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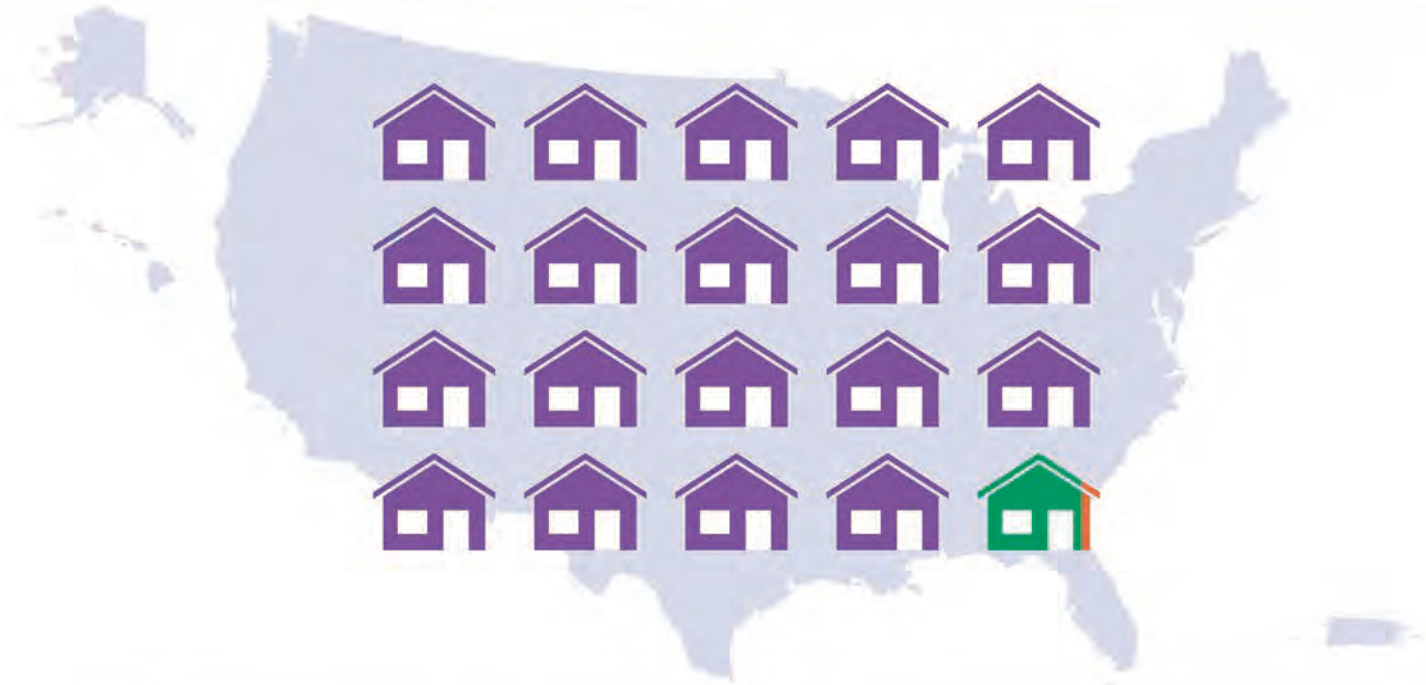
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The 2020 Census is coming to the Ranchos



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What is the decennial census?

Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provide the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs — impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy. They also are used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Why is it important to me?

Responding to the census is not only your civic duty; it also affects the amount of funding your community receives, how your community plans for the future, and your representation in government. Specifically, data from the 2020 Census are used to:

Ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals, and fire departments.

Plan new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods.

Determine how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives.

When will I complete the census?

The next census will take place in 2020. Beginning in mid-March, people will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. Once you receive it, you can respond online. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that haven't responded to the census.

How can I respond?

In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer. Responding should take less time than it takes to finish your morning coffee.

What information will be requested?

The decennial census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. When com-

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pleting the census, you should count everyone who is living in your household on April 1, 2020.

What information will not be requested?

The Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Social Security numbers.
- Bank or credit card account numbers.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.

Will my information be kept confidential?

Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose

closure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

Where can I go to learn more?

You can learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting 2020census.gov.

or publish any census information that identifies an individual. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful dis-

Troubled Vets Get 2nd Chance

Often, U.S. Military veterans have a hard time reacclimating to civilian life. Sometimes that difficulty manifests itself in criminal activity, sometimes in drug usage, sometimes in homelessness and sometimes in suicide.

Justice for Vets, and the Veteran Treatment Courts, started in Buffalo, New York in the 1990s. In the New York Drug and Mental Health Treatment Courts, Associate Judge Robert Russell noticed Veterans helping Veterans in his court and reasoned that peer support could help other Veterans involved in the court process. Seeking the help of the local VA Medical Center, the beginnings of the Justice for Vets group came together in 2008.

Development of Veteran Justice Outreach Coordinators at the VA followed in 2009. There are now 22 coun-

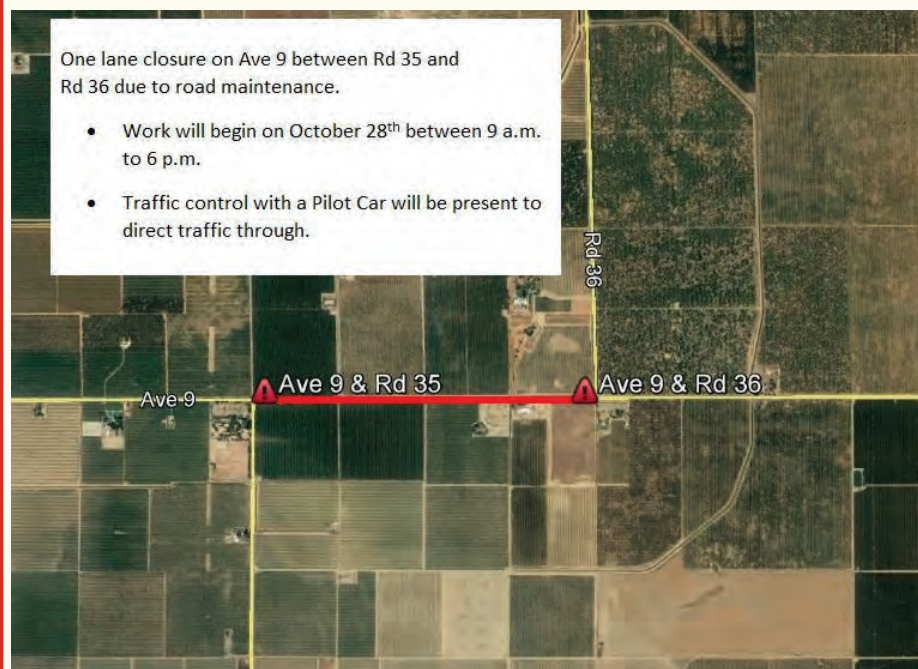


ties in California employing Veteran Treatment Courts and over 350 in the U.S. Madera County started working on a Veteran Treatment Court in March of 2015 after Judge Ernest J. LiCalsi returned from a National Drug Court Institute Seminar. He contacted and enlisted help from fellow Judge, Honorable Dale J. Blea. Together they collaborated with other County departments and reached out to the VA Central California Veterans Health Care System.

The Madera County Veteran Treatment Court started in June of the same year. The first years there were several changes due to learning curves of what works and what doesn't, and personnel changes, but as the result of this hard work, Madera County Superior Court announced a Graduation Presentation

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of eight individuals this month who successfully completed their course of treatment and court requirements. The eight were graduated on Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Madera VFW Post on north Granada. The Veterans were honored for their hard work, efforts and tenacious dedication.

The Court, in cooperation with the Central California Veterans Health Care System provides a supportive method of both treatment – to address underlying issues – and restitution, as appropriate, for a positive outcome. The goal being to return a productive member to society and reduce repeat offenses, Veteran suicides, homelessness, anger and frustrations that lead to acts of violence. California has two laws offering Veterans, under certain conditions, reduction of sentences if they agree to Court-imposed treatment terms. The Graduates are from the Court Diversion program

and Treatment Program. The Diversion Program is meant for misdemeanor and non-receptive offenders, while the Treatment Program is for certain felony and receptive offenders. All offenses have to have a relation or link to military causes, typically PTSD or head injuries.

Currently, newly elected Marine Veteran Judge Brian Austin is Presiding Judge for this Specialty Superior Court. Recently elected District Attorney, Army Veteran Sally Orme-Moreno, has also stepped in as the District Attorney. The current Mentor Coordinator is Thomas Zonsius, who is working with the Veteran Treatment Court team in formalizing the program and developing it along the lines of the National Justice for Vets Programs.

There is a continuing need for volunteer mentors and members to fulfill the “Veterans helping Vets” motto. The Court holds sessions on the second and fourth Mondays at 1:30 p.m. For more information refer to JusticeforVets.org

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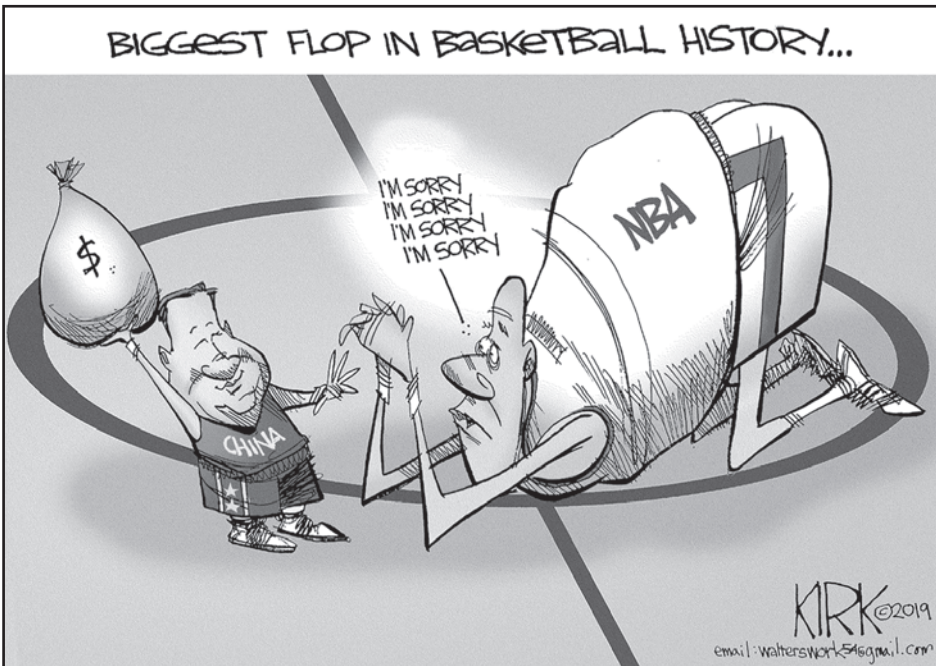
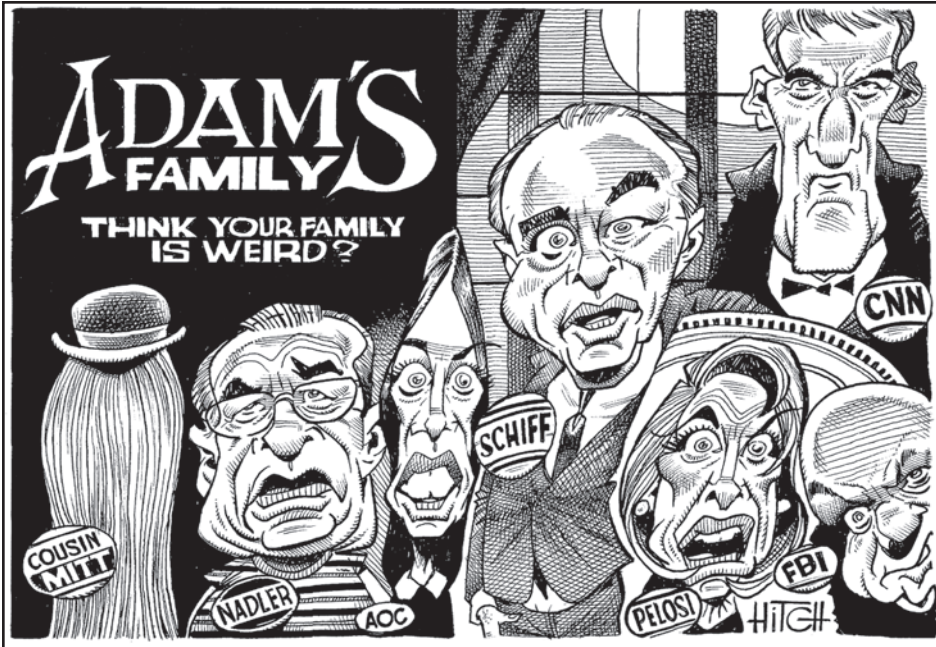
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Editorial

Time to Beat the Dead Horse

By Randy Bailey

Facebook really is a two-edged sword. It can be grotesquely infuriating at times, then it turns around and offers up timely, useful information.

Yin and yang.

Sweet and sour.

Right and wrong.

Part of Facebook's "two-edged sword" attributes is its immediacy. Used to be, if there was an accident on Avenue 12 for example, it was only witnessed and reported by those who were actually there and saw it. And then they only shared the information with a small circle of friends and then the story died a natural death.

Not anymore.

Now if something happens, BOOM! It's on Facebook and in a matter of moments it's making the rounds throughout the Ranchos faithful. I sometimes think people post on Facebook before dialling 911 and getting emergency personnel on scene. And everyone who receives the information feels compelled to add to the story in some small way. I think it must be human nature to want to embellish a story. No one wants to feel like a lump on the floor just receiving information with nothing constructive to add to the discussion. So after a very short while, ideas and concepts have conjecture added in for good measure and conclu-

sions are reached and then the process gets repeated over and over. It's what's called an "echo chamber." An echo chamber is a situation where ideas and beliefs are reinforced through repetition in a closed system that doesn't really allow for alternative or competing ideas.

As mentioned above, the immediacy issue is a problem. There are people who still aren't sure who shot Kennedy in Dallas almost 60 years ago, but they can see an accident and, based on their perspective, tell you who was at fault, what their motivation was for committing such a heinous act, what kind of person they are and their likelihood of doing it again. All from a split-second occurrence, reinforced by others who didn't see or have any knowledge of what happened, and now bouncing off the walls of the echo chamber.

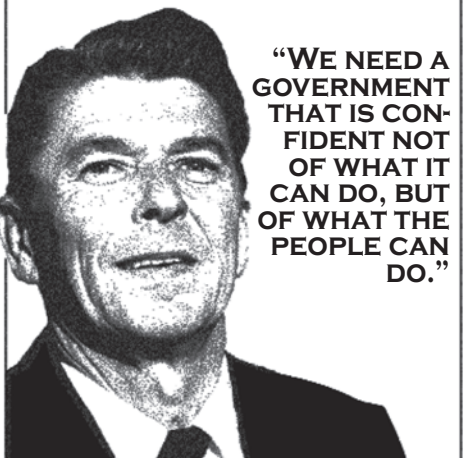
The other problem with the immediacy factor is it can make something seem like its happening a lot more than it is. You would think that school shootings were a national epidemic, but reality says differently. In 2018, National Public Radio revealed that two-thirds of school shootings reported in 2015-2016 never actually happened. One example was a suicidal man in Michigan who decided to take his life in his car at 1 in the morning in the parking lot of a school that had been shuttered for seven months. No teachers, no students. What statistics was it added to? School shootings.

In journalism school -- at least in the old days -- you only reported on things you *knew* to be fact. If you weren't sure you could still report on it, but words like *alleged* and *suspected* and *purported* had better be part of your story. Primarily we were covering our own behinds so we wouldn't get sued, but the bigger picture was *alleged* and *suspected* and *purported* were the truth.

You don't know what you don't know. The problem today is a lot of people don't know stuff and they don't know that they don't know it. Their mouth is open so they had better put some words in it. Now. And a lot.

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Quivering Halloween Me

So, as it turns out ... I'm a big chicken. It's not that I thought I was extraordinarily brave or anything, but I didn't think I was a whimpering mass of neurosis that couldn't handle a little Halloween haunted corn maze. Turns out, that's exactly who I am.

I love the spooky season. Cool weather. Playing dress up. Christmas hiding in the back of Walmart just waiting to jump out and take over. I see you, Mr. Blow Up Snowman, wait your turn! My love for this time of year came from my dad. This was always his favorite season. Christmas belonged to my mother, and it was an event in our household, but Halloween was when my dad shined.

Not that he needed it to be Halloween to scare me. Instead of Mother Goose and Dr. Seuss, dad would put me to bed by telling me scary stories. From killers curling up at the side of the bed and licking a girl's hand so she thinks he is her dog to crazy-eyed,

homicidal maniacs hiding in the backseat with a hatchet. Really, it's no wonder I have a sick and twisted sense of humor. Thanks, Dad.

In all seriousness though, at this point I would have thought I would be completely desensitized to a silly little haunted attraction. Well, that thought went out the window when I went through that stupid corn maze. I mean, I don't love people jumping out at me, so I knew I was going to scream quite a bit. I didn't, however, think at any point I was going to turn into a quivering lump of spineless flesh. I was

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WHY**
by **eryn b. nyre**



sadly mistaken. I'm grateful I wasn't caught on camera ... that I know of.

I went to one of those pumpkin patch places with a group of my friends. I'm not sure I've ever really bought into the idea of driving out into the middle of nowhere to spend a small fortune on a pumpkin that costs seven and a half times more than one from the grocery store down the street. Seems like a waste

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of money when you are just going to gut and mutilate it in the name of spooky shenanigans anyway. What I didn't know was that it was much more than just an expensive and overrated pumpkin gar-

den. It had a haunted corn maze, a haunted barn, zombie apocalypse paintball, various other carnivalesque games and touted an exceptional barbecued brisket that I never actually got to try. Turns out, I lose my appetite after being frightened to the point of near death, who knew? All in all, it was one of those times where I was quite glad to have followed the crowd.

Though my favorite part was pelting zombies with paintballs and probably could have just done that all night,

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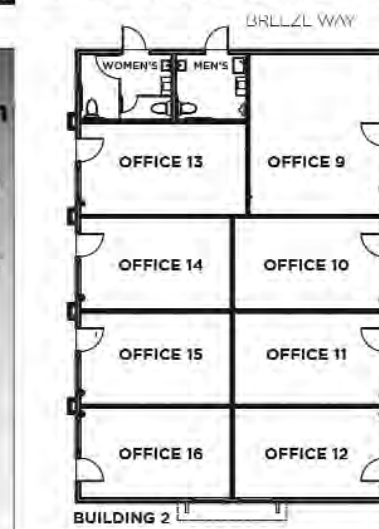
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the group wanted to do the corn maze, so I went with the flow. They people in the maze couldn't touch you, they gave us that warning before we went in, all they could do was pop out at you and how bad could that be? I grew up with my dad; what could they possibly come up with that he hadn't already done in one of the many haunted houses he created in my childhood? I was wrong. I was wrong and I will tell you this: I'm half convinced my father actually designed this corn maze of pure terror as payback for all the Halloweens I haven't spent with him as an adult.

Things you thought were fake turned out to be very much alive and would follow you until they herded you into something like a swamp. A creepy, green, steaming swamp where you couldn't see below your waist, but you could most certainly feel things brushing by your legs. You would make a left turn and come face to face with a murderous looking clown, only to turn around and have your retreat path blocked by three of his homicidal friends, so you scream and run headfirst into a wall of cornstalks and fall over backward. Don't think a row of corn can feel like a wall of cement? Try running full speed into one in

the dark. No one can convince me that one of those clowns wasn't a real serial killer. Believe me, my friends have tried. They clearly didn't get a good look in those clowns' eyes. Those were stone cold eyes of death and I narrowly escaped with my life. There are probably bodies piling up all over that pumpkin patch.

My friends think I'm being silly, but that place is the perfect forum for hiding multiple homicides. Yes, I was scared. Yes, as it turns out, I'm a yellow-bellied, lily-livered coward. But hear me out: There's not enough light and you move through it too fast to be able to tell the difference between real gore and simulated. Everyone is screaming and there's the sounds of chainsaws and chopping noises everywhere you go. What better place to hide murder and dead bodies than in plain sight where no one actually expects anything to be real? There's also the fact that there was no one at the end of the maze who counted the people who exited. For all they know, a thousand people went in but only nine hundred and eighty-two came out. I am convinced I'm the only person who sees this place for what it really is: A murder field disguised as a pumpkin patch where the mystery meat is not a mystery you actually want to solve!

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Pumpkin Anyone?

(October 2009)

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

Here we are in autumn already. I love the fall time of the year – not real cold yet, and a lot cooler than what we have been through. Probably the only people that don't like this weather are at PG&E. We can open our windows and doors and enjoy!

What do you usually think of when this time of year gets here? Football games? Beautiful orange and red leaves on the trees (and then you have to rake the lousy things up)? Halloween? Pumpkins! For the past 14 years I have picked up Randy's, and then Adam's, kids after school at Sierra View and I loved to sit there and watch the little ones on the days they came back to the school after their trip to the Pumpkin Patch. What excitement! They were so protective of their precious treasure. They hung on to it like the star football player running with the ball to the goal line. Hopefully they all had someone at home that could help them make that all important Jack 'O Lantern.

Although pumpkin pie is not my favorite, my mom did make delicious ones. She usually made two for Thanksgiving except when she knew her grandson Steve would be there, then she would always make a couple extras. She didn't have any secret recipe, not even one written on her cards. Her recipe was on the back of a can of Libby's pumpkin. Each large can will make two pies.

In going through mama's recipe cards, I found this one. She has cut it out of a newspaper and taped it to one of her cards so I will copy it as it is. If you can't make good pie crust (like me) or just don't like to make pie crust, this recipe would be ideal. And, it sounds good too!

No Crust to Screw Up

Stick it in the oven and forget it for an hour and half. Easy, peasy. My 11 year old could have made it last year or the year before! But wait, Sara's recipe is as good as her story:

Make the pumpkin-pie mixture from the large can of Libby's pumpkin. Pour it into a large deep casserole. (I'd say she used about a 3 quart Corning-



Aunt Jean's Ranchos Recipes

by Jean Briner

ware dish.)

In a large bowl blend a packaged spice cake mix with two cubes melted butter.

Drop this mixture by spoonfuls on top of the pie mixture in the casserole dish.

Bake at 350 for about 1 ½ hours.

Now I ask you – doesn't that sound good? How about a big spoon of this with a blob of whipped cream on it – or a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Yummy!

The following pumpkin bread recipes are for everyone, but especially for the lady that called the office and requested them and before I could get back to her, I misplaced her phone number. The first one is my mother's:

Pumpkin Nut Bread

- 1 C margarine
- 3 C sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 large can pumpkin
- 3 C sifted all purpose flour
- 1 ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp cloves
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 C chopped nuts
- 1 C raisins

Cream together margarine and sugar. Beat in eggs, add pumpkin and vanilla, mixing well. Sift together dry ingredients, blend with pumpkin mixture. Add nuts and raisins.

Bake in loaf pans for 40 to 45 minutes in preheated 350 oven.

The following recipe is my sister Faye's (Randy's mom). You will notice it doesn't take any eggs.

Faye's Pumpkin Bread

- Oven 350 Yield – 3 loaves
- 1 can pumpkin
- 4 C sugar
- 1 C oil

Mix together, then add to pumpkin mixture:

- 2 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp cloves
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp salt
- 5 C flour

Bake in prepared pans 70 minutes

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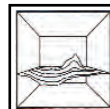
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Jean "Aunt Jean" Briner July 29, 1934 -- September 23, 2019

Jean was born in Chowchilla to Orville and Gladys Briner on July 29, 1934. She was the oldest of five children. Other than a short period of time spent in San Francisco during WWII, where her father worked in the shipyards as a welder, she spent her entire life in the Central San Joaquin Valley, first in Chowchilla, then in Fresno and finally in Clovis.

Most of Jean's education was through the Chowchilla school system, culminating in graduating from Chowchilla High in 1952. She worked in Chowchilla at the local library in high school and considered becoming a librarian, but instead followed the path of bookkeeping and attended 4Cs College in Fresno where she learned the skills she would incorporate the rest of her life. After graduation, she applied her bookkeeping talents locally by going to work for Robertson Trucking and then Neal Russell, both as a bookkeeper. She opened her own bookkeeping service for several years then moved to Fresno where she held several different bookkeeping jobs, including accountant Rod Stock, Audrey Stock's late husband. Then, one day, she went to work for Yosemite Waters where she worked over 20 years until her retirement. Finding retirement boring, for the past 12 years she worked when she felt like it for her nephew Randy Bailey doing the books for the Ranchos Independent, and discovered a new vocation: Newspaper columnist. Her "Aunt Jean's Ranchos Recipes" became the most read column in the paper. Jean loved Jesus Christ, politics, crocheting and "magic" oil painting like Bill Alexander and Bob Ross.

She also loved being "Aunt Jean." She had it written on her car's license plates. It was her email address. It was the name of her newspaper column. Everyone seemed to know her as "Aunt Jean." She had six nephews and two nieces that further provided her with great-nephews and great-nieces, carrying the Aunt Jean name well into posterity.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and Gladys; her sister Faye Bailey; and her brother Lloyd Briner. She is survived by her sister Maxine Briner; brother George and his wife Jorene Briner, all of Fresno. In addition there are several nephews, nieces and great-nephews and great-nieces across the united States.

Per her wishes she was cremated and a memorial service celebrating her life is being held on Saturday, Oct. 26. in Clovis.

Goodbye, Aunt Jean ...



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By Brenda McElroy

Give it a Try!

“Everything is hard before it is easy.” – Goethe

Given my bent toward organizing, which requires change, I’m a little more comfortable with it than some of my family members. Awhile back I threw out the idea of changing where we store our dinnerware and glasses. When meal prep and table setting, or dishwasher emptying were happening at the same time, we were in each other’s way. Despite my rational explanation, I was met with resistance. It’s funny how instead of changing, we tend to stay with what’s comfortable. Even if it’s not.

A couple Sundays ago, I overruled the opposition and announced I was going to do an experiment. I would change where we store our dinnerware and we’d test it out for the month of October. The response was minimal, thanks to football being on TV. I headed into the kitchen to make the swap. The cabinet closest to the dinner table stored vitamins, meds and some snack foods. That became my target since we wouldn’t need access to these during meal prep. The medicine and dinnerware cabinets weren’t exactly the same size, so I soon realized this was going to effect more than just two cabinets. In fact, I got a little carried away and ended up working on eight cabinets and a drawer.

As I purged and organized, I rehearsed things I often ask my clients:

1. Do you need as many as you have? Unlike before – on those rare occasions when I serve dinner for a lot of people – I tend to use disposable plates and cups on which I can write names. I chose not to get rid of my extra dishes and glasses, but I put them up high in another cabinet

and kept only what we need for everyday use in the accessible cabinet.

2. Is the shelving positioned for maximum use? Adjusting the shelves made all the difference in fitting the dinnerware and glasses into the new cabinet. I lowered the top shelf creating a narrow one in the middle for bowls and making the top accessible for glassware.

3. Are you keeping like things together? Sometimes “keeping like things together” can mean different things. I had been keeping my mugs with dinnerware and glasses. Now I have them with the coffee supplies, also “like things” and more convenient.

4. Can it be containerized more efficiently? I replaced the two-level turn table with a small bin for my husband’s meds and a larger one for allergy/cold medicine, pain killers, etc. I used a handled bin so it could be easily retrieved from the inside corner of the cabinet.

5. Is it expired? I’m always surprised how many medications have expired when I go through them.

6. Does this fit your current needs and lifestyle? I’m not making bread anymore so the bread slicer — gone. Farm animals haven’t been my kitchen theme for years, so cow salt and pepper shakers — gone.

7. Is it earning its keep? Sorry, salad spinner, I’m back to drying lettuce by hand.

8. Is it worth the space it’s taking? I liked my Christmas pedestal cake stand, but it took too much valuable space for the amount of pleasure and use it provided.

9. Can it be repurposed? The container of grandkids’ cups had more than were needed. Since many first belonged to my own kids (I’m a little sentimental), I decided to repurpose them to the patio for the grandkids to use when they make mud pies. That way I can still see them sometimes.

10. Have you ever used it? Silicone lids seemed like a good idea at the time, but nope, never used them — out they went.

11. Did you buy a replacement, but keep the original? When my travel cups leaked, I purchased new ones. The old went to a high shelf as back-ups, but were never used. Good-bye!

Please see **ORGANIZE** on P. 14

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT HONORARY MAYOR OF The Ranchos?

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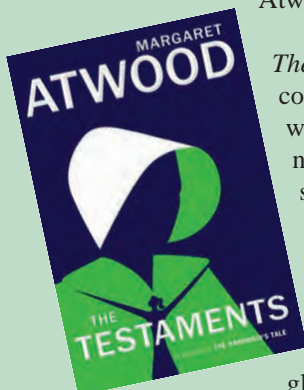
With Move Nearing, Ranchos Library Not Accepting Book Donations for Now

By Jerrica Edmundson

I am excited to say that we have officially entered the endgame for our move to the new facilities behind State Foods Supermarket and there have been some changes in procedures that I'm sure you've noticed by now: We are not accepting any book donations until we are established in the new building. We do definitely apologize if this causes any inconvenience for you all, but it is a necessary measure to take to ensure we can fully prepare for the move without being inundated with books to go through at the same time. At this point it looks like we are tentatively set for opening in the new building in January — but this is not set in stone, so be aware that it is a time that may change. Official announcements regarding any potential temporary closure and our official opening date will come as they are avail-

able through our Facebook page.

Jerrica's Bookshelf: *The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood



The long-awaited sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale* has finally come out and I am well on my way to finishing this wondrous novel. Creating a sequel to this story was a task that I'm sure daunted Margaret Atwood for ages before she was able to tackle the task, but I truly feel she has done a fantastic job with it and am so glad to have some questions finally answered after the 34-year gap between the books' release dates.

This novel is unique in that it follows the point of view of three different characters: Aunt Lydia (who was in the original novel), Agnes and Daisy. These three characters all have a connection to the first novel, but I'll leave that for you to find out by reading it yourself since I don't want to spoil it for anyone looking forward for this novel.

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Senior Report

Seniors Have Ranchos Mayor Apps

By Margaret Tynan

The race for Honorary Mayor of the Ranchos is on. The Ranchos/Hills Seniors Center, a non-profit organization serving local seniors, is sponsoring a contest to elect the Honorary Mayor of our community. Even though the Ranchos has no official mayor, the winning candidate will enjoy some fun ceremonial benefits during his or her one year "term of office" that begins Jan. 1, 2020. It is an opportunity for candidates to raise money for their favorite charities and to support the Rancho/Hill Seniors Center. The funds raised by each candidate are split 50-50 between the candidate's charity and the Center. The candidate who raises the most money is chosen Honorary Mayor of the Ranchos. Hurry and nominate your choice of candidate to

run or nominate yourself. Nomination of candidates is open Oct. 15 and closes Nov. 1. Get the nomination form online at ranchoshillseniors.org, print it, fill it out and send it or drop it off with a \$10 nomination fee at Ranchos/Hills



Liberty High Key Club student members volunteered at the Ranchos/Hills Seniors Italian Night Dinner and were indispensable.

Seniors, 37330 Berkshire Dr., Madera, CA 93636. Checks need to be payable to RHS. Voting for your favorite candidate will run from Nov. 4 to Dec. 4. The winning candidate will be announced at the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 6. For more information call 559-645-4830.

Thanks for Italian Night

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped make our September Italian Night Dinner a real success. It could not have happened without the planning group, the cooks, the ice cream scoopers, the table decorators, the beverage pourers, ticket takers, the servers, the setup and cleanup group, etc. A special thanks goes to the six Liberty High School Key Club members who volunteered. Each of them did a marvelous job serving tables. We also appreciate the support of community businesses that allowed us to put out our flyers advertising the dinner, and to Pete and Maria's Italian Bistro for their generous gift certificate donation for our raffle.

With November comes the Thanksgiving holiday, America's traditional time to offer thanks for all we enjoy. The holiday has its roots in the earliest days of America's colonization. The Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Indians shared what is considered the first Thanksgiving celebrations in 1621. Although days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states for more than two centuries, it wasn't until 1863, during the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving Day a national holiday to be held each November. The Ranchos/Hills Seniors are carrying on the tradition. The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner is being held at the Center on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. for members and their guests. The Center is providing the

turkey and the gravy. Members bring your favorite side dishes and desserts, as well as your own table service. Be sure to stop by the front desk at the Center to sign up for the dinner. This traditional American holiday of thanks is always

a wonderful time to socialize with each other over a delicious meal. We'll see you there.

Election Time

It's time to vote for the Center's officers and Board members. Be sure to attend the General Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 12:30 p.m. This is your Center. Get involved. Your participation is welcome and needed. Don't forget to come to the monthly Bake and Boutique, Treasure House and Garden Sale on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to noon. Join us for the exercise program every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. You are also welcomed to join the Writing Group that meets every Monday at 2 p.m.

A reminder: The Center will be closed Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and Nov. 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Thought for November: "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

ORGANIZE cont. from P. 10

Is there an area in your home that causes you frustration? If nothing changes, nothing changes. Use the above questions to guide your organizing process. Yes, it will get messier before it gets better, but "everything is hard before it is easy."

Habits are hard to break. Once we quit opening the wrong cabinets before finding what we need, I'm confident

that we'll feel pleased with the benefits. Which is a good thing because come November, it's not going back the way it was. But don't tell them.

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Kiwanis Korner

Frazier Talks "County" to Kiwanis

By Bedy Koop

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

I am so happy to announce that Verlaine Elinburg received the Distinguished Service Award for 2019 at our recent Installation of Officers ceremony. Verlaine has selflessly helped our local Kiwanis Club in so many ways. Congratulations, Verlaine. We are also glad to welcome Richard Wayne in as our President, Leslie Carella as our Secretary and our Treasurer is Marie Cameron. We appreciate the time and leadership they provide for our club.

I hope you had the opportunity to join us at the Riverstone Lodge on Oct. 26, when we held our annual Fall Fundraiser, Kiwanis For Kids. Our goal this year was to raise money to fund our scholarship program, to provide money to local community projects and to donate teddy bears to Valley Children's Hospital. I look forward to announcing the winner of our \$1,000 drawing in next month's article.

This month our guest speaker was Brett Frazier from the Madera County Board of Supervisors, District #1. He thanked the Madera Ranchos Kiwanis for their contributions to the community and discussed some of the changes happening in the Ranchos. The new community library is on track to open by the end of the year and the sheriff sub-station should be up and running a few months later. He is working on river access to the San Joaquin River and also the Highway 41 expansion that is planned to include four lanes up to Avenue 15.

As for upcoming events, we will be having a cleanup at the Wildwood Native Park next month for all Key Club members, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and/or other community members. On Nov. 2, the Kiwanis will be preparing bag lunches for the Special Olympics Bowling participants at the Bowlero in Clovis.

Remember, you are always welcome to join us at one of our meetings. Come down any Thursday, except the first one of the month, to the Pizza Factory Banquet Room at 37184 Ave. 12 at 6:15 p.m. You will enjoy the camaraderie and fun, and also be a part of making a difference in our community.



Madera County District One Supervisor Brett Frazier was on hand to discuss upcoming Madera County events.



Verlaine Elinburg, right, received the Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award for 2019 at their recent officers' installation meeting.

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Smoke Gets in Your Eyes

Hello 93636,

As I was writing last month's article about the Central California Pico Club, I heard the news President Trump revoked California's 1970 Clean Air Act waiver. As a licensed California smog technician, I certainly have my strong opinions concerning California's direction with regard to Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) and vehicle emission standards.

The waiver was granted as part of that legislation due to our unique climate and topography in the Los Angeles area basin and our extraordinary population growth. The exemption recognized California's environmental efforts and authorized the state to establish its own separate and stricter-than-federal vehicle emissions regulations. California is the only state to receive such an exemption.

California Rules

In 2005, California expanded its list of pollutants to include Carbon Dioxide (CO2). In March of 2008, the George W. Bush administration declined California's request to expand the exemption. On Jan. 26, 2009, six days after his inauguration, President Obama signed a Presidential Memorandum directing the EPA to reconsider California's application to expand its Clean Air Act waiver. Six months later, the waiver was granted authorizing California to establish its own greenhouse gas standards for motor vehicles beginning with the 2009 model year. With the waiver critics charged that California's large new vehicle market share essentially allows California to dictate to the automakers new national vehicle CAFE and emission standards and force the rest of America to buy expensive automobiles they don't need and don't want.

By 2025, California is pressuring automakers to increase sales of electric and other zero-emission vehicles to 15.4 percent of new car sales. In addition, all cars sold in the state must be PZEV compliant (read the April 2019 Ranchos Independent article). Revoking California's waiver is the administration's first move to reform and freeze CAFE standards at 2020 levels.

President Trump's preferred option would decrease automakers' regulatory

costs by more than \$300 billion and save American consumers nearly \$2,500 on the price of a new vehicle. The decreased cost of manufacturing federal emissions vehicles is expected to encourage automakers to build new, less expensive safer vehicles. The Trump administration says there will be very little difference in vehicle emissions between the California Standard and the new U.S. Standard. From my 30-plus years of emissions experience, I believe that to be an accurate statement. Less than 4/100 of 1 percent of the earth's atmosphere is CO2.

The 1970 Clean Air Act addressed six major air pollutants: particulate matter; ozone; sulfur dioxide; nitrogen dioxide; carbon monoxide; and lead. As we all know, CO2 is not a pollutant and is not toxic. CO2 promotes healthy plant life and acts like a fertilizer for plants. We humans expel CO2 with each breath. Increased levels of CO2 in the earth's atmosphere increases the rate of photosynthesis in plants. Photosynthesis is the process whereby green plants convert carbon dioxide and water into food compounds and oxygen. The more green plant life, the more CO2 is processed into oxygen.

Forest Management Solution?

If California is truly sincere about its attempt to slow global warming and improve

public health and safety, in my opinion a good place to start is with the poor management of California's forests. Big forest fires cause significant amounts of CO2 to be released into the earth's atmosphere. In addition, the forest's ability to process CO2 via photosynthesis is greatly diminished as the result of the destroyed plant life. "It is a double whammy," said William Lau, atmospheric scientist with NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland.

Deforestation is the second leading cause of increased CO2 in the earth's atmosphere. Scientist say deforestation of tropical rainforests alone adds more CO2 to the atmosphere than the sum total of all the cars and trucks on the world's roads. Twenty four percent of the world's greenhouse gases are the result of deforestation.

Wildfires Vs Cars

A Science & Environment article dated Nov. 15, 2018 states some estimates suggest last year's northern California wildfire emitted as much CO2 into the atmosphere in one week as all the cars and trucks in California emit in one year. According to a US Geological Survey, in 2018 California wildfires released 68 million tons of CO2 into California's air, or 15 percent of the state's total emissions.

In 2010, California's legislature ordered a

study entitled "California's Forests and Rangelands 2010 Strategy Report." The report showed areas protected from timber harvesting were net contributors to atmospheric CO2 due to fires and insect-diseased trees. The article goes on to say some experts believe wildfires account for up to 20 percent of total global greenhouse gas emissions.

The problem is compounded when we consider smoke created from wildfires is primarily CO2, water vapor, carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, not to mention the massive amounts of particulate matter spewed into the atmosphere. California's deforestation and increased levels of CO2 are the consequence of decades of forest mismanagement which created a tinderbox of unharvested timber, dead trees, and thick underbrush.

Ok guys and gals, that's all for this one. As always, I'm interested in writing about informative and interesting automotive topics and automotive current events. If you have any suggestions, ideas, or any general or specific questions concerning a vehicle, please text 559-907-7661.

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by Linda Thistle

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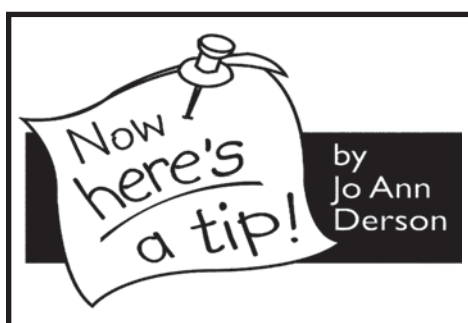
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by Jo Ann Derson

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By Betty Van Valkenburg

Green New Deal - Same Old Spiel

The Green New Deal proposes government actions to take us back to the Stone Age, claiming that if we don't combat man-made global climate change, the earth will end in 8, 10 or 12 years (pick a number, any number). Sorry, but that slow-speed train went off the track decades ago. Predictions of doom have fizzled. Dire warnings of global catastrophe have come and gone.

Dozens of treaties, agreements and machinations of the United Nations and global organizations – including the **mother of all global schemes, Agenda 21** – have apparently failed to save us from the still-predicted climate catastrophe. Otherwise, why would we need this latest and greatest new deal?

A few of the failed predictions:

An Ice Age would come in 1974. Calamitous droughts and sea level rise would occur in the 1990's. The North Pole would be completely ice free by 2014. The Arctic's summer ice cover would completely melt by 2016. The earth would end in (pick a year, any year).

A few of the "failed" United Nations treaties, agreements, conventions and such:

1992 – The Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and United Nations Framework on Climate Change produced "Agenda 21 – the Agenda for the 21st Century". (See more below.)

1997 – The Kyoto Protocol purported to control greenhouse gas emissions.

2009 – The Copenhagen Agreement purported to limit global warming.

2010 – The United Nations Climate Change Conference and Cancun Agreement established a new Green Climate Fund, a new Technology Mechanism including investment in technology development, a monitoring system and a framework on deforestation.

2012 – The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) put in place "landmark conventions on biodiversity, poverty eradication and social justice."

2015 – The United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in New York adopted the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development." (Whew, at least we are safe

until 2030.)

2015 – The Paris Agreement on Climate Change set nations' minimum obligations and directed rich countries (that's us) to provide financing for poor countries.

Pity the poor globalist alarmists. None of these agreements is working for them, right?

Wrong! Using the climate threat and existing creeping socialism, globalists are already achieving their goals: Control of our lives (through regulations, restrictive laws and taxation), including where and how we live (through restrictive planning policies in almost every U.S. city), our transportation choices (high gas taxes that pay for rail and bike lanes instead of roads), animal migration over human rights (taking out California dams), and complete transformation of our economic system and form of government. Precisely because they have so successfully indoctrinated us into accepting socialism-light, they can now brazenly attempt the end-game plan.

Can it possibly be true that Agenda 21's Sustainable Development purpose is global governance and a complete change to our way of life? Apparently so. Consider these quotes from 27 years ago:

- Nancy Pelosi introduced a Congressional resolution supporting Agenda 21 and called it a "comprehensive blueprint for the reorganization of human society."

- Maurice Strong, head of the 1992 Earth Summit: "Current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class – involving high meat intake, the use of fossil fuels, electrical appliances, home and work-place air conditioning, and suburban housing – are not sustainable."

- Maurice Strong: "We may get to the point where the only way of saving the world will be for industrial civilization to collapse."

- Agenda 21 Preamble: "Agenda 21 is a comprehensive plan of action to be taken globally, nationally and locally by organizations of the United Nations ... in every area in which human impacts on the environment." That's everywhere.

- Agenda 21 – Chapter 36 – "... reorienting education toward sustainable development."

More about Agenda 21

Climate change enthusiasts try to hide the real United Nations power grab, sometimes denying Agenda 21's very existence. So why at this time is the in-your-face, openly anti-America Green New Deal making such bizarre proposals? Precisely because United Nations radical initiatives and willing – or hoodwinked – Americans have so successfully "socialized" the nation, they are emboldened to try to seal the deal with one election and one brazen new plan. We ignore their efforts at our peril.

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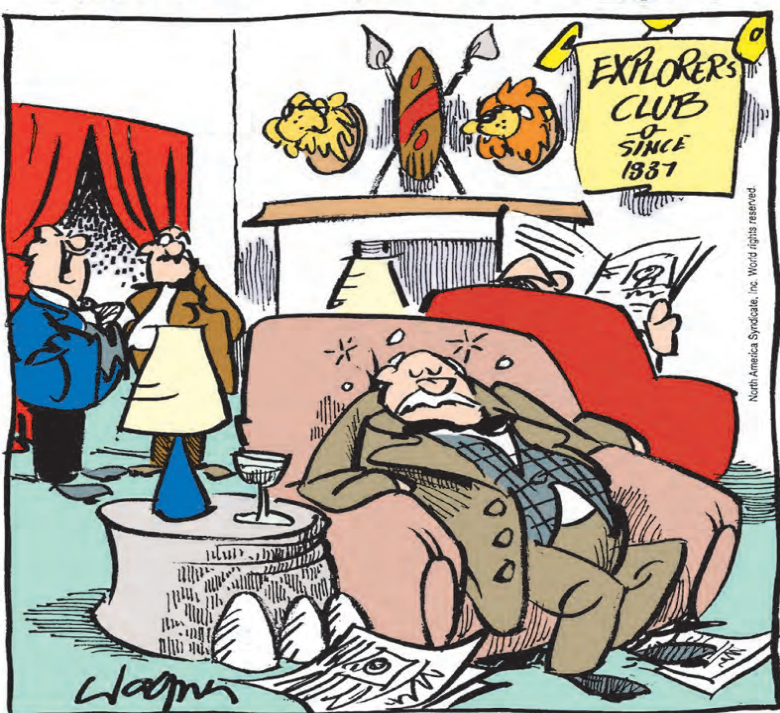
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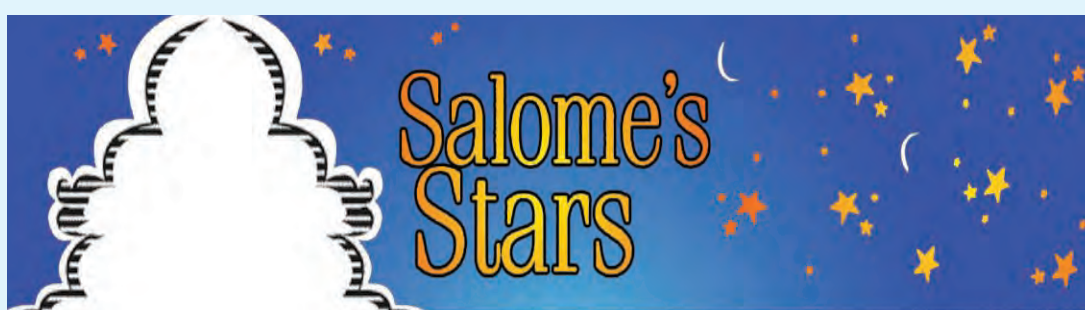
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It might not be wise to pursue goals involving others, unless you can stop impulsively rejecting new ideas. Either open your mind or wait until next week, when this "ornery" mood passes.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for the Bovine to be creative and practical for yourself and your surroundings. Shop wisely, not impulsively, and keep your Bull's eye focused on quality, not quantity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You should feel more confident about moving ahead with plans that had to be delayed by an unexpected turn of events. Also, family matters might need more time than first anticipated.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be considerate of others as you move into a new area in your professional life. Take time to meet people and discuss mutual goals. The more you get to know each other, the better.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss could get your ideas noticed quickly. But it would be best to present your case, and then wait for a reaction to follow in due course, rather than try to force it to happen.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Unkept promises might cause plans to go awry this week. You can either grumble about people "letting you down" or find a way to make the best of it and move on. The choice is yours.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Putting off making a commitment early in the week could be a good move. It's best to act when you know you're making an informed decision. Expect more facts to emerge by the week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent act of kindness on your part could take on special meaning this week. Also, look for signs of upcoming changes in both your personal and professional relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Many of the tougher communication barriers between you and others in the workplace or at home could begin breaking down this week. Expect some surprises to emerge.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your "tough love" attitude toward someone you care for could be misunderstood. Try to be less judgmental and show more consideration in the way you relate to that person.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected workplace challenge could be daunting. But take what you know (and you know more than you realize) and apply it to the problem, and you should see positive results.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Recent relationship changes for both single and paired Pisces continue to influence much of your week. Keep your focus on developing the positive aspects as you move along.

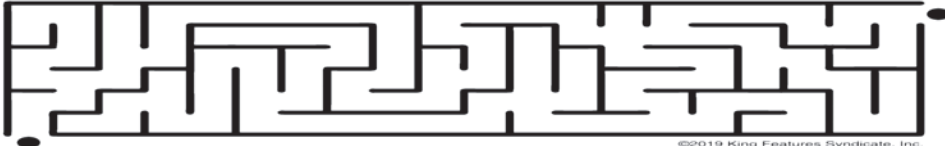
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You set your goals with assurance and influence others to follow suit. You would be an excellent philosopher and teacher.

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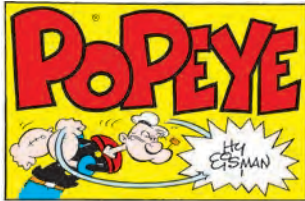
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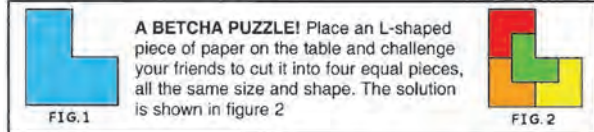
THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



BY AL SCADUTO



SEE IF YOU CAN "RAKE IN" the two leaves on the bulletin board above that are exactly alike.



FIND-A-WORD! On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

1. Weight of a container.
2. To be.
3. Outstanding performer.
4. A sailor.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

LET'S FIND THE ANIMALS!

T	D	R	A	P	O	E	L	G	A	E	M	R	C
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Hidden in the above diagram are the names of 21 species of animals. They can be found by reading up or down, side to side, or diagonally. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the names you're looking for:

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| Anaconda | Cougar | Hippo |
| Antelope | Deer | Leopard |
| Boar | Eagle | Llama |
| Camel | Elephant | Mustang |
| Cardinal | Gazelle | Rattler |
| Caribou | Goat | Shetland |
| Cheetah | Gorilla | Zebra |

Wishing Well

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C	I	N	L	A	G	L	E	S	H	L	D	L

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J	E	H	N	S	N	S	R	O	R	E	D	R	U
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T	R	Q	O	N	L	K	I	H	F	D	C	A	Z

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

- | | | | |
|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Airship | Kinship | Ownership | Starship |
| Deanship | Ladyship | Queenship | Township |
| Gunship | Lordship | Reship | Worship |
| Kingship | Mayorship | Rulership | |

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TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is the northernmost?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What would a phillumenist collect or study?
3. MOVIES: Which movie was based on the novel "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?"?
4. HISTORY: The Treaty of Versailles ended which major 20th-century war?
5. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "lex" mean in English?
6. TELEVISION: What was the nickname of Carrie Bradshaw's boyfriend in the comedic series "Sex and the City"?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many eyes does a honey bee have?
8. MEASUREMENTS: What does a caliper measure?
9. MUSIC: Who sang the hit 1970s song "Love Me Like a Rock"?
10. ANATOMY: What is a common word for the sternum?

Answers

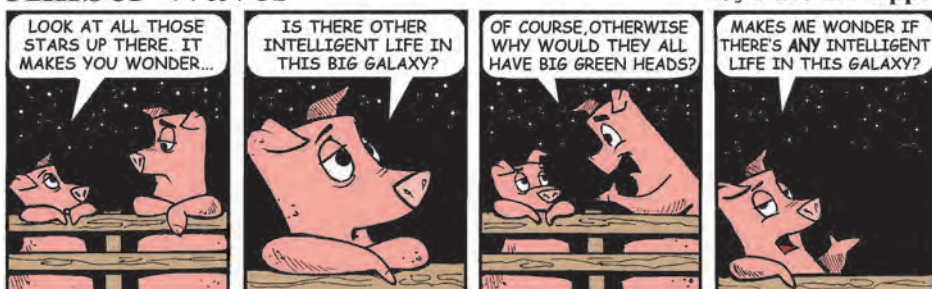
1. Lake Superior
2. Matchbook covers and boxes
3. "Blade Runner"
4. World War I
5. Word
6. Mr. Big
7. Five
8. Distance between two opposite sides of an object
9. Paul Simon
10. Breastbone

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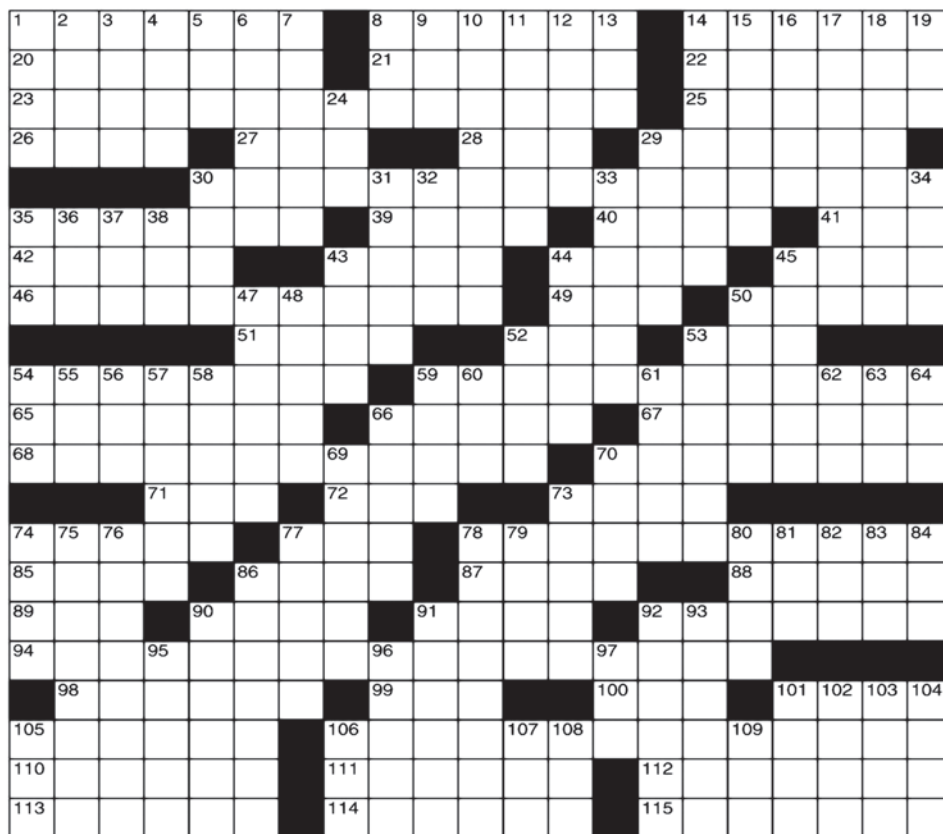
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Differences: 1. Shoes are black. 2. Man has a bowtie. 3. Tree is shorter. 4. Face guard is missing. 5. Boy has black eye. 6. Fence is shorter.

Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Designer
 - 8 Put in cipher
 - 14 Cocky walks
 - 20 United, e.g.
 - 21 In a Ziploc bag, e.g.
 - 22 "The Gift of the Magi" writer
 - 23 Zippers
 - 25 Contacts, e.g.
 - 26 Lotto variant
 - 27 "... cup — cone?"
 - 28 — kwon do (martial art)
 - 29 "Taps" co-star
 - 30 Data entry needs
 - 35 Aftermaths
 - 39 "Where are — now?"
 - 40 Hinge (on)
 - 41 Aunt, in Argentina
 - 42 Fill with joy
 - 43 Lay — thick
 - 44 Fonda of film
 - 45 Just know
 - 46 Office cabinet items
 - 49 Center of similes
 - 50 Military chaplain
 - 51 Cake level
 - 52 Lamb bearer
 - 53 Ireland's — Lingus
 - 54 Last half of a typical golf course
 - 59 Some aluminum recyclables
 - 65 Hwy. number lead-in
 - 66 Elbowed, say
 - 67 A number of
 - 68 Dictionary lookup facilitators
 - 70 Affirm the truth of
 - 71 Ammo for air rifles
 - 72 Even one
 - 73 "Take —!" ("Congrats!")
 - 74 Big name in direct sales
 - 77 "I got it!"
 - 78 Chrome, Firefox and Safari
 - 85 Shop
 - 86 Lackluster
 - 87 1990s Israeli president
 - 88 Video's counterpart
 - 89 Bardic tribute
 - 90 — Field (Mr. Met's home)
 - 91 Rhine feeder
 - 92 Enrollments
 - 94 Café crowd
 - 98 Like a constellation
 - 99 Siouan people
 - 100 Hirt and Gore
 - 101 Biblical son of Isaac
 - 105 Tug at
 - 106 Theme of this puzzle
 - 110 Colorful ring in the eye
 - 111 Well-drilling apparatus
 - 112 Pantheon members
 - 113 Corn seed
 - 114 Spend time in, as a hotel
 - 115 One tearing up the road
 - 12 Bo of "10"
 - 13 Masthead names, for short
 - 14 Like sugar, but not oil, in water
 - 15 1982 Richard Pryor film
 - 16 — -car (airport service)
 - 17 Not collated, e.g.
 - 18 More stylish
 - 19 Pt. of OS or GPS
 - 24 Exhaust
 - 29 Doglike carnivore
 - 30 Symbol on a music score
 - 31 Pronounce
 - 32 Hammer-wielding god
 - 33 Slate cleaner
 - 34 Store event
 - 35 Ump relative
 - 36 Gridiron star Manning
 - 37 "My gal" of song
 - 38 Off-roading vehicle, briefly
 - 43 Brainstorm, in Brest
 - 44 Chattered
 - 45 Ludicrous comedies
 - 47 Inflammation of the ear
 - 48 Flax product
 - 50 Tick off
 - 52 Holiday lead-ins
 - 53 "Terrible" toddler time
 - 54 Except for
 - 55 Grayish hue
 - 56 Grand — wine
 - 57 Mortal — (video game series)
 - 58 Lumpy, as fabric
 - 59 Squarish, as a car
 - 60 Stretch (out)
 - 61 Mary of "Dodsworth"
 - 62 Gallery stuff
 - 63 Turner who led a revolt
 - 64 — -mo replay
 - 66 Punishment-related
 - 69 Ball-shaped bloom
 - 70 Truncated wd.
 - 73 Red as —
 - 74 Bow-wielding god
 - 75 Was certain
 - 76 One trying to pin a rival
 - 77 Cowboy singer Gene
 - 78 Arsenal array
 - 79 Pound the poet
 - 80 Clowns
 - 81 World lighter
 - 82 College URL ending
 - 83 Tear apart
 - 84 Ship's call for help
 - 86 Active by day
 - 90 Singing King
 - 91 Chief Hun
 - 92 Cone, cube and sphere
 - 93 Arched body part
 - 95 Osprey claw
 - 96 Like a well-pitched inning
 - 97 How sashimi is eaten
 - 101 Sermon conclusion?
 - 102 Pronounced
 - 103 Have — in one's bonnet
 - 104 Brezhnev's fed.
 - 105 Its cap. is Islamabad
 - 106 Lean — (hovels)
 - 107 1998 Angelina Jolie biopic
 - 108 Certain NCO
 - 109 Rush along

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