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**Ranchos/Hills Seniors  
make a statement  
at the 26th Annual  
Flatlanders Day Parade**

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## Sights and Scenes from the 26th Annual Flatlanders Day Parade and Craft Fair



The Veterans of Foreign War Post 1981 provided the color guard that kicked off the 26th Annual Flatlanders Day Parade. Their procession included a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps.



This year's Flatlanders Parade Grand Marshals were Seth and Maggie Thomas. Active in many local organizations, they are well known for their efforts with the Friends of the Ranchos Library.



A real crowd pleaser was the Now & Again Thrift & Gift Shop volcano, complete with a skeleton pirate hitching a ride on the back. Scary!



Politicians and cool old cars are a staple of parades, and Flatlanders is no different. District 1 Supervisor Brett Frazier is styling down Avenue 12 in a mid-50s Cadillac convertible.



There she is -- the world famous Ranchos unicorn making an appearance at the parade. She made the news worldwide a few months ago after she led local law enforcement on quite a chase.



And it just wouldn't be a parade without flags, horses and kids. This year the parade had a large number of equestrian entries, ranging from ponies to huge draft horses.



At Maywood Center, the Kiwanis were cooking up their world-famous Tri-Tip for their sandwiches. A real crowd pleaser, the Kiwanis Tri-Tip booth is a yearly fixture at the Craft Fair.



Station 19 was out at the Craft Fair helping some future fire-fighters get on the right path about fire safety. They were also reminding folks about the upcoming annual "FireBQ" fundraiser.



There was a lot of stuff at the Craft Fair. Wearables, jewelry, food ... you name it. Always the second Saturday in May, next year's Flatlanders Day Parade and Craft Fair will be on May 13.

## Music in the Meadow Set for June 4

The Coarsegold Historical Society is sponsoring the 12th Annual Music in the Meadow event to be held at the Coarsegold Historic Museum, 31899 Hwy. 41, in Coarsegold. The event will be on Saturday, June 4 from 12 to 4 p.m.

Music will be by the Executive Rockers, lunch will be available from the Miner's Café on site,



The Executive Rockers will be providing the sounds for the 12th Annual Music in the Meadow event at the Coarsegold Historic Museum on June 4.

and there's a snack shack, wine, beer, silent auction — all under a huge cover to keep the sun away. The cost is \$10 for entrance.

If you're planning on attending, the Coarsegold Historic Museum respectfully asks you to bring your own comfortable chairs as there aren't enough to seat everyone.

## Avenue 12 Shooting Investigated

Just before midnight on Saturday, May 14, Madera Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area of Avenue 12 and Road 28 ¼ in regard to a victim with a gunshot wound. The California Highway Patrol had originally taken the call as a vehicle accident but when CHP Officers arrived they discovered a male near the vehicle with a gunshot wound.

Madera Sheriff's Detectives were called out and the initial investigation revealed that three men were driving on Avenue 12 and at some point they got

into an argument. It was then that the rear passenger pulled out a weapon and shot the front passenger. The driver and the shooting suspect then began struggling, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle and crash into a tree. The shooting victim got out of the car and fell to the ground, the driver and suspect fled the scene on foot.

Detectives were able to locate and interview the driver. The victim is in a Fresno hospital in critical and unstable condition. The suspect is still at large and the investigation is on-going.



# Hundreds Show Up For County Schools' ArtFest

Hundreds of Valley residents showed up for the third annual Madera County ArtsFest on Saturday, May 14. Madera County Schools Foundation and Madera County Office of Education hosted the free family-friendly event promoting art in Madera County.

ArtsFest was held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Madera County Office of Education.

The event had hands-on art booths, live

bands, live art demonstrators, face painting, opportunity drawings, free snow cones and popcorn.

Angel Republic, Minarets High School and Thrive Fitness performed on the outdoor stage throughout the day. Children decorated flower pots, decorated visors, painted rocks and necklaces, drew chalk murals and swirled pool paintings. The event was held in conjunction with a student art gallery. More than 225 stu-

dents from 21 schools in Madera County participated in an art contest this spring. Artwork from students in kindergarten through high school were displayed in the student art gallery at ArtsFest.

Ranchos student art winners are listed on P. 15.



Families tried their hands at art at the 3rd Annual Madera County ArtsFest

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Letters

Dear Editor:

The silence bubble has been burst! I can no longer sit and read the bombastic dribble of an under-educated novelist. Mr. [Warren] Parr's bluster is partially incorrect and he can't understand the difference between reality and "Warrentopia."

Why is GVTA an enigma to him? GV teachers want nothing more than to teach children. In order for the district to maintain its prestigious name, it needs high quality teachers to run the programs Mr. Parr so desperately wants. To obtain and retain teachers, GVUSD has to be more competitive with its salary schedule.

GVTA strives to "provide our students the means to achieve to their highest potential within a caring, secure environment" as the District's mission statement declares. We are not playing hardball. As a matter of fact, we are not playing at all! GVTA is not the anchor that holds this district back; it is in fact the district itself. We, too, are sick and tired of negotiations dragging on and on. Each time we sat at the table we were told to wait – it was the district delaying the process!

Since Mr. Parr is so interested in facts, here are a few: CSEA does NOT have a "me too" clause in their contract, however every time GVTA negotiates a salary increase solely for teachers, CSEA, as well as administration, get the increase. GVTA has the weight of CSEA and administration on their coat tails. If GVTA truly had the strength Mr. Parr accredits us, we would receive a COLA and a raise every year!

There was an attempt to keep this brief and pointed. Remember, with all that is required of a teacher, a teacher in GVUSD only makes about \$10 an hour! That's less than the current minimum wage.

GVTA Member  
(Name withheld upon request)

Dear Editor:

[I am responding to the Volume 12, Issue 4, 2016 issue of the Ranchos Independent – Letters to the Editor]

Mr. [Warren] Parr, a man I have never met to my knowledge, has me concerned with his latest comments regarding teachers employed by GVUSD. He has continually disrespected the very people who work every day in support of the children of this community.

He continually has reported how the teachers are draining the funds of this district. In the most recent issue of The Ranchos Independent he focused on the California State Retirement system. While he used the words, "the BIG Picture" and how "now he gets it," he has conveniently left out the other employees who also benefit from the State of California's Retirement

system. The administration and actually all employees of the district receive California retirement benefits as a full time employee. So, if he wants to focus on the "BIG Picture," please include all employees and not just focus on the very people who work every day with students both in support of their academic and social-emotional growth.

Speaking of academic growth, Mr. Parr wants to reference how our district is not allotted funds from the State of California that support low-achieving students. That our students don't qualify for such funding contradicts the work of the qualified teachers supporting student goals to obtain academic success. So please let's all thank our teachers of this district who support our students to those ends.

Let us also be mindful that without teachers in a classroom with students you don't have an educational system. So number one priority in running a school must include highly qualified teachers alongside students. At this point I do want to mention the valuable work of all employees of GVUSD, but the continual letters from Mr. Parr only seem to reference the teachers as the root of all the economic problems of the district.

The article included a reference to the great direction of the district to build its reserves. I support the district's efforts to meet the required goal by the state to maintain 3 percent of the school budget in reserve and, whenever possible, beyond. I don't accept his accusation that the teachers asking for a fair wage increase and a reasonable retirement – that all teachers in the State of California receive – is the cause of not meeting the state goals. Let us all be reminded of the recent events of this district and the costly amounts of money that were involved. Why does Mr. Parr not ever mention the cost factors of the top-heavy administration both in the past and now the recent hiring of an assistant to the assistant of the superintendent?

This is a small district that is working hard to make this a great academic school district for the community families and their children. By continually vilifying the teachers makes no sense. As Mr. Parr mentioned, in business there are costs and the teachers are a precious resource that is a cost that must be considered as first and foremost in both good and bad budget years.

At this point in time about the only thing, which I agree with Mr. Parr, would be to offer my blessing to the people of the Madera Ranchos as well.

May God Bless 93636 and all the teachers of this district,

Sherry Wood, Teacher, Fresno Unified  
Madera Ranchos

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Editorial

## Your Choice is "None"

By Randy Bailey

I don't know if you're aware of it or not, but California is a one-party state. The governor is a Democrat, the lieutenant governor is a Democrat, the attorney general is a Democrat, the state assembly is controlled by a majority of Democrats as is the state senate. In the U.S. House of Representatives, California's 53 house members are represented by 39 Democrats and 14 Republicans.

And then there's our senators.

Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have been California's senators for so long I can't remember anyone else holding the position. Feinstein took office in 1992 and Boxer in 1993. They are the only senators two of my daughters have ever known. Here's a quiz: Who was our last Republican senator? Why that was Pete Wilson who stepped down to become governor of California in 1990. Feinstein won a special election and has been there ever since.

In 2010, in an effort to hedge their bets (because they didn't quite have 100 percent control of California politically), Democrat State Senator Abel Maldonado authored a constitutional amendment that was passed in the state senate by a vote of 27 to 12 and in the state assembly by a vote of 54 to 20. With the backing

of Arnold Schwarzenegger, proof that an "R" after your name makes you no more of a Republican than standing in a garage makes you a car, the amendment was put before the voters and passed with 54 percent of the vote.

And what was "Proposition 14?" It was the piece of legislation that did away with our primary system in California. We now have a choice between the "top two candidates" in an election. Not the Republican candidate vs the Democrat candidate; the "top two" vote getters in the primary. California Democrats, and God love 'em, California voters, now have a system in place where we get to vote between a Democrat and a Democrat. Of course it's totally possible that we could get the opportunity to vote for a Democrat or a Democrat, but more than likely we'll get to choose between a Democrat and a Democrat.

This election coming up in June is a case in point. Barbara Boxer has decided to step down -- no, that's not the sound of hell freezing over -- and as of today it looks like our choices will be Kamila Harris, our Democrat attorney general, and Democrat Orange County congresswoman Loretta Sanchez. According to the polls they are #1 and 2 right now. It's like buying a Model T Ford: You can have any color you want as long as you want black.

One interesting side effect of this year's presidential election is the "Trump Effect." So far Trump has netted more primary votes than Romney gathered for the whole 2012 primary. He's on schedule to break George W. Bush's record for the most primary votes ever. Across the country, Republican voter registration is up 60 percent and Democrat registration is down 20 percent. Now, I doubt that will carry over *completely* into the People's Republic of California, but we can hope.

Democrats are always big on talking fairness and equality and "a level playing field," but the reality is they have stacked the deck in California. We can do it again. We've elected Reagan and Dukemajian and Wilson and we threw out Grey Davis, so anything is possible. But it sure seems like Orwell's *Animal Farm* where all the animals were equal, just some were "... more equal than the others."

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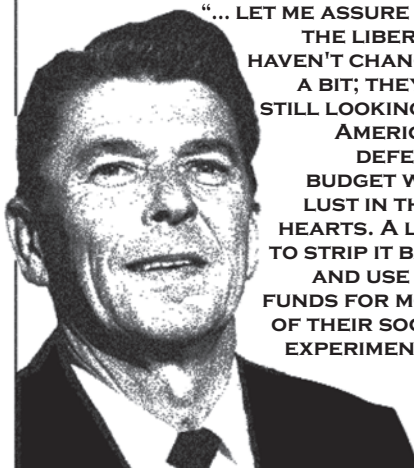
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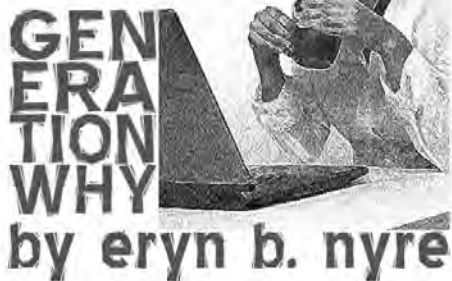
It's no secret that I'm not among those who champion the post office. I don't really champion many government agencies, but given the rise of better shipping, courier and delivery services all over the world and the decline of paper correspondence the post office has long been a relic of yesterday. I've said it before and I will say it again: We should do away with the post office and allow the private sector to absorb its business and the employees. We will have faster, more reliable mail service and it will save the government (and by extension the tax payers) millions in wages, benefits and pensions.

Of course, that's not even the real driving force behind my desire to see the USPS go the way of Betamax and 8-track tapes. I am tired of dealing with inferior service and bad attitudes. I had the

most awful experience with them a few weeks ago and now I'm ready to rally the troops and start an "Abolish the Post Office" movement. I already have my markers and poster boards. Who's with me?

I value great customer service. If I am going to shell out my hard-earned money, then I want a well-made product and exemplary service. I'm not asking for peeled grapes and a parade, unless of course I have actually ordered peeled grapes and a parade, I just want to be treated like my purchase is appreciated. I cannot remember the last time I stepped foot in a post office and was met with anything but contempt for disrupting their busy day. Sure, I always got that at Wal-Mart, too, but that's probably why I stopped shopping there. I can't just stop shopping at the post office. I can use a different company whenever I ship out, but for the moment I'm at the mercy of the USPS whenever someone else uses them to send something to me.

See, other shipping companies



actually concern themselves with silly little things like customer satisfaction. For example, if FedEx continuously screws up they know I will head on over to UPS or DHL or Global, etc. so they work hard to make their clients happy. When they do make a mistake they fix it quickly and efficiently. I had to call UPS the other day because I received an alert that they couldn't get through my gate for a delivery. Never mind the fact that the complex has three other gates as well as a management office with a door accessible from the parking lot. I explained this to them and they contacted the driver and I had my package later

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on that evening.

See? Customer service.

I do not have a similarly happy tale to share about the post office. A few weeks ago a package was sent to me through the USPS. It was too big to go in my normal mailbox so they left a key to one of the bigger boxes used for just this purpose. When I tried to retrieve my package I found the key wouldn't turn all the way so the door wouldn't open and now the key was stuck. Sounds like a pretty easy fix, all they had to do was send someone out with the master key, open the box and give me my package. It was not an easy fix. It was an incredibly difficult and frustrating fix. It took about 15 calls and four days to get it resolved. Why? Simply put, the post office is not concerned with my

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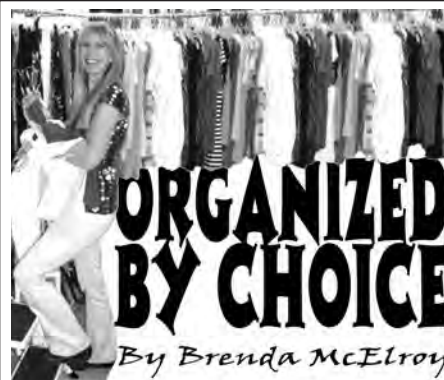


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### Mind Over Matter

How hard is it for you to focus on one thing at a time? Technically, our brains can't think about two things at once, but the speed at which we switch from one thing to another can make it feel simultaneous. When this happens something often gets overlooked while we move on to the next thing.

While searching the internet for information on mindfulness I came across a site that claimed mindfulness could alleviate pain. That triggered thoughts of my tendonitis and the fact that my elbow brace order from Amazon was overdue. Soon I had switched over to "track my order." Squirrel!

Anyway, back to mindfulness ... today I'm not referring to practices of yoga or meditation, but simply paying attention, on purpose, in the present moment. You might be wondering what that has to do with organizing, or your mind may have wandered off to another topic completely, in either case, we're going to look at four ways that being mindful can help create a more peaceful and productive environment.

**Arriving Home** – You walk in the door thinking about what you're going to have for dinner, what the PG&E bill is going to be since you left the air conditioning on again, and how to weasel out of attending an evening meeting. You're not mindful of the stuff you hauled in from the car and mailbox and how it's now landing in various places around the kitchen and living room.

By paying attention, on purpose, in the present moment, you can alleviate the piles of clutter created in this mindless state. As you pull into the garage and gather your things, consciously think about where you're going to put them. Choose to stay focused until they get there. Now you can move on with your evening without having a disaster waiting for you at the end of the day.

**Shopping** – Oh look, that's cute! It's on sale! One-click ordering! It's easy, it's seductive, and it can contribute to your clutter when you're not shopping mindfully. Pay attention to what's driving your desire. Is it shopping therapy after a rough week? Is it keeping up with your peers? Rather than mindlessly ordering online, or coming home with some-

thing that will get crammed into an already full closet, mindfully ask: Is it something I need, can afford and have space for in the present moment? Shopping while tired or hungry can impair your mindfulness whether at the grocery store, mall, or at your computer.

**Transitioning** – When you finish a project or are leaving one thing to do another, what is the state of the area you're leaving? You've finished wrapping the gift, but is the wrap, scissors and tape put away? Being mindful means you're paying attention to the present moment, not moving on until you've put things into place. It's one of those valuable Kindergarten rules that keeps us from having overwhelming messes to come back to. One mindful tactic is to walk backwards out of the room or office. It may feel silly, but it will help you to be conscious of having things in their place before leaving.

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**Morning/Evening Routines** – We tend to go into auto-pilot when we're getting ready in the morning, or going to bed at night. If you wake up to and return home to a disaster in your bedroom and bathroom, then some mindfulness may be in order. Remember, it's paying attention, on purpose, in the present moment. As you're getting undressed think about where you are. Position yourself by the dirty clothes hamper and shoe rack. This will keep your floor clear for walking, not stepping over things. As you get ready in the morning, mindfully take the extra seconds needed to put things away as you use them — hair dryer, toothpaste, etc. I'm not talking about maintaining model home status, simply having some clear space. Once you've been mindful about this new pattern for a while, it will become second nature and you can resume planning your next vacation while brushing and flossing.

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## Veggie BBQ Anyone?

If you haven't yet, it is certainly time to get the barbecue out and get it going. You don't have to have one of the big fancy \$1,000 gas jobs – a kettle that uses charcoal briquettes will do as well. When I lived in an apartment, I had a hibachi that used charcoal and cooked what I wanted to cook or, if I had a guest, it would grill two steaks perfectly.

Do you only cook hamburgers, hot dogs and an occasional steak on your barbecue? How about corn on the cob, potatoes and just about any other vegetable from the garden or a farmers market?

When cooking corn on the cob, it can be cooked by cleaning it and putting it on the grill. That way you would have a little "crisp" on the corn. If you want to avoid the crisp, then grill it with the husks on.

### BBQ Grilled Corn

Do not take the husks off yet. Lay the corn into a clean sink and fill with enough cold water to cover all your corn. Let the corn soak for at least 30 minutes.

Remove three or four outer layers of husks, but be sure to leave enough to cover the corn to protect it from burning during grilling.

Pull back remaining husks from cob, but do not remove from end of corn. Remove as much of the silk as possible.

Season the cob as you like. Melted butter, salt and pepper, or you can add whatever herb or seasoning your family likes. Those can be garlic powder, rosemary, oregano, or even dill. Since the corn is cold, the melted butter may not stay melted when you brush it on but don't worry because when the corn is grilled the butter will melt.

After the corn is seasoned the way you want it, pull the remaining husks back on the cob, covering the cob completely. Using one of the previously discarded husks, tie the end of the corn so that while grilling the husks will stay on the cob.

Cook on medium to medium high heat for 10 or 15 minutes. Pull back the



## Aunt Jean's Ranchos Recipes

by Jean Briner

husks that are covering the corn and serve. You can serve with additional butter.

If you purchase the corn without husks, you can wrap it in aluminum foil for the same effect.

One last thing: If you want the corn to be hot when you serve dinner, be sure that the corn is the last thing you cook.

### BBQ Potatoes

To cook potatoes whole, after scrubbing or peeling place on a piece of foil large enough to cover the potato. Using a brush or your fingers put oil on the foil and wrap the foil around the potato, sealing well. Grilling on a

medium high heat will take about 45 minutes.

To cook potatoes faster and tastier slice them into about quarter inch slices, cut them into wedges or cube the scrubbed potato. Place on a piece of foil large enough to cover

the potato that you have brushed with oil. Brush the potatoes with oil, salt and pepper and seasoning or herbs of choice. You can use sliced red onions, green onions, bacon pieces (cooked), chopped bell pepper or just about anything that you would want on a potato except cheese because the cheese might burn while grilling. Seal the bundles tight and place on a medium hot grill. These packages should cook in 20 to 30 minutes. When you take these off the grill, poke a little hole in the foil with the tip of a paring knife to let some of the steam out. Be real careful opening these packages as the steam is extremely hot.

### Grilled Vegetables

- 3 bell peppers (red or green) seeded and halved
- 3 yellow squash\*\*
- 3 zucchini\*\*
- 3 Japanese eggplant\*\*
- 12 cremini mushrooms

Please see **RECIPE** on P. 9

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**RECIPE** cont. from P. 8

1 pound asparagus, trimmed  
12 green onions, roots cut off and trimmed

¼ C plus 2 T olive oil  
Salt and Pepper  
3 T balsamic vinegar  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1 tsp. chopped parsley leaves  
1 tsp. chopped fresh basil leaves  
½ tsp. finely chopped fresh rosemary leaves

\*\* Sliced lengthwise into ½ inch thick rectangles.

Prepare the barbecue to medium high heat. Place the vegetables on a baking pan and brush them with the ¼ C olive oil and salt and pepper. Working in batches, grill the vegetables until tender and lightly charred all over – about 8-10 minutes for the bell peppers, 7 minutes for the yellow squash, zucchini, eggplant, and mushrooms, and 4 minutes for

the asparagus and green onions. Arrange the grilled vegetable on a platter. The key to getting the grill marks is don't move them very much once they've been put on the grill.

While the vegetables cook, mix the remaining 2 T oil, balsamic vinegar, garlic and herbs in a small bowl. Blend with whisk, adding salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle this mixture over the vegetables.

I was going to do fruits and vegetables in this article, but space has just about gotten away from me so I will have to do grilled fruit some other time. I never thought of grilling fruit, but I have found some great ideas. Next month the fruit should be ready to be picked.

*This article originally appeared in the May 2012 issue of the Ranchos Independent.*

-- Editor

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

satisfaction because they do not see me as a customer.

They control the mail, they control the routes, and they control delivery times. Even though we pay shipping fees and our taxes pay their salaries, we are simply pigs in the pen waiting for the farmer to fill the trough. They are not invested in our happiness because it has zero effect on their jobs or their bottom line. For four days I waited for my package to be freed from the confines of its tiny, metal cage. The mail carriers came and went leaving me piles upon piles of unwanted flyers, inserts and junk mail but not once did anyone resolve my situation, regardless of how many times I called.

I was hung up on at least three times as I tried to resolve the issue, both by the local distribution center and by the main USPS call center. I physically went in to speak to a manager, waited in an hour long line and was told the supervisor wasn't in and to call back

the next day. Call back? What good will that do when you either won't answer the phone or hang up on me when you do? Why was this allowed to happen? Because the post office is a government agency run by government employees with no real desire to serve the public and who cannot be fired.

Business 101: When you run the risk of losing money because customers are going elsewhere to get better service you ensure that your employees are providing excellent service. Since the USPS is not a business it has no reason to adopt such a policy. Though I finally got my package I still have not heard back from the local supervisor regarding their appalling service nor has anyone reached out to me after registering a complaint with the main line. It's easy to ignore someone knowing they have no recourse against you.

The post office is nothing more than the DMV with stamps and masking tape, and like the DMV it should be eliminated or privatized. That's right, DMV, I'm coming for you next.

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## Golden Valley Saves Ranchos Taxpayers Millions

The Golden Valley Unified School District closed the sale on April 26 of refunding bonds that will save local taxpayers more than \$4.3 million. Dale Scott & Company served as the financial advisor to help the district refund the bonds and take advantage of lower interest rates without lengthening the pay-back period.

"We appreciate the support of voters who turned out to authorize this critical funding for our students," said Brian Freeman, president of the GVUSD Board of Trustees. "We have been actively

monitoring the interest rate market and took action when presented with favorable conditions to provide savings to local taxpayers."

GVUSD refunded \$16.6 million of current interest bonds, resulting in total savings of \$4,352,602. The refunding comprised general obligation bonds approved by voters in 1999 (Measure G) and 2006 (Measure S).

"Everyone in our community has a role to play in preparing our students for the 21st century economy," said Andrew Alvarado, GVUSD superintendent. "It is only right that we manage our finances

responsibly, which is why we have taken this opportunity to return savings to taxpayers."

The interest rate of the new bonds is significantly lower than the old bonds, down to an average of 3.22 percent from 4.80 percent.

"The district's refunding came at an ideal time to take advantage of long-term rates, which are near historic lows," said Dale Scott, president of Dale Scott & Company. "By waiting until market conditions improved, the district put itself in a position of being able to maximize taxpayer savings."

## Adult Ed Classes Offered this Fall

The Golden Valley Unified School district will be able to offer adult education classes beginning in September, 2016. The GVUSD staff has been working with the State Center Community College District, as a part of the Adult Education consortium, to bring some adult and community education classes to our community through a grant from the state.

Beginning in September, the district will offer English as a Second Language (ESL) and Path to Citizenship classes at night. In addition, there will be opportunities for adults to take free training classes, such as computer certification and possibly a food safety test prep class, in addition to diploma completion classes. As a consortium member, the community can receive free workplace training such as forklift/warehouse training at Fresno City College.

Currently, GVUSD only offers a diploma completion class on independent study via an online program, as the funds were stripped during the recession. This will continue for adults who are interested in completing their diploma. There will also be HSET (High School Equivalency Test) and GED (General Education Diploma) preparation classes that students can access online if they want to take a test to get their high school diploma.

The staff is preparing for these classes and is in the process of getting curriculum and resources that will be needed. These programs will be advertised to the community in the very near future. If you need more information regarding the adult education classes, you may contact Kuljeet Mann or Rose Freeman at 645-3580.

## Seniors, Seniors, Seniors in Latest Liberty High News

By Alyza Lovenguth and Cassidy Garibay  
LHS Hawk Talk reporter

The Liberty drama group opened the month of May with its banquet for both "A Piece of My Heart" and "In the Heights." The banquet acknowledged the hard work from performers, crew members and parents that made the shows possible. Four students were awarded Toledo's Liberty High School Performing Arts Senior Scholarship — Victoria Barrett, Charlie Dickens, Brianna Higgins and Daniel Palomino split \$1000.

Seniors had their Senior Exit Interviews May 11 and May 12. Senior Awards Night was May 16 and was where students who had been awarded local scholarships, was a valedictorian or was a CSF life member was invited to celebrate. As the year begins to close, seniors begin prepare for finals on May 23-24 and graduation on June 2. On May 26 there is flipped tutorial schedule for the "Senior Rally," where final goodbyes will be said as seniors begin the next step of their lives. Seniors will also have Grad Nite May 26 and will not return until May 27. On May 31,

seniors will return back to school for breakfast and graduation practice, however they will not be allowed on campus after the breakfast. Athletic awards will be granted to seniors the same day.

Congrats to the Boys Golf Team that placed fourth in the Div. III Tournament on May 9. Jake Sweeney and Jarrod Weldon qualified for the Individual Sectional Championships, and they will represent Liberty High on May 23 at Buena Vista Golf Course in Taft.

The Future Farmers of America held its annual awards banquet on May 10 where new President Emily O'Brion was elected. The FFA prepares for the Chowchilla fair running May 16-20 where students will be taking their exhibitors to show their market and/or breeding animals. Liberty's FFA chapter historian, Ashley Morris, has also been slated as the East Fresno/Madera FFA sectional reporter.

Track had Sectionals on May 11. Grace Hall aimed for Masters, but she was not able to continue on. Despite the loss, she was the first female Hawk to come close to such an opportunity.

The Liberty Softball team held its

senior night May 10 honoring Summer Mendoza, Ana Hayes, Cassidy Santa Cruz and Liz Valdez.

On May 19 there was a Teen Safe Driver Assembly to acknowledge unsafe driving habits.

Throughout the years, there have been several Hawks who go on to pursue military based careers, however only two have been accepted into a military academy. This year, Caleb Wiens applied and was accepted into the Air Force Academy. The academy is a combination of both military training and top notch education. In order to be able to apply, a student must be nominated by a state senator or congressman. Only five percent of prospective applicants are nominated and only 19 percent of the nominees are accepted into the academy. Needless to say, it is a huge honor to have a Hawk be accepted into the Academy. Wiens was accepted with the nomination of Congressman Jim Costa.

### Sierra View Elementary News

#### Art Lessons

Sierra View students have been exposed to art lessons from Liberty High School seniors over the past few weeks. The LHS students are from Jason Napier's ROP art class and supplies for the art class have been provided by a grant from Central California Women's Facility in the amount of \$1,000. The CCWF has donated more than \$6,000 to the Sierra View Program over the past four years.

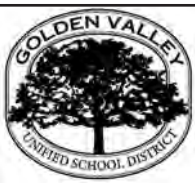
We are very thankful for our partnership with CCWF.

#### Mobile Dairy Assembly

On May 3, all students at Sierra View participated in the Dairy Council of California mobile dairy assembly. Students were taught the importance of the dairy industry on our community, the essential nutrition that comes from all dairy products and the process of how dairy products are made. The assembly was provided free of charge from the DCC.

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*By Amanda Judd*

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We are now gearing up for the Summer Reading Program. We will "Read for the Win" and explore books and how we can always aspire for greatness. We will focus on trying our best in everything that we do. The program will run from the week of June 14 and will officially end the week ending July 21. We will be kicking off with Wild Child Adventures, Mr. Bubble Man on Tuesday, June 14 at 11 a.m. Be certain to stop in and get signed up. We will be having additional various performances throughout the weeks. Each week varies so be certain to pay special attention to our activities schedule. Some events will require preregistration. We are really excited to keep reading through the summer and hope that you will be here to join in on the fun. It is sure to be a fantastic time.

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Ranchos Library would like to update everyone about their previous SHARES Program. SHARES cards are no longer valid and the program has been transformed to eScrips. If you didn't have an opportunity to sign up during the Home and Garden Show or the Flatlander's Craft Fair, don't worry, it's not too late. Simply go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) to register. Introduced by Electronic Scrip Inc. (ESI), the eScrip program is a fundraising program that allows participating merchants to contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card and debit card purchases directly to the library. All you need to do is select Friends of the Ranchos Library as your organization when you create your profile and you start earning. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the library for further information.

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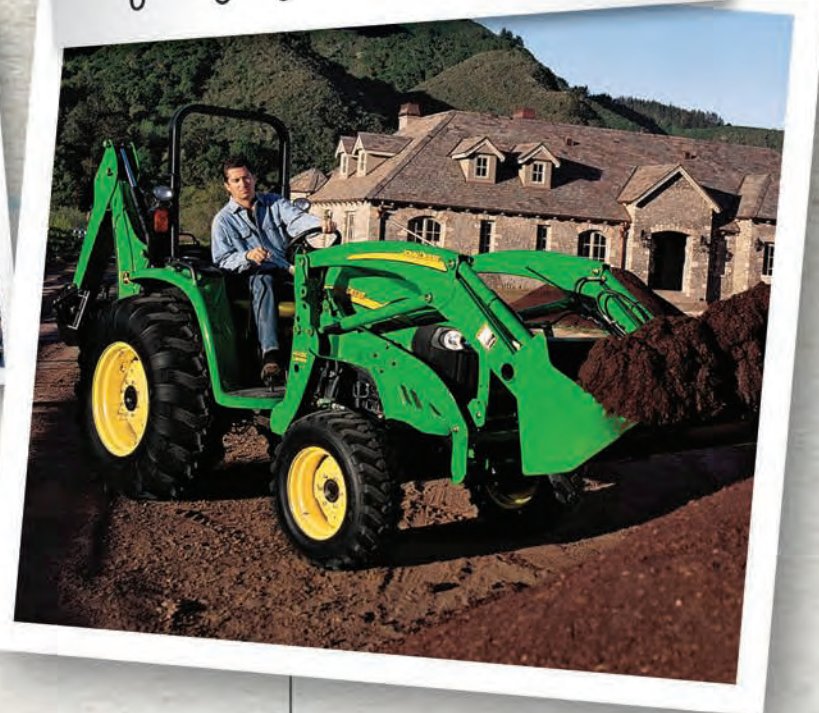
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Hello 93636,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many who visited my Flatlanders Celebration booth and for the many encouraging and supportive comments received concerning this column. It's nice to know writing this column is not a labor in vain. I actually wondered at times if anyone even reads the article, given so little feedback. Now I know. Thanks again for your kind words of support.

If you were one of the many visitors who stopped by my booth and watched a diagnostic demonstration, you have a general idea of scope waveform analysis. ALL those humps, bumps, dips and

squiggly lines displayed on a grid represent changes (electricity, pressure, temperature, etc.) over time in real time. Scope diagnostic has significant advantages over former diagnostic test methods in that the tests are per-

*"... old school automotive diagnostics need to go the way of the Dodo Bird. It's too slow, too inaccurate and too labor intensive ... If you are the customer it represents fewer parts being replaced and a higher quality repair."*

formed LIVE during operating conditions. To increase the odds for a successful diagnostic, it's important to test under identical conditions in which the failure occurs. If the problem only occurs when the engine is not running and everybody is resting under the shade of the closed hood, then by all means go ahead and go old school. Take the components off one by one and test them on a work bench. If not, the tests should be performed when the engine is running and the components are hot, tired and stressed. Dynamic testing for dynamic failures I always say.

Let's use electronic fuel injector testing as an example. With today's engines, the odds that you can even see a fuel injector, let alone the one you want to test, are low. Many fuel injectors live under or inside the intake manifold. If you remove the intake manifold and all the garbage attached just to gain access to test, you are going to be at it for a while so don't forget your lunch. When you finally do reach the injector, you

won't be able to start and run the engine. You will be limited to static testing. Good luck with that. Oh, don't forget: You are going to need a new set of intake manifold gaskets, minimal.

With a Lab Scope, the fuel injector component testing is done at the fuel injector fuse. We replace the fuel injector fuse with a loop of copper wire. By the way, my wire loop is fused to protect the circuit. Using this diagnostic method, EVERY fuel injector is tested and ALL at the same time.

Now, before the electrons can complete their journey from the battery to the fuel injectors they must first pass through my wire loop. Whenever electrons flow, they produce an electromotive force called current. Current is measure in amps. The greater the flow the greater the current. I simply place a low current amp probe around my wire loop and measure. I also measure the available voltage at either end of my wire loop. Using two channels of my Lab Scope, I display all current and voltage values in parade fashion (two squiggly lines) during running conditions. The last thing I need to do before I start testing is look up the fuel injector resistance value specification.

The only thing I remove was one fuse so I can start and run the engine.

Now comes the math: Ohms Law. Resistance = Voltage divided by Current. For example, if my injector resistance specification is 2 ohms, and my available voltage is 14 volts (remember the engine will be running) the current HAS TO BE 7 amps. I know what my waveforms should look like before I even start testing. If I see a current value different then 7 amps, my resistance is NOT 2 ohms. If the current (amperage) is higher, the resistance has to be less than 2 ohms. This condition typically indicates a short across the coil winding or a short to ground. The resistance is lower because the electrons take a short cut and do not pass through the entire injector winding (resistance). If the current is lower, the resistance has to be higher. This condition typically indicates an open or gap in the circuit making it more difficult for the electrons to pass.

A typical electronic fuel injector current waveform looks similar to the

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<b>K-3 Still Photography</b>			Samantha Ford	HM	RMS
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would create a lean condition. Finally, the trailing edge of the waveform should be a vertical line. This represents the powertrain control module (PCM) de-energizing the fuel injector and stopping fuel flow. This needs to happen rapidly. If the trailing edge is slanted or rounded, the PCM driver is too slow to turn off the fuel injector and the precise quantity of fuel entering the cylinders is incorrect. In conclusion, old school automotive diagnostics need to go the way of the Dodo Bird. It's too slow, too inaccurate and too labor intensive. I know when you hear the words diagnostic technology they sound expensive. That is very true if you are the one purchasing the technology. If you are the customer it represents fewer parts being replaced and a higher quality repair. God Bless 93636 Warren Parr License #EO139887

outline of a dorsal fin of a shark. The leading edge of the waveform gradually curves into a horizontal position as it reaches its max height. It's not a straight slanted line, like a motorcycle ramp; it's rounded. That leading edge represents the building up (ramping) of an electromotive force (magnetism). When the magnetism is strong enough to overcome the fuel pressure, a metal pintle inside the fuel injector is lifted off its seat allowing fuel to pass into the cylinder. This fuel injector opening event is displayed as a dip and then a flattening out of the leading edge ramp. That dip should be located about 2/3 of the way up the ramp. The dip in the waveform not only indicates the injector opened, but when it opened. Too early would create a rich condition. Too late

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## Madera County District Attorney Implements "Veterans Court"

Madera County District Attorney, David A. Linn announced on May 16 that Phase I of his offices' Veteran's Court Plan will be offered at the Caring Veterans of America, Inc., Veterans Stand Down, which will be held at the Sierra Pines Church, located at 40855 Covey Court, off of Highway 49 in Oakhurst. The Veteran's Stand Down begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 21 and will go until 2 p.m.

The Stand Down will include not only the first Phase of the Veterans Court, free medical examinations for Veterans and consultations with Veterans Administration personnel, both from the VA Hospital in Fresno and Madera County Veterans Affairs Office.

Caring Veterans of America, Inc., will be the coordinating organization of the Veterans Court of Eastern Madera County, and VFW Post 1981 will help coordinate Veterans Court in Madera at future events.

The purpose of the Veterans Court is to help Veterans clean up their prior criminal record and help them with any

current legal criminal problems they have in Court today. The Veterans Court, which was a promise made to Veterans by District Attorney Linn in his 2014 campaign, will include a cooperative effort between the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office and the Madera Superior Court. Specifically, Presiding Judge Ernest J. LiCalsi and Judge Dale Blea will be holding Veterans Court in Madera two days per month.

In recent meetings with the Veterans Administration, the Madera program has been declared as "far ahead of many other Counties that are attempting to help Veterans."

DA Linn's new program of working with Veterans who find themselves afoul of the law will work with each Veteran to help benefit them, even if their problem is in a different jurisdiction.

DA Linn is a Navy Vietnam Veteran and said that he understands that bad things do happen to good people, and that good men and women occasionally make poor decisions.

## Sober Grad Needs Your Help!

Parents of LHS Students and Our Community

**What:** Sober Grad 2016 • **When:** Thursday, June 2nd  
**Where:** Liberty High School Cafeteria/Theater

The Sober Grad committee is working hard to plan a fabulous night for the 2016 Graduates. To make this event a success, the Liberty High Senior Class depends on the volunteer time and efforts of many community parents. Ideally the events on the evening of Sober Grad are handled by the parents of the Junior Class so that parents of graduating seniors can be free to be with their children on their big day.

Senior parents are more than welcome to volunteer and in the past have made up the majority of Sober Grad volunteers, but help from Junior Class parents will allow them to enjoy the night of celebration with their graduating Senior.

**How can you help?**

Parents are needed to help support this event with their time, manpower and donations. We have a tax ID number so it's even Tax Deductible!

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*If you have any questions, please contact:*

**Stephanie Workman (559) 709-1477**  
**Diana Mendoza (559) 355-6109**

5/16 Thank you for your support, Sober Grad Committee 2016

## New Boat Registration Locations

2016 Bass Lake Boat Registration Stickers Available at Lake Area Businesses

The 2016 boat registration stickers for Bass Lake are not being sold at the Sheriff's "Island" Office this year, they are now available for purchase at three new locations. Bass Lake Water Sports, Millers Landing Resort, and the Forks Resort are currently selling registration stickers. The Sheriff's "Island" office is not issuing the stickers this year and no boats will be registered by Sheriff's personnel as had been done in the past.

Sheriff Varney said that "this new procedure will be more convenient for the boating public and will also save tax-payer funds since Sheriff's personnel will no longer be needed to issue the registration stickers."

The registration sticker fees vary based on type of vessel and are available for purchase now: Vessels up to 35 horsepower are \$32; 36-250 horsepower are \$50; 251 horsepower or higher are \$63; and Personal Water Craft are \$50. Registration stickers are required year-round for any vessels op-

erated on Bass Lake.

Sheriff Varney is also pleased to announce that Deputy Amy Roussell will be assigned to oversee the Bass Lake Patrol Operation this year. Deputy Roussell had worked patrol assignments on Bass Lake during four summer boating seasons previously; this year she will be coordinating enforcement efforts on the lake as well as in the surrounding areas of the Bass Lake basin.



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Dear Editor:

“NIMBY” (Not In MY Back Yard) is the acronym quickly taught to all new Supervisors and Planning Professionals as the broad brush often, but not always, used to dismiss valid community concerns which do not fit their agendas. Issues of possibly dangerous, incompatible, intrusive and unsustainable development are thus summarily dismissed by name calling. “NIMBY” – I heard it a lot during my three years as District One Planning Commissioner

But March 25th was the first time I was ever called one. To my inquiry concerning the inadvisability of locating a proposed OHV (Off Road Vehicle) Park at historic Black Hawk Mountain, one of the “Gang of Five” said: “Actually green sticker money is a CA thing. And this has nothing to do with TP or any tax issues. THIS is a ‘not in my backyard’ issue. Just like the Casino on 99, ‘farmers using up all the water.’ Need to stand up on fact base issue and not try all the tricks in the trades to change the minds. Just say, ‘not in my back yard,’ I respect and understand [their] mind set.”

Yep, there it was, the “NIMBY” name calling which substitutes for thoughtful discourse when the controlling party cannot muster the facts to support their argument. From what I have seen, there has been no official public notification or input on this major project; its location or purchase by Madera County; no adjacent property owners were notified; and there is yet to be an appraisal of the property which may be grossly overpriced for the area and so far no available environmental report. Perhaps most importantly, there is no business plan. Heck, even the failed Grizzly Stadium and Granite Park projects in Fresno had business plans.

While there are many others whose concerns for Black Hawk Mountain are in the areas of Native American heritage, environmental, school safety, fire and security, my personal position is regarding the financial inadvisability.

Madera County spending temporary (state grant) money on getting into what may be a significant permanent taxpayer expense (without a business plan?) is financially irresponsible. I do find it curious that none of the counties surrounding Madera have any interest in accepting this “opportunity” from the state. Maybe they have a business plan model to guide them?

I know what a NIMBY is and, alas Mr. Supervisor, I do not qualify. I have had an adjacent neighbor’s private motorcycle track “in our back yard” for over a decade without incident or complaint. When one resorts to name calling, one has already lost the argument.

Public servants should at least try to be both forthright and forthcoming.

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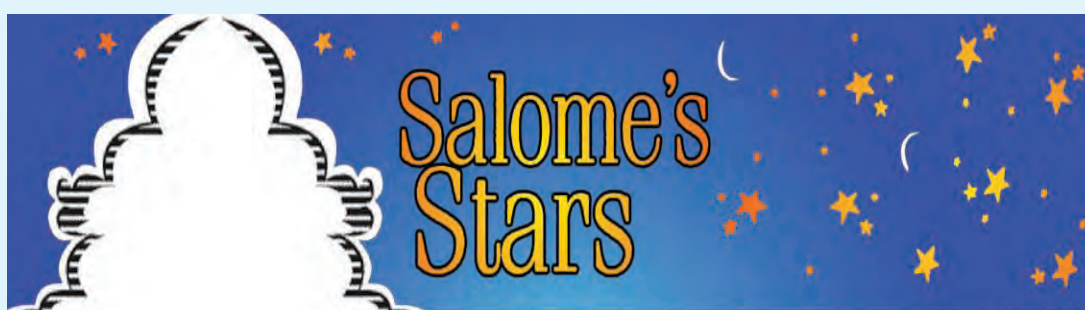
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Although you would prefer to move forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things finally can calm down.

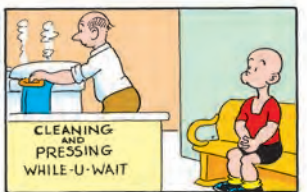
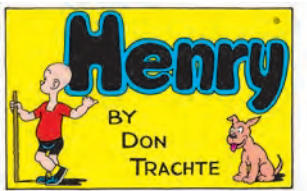
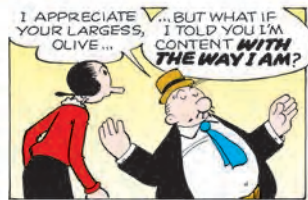
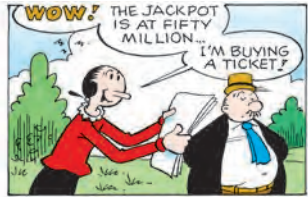
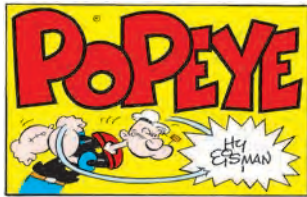
**Born this Week**

*You keep an open mind on most matters, making you the confidante of choice for people who need your honest counsel.*

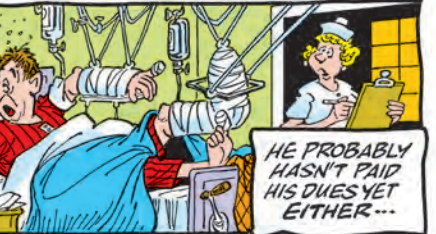
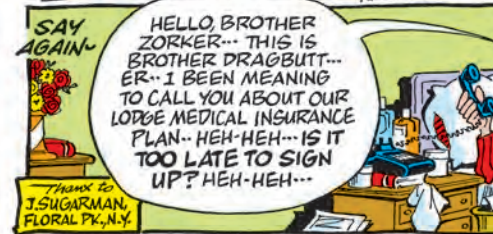
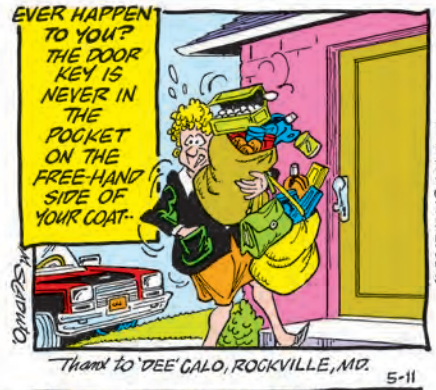
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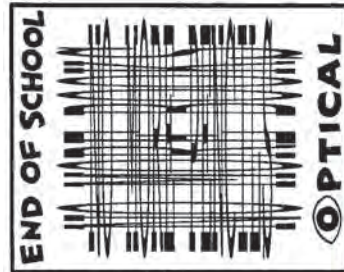
# FUN PAGES



## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



## BY AL SCADUTO



THE ABOVE ILLUSTRATION contains the first two lines of a famous jingle. Can you find them?

Answer: "No more books." "No more pencils in the rest of the jingle." Turn the page to read the rest of the jingle.

ODD MAN OUT! To the right is a list of words. Can you find the word that doesn't have what the other words have?

Answer: The word Hackles. The other words all contain the name of a tree. (1. Oak, 3. Elm, 4. Pine, 5. Fir.)

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

Answers: Followed, dabbled, gentled, imploded, hearth, lapsing.

## 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

ANNUAL RAIN-FALL OF MORE THAN 50 INCHES

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

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

- Atlanta Hilo Kodiak Olympia
- Eugene Huntsville Little Rock San Juan
- Fort Myers Jackson Miami Tupelo
- Guam Juneau Mobile

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## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



### PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!

See if you can "pump up" your word power by solving this one in less than three minutes. Starting with the given word MEDALLING, at the bottom of our pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with MEDALLING.

1. Winning a contest.
2. The victim of harmful statements.
3. The act of distributing cards.
4. A pleasant or friendly manner.
5. Often wears a space helmet.
6. A strong fastener.
7. Nothing, zero.
8. Currently fashionable.
9. Symbol for electrical current.

Answers: (from the bottom up) Medalling, maligned, dealing, alien, nail, nil, ni, n.

## TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. MUSIC: What group had a hit song with "Love Shack"?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where was the eastern terminus of the Santa Fe Trail?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the area in the Pacific that means "many islands"?
4. MEASUREMENTS: How long does it take light from the Sun to reach the Earth?
5. GAMES: What is the highest score possible in the game of darts?
6. ASTRONOMY: What two planets in our solar system rotate clockwise?
7. MONEY: What is the currency of Switzerland?
8. HISTORY: Where were the first Strategic Arms Limitations Talks held in 1969?
9. INVENTIONS: What 1947 invention led to the development of small portable radios?
10. MOVIES: What film musical included the tune "They Call the Wind Maria"?

### Answers

1. The B-52s, 1989
2. Independence, Missouri
3. Polynesia
4. 8 minutes, 20 seconds
5. 180
6. Venus and Uranus
7. Swiss franc
8. Helsinki, Finland
9. The transistor
10. "Paint Your Wagon"

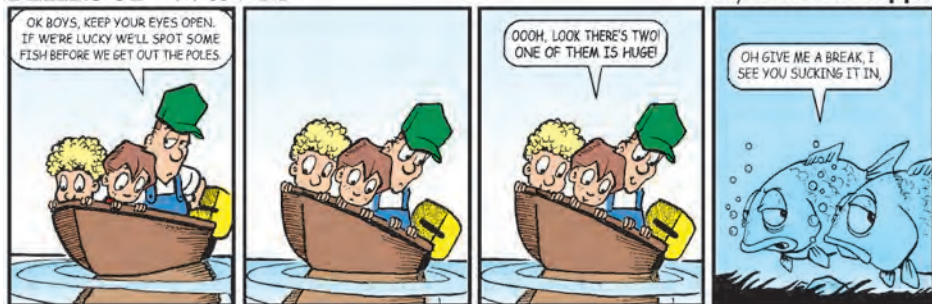
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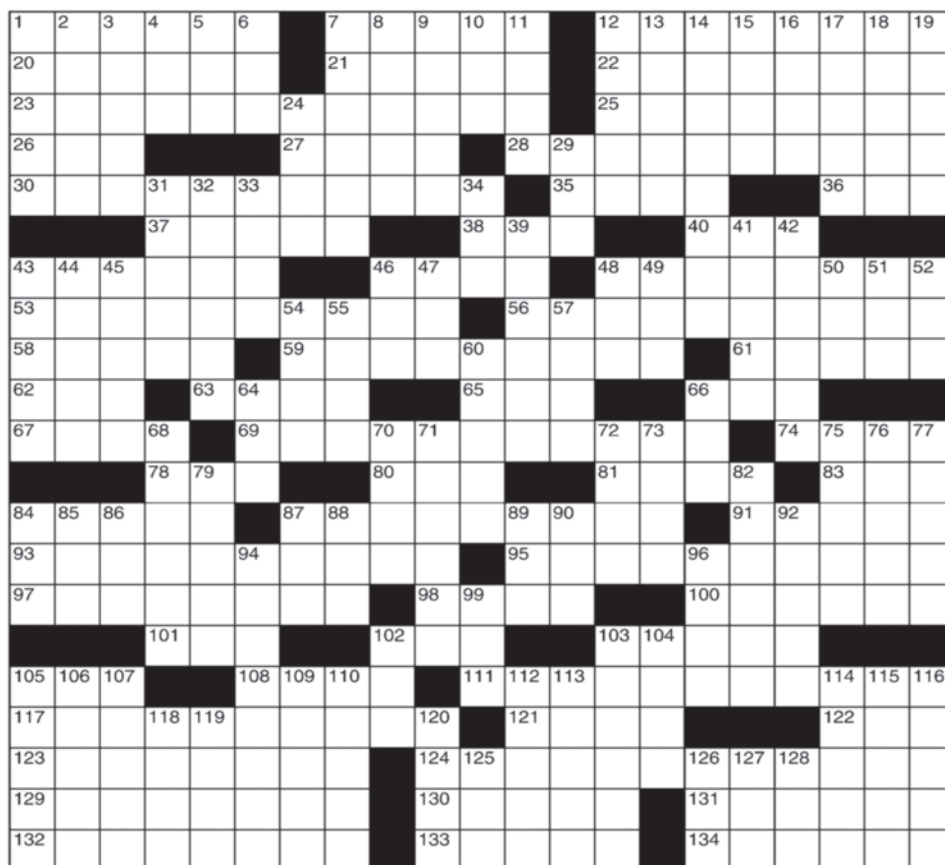
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fence board is smaller; 2. Number is missing; 3. Glove is changed; 4. Dog's ears are different; 5. Leg is moved; 6. Shirt name is changed.

## Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Blazing
  - 7 Greek vowel
  - 12 Alternative to "mac" or "bud"
  - 20 One offering hush money
  - 21 Tons
  - 22 Mayonnaise, butter or mousse
  - 23 Thing pushed by a flight attendant [left hand]
  - 25 Unimportant matter
  - 26 Atop, to poets
  - 27 Not keep in
  - 28 Plant that's a drug source [right hand]
  - 30 Dog-paddles [left hand]
  - 35 Upfront stake
  - 36 Date steadily
  - 37 "How Do I Live" singer Rimes
  - 38 Full of frost
  - 40 — chi
  - 43 Sore
  - 46 Mama's man
  - 48 One on the same squad
  - 53 Ziploc product [left hand]
  - 56 Fashion designer with the "3.1" label [right hand]
  - 58 Greene of "Bonanza"
  - 59 People hauled in
  - 61 Dial and Zest
  - 62 "That's —" ("Negative")
  - 63 Minnelli of "Cabaret"
  - 65 "... — gloom of night ..."
  - 66 Double curve
  - 67 Hand over formally
  - 69 Typing (and the theme of this puzzle)
  - 74 Orient
  - 78 Charlotte of sitcoms
  - 80 Telecast
  - 81 Excavates
  - 83 "No noise!" poles
  - 87 Spike heels
  - 91 Autumn bloomer
  - 93 University in San Marcos [left hand]
  - 95 Hit song from a Leslie Caron film [right hand]
  - 97 Recorded in advance
  - 98 Light beams
  - 100 English Channel swimmer Gertrude
  - 101 Vote in favor
  - 102 Fast WWW hookup
  - 103 Astronomer Tycho who coined the term "nova"
  - 105 Tennis unit
  - 108 Manage OK
  - 111 "What I think is ..." [right hand]
  - 117 Strike zone, say [left hand]
  - 121 Boat blades
  - 122 Livy's 1,006
  - 123 Software clients
  - 124 American violet [right hand]
  - 129 Diverges
  - 130 Develop
  - 131 Bassett of "Notorious"
  - 132 Thin quality
  - 133 See 29-Down
  - 134 Limy cocktail
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Chief monk
  - 2 More relaxed
  - 3 Book, in Nice
  - 4 1860s prez
  - 5 Sea, in Nice
  - 6 History topic
  - 7 Sci-fi hominid
  - 8 Lawful
  - 9 Entrée holder
  - 10 The woman
  - 11 Re
  - 12 Country in West Africa
  - 13 Folder's call, in poker
  - 14 Dull bluish-gray color
  - 15 Freak (out)
  - 16 Bygone U.S. gas brand
  - 17 Some speech flaws
  - 18 Jeweler's magnifier
  - 19 Not bat —
  - 24 Ball dress
  - 29 With 133-Across, amounts that rise with raises
  - 31 Non-earthling
  - 32 Actor Washington
  - 33 Very wise
  - 34 Put a tear in
  - 39 Hostage holder, e.g.
  - 41 Wrong
  - 42 Force (upon)
  - 43 Insurer with a duck icon
  - 44 Witchy woman
  - 45 Judean king
  - 46 Hole number
  - 47 Epoch
  - 48 Cravat, e.g.
  - 49 Lofty trains
  - 50 Carte lead-in
  - 51 Gratuity
  - 52 Letters before ens
  - 54 Bulldoze
  - 55 Donkey's cry
  - 57 Bovine bunch
  - 60 Kind of drum
  - 64 1950s prez
  - 66 Nest nugget
  - 68 Galley goofs
  - 70 Angling need
  - 71 NHL team
  - 72 Reversed one
  - 73 Not yet final, in law
  - 75 In motion
  - 76 Snail coverer
  - 77 Piercing pain
  - 79 Appraise
  - 82 Gave a quick greeting
  - 84 Indy sponsor
  - 85 Part of mpg
  - 86 Log chopper
  - 87 — -Foy, Que.
  - 88 Iota
  - 89 "Love — neighbor ..."
  - 90 "— a shame"
  - 92 Actor Martin
  - 94 Watch a sports event
  - 96 Vault
  - 99 Liston fighter
  - 102 Poor grade
  - 103 "77 Sunset Strip" actor Edd
  - 104 Optimistic
  - 105 Earring types
  - 106 Studio prop
  - 107 Fountain in Rome
  - 109 Caravan layover sites
  - 110 Iron
  - 112 Perfectly pitched, in baseball
  - 113 Parson's estate
  - 114 Motivate
  - 115 Future seed
  - 116 Bite gently on
  - 118 Forbidding
  - 119 "My People" writer Abba
  - 120 Partially open
  - 125 "... — mouse?"
  - 126 Spree
  - 127 One: Prefix
  - 128 "Gigi" studio

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