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## LIBERTY HIGH HOMECOMING 2013

**LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATED ITS HOMECOMING ON FRIDAY, OCT. 18 WITH A DISNEY THEME. STUDENT CURTIS "MICKEY" MONK (LEFT) SHARES A RIDE AROUND THE FOOTBALL FIELD WITH CARLA "MINNIE" HELMS WHILE LHS TEACHER TIM HAYES CHAUFFEURS. MONK WENT ON TO BE CROWNED HOMECOMING KING AT THE EVENT.**

*Photo courtesy of John Glueck*

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## Bigelow's Livestock Theft Legislation Signed into Law



On Wednesday, Oct. 23, Assemblyman Frank Bigelow's Assembly bill 924 was signed by Governor Jerry Brown and will be-

come law next year. The signing of AB 924 is momentous for the Assemblyman as it marks his first bill to make it to the Governor's Desk and leave with a signature.

"I am excited rural California has a voice, and the Legislature is listening," said Bigelow. "I look forward to presenting more solutions for rural California in 2014 that can be supported by Governor Brown."

AB 924 will establish a fine of up to \$5,000 for anyone convicted of livestock theft and allows local officials to accurately track statistics on how many people have been convicted of stealing livestock. The proceeds that are collected from the fine will go to the California Department

of Food and Agriculture's Bureau of Livestock Identification (BLID) to help bring closure to current open cases and to help combat future livestock theft.

"In California, there has been a rise in livestock theft resulting in significant costs to California's ranchers. AB 924 is intended to discourage criminals from these costly crimes," Bigelow said. "AB 924 ensures that criminals will be prosecuted and the roadmap to prosecution if the law is violated. This bill is a win for rural California and California's Agricultural Industry."

Frank Bigelow represents the 5th Assembly District, which includes the Madera Ranchos.

## "White Cane Day" Coming to Ranchos in November

The Madera Ranchos Lions Club is hosting its first "White Cane Day" on Saturday, Nov. 23 in front of the Rancho's Market at 37405 Avenue 12 from 8:30 a.m. until dusk.

The Lions Club is best known for its efforts in fighting blindness and other sight-related issues. White Cane Days historically are used for fundraising with the money raised going directly to research and assisting those with impaired vision. The Ranchos Lions Club is asking you to please come by and bring your old glasses that you no longer need, or make a donation to get an official "Lions Club White Cane" and learn more about the local Lions club.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with over 1.35 million members in more than

46,000 clubs worldwide. Lions Club members are men and women who are active in community projects in more than 208 countries and geographic areas. They were founded in 1917 and, although best known for fighting blindness, Lions Club members also perform volunteer work for many different kinds of community projects, including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.



In addition to the White Cane Day on Saturday, Nov. 23, the local Ranchos Lions Club meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Ranchos Pizza Factory at 37184 Ave. 12 in the center of the Madera Ranchos. The Ranchos Lions Club provides an opportunity to make a positive difference in our community.

## Woman Sics Dog on Sheriff's Deputy

A Bass Lake woman sits behind bars accused of assaulting a neighbor and reportedly siccing her Pitt Bull mix on a Madera County Sheriff's Deputy. Gwen Lucille Sherrell, 52, was arrested the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 12 at her Bass Lake home.



Gwen Lucille Sherrell, 52, is accused of fighting with just about everyone in Bass Lake on Saturday, Oct. 12, and then sending her dog out to attack a Deputy Sheriff.

Shortly before 2 p.m. on Oct. 12, Deputy Gerald Marin responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Road 222 and Road 432. Witnesses say Sherrell was standing in the middle of the street, with a large dog running loose by her side. She was reportedly blocking traffic on both sides and shouting obscenities. She then assaulted a man in a wheelchair – punching him twice in the face. By the time Deputy Marin arrived on scene, she was back in the

streets, blocking traffic in both directions and shouting profanities at a wedding party taking place nearby. When Deputy Marin tried to detain her, she took off running toward her home, and reportedly gave her dog a command to attack. The Pitt Bull mix immediately charged at the deputy, who had no choice but to shoot at the dog. With a grazed ear, the animal ran back to the house and both dog and suspect ran inside.

Sherrell was finally taken into custody nearly an hour later without further incident. She was transported to Madera County Department of Corrections where she remains with bail set at \$10,000. Animal Control was called to the home and took possession of Sherrell's two dogs.

## Pot Grow Found

On Monday, Oct. 21, Narcotics Agents concluded a two-month long investigation into a cultivation operation that rendered more than 600 pounds of marijuana. MAD-NET Agents, assisted by Madera County Sheriff's Office Deputies, executed a search warrant at a residence near Avenue 17 and Amador Street in the County of Madera, approximately halfway between the Ranchos and the City of Madera. Agents seized over 383 pounds of processed marijuana, 291 marijuana plants and one shotgun. Each plant is capable of producing at least one pound of marijuana or more.

Agents believe this property was being used for routine cultivating and harvesting of marijuana. In addition to the processed pot and marijuana plants, Agents also discovered paraphernalia inside the home indicative of sales and transportation of marijuana.

Residents produced medical marijuana recommendations which would have allowed them to possess 18-22 pounds collectively.

## Pay it Forward: Contest Winners Share Good Luck

### Ranchos Family Wins Annual Propane Giveaway, Then Gives Away 100 Gallons to Needy Family

By Silas Verrinder

With winter on the way, and energy costs on the rise, the story of a local Ranchos business donating propane to two local Ranchos families has warmed homes and hearts. A local couple has partnered with Valley Propane in order to donate over 100 gallons of propane gas to a local Ranchos family in need.

When Tony and Ana Colorado were told that they had just won Valley Propane's yearly drawing for 250 gallons of free propane gas, they immediately chose to donate over a 100 gallons of it to a Ranchos family in need. With the

*"This is an amazing story of someone in the Ranchos helping someone else in the Ranchos ... At a time when costs are rising and incomes are falling all over the country, Ranchos people are still finding ways to show other Ranchos people that we are more than a spot on the map – we are a community."*

Christmas season just around the corner, this local couple is living the old adage that it is better to give than to receive.

In early September, Valley Propane manager Vince Guthrie notified Tony and Ana that they had won the drawing. "When we called them and told them they had won 250 gallons of free gas they were very excited," Guthrie said. "But their tank only held about 140 gallons." When he told them there was gas left over, they immediately requested that the remainder be donated to a local family in need.

"We are so happy to have won this

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Ray Krause, Jr. of O'Neals wants to be our next District 1 Supervisor.

## Ray Krause, Jr. Enters Crowded District 1 Supervisor's Race

In what may turn out to be a crowded ticket, local businessman Ray Krause, Jr. has officially filed to run for the Madera County District One Supervisorial seat in June of 2014. District One was previously represented by O'Neals rancher, and now State Assemblyman, Frank Bigelow.

Krause, also from O'Neals, recently served 3 1/2 years as District One Planning Commissioner. "My decisions on the Commission were made with great consideration

for potential long term economic benefits to all residents of Madera County, not only for those in my district. Water is certainly the main issue with the High Speed Rail scam and pension reform as close seconds. Development is inevitable so it must be orderly, attractive and sustainable" Krause said. "Madera County has a rare rural, agricultural and historical legacy which needs to be encouraged, shared and protected. I think that my military operations experience and

decades of successful business and financial management have given me a unique common sense perspective on county management. Plus, I enjoy listening and learning from others."

Krause has spent 25 years in the financial services industry with The Equitable Financial and Massachusetts Mutual creating and preserving wealth for clients and associates in the

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# State Fuel Standard Putting Us at Risk



By Rick Farinelli

When you think about your local county government, you usually think about things like parks, libraries, building codes and other services and rules for which your elected representatives are responsible. One thing you probably don't think of is the enormous amounts of fuel it takes keep things humming in your community.

Local governments are among the largest fuel users in California. We operate fleets of police, fire and emergency response vehicles, waste removal trucks and maintenance vehicles. The cost of fuel is a constant budget concern.

Now local governments – and that means taxpayers – are facing a regulation that could not only materially increase the cost of fuel, it could cause serious supply disruptions. It's the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) and it wasn't invented by your City Council/Board of Supervisors or approved by voters – it's the work of the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Like many government regulations, the LCFS is well-intended. The goal is to reduce global warming emissions by requiring refiners to produce lower-carbon fuels and increase the use of non-petroleum fuels, biofuels and other low-carbon fuels. Unfortunately, CARB has put the cart well before the horse. The LCFS is infeasible because

there's currently not enough low-carbon fuel to go around and what there is will be enormously expensive. Further, low-carbon fuel technology is not sufficiently advanced to provide adequate, reliable supplies in the foreseeable future. Lest you think this is just oil company rhetoric, think again. According to Dr. Severin Borenstein of the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business, "There is really not any low carbon fuel that is even close to cost-competitive today."

It gets worse. A study conducted by the well-respected Boston Consulting Group recently found that in addition to increasing the cost of fuels, the LCFS could also kill thousands of jobs, cost California billions of dollars a year in lost taxes, and cost local

governments millions of dollars in property tax revenues. And the Wall Street Journal recently opined: "The California government is forcing oil and gas companies to sell a fuel that barely exists ... Californians could pay \$6 dollars a gallon ... The only real argument is over the extent of the eco-

*It will also do little to nothing to reduce global warming since California accounts for only a minuscule percentage of the world's carbon emissions. We're more likely to actually increase those emissions by importing biofuels and LCFS-compliant feedstocks from other states and countries.*

nomonic damage." Here in Madera County that damage will hurt a lot more. Our county's unemployment rate is well above the state average and because much of our economy is largely dependent on fuel for equipment and transportation, the LCFS is sure to make things a lot harder here and in other Valley communities.

So why is CARB so stubbornly insistent on forging ahead with a rule that will kill jobs, cost billions of dollars in lost revenues, drive up the cost of fuel and opens the door to se-

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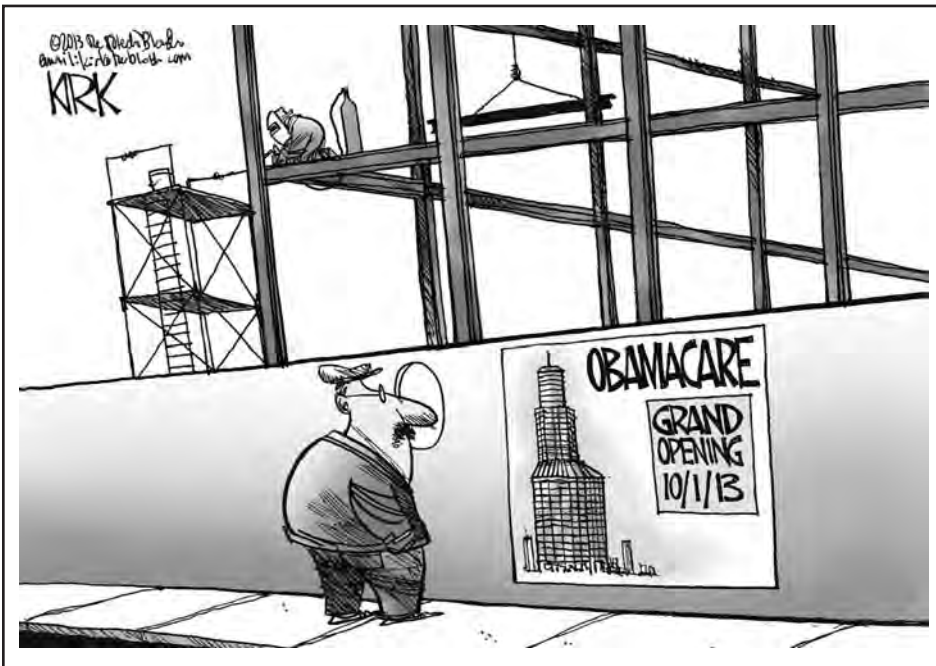
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Guest Editorial

Ted Cruz Wins

By Rich Lowry

Long ago, Ted Cruz earned the hatred of every elected Democrat in Washington. Now, he's on his way to doing the same with nearly every Republican.

He is, to paraphrase Winston Churchill's quip about Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, a bull who carries a china shop with him. He had barely begun his 21-hour filibuster -- or, to be strictly precise, 21-hour-long speech -- when he compared his doubters to appeasers of Adolf Hitler, and he ended it roughly a day later with a prickly exchange with Senate Major-ity Leader Harry Reid.

The Cruz eye-rollers had plenty of occasions to roll their eyes -- perhaps no senator has caused so many colleagues to mutter under their breaths in his first eight months in the world's greatest deliberative body -- but the conservative grass roots cheered. They are desperate for passion and, above all, fight, and Cruz delivered them during his long hours holding forth on C-SPAN2.

We should stipulate upfront that he is not going to defund Obamacare. As a legislative strategy, the defund effort is far-fetched to the point of absurdity. The theory is that after a government shutdown, pressure becomes so intense on Democrats that Reid buckles and passes a measure defunding Oba-

macare, and Barack Obama signs it.

Why would a little downside political risk in the current confrontation move them? We're talking about a party that spent decades trying to pass something like Obamacare and a president who was content to lose his House majority over it.

The Cruz all-nighter wasn't a legislative tactic so much as it was what 19th-century anarchists called "the propaganda of the deed." It made a point. It dramatically reaffirmed Republican resolve to repealing Obamacare. It also saved Cruz's reputation among the tea-party conservatives. By spending nearly an entire day attacking Obamacare on the Senate floor, Cruz demonstrated enough gutsiness to take the sting out of his imminent defeat.

In the longer run, the outcome in the short term is irrelevant to Cruz's stature as a conservative leader. No one asked whether Ronald Reagan had successfully blocked the ratification of the Panama Canal Treaty in 1977 when he ran for president in 1980. For that matter, no one asked whether Sen. Barack Obama had successfully defunded the Iraq War in 2007 when he ran for president in 2008.

Obama's example is instructive: When before have we heard of a new senator capturing the imagination of his party's base, establishing an unimpeachable standard of purity on a hot-button issue absolutely essential to it and beginning to run for president shortly after arriving on the national scene?

Who knows whether Cruz ultimately tries the same thing. But the scoffers are probably the same kind of people who chuckled at backbencher Newt Gingrich giving speeches to an empty House chamber on C-SPAN so many decades ago. Gingrich was playing an outside game, and so is Cruz. The disdain for him among insiders will be inversely related to the admiration for him among the much more important outsiders.

They will sustain him in a crusade against Obamacare that, alas, will extend long beyond this fall's fiscal fights.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# Fed, State and Local Reps Visit

By Audrey Stock

Hi neighbors,  
I am looking out my back door at my orchard. The tree leaves are changing colors except for the citrus trees which are bright green and heavy with fruit. Fall is here – you can feel it in the air. I am picking limes now which always are the first citrus tree to get ripe. I just finished picking plums and walnuts. My father, who died in 1992, decided that the back of my lot was just the right size for a small orchard. The next thing I knew there were 30 new trees and 10 grape vines in the back lot. He left me room for a small lawn around my new house. He planted a combination of stone fruit, citrus and nut trees. When he was alive every spare inch of ground had vegetables and melons growing on it. At my age I am doing well to keep the fruit and nuts picked and the trees taken care of. There is something going on in the orchard all year long.

On Monday, Oct. 14 the Ranchos/Hills Seniors held their monthly general meeting. Special guests were Assemblyman Frank

Bigelow; Ian LeMay, Congressman Jim Costa's District Director; Manuel Nevarez, Madera County District 1 Supervisor; and Rhonda Cargill, Nevarez' Legislative Assistant.

Ian LeMay presented an American flag that had flown over the U.S. Capital in Washington, D.C. to Ranchos/Hills Seniors President Debbie Farr. Thank you, Jim Costa. The Center was in need of a new flag.

Supervisor Manuel Nevarez presented the California flag to President Debbie Farr. Assemblyman Frank Bigelow got to the Ranchos/Hills Senior Center a little late because he had been traveling all day and you could tell that he was tired. The Ranchos/Hills Seniors feel that Frank Bigelow belongs to us because he has supported all of our fundraisers and helped the Center in many ways. Frank said that his time in Sacramento has been a time to get acquainted with the other first term members of the Assembly. He said he has been able to use his time spent as a Madera County Supervisor to learn to work with the people in Sacramento.

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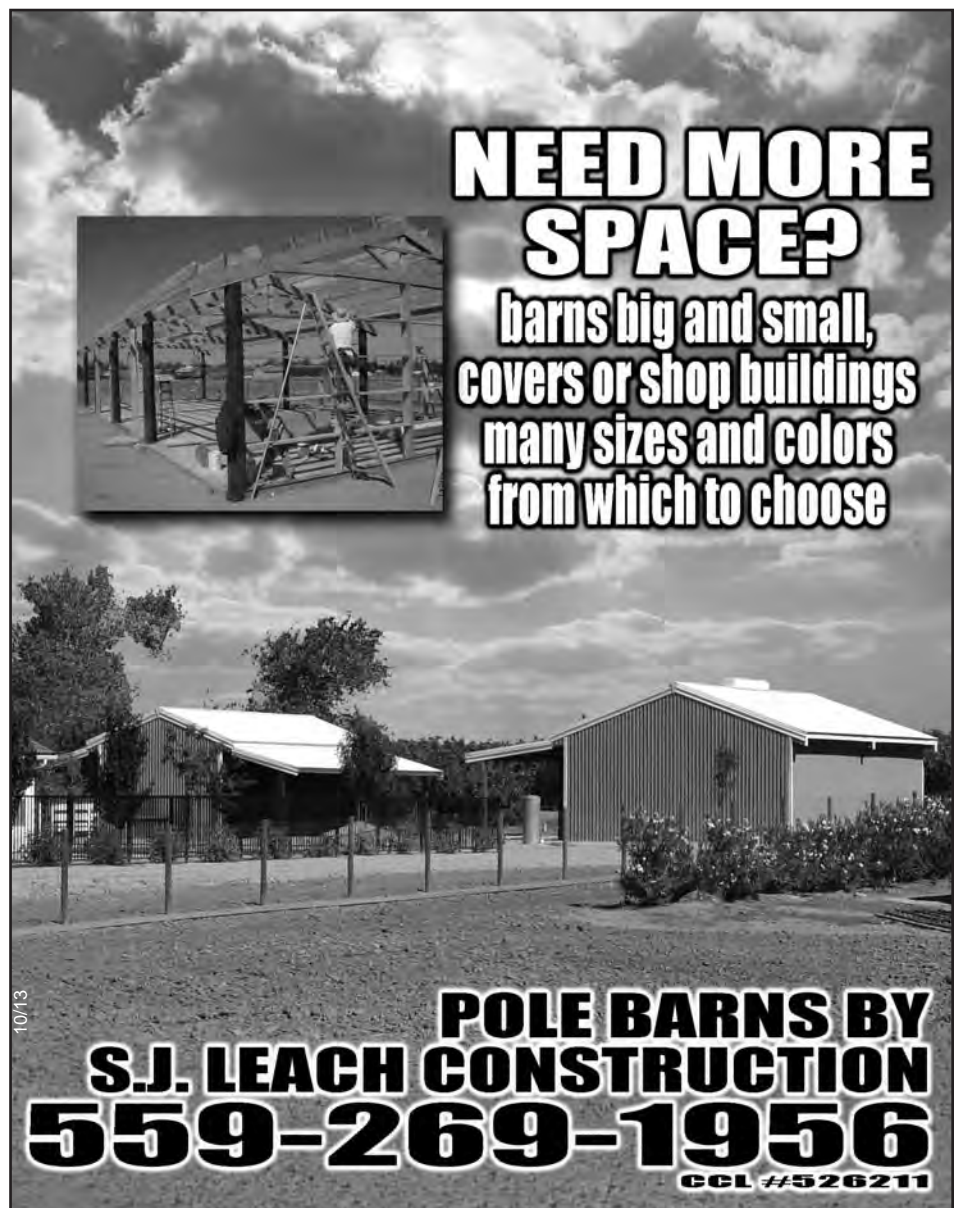
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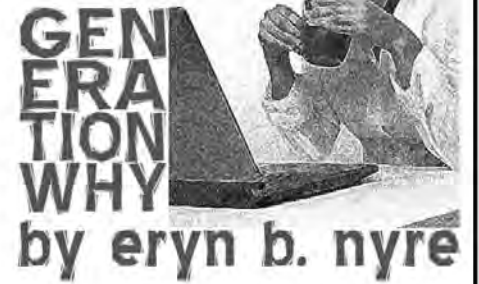
# The Big Yellow Beast

Behind the times as I am, evidently, I just recently read several articles on the cuts across California specifically to school transportation. Budget crisis is nothing new to we Californians; we, as a state, have been broke for some time. I really shouldn't be shocked that the next thing to go are those enormous, gas-guzzling beasts that have been hauling children around for decades – but I am. What frightens me is that letting them out of the big yellow cage leaves them free to wander the streets during peak commute time. Wayward teenagers hoofing it to school and early morning road rage does not a safe community make.

The issue here, and normally I am quick to place the responsibility for kids squarely on the shoulders of the parents, is that there are just simply not enough safe alternatives out there to get children to school. I understand the cut, certainly those buses are not cheap to maintain, but usually the parents that can't drive their children to school are the working parents and do we really want to make life harder on the people actually holding up their end of the bargain and contributing to society? There are so few left, after all.

Officials and parents alike are in a tizzy over what to do about this issue, as they well should be. Without the school transportation system, the chore of getting to school becomes so difficult it feels almost insurmountable. I would hate to think the kids just stop going – the last thing this country needs is more drop-outs. Unfortunately, not every child has the luxury of being driven to school by his or her parents.

The most common solution seems to be for kids to hop on the public transit system. I don't think this is the best option, though at the moment for some it is the only one. Among the many problems with public transportation in this day and age, chief among them is the general lack of safety. There are no restrictions as to who can ride the bus and there's no way to stop any number of miscreant perverts that feel like taking a little bus ride on a Tuesday morning. And although there are



certainly a multitude of pleasant and friendly citizens aboard, there is always that one crazy person that makes you happy you slipped that can of mace in your purse.

Some kids have opted to catching rides with their friends that drive, and just the thought of teenagers chauffeuring around other teenagers is enough to make me never want to leave my house again. I remember what it was like to be a teen

*Overall, I understand why the big yellow beasts have to go, and certainly ride sharing isn't feasible for everyone, but we don't want kids dropping out of school en masse because getting there has become too much of a burden. We have enough stupid people already, many of whom are running our government.*

*We certainly don't need a new generation.*

driver and it wasn't pretty. I'm a little disappointed my parents ever let me behind the wheel. Walking to school isn't a much safer option and for some kids who live a sizeable distance from school it's completely unfeasible. So, what else can parents do?

I've been thinking about this, and I came up with an option. For

decades people have used carpools to get to work and school. Soccer moms have been uniting their efforts in chauffeuring the hordes of kids to practices and games, taking turns shouldering the responsibility for a group of kids. The same concept can be employed with the use of ride sharing companies that are becoming popular all over. Using an application on a smartphone, a parent can call up a ride for their kid and certainly teenagers and those in high school who have access to smartphones of their own can call up their own rides. These companies, like Sidecar and Lyft, find the nearest driver and even allow a real-time picture of how close they are and when they will arrive. This gives the customer an opportunity to be in more control over the commute. Neighboring children could even benefit

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## Quick Lifesavers



Now don't throw rocks at me for mentioning "that" word, but ladies and gentlemen, Christmas is just around the corner. In addition to your regular hectic daily chores, you are now faced with Christmas gift shopping, purchasing and addressing Christmas cards or writing that annual Christmas letter, not to mention getting out the Christmas tree or the decorations to make sure everything is in working order. In addition to all this, you have your career and the household chores to think about. You are looking for as many short cuts as you can find.

My nephew Craig (one of Randy's younger brothers) called me the other night and during our conversation, he asked me if I had ever used the microwaveable rice packets. No, I had heard about them, but since I'm really not that fond of rice (al-

though I do love rice pudding) I hadn't looked into them. If I'm going to have a starch, I'd rather microwave a potato or boil some pasta. So tonight I went onto the website of a well know rice company and read about their microwave rice. Wow, if they are as good as

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they look what a shortcut for dinner. There are 16 different flavors, all the way from Original (plain) to Red Beans & Rice. And I love the way it is cooked: just squeeze the pouch to separate the rice, tear the top to vent and heat on high for 90 seconds. You have cooked rice with no clean up. No sticky pan to clean or a messy stove in case your rice boils over. Thanks Craig, I'm putting the rice on my shopping list and will let you know.

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### Ice Cream Pie

**Crust** (If you have to make one)

18 graham crackers (the large four-part crackers)

1/3 C Butter - melted

### Filling

2 pints vanilla ice cream (or flavor of your choice)

1/4 C finely chopped pecans

plus extra for serving

4 peanut butter cups, roughly chopped

2 large chocolate-covered peanut butter crunch candy bars (such as Butterfinger) roughly chopped.

*For the crust:* Crush the graham crackers in either a food

processor or a zipper plastic bag. Pour into bowl and add melted butter. Mix with a fork and pour into a pie pan, pressing the crumbs on bottom and sides of pan. Bake in a preheated 350 oven until golden, about 5 minutes. Set aside to cool completely.

*For the filling:* Take the ice cream out of the freezer for a time before starting mixing so it

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*come meet friends!*

# Golden Valley Baptist Church

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**RECIPE** cont. from P. 8

can soften slightly. Put In large mixing bowl and add the pecans and chopped candy. Mix thoroughly and pour into the cooled pie crust. Cover with foil and put in freezer until very hard.

Serve with the reserved chopped pecans and if desired, drizzle with chocolate or caramel sauce.

And how about cookies that take absolutely no mixing and no more than 10 minutes in the oven? These for sure the kids can help you. All you need is refrigerated cookie dough and miniature chocolate candies. What a variety you have. The cookie dough comes in everything from sugar cookie to chocolate, and everything in-between. There's oatmeal, chocolate chip, peanut butter – your choice.

And the choices in the miniature candies ...

Right now just go to the candy department and the choice is non-stop. In fact, if you thought you might make these later, while the candy is on sale you might want to stock up on your choices now.

**Quick Candy Cookies**

Refrigerated Cookie Dough  
 Miniature Chocolate Candies  
 Preheat oven to 350

Unwrap about 24 candies and set aside.

Slice the cookie dough into 1 to 1 ½ in slices (about 6 slices). Lay the slices flat and cut into quarters. Place each quarter in greased mini-muffin tin. Bake the cookie dough in preheated oven for just a few minutes, about 6 to 8, then take them out of the oven

just as they start to turn golden.

As soon as you pull them out of the oven, start lightly pressing one piece of candy into each cookie. The warmer the cookies, the better. When you finish putting the candy on the cookies, start taking them from the pan and put them on a cooling rack.

A reader called the other day and said after the death of her son several years ago someone sent the family a casserole the family truly enjoyed. They liked it so much she got the recipe and makes it often for her family. She asked me to share it with our readers.

**Family Casserole**

1 lb. Hamburger  
 Salt and pepper  
 Chopped onion  
 Chopped Garlic (as much as desired)

1 Can French-style green beans (drained)

1 Can Tomato Bisque soup

Instant mashed potatoes (she uses the Idaho brand)

Grated Cheese

Brown hamburger with onion, garlic, salt and pepper to taste. Pour into bottom of casserole dish. Drain and pour beans on top of meat. Pour soup (do not dilute) on top of beans. Mix potatoes according to box directions and cover ingredients in casserole. Top with grated cheese of your choice. Bake in a preheated 350 oven for about 20 minutes or until bubbly and cheese is melted.

Thank you for sharing your recipe. I look forward to receiving recipes from all of you. Call me at the office at 645-0634, email at ranchosnews@yahoo.com or fax at 645-4002.

**GEN WHY** cont. from P. 7

from using the same ride at the same time. This process is also cheaper than a taxi and safer than walking on busy streets, many without sidewalks. It is more expensive than the public transit system in many cases, but depending on the area and distance it is still reasonable. In addition, if it can be managed, using a single ride share for multiple students can save additional money.

Of course, there is the added risk of a stranger taking a child to school. But just recently, the California Public Utilities Commission decreed that these companies that provide ride sharing would have to ad-

here to certain rules and guidelines much like taxi companies must follow, so they will have to undergo background checks similar to what is required of public transit drivers. And I doubt very seriously that most parents are on a first name basis with their local public bus drivers.

Overall, I understand why the big yellow beasts have to go, and certainly ride sharing isn't feasible for everyone, but we don't want kids dropping out of school en masse because getting there has become too much of a burden. We have enough stupid people already, many of whom are running our government.

We certainly don't need a new generation.

*The Bookshelf*

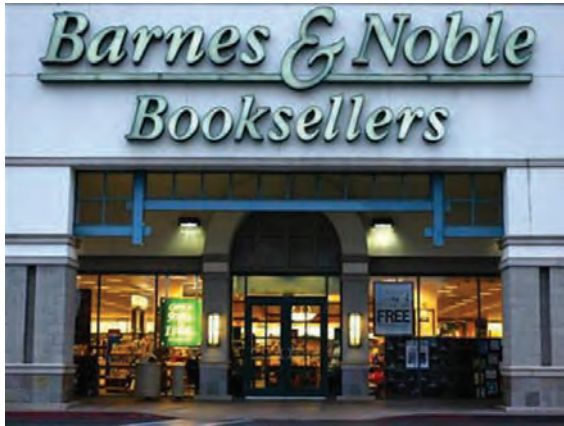
# Wi-Fi, Bookfair Latest Library News

By Kalani Torres

“Yes!” This is finally the answer I can give to the question, “Do you have Wi-Fi?” I have been asked this question about a billion times over the last year with the answer always being “no,” but now it is on its way. To say we are excited would be a huge understatement. Soon everybody will be able to come and enjoy the FREE Wi-Fi so warm up your laptops, tablets and other Wi-Fi devices. We seriously could not be more excited. Wi-Fi will be available during open hours. Patrons will be welcome to come in and sit and work (or play) on their own devices. We are excited; I mean this makes us almost as cool as a coffee shop. I know you are excited as well but we don’t completely have it yet. We are currently waiting for the installation process to begin. Once it’s up and running we will let you, our adored patrons, know.

Once again our preschool story time has started up. We invite you to join us. Storytime is led by the fantastic Mrs. Maxfield. The storytime is geared toward preschool age level but older kids are welcomed. Storytime is an hour filled with stories, crafts, songs and snacks. It’s a great way to help your child start getting ready for school. Plus it’s just super fun. Come out and join us every Thursday at 11 a.m.

Write this down: Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 7849 N.



Blackstone Ave. in Fresno. The Friends of The Ranchos Library are hosting their annual Bookfair. Come out and support your library. Also, when you present them with our special bookmark/code (which are available here at the library) while purchasing something, we will get a percentage of the sales. This is a great way to support our library and get some holiday shopping done. Hope you can join us.

Also don’t forget our book sale room is open all year around. So many people ask when our next book sale will be. Well that would be right now. We have slightly used books for sale at the library during our regular business hours. All the sales go to our Friends Group to support our library. Next time you are thinking “I need a book,” come in and check us out.

Don’t forget we have the overnight book drop at the end of the driveway on Maywood and you can always call the library with any kind of questions you might have.

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**KRAUSE** cont from P. 3

Central Valley. He has owned property in Madera County since the mid-70s and has been a full-time resident since 1999.

Krause majored in Enology at CSUF, is a founding director and past president of the Madera Vintners Association and currently serves as a director and past president of the Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau

which represents all of Madera County.

“Tourism is second only to agriculture in generating revenue for our county and we are fortunate to have always shown growth in both of these sectors, even when the economy otherwise takes a dip,” Krause said.

Krause and his wife, Tammy, own and operate Westbrook Wine Farm Vineyard and Winery in O’Neals.

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### Afraid to File? Part II

Besides the fear factor (I won't be able to find my papers if I file them), there are two other major contributors to boxes and bags of paper – neither of them being the lack of a file cabinet. The file cabinet is often practically empty or completely full of old stuff. The empty file cabinet is due to the lack of knowing which files to create. The full one is simply in need of a good purge. Both, however, create boxes and bags or stacks and stacks of paper piles.

Last issue we discussed how to manage your "Active" papers so they have a home until you're finished with them. Today's advice is focused on your long-term or permanent paper files.

If you're starting with a full file cabinet, the first step is to purge. Feel free to call or email for a fact sheet on "How Long Do I Really Need to Keep This?" Since we only refer back to 20 percent of what we save, be ruthless with your reference-type material. Besides, with the Internet we're seconds away from the most up-to-date information.

Rather than one long stream of A-Z folders, I recommend breaking down your files into categories. Consider placing a tab that identifies the category on the right side of your hanging folders and using the left side for tabs that name the individual folders. Colored folders are a little more complicated, but can also be used to identify specific categories.

Here's a sampling of home office categories:

**Tax Documents** – W2s, deductions, bank statements, etc.

**Paid Bills (non-tax related)** – service provider statements, credit card statements, petty receipts, etc.

**Permanent Records** – Auto Records, Birth Certificates, Home Records, Medical Records, Pet Records, Warranties/Manuals, Education Records, etc.

**Insurance** – Auto, Health, Home, Life, etc.

**Resources** – Gardening, Health/Fitness, Travel, other hobbies, etc.



The simplest way to file non-tax related paid bills is in monthly folders, so that as you pay a stack of bills, you file them all together in the month you pay them. Since they're not tax related there's no need to keep them once you've received verification that they received your last payment, but this gives you a way to save them for that year. If you prefer to save them longer, you can bundle them in a large envelope, date it, and re-use your January – December folders for the next year. I wouldn't recommend keeping them beyond an extra year, unless you have special circumstances that would require it.

For most income related documents (pay stubs, monthly/quarterly statements) once you receive the yearend statements and your W2, you can shred the rest. Always refer to your accountant and/or attorney for the final say on tax and legal paper retention.

Once you've created folders for all the papers that need to be kept, place them alphabetically within the category and then alphabetize the categories.

The only thing left is a plan to file! I use a wire basket to collect my filing and when it's full, that's my cue to file. You might want to schedule a little time each week, or month to do it. One way or another — make a plan so you'll never have to look at stacks and stacks again.

You can contact Brenda McElroy to have questions answered at *Organized by Choice* (because things don't always fall into place) at P.O. Box 26152, Fresno, CA 93729, or you can email her at [info@organizedbychoice.com](mailto:info@organizedbychoice.com), visit her website [www.organizedbychoice.com](http://www.organizedbychoice.com) or she can be reached by phone at 559-871-3314.



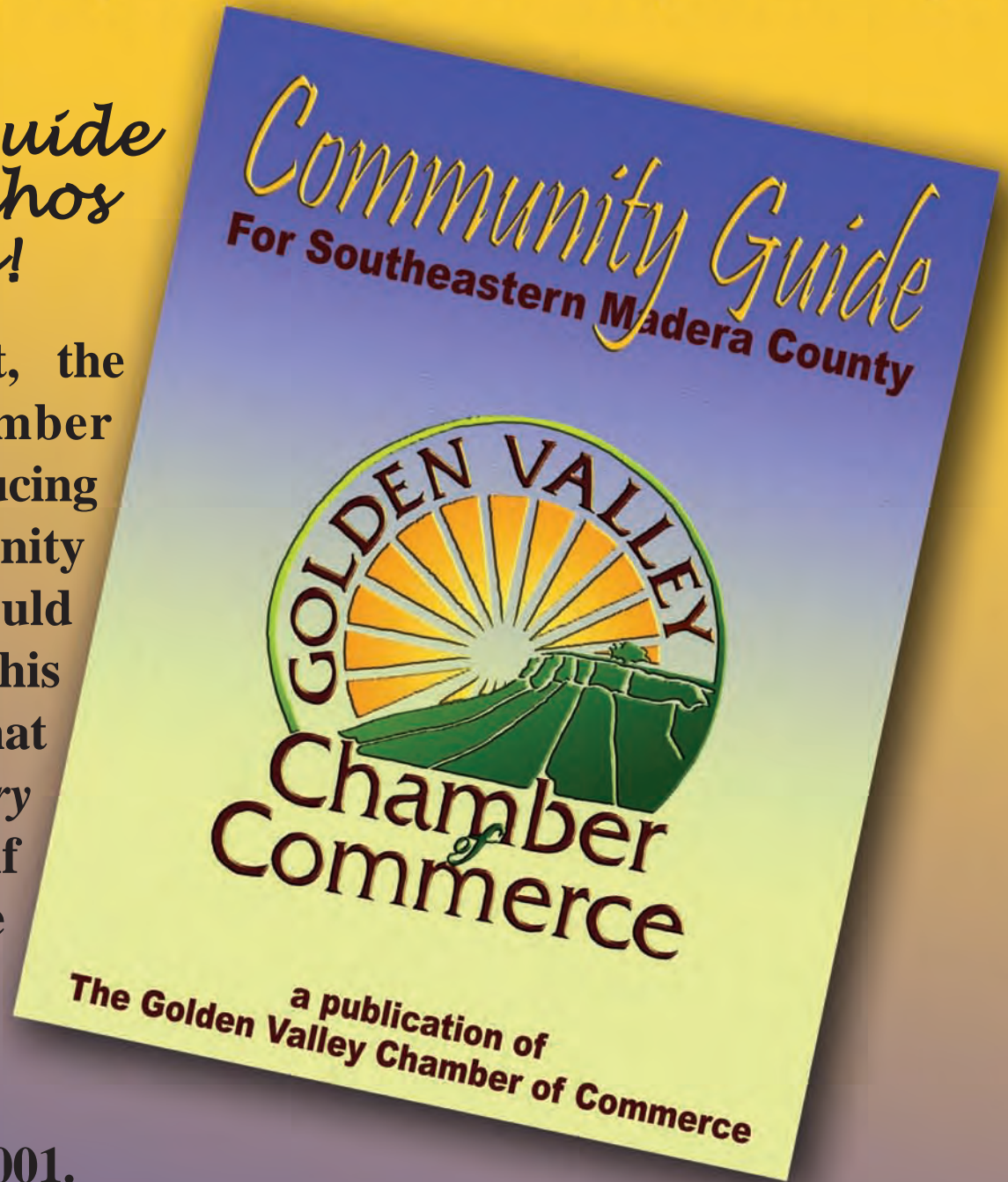
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# The NEW Community Guide for the Ranchos is coming!

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### New Member

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**Board Members:** **3-Year:** Randy Bailey - Ranchos Independent; Lisa Haney - Haney Chiropractic; **2-Year:** Cindy Ceja - Vulcan Materials; Paula Stuart - Now & Again Thrift & Gift Shop; **1-Year:** Leann Fursman - Skin Elegance; Javier Felix - Madera Ranchos Barbershop

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*See's Candy for the Holidays* The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce is selling world-famous See's Candy for the holidays. If you give this wonderful chocolate as a gift, why drive to Fresno? Call 645-4001 for info.

The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce would love to see you at our next meeting, always the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. 37167 Ave. 12 Suite 5C. Call us at 645-4001.

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## Senior Report

# 25th Anniversary of Ranchos/Hills Seniors Coming January 2014

By Verlaine Elinburg

An anniversary is a specific time that commemorates or celebrates a past event. The seniors of Rolling Hills, Madera Ranchos and Bonadelle Ranchos came together to form an organization known as The Ranchos/Hills Seniors with their first meeting in January of 1989. Their goal was to provide a better quality of life for the seniors of the Ranchos area. The Ranchos/Hills Seniors will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary in January, 2014. An open house is planned for this event with most of our original members that organized and launched the Senior Center. The event will share what this "seed" of quality of life that is the Senior Center has blossomed into. The founding members, present members and the public will be invited to see what a major asset the Senior Center has become to the Madera Ranchos community.

### A Member Story

This is a short personal story by one of our members, Barbara Menton. Barbara joined the Ranchos/Hills Seniors a couple of years ago to improve both her physical and mental skills. It has been a long road back from an illness that robbed her of everyday

functions. This is one of her exercises to improve her skills.

*"I became officially 'over the hill' at the age of 75, but I tried very hard to continue my outings and enjoy my walks in the forest. It was a good day when I could take a leisurely walk in the woods with my dog and take in the pleasure of the open air and nature. One day, while walking on the edge of the forest, I fell and rolled down a hill about 40 feet. I was in an area where the road was seldom used and had very little traffic and my cries for help were not heard. My little dog Barry, a Yorkshire terrier, proved to be my hero. He ran down the hill to where I had landed and then back up the hill onto the road. He proceeded to run up and down the road until he attracted a lone hiker and led the hiker on a search down the hill until I was found. The hiker then called the fire department and I was rescued to safety. I was not hurt but stranded and unable to climb the hill. My little dog, who is usually not friendly to strangers, was aware that the hiker was helping me. Like all dogs do to show their gratitude, Barry licked the hiker's hand, his way of saying, 'thank you.' Barry, my dog, saved my life. If he had not gone for help I would have remained stranded in the woods all night and would have possi-*

*bly perished in the huge rain storm that lasted all night. My dog was especially dear to me after that ordeal."*

### Kiwanis Harvest Festival

Many of the Seniors attended the Kiwanis Harvest Festival and entered the scarecrow contest. Nancy Palozzo, one of our talented seniors, placed second in the contest. Presently she is holding a class at the Senior Center on how to make a shawl.

### Upcoming events for the Holiday Season

Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. As usual we will have our pot luck and the Senior Center will furnish the birds and George will be making his delicious gravy.

Planning ahead for our Christmas Boutique, which is held the three Saturdays prior to Christmas, you can begin making your donated craft items, knitting and bake items for sale. The Christmas/New Officers' Installation Dinner is being catered and is on Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.

### Ongoing Center Events

The Department of Health comes periodically to the Center for free checkups. The health screenings are for 50 and above. For referrals to medical providers and community services, the

contact number is 675-7893 to make an appointment.

A nutritionally balanced lunch program is available Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. A suggested price for 60 years and older is \$1.75. Reservations are needed 24 hours in advance prior to 11 a.m. so remember to call Joann at 645-4864 and also notify the center if you need to cancel or change your reservation.

We have a growing exercise program being held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. You may attend all three days or just one or two of them.

On Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. are a variety of card games to be enjoyed and at the same time on Wednesdays we have card bingo.

On Thursdays at 6 p.m. we have a great pot luck with poker and other great card games and you can come and join us for Movie Night on one Friday of the month.

Check your newsletter for daily events and get your copy of the newsletter at the Senior Center, the Ranchos Market, Hurst Hardware and several businesses along Avenue 12.

The Farmers Market at the Center still needs volunteers, jams and jellies are still available and The Boutique also has many new, handy and "on the spot" needed gift items.



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# HARVEST PARTY

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For more information or questions about this event, contact Heather at [heather@acts176.com](mailto:heather@acts176.com).

For more information on church activities visit our website at [www.acts176.com](http://www.acts176.com) or E-mail [info@acts176.com](mailto:info@acts176.com)



### Where's My Water Fee Going?

Where does your water fee go and how is it used?

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Let's talk about water usage. During July, 2013 the Madera Ranchos Water District (MD10) pumped 62 million gallons of water from the ground and during August, 2013 the district recorded 53 million gallons. Let's figure if each house had four people and there were 1,000 homes the breakdown of that water usage would be approximately 500 gallons per person each day. If we could cut just 10 percent, which would be 50 gallons per person times four, or 200 gallons each day, we could save 6 million gallons of water each month. Throughout the year that would equal 72 million gallons saved. That is more water than the Madera Ranchos used during the month of July alone. If everyone, including those of us who have our own wells, did the same, who knows what the savings would be. We all need to be part of the solution and not part of the problem when it comes to conserving. Water is not something we can make and what we have in the world now is all that we have.

I just came back from a Planning Commission conference where we had some of the top people in the state giving the findings of studies on water, namely that we have no more water. The rain and

snow is Mother Earth's recycling of our water supply. San Francisco has cut their water consumption down to less than 100 gallons per person per day. How do we cut consumption? Shorter showers, low-flow toilets and faucets, low-water-use clothes washers, drought-tolerant plants, rock landscapes, and less grass or artificial grass. These are just a few personal things we can do, some of which are now regulated by state codes. Irrigation watering times and day schedules need to be observed but are much harder to control. Here in the Ranchos most of our ground will only absorb about 12 minutes of watering before it runs off and that's with 3-gallon-per-minute sprinkler head output.

On Sept. 29, there was a good article in the Fresno Bee about the after effects of the Rim Fire entitled "Better Forest Management Sought After Fire." It's too bad it takes a catastrophic event to get people to see what's ahead. It's the same with our water usage as the water table is dropping and we keep drilling deeper to get more water out of the ground. Let's cut back on our usage, but it will take all of us to make it work. Recycling and reclaiming are costly but less consumption is not. Recharging underground storage is the most cost-effective way to save our water.

The Association of California Water Agencies' website, [www.acwa.com](http://www.acwa.com), is a good website to read studies and reports that provide great information as to why we should plan. Building a good foundation will only make our structure that much stronger. There is no time to waste since the blueprint was drawn in 2005, eight years ago. It's time to act and be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

*Tom Hurst, owner of Hurst Hardware and a resident of the Madera Ranchos, is the Planning Commissioner for District One which serves the Madera Ranchos. He was appointed by District One Supervisor, Manuel Nevarez.*

### Progress not Perfection

## Being Worthy is Not *Our* Decision

By Mike Bailey

I have to be honest. Over the last couple of months I have struggled with a big case of "Who am I?"

I knew all the sayings. Like, "If you have a couple days, you can help." Or, "Share your message ... you never know who is listening." "Experience, strength and hope. You have to give it away to keep it." There are these and many others. I don't know, I guess we are at times our worst crit-

ics. I'm just a guy trying to get by in life without drinking.

What is the big deal? Have I come so far that I just do not think it is something to be proud of or celebrated? If someone says, "I have never been to prison," wouldn't you reply, "Well, you're not *supposed* to go to prison." I guess I just feel like I am just a little piece of this big and vast universe. Am I really worthy to spread the Lord's good

See **PROGRESS** on P. 16

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Again, thank you and God bless each and every one of you.

The Yandell Family  
Jennifer, Anthony, Alexis, Destiny, Megan, Abel, McKenna and Maddison

**TEA cont. from P. 4**

vere fuel disruptions? A reason the agency frequently offers is the need to comply with AB32, California's Global Warming Solutions Act. But a main provision of AB32 is that regulations adopted to achieve the law's goals must be as cost-effective and technologically feasible as possible. The LCFS is neither.

It will also do little to nothing to reduce global warming since California accounts for only a minuscule percentage of the world's carbon emissions. We're more likely to actually increase those emissions by importing biofuels and LCFS-compliant feedstocks from other states and countries.

The Air Resources Board has been responsible for some real progress in cleaning up California's air quality over the years and is rightfully focused on initiating programs that will result in even more improvements. But with technology and the basic rules of supply and demand working against it, the agency should not

let past successes fool it into believing it can make the LCFS work by sheer force of will. The economies and safety of California communities should not be placed at risk in pursuit of CARB's costly, doomed LCFS experiment.

Madera Chapter meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at VFW Hall, 2026 Granada Drive in Madera. Meeting dates can be confirmed on our Central Valley Tea Party website at [www.centralvalleyteaparty.com](http://www.centralvalleyteaparty.com) for scheduled speakers and their topics of discussion.

For comments or questions contact Madera Ranchos Tea Party Coordinator John Smedley by e-mail at [jcsmedley@comcast.net](mailto:jcsmedley@comcast.net) or call him at 559-645-7031. You may also contact Madera Tea Party Coordinator Rick Farinelli by e-mail at [richardfarinelli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richardfarinelli@sbcglobal.net) or call him at 559-706-5386.

*Rick Farinelli is the Madera County District 3 Supervisor.*

**PROPANE** cont. from P. 2

year's prize of 250 gallons!" Tony Colorado said. "My wife and I are so glad to do business with Valley Propane." For the Colorados, generosity is an important part of living in the Madera Ranchos. While they were excited about the free gas, they also saw this as an opportunity to give back to the local community. "I believe in helping others in a time of need" said Tony Colorado.

The donation of propane is something that Valley Propane has done for several years, Guthrie explained. It's part of what they do to show appreciation for their Ranchos customers. "We donate this in the hopes that it goes to a person in need and to give back to our loyal customers," he said. "Seeing what Mr. and Mrs. Colorado did brings humanity into these trying economic times."

Showing support for the local community is an important part of Valley Propane's identity. Originally started in 1995, Valley Propane has now been serving local residents in the Ranchos for over three years

**PROGRESS** cont. from P. 14

news?

To answer the question about coming so far in the last paragraph: I have not gone very far at all. You see, just when you think that where you have been and what you have done is not at all any longer viable, the Lord reminds you just how important you are. I had the wonderful experience of watching my best friend be baptized. Now, to most of you, you will not know what a miracle and blessing this really was. But, to me and others who know him it was a very huge reminder of just how patient and faithful our Lord and Savior is. True peace and freedom can only come when you realize that you are not in this alone. Psalms 9 says, "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed." Psalms 18 says, "The lord is my rock, in whom I take refuge." Psalms 46 says, "God is our refuge and our strength." Psalms 91 says, "He is my refuge and my fortress." Nahum 1 says, "... a refuge in times of trouble."

My point is that when you truly "get it," and understand that no matter what problems or pains this life gives you, you go to Him and He will be there calming the waters and seeing that you grow from this and become a better person; a person that can glorify Him to others with our stories of recovery, growth and experiences.

I am not to judge or decide whether I am worthy. My experiences have made me and many others like me an example of how His grace and love can turn a life around. We are walking miracles, proof that a living

and is owned and operated by the Guthrie family. "We are the only locally owned and family operated propane business in the Ranchos," Guthrie said.

Guthrie said that the recipients of Tony and Ana Colorado's generosity will be notified later this week and that he will personally deliver the news to the local Ranchos family who will be receiving the donated gas.

"This is an amazing story of someone in the Ranchos helping someone else in the Ranchos," said a local resident who asked not to be identified. "At a time when costs are rising and incomes are falling all over the country, Ranchos people are still finding ways to show other Ranchos people that we are more than a spot on the map – we are a community."

With the weather getting colder every day, and peak energy season just around the corner, such a gesture is truly astonishing. The Colorados could have chosen to receive the extra propane later in the year as they needed it, Guthrie said. Because of their generosity a Ranchos family's home will be a little warmer this year.

God can change anyone or anybody. We have to remember that we are all made for more. We cannot be afraid to move. We have to constantly keep trying not to let our insecurities alter our thinking or ourselves. We lead with grace and hope, always knowing that He is faithful forever.

The band Mercy Me has a song that asks, "Could my circumstances ever change who I forever am in you?" "How can I praise you with all that I've gone through?" Meaning, when things are tough do I *blame* God or do I get *closer* to Him? Why would I turn my back on Him? He is my only shelter from the storm. He is my refuge and my strength. If my pain can glorify you and that is what it takes to get me on my knees to be closer to you, then, "Jesus, bring the rain."

Remember, there will be times of pain and sorrow for everyone, but you do have a choice. You can do it alone, or run to Him and know that someday it will glorify Him. He is so much greater than your pain.

And yes ... we are *all* worthy.

If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat.

Until next time (I promise I won't make it so long),

Mike B.

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**Kiwanis Korner****The Ranchos: Amazing Community**

By Perry Watkins

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What a great place to live. I absolutely love our community. This really hit home when we had a recent event. The Inaugural Madera Ranchos Harvest Festival. What was so great about it was what we didn't see. A friend who is a people watcher noticed this and commented about it.

"You know I've been watching and noticed what is really not going on here," she said. "I've been to plenty of festivals, fairs, and the like, but something that stands out to me here is what I am not seeing that I've seen over and over at other places. Children aren't running amok. They listen to their parents. I have not seen one parent yelling at their kids or struggling to get them to behave. People are genuinely kind and polite and even the few who were a bit frustrated over this or that quickly talk about it and get things smoothed out. There are no tantrums, crying, or misbehaviors to be seen. This is maybe the nicest most polite crowd I've seen."



I paraphrased quite a lot, but that was the gist of the conversation and as I watched the crowd it stood out more and more to me that this is exactly why I love living here. Folks are just really terrific. Children gener-

ally listen to their parents without a lot of telling and drama. That's just the Ranchos. Believe me, I have lived in other communities where parents don't even know where their kids are let alone what they are doing. It is like a microcosm of this community in general. Not to live completely in fantasy land. We do have our share of issues. We are not without crime and there have been periodic crime sprees in which the culprits are usually found and the nefarious activities are ended.

I am saying though that in general the folks really support the good things in our neighborhoods and spend a great amount of time promoting sports and a great many other activities for our young folks and all in all there is probably no other place I would like to live right now. I greatly appreciate the community support for events like this. Events that return even more good to our schools, children and the community in general. We really appreciate our Bonadelle Ranchos, Rolling Hills and all of the surrounding folks who make our community great. It's your support of events in our community that eventually benefits us all. Your support of Kiwanis supports schools, kids clubs, fire stations, Children's Hospital of Central California and much more.

Congratulations to all the winners in the Car Show, the Chili Cook off, the Scarecrow contest and all the rest. Thank you for your support. Mr. Randy Bailey you will need to try for first place next year, though second place isn't too bad. Folks loved your chili. Thank you scouts, Valley Teen Ranch and everyone who made this first year event successful. You are awesome.

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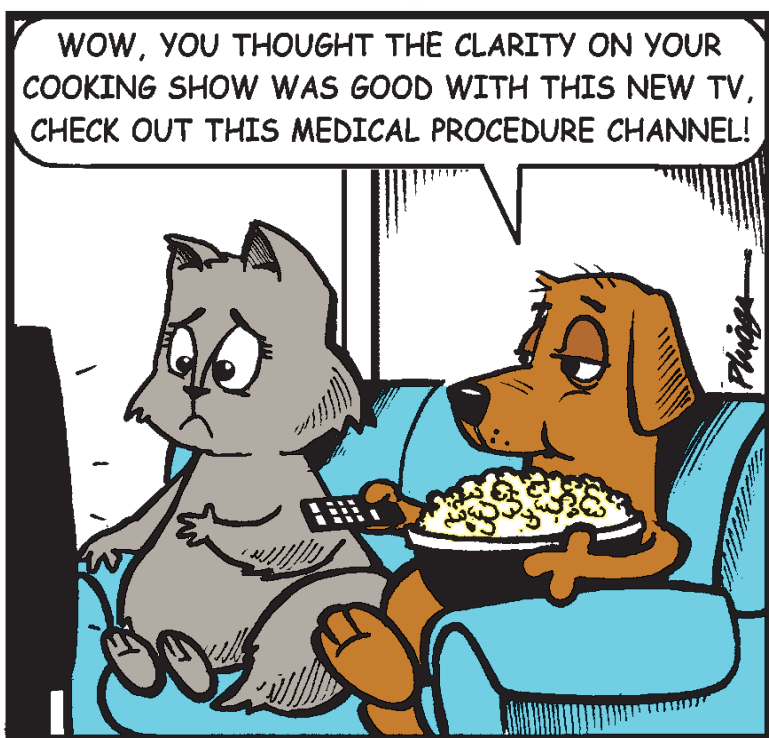
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by Dave T. Phipps



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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A colleague might offer to open a door for you professionally. But before you walk through it, be sure this "favor" isn't attached to an obligation you might find difficult to discharge.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your creativity, your persistence and your reliability could lead to a major career shift. Be sure to use that other Taurean trait, your practicality, when discussing what the job offers.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation might require some adjustments you might not have been prepared to make. However, flexibility in this matter could be the best course to follow at this time.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're in a period of fluctuating moods, which is not unusual for the Moon Child. Your emotions stabilize by the 25th. Meanwhile, try to hold off making major decisions until then.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) That keen sense of perception helps you hunt down those minute details that others overlook. And, of course, your Leonine ego will accept the expected praise with good grace.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to be confrontational when raising a work-related issue. Better to make a request than a demand. And, of course, be prepared to back up your case with facts.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your ego might be hurt when a colleague turns down your offer to help. But accept it as a rejection of your offer, not of you. A friend from the past could re-emerge by week's end.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A flow of positive energy turns a work project you didn't want to do into something you actually love doing. Now, take that attitude into your social, intimate life -- and enjoy what follows.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Working hard to meet your professional goals is fine. But don't neglect your private life, especially where it concerns your more cherished relationships.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) "Patience" remains the key word in dealing with an emotionally sensitive situation involving a close friend or family member. Help comes your way by week's end.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) With new information coming in, it's a good time to rethink some of your goals without taking suggestions from others, no matter how well-meaning they might be.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Making progress on your project is relatively easy in the early part of the week. A problem could arise midweek. But all goes swimmingly once it's resolved.

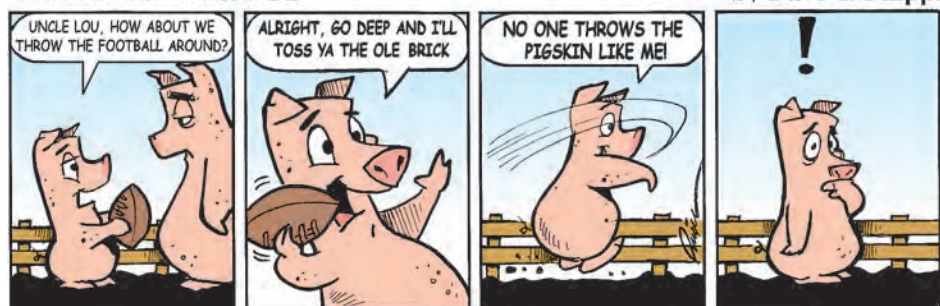
## Born this Week

*Holding fast to your principles, no matter what, inspires others to follow your example.*



# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



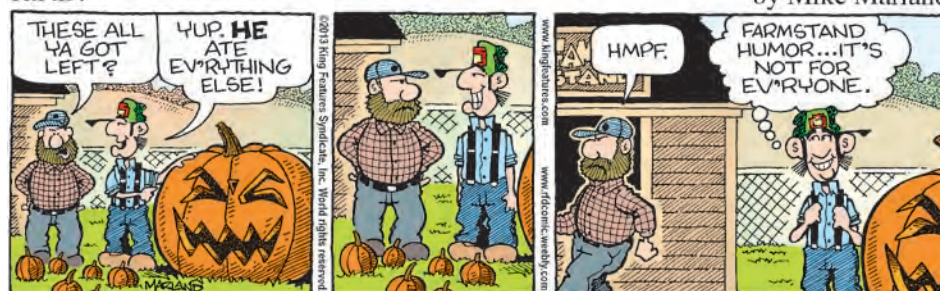
# Out on a Limb

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# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



# SCRAMBLERS

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

Thrifty	GULFAR		
Change	FISHT		
profess	MALIC		
Area	GREAN		

**TODAY'S WORD**

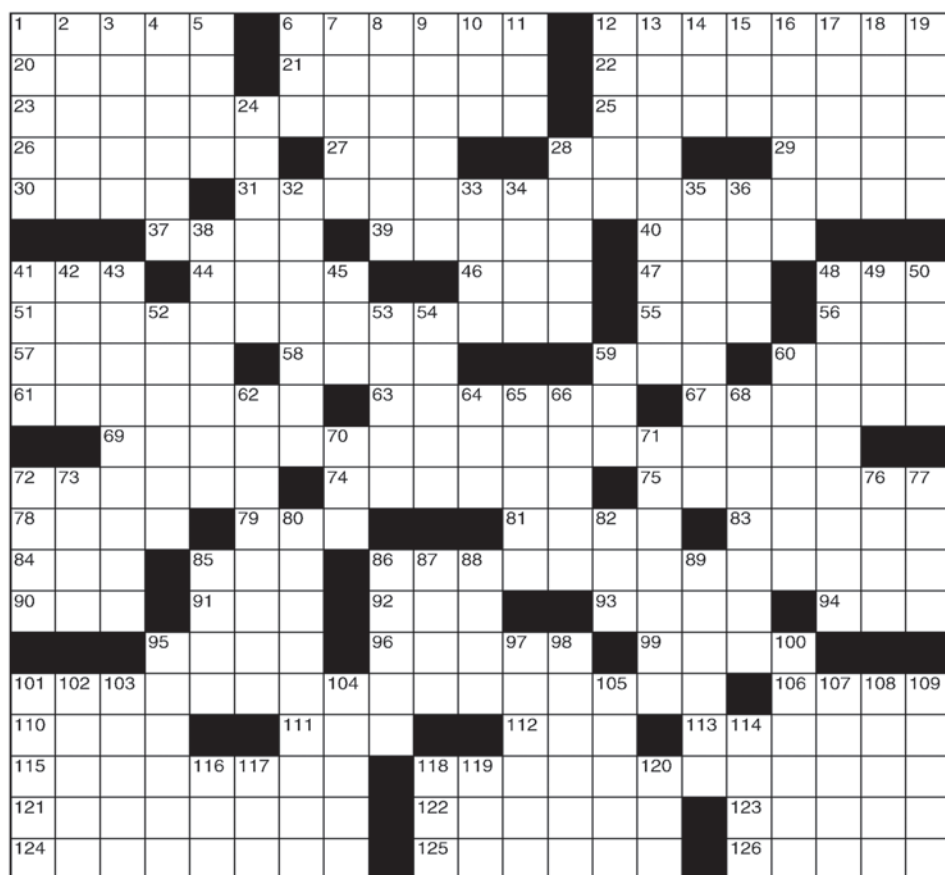
# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those who send in correct answers.

# Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Microwave brand
  - 6 Elocution pro
  - 12 Where to trade used articles
  - 20 Actresses Rue and Ramirez
  - 21 Kid-lit "pest"
  - 22 Slim cigar
  - 23 He acquired 1,093 U.S. patents
  - 25 Drastic measures
  - 26 Fashionable Giorgio
  - 27 Bouncers' requests
  - 28 Tree for a bark beetle
  - 29 — accompli (thing done)
  - 30 Wiped out
  - 31 Unlawfully loud sound
  - 37 Boss — ("The Dukes of Hazzard" role)
  - 39 Creature catchers
  - 40 "Milk" Oscar winner Penn
  - 41 Entreat
  - 44 Waitress at Mel's Diner
  - 46 Boise-to-Phoenix dir.
  - 47 German "a"
  - 48 Post-opposite
  - 51 Moo shu and fu yung, e.g.
  - 55 Little — (small fry)
  - 56 Lab rodent
  - 57 Giving sort
  - 58 Hebrides isle
  - 59 Global financial org.
  - 60 "— la vie"
  - 61 Top-billing sharers
  - 63 Pants folds
  - 67 Kansas city
  - 69 Area with lots of lofts
  - 72 Nor'easters, e.g.
  - 74 Eyeballer
  - 75 Joy, for one
  - 78 With 109-Down, military centers
  - 79 "Conan" ainer
  - 81 Be on a slant
  - 83 New, to Juan
  - 84 Poolroom stick
  - 85 Big beagle feature
  - 86 Judge's rejection
  - 90 He's a real doll
  - 91 Lilted song syllable
  - 92 Rainbow part
  - 93 Cameron of "In Her Shoes"
  - 94 Three, in Bari
  - 95 Killer serves
  - 96 Perfect
  - 99 Individuals
  - 101 It's often given by business suppliers for bulk ordering
  - 106 Melville whaler
  - 110 Baldwin of "The Edge"
  - 111 Suffix with salt
  - 112 Catering vessel
  - 113 91-Across follower, perhaps
  - 115 Opened, as an envelope
  - 118 They're hidden in this puzzle's six longest answers
  - 121 Revealed
  - 122 Meets with old classmates
  - 123 Unsensible
  - 124 When required
  - 125 Is napping
  - 126 Big parties
- DOWN**
- 1 Take — at (attempt)
  - 2 Olympic skier Phil
  - 3 Sweet smell
  - 4 Football great Joe
  - 5 Comfortable — old shoe
  - 6 Galena, e.g.
  - 7 Circle lines
  - 8 In among
  - 9 One hurling something
  - 10 Lady with Lennon
  - 11 Legged it
  - 12 Wheat sold in health-food stores
  - 13 Madame Tussauds, e.g.
  - 14 Colony critter
  - 15 Duffer's goal
  - 16 Tennis great Edberg
  - 17 Virile dude
  - 18 — acid (fat substance)
  - 19 Cut and —
  - 24 Scorches
  - 28 Tricky curves
  - 32 Monstrous
  - 33 Bit of pepper
  - 34 "— dixit"
  - 35 Notify again
  - 36 Makes taboo
  - 38 Kind of pitch
  - 41 Electrically flexible
  - 42 "Scat!"
  - 43 Sisters and aunts, e.g.
  - 45 Hoopla
  - 48 Most beautiful
  - 49 Skin problem
  - 50 Disk attachment?
  - 52 Document validator
  - 53 Enter via keyboard
  - 54 Zesty dip
  - 59 Mag. edition
  - 60 Sticking plant
  - 62 Pull-off place
  - 64 At any time, to a bard
  - 65 One-named singer of "Someone Like You"
  - 66 Fatigued
  - 68 Treat as a celebrity
  - 70 Old spy gp.
  - 71 Tight feeling
  - 72 Bag
  - 73 Provable
  - 76 Completed
  - 77 Lymph bump
  - 80 Lingerie top
  - 82 Give support
  - 85 Scratch with acid
  - 86 Rebuke
  - 87 Autobahn auto
  - 88 Eyeballs
  - 89 Mickey of the diamond
  - 95 Consent (to)
  - 97 Contact lens brand
  - 98 Yarnell of Shields and Yarnell
  - 100 Briny
  - 101 Zahn of TV
  - 102 Lower arm bones
  - 103 Pine product
  - 104 Completed
  - 105 Diplomat in NYC, maybe
  - 107 Lit into singer of "Someone Like You"
  - 109 See 78-Across
  - 114 "Yeah, right!"
  - 116 "Honest" guy
  - 117 Tyke
  - 118 Monopoly buys: Abbr.
  - 119 Electric —
  - 120 Mil. draft org.

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