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Photo courtesy of Bill Whyman

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Piece of History Coming to Ranchos



A 14-foot steel beam salvaged from the attacked World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001 is travelling through Madera County for us to view.

Madera County has announced that a salvaged 14-foot steel beam from the Twin Tower attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 is making its way through the Ranchos.

On Saturday, May 28 the beam will travel through Madera County for everyone to view. The beam will be escorted by area firefighters, law enforcement and the American Legion Motorcycle Riders. The County is encouraging everyone to gather on the route to take a first look at the beam.

The beam will be traveling down Avenue 12 at approximately 9:45 a.m. Its final

destination for Madera County is the Madera County Courthouse Park.

Earlier this year it was reported that Madera County has plans to house the beam in a 9/11 memorial at the Courthouse Park.

It was reported that the County has an existing memorial honoring the victims of 9/11, but the new memorial will honor the nearly 3,000 people lost from the terrorist attack and commemorate local Madera County fire fighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

It is expected to be completed by September of this year.

S.F. Senator Seeks to Restore Medicinal Marijuana Access



Senator Scott Wiener's (D-San Francisco) Senate Bill 1186, which restores voter-created access to medicinal cannabis across the state by requiring cities to provide patients access to purchase medicinal cannabis by delivery, passed the Senate with a unanimous bipartisan vote. It now heads to the Assembly for policy hearings.

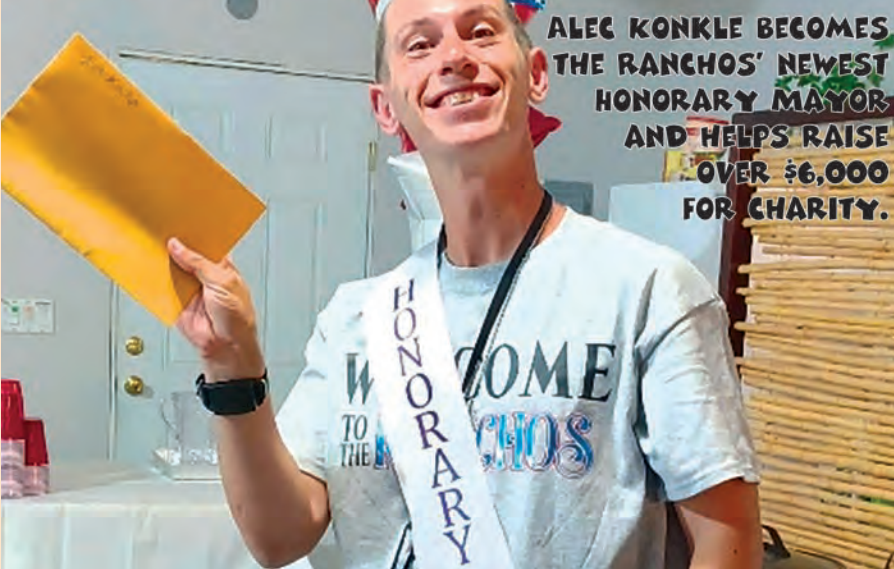
Cannabis is an important and life-saving medicine for many people, including those who have cancer, HIV/AIDS, chronic pain, arthritis, neurodegenerative

disorders, and numerous other illnesses. Everyone deserves access to the medicine, including medicinal cannabis. SB 1186 restores this access for all Californians.

"Right now, 62% of California cities ban people from purchasing legal medicinal cannabis," said Senator Wiener, "This fuels the illicit cannabis market and makes it difficult – if not impossible – for people to access the medicine they need.

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ALEC KONKLE BECOMES THE RANCHOS' NEWEST HONORARY MAYOR AND HELPS RAISE OVER \$6,000 FOR CHARITY.

In what has become an annual Ranchos tradition, a new honorary mayor has been "elected" in the Ranchos. Alec Konkle is the new "mayor," beating out three other contenders for the honorary position.

Candidates sell their votes for \$1 each with 75 cents of every dollar they

collect going to the charity of their choice and the remaining 25 cents going to the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce, which puts on the event.

This year, the four candidates collected \$6,307.45, raising almost \$5,000 for local charities.

Look for its return next spring.



Candidates: Bill Whyman (Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce), Alec Konkle (Liberty High Marching Band), Verlaine Elinburg (SEMCU) and Sally Rowland (Kiwanis).



Waiting for the outcome of the vote, neighbors filled up Verlaine Elinburg's multipurpose room on Avenue 12 on the afternoon of May 4. They didn't have to wait too long.



Chamber Vice President Maria Butler handled the officiating duties for the event, announcing that Alec Konkle was the winner and reporting the money raised for charity.



The applause goes up as Vice President Butler announces Alec Konkle as the Honorary Mayor of the Madera Ranchos. Alec walked Ave. 12 to get votes.



The smile says it all as Alec Konkle takes over the reigns of power by becoming the Ranchos' newest Honorary mayor. For the record: He can't fix your parking ticket.



Also at the event was Mike Fursman, right, last year's Honorary Mayor. Here with Ron Griffen, they were both awarded Volunteer of the Year for 2021.

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Guest Editorial

No Mob, Criminal Domination

By Newt Gingrich

Americans are at a crossroads. Americans must decide whether to continue to ignore the decay of the left's insanely destructive policies or that the time has come to reassert the right of citizens to expect personal safety as the first responsibility of government.

Two patterns of destroying civilization are coming together to form a river of violence and intimidation that can destroy the Constitution, the rule of law and the very basic elements of our free society.

On the political front, there is a self-righteous fanaticism dominating the secular-religious intensity of the left. This has convinced many on the left that the end justifies the means and therefore, they have the right to break the law for political purposes.

Whether it is burning down neighborhoods, smashing store windows or throwing Molotov cocktails into pro-life offices, the woke left has now broken free from the restrictions of the American system of law and constitutional government.

Theodore White warned of this growing extremism in his book, *The Making of the President 1972*, when he described the militant, uncompromising left as having moved

from a liberal ideology to a liberal theology. Now, 50 years later, the theology of the woke left has grown more extreme, more hostile and more willing to use force and intimidation to get what it wants.

I should note that mobs are always wrong, whether it is a summer of riots in cities, people occupying the Capitol on January 6, 2021, or mobs staking out the homes of Supreme Court Justices.

Most recently, the mobs threatening conservative Justices, protesting outside of their homes and consciously seeking to intimidate them into voting as the left demands is an example of the political violence that is growing and becoming legitimized on the left.

This political violence is paralleled by the personal violence of hardened criminals that the left is releasing from jail and putting back on the street. The timidity of the innocent in refusing to put down either mobs or criminals increases the demands and the dangers of both.

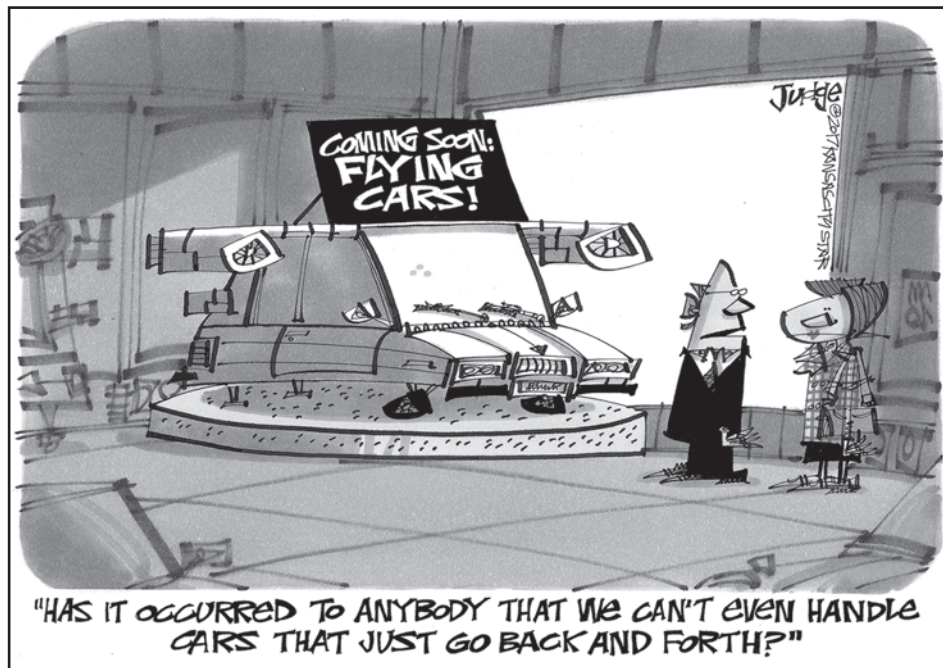
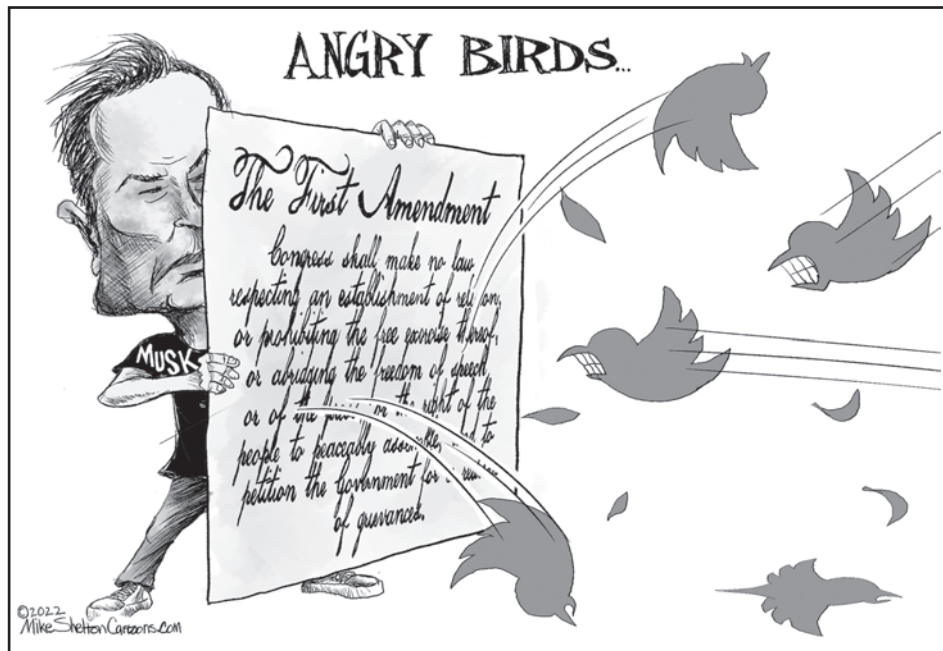
The spirit of breaking the law in large groups is mob violence. In small groups, that spirit is criminal. However, when criminals see mobs being tolerated, they are more likely to believe there will be no consequences for committing crimes.

The 1982 Atlantic Monthly essay *Broken Windows: The Police and Neighborhood Safety*, by George L. Kelling and James Q. Wilson, established a framework for a revolution in policing. When Bill Bratton took their theory and turned it into practical policing in Boston, New York, and Los Angeles, the effect was revolutionary.

Their model was simple: Clean up the neighborhood and crime will go down. Alternatively, let the neighborhood decay with graffiti, garbage and broken windows, and the crime rate will go up.

Effective and serious policing, backed up by district attorneys who fought for the rights of innocent victims and were tough on the criminal, led to dramatic declines in crime and amazingly safe cities. The left hated it. (Recall the left's

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THE RAY GUN
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hatred of the police with the Black Panther public commitment to killing policemen in the late 1960s.)

The threat to society from a collapse of cultural values was made explicit in a brilliant 1993 essay for *The American Scholar* by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who was a renowned sociologist before entering public life.

In *Defining Deviancy Down*, Moynihan argued that a society may decide to cope with collapsing discipline and behavior by simply making it less and less unacceptable. Chil-

dren born without fathers would be made acceptable. Schools that failed to educate children would be made acceptable. Males who grew up with no male role model, no incentive to go to work and a willingness to engage in predatory behavior would be made acceptable.

We have had several decades of the woke left and Big Government Socialism promoting and glorifying anti-social behavior, violence, criminals and hostility toward the police and toward middle-class values.

In many ways, the 1971 movie, *A Clockwork Orange*, which was based on Anthony Burgess's 1962 novel, was a prophetic forecast of a

dystopian future of mindless violence, helpless victims and brutality. Today, when there is a juvenile gang in Boston led by an 11-year-old, when six people are shot in Atlanta on Mother's Day, when carjackings occur in public in New York City, and when a theater in Chicago cancels a nighttime performance because of a nearby shooting, *A Clockwork Orange* might be a useful reference for every American.

Americans are at a crossroads. Americans must decide whether to continue to ignore the decay of the left's insanely destructive policies, or whether the time has come to re-

assert the right of citizens to expect personal safety as the first responsibility of government.

Anyone threatening a Supreme Court Justice is violating the law and should be imprisoned for at least a year. Anyone engaged in violent crime should be locked up until they are too old to be dangerous.

It is time for the innocent and the law-abiding to reimpose civilization on the vicious, the violent, and the predatory.

It really is that simple. The question is whether the American people are ready to throw out the politicians who have put their lives and their country at risk.

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ROBYN NORDELL'S RECOMMENDATIONS



California's Primary Election Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Robyn Nordell has been involved in elections and with legal/legislative issues for more than 25 years. She has taught seminars on political involvement and has worked closely with legislators, public policy groups and activists on multiple issues, such as education, parental rights, religious freedoms, life issues, traditional family values, etc. Robyn has worked on a variety of political projects, including having a major role in coordinating the fight against daytime curfews across California. She was the political liaison for a Southern California denomination of churches for several years.

Robyn has a passion for encouraging people to be intelligently involved in the political process, to stand up for traditional-family values, and to protect our precious constitutional freedoms. She values those candidates and legislators who operate from a pro-life, traditional values and limited government perspective.

*For the June 7, 2022
California Primary Election*

*Robyn's Recommendations
for State Races*

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Brian Dahle -- Dahle is a current state senator with a strong voting record. I believe he is the best candidate to unify behind and send to the General Election.

LT. GOVERNOR

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Cordie Williams

Note: There are 26 candidates running for this "full term" seat. Cordie Williams is my first choice. I also appreciate that there are some other conservative candidates with great values.

U.S. SENATOR, Partial/

Unexpired Term

Mark Meuser

This is the seat which was originally held by Vice President Kamala Harris. It is temporarily being held by Alex Padilla. You are voting for the candidate that you want to complete the remainder of this term, which ends on Jan. 2, 2023.

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(This race applies to everyone, so I am listing this here. You will find this SPI race in the "SCHOOL" section in your ballot.)

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Cause of Chronic Cough Has Doctors Stumped

DEAR DR. ROACH: I picked up a cough while traveling in Europe more than two years ago. No other symptoms have ever presented. Since that time, I have received every test imaginable, including spirometry, multiple breathing tests, CT scans, X-rays and most recently a bronchoscopy. Nothing was discovered through any of these tests.

Other than the cough, I am very healthy. The cough is driving me crazy, however. I have been prescribed every

type of medication, and nothing helps. My doctors are at a standstill and have nothing further to offer. I don't know where to go from here, but I know I can't live my life with this cough. I avoid a lot of personal interaction because it is so disruptive to constantly be coughing.

I would greatly appreciate your help with this, and any advice regarding what steps need to be taken next. -- P.M.

ANSWER: Chronic cough (lasting more than several months) is most frequently a result of acid reflux, asthma or postnasal drip, although there are many more causes, including infection, which would be a concern given that you have a clear idea of when it started. Despite an extensive evaluation for cough, it is not that uncommon that people are left with no explanation but with a persistent cough. There are other, less-common treatments at this point, some of which your doctors might not have tried. The first is the medication gabapentin (Neurontin). This is used for a condition called laryngeal neuropathy, and I have had a few spectacular cases where the cough disappears entirely. People have written saying that their doctor prescribed the medication for them after

reading it in the column and they also had relief, even after decades of persistent coughing, so I think this condition may be more common than I have ever thought.

A second has been a cough suppressant. I am very cautious about using opiate drugs, and it is certainly not appropriate for some people, but cautious use of tramadol in selected patients has been successful in reducing, but not eliminating, cough. Just yesterday in the clinic, one of the residents I supervise had a patient with chronic cough who had dramatic improvement through the use of speech therapy. Looking it up today, I find trials showing significant improvement, if modest, with this approach, as well as several ongoing trials. Given the potential side effects of gabapentin and tramadol, I think I will be making more referrals to my speech and language pathology colleagues, and suggest you speak with your doctors about some of these options.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a postmenopausal woman with osteoporosis. My physician has just prescribed Calci-

tonin Salmon nasal spray. Is this treatment very effective rebuilding bone mass, and how long does a patient use the drug? Also, are there any serious dangers using this drug? -- M.L.

ANSWER: Calcitonin, usually derived from salmon, is not typically used long term for osteoporosis. Other drugs, such as those in the alendronate (Fosamax) class, are more effective.

The Food and Drug Administration advisory panel has recommended its use be limited to less than six months due to concerns about possible increased cancer risks. It also can cause allergic-type reactions, including swelling of the lips and tongue. I seldom see it prescribed anymore outside of short-term use for pain relief in vertebral fractures due to osteoporosis.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Veggie BBQ

(May 2012)

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



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 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

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 next month. I never thought of grilling fruit, but I have found some great ideas. Next month the fruit should be ready to be picked.

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 clean-

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ing 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

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As a small business owner, I understand that wages are not keeping up with the rising cost of living. I understand the pain you are feeling from record inflation everywhere, from the grocery store to the gas pump.

On the economy, I will fight to cut taxes for Valley families, advocate for small businesses, and end wasteful government spending.

I also vow to ensure our nation is made secure and safe. I will stand with police and always ensure that policies passed will uphold law and order.

As a teacher, I know that parents desperately want and deserve a choice in their children's education. Unlocking access to quality education leads to greater equality in outcomes, for children from all walks of life.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

Campaign and elections seem to never stop.

With the June 7 primary just a few weeks away, we're seeing things in full swing. Here in Madera, things have changed drastically. Gone are our old Congressional and legislative districts. In their place are new districts connecting us with far-flung communities in the Sierra foothills and Central Valley. The most notable? Our new Congressional District, the 5th Congressional District, which runs from El Dorado Hills to Fresno. The district has connected the Gold Country, represented by Rep. Tom McClintock, with places he's never represented.

You may have heard of Tom McClintock before, but his record leaves plenty to be desired. In 14 years in Congress, he's seen four bills become law – two of them named post offices and another named a mountain range.

With the change from redistricting, the new 5th District is deeply Republican. The GOP holds a 11 percent voter registration advantage over Democrats in the district. That's what makes this race – and the June Primary – so important.

We need someone running against McClintock who stands a chance of winning –

a Republican who can deliver results for us: Supervisor Nathan Magsig.

Nathan Magsig has been travelling up and down all eight counties in the new 5th district, building strong relationships with local leaders and learning about the unique issues facing each county. He's not just talking the talk. As a local Supervisor, he's walked the walk.

Two years ago, as our hometown burned in the Creek Fire – one of the worst wildfires in California history – he worked alongside the U.S. Forest Service and CAL Fire to ensure residents were evacuated and their fire-threatened homes were accounted for.

When was the last time you saw local leaders with their hands dirty?

As a Central Valley mayor, he's anticipated problems and developed solutions. Fifteen years ago, he worked to build a groundwater treatment and recharge plant that helped save the water supplies for thousands of Valley residents and countless Valley farms that feed the world. Nathan's approach to focusing on local communities as our next Congressman is what sets him apart. He's a strong believer in local control of our decisions and its why he's made

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AFTER 14 YEARS IN CONGRESS, GIVING THOUSANDS OF LONG-WINDED SPEECHES, HE ONLY PASSED FOUR BILLS INTO LAW...
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SEMCU speaks

By Igal Treibatch

and water quality problems to all of Southeast Madera County.

- the voting in of a new president (Dov Adler) for this year.
- report on the free Fire Abatement program SEMCU has offered. It entails a 60-foot perimeter disced around the property of people who have applied.
- what theme SEMCU chose to use to participate in the Flatlander's Day parade.

Again, we think it is important to remind everyone of the coming summer and its effect on our water and domestic wells. People experiencing domestic well or water quality problems can contact "Self-Help Enterprises."

Qualified people may have a water tank installed or have bottled water delivered at no cost. Call Drought Support at 559-820-1685 or contact them at droughtsupport@selfhelpenterprises.org.

For now, the regular (once a month) SEMCU meetings take place virtually on the third Monday of every month and last about an hour. Next meeting is on Monday, June 20 at 6 p.m. To join, call 312-757-3121 and use access code 715-657-949.

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it his mission to get to know all corners of this new district (which is double the size of the state of Connecticut).

He's focused on reducing the risk of devastating wildfires, improving the capacity of healthcare workers in the Sierra foothills and on the Valley floor by bringing a medical school to our region, and keeping our communities safe.

If you're a Democrat or Independent, it's critical to understand: Your vote in the

June Primary could determine if we can bring on a Republican that will deliver results.

And if you're a Republican, we deserve a Congressman who is principled, conservative and still able to fight and deliver for his district. Your vote is the most precious thing you have and it deserves to be cast wisely. I hope you'll join me in voting for Supervisor Nathan Magsig for Congress.

Tom Wheeler
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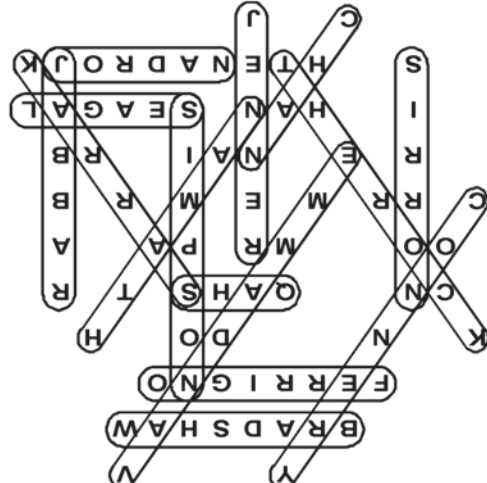
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The event is planned from 4 to 8 p.m. and will be held at Hatfield Hall & Patio at the Madera District Fairgrounds, located at 1850 W. Cleveland in Madera, right off the 99 Freeway.

The Madera Chamber of Commerce and the Madera Association of Realtors is inviting Chamber members and local businesses to participate in this year's Madera

Business Extravaganza & Home Show. It is an opportunity to display products, discuss services and share the story of individual businesses with other local businesses and the Madera community.

The Madera Chamber of Commerce said vendor spaces are now available to Chamber members and non-members as well. The Madera Chamber is also making sponsorships available for those who would like to have more of a presence at the event.

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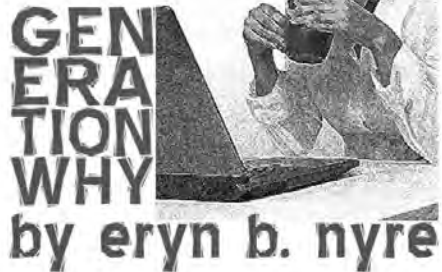
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“I Really Hate ...” Finalist

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For example, imagine you’re an office manager who has taken it upon yourself to move a particular department from one part of the building to another. You do this without asking, or at least informing, the people who work in that department. Even better, you choose to do it on a day when no one in that department is in the office to help you, advise you, or in this case, stop you. Perhaps in your mind you think it’s some sort of delightful, corporate sur-



prise. It’s not, just so you know. In keeping with our little game here, let’s say that during the kerfuffle of moving equipment you realize that space is a bit tight in the new digs. Some people might stop, but not you. You’re no quitter. Go big or go home, right? Instead of making a course correction, you go full steam ahead and make the decision to reorganize the now packed room and get rid of everything that isn’t needed. Never mind that you don’t know what is or isn’t needed because you don’t work in

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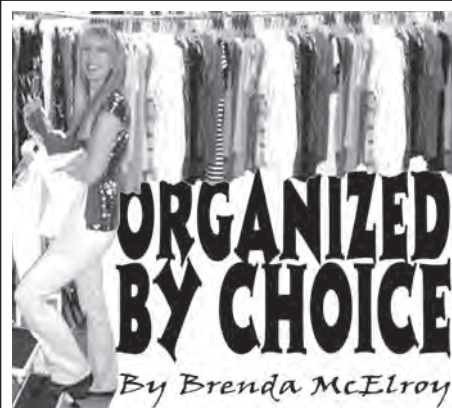
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Timing is Everything

On Mother's Day I received a journal titled *Daily Kairos*. Not being a Greek scholar, I opened the journal to discover the meaning of Kairos: "The suitable or appropriate time for something to occur or for something to be accomplished."

Why is timing so important? Think for a moment about what happens when we don't use the "suitable or appropriate time" for things like sorting the mail, paying the bills, grocery shopping, changing the oil, making a phone call or completing Continuing Education Units. At the least, consequences include things piling up or cramming tasks together. On the critical side, missing deadlines can cost money, career opportunities and wreak havoc in relationships. The common theme is more stress.

Kairos is a stress reducer, albeit annoying and inconvenient at times. Just now, I heard the wash-

ing machine inform me it's finished with its load. The suitable time for me to put it into the dryer is now. If I don't, the next three loads won't get done today. Of course, that wouldn't be the end of the world, but today I'm home and putting it off means cramming laundry into a busier day. So, I'm getting up, starting another load and rewarding myself with a cup of coffee-flavored creamer.

Besides not wanting to get up off a chair, what's keeping us from using Kairos and what can we do to enhance our usage? Let's look at three common scenarios.

We simply fail to stop and schedule things for the suitable or appropriate time. For the first few years of my business, I scheduled clients Monday through Saturday, as needed. However, I failed to schedule specific office time for writing my article, doing my QuickBooks, etc. I wasn't always booked solid, but not having scheduled time for office work meant it was often pushed aside.

Many people are working from home these days and without the structure of an office environment, it can be easy to push aside work or home tasks. Setting a schedule for each is key to getting things done.

We're not realistic about the time tasks will require. This means putting it off either because it seems overwhelming or because we think we'll be able to zip through and get it done. It's important to have an appropriate estimation of the amount of time it will take and

that requires some planning. The COVID shutdown created time for me to stock up on Continuing Education Units for my re-certification. Next time around, I'll need to determine and schedule the number of hours it will take per month to complete the requirement.

We don't have a routine set up for success. So many of my clients have experienced transitions that took them from order to disorder. When life changes, we sometimes think we should still be able to do things the same way we used to, but we can't. Maybe you always processed your mail right after dinner, but now you have kids and there are baths, homework and stories to read. The mail gets stacked on the counter until company comes, and then gets bagged and put into a closet. The more suitable time for processing mail may now be right after the kids go down. Set yourself up for success by simplifying the process with places for the recycling, shredding, bills and other action items. Creating a daily routine keeps it manageable and is easier to remember than one less frequent.

If you stop to review a stressor in your life, chances are Kairos may be key to reducing that stress. For me, now is the suitable and appropriate time for the next load of laundry.

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that division and don't know anything about the process or requirements. But, hey, you're a manager and can clearly be trusted to look at equipment and documents that you don't use and have never seen and make a determination as to whether or not they are important. What could go wrong?

In your current quest to be as incompetent and ineffectual as possible, you get rid of a DVD player, because everything is digital now. You empty out a file cabinet and shred the papers inside because the company should be paperless. Then you get rid of a bookcase and everything on it because it all looked outdated and you don't recall seeing anyone use it in the six months you've worked here. Among the items discarded from the bookshelf is a binder full of caregiver badges. Obviously, there's no possible reason badges could be carefully alphabetized and stored in plastic sleeves in a three-ring binder, so you shred all of the badges as well. See, this is the kind of carelessness to which I am referring.

I know what you're thinking. You think I've exaggerated this for effect, or perhaps made it up entirely.

Oh, if only.

An actual manager at my home office decided to move our entire training setup from the giant, double conference room into a small, single room on the opposite side of

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the building. The double conference room is much more impressive for meetings and job fairs, which occur maybe 10 times a year. The fact that caregiver orientation and training happens every single week didn't factor into her thought process.

She didn't reach out to anyone. The regular trainer was off and I work from home and apparently using the phone was clearly out of the question, so she powered through and caused an enormous mess that has fallen to me and my training partner to clean up. We absolutely still use DVDs as part of our training, so we had to buy a new DVD player because she gave away ours. We had to reprint all the forms and documents because our company is not, in fact, paperless. We had to pull two other people off their regular duties to help us identify and reissue the badges she shredded. It costs the company money each time we order a badge, and she shredded over a hundred and fifty. We lost a half a year's worth of tests and surveys because, once again, our com-

pany is not actually paperless.

Oh, did I mention the sheets?

She pulled the sheets off our training bed and disposed of them because she didn't think it was important for a bed that only a training mannequin lies on. Unfortunately, our caregivers lie on it practicing transfer techniques, so we had to buy new sheets.

In addition to costing us time and resources, and irritating me to

I suppose it's easier to ask forgiveness than permission, but the problem is, she hasn't asked for either.

no end, she cost the company actual money. Any acknowledgment of the mess? No. "Whoopsie. I was just trying to help." Worst of all she hasn't

seen any consequences of her leadership because she's part of a different cost center. It's our cost center that has absorbed the cleanup expenses and labor. I suppose it's easier to ask forgiveness than permission, but the problem is, she hasn't asked for either.

So, if you happened to be sitting there, having a nice cup of coffee and wondering how work was going for ol' Eryn B. Nyre, now you know.

I need a vacation.

CANNABIS cont. from P. 2

We need to ensure everyone can access medicinal cannabis if they need it; SB 1186 will restore this access across the state."

The California Cannabis Industry Association is sponsoring SB 1186, and California NORML is supporting the legislation.

Under current California law — which arguably allows cities to ban any and all cannabis sales — 62% of cities have banned all cannabis sales, including medical cannabis sales. As a result, residents of those cities, including people living with HIV, cancer, arthritis, insomnia, and other conditions, frequently have no option other than to buy on the illicit market. California's thriving and growing illicit cannabis market both undermines the legal, regulated market and risks people obtaining contaminated cannabis.

To address this significant medical access problem, SB 1186 requires cities to allow medical cannabis access. Cities must — as a minimum — authorize medical cannabis delivery.

To be clear, SB 1186 does not in any way change cities' ability to limit or ban sales of adult use of cannabis. Prop 64, passed by the voters in 2016, grants cities that local control. But Prop 64 did not speak to medical cannabis — which the voters legalized in 1996 via Prop 215 — and the Legislature's decision to grant cities that

local control was not required by any voter measure. Indeed, the Legislature's grant of power to cities to ban medical cannabis undermined the voters' intent in passing Prop 215. Prop 215's core goal was to create legal access to cannabis as medicine.

California was the first state in the country to allow medical use of cannabis with the 1996 approval of Proposition 215. This voter initiative, driven largely by caretakers and activists seeking palliative therapies for AIDS and cancer patients, led to a cascade of state medical cannabis legalization efforts nationwide, as well as recognition that cannabis is essential medicine.

SB 1186 prioritizes patient health by allowing patients to access licensed stores or licensed deliveries in their area and by prohibiting jurisdictions from enacting unreasonable restrictions on these businesses that have the effect of prohibiting retail sale by delivery. Under SB 1186, local jurisdictions retain all of their local control over adult-use (non-medicinal) cannabis businesses. This bill simply prevents jurisdictions from prohibiting medicinal cannabis delivery and therefore preventing patients from accessing the medicine they need.

By doing so, SB 1186 respects the voters' intent and ensures that Californians throughout the state have timely and convenient access to safe, effective, and affordable medicinal cannabis and cannabis products.



By Sarah Morgan

To celebrate our member Emily Waldren graduating high school, we had the chance to put together an interview of her time in 4-H. Here are Emily's responses.

What year did you begin 4-H? I started 4-H in 2015 as a 6th grader. It has been a huge part of my life for about seven years.

What is your current role in 4-H? I am currently the Sierra Shadows 4-H President.

What projects have you done? What is your favorite project? I have been involved in Community Pride, Rabbits, Dogs, Joshua's Ways, Baking and Floral. My favorite project by far has been Joshua's Ways. This project has allowed for me to continue doing what I love

through helping my community members and fellow 4-H members feel more comfortable in the club during their first few years.

Has 4-H affected what you want to do in your life? If so, in what way? 4-H has

definitely helped to shape what I want to do with my life in the future. It has helped me to find my passion for helping people and seeing others grow through projects or tasks. In the future, I plan to work in the medical field with a specialty in Sports Medicine. I enjoy helping people succeed and achieve their goals for their lives.

10 years ago, did you see yourself doing what you are doing now? 10 years

ago, I saw myself having a life that was somewhat like the life I have now, but 4-H has made it better than what I thought it would be like. At the beginning of my time in 4-H I would never have imagined being on the office team in any way because of I



Current Sierra Shadows 4-H President, and soon to be high school graduate, Emily Waldren.

wasn't very confident in my public speaking skills, especially in front of a large group of people. Now, I'm the one leading all the meetings and doing most of the talking during meetings as the President of the club.

What has the Sierra Shadows 4-H family meant to you? The Sierra Shadows 4-H family has definitely become like a second family to me. It's an incredible community that pushes people to grow in

their passions and desires for their lives. I have always felt supported during my time in the club and there have always been people who I could go to when I needed help.

What would you say to high school students thinking about joining 4-H? 4-H is an incredible opportunity for any age. It allows for you to get your foot in the door of a career field you may want in the future as well as explore your passions through the variety of projects that are available.

What would you say to young members looking to get involved in 4-H? 4-H is a great way to spend time finding passions and gain responsibility through the many projects that are offered. From livestock to floral, and community service to arts & crafts, there are a variety of projects that will intrigue the age ranges that come through Sierra Shadows and 4-H itself. 4-H is also a great way to lead into FFA if that is the wish of the member.

Is there anything else you would like to add? 4-H has become a part of my life that is always going to be important to me. Sierra Shadows, and the people who are involved in the club, especially hold a special place in my heart.

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Senior Report

HICAP Visits Seniors on Medicare; CERT Coming for Emergencies

By Melanie Williams

Want to know more about your healthcare program and Medicare benefits? HICAP is the answer.

HICAP, or the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, is a free service that provides resources and information about the benefits available through Medicare and other health-

care programs. Ranchos/Hills Senior Center welcomed two representatives from HICAP on May 10. The presenters were Jennifer

Webb, HICAP Program Manager, and Dinora Mendoza, Community Outreach Coordinator and Counselor.

The program highlighted what services HICAP provided to the community and covered the basic parts of original Medicare and Medicare Advantage.

These representatives know their “stuff.”

As well as providing free health insurance counseling, they are advocates to help seniors or any Medicare beneficiary find the best healthcare plan to meet their individual

needs. Everyone at the presentation learned something new and most people in attendance have been receiving Medicare for years.

The counselor recommended that your Medicare plan should be reviewed every year during open enrollment, because the plans and benefits change every year. If you have questions about this free service provided by HICAP, contact them at 559-224-9117.

On June 4 from 8 a.m. to noon is the Monthly Sale at the Ran-

chos/Hills Senior Center. The Monthly Sale includes items in the Treasure House, Bake Sale, Boutique and plants in our Garden Shop.

We welcome back Juanita Williams, committee head of the monthly Bake Sale. She is asking our members to donate baked goods on Friday, June 3 before the Monthly Sale on Saturday,

June 4. If you have any questions, you can call the Senior Center at

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Jennifer Webb, HICAP Program Manager (left) and Dinora Mendoza, Community Outreach Coordinator and Counselor, talk with members at the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center about Medicare benefits.



The Seniors had a full house as Ranchos/Hills Senior Center members learned more about details regarding Medicare benefits and the many different options available to them.

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Tea Time

Remembering Our History on Memorial Day and D-Day

By Betty Van Valkenburg

May 30, Memorial Day, is much more than a time for backyard fun and shopping. It is set aside as a national holiday to honor American military heroes who sacrificed their lives serving the country. In the midst of our current political turmoil and open anti-Americanism, it would be good to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made to keep our country free and to dedicate ourselves to keeping it that way.

June 6, without fanfare or holiday status, will mark the anniversary of the momentous 1944 D-Day invasion of Normandy that spelled the beginning of the end of World War II in Europe. May we pause again to remember the catastrophic loss of life, exceptional heroism and historic significance of that day and the subsequent battles that raged across Europe to secure the 1945 Allied victory.

Both days are tailor made for brushing up on our history and imparting knowledge and wisdom to others, especially younger folks, whose American history curricula may have been minimal or of the downright "hate-America" variety.

On D-Day, according to Army.mil: "More than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a ... heavily fortified French coastline, to fight Nazi [Socialist] Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which, '... we will accept nothing less than full victory.' More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the invasion and by day's end, the Allies gained a foothold in Continental Europe. The cost in lives on D-Day was high. More than 9,000 Allied soldiers were killed or wounded, but their sacrifice allowed more than 100,000 soldiers to begin the slow, hard slog across Europe, to defeat Adolf Hitler's crack troops."

President Ronald Reagan's 1984 speech commemorating D-Day's 40th anniversary, given at the U. S. Ranger Monument at Pointe du Hoc, France, is unforgettable. His voice cracked with emotion as American veterans who had stormed the beaches and climbed the Normandy cliffs that long-ago day as young men, now in their 60s, listened and dabbed at their eyes. Part of the speech is quoted below, but nothing compares to actually seeing and hearing it. You can find the

video on YouTube and the full text at ReaganFoundation.org. You'll hear sentiments that are conspicuously missing from most modern speeches: Unabashed patriotism, love of liberty and acknowledgment of God, faith and prayer.

Excerpts from President Reagan's speech at Pointe du Hoc, France:

"We're here to mark that day in history when the Allied armies joined in battle to reclaim this continent to liberty. For four long years, much of Europe had been under a terrible shadow. Free nations had fallen, Jews cried out in the camps, millions cried out for liberation. Europe was enslaved and the world prayed for its rescue. Here in Normandy the rescue began. Here the Allies stood and fought against tyranny in a giant undertaking unparalleled in human history.

"We stand on a lonely, windswept point on the northern shore of France ... At dawn, on the morning of the 6th of June, 1944, 225 Rangers jumped off the British landing craft and ran to the bottom of these cliffs. Their mission was one of the most difficult and daring of the invasion: To climb these sheer and desolate cliffs and take out the enemy guns ...

"The Rangers looked up and saw the enemy soldiers – the edge of the cliffs shooting down at them with machineguns and throwing grenades. And the American Rangers began to climb ... They climbed, shot back, and held their footing. Soon, one by one, the Rangers pulled themselves over the top, and in seizing the firm land at the top of these cliffs, they began to seize back the continent of Europe. Two hundred and twenty-five came here. After two days of fighting, only 90 could still bear arms.

"The men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right ... It was the deep knowledge – and pray God we have not lost it – that there is a profound, moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest. You were here to liberate, not to conquer, and so you and those others did not doubt your cause.

"You all knew that some things are worth dying for. One's country is worth dying for, and democracy is worth dying for, because it's the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man ...

"Here, in this place ... let us make a vow to our dead. Let us show them by our actions that we understand what they died for ...

"Strengthened by their courage ... let us continue to stand for the ideals for which they lived and died."

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Kiwanis Korner

Kiwanis Moves Forward with Events

By Sally Rowden

Let's begin by looking at the Honorary Mayor Campaign hosted by the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce, which came to a close on May 4. Congratulations to Alec Konkle for winning the race and monetarily supporting the Liberty High School marching band. A high five goes out to the other three candidates: Verlaine Elinburg, representing SEMCU; Sally Rowden, representing the Kiwanis Club of the Madera Ranchos; and Bill Whyman representing the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce. All were successful in gaining funds for their charities.

At our meeting on May 12, our guest speaker was Andy Wheeler. Andy is running for Madera County Supervisor – District 1. He shared his background, his current involvement and future hopes for District 1. As stated in last month's article, the Kiwanis Club does not endorse or provide funds for any candidates running for public office. We do provide opportunities for all candidates to be heard. Thank you, Andy, for taking our questions and sharing your insight.

Another huge congratulations goes out to our current Kiwanis President, Mona Diaz. She announced she will be the 2023-2024 lieutenant governor for Kiwanis Division 5. Mona will continue to be our local president along

with governing Kiwanis clubs throughout Fresno and Madera Counties.

Several of our event activities are in progress during the month of May and early June. Our Liberty High School Scholarships for Graduating Seniors exhibiting exceptional caliber were presented May 16. The Kiwanis of Madera Ranchos hosted a GVUSD Staff Luncheon to thank them for their commitment in making our district successful on May 20. The Kiwanis Flatlander's Day Food Booth and Parade Float were both exciting community activities that happened May 21. The Character Counts Bicycle Giveaway honoring students at the elementary level who display the Six Pillars of Character concludes in early June and the Ranchos Middle School Hope for America Awards recognizing middle school students demonstrating academic accomplishments, leadership and good character will be awarded June 1. Each of these event activities outcomes will be fully covered in next month's Ranchos Independent.

In reading our Kiwanis Magazine for April/May 2022 an interesting fact surprised me that I would like to share with you... "Children who are read to for at least 20 minutes a day are exposed to almost 2 million words per year."

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559-645-4864.

Jo Chase welcomes any volunteers to help set up and prepare the Treasure House on Wednesday, June 1 from 8 to 10 a.m. and Friday, June 3 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Card Games group is growing every month. Come and enjoy games, cards or puzzles every Thursday in June at 12:15 p.m. The regular players would love to have new people come and learn to play their favorite games.

On June 14, after the General Meeting at 1:30 p.m., the Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, will be giving a presentation about disaster preparedness and tips on what to pack in a "Go Bag" in case of an evacuation.

The Birthday and Anniversary Luncheon is at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Fresno on June 18 at 11:15 a.m.

Brown Bag Day is June 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can still sign

up with the Madera Food Bank and pick up your Brown Bag at the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center.

Coffee, Crafts and Conversation is on June 23 at 9:30 a.m. If anyone has a crafting project they would like to share with friends at the Senior Center, please contact us at 559-645-4864. We are encouraging willing volunteers to come and help plan future events on June 23 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting. The Senior Center would like volunteers to help plan a future car show, Bunco Party and raffle for the summer event calendar. Hot coffee and snacks will be provided.

Remember to vote on Tuesday, June 7, Election Day.

Happy Father's Day from the members of the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center.

Thought for June: "Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers and singers of song." - Unknown

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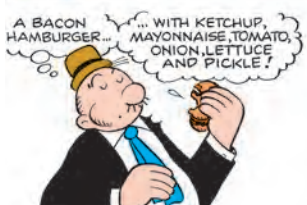
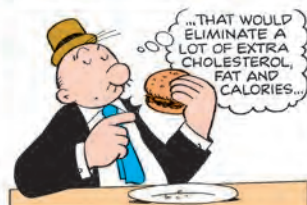
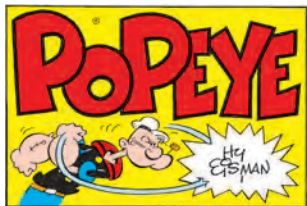
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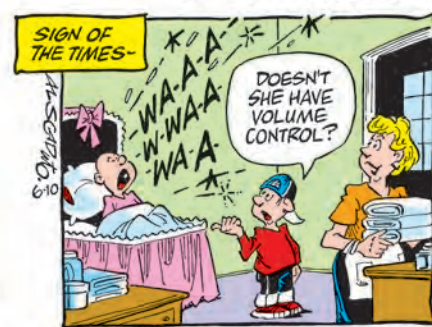
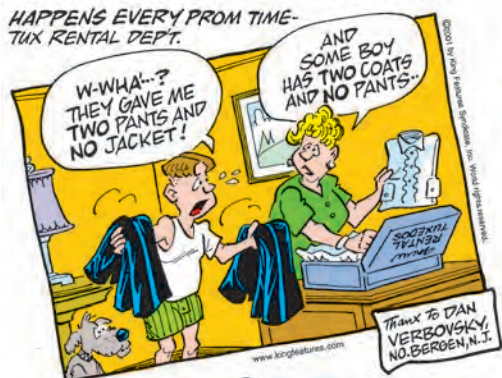
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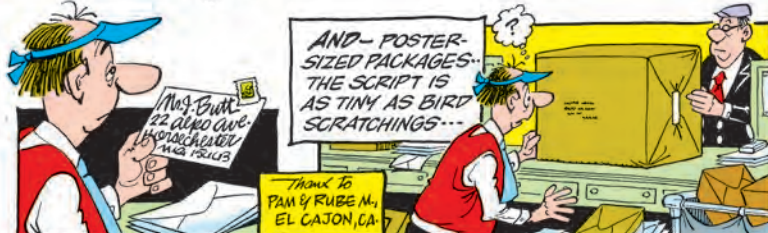
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ZOO'S WHO! It is the size of a hefty cat, has a long, ugly prehensile tail, carries its young in a pouch. When frightened it may feign death. What animal is that?

LINK-UPS! Challenge: See how quickly you can turn these 10 one-syllable words, right, into five two-syllable words by linking those on the left with those on the right.

Use a pencil to draw lines from left to right in making link-up connections.
F.Y.I.: A plat, in case you're wondering, is a surveying term for a chart or map.
Time limit: Not more than 30 seconds.
Answers are below, if you need them.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



OUT OF THE HAT NUMBER PAIRS

TEN numbers — 1 through 10—are placed in a hat, whereupon they are withdrawn two at a time.

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Remember, numbers in the hat are 1 through 10. Your task is to find five pairs of these numbers that total the stated amounts.

Hint: Only two of those in the hat can possibly total 4 — 1 and 3. Take it from there.

PLUM ROSE
PRIM BOIL
PAR FORM
PLAT MEAL
PIECE MET

Plum, meal—plummer, Prim, rose—primrose, Par, boil—parboil, Plat, form—platform, Piece, meal—piece-meal.

Pairings are: 1 and 3, 2 and 5, 4 and 7, 6 and 10, 8 and 9.

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

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TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What is an organism that depends entirely upon another organism for its existence?
2. HISTORY: When did the Suez Canal open?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What nation's second largest island is called Mindanao?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where was sherry invented?
5. MUSIC: Who was known as "the king of swing"?
6. DISCOVERIES: In what century was the ancient city of Troy rediscovered by archaeologists?
7. GOVERNMENT: Who was the longest-serving U.S. House Speaker?
8. MOVIES: Who directed the movie "It Happened One Night"?
9. ARCHITECTURE: How many churches did Christopher Wren design for London after the Great Fire of 1666?
10. TELEVISION: On "The Flintstones," what is Bam-Bam's last name?

Answers

1. Parasite
2. 1869
3. Philippines
4. Spain
5. Benny Goodman
6. 19th
7. Sam Rayburn (17 years)
8. Frank Capra
9. 52
10. Rubble

Amber Waves

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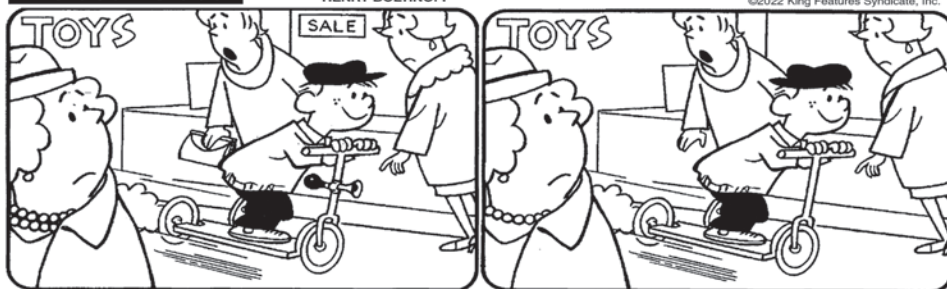
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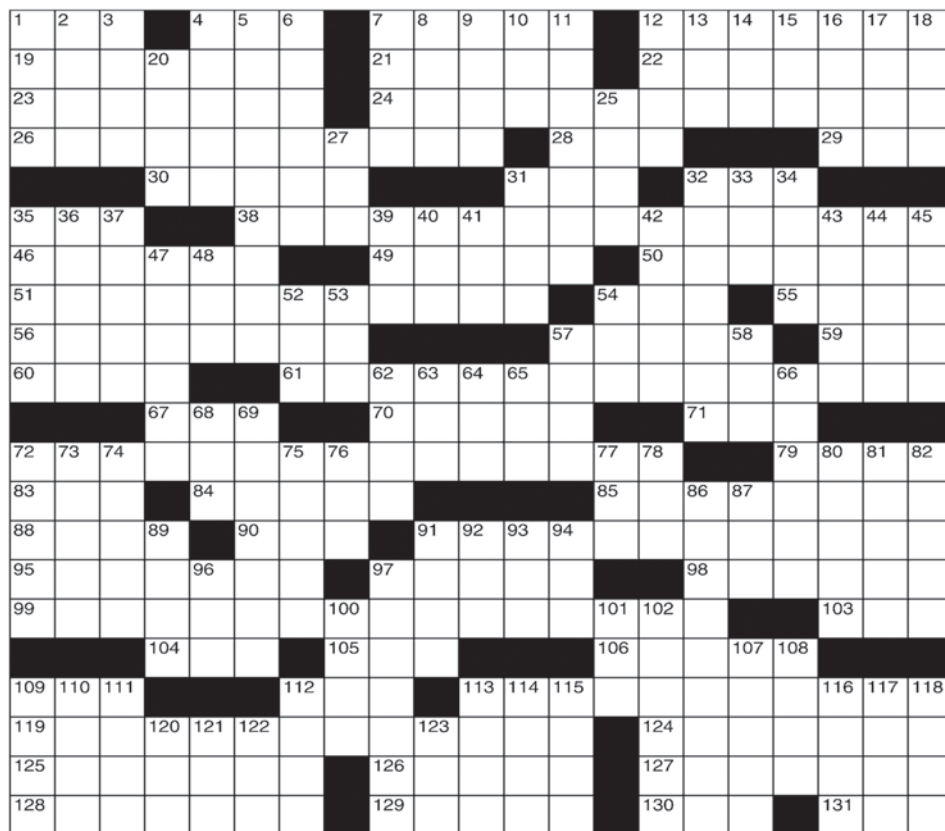
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Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Beads are missing. 2. Purse is missing. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Horn is missing. 6. Collar is different.

Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 June hrs.
 - 4 Cobbling tool
 - 7 Birthstone after opal
 - 12 Run-down 73-Down
 - 19 Deep musing
 - 21 Calm down
 - 22 Filled pasta squares
 - 23 Shady public walk
 - 24 1909 Literature Nobelist [Alabama]
 - 26 Runner-up of tennis' 2017 U.S. Open [Wisconsin]
 - 28 Enkindled
 - 29 Authorize to
 - 30 "Ye olde" place
 - 31 Quarterback Brady
 - 32 Counterparts of egos
 - 35 Cutely shy
 - 38 Cosmetics company founder [Montana]
 - 46 Paris-based cultural gp.
 - 49 Mysterious letters
 - 50 Washington subway system, familiarly
 - 51 Alfred Lunt's comedy partner [Massachusetts]
 - 54 Poker champ Ungar
 - 55 Spicy cuisine
 - 56 Last line on an invoice
 - 57 Abu — (emirate)
 - 59 Navy off.
 - 60 Plaintiff
 - 61 "Today" co-anchor [Georgia]
 - 67 Take in
 - 70 Higher
 - 71 Take in
 - 72 "Jane Eyre" novelist [North Carolina]
 - 79 Goad
 - 83 Go bad
 - 84 — -ski bar
 - 85 Sedentary
 - 88 LAX stats
 - 90 Comic Carrey
 - 91 Star of the reality show subtitled "Life's a Tripp" [Connecticut]
 - 95 Birthstone after ruby
 - 97 "The Liberty Bell" march composer
 - 98 Passionate
 - 99 "Weeds" actress [New Jersey]
 - 103 — Plaines
 - 104 Mag heads
 - 105 That lad's
 - 106 Motorola competitor
 - 109 Saturate
 - 112 Iceberg part
 - 113 "National Velvet" novelist [Oklahoma]
 - 119 1970 #1 hit for The Guess Who that's apt for this puzzle?
 - 124 "Woe Is I" author Patricia T. —
 - 125 Price ceiling
 - 126 Part of FDA: Abbr.
 - 127 Toto's owner
 - 128 Having been banished
 - 129 Decade units
 - 130 Golf course units: Abbr.
 - 131 Grafton's "— for Outlaw"
 - 5 State of a surviving wife
 - 6 Romance novelist Banks
 - 7 Stun with a charge
 - 8 Stay in line
 - 9 Good friends
 - 10 \$\$\$ holder
 - 11 Passionate
 - 12 Greek society
 - 13 Delay
 - 14 Abel's mom
 - 15 Broadcast
 - 16 — weevil
 - 17 Healing plant
 - 18 Donation
 - 20 Send out
 - 25 See 31-Down
 - 27 Kenan's sitcom buddy
 - 31 With 25-Down, perch for a nest
 - 32 Night demon
 - 33 Mil. award
 - 34 "Keep it in"
 - 35 Niche sects
 - 36 "The joke's —!"
 - 37 "Fiddler on the Roof" matchmaker
 - 39 Age
 - 40 Ursuline, e.g.
 - 41 Actress Miller
 - 42 Fido's jingler
 - 43 Antiquated anesthetic
 - 44 From Tehran
 - 45 Clamor
 - 47 Spider web, at times
 - 48 Toronto-based gridiron org.
 - 52 Sorority letters
 - 53 Caddy drink
 - 54 "Zip it up!"
 - 57 "Aw, rats!"
 - 58 Suffix with social
 - 62 Old Saturn SUVs
 - 63 LAPD alert
 - 64 "Weekend Edition" network
 - 65 Natal lead-in
 - 66 Set of seven
 - 68 Similar to
 - 69 Superbly done tasks
 - 72 Delicate pancake
 - 73 The Ritz, e.g.
 - 74 Pong creator
 - 75 Overused
 - 76 Pro —
 - 77 — for tat
 - 78 Rock's Brian
 - 80 Irritated
 - 81 Sheeplike
 - 82 Auto dings
 - 86 Northwestern Pacific fish
 - 87 ER skill
 - 89 Large or medium
 - 91 Enjoys some 1940s jazz
 - 92 Regret
 - 93 Syr. neighbor
 - 94 Hefty Cinch —
 - 96 "Old man"
 - 97 Slope on which a vessel is built
 - 100 Wispy
 - 101 Pol. wild card
 - 102 Unimportant person
 - 107 Stravinsky and Sikorsky
 - 108 Part of A.D.
 - 109 Indian dress
 - 110 Arab nation
 - 111 Singer Seeger
 - 112 Racket grip enhancer
 - 113 "The Circle" actress Watson
 - 114 Brand of hair remover
 - 115 Stay-the-night sites
 - 116 Informed of
 - 117 Utah city near Provo
 - 118 Abstainers from alcohol
 - 120 Writer Stout
 - 121 French for "here"
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 - 123 Poem type
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For sale -- Cemetery plots. Two plots at St. Peter's "Sacred Heart" section. No opening or closing included. Side by side location. \$4,500 each plot. **Call 559-312-0891 and please leave message.**

Housecleaning

Over 40 yrs of experience - References available - Lupe's House Cleaning, regular, general cleaning, residential, move-ins/move-outs, windows, construction clean up too. **LupePrado25@yahoo.com. 559-916-1528 or 650-771-2915**

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KEEP IT LOCAL - FREE RECYCLABLE PICKUP - KIDS 4 RECYCLING offers pickup of all recyclable materials including newspaper, shredded paper, containers, plastic, glass, aluminum and cardboard. **Call Diana at 999-6832.**

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- "White noise" is named such because, just as the color white is a mixture of many different shades at different ratios, it's a combination of all sound frequencies at once.

- Some of the first soccer balls were made of clothing filled with rubble.

- young Bangladeshi woman with two uteruses gave birth to twins less than a month after having a son.

- "Jazz on bones" or "Ribs" were bootleg vinyl recordings made from old X-rays with holes burned in the middle from cigarettes, used in the '50s and '60s to smuggle banned music into the Soviet Union.

- A vending machine offering live crabs debuted in 2010 in Nanjing, China, with sales of around 200 per day and a promised refund of three live crabs for any dead one dispensed.

- While enough was known about Halley's Comet in 1910 to predict its arrival, rumors about its dangers were so extensive that some people bought comet umbrellas and anti-comet pills in an attempt to protect themselves from it.

- Between 2006 and 2007, Poland's prime minister and president were identical twin brothers, making them the first siblings in history to hold those titles simultaneously.

- Ever wonder why sneezes frequently occur in threes? The first loosens the irritant. The second propels it to the front of your nose, and the third expels it. Problem solved!

- Cats, dogs and even insects can all experience insomnia.

- Stephen King, who has made a career out of scaring his readers, is scared of the number 13: While reading, he won't pause on a page with that number or a page whose number adds up to 13.

- Thought for the Day: *"Sometimes the steepest, most challenging and most rewarding paths in life are not meant to be walked, but crawled."* -- Toni Sorenson

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by Linda Thistle

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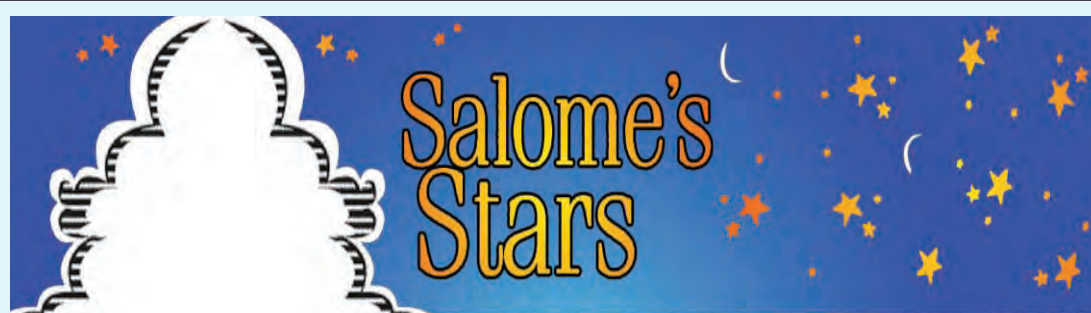
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GRIN and BEAR IT *by Wagner*



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**"We need a sound check, Senator. ...
Could you give us a no-comment?"**



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You Ewes and Rams will find your ideas cheered by a mostly receptive flock. Those few dissenters could well be turned around by your charm and powers of persuasion.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's time for the bold and beautiful Bovine to shake off the dust of the past and shape up with new ideas for the future. This could surprise some folks, but they'll soon adjust.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those nagging new doubts about an upcoming decision should alert you to step back so you can reassess its potential impact from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That unpleasant situation you hoped would go away by itself needs immediate attention before it affects an upcoming decision. Expect your supporters to rally around your cause.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're moving up and away from that recent setback. But remain cautious about finances. An exercise in thrift today helps cushion a possible end-of-the-month money squeeze.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're still dealing with overtones of pessimism that cause you to doubt your ability to make some needed changes. But the negative pressures will ease up by week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be some fallout from the way you handled a recent family problem. But those who know that you were in the right won't hesitate to step in on your behalf.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Financial strains ease by week's end. Meanwhile, focus on cultivating that new relationship if you hope to have it blossom into something more meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Health matters once again dominate the week. Be careful not to ignore recurrences of an old problem. An almost-forgotten commitment resurfaces.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The emergence of an unusual selfish streak could dismay those close to you. Defy it -- don't justify it -- so you can become your gracious self again.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reassess your decision to stay with the status quo. It might seem like the sensible thing to do right now, but changes around you could make that choice a risky one.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Move decisively but cautiously when dealing with a delicate personal matter. The fewer mistakes you make now, the less likely it is that the problem will recur later on.

Born this week

You can find beauty where many cannot. And you enjoy sharing your discovery with others.

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Anyone with Domestic Well or Water Quality Problems



If you are experiencing domestic well or water quality problems, contact "Self-Help Enterprises." Qualified people may have a water tank installed or have bottled water delivered. Call Drought Support at 559-820-1685 or contact them at droughtsupport@selfhelpenterprises.org.

Until further notice, the regular SEMCU meetings will take place via teleconference.

Our next meeting is Monday, June 20 at 6 p.m.

The teleconference number is 312-757-3121 and the Access Code is 715-657-949.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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