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It was a love for performing and not years spent in the pageant circuit that led the Madera Ranchos' Kindle Cowger to the first pageant she ever entered, and ultimately won. She won the title of Miss Fresno County in the spring of this year and went on to compete in the Miss California Pageant, the state level of the Miss America Pageant.

"I love performing and this was an ideal opportunity to perform and to earn scholarship money doing it," Cowger said.

Though competition in the state pageant was fierce, Cowger's performance of "Journey to the Past" from Anastasia the Musical, earned her a Non-Finalist Talent Award.

Life in Theater

Theater has been a huge part of Cowger's life from childhood. "I began performing alongside my mother at the age of 7 at Roger Rocka's [in Fresno] in a production of Guys and Dolls," she said.

It seems she's been performing ever since.

Cowger has performed in 40 theatrical productions in the Central Valley since 2004. Though performing professionally kept her quite busy, Cowger found time to play the part of Ariel in Liberty High School's Senior Class production of Footloose before graduating in 2013. She moved to Fresno to attend Fresno State where she graduated as a Theater Arts Major in 2018.

Twice Nominated

Cowger has also been nominated twice for the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Her platform in the competition was Americans for the Arts, an organization that seeks to bring attention and support to the value of the arts in America.

"My training in theater has absolutely helped me in my experience with pageants," she said. "I have theater to thank for

a lot that has happened in my life." When asked what her favorite part of participating in pageants has been, she said it's "definitely performing;" but when asked what her least favorite part of participating in pageants, she didn't hesitate: "Definitely the dreaded swimsuit competition."

Miss California is the state competition for the national Miss America pageant that is held annually in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Often thought of as a "beauty pageant," it is actually a scholarship pageant. Miss California for 2018, Mackenzie Freed, received nearly \$25,000 in scholarship money for her victory. The California pageant has been around since 1924 and the latest Miss America Pageant was held in September, crowning Miss New York 2018, Nia Franklin.

Cowger has enjoyed her year of service as Miss Fresno County and the opportunity to promote the value of the arts in America every chance she gets. "My focus right now," she said thoughtfully, "is to work as much as possible to prepare for a move to Los Angeles to pursue a career in theater. I'd love to one day appear on Broadway!"



Kindle's award-winning performance at the Miss California competition.

Madera County Fireplace Bans

The first fireplace prohibition of the season for Madera County was issued at the beginning of the month. A "Check Before You Burn, No Burning Unless Registered" wood-burning curtailment was put into effect on Thursday, Nov. 8 for Madera County by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. It was the first residential woodburning curtailment of the season for Madera.

The daylong mandatory curtailment was in place through midnight of the same day and prohibited the use of unregistered wood-burning devices because of poor air quality. The curtailment applies to burning wood and pellets in unregistered stoves and fireplace inserts as well as burning wood, pellets and manufactured fire logs in fireplaces or outdoor burning devices such as fire pits and chimeneas.

The daily wood-burning status for Madera County and its residents can be checked at www.valleyair.org/CBYB to see which of these three possible declarations is in place for Madera County:



No Burning curtailment: No one can burn at their residence



No Burning Unless Registered curtailment: Residents must register their emission-compliant wood-burning device with the District by visiting www.valleyair.org/CBYBregistration in order to use their device during this declaration



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Even with Rain, Ranchos May Still Experience Bad Air

Even with recent rain events throughout the San Joaquin Valley, continued smoke impacts from the Camp Fire burning in Butte County and Alder/Mountaineer fires in Tulare County have prompted local air officials to extend the current Health Caution and Air Quality Alert throughout the San Joaquin Valley. With poor dispersion conditions expected to continue, smoke impacts will continue Valley wide. The most severe smoke impacts are expected to occur in the northern counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced, creating unhealthy air quality in the region. The Health Caution/Air Quality Alert will remain in place and smoke impacts are likely until the fires are extinguished.



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trigger asthma attacks, aggravate chronic heart and lung diseases, and increase the risk of heart attack and stroke. Where conditions warrant, people with heart or lung disease should follow their doctors' advice for dealing with episodes of particulate exposure. People with existing respiratory conditions, young children and elderly people are especially susceptible to the health effects from these pollutants. Schools should revise outdoor activity plans in accordance with their local air quality conditions and can refer to the District's ROAR activity guidelines. Pets also can be affected by unhealthy air and should be brought indoors, if possible.

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Donna Gavello, Program Manager
American Cancer Society

Dear Editor:

I am hosting an event at Liberty High School. This event will be featuring talent from anyone in the GVUSD community, whether they are a student, teacher, parent or community member. All proceeds will be collected in order to help improve our

local Special Education Programs in the district. This event will be December 6th from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Liberty High School's theater. We will be having a tri-tip dinner, dessert raffle and a show made from talent in our very own community. If you have any questions pertaining to this event please feel free to contact me, Sarah Folsom at sarahmfolsom@gvusd.org.

I am a senior at Liberty High School and am currently serving as the ASB and Key Club President of my school. I have always wanted to put on an event that could reach many people in my community so we could make a positive impact that would improve the lives of others around me.

Sarah Folsom
Madera Ranchos

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overweight, too. You might be surprised to learn, though, that some pet owners choose to deal with the problem in a way that we usually associate only with people: liposuction. Yes, you can get cosmetic surgery for your pets.

• If you hear the word "Bilbo" you might think of a famously adventurous hobbit, but a bilbo is also a finely tempered Spanish sword.

• A recent study by scientist Karl Berg suggests that an adult green-rumped parrotlet, a tiny bird native to Venezuela, will "name" its babies, assigning each a particular series of peeps to identify it. Not only that, other parrotlets then learn to associate that exact series of peeps with that particular bird, and actually use the sounds to get that bird's attention.

• In the original version of the Grimm Brothers' fairy tale "Cinderella," doves peck out the stepsisters' eyes at Cinderella's wedding.

• Thought for the Day: "Life is not a spectacle or a feast; it is a predicament."
-- George Santayana

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

by Samantha Weaver

• It was civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. who made the following sage observation: "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

• Everyone knows that a sophomore is someone in his or her second year of high school or college. Most people don't realize, though, that the word is derived from the Greek words "sophos," which means "wise," and "moros," which means "stupid."

• Have you ever tried to hum while holding your nose? It can't be done.

• The creator of the ubiquitous smiley face earned a grand total of \$45 for his creative effort.

• If you're a pet owner, you probably know that the epidemic of obesity is not limited to humans; many pets are

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What Were They Thinking?

By Randy Bailey

It's rare in these politically charged times that a topic comes up that is truly bi-partisan. Something that has the same impact on the left as the right, the rich as the poor, black and white, Christian and atheist. Those topics are rare and when they come along it is up to all of us to rise to the occasion, take the proverbial bull by the horns and make a difference ...

Or not.

"Or not" is what the collective wisdom of California chose to do on November 6.

There are certain commodities that politicians in Sacramento believe they have complete power over. These commodities they feel they can add taxes onto with complete impunity. They can because they can. Now remember, they did nothing to produce these commodities: No planting, plowing, nurturing, growing, pruning, digging, exploring, researching and developing, transporting ... *nothing*. The commodity seemingly just exists and they are free to squeeze anything out of it they want for any cause they feel passionate about today.

The commodities that most readily come to mind are tobacco, alcohol and gasoline, and controlling gasoline prices was in our hands for the length of time it took to fill in a bubble on a ballot.

Prop 6 said "... *Notwithstanding any*

other provision of law, the Legislature shall not impose, increase or extend any tax, as defined in Section 3, on the sale, storage, use, or consumption of motor vehicle gasoline or diesel fuel, or on the privilege of a resident of California to operate on the public highways a vehicle or trailer coach, unless and until that proposed tax is submitted to the electorate and approved by a majority vote."

So there you have the three elements of the proposition that Californian voters just couldn't stomach: 1) Preventing the legislature from imposing new taxes on gasoline; 2) Preventing the legislature from imposing new fees on their car registrations; and 3) Letting the electorate vote on whether it wanted to be taxed or not. In wisdom that transcends anything remotely resembling, well ... *anything*, the voters sent a resounding NO vote. Their action said: "We WANT legislators in Sacramento to impose any taxes -- ANY taxes -- they see fit on the gasoline I pump at the gas station. After all, they do know best. I can't see any evidence of other times in California where they've over-promised and under-delivered. Excuse me while I go get on the Bullet Train."

Their action said: "We WANT legislators in Sacramento to impose any additional fees on my car registration that they can dream up. Never mind that my buddy's new Ford pick-up had a registration fee of just under \$1,000 and my '87 Nissan fees just about totalled the value of the car, they need my money a whole lot more than I do. I consider it an honor and a right to pay usury rate-style fees just to garage my car. Excuse me while I go watch all of our rainwater pour into the Pacific Ocean."

Their action said "We WANT legislators in Sacramento to have complete and total control over the breadth, width and depth of how much we are taxed by this ravenous state. They do, after all, know best. Or, at a minimum, better than me. Excuse me while I go watch illegal alien felons re-enter my sanctuary state for the fifth time."

Whether you're rich or poor, black or white, Democrat or Republican, you've got to buy gas for your car. You've got to register your car. You've got to endure the latest taxes sent down from on high. But for one fleeting moment we had a chance to do something about it and we chose "no."

What's wrong with us?

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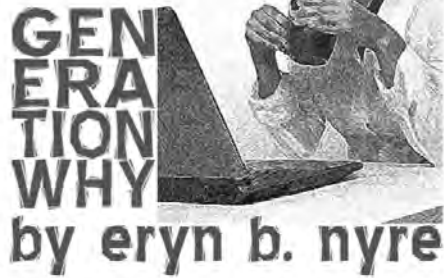
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Choosing Your Own Cross

I heard a story the other day that I had never heard before. It was the story of a man who had gone to the Lord to express his concerns about his burdens and trials. He told the Lord that his cross was too heavy and too big a burden for him to carry. The Lord listened then took the man to a room filled with crosses. He told the man to put his cross down and select another, any one of his choosing. The man searched through the crosses, scrutinizing them carefully. Some were too heavy for him to lift while others were small but had thorns and stickers and he knew they would be painful to carry. After many hours he finally selected one. It wasn't too big but there were no stickers or thorns and it seemed just right for him. He told the Lord that he would like to trade his cross in for this one. The Lord asked him if he was sure and when the man nodded the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you came to me with." I don't know if



work. The project was assembling "blessing bags." For those who don't know, a blessing bag is a bag filled with things such as food, water, socks, hygiene supplies, etc. These bags can be kept in your car and handed out to anyone who is in need. My coworkers and I gathered all the items to donate to the project

What started out as a regular shopping trip quickly turned into a lesson in humility. Rather than just throwing some random items into a cart we suddenly had to put ourselves in another's shoes, someone we didn't fully understand, someone who didn't have a home to go to.

it's the time of year or perhaps simply the place I am in my life, but this story resonated deeply with me.

There have been many times in my life where I've prayed for the Lord to ease my burdens. I have mistakenly felt that I carried heavier or more impossible loads than His other children. I doubt I'm alone when I say that there have been times when I have neglected to count my blessings and have, instead, focused on the difficulties I was facing. I know it happens, but hearing this story has brought into sharp focus the fact that we simply cannot lose sight of everything we have to be thankful for.

A couple of weeks ago I participated in a charity project for

then we all got together to assemble the bags. There was a huge turnout and it ended up being a truly eye-opening experience for me.

In preparation for the event I grabbed a friend and went to the store. What started out as a regular shop-

ping trip quickly turned into a lesson in humility. Rather than just throwing some random items into a cart we suddenly had to put ourselves in another's shoes, someone we didn't fully understand, someone who didn't have a home to go to. At first, we grabbed shower supplies but what if the person didn't have convenient access to a shower? We thought of food but what would be best for someone with no way to heat it? It was a humbling experience to stand there and think about all the times I have whined and complained about what I don't have when I have never had to worry about where or when I would be able to take a shower or how I would

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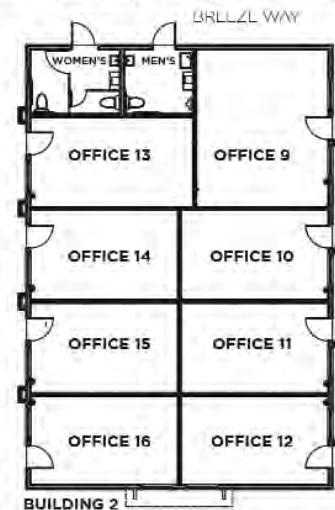
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heat up a meal. I don't have to think about selecting only canned food items that have the pop top because I may not be able to find a can opener. I go to the store and buy food. I go home and heat it up. I go upstairs and take a shower. I am blessed.

Like everyone else in the world, I do have my own crosses to bear and sometimes they feel extremely heavy to carry. Right now, work is chaotic and stressful and I worry every day that I may not have a job to go back to the next day. However, I don't have to worry about where I am going to get my next meal or where I'm going to sleep or how I am going to clean myself.

It's sad that it takes a holiday

for some of us to remember all the wonderful things for which we are grateful. I am grateful to have a home that is safe, warm and comfortable. I am grateful that I have running water and plenty of food in my cupboards. I am grateful for the people I have in my life, both friends and family, who uplift and support me. I am grateful that I was born to the most kind and nurturing woman ever to live. She taught me to be generous and loving. I am grateful to have the most dedicated and thoughtful father. He taught me to be a badger, which means work hard, always improve and never give up. For all these things and many, many more I am truly blessed and I am going to work harder to remember that, not only this Thanksgiving but throughout the entire year.

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Punching Up the Christmas Party



First of all, I want to thank my readers for your concern in missing my column last month. I have been under the weather for a while and didn't really care "whether school kept or not." I love to watch TV cooking shows to see what they are doing and to get ideas for you. But last month I was feeling so bad, I just about gagged even looking at pictures of food. So, when I told Randy that I couldn't write a column we decided to do a repeat, however just before he had to send the paper to the printer he discovered he needed the space my repeat column was using. He called me to tell me he was pulling my article, and I said, "Go for it." I couldn't believe in almost 10 years of writing this (first article was January 2009) I would miss one because I "just didn't give a darn." Thanks to all

As finger sandwiches go, the sky is the limit. Two or three flavors of bread – white, wheat, or rye. Deli meat – roast beef, turkey, chicken and ham. And cheese: American, Swiss or provolone. Make the sandwiches using mayonnaise, meat of choice and cheese and maybe a little chopped lettuce. Be light on the mustard because not everyone likes mustard. Cut the crusts off and cut the sandwich in triangles and you have a finger sandwich. Make at least two or three for each guest. If you will have kids at the party, make some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. But instead of cutting them into triangles, use a Christmas cookie cutter – Santa, a tree, a bell and the kids will love them.

my friends and family for their help and prayers through this, but I want to especially thank my sister Maxine. She was my chauffeur to doctor's appointments, my shopper and just about anything I needed. I don't know what I would have done without her. And thanks to Randy, Vicki and the girls

You'd like to have some neighbors, friends and family in on Christmas Eve that will be spending Christmas day with their own families. You want to have something to eat, but certainly not a three-course dinner. Simple and no stress, how about finger sandwiches, a couple of dips and a dessert?

for everything they have done. I'm not completely through this yet, but I think and pray (a lot) that I am on the getting well side.

That being said, let's get on with it. When you receive this paper, you will be just about ready to get the turkey ready for the oven or you will have the refrigerator full of left overs (yum!). There is not much point in talking about Thanksgiving, so let's talk about (you are going to hate me for this, but) Christmas!

You'd like to have some neighbors, friends and family in on Christmas Eve that will be spending Christmas day with their own families. You want to have something to eat, but certainly not a three-course dinner. Simple and no stress, how about finger sandwiches, a couple of dips and a dessert?

Another finger sandwich is the Tortilla Pinwheel – These should be made a day or two ahead of the party. You'll need:

Flour Tortillas – Also Spinach or tomato-flavored, if you can find them.

Spreadable cream cheese – plain or flavored,

your choice. There is chive-flavored or even jalapeño if you want to go spicy.

Thin sliced deli meat – roast beef, ham, turkey.

Greens: baby spinach, arugula, or thinly sliced lettuce.

Spread a thin layer of cream cheese over a tortilla.

Place slices of one of the meats over the cream cheese.

Sprinkle a thin layer of the greens over the meat and starting at one side of the tortilla; tightly roll to form a log. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate to set. When ready to serve, unwrap and slice in the desired thickness, about an inch pinwheel.

You'll need a couple of dips. There is always the old stand-by Onion Dip.

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1 container sour cream
 1 package dry onion soup mix.
 Mix together and refrigerate. This should be made a couple of days before the party to rehydrate the onions. Best served with ruffled potato chips.

A simple and easy to prepare dip is a brick of cream cheese topped with a jar of either shrimp or crab cocktail.

One of my favorite dips is one my niece Rachael introduced me to: Knorr Spinach Dip

Knorr Spinach Dip

1 package (10 oz.) frozen, chopped

spinach (thawed),
 1 1/2 C sour cream
 1 C mayonnaise
 1 package Knorr Vegetable Soup

Mix
 1 can (8 oz.) water chestnuts, finely chopped**
 3 green onions, finely chopped (optional)
 1 loaf soft French bread (round loaf if possible)

Squeeze as much liquid out of the thawed spinach until it feels dry.
 In a medium bowl stir together

spinach, sour cream, mayonnaise, soup mix, water chestnuts and green onions. Cover and refrigerate for at least two hours, preferably overnight.

When ready to serve, hollow out the bread and place the dip mixture in the bread. Break the hollowed bread into bite size pieces for dipping.

**Can use 1 stalk celery, finely chopped in place of the water chestnuts. For your buffet table you can have

a platter of raw vegetables, zucchini, carrots, cucumbers, celery, grape tomatoes with a bowl of ranch dressing for dipping. Also, maybe a bowl of pitted olives and bread and butter pickles. Don't forget three or four different flavored chips.

As for something sweet, make a pan or two of brownies from a box, or buy a couple dozen cookies at the bakery.

Use paper plates, napkins – keep it simple, no stress. If you have kids old enough to help, this would be a good time to have them help out, everything on the menu is easy to fix.

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**Does having more
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How would you like to travel back in time and sit down for a conversation with the Pilgrims? I did. Well, figuratively speaking. Several years ago, we visited Plimoth (not a typo) Plantation in Plymouth, Massachusetts. It's a living history museum with an entire 17th Century English Village. The townspeople are costumed role players portraying actual residents of Plymouth Colony. You can observe them going about their daily tasks in the garden, barnyard and making meals and goods. You can also engage them in conversation to learn more about what it was like in those early colony years.

As we walked from home to tiny home, I observed the sparsely furnished insides. A few beautifully carved pieces — a table or cabinet, likely chosen very carefully when they packed up their necessities and sailed to the new land. Talk about experts on downsizing.

But these people, the ones who were now living lean, were the ones who gave us what became our Thanksgiving holiday. In contrast to our material goods, they had very little to be thankful for.

But, does having a lot make us more thankful? In a word, no. Our gratitude doesn't exponentially increase along with our accumulation of possessions. In fact, just the opposite can occur when the abundance creates clutter, stress and discontentment.

Have you ever walked into a hotel room and felt the "ahhh" of a clutter-free space? You have brought your personal necessities; the hotel provides the rest — and that's all there is. No pile of stuff waiting to be dealt with or closet so crammed that you can't fit the clothes in it that you're wearing this week. There's less decision fatigue there because there are only three pairs

of shoes to choose from in the morning.

I, for one, am not ready to reduce my wardrobe to what would fit on three hooks like the Pilgrims, but I do want to be vigilant and not allow my stuff to replace my gratefulness with grouchiness. Here are some clues that you might be crossing the line:

You cringe when you open your hall closet.

You drop the bags of groceries on the pantry floor in frustration because there's no room on the shelves.

You feel guilty about making excuses for not hosting the family gatherings due to the clutter.

Clean clothes remain in a pile because there's no space to hang more stuff. Iron? Ugh!

You avoid certain rooms or areas of your home.

Now imagine the opposite. You can easily find and access what you need in your closets. Your kitchen pantry has ample space for current groceries. You gladly open your home to friends and family. Your clothes are all hung up and you can easily walk into your closet. You open every door without stress and shame.

How does that feel? Does it make you feel grateful? This is the dichotomy — too much stuff and feeling grateful. There's no harmony between the two. During this season of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to increase your gratitude ratio.

The Pilgrims remind us that it is not the amount of stuff that determines our ability to be thankful. Open the closet or cabinet door and let go of the stuff you don't need, use, or love and that will open the door to more gratitude as well.

Since we're hosting my family for Thanksgiving this year, I've created a list of 26 "I'm thankful for ..." conversation starters. If you'd like a copy, you can email a request to me at info@organizedbychoice.com, or if you prefer snail mail, you can call me at 559-871-3314. And, if the purge process is overwhelming for you, consider enlisting help from a friend, or Professional Organizer, like me.

May this Thanksgiving find you in a truly grateful state. Blessings on you and yours.

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Kiwanis Korner

Up to Speed with Ranchos Kiwanis

By Becky Koop

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

The Ranchos Kiwanis were "rolling in the fun" on Saturday, Nov. 3 as they held their first Bunko Fundraiser at the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center. They started with a full spaghetti and meatball dinner, played two rounds of bunko and had a silent auction as well. Many local businesses contributed to make this a fun-filled night.

The Kiwanis also assembled lunches for a recent Special Olympics bowling event held at the Bowlero Bowling Alley in Clovis. Our local Kiwanis club worked with Madera Kiwanis to provide a meal for all of the hungry participants.

As many of you know the Madera Ranchos Kiwanis Club focuses on the children here in our community. Their fundraising monies go toward programs,

including sports, affiliated with Golden Valley Unified School District. They sponsor the Key Club at Liberty High School and provide many volunteer opportunities for LHS students. The Ranchos Kiwanis have supported LHS Sober Grad and they also support many national programs such as the Special Olympics, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

The Madera Ranchos Kiwanis held their annual drive called "The Miracle Mile of Quarters" in which they contributed to lay out quarter after quarter to reach one mile. While creating quite a visual display this contribution also pro-

vided money for needed programs at Valley Children's Hospital.

The Ranchos Kiwanis meet at 6:15 p.m. on every Thursday evening, except the first Thursday of the month (when they hold their board meeting). Individuals from every walk of life join together at the Ranchos Pizza Factory to combine their efforts in helping their community. With laughter and gentle teasing, they work on community projects such as the Chamber's Crab Feed, the Kiwanis Fishing Derby, the Ranchos Tree Lighting Ceremony, and much, much more. The

Ranchos Kiwanis also have guest speakers that like to share their perspectives and needs with this local group. Recently Sally Moreno and Paul Hornick, who were in the November election for district attorney, gave presentations that provided insight into prosecuting local court cases. Chelan Shepherd also attended a meeting to update them on the GVUSD Freedom Home School Program.

Please check out the

beautiful Christmas Basket on display at the Ranchos Cafe. The Kiwanis are raffling it off to raise funds for their scholarship projects. Tickets are \$1 and the drawing will be held on Dec. 20 at their regular Kiwanis meeting.

We welcome new members to contribute to this dynamic organization. If you would like to come down on a Thursday evening and listen in, we would welcome your presence. Remember every Thursday (except the first one of the month) at Pizza Factory at 6:15pm.



Sauce mistress Bev Delk, right, applies the marinara to waiting Bunko attendees at the Kiwanis Bunko fundraiser held Nov. 2 at the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center.



Bunko players have the rules and finer points of the game explained during the fundraiser at the Rancho/Hills Senior Center.

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By Randy Bailey

By the end of the day on Nov. 6, one thing was crystal clear: California's slide to one-party rule by the Democrat party was apparently unstoppable. Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, controller, treasurer, attorney general, insurance commissioner and superintendent of public instruction were all democrats. Our U.S. senator is a democrat and was the result -- as were many of the races -- of choosing between two democrats running for one position. But is that how the Ranchos voted?

Using votes for governor (Cox v. Newsom) as an indicator, the Ranchos votes Republican. Of 5,135 votes cast in the governor's race, approximately 73.5 percent voted for Cox, leaving just 26.5 percent to vote for Newsom. Those percentages were pretty consistent for all of the state positions on the ballot. And Madera County as a whole was not far behind. For governor, Madera County voted 60.97 percent for Cox and only 39.03 percent for Newsom.

Another area where the Ranchos voted strong in the face of California's collective wisdom was Prop. 6, the

Election 2018

How the Ranchos Voted

anti-gas tax. The Ranchos voted nearly 70 percent for the bill while California collectively voted nearly 57 percent against lower gas prices, vehicle registration and say in future tax increases.

Knowing the direction the state was likely to go, it seemed the only elections the Ranchos would have a direct impact upon would be the local elections, namely, district attorney.

The district attorney race was between Madera

County Deputy District Attorney Paul Hornick and Fresno County Deputy District Attorney Sally Moreno. Hornick was employed by Madera County at the time of the race and Moreno was a former Madera County deputy district attorney.

At the conclusion of the election, Moreno won by a total vote of 19,779 votes to Hornick's 14,965. County-wide, that was 57 percent of the vote to 43 percent.

However, in the Ranchos, Hornick won the vote count. For the four areas that comprise the Madera Ranchos voting area, 2,373 people voted for Hornick versus 2,184 votes for Moreno, giving Hornick a slim 189-vote margin. In the Ranchos, the vote was divided approximately 52 percent for Hornick and 48 percent for Moreno. A little better than a coin toss.

And that slim margin was seen over and over again throughout Madera County in Hornick's case, but not in Moreno's. For the rest of the County, wherever Hornick won the vote, it was by a relatively slim margin; however, wherever Moreno won an area it was typically by a wider margin, explaining the 14-point swing in the final vote count.



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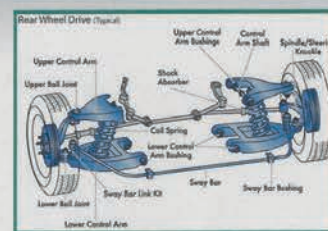
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Firefighters arrived on the scene around four in the afternoon and discovered the house burning. They reported that two people, and their pet dog, were home at the time and that ultimately everyone got away safely. However, they reported that when they arrived one of the two peo-

ple was on the roof. They were unable to determine if that person was on the roof attempting to put the fire out but did report that person was able to get off the roof on their own.

Fire officials estimate the fire damaged approximately 20 percent of the home, with the fire centered in the area above the garage.

There were no injuries and the fire is still under investigation.

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The most effective way to reduce exposure and avoid the ill effects of smoke is to stay indoors with windows and doors closed. If you have a central ducted air conditioning and heating system, run the system while keeping the fresh-air intake closed to prevent outdoor smoke from getting inside, and if possible, install a high efficiency filter with a MERV rating as high as the manufacturer of the system recommends.

Ranchos residents can use the District's Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) to track air quality at any Valley address by visiting myRAAN.com. The

RAAN monitors are designed to detect the microscopic PM2.5 particles that exist in smoke. Ash pieces, however, are much larger in size and will not be detected. If an area is impacted by smoke and ash fall, air quality should be considered "unhealthy" (RAAN Level 4 or higher) even if the monitor reflects a lower reading.

Ranchos residents can also check the District's wildfire page at www.valleyair.org/wildfires for information about any current wildfires and whether they are impacting the Valley. In addition, anyone can follow air quality conditions by downloading the free "Valley Air" app. For more information, call a district office in Fresno at 230-6000.



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Senior Report

Craft Fair Success and Holiday Wishes

By Margaret Tynan

Our Inaugural Annual Holiday Craft Fair was a success. Over 40 vendors displayed a wide variety of art and handmade items for sale. It was well attended by people from the local area and from Fresno, Clovis, Merced and other Valley communities. Many attendees and vendors gave us very positive feedback on the organization, presentation, variety and the friendly atmosphere. Thank you to the craft fair planning committee and to all the members, students and friends who helped in so many ways — set up, vendor space preparation, parking, clean up, etc. It could not have happened without such great teamwork. We look forward to doing it again on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 so mark your calendars.

The Writing Group meetings will begin again on Monday, Jan. 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Center. All are welcome. Be sure to come to the monthly Treasure House and Garden Sale and the Boutique and Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. to noon. It's the perfect time to stock up on goodies for the holidays. There are always yummy baked goods, many of which freeze well. There are also lots of lovely items to "Deck the Halls" and add to the merriment of the season. The traditional Ranchos/Hills Seniors Center members' holiday celebration and potluck will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11 beginning at 6 p.m. Delicious roasted turkey will be served. Bring a side dish to share and your table service. We'll see you there.

As we enter this holiday season, I think it is interesting to take a look at the origins of our Christmas celebrations. People throughout the world have been observing it with religious and secular traditions and practices for more than 2,000 years. Christians honor the birth of Jesus of Nazareth on Dec. 25. There are many popular customs that include going to religious services, spending time with friends and family, decorating pine trees, exchanging gifts and waiting for Santa. But historically in this country it hasn't always been celebrated. In fact, through the influence of the pilgrims who held strong Puritan beliefs, Christmas was banned in Colonial Boston from 1659 to 1681 and anyone caught with the holiday spirit was fined 5 shillings. With the American Revolution, all things English, including Christmas, fell out of favor in the U.S. During the 19th century, Americans began to embrace Christmas again, making it a family day of peace and nostalgia. It was declared an official federal holiday on June 26, 1870.

Many pre-Christian winter customs from many parts of the world are incorporated into our current-day holiday celebrations as well as traditions borrowed from our diverse population. A few examples: the Christmas tree from the ancient Vikings and Saxons who worshiped trees; wreaths and garlands symbolizing eternal life from the ancient Egyptians, Chinese and Hebrews; the Yule log burning during winter solstice from ancient Scandinavia; feasting, making merry and special attention to children from ancient Rome's winter solstice celebrations of Saturnalia and Juvenalia; eggnog from England; poinsettias from Mexico; the Epiphany or Three Kings Day from the Greek and Russian orthodox tradition. The list could go on. No matter what your family traditions are, may you have a wonderful holiday season filled with warmth, joy and love.

Thought for December: "To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone." — Reba McEntire



Just a glimpse of the wall-to-wall people and 40 vendors at the inaugural Annual Holiday Craft Fair held at the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center.



Car, Drive Thyself!

Hello 93636,

Earlier this month I was in Raleigh, N.C. as a guest of Car Quest Training Institute. One of the demonstrations I observed was an Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) camera alignment. Camera alignment is critical for ADAS and self-driving vehicles. The engineer placed alignment targets in front of the vehicle, beside the vehicle and attached to the rear wheels of the vehicle with light beams bouncing from target to target.

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Earlier this year, Ford Motor Co. announced its collaboration with the world's largest retailer, Walmart, to begin work on a driverless grocery delivery service. The joint pilot program will explore the use of self-driving vehicles to deliver groceries and other consumer goods. The Walmart project is the latest initiative from Ford to increase its self-driving delivery vehicle market.

"Like us, Walmart believes that self-driving vehicles have an important role to play in the future of delivery," said Brian Wolf, Director of Business Development for Ford's autonomous vehicle business. "Together, we'll be gathering crucial data about consumer preferences and learning the best way we can conveniently connect people with the goods they need."

Automating the arrival of goods to consumers' front porches would slash shipping costs roughly in half, experts say. Consultant McKinsey & Co. predicts that in less than a decade, 80 percent of all items will be delivered autonomously.

Ford and Walmart will test this concept as part of an existing grocery/delivery partnership between Postmates and Walmart. Postmates of Miami-Dade County Florida will play a crucial role in

the Ford-Walmart collaboration. Postmates currently delivers goods ordered from Walmart stores to customers' doorsteps in Ford vehicles. Since Ford and Walmart are already working with Postmates, the companies intend to use that infrastructure to get their pilot up and running quickly.

This project is not Ford's first venture into the delivery service industry. Since mid-February, Ford has completed more than 1,000 successful autonomous vehicle deliveries in the Miami, Fla. area for Domino's Pizza. Ford works with approximately 80 national and local companies to provide autonomous delivery options.

This isn't Walmart's first automated-vehicle partnership either. Walmart had been searching for cost-effective customer delivery options so earlier this year a store in the Phoenix, Ariz. area began working with Waymo, an independent self-driving technology company that began life as the Google self-driving car project in 2009. It transports customers to and from its store to retrieve groceries in autonomous Chrysler Pacifica minivans.

Although the technology is expensive, it will trim delivery costs. This cost savings and convenience will allow Walmart to be more competitive with rivals such as Amazon on-

line. Currently Walmart has grocery delivery options available in 800 stores across 100 urban areas nationwide. That number is expected to double next year.

As self-driving cars come closer to reality, automakers and tech giants are increasingly viewing driverless deliveries as lucrative business opportunity. Ford is emphasizing the usage of autonomous vehicle technology for commercial purposes. In July of 2018, Ford Motor Company created a separate business unit, Ford Autonomous Vehicles LLC, to develop technology for self-driving vehicles. Through 2023, Ford will invest \$4 billion in its subsidiary company. By 2021, the company aims to launch the production of commercial self-driving vehicles. Ford foresees a market worth \$332 billion developing by 2026, in which ride-hailing revenues will account for \$202 billion and delivery services valued at \$130 billion. Ford is "doubling down" on the commercial side of self-driving technology. It's a safer bet for Ford, and one that could pay off well.

According to Ford, the current business model of selling cars to customers via manufacturer dealerships generates a profit margin of 6-10 percent. Ford estimates the potential profit margin in the autonomous-vehicle business is "... much higher than that."

Ford has underwhelmed some investors be-

cause of its later launch date than competitors like Waymo and General Motors Co. Ford's explanation was not only will it deliver a purpose-built self-driving vehicle by 2021, it will also create a viable business model and market to go along with it.

For Ford, that amounts to launching thousands of self-driving vehicles for immediate and sustainable profits, which they believe is different than what other manufacturers are thinking. Ford announced plans to replicate its Florida model in the Washington D.C. market next year and a third city soon after. Currently Ford and Walmart are examining vehicle configurations and/or modifications necessary for grocery delivery, in which orders tend to be larger and more varied. They're also investigating how many individual orders can be supported on a single trip and what compartments are needed onboard to ensure orders are secured. One of the more challenging design areas is the successful delivery of perishable groceries.

OK guys, that's all for today. As always, I'm looking for interesting automotive topics to write about. If you have any suggestions or any specific questions about a specific vehicle, please text me at 559-907-7661.

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November Updates

More checks from the state of California for our Washing Machine/Dishwasher Grant have come in. With that, SEMCU was able to reimburse an additional 33 applicants that have purchased new Energy Star, Highly Efficient washing machines or dishwashers. That is \$350 back into your pocket, a total of \$18,100 in our local economy.

There is still money available, but this is a two-year grant and time is limited. So, if you have purchased or are thinking about replacing that old noisy machine with a new Energy Star, Highly Efficient washing machine or dishwasher, now is the time to do it. Please see the back page of the Ranchos Independent on how to get reimbursed or go to SEMCU's web page (www.semcu.org) for a form.

Our first grant for low-flow devices for the kitchen faucets, bathroom faucets and shower heads has expired. That was a two-year grant first issued in 2014. SEMCU was able to get it extended to this year but no longer. We are closing out the books on that and looking toward more grants. We still have some low-flow units available and they may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce at 37167 Ave. 12 #5C. The Chamber is open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The devices are yours simply by filling out some paper work.

SEMCU's grant writer has stepped down due to increased job responsibility, so we are in search of another (one or two) writer that could help us with grants. If you are interested, please let us know by attending a meeting. Promise, we don't bite.

Please plan on attending one or more of our meetings held at the Ranchos Pizza Factory at 37184 Ave. 12 every third Monday of the month starting at 6 p.m.

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by Linda Thistle

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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The Rule of Law Requires Consequences

By Betty Van Valkenburg

If there are no consequences for breaking the law, there really is no law.

And that seems to be where we are headed; some elected officials and a favored few pay no price for their misdeeds.

Consider the mother laying down the law to her rebellious child riding in the grocery cart. "Now Johnny, I've told you 10 times already to stop throwing stuff on the floor. Do that one more time and you're really gonna' get it!" Johnny isn't scared to get it because he knows there is no "it" to get. And so, Cheerios go overboard for the eleventh time with no consequences for Johnny. The simple solution, of course, is to take away the Cheerios, but instead little Johnny is rewarded for his lawbreaking.

He knows from experience that Mom won't enforce her own laws, and sadly we know that politicians can't be trusted to follow or enforce the laws they pass or to act responsibly.

Year after year, we give them our votes instead

of Cheerios and rides in limousines instead of shopping carts. "Now Congressman Smith, you've promised through three elections to secure the border. Fail us one more time and we'll..."

Well, what *will* we do?

If you insert "You've promised to balance the budget..." or "... pave the roads..." the result is the same. They get reelected and we get them for two, three or six more years.

Consider that Gov. Jerry Brown and legislators, who swore to protect and defend the Constitution and

whose highest duty is to keep Californians safe, declared California a sanctuary state where foreigners who broke into the country can evade the consequences and passed laws to let criminals out of jail early.

Consider U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters, who told supporters to create a crowd and confront Administration officials so they can't go to gas stations, restaurants or department stores. The last time I checked, she hasn't been censured, expelled or arrested, but rather rewarded with reelection by a landslide and is to be named chairman of the important Financial Services Committee.

Consider the FBI officials who exonerated Hillary Clinton before a full investigation of her clearly illegal private phone and server use that jeopardized national security.

Consider Democrats who in lockstep support open borders as humane and desirable.

Consider the Broward County, Fla., elections supervisor who has, at worst, broken election laws or, at least, performed incompetently in three consecutive elections, yet she keeps getting reelected.

Perpetrators may not reap the consequences for their actions, but others surely do.

In Johnny's case, while he gets a free ride and snacks, shoppers have to dodge his messes and store employees have to clean up after him.

While Jerry Brown rides off into the retirement sunset, vowing to save us from global warming, California citizens watch crime rates skyrocket.

While Maxine Waters enjoys her perks and new-found authority, victims of her followers

who do her bidding are hounded out of public places and have their homes attacked.

While Democrat officials who encourage illegal immigration live in their comfortable neighborhoods, sometimes behind nice fences, citizens living elsewhere lose their jobs to cheaper labor and fear MS13 violence.

While most of those crossing our southern border illegally are probably ordinary folks truly seeking a better life, mixed among them is undoubtedly a criminal element. Once they are here, they can enjoy

sanctuary in California or dozens of American cities, remain in the shadows and commit identify theft and other crimes in order to get by. American citizens, although sympathetic to the truly downtrodden, pay the price.

While Brenda Snipes of Broward County shirked her duty, all of America waited for election results and wondered whether, with boxes of ballots appearing from nowhere, the election was free and fair.

While some FBI officials have paid for their misdeeds, Hillary Clinton has not only gotten off scot free so far, but she had the privilege of running for President of the United States. (She came in second.)

So what can we do?

Education is the key to voting wisely. It's hard to discern the truth while bombarded by rabid political propaganda and 24/7 coverage. These days Senator X's sneeze attack gamers coverage on every channel and website. If the coverage leans left, the number of sneezes is a coded message to Russia. If it leans right, the sneezes are the senator's benevolent attempt to cool the stuffy room. The truth may be that the senator has a cold.

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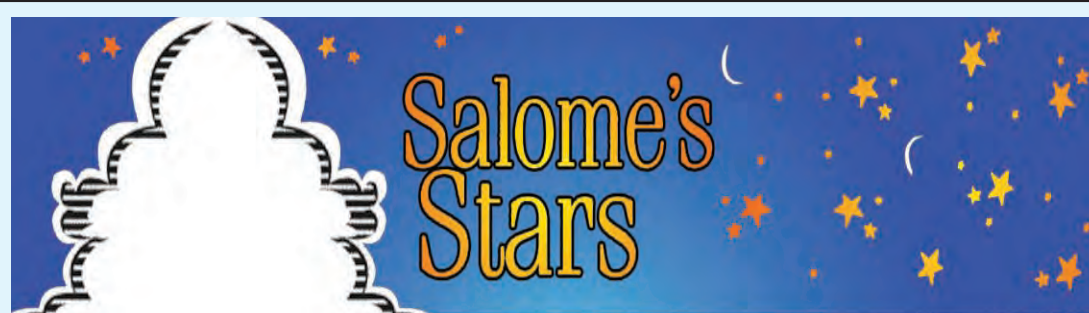
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is useless, and also unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A sudden flash of Bovine practicality shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture. A spouse or partner offers some sage advice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared with several "Plan Bs" that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your carefully constructed schedule.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might think you'll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. Cheer up. The pressure eases as holiday time nears. An old friend brings good news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a co-worker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere "I'm sorry" could prevent problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other, potentially more worthwhile projects. A personal matter needs your attention.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You usually have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week. Check the facts before you act.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect on how this turn of events might be a blessing in disguise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let counsel from others overshadow your own sense of perception. Things become clearer by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week's end, you should be in full command.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Caution is still your watchword in these matters. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week's end.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by the week's end. Plan to spend the weekend with someone special.

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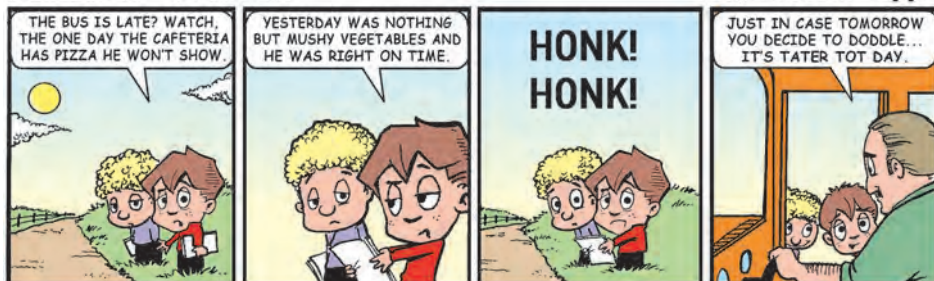
Born this Week

You have a passion for life that inspires others to follow your example. You could be a motivational speaker.

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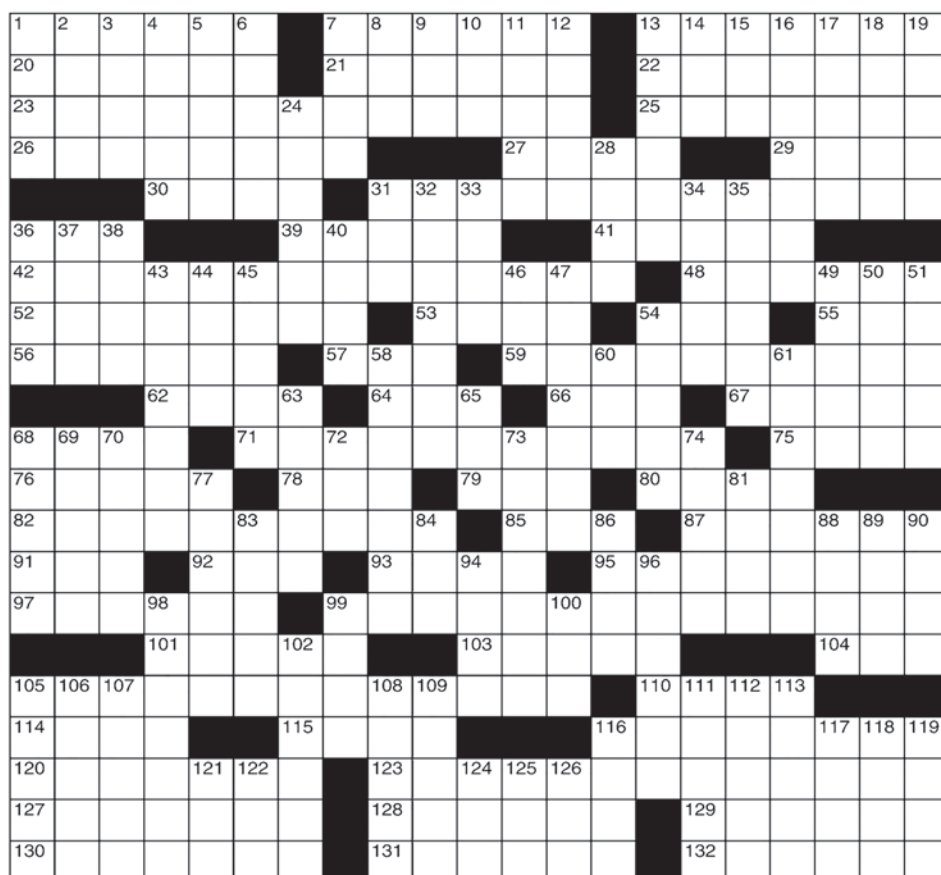
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Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Football is turned. 2. Arm is shorter. 3. Fence is shorter. 4. Helmet stripe is missing. 5. Kite is missing. 6. Shirt is shorter.

Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Phase
 - 7 Animals with two legs
 - 13 Eyelash makeup
 - 20 1960s space program
 - 21 Earhart in a cockpit
 - 22 Hires
 - 23 218 or more seats in Congress [BROWN]
 - 25 Simple tunes
 - 26 16th-cen. nun of Avila
 - 27 Bird of New Zealand
 - 29 Magazine for a fashionista
 - 30 "SCTV" bit
 - 31 Heart-tugging facet of a media story [SIMONE]
 - 36 Oral health org.
 - 39 Wed
 - 41 Heighten
 - 42 Verses using visual devices [GABRIEL]
 - 48 Golden Arches sandwiches with barbecue sauce
 - 52 Person held in custody
 - 53 —-dieu (prayer bench)
 - 54 Seoul's region: Abbr.
 - 55 King, in Nice
 - 56 Certain Greek
 - 57 "— dare?"
 - 59 2010 Kevin Spacey film [MITCHELL]
 - 62 Sleuth's tidbit
 - 64 Hailed car
 - 66 Bus.
 - 67 Wrist wear
 - 68 Cod or koi
 - 71 Romanian
 - 75 Letters after wyes
 - 76 Artist for a comic book
 - 78 Up — point
 - 79 Dieter's target, often
 - 80 Dr. — (1990s TV therapist)
 - 82 Substantial number [CALLAS]
 - 85 "... — iron bars a cage"
 - 87 Salad staple
 - 91 Farm mother
 - 92 Solder stuff
 - 93 Gulf republic
 - 95 Switchboard worker
 - 97 Balkan republic
 - 99 Warning message [BENNETT]
 - 101 Lover boy
 - 103 A bit warm
 - 104 Bovine call
 - 105 Setting of hearings for minors [DION]
 - 110 — -tat-tat
 - 114 Algerian port
 - 115 Purim's month
 - 116 Lover's tune
 - 120 Ocelot, e.g.
 - 123 Supporting vocalists (or an apt alternate title for this puzzle)
 - 127 Jack of fitness fame
 - 128 Wisdom goddess
 - 129 Ogle
 - 130 Climbed, as a rope
 - 131 Not so fat
 - 132 Disco effect
- DOWN**
- 1 Oohs and —
 - 2 Jaguar mark
 - 3 Look sulky
 - 4 Nobody — (only mine)
 - 5 Store assistant
 - 6 Marisa of Hollywood
 - 7 Cabo's peninsula
 - 8 "I believe," to texters
 - 9 — diem
 - 10 Wallach of Hollywood
 - 11 NFL great Mike
 - 12 "Know what I'm —?" ("Get it?")
 - 13 City north of Mecca
 - 14 Vocalist
 - 15 USMC NCO
 - 16 Provider of dishes
 - 17 Quick-footed
 - 18 Film rolls
 - 19 Thing of use
 - 24 Sagacious
 - 28 Slim and muscular
 - 31 Mod
 - 32 Idealistic
 - 33 Painter Jan van der —
 - 34 The Bard's "— of Athens"
 - 35 Place in trust
 - 36 "Black Ice" rock band
 - 37 Active sort
 - 38 Stud fee?
 - 40 It's a must
 - 43 One behind a batter
 - 44 Oman's currency unit
 - 45 Blah feeling
 - 46 Muscle jerk
 - 47 Wince at, e.g.
 - 49 Mad as heck
 - 50 Lawn bowling game
 - 51 Many Punjabis, religionwise
 - 54 Mail station
 - 58 Nauru and Fiji's area
 - 60 Pirate realm
 - 61 Guy playing bebop, say
 - 63 John at the piano
 - 65 Purse
 - 68 Shril flutes
 - 69 Dazzled
 - 70 T-bar user
 - 72 Bettor's slip
 - 73 Less cloudy
 - 74 Diner
 - 77 Allotment
 - 81 Whig's rival
 - 83 Florida city
 - 84 Capote, to friends
 - 86 Rice-A- —
 - 88 Thing split in fission
 - 89 Dog in Oz
 - 90 Dunkable treat
 - 94 Aleutian island
 - 96 San Diego ball team
 - 98 Actor Fraser
 - 99 Not single-sex, as a school
 - 100 Decide (to)
 - 102 Jubilant
 - 105 Lower cheeks
 - 106 — the Hittite
 - 107 Vocalist Frankie
 - 108 Rebels' ring
 - 109 Sermonize
 - 111 Seed cases
 - 112 Basic belief
 - 113 Fury
 - 116 Argue (with)
 - 117 Streamlined, for short
 - 118 Uncolorful
 - 119 Punta del —
 - 121 Channel for Jake Tapper
 - 122 Meth- ender
 - 124 Third of a dance move
 - 125 Writer Kesey
 - 126 Article in Arles



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