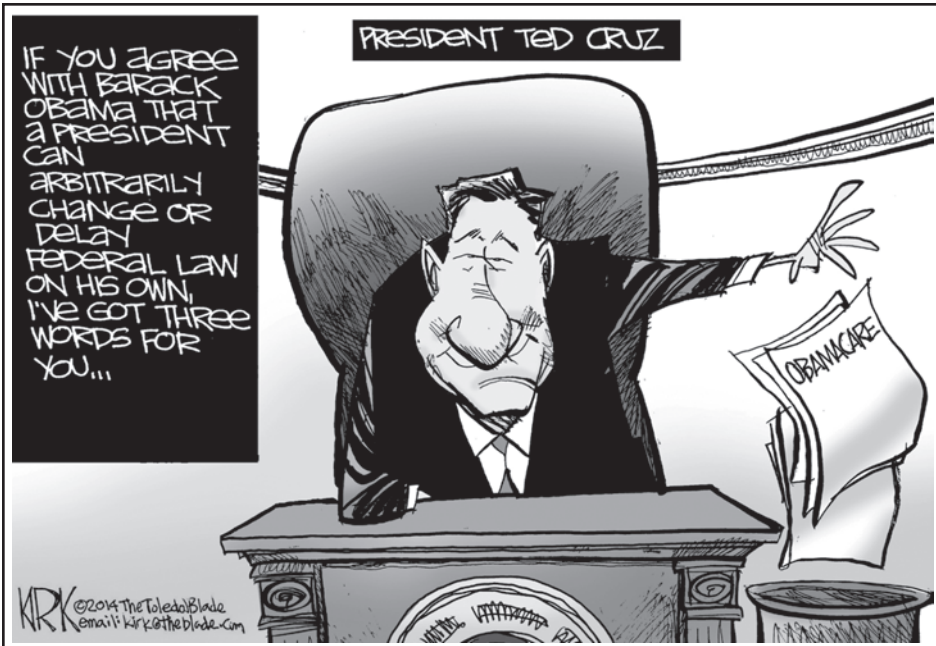
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Editorial

That Silly Season

By Randy Bailey

Somewhere along the way, that period right before elections came to be known as that "silly season." It started out as an English expression for the period of time in-between when parliament was in session and news tended to be a little "lighter," or "sillier" as they like to call it over there. In modern America it has different meanings for different times of the year, but tends to almost universally mean that time before elections when candidates out vying for votes will tend to say just about anything to just about anyone to try to get elected.

Silly, huh?

The Madera Ranchos, by virtue of being firmly planted in District 1, is poised for its own silly season, if for no other reason than by the sheer number of candidates trying for our Supervisor's spot. Throw into that mix a nearly equal number of people who want to be our next Sheriff and you have enough players to field a football team.

As of March 12, those who have taken out papers to run for Supervisor for District 1 and appear on the *Madera County Contest/Candidate Proof List* for the June 3 primary include Ray Krause, Brett Frazier, Gary Johns, Rochelle Noblett and Mona Diaz. To that you can add in the candidates running for Sheriff: Jay Varney, Michael Salvador, Dennis Fairbanks, Michael Kime, Greg Noll and Frank Gauthier.

So what's so silly about that? What's

the big deal?

The deal is that it puts an awful lot of pressure on us, the voters. When the choices are clear cut, like say between a Jimmy Carter and a Ronald Reagan, you pretty much know what you've got going in. As the election process proceeds, candidates use their time in front of the voters to refine their message and reinforce what it is we already know about them. Believe me, the middle of a campaign is NOT the place to have an earth-shattering revelation about a candidate suddenly appear. That's usually a deal killer.

What we have here in the Ranchos is 11 people we know precious little about. Some have been Madera County Planning Commissioners -- how many Planning Commission meetings have you been to? Some have been School Board Trustees -- I've been to School Board meetings and seen the crowd in attendance. From what I've seen that means about 12 of you know what they do and who they are. Others have been active in local Madera politics - - have YOU been active in local Madera politics? Could you pick any of these people out of a lineup? As far as the Sheriff candidates go, they've all been peace officers somewhere. Does that help?

I have written before that election day when you walk into the voting booth is NOT the time to decide on a candidate. I have said it before and I'll say it again: If your criteria for who to vote for is based on whomever's name appears first on the ballot, please stay home. There are those out there who believe that the act of voting is all that matters; that somehow walking into your voting precinct on June 3 and flipping a coin on each race advances democracy.

It doesn't.

If you're going to vote, you have a responsibility to know what you're voting about and who you're voting for. You need to research the candidates. You need to find out what THEY think about the things that YOU think about. I promise you, if you think water is your number one concern and is the number one concern for your neighbors and community as well and you vote for a candidate whose number one concern is High Speed Rail, you may be in for a letdown.

Two candidates' nights are coming up in April. Supervisors on April 7 and Sheriffs on April 14. Both at Ranchos Middle School and both beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Will you be there?

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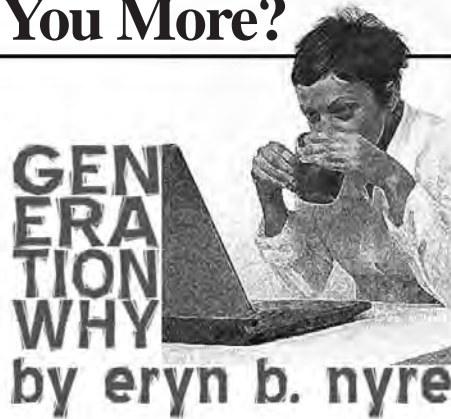
I'm really not a fan of moving. Then again, who is? The whole process is a big old pain in my backside. The act of actually looking for a new apartment that fits within your budget in a neighborhood that doesn't make you wish the bars on your windows had bars is enough to make even the sanest of people consider living in their car. And that's not even the hardest part.

Once you find something you think you can live with, now you have to go through the overly complicated process of applying for the unit. There's the application, the background check, the credit check, drug screen, MRI, blood oath and the pledging of your first born child. All to rent a 900 square foot box with paper-thin walls. Once they accept your application comes the tidal wave of fees, security deposits, utility deposits, key deposits (my personal favorite) and let's not forget the dreaded first and last month's rent. And none of this even includes the

heart and wallet-ache that is the actual process of moving. I know, I know, it's all part of the whole being an adult package. I'm petitioning my parents to return to childhood as we speak - I'll let you know how that goes.

Having just recently moved into a new apartment, this whole experience is a fresh and oozing wound for me. I'm still irritated and my bank account is still recovering. But what made my entire experience worse, if that's even possible, was learning about the various "low income" complexes that existed with luxuries and amenities that some middle class families I know couldn't afford. I first stumbled into one such complex that was freshly painted and the grounds were sprawling and beautiful. It had multiple heated pools, hot tubs, a fitness center complete with a steam room and a sauna, picnic areas and a basketball court. I should have known something was up as I toured the property because the monthly rent didn't seem to match what it had to offer.

It wasn't until the leasing agent and I made it back to the office that I discovered the reason for the discrepancy in the amenities versus the rent. As I sat there, filling out the application, she continued to talk up the property. No need, ma'am.



You had me at hot tub. I was mentally rearranging the furniture in my new apartment when the words "income cap" floated into my brain and disturbed my interior decorating extravaganza. Excuse me? Income cap? As in, I can't make more than a certain amount? I was hoping she was either really new at her job or just really stupid and meant minimum requirement. Nope. She meant cap. And it was a pretty low cap, too, which made me wonder how anyone making that money

My issue is that government money goes to subsidize these properties and wouldn't the money be put to better use building more units or lowering rent rather than heating pools and hot tubs and saunas? Or, couldn't that money be funneled back to the taxpayers?

could afford the rent they were charging. It wasn't that cheap. Nevertheless, I don't know what bothered me more, that she waited until I had given her more than an hour of my time to drop this bomb on me, or that a fully loaded complex was subsidized by my tax dollars.

Now, before someone jumps all over me, my issue is not with the existence of low income housing. My issue is that government money goes to subsidize these properties and wouldn't the money be put to better use building more units or lowering rent rather than heating pools and hot tubs and saunas? Or, couldn't that money be funneled back to the taxpayers? A roof, walls, safety, security - I can get behind that for people who need a little assistance and aren't making a living of milking the system. But why are we adding in luxuries that people who are NOT on government assistance can't afford? I probably should have known better than to think such great amenities were available in my price range, but it really chaps my hide that we are throwing money at a property management company to ensure the lower income population gets affordable housing and they

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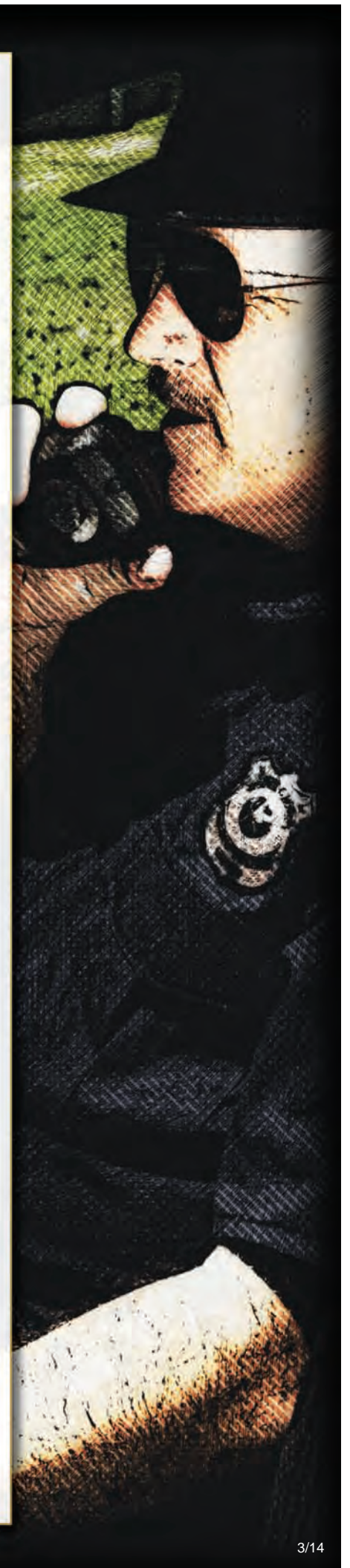
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*Today's
-- Political Menu --*

Gary Johns - Gary's Monterey Chowder

Frank Gauthier - Granny's Goulash

Jay Varney - Southern Chess Pie

Greg Noll - Rocky Mountain Chocolate Chip Cookies



remembered that article and thought it would be fun to see what the candidates' families like to eat. An invitation was extended to each candidate, asking each of them to send their favorite recipe to be included in an issue of the paper before the election. When I showed Randy the first four recipes I received, he laughed and said, "This is perfect. You have a three course meal, with cookies for a snack later."

Here are the recipes I received, not necessarily in the order I received them, but in the order of our "meal." And remember: these may not be the way YOU prepare similar food, but it's the way these candidates said they like them. Enjoy!

Gary Johns, candidate for Supervisor in District 1, sent a recipe for our first course – my absolute favorite type of soup:

Gary's Monterey Chowder

- 2-6 ½ oz. cans chopped clams
 - 1 small minced onion
 - 4 slices bacon, diced
 - 2-3 potatoes cubed
 - ¾ cube butter
 - 1-2 tsp. thyme
 - 1-2 bay leaves
 - 1 ½ C heavy cream
 - 1 ½ C whole milk
 - 1-3 T sugar
 - 1 small garlic clove, minced
 - ¼ C parsley, chopped
 - ½ - ¾ cup flour
 - 1 to 2 shakes hot sauce
 - Salt and black pepper to taste
- Cook bacon and onion in small amount of oil until onions turn slightly transparent. Add clams, cream, milk, potatoes, butter, thyme, bay leaves, garlic, sugar, salt, pepper to taste and cook for 20 to 30 minutes. Then add parsley, hot sauce and flour to get soup to desired thickness. Cook another 10 minutes and

serve with sourdough bread or oyster crackers. Some ingredients have optional amount so you can make to your own taste.

Our main course is from Dusty Gauthier, wife of **Frank Gauthier, candidate for Madera County Sheriff**. I can remember my mom fixing a dish similar to this. Dusty said in her note that Frank grew up on this. The recipe came from both of his grandmothers.

Granny's Goulash

- 1 ½ Lbs. Hamburger
 - 1 onion
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1 tsp. pepper
 - 1 tsp. garlic salt
 - 1 tsp. chili powder
 - 1 tsp. seasoning salt
 - 2 cans tomato sauce
 - 2 cans tomato paste
 - 1 can kidney beans
 - 1 can kernel corn
 - 2 cups small elbow noodles
- Cook hamburger meat and

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onion until browned. Add spices, tomato sauce and tomato paste. Drain kidney beans and corn. Add to the meat and sauce mixture. In separate pot boil noodles per package directions. When cooked, drain and mix with the meat mixture. Put in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese and bake in a 350 oven until cheese is melted.

When I read our dessert recipe, a pie recipe from **Jay Varney, also a candidate for Madera County Sheriff**, it really brought back the memories. When my sister (Randy's Mom) was going with Randy's Dad, our families (the Briners and Baileys) would get together for pot luck dinners on Sundays after church and on Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving there would always be a chess pie since that was Mr. Bailey's (Randy's grandfather) favorite pie. Jay writes that this recipe comes from one of Amy's coworkers while they were in Dallas and they have been enjoying it for the past 30 years.

Southern Chess Pie

- 3 whole eggs
- 1 T corn meal
- 2 T flour
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. lemon flavor
- 3 T juice of fresh lemon
- 1 1/4 C sugar
- 1/2 C buttermilk
- 1 stick melted butter
- 1 deep dish pie shell

Beat eggs about 2 minutes. Then add remaining ingredients,

mixing well. Pour into an unbaked deep-dish pie shell. Bake @ 350 for approx. 30-40 minutes until set.

I understand Jay also makes a mean batch of fudge.

Our snack for later comes from **Greg Noll, our third candidate for Sheriff**. Who doesn't like chocolate chip cookies?

Rocky Mountain Chocolate Chip Cookies

- Preheat oven to 350
- 1 C sugar
- 1 C light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 T milk
- 1 stick butter
- 1 stick margarine
- 4 C flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 bag chocolate chips
- 2 C oats

Mix together with a mixer the sugars, eggs, vanilla, milk, butter and margarine. Mix the flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda and add to butter and eggs mix, mixing well. Add the chocolate chips and oats by hand. Bake for approximately 8 - 12 minutes, depending if you prefer chewy or crunchy cookies. Will make 24 large or 36 small cookies.

I want to thank each of these candidates sincerely for their contributions to this column. I thought it was fun, I wish them well in the upcoming election and am looking forward to the next group.

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Seniors' Spring Festival Almost Here

By Verlaine Elinburg

What has happen to the time? It seems as we grow older there is less time in the day and you're not able to fit in all you would like to accomplish. You would think that in retirement you would lay back and enjoy time and by not working you would have all the time in the world. It is now almost April and a quarter of the year is almost over.

During these last months we enjoyed our Valentine's party with Seniors celebrating the romance we experienced in our youth. The party was hosted by Josie Turner with the help of Bobby Farina. They made the hall so romantically festive and there was delicious food cooked and baked by Seniors.

In march we celebrated St Patrick's Day, hosted by Ethel Hansen, and again the hall was decorated with an Irish theme with green top hats and leprechauns. The dinner was catered by our Ranchos Café and the

menu included corned beef and cabbage and veggies. There were approximately 40 guests for Valentine's Day and another 60 for St Patty's Day. On these festive occasions it was heartwarming to watch people talk and laugh and just enjoy the moment and each other. What a great period of our lives, becoming a Senior. It is a blessing that not everyone gets to participate in and enjoy.

Back to work again. The first Saturday in April, April 5, is just a few days away and the Ranchos/Hills Seniors will have its Annual Home & Garden Spring Festival. If you have a hobby that includes producing a saleable item, or a passion for a cause, or just need to spring clean some of your collectables, we still have some spaces available. Come and join the Senior Festival of the Madera Ranchos for the year 2014.

Another new event coming to the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center will be a Doll and Collectable Show, our first. Save this date: Sept. 6, 2014.

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edged that before it's completed there will be additional traffic issues.

The houses will be built on lots of 5,500, 6,600 and 7,700 square feet and will range from 1,600 to 4,000 square feet in size. As for quality and price, Jones said new homes in North Clovis can be used for comparison. He mentioned that the LLC is in negotiations with several award-winning builders, though none have yet been selected. He also said that there is a proposal on the table for fiber optic lines to be run to all the houses.

The olive trees currently being removed are where the houses will be developed first, Jones said, adding that trees have been left on the perimeter for the time being to help reduce dust and maintain a pleasant visual. Some of these trees may stay or be transplanted for landscaping throughout the Villages.

Project Schedule and Benefits

The tentative schedule is for house construction to begin in late 2015 and for people to begin moving in during the second quarter of 2016. Jones said Gateway Village will be “great neighbors” and “[will] do everything right through a sustainable community approach.” Both a recreation center and a pool are planned for Village A. Gateway Village may well include a Farm to Table program — possibly a community farm similar to those in Southern California — so that home owners can have their own plots to grow vegetables. Both the Recreation Center and the Villages are expected to incorporate the history of agriculture with a heritage feel.

Water Issues

Jones confirmed the new In-Lieu

Groundwater Recharge Project pipeline currently being installed across Avenue 12 about 1.4 miles west of Highway 41 is part of the Gateway project. Jones said that Castle & Cooke had made an agreement not only for a water supply that has a 100 percent back up but also for an annual, five-year rolling average 3,400 acre-feet of recharge to replenish the historical groundwater overdraft from agricultural uses in the Root Creek Water District area. In order to maintain this agreement, the completed Gateway Village Develop-

ment, which will have a net water usage of 4,462 acre-feet per year (by recapturing 1,912 acre-feet of reclaimed water from a waste water treatment plant yet to be built) will get its water through the Root Creek Water District from four sources: 1) groundwater; 2) San Joaquin River water; 3) a contract with the Madera Irrigation District for “215” and Class 2 water, when available; and 4) a contract with Westside Mutual for a guaranteed supply of up to 7,000 acre-feet of water annually. The third and fourth sources will come from Miller-

ton Lake via the new In Lieu-Groundwater Recharge Project pipeline which will connect to Lateral 6.2 of the Madera Canal.

According to Jones, the plan is to use the upstream surface water supply pooled behind Friant Dam to irrigate

the trees and the orchards at the adjacent San Joaquin River Ranch and in other parts of the Root Creek Water District so that the agriculture wells can be turned off. This will help in reducing the existing groundwater overdraft in the area, he said.

Ultimately, Jones said that he hopes other developers will be held to the same standards as Gateway Village as far as water supply redundancy and conservation are concerned.



Part of the construction taking place near the Gateway Village development is the construction of a groundwater recharge project set in place by Castle & Cooke when they were in charge of the development. (Photo Karen Petryna)



Construction on the groundwater recharge project is in full swing on the north side of Avenue 12 just west of Highway 41. (Photo Karen Petryna)

Frank Gauthier Seeks Sheriff Spot

Oakhurst native Frank Gauthier, military veteran, Sheriff's Sergeant and International Project Manager; seeks to share his leadership and business experience by becoming the next Madera County Sheriff.

Born in Germany as an Air Force brat and raised in Oakhurst, Frank graduated Yosemite High School in 1984. After graduating he joined the United States Air Force where he served as a Boeing B-52 Crew Chief during the Cold War and maintained a top secret security clearance during his four year enlistment. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Frank decided to follow the footsteps of his father, Milton Gauthier, and chose a career in law enforcement. He graduated from the State Center Peace Officer's Academy in Fresno in 1988. The following year, he was hired by the



Frank Gauthier, candidate for Madera County Sheriff, is an Oakhurst native whose experience in law enforcement has taken him around the world.

Madera County Sheriff's Department starting his career as a Superior Court Bailiff.

As a deputy, Frank patrolled in Madera, Chowchilla and the mountain communities. Always seeking to grow, it wasn't long before he found himself on the SWAT and Dive Rescue Teams. In 1996, within a year of being promoted to Sergeant, Frank was assigned Team Leader of both teams. In 2000, Frank learned the United States Government was in need of volunteers to participate in rebuilding the public safety infrastructure in Kosovo and was chosen to participate. Within months of his arrival, Frank was

assigned to build a tactical team made of international officers to protect the regional commander and support local law enforcement efforts.

The attacks of 9/11 left Frank with a desire to get involved with America's security effort overseas. In 2004 he accepted a position to work with the United States Government's Worldwide Protective Security Program. Starting out as a Team Member and ultimately a Close Protection Detail Leader, Frank found himself among those successfully protecting three United States Ambassadors to Iraq, congressional delegations and the President of the United States.

In 2009, Frank was called to Afghanistan to train Afghan National Border Police. Soon thereafter, he was specifically recruited for the management team on a large project in which he manages and leads several hundred men and women as they support the United States Government's mission in Afghanistan.

Frank has a gritty, down to earth understanding of crime drawn from local and international experience. He has the ability to enforce the law with compassion and common sense which will be instilled in his deputies. Combined with years of corporate project management experience, Frank brings an understanding of fiscal responsibility, budget management and work ethic required in any private business.

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Brett Frazier Running in Dist. 1

Brett Frazier was raised in Madera and graduated from Madera Unified Schools. A graduate of University of California, Santa Barbara, Brett returned home to work in the family business, operating a chain of Papa Murphy's Pizza locations. In 2010, Brett was elected to the Madera City Council, serving as Mayor in 2012.

Brett has always been interested in giving back to his community, which he did early on as a football coach at Liberty High. He learned early about the importance of a good education from his mother, Sally Frazier, who served as Madera Superintendent of Schools from 1986-2010 and was instrumental in the creation of the Golden Valley School District. Additionally, Brett's mother-in-law to be, Nancy Kent, has taught at Webster Elementary for many years.

Brett is the father of two children, Wyatt and Hallie, from his first marriage. Wyatt is in the first grade at Webster Elementary and Hallie is in Transitional Kindergarten at Sierra View Elementary. Brett makes his home in the Madera Ranchos and is engaged to Elizabeth Kent, who was born and raised in the Madera Ranchos. They are planning a holiday wedding at the end of the year.

For information on Brett Frazier's plan to move Madera forward, visit www.brettfrazier.org.



Brett Frazier, candidate for District 1 Supervisor, is flanked by his fiancé, Elizabeth Kent, and his two children, Hallie and Wyatt, all of whom call the Ranchos home.

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I was able to finally find an apartment; it even has a pool and a hot tub. Price isn't bad and the neighborhood doesn't make me want to sleep with my handgun tucked under my pillow. It doesn't have some of the finer amenities that the low income complexes have and it's a little more expensive, but I'm comfortable, unpacked and, most importantly, I don't have to even think of moving again for at least another year.

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Flatlanders Day is Coming



The 23rd Annual Flatlanders Day Parade, sponsored by the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce, is coming Saturday, May 10 beginning at 10 a.m. The annual event showcases local groups, businesses and individuals from the Ranchos and beyond. The parade starts at 10 a.m. sharp and then there's a food and crafts fair at the Maywood Center sponsored by the Friends of the Ranchos Library that will last into the afternoon. Flatlanders Day is always celebrated on the second Saturday in May.

An entry form for the parade is found to the right and applications for booths at the food and crafts fair are available from the Ranchos Library.

Candidates Night

The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring two special Candidates Nights so that you can get to know those who are running for District 1 Supervisor and Madera County Sheriff.

District 1 Supervisor Night
Monday, April 7

Madera County Sheriff Night
Monday, April 14

Both events will be held at Ranchos Middle School at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

New Member

The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the newest member to the Madera Ranchos business family

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Dance Groups Name: _____

Single Entry (Children) Name: _____

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Parade route: Ave. 12 from Topper to Kensington

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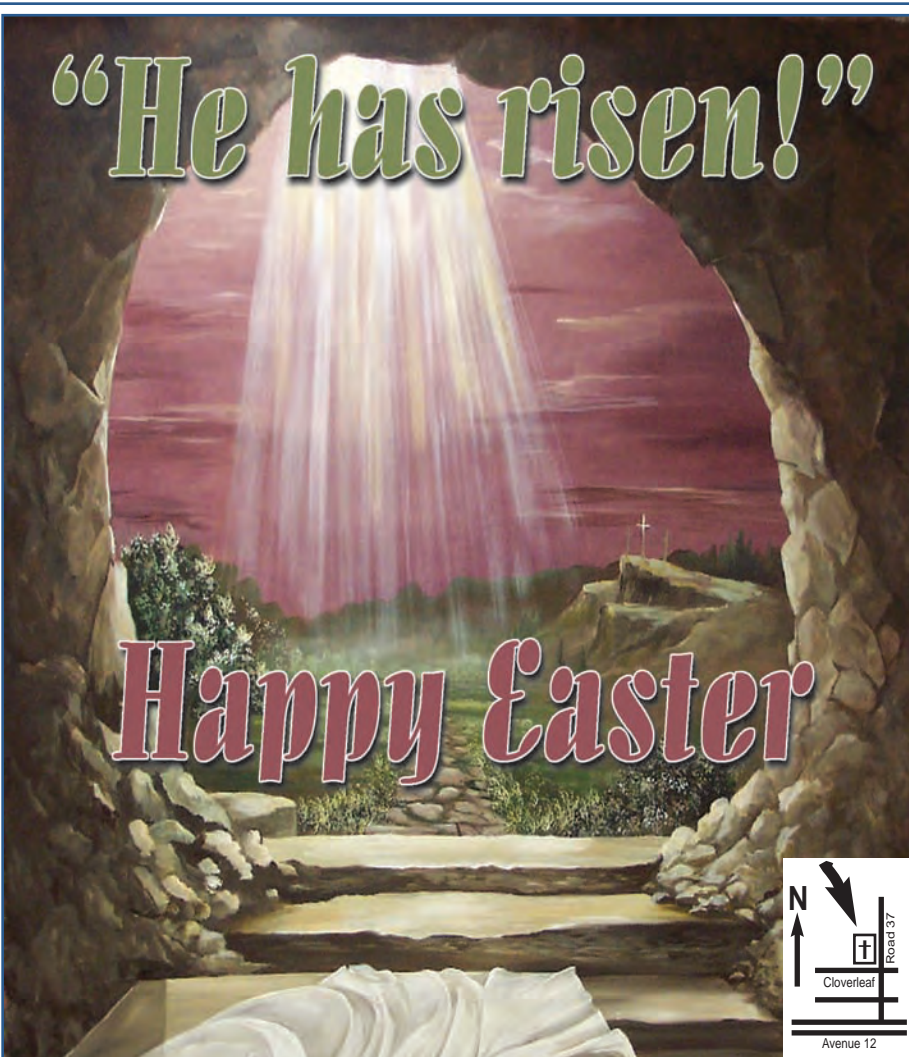
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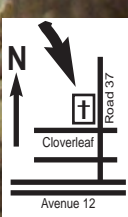
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“Clean Your Room!”

My mom grew up in tornado country — Oklahoma, that is. She has first-hand stories of tornado fall-out, like the time they came out of their storm cellar to find the house across the street had been “relocated.” Another time her brother’s girlfriend’s house was hit and his love letters to her were strewn all over town.

I’ve seen some children’s rooms that come close to looking like tornado fallout. Fortunately, unlike tornados, children are teachable — you don’t see them leaving their classrooms at school looking like a tornado struck, do you? But, before you put down this paper and go tell them to clean their rooms, consider some steps that will make it a lot more likely for them to succeed, and maintain a clean-er room.

Step one: Purge! Designate bags/boxes for trash, donate and save for little brother/sister, if necessary. Remove broken and grown-out-of toys, along with miscellaneous pieces of toys and games that no longer exist in your home. Do the same with worn-out or grown-out-of clothes, single socks, etc.

If you’re still knee-deep in toys and clothes, they probably have too much. Contrary to popular belief, you can have too much of a good thing. Too many choices can be stressful for all of us and too much stuff creates a lot bigger mess. I know it’s difficult for kids (and parents) to reduce, but the sacrifice will give greater value to what is kept and make cleaning up so much easier.

Unless there’s ample storage space in the closet, put keepsake items in plastic bins and relocate them to storage under the bed or in the garage or shed (if they aren’t heat/cold sensitive).

Now it’s time to designate homes for all the things they need and use. Take a look at the closet. If it’s just a single shelf with a hanging rod, it’s probably not that



By Brenda McElroy

user friendly. For about \$140 you can purchase a Closet Maid wire closet kit (Home Depot/Amazon) that will make better use of your vertical space and give you options for double rods and shelving. You can check out the Organized by Choice Facebook page to see a sample (before/after).

If that sounds too difficult, you can purchase a double hang closet rod that hangs on your current bar (Bed Bath & Beyond). Make sure the bar is low enough for your child to access and hang up the

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things he/she uses most. Hanging canvas sweater and shoe organizers can also serve as “shelves” in the closet. Check your local Target closet section for other freestanding shelf ideas.

Now assign specific homes for categories of clothing (pants, shirts,

shorts, underwear, etc.) in the closet and dresser. It’s best to have your children help decide where to put things. This will give them ownership.

Likewise, categorize the toys (cars, balls, dolls, books, etc.) and give them specific homes. Cube storage units with canvas drawers or open shelves with plastic bins work well. Label with pictures of the contents or words for older kids.

One more thing before you give the “clean your room” command: Demonstrate and practice the process with them. When there’s not too much stuff, and there’s a place for everything to go, it won’t be overwhelming.

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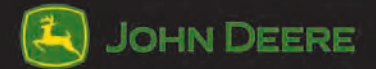
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Don't Count on Uncle Sam

By Stephanie Reeves

Twenty years ago, retirement was a time to look forward to and savor. But, today, we live in uncertain times. So, for most working adults, retirement has become very complex—requiring years of planning, a well-thought-out strategy, and a phase to be put off as much as possible.

We're living more years in retirement. Why? Company-sponsored pensions have all but become extinct. Thanks to medical advances and healthier lifestyles, people are living longer. In the early 20th century, life expectancy was 47.3 years vs. today's life span of nearly 79 years. According to data from the Social Security Administration, a man who lives to 65 will live on average to age 84, while women of the same age should live to age 86. Of course, this is good news; but we need to be prepared for it.

The Truth About Social Security

And if you believe that Social Security will be there to support you, think again. For retirees in 2013, if you retire at the full age of 66, your maximum monthly benefit is \$2,533 — not enough for many of you to live comfortably.

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In addition to the death benefit protection, the cash value of permanent life insurance can also be used to supplement your retirement income. As such, it can be a vital piece of the complex puzzle of retirement planning.

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The Stock Report

Ranchos Springing into Activities

By Audrey Stock

Hi neighbors,
 I guess I caused a problem by my wording in my last article in the Ranchos Independent. I was busy writing my article last month when my friend Mona Diaz stopped by my house to tell me that she had decided to run for Supervisor of District 1. She was all excited about her decision and ready to put her heart and soul into putting together an election committee for her election run. She said that some people had called her and encouraged her to put her hat in the ring for Supervisor of District 1. She decided that she really wanted to do this. She got a late start but is moving up quickly. She had talked to her husband and sons before she made this decision and they encouraged her to run and said that they would be behind her all of the way through the election. We talked about the times that we both had learned how to put together an election committee when we ran for a place on the Golden Valley Unified School Board. Mona and I had become good friends during those days and we learned a lot about serving our community. I know that she will do a good job if she is elected as Supervisor of District 1. Don't you think it is about time that

we have a woman Supervisor in Madera?
 I was glad that the Chamber of Commerce Annual Crab Feed was a success this year, since this is a fundraiser to keep the Chamber in business. Also the Chamber is working on a new Community Guide magazine. It will be published soon. It has been five years since the last Guide was printed. I remember when I first moved to the Ranchos 28 years ago, the Community Guide was the most helpful information that I received. I keep it by my phone, even though many things have changed in the last five years. I am looking forward to the new Community Guide.
 The Ranchos/Hills Seniors Annual Home and Garden Festival is right around the corner. It will be held on April 5 and will start with breakfast from 6 to 9 a.m. I hear that there will be biscuits and gravy this year. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be a hot dog combo for \$2 and hamburger combo for \$4. Lots of vendors have already signed up. Don't forget all of the other things that we have for sale: nursery items, boutique items, homemade baked goods, jams, jellies and our very own Treasure House which is full of everything that you could ever want. I hope to see you there.

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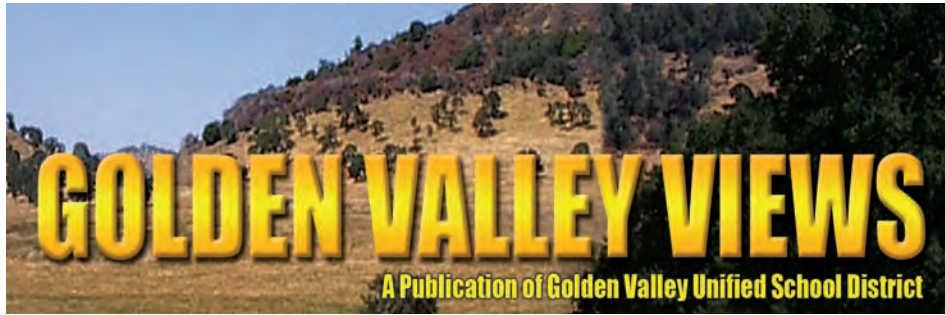
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Are You Up to the GV Challenge?



Golden Valley Unified School District Superintendent, Andy Alvarado.

By Andy Alvarado

With the new year comes higher expectations to Golden Valley Unified School District. The Golden Valley Way is the district's philosophy of what the district stands for. GVUSD is dedicated to help each and every student exceed expectations. Help the district achieve the Golden Valley Way.

The Golden Valley Way. A District of Excellence

Our school district excels above many others because our parents, teachers, staff and community do a remarkable job of supporting our students and setting high expectations. We are blessed to be a part of a professional learning community that values quality education, high expectations and a "yes, we can" attitude.

Our work here in Golden Valley Unified School District is centered on pro-

viding a curriculum-rich education that is driven by real-world and real-life experiences. We will continue to stress to our teachers and administrators the importance of our core values of providing a rigorous curriculum, making learning relevant to our students and developing positive relationships with our children — this is the Golden Valley Way.

We have set the highest standard of what we expect from our students. Our students will be respectful. Our students will represent themselves, their family and their school community with pride. Our students expect to be guided in this way. It is our duty to embrace this challenge and hold our students to the highest standard, especially when it comes to dress, grooming and behavior. We believe in addressing the "little" things each and every time, so they do not become "bigger" things. Our learning environments will be such where students and teachers are respected. Our administrators are charged with making sure the classroom remains protected and sacred in order for teaching and learning to be optimized. This is a non-negotiable. We will not

compromise these core values.

Our community expects us to prepare our students for the real-world. We understand, in order to accomplish this task, it truly takes a GVUSD community. We take this responsibility wholeheartedly and vow to bring our best day in and day out. Our children need to be able to compete globally and we are committed to being increasingly proactive in preparing students for challenges that do not yet

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MD 10

Platitudes and generalizations are what we have come to expect from political candidates wishing to skirt the issues in order to offend no one. Residents of S.E. Madera County have grown understandably weary (and wary) of this Patronizing Pabulum and are demanding more transparency, more specifics, more red meat. So, here it goes ...

Of the myriad of serious issues, the current and future status of Districts MD10 and MD10a, their service areas, assessment areas, Condition "B" lots, rate payers and private wells demands a first response.

"Mitigating" compromised private well integrity with "hush money" payments is to apply a patch where a fix is needed. With the 1959 infrastructure failing and the water levels falling, a thoughtful, consolidated water plan which pulls the Ranchos Community together is long overdue.

The other elephant in the room is the imminent issue of waste management. To plan a water-only system without consideration for this worsening health and safety issue is irresponsible, at best.

Your county officials are aware of these issues and all wish to be a part of a proper solution but they do need your help and "encouragement." Please get involved, make a difference and let me know how I can help.

Thank you,

**Ray Krause, Candidate
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Golden Ticket to Help Sierra View

Sierra View Elementary School is undergoing a school-wide fundraiser to help raise funds to replace the school's 20-year-old playground.

"It's not that the playground is unsafe," Sierra View Principal Chris Imperatrice said. "It's just worn down. It's perfectly safe. It's just an old structure that needs to be replaced."

The old structure is about the length of a football field and serves nearly 400 students. There is rotting wood, a shortage of swings and slides and many pieces of equipment are gone. Despite thoughts that the school could just upgrade to the old playground, government regulations prevent it.

"You can't add on to old structures like that because the entire thing would have to be brought into compliance with today's code," Imperatrice said. "Old equipment like ours can be grandfathered in so it's still usable, but if something breaks, you can only take it down. You can't replace the entire structure."

The school's Parent's Club is attempt-

ing to raise \$125,000 to tear down the aging playground and replace it with new slides, swings, places to climb and a wood-chip base. The school has raised almost \$16,000 toward its goal.

Each "Golden Ticket" is \$10 and offers a chance at the raffle's grand prize of \$5,000 and multiple night stays in a Las Vegas Condominium, private wine-tasting tours at Birdstone Winery and passes to Rotary Storyland and Playland in Fresno.

"There's a lot to win and it all goes to a great cause," said Patty Groh, the Parent's Club's treasurer. "We like to say you have a much better chance at winning these prizes than you do with the lottery."

Tickets may be purchased at the school or from participating Madera Ranchos locations: The Coffee Spot, Pizza Factory, Ranchos Café, Pete & Maria's Bistro, Hurst Hardware, Ranchos Barbershop and the Ranchos Chamber of Commerce. The drawing will take place May 9 at Sierra View.

For information or how to make online donations, contact Kristen Laurenti at 905-4160 or email krislaur02@comcast.net.

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exist. We must recognize the paradigm shifts in education and adjust our systems to properly and proactively address an ever changing society. Our past is not a prelude to our children's future.

Competition is real. This is what the real-world is truly about. In the game of life, there are winners and losers. We know that winning is an everyday thing. It is not something that you turn on today and off tomorrow. Our students and community expect us to bring forth a winning effort each day. You can't be a winner if you are afraid to lose. There is much to gain in defeat. Winning is contagious and needs to be celebrated, no matter how small or how big

that win may be; unfortunately, losing is also contagious. Our students will compete at the highest level and we will not shy away from this competition. It is our job to prepare them for success. We will pursue victory with honor and celebrate our victories as if we have been there before.

We have a deeply embedded belief in people and the ability to get the best out of each person through a combination of high expectations, clear communication and positive relationship building. As educators we are public servants, first and foremost, and will continue to surround ourselves and enlarge those around us that have a deep passion for teaching children and serving the public.

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Mona Diaz to Try for Supervisor

Our Madera County District 1 Supervisor, Manuel Nevarez, has chosen not to run for election this year, leaving that seat open. I have decided to seek election to the Board of Supervisors in District 1 as a continuation of my many years of community service here in Madera County. I am pleased and honored that Supervisor Nevarez has endorsed me.

In the 34 years that my family has lived in the Madera Ranchos, I have earned a reputation as someone who gets things done. I have been involved in local government as a founding school board member and current board president at Golden Valley Unified School District. The formation of that school district was a massive undertaking, requiring vision, persistence and hard work. Critics said it couldn't be done. It was, for sure, a difficult and complex task, but determined citizens, working together, carried the project through to success. The scope of that project included road development, negotiations, land acquisition, building design and construction. That experience provided excellent training to me for duty on the Board of Supervisors.

I began my volunteer work in the Madera Ranchos neighborhood in 1984, when our first son started school. Since that time, I have devoted much of my time, energy and financial resources to the betterment of my community.

I opened a nursery business in Madera Ranchos in 1990, and continued to operate it for 20 years. During that time I donated my time and products — trees and plants — to

Children's Hospital of Central California, Valley Teen Ranch and other worthy organizations. I currently work as Director of Marketing for our family trucking business.

I created a partnership with the Madera County Road Department and a local citizens' committee to help keep Avenue 12 clean. I was the second president of the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce. I brought a plan to the Chamber of Commerce and the Ranchos Kiwanis Clubs to display banners on Avenue 12 to welcome people to the Madera Ranchos, and then worked to implement that plan. As a long time Kiwanis member, I work with local children and families to provide for scholarships and other needs. I served as president of the Madera County School Boards Association from 2005 to 2010 and still serve on their Scholarship Committee. I am a member of the California Trucking Association and a member of the Institute of Family Business at California State University, Fresno.

I am fully prepared to take on the responsibility of a County Supervisor. We must take steps to guarantee public safety to our citizens, including those who live in the rural areas. We must take care of our roads and other infrastructure needs. We must continue in our efforts to attract quality jobs to our county. Water development for our farms and homes remains a critical challenge. I am eager to begin my work as your representative on the Board of Supervisors. I look forward not only to your support, but also your concerns and suggestions as I campaign for and prepare for that job.

GV Oversight Members Needed

The Golden Valley Unified School District is now accepting applications for a representative from the following areas: Parent Club and Parent Representatives. These representatives will serve on the Citizens' Bond Oversight

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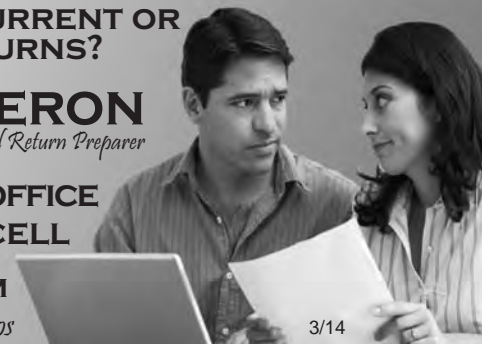
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4-H Events Now



Sierra Shadows 4-H has been busy with lots of county events and local club events. Favorite Foods and Consumer Science Day was held at Minarets High School on January 18, 2014. Local club member Payton Poore received a gold medal for pastries, healthy/diet goodies, decorated food, showmanship, and special occasion place setting. Payton also received a first place with a poultry dish. Talia Paolinelli received silver on her Made from a Mix entry. Small Animal Expo held at the Madera Fairgrounds was another event where our rabbit and poultry projects exhibited their skills and showmanship abilities. They learn about all aspects of the specie they are working with to ready them for the upcoming fairs.

Our public speaking project is well into the year with our leader, Heidi Cornell. The members are practicing for the upcoming County Presentation Day.

These members research a topic and give a demonstration, speech, illustrated talk, or read a book about it. It helps the members organize their thoughts and express them verbally in front of an audience.

Community Pride project is going to the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center on April 5 to help with their Spring Festival. The sewing project is busy making garments for the County Fashion Revue in April.

And let's not forget all of the other animal projects getting ready for Large Animal Expo and the Chowchilla fair. Go Sierra Shadows 4-H!

Any questions, please feel free to contact Dana Poore at 559-312-5440 or email Sierrashadows4H@gmail.com.

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Kiwanis Korner

Ranchos Kiwanis: What *Can't* We Do?

By Perry Watkins

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

If you hear a group of High School kids talking about a "Block Party," "game challenges" or "illegal activities" you might wonder if they are up to no good, or you might realize they are part of the Liberty High Robotics Club. Block party refers to a playing field set up to very specific standards for robotics competitions. It is a 12-foot by 12-foot square with a number of elements like working flag poles, infrared beacons, pull up bars, pendulum goals and 100 two-ounce plastic blocks.

This is something I could only dream of in high school: actually building robots that do things and are able to compete in competitions. I even tried by starting with some gears, wheels, wires and a heavy duty laundry soap box. I didn't get very far before I switched my efforts to rebuilding a car engine. They actually had manuals and parts available for that. Now days kids can really build robots that do amazing things. They are doing it right here at Liberty High. Too cool.



Just a sample of what robots built by students can look like.

Imagine what budding young engineers and scientists can learn by participating in this activity. It involves applied design, conception, planning, drafting, math equations, building skills, electronics, problem solving, science concepts and writing skills. These kids start from scratch with a pile of parts and some paper. They have to figure out every step. They also practice cooperative organizational skills, strategizing, team building and team competition.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology. He designed it "... to create a world where science and technology are celebrated ... where young people dream of becoming science and technology heroes." Dean Kamen, Founder, FIRST. One of their four programs is FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) for grades 9-12.

At Liberty High, Michael Erickson leads these teams to participate in Regional Championships. Erickson also teaches chemistry and physics and is one of the leaders for the Academic Decathlon. He is super enthusiastic about helping Liberty students get involved in the sciences.

Kiwanis Club of Madera Ranchos was able to help the Liberty Robotics Club by purchasing a robot kit for the club. This is exactly the kind of thing we love to do by directly benefiting kids in the local community. We do things like assisting to buy wrestling mats to replace old beat up equipment, assisting softball girls to buy uniforms, helping to buy and serve meals for Special Olympics events, helping to raise funds for local fire equipment and to support volunteer firemen, serving meals at Ronald McDonald House and supporting Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers. We would love to do so much more. We give every dime to these events because we pay our own administrative expenses. Look for us at the Flatlanders Parade coming up on May 10. We will be selling BBQ sandwiches. If you know anyone who would like to help with community service, even for a few days a year, let us know. We would welcome you into our Kiwanis Community. Few Kiwanis attend all the meetings, but a dedicated few show up when we are called to serve the community. Join us for a free dinner at Pizza Factory Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

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buy "excess" water from the neighboring Madera Irrigation District, which is a CVP contractor, and from the Bureau of Reclamation, which runs the CVP. Both of those supplies are described as "when available" in Gateway's documents. Considering the vagaries of Mother Nature, the Madera County Board of Supervisors wasn't comfortable with that and sent Root Creek/Gateway out to look for a backup supply of water.

They found it in Kern County.

The Water Source

First, a quick stop in Tulare County. That's where the Root Creek "backup" water originates. It's owned by Paramount Citrus Association, one of the many companies owned by billionaires Lynda and Stewart Resnick. Paramount owns Rayo Ranch in Tulare County, which has rights to 9,000 acre-feet a year of Kaweah River water. Paramount doesn't use all its Rayo water, so, for years, has moved some of it through the CVP system to other Paramount lands. Like Root Creek, Paramount is not a CVP contractor. It has to partner with Tulare Irrigation District, which is a CVP contractor, to move that Rayo water.

Paramount releases its Rayo water to Tulare Irrigation, which, in turn, sends a like amount of water down the Friant-Kern Canal to the North Kern Water Storage District here in Kern County. North Kern isn't a CVP contractor but has access to the Friant-Kern Canal. In order to use the CVP system, Paramount had to have an "environmental assessment" (EA) approved by the Bureau of Reclamation. In that EA, it very clearly states that the Rayo water

is only to be used for farming and groundwater recharge. It also states the water cannot be used in such a way that would trigger any land use changes, such as from ag to urban.

OK, so now, much of that Rayo water is banked in North Kern, where Paramount is a huge landowner. Paramount also bought some water from the Nickel family and has it banked in North Kern.

Here's where Root Creek comes in.

In 2009, another Resnick company, the Westside Mutual Water Company, made a deal with North Kern to pull some of that banked Paramount water out and give it to neighboring Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District for ultimate delivery to Root Creek in Madera. The deal is phased, starting at 3,500 acre-feet of water per year up to a maximum of 7,000 acre-feet, if needed. Shafter-Wasco is a CVP contractor so it can take that Paramount water and have the Bureau of Reclamation release a like amount of water from Millerton Lake to the Madera Irrigation District. Madera Irrigation would then deliver it to Root Creek through two turns-outs soon to be constructed on the federally owned Madera Canal. Again, all those swaps, including constructing the turnouts, had to pass muster with the Bureau of Reclamation in an EA. And, again, the Bureau EA clearly states that the Paramount (Westside Mutual) water and any water Root Creek buys directly from Madera Irrigation or the Bureau is to be used only for ag or groundwater recharge. It can't be used in a manner that results in land use changes – ag to urban. But that's exactly what this water will do. That's what it's intended to do. That was the whole point of this long, elaborate deal.

I asked the Bureau about that.

First, I confirmed that, yes, the Bureau did put those ag-only limitations on all the water movements involved in this deal and that the water cannot be used for "M and I" (municipal and industrial). The Bureau does follow up on these deals annually but mostly to make sure the right amount of water is being moved to the correct recipients. It's up to Root Creek to tell the Bureau how it used the water.

Um.

My guess, backed up by what Root Creek's attorney told me, is Root Creek will simply say the water was used for groundwater recharge per the Bureau's limitations.

End of story.

The True Intent

Of course that's not the end of the story because the water will have been pumped right back out and put into the taps and toilets of Gateway Village, as was the intent all along.

I'm not arguing against Gateway Village. It may be the greatest piece of leap frog development ever to grace the fertile fields of Madera County.

That's not the point.

The point is that taxpayers, who built and own the CVP system, seem to be giving quite an assist to the bottom lines of two private enterprises. Oh, and Root Creek was also awarded a \$4 million grant from the State Department of Water Resources to help pay for those turnouts on the Madera Canal in order to curb the district's severe groundwater overdraft. All of which makes me wonder, what's in it for us?

The owners of Gateway Village (Castle & Cooke sold it in 2010 to unnamed investors) aren't going to give the

Bureau a cut of every lot they sell. And Paramount/Westside Mutual certainly isn't going to share any of the loot it makes off selling water to Root Creek. The loot, by the way, could be pretty substantial.

Paramount/Westside Mutual has spent at least \$2.6 million up front to sink four wells and build pipelines between North Kern and Shafter-Wasco and pay both districts "standby" fees for the water. But companies appear to have made about \$3.5 million back from Root Creek, which has been paying \$180 per acre-foot a year for the last five years for Paramount/Westside Mutual to hold its water in reserve. If Root Creek ever needs the water, the price will go up by \$420 per acre-foot for a total of \$600 per acre-foot.

I gleaned most of those figures by scouring through agreements with the ag districts and talking to district managers and the attorney for Root Creek. I would have liked to get a more accurate picture of the finances involved but Paramount/Westside Mutual wasn't talking.

"We're a private company," I was told by Westside Mutual President Bill Phillimore. "I don't think there's any advantage to us participating in this story."

Yeah, and that's what concerns me.

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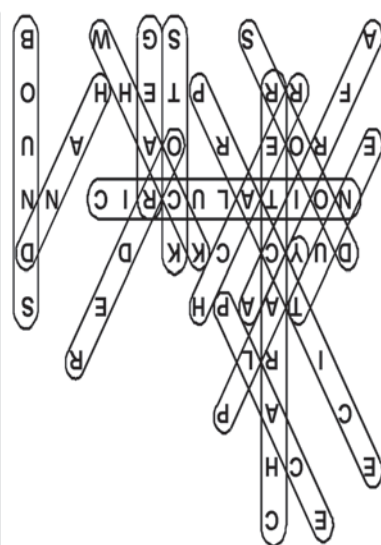
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ATTENTION: Madera Ranchos Community Property Owners

On **March 31, 2014 at 6 p.m.** there will be a meeting at **Liberty High School cafeteria** to address a unification of **water issues for members of MD10A**, the existing water district for this community, and the property owners that have their own private water wells on their property. **Actions have taken place by Madera County and MD10A that, at this time, disadvantage private property owners who have their own water wells near MD10A.**

Please attend this meeting on March 31, 2014

This is an opportunity for this community to act in its own best interest.

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by Linda Thistle

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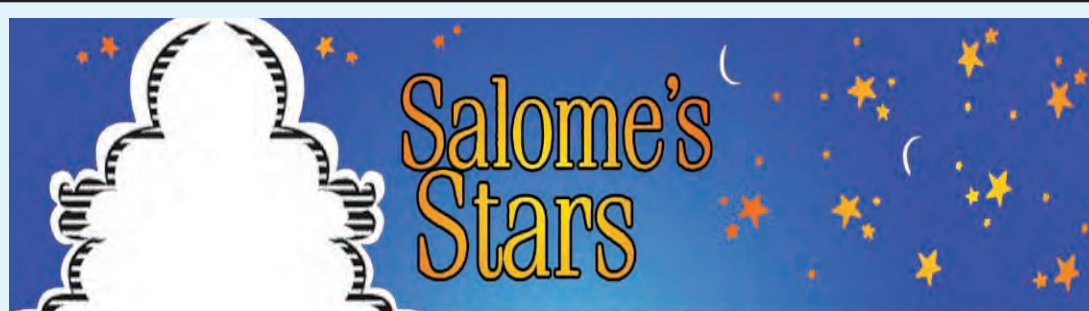
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A suggestion from a colleague on how to work out a problem might not sit too well with you. But before you suspect his or her motives, why not just accept it as a friendly gesture?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An associate might seek your counsel on a workplace dispute with another co-worker. Listen to what she or he has to say, but withhold advice until you've heard the other side of the story.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Use your Twin gifts for creativity and practicality to score points in landing an opportunity that could open doors to a new career. Someone returns after a long absence.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Although things are pretty hectic through much of the week, some quiet time with loved ones helps restore balance. An unexpected visitor brings welcome news about a mutual friend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Getting used to change isn't always easy for the Big Cat. But make the adjustments gradually, and soon you'll hardly remember when things were any different from how they are now.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Continue to stay the course you've chosen, and avoid distractions that could throw you off track. Some knowledgeable folks are happy to provide guidance if you need it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you earned plaudits from most co-workers for your recent stand on a workplace situation, you also raised the envy quotient among others. Tread carefully for now.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You feel more positive about that delayed project, and you're ready to pick it up on a moment's notice. However, you might need to re-motivate those who have since lost interest.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some welcome news should be coming your way. In the meantime, use that Sagittarius charm to persuade some still-reluctant colleagues that your ideas have merit.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't wait for a misunderstanding to work itself out. Instead, ask for a chance to explain the circumstances before those bruised feelings lead to an irreversible break.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A physical problem should be checked out in order to avoid it going from just being a nuisance to something more serious. Your social life takes an unexpected but not unwelcome turn.

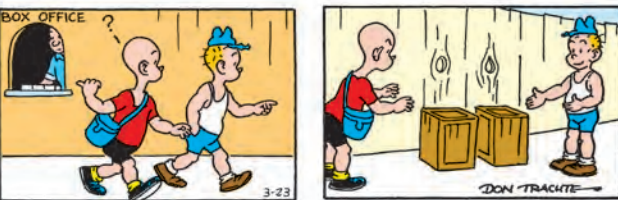
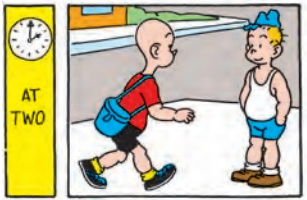
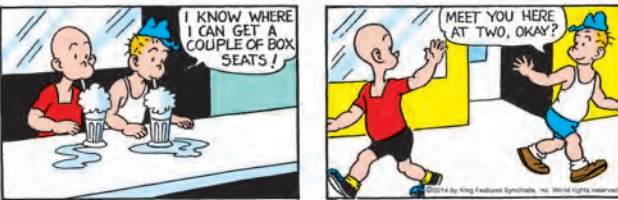
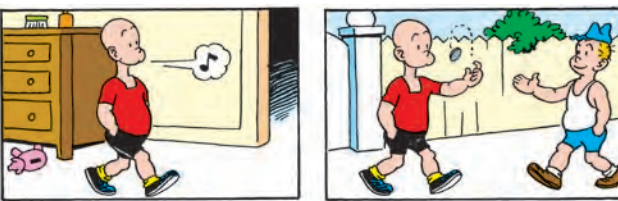
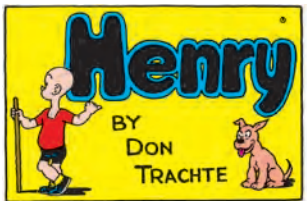
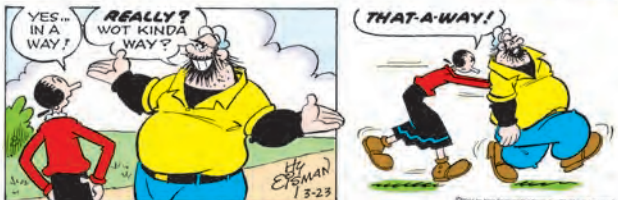
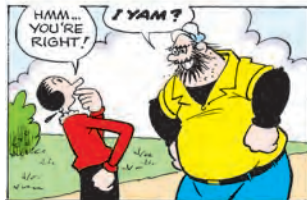
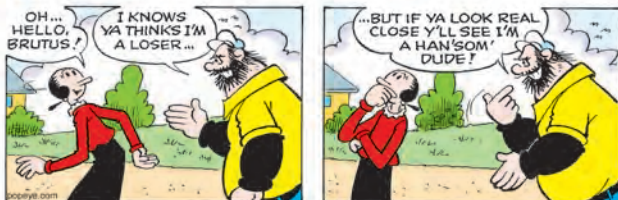
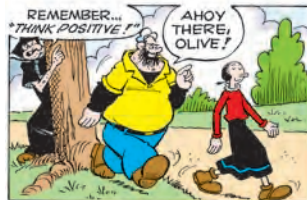
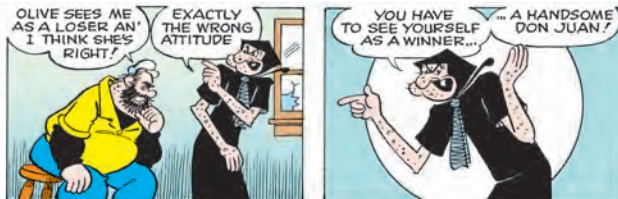
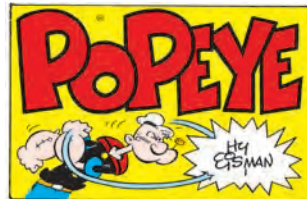
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Yours might be the wisest sign in the Zodiac. But you still could benefit from the wisdom of a close friend who has suggestions on how to handle a perplexing personal problem.

Born this Week

Your passion for doing the right thing inspires others to follow your well-trodden path toward justice.

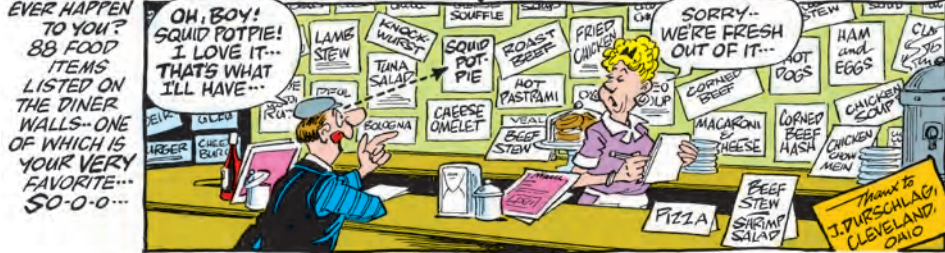
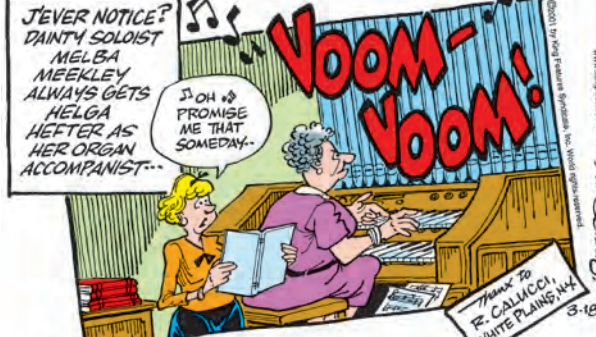
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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



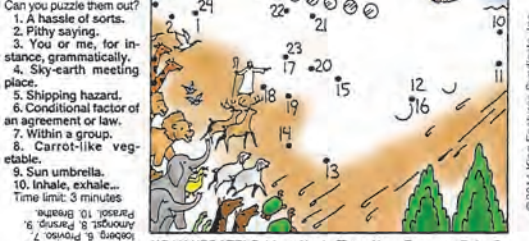
Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

HANDS ON! "Pick a card," says the magician, fanning out a hand. "Now, return the card, and shuffle the hand," he or she continues. Whereupon the magician peruses the hand and alackazam, "finds" your card. Secret: All cards in the tendered hand are odd-numbered. A "finger" hand of even-numbered cards is deftly substituted to receive the chosen card. And that card is easy to spot in the even-card hand. Give it a try.

STRONG TALK! Archimedes, having discovered the laws of levers and pulleys, is said to have boasted: "Give me a and I will move the earth." What three words are missing from his remark? *...push or steady, are speak burryy*

PUZZLE OUT LOOSE ENDS
Apparent above are the last three letters of ten seven-letter words. Definitions of these words follow. Can you puzzle them out?
1. A hassle of sorts.
2. Pithy saying.
3. You or me, for instance, grammatically.
4. Carrot-like meeting place.
5. Shipping hazard.
6. Conditional factor of an agreement or law.
7. Within a group.
8. Carrot-like vegetable.
9. Sun umbrella.
10. Inhale, exhale.
Time limit: 3 minutes
Answers: 1. Hassle, 2. Pithy, 3. You or me, 4. Meeting place, 5. Shipping hazard, 6. Conditional factor, 7. Within a group, 8. Carrot-like vegetable, 9. Sun umbrella, 10. Inhale, exhale.



Wishing Well

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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 ● OUT OF —

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

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| Character | Hand | Practice | Whack |
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BIRD CALL! Fine-feathered Polly the Parrot has stopped by to say hello. Color code: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Lt. brown, 5—Flesh tones, 6—Green, 7—Dk. brown, 8—Dk. blue.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words.

AIRBORNE

THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

Possible answers: from page 30

TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

- LANGUAGE: What is the dot on top of the letters "i" and "j" called?
- GEOGRAPHY: In what body of water can the island of Mykonos be found?
- ACRONYMS: What does the acronym CAD stand for?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a shillelagh used for?
- POLITICS: What was the emblem of the Progressive Party of 1912?
- ANATOMY: Where is the skin the thinnest on the human body?
- ACADEMIA: What does a vexillologist study?
- MOVIES: What movie featured the tagline "Thank God it's only a motion picture"?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the town that was the setting for "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman"?
- GAMES: How many body parts do you have to remove in order to be successful in the game "Operation"?

Answers

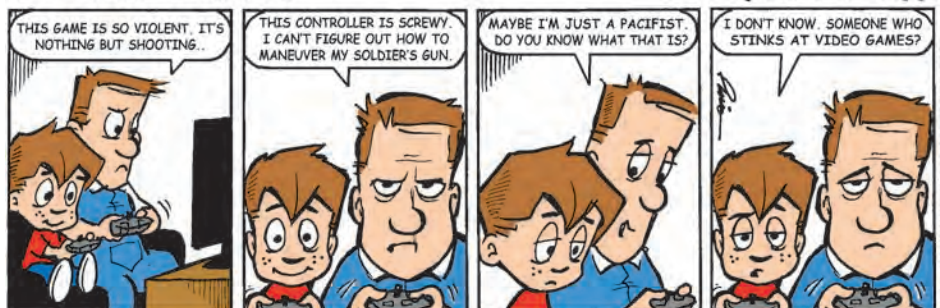
1. A tittle
2. Aegean Sea
3. Computer-aided design
4. Irish in origin, it is a cudgel that can be used as walking stick or a weapon
5. Bull Moose
6. Eyelids
7. Flags
8. "Airplane!"
9. Fernwood, Ohio
10. Twelve

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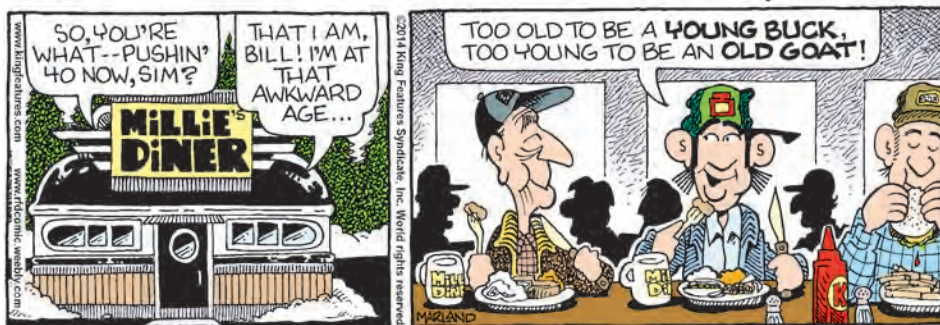
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by Mike Marland



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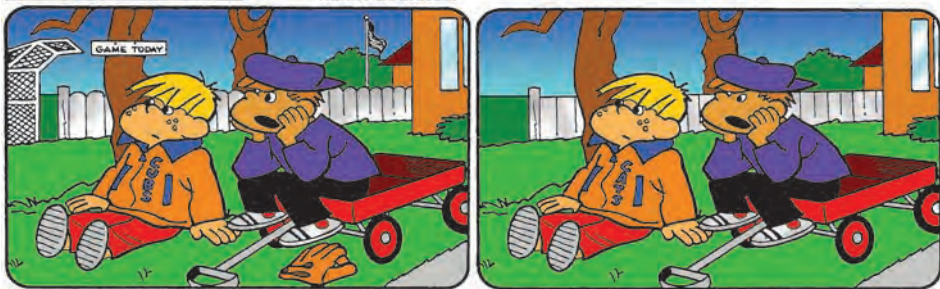
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Turn
TAROTE
 Bent
WEAKS
 Shine
LAGER
 Create
DINGES

"I don't mind being late to a concert, but tonight we're going to the mud _____ matches!"

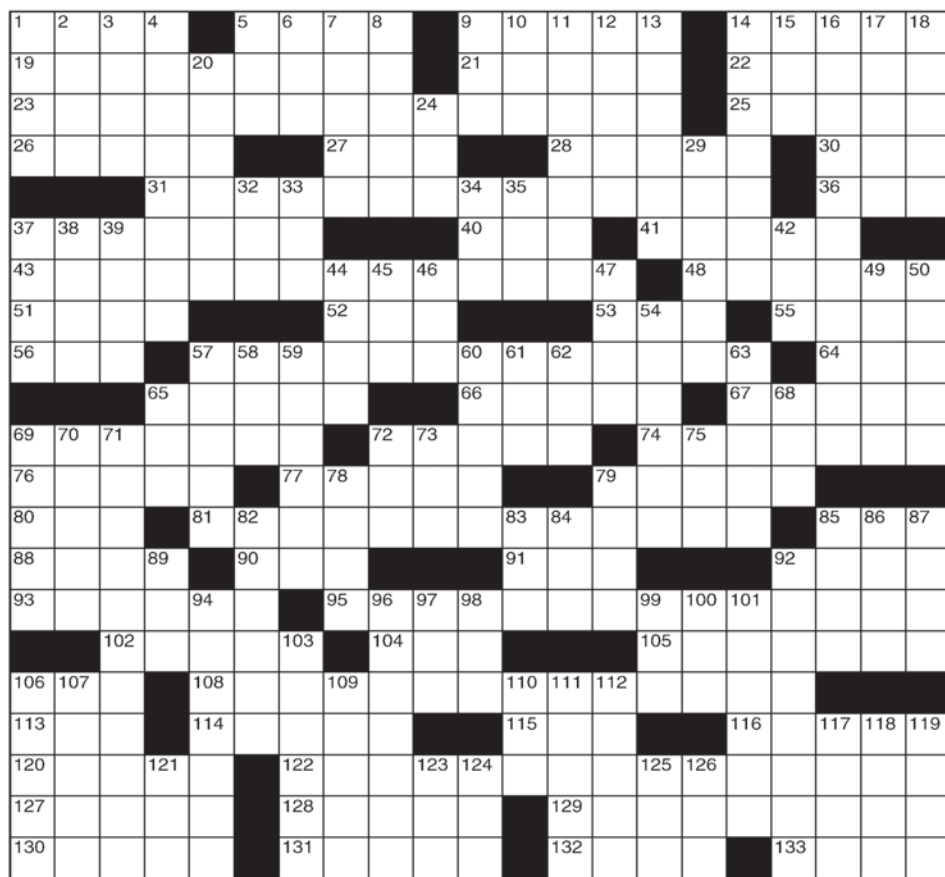
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Differences: 1. Batting cage is missing. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Shirt name is different. 4. Glove is missing. 5. Fence is different. 6. Flagpole is missing. 7. Color is wrong. 8. Dog's name is missing. 9. Dog's name is missing. 10. Dog's name is missing. 11. Dog's name is missing. 12. Dog's name is missing. 13. Dog's name is missing. 14. Dog's name is missing. 15. Dog's name is missing. 16. Dog's name is missing. 17. Dog's name is missing. 18. Dog's name is missing. 19. Dog's name is missing. 20. Dog's name is missing. 21. Dog's name is missing. 22. Dog's name is missing. 23. Dog's name is missing. 24. Dog's name is missing. 25. Dog's name is missing. 26. Dog's name is missing. 27. Dog's name is missing. 28. Dog's name is missing. 29. Dog's name is missing. 30. Dog's name is missing. 31. Dog's name is missing. 32. Dog's name is missing. 33. Dog's name is missing. 34. Dog's name is missing. 35. Dog's name is missing. 36. Dog's name is missing. 37. Dog's name is missing. 38. 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Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Symbol before a key signature
 - 5 Neighbor of Kauai
 - 9 Actress Fox
 - 14 Produces a winter blanket?
 - 19 Arriving like fog
 - 21 Prefix with anthropology
 - 22 Smith's tool
 - 23 Out of character
 - 25 Hard up
 - 26 Barks in pain
 - 27 Suffix with meteor
 - 28 Without face value, as stock
 - 30 Theologian's subj.
 - 31 Not up on current trends
 - 36 Take a whack
 - 37 States north of Nebraska
 - 40 Bauxite, e.g.
 - 41 Pizazz
 - 43 Applying to all
 - 48 Ones going a-courting
 - 51 Reassuring words after an accident
 - 52 "... Mac — PC?"
 - 53 Suffix with schnozz or Motor
 - 55 "Come again?"
 - 56 Brief moment
 - 57 Past proper limits
 - 64 Ending for opal
 - 65 Bring forth
 - 66 Union topic
 - 67 Lower exterior part of a ship's hull
 - 69 L'Oréal rival
 - 72 "Nothing —!"
 - 74 Finer in meaning
 - 76 Taxing work
 - 77 Construction beams with angles
 - 79 Buenos —, Argentina
 - 80 Gold, to Julio
 - 81 Loony
 - 85 Drink like Fido
 - 88 S-X linkup
 - 90 Woodsy, e.g.
 - 91 Have unpaid bills
 - 92 Washoe County seat
 - 93 "So long"
 - 95 Irrelevant
 - 102 Its capital is Nuku'alofa
 - 104 "— for Cookie" ("Sesame Street" tune)
 - 105 Awakens
 - 106 Oom- —
 - 108 Subjected to severe trials
 - 113 Golf surprise
 - 114 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)
 - 115 Co. offering a Buddy List
 - 116 "The Family Circus" cartoonist
 - 120 Shah, e.g.
 - 122 A bit ill
 - 127 Shah, e.g.
 - 128 Hen's resting place
 - 129 Remove from a computer
 - 130 Arranged for "others"
 - 131 Spanish for "others"
 - 132 Challenge for a lab rat
 - 133 "To be," to Tiberius
 - 4 Publication that's quickly thumbed
 - 5 Add- — (peripherals)
 - 6 Bus. rep
 - 7 Arrive at, as a solution
 - 8 Not masked
 - 9 Stat of fuel efficiency
 - 10 Gift for music
 - 11 One peeking
 - 12 Vowel string
 - 13 Amateur
 - 14 Italian Riviera city
 - 15 Dayton-to- Toledo dir.
 - 16 Way up there in years
 - 17 Broader
 - 18 In a foxy way
 - 20 Enlarged map details
 - 24 D.C. summer hrs.
 - 29 Declaration
 - 32 Holds
 - 33 Suffix with 58-Down
 - 34 "Woo- —!"
 - 35 Momentous time
 - 37 Speech spot
 - 38 Peak
 - 39 Ray of fast-food fame
 - 42 Punch noise
 - 44 Give a — (care)
 - 45 Suffix with east
 - 46 With 62-Down, rotten sort
 - 47 Dumbbell
 - 49 Extent
 - 50 Handle the helm
 - 54 Timmy's TV dog
 - 57 Yogi of baseball
 - 58 Inflated head
 - 59 Lemon-hued
 - 60 Be snaky
 - 61 Sci-fi's Solo
 - 62 See 46-Down
 - 63 Tapered off
 - 65 Prefix with diversity
 - 68 "— a snap!"
 - 69 Coagulates
 - 70 Lash of Western films
 - 71 Exempt from regulations
 - 72 Pol Quayle
 - 73 Municipal statute: Abbr.
 - 75 Banquet liquid holder
 - 78 Onion or lily
 - 79 Help in crime
 - 82 Beats (up)
 - 83 Coal carrier
 - 84 Lea lady?
 - 85 Luau gifts
 - 86 Bancroft of "7 Women"
 - 87 Ollas, e.g.
 - 89 Ida. neighbor
 - 92 Casino game
 - 94 Ottawa site
 - 96 Quito's land
 - 97 Autograph: Abbr.
 - 98 Suffix with child
 - 99 Easter eats
 - 100 "— tu" (Verdi aria)
 - 101 Oktoberfest dances
 - 103 Maestro Toscanini
 - 106 City of Light
 - 107 Lexus rival
 - 109 "To be — ..."
 - 110 Rat-a- —
 - 111 Dull
 - 112 Justice Kagan
 - 117 Figuring-out shouts
 - 118 "Little House on the Prairie" shopkeeper
 - 119 — Stanley Gardner
 - 121 Otoscope-wielding doc
 - 123 That, to Tito
 - 124 ACLU issues: Abbr.
 - 125 Oz musical, with "The"
 - 126 Suffix with propyl
- DOWN**
- 1 Big name in early computers
 - 2 Theater area
 - 3 Airline to Ben Gurion
 - 37 Speech spot
 - 38 Peak
 - 39 Ray of fast-food fame
 - 42 Punch noise



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