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Two high ranking members of a Mexican drug cartel
are arrested in the Ranchos within walking distance
of Sierra View Elementary

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Ranchos Deals with Crime Online

With concerns about crime in the Ranchos growing more and more, several residents have taken to the Internet as a means of self-policing our community. Via Facebook, residents have begun talking among themselves and are talking about creating Neighborhood Watch programs, reviving the Citizen's Patrol, discussing what's required to increase a police presence in the Ranchos and even talks about what's required for incorporation to possibly have our own police force.

The online connections began after a series of break-ins occurred in the Ranchos. The M.O. appears to be the same: a woman approaches a house where it appears that no one's home. She tries the door and if she's unsuccessful moves to the back of the house or side doors going into the garage. She has walked in on a few people and the hurriedly runs away, usually to a waiting white car

that has a man in it.

Via Facebook residents are suggesting security companies, exchanging information about suspicious characters and keeping each other informed.



As an outgrowth of this activity, the Community Service Officer for the Clovis Police Department, and a Ranchos Resident, Andy Isolano has gotten involved. He runs Clovis' Community Watch program and is interested in sharing what he knows with Ranchos residents. He is trying to arrange a

public meeting with officials of Neighborhood Watch for the Ranchos the week of Aug. 23, but the details are still sketchy. We will pass on the info once it becomes firm.

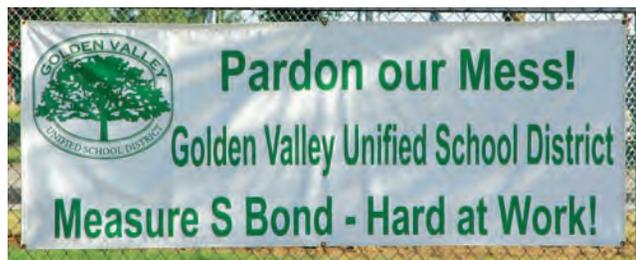
Isolano said in his post that the key is the more visible and the more vocal we are, the less likely criminals will attempt these crimes in our town.

Let's hope so.

Measure S Oversight Committee Offers 2010 – 2011 Annual Report

By Ron Osborn, Chairman

On June 6, 2006, the voters of Golden Valley Unified School District (GVUSD) approved the \$70,000,000 bond measure known as "Measure S" to finance various school facilities within the District. You might also recall that as a requirement of the Educational Code, the expenditure of such bond funds are subject to strict financial accountability. Therefore, I'd like to report to the community as to the status of those District capital improvements, and specifically



The sign says it all. So far, \$32.5 million has been put to use creating one of the best school districts in the state.

what is related to the oversight of Measure S.

During the June 27, 2011, GVUSD Board of Trustees meeting, the Oversight Committee's 2010 – 2011 Annual Report was approved. The annual performance and financial audits once again were conducted by the CPA firm of Borchardt, Coronal and Faeth Accountancy Corporation and all expenditures have been monitored to ensure appropriate al-

location. As of this date, the Oversight Committee, through its activities and review of such audits is not aware of any matter that might represent inappropriate Measure S fund allocation. Specifics of this, and each of the previous reports, may be viewed by contacting the District office.

Since its initial sale, GVUSD has accessed \$18,000,000 in Measure S funds and, combined with

state funding, interest earned and developer fees as well as some carry over funds from the now exhausted Measure G bond approved in 1999, GVUSD has funded a total combined construction budget of \$32,500,000. It is obvious that this is a lot of money and as voters within the District, I am sure each of us wants to know how and where these funds were spent.

Over the past four years, there have been

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Mexican Drug Cartel Discovered In Madera Ranchos Neighborhood

19 Arrested Nationwide and \$1.5 Million, Cars Seized

By Randy Bailey

On Tuesday, July 19, two allegedly high-ranking members of the Mexican Sinaloa drug cartel were apprehended and arrested at a house they were occupying on Paula Road in the Madera Ranchos, just a block north of Sierra View Elementary. Additionally, a Sureño gang member from San Jose was also taken into custody at the same time.

The Madera County Sheriff's Department was working with federal agents that included the F B I , Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Marshals and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in assisting in the arrest of Victor Yanez-Gutierrez, 35, and Maria Aguilar-Polvos, 29, the suspected drug cartel members who listed their residence as Madera. They also arrested Ivan Aguilar-Sandoval, 22, of San Jose at the same time, a self-professed San Jose Sureño gang member, who is facing federal charges for re-entry after deportation.

The arrests were the culmination of a nationwide investigation that began in Tampa, Fla., moved west to Los Angeles, travelled up to Modesto and finally ended in the Madera Ranchos. Including the three from the Ranchos, nationwide 19 total were charged for alleged involvement in drug trafficking and money laundering conspiracy. The indictment of all 19 handed down in Tampa Federal Court on Wednesday, July 20, said, in part: "... the defendants knowingly and willfully agreed with each other and others to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana. During the same time period, they also agreed with each other and others to launder their drug proceeds by knowingly conducting and attempting to conduct financial transactions, with monies earned from drug trafficking; knowingly conducting and attempting to conduct financial transactions

with drug proceeds, in a manner designed to conceal the fact that the funds were drug proceeds; and knowingly engaging in and attempting to engage in financial transactions with drug proceeds of more than \$10,000."

Nationwide, the arrests resulted in the seizure of \$1.5 million in cash, \$63,000 of which came from the Ranchos arrests. In addition, luxury cars were seized nationwide and the Ranchos arrests resulted in the seizure of a 2007 Bentley Coup, 2010 Chevrolet Camaro and a 2008 Mercedes Benz SUV. Other asset forfeiture proceedings have begun, including the Paula Road residence itself.

In an interview, Madera County

Sheriff John Anderson said that what has typically been seen in "border towns" now appears to be travelling to



Over \$60,000 of the \$1.5 million dollars seized nationwide came from a house on Paula Road in the Madera Ranchos.

other communities, like the Ranchos. The presence of Sandoval from San Jose is also another disturbing trend, Anderson said. He said that drug cartels "recruit" members of area gangs, such as the Sureños, to act as "foot soldiers" for the cartels to man their local operations in the absence of cartel operatives.

The Sinaloa drug cartel is a particularly violent operation that specializes in moving marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine from points throughout Mexico, Central America and South America to primarily the United States. They have made international headlines for their tactics in Mexican border towns with the United States where people who have crossed the cartel have been discovered decapitated. In January of this year, 51 people were murdered in Acapulco, 15 of whom, between the ages of 15 and 25, were decapitated and then had their bodies dumped on a walkway to an Acapulco beach with notes attached that said the victims had crossed the cartel's turf. Although it was not proven that the murders were committed by the Sinaloa cartel, handwritten posters at the crime scene were signed "El Chapo Guzmán," leader

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Library Hours Change as Successful Summer Reading Turns Final Pages

By Ellen Mester

New Hours Posted

Many of you may have noticed, much to your dismay, that the library hours have changed. Our new open hours as of July 1 are:

Tuesday	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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The good news is that we are still open! All of the libraries are for now, but our staff is so reduced that it will be difficult to maintain the level of service to which you are accustomed. Once again, I ask you all to be patient, and if you have any comments or suggestions, please email the Madera County Board of Supervisors. They set the hours for all the county libraries.

Summer Reading Program Ends

The 2011 Summer Reading Program is ending with a fine celebration of winners. Not only will some of the children who signed up for the program win prizes for the highest number of hours reading, but one will win the Grand Prize drawing of a new iPod! The photos and names of the winners will be posted in next month's issue of the Ranchos Independent. Needless to say, everyone who reads is a winner because they learned something new or they engaged their mind in an entertaining way. We had over 100 children enroll in the program. That's 100 children who will have a better start in the next school year. There were so many wonderful performers, from puppets to musicians to storytellers. All were unique and right here from the Central Valley. Then there were the volunteers who helped each week. I can't thank them enough. We couldn't have done it without you. And to all the organizations, businesses and individuals who made it possible through their generous contributions ... a huge thank you!

Fireworks Booth

Each year, the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Ranchos Library work together to create the best fireworks booth in the Ranchos. There's a lot of competition with other groups in our community, but we were very successful nonetheless, and our sales were excellent.

Thank you all for supporting the Ranchos Library and the Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Book Recommendations

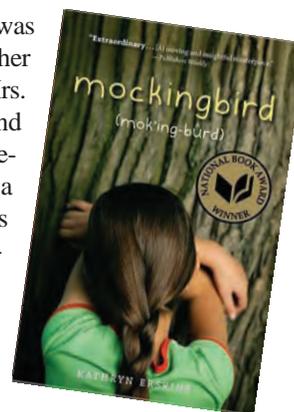
Adult fiction: *Full of Grace* by Dorothea Benton Frank. Grace Russo is an Italian Jersey girl transplant living the good life in Charleston, South Carolina. She has a wonderful job as a travel agent for an elite clientele that takes her around the world, traveling in luxury. She also lives with the love of her life, Michael, who is a doctor doing stem-cell research at a teaching hospital. Her traditional Italian Catholic family lives down the coast at Hilton Head and don't approve of Michael because: A) He isn't Italian; and B) Because his work goes against their religious beliefs. Everything changes however when Michael is diagnosed with brain cancer. Suddenly, Grace, the agnostic, begins to wonder about the power of prayer as she is faced with losing the most important person in her life. Although this story sounds like a typical romance novel, it is far

from it. It has depth and poignancy covering many subjects including religion, families, relationships, health and the precious thing we call "life."

Juvenile fiction: *Mockingbird (mok'ing-burd)* by Kathryn Erskine. Eleven-year-old Caitlin is trying to understand people and life, just like any young girl, but it's especially challenging because she has Asperger's syndrome and her older brother, Devon, who was the

one person she could count on to explain things, is dead. He was killed in a shooting at his middle school. Now she only has her dad, who is struggling with his own grief, and her counselor, Mrs. Brook, to help her make sense of it all — or as she calls it, find "Closure." Caitlin looked it up in the dictionary and closure is defined as "the state of experiencing an emotional conclusion to a difficult life event." It is this journey of seeking Closure that is the heart of the story. It offers an insight into the different perspective of Asperger's while examining the whole grieving process. This book was a Nation Book Award Winner in 2010.

Check out these books and more at the Ranchos Library and don't forget your library card – don't leave home without it!



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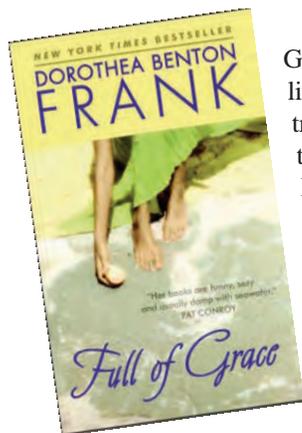
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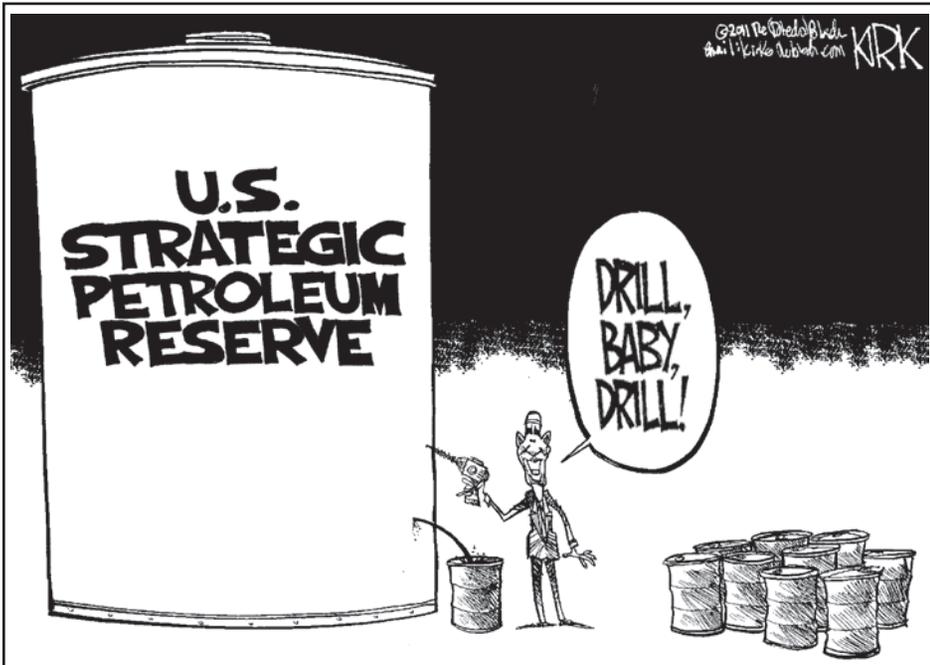
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Editorial

Here We Go Again

By Randy Bailey

There is a certain kind of “not in my backyard” paranoia in the Madera Ranchos that defies explanation. We hear the stories about homes getting broken into and the need for more police services. We hear about how the kids at the high school don’t have an auto shop class or full blown ag department or a swimming pool. We all have seen how our young people, upon graduating from our fine school district, are out of here in a New York second. Why would they stay? Where locally can they get a job? Where locally can they live reasonably?

All three of the above scenarios have a common root: More people. More people living here generates more taxes to support more services. More people provide more money for the schools to provide more programs because there would be more students. More people creating more businesses would create more jobs that could keep more money in the Ranchos instead of shipping it off daily to Fresno and Madera and beyond. It’s cause and effect. It’s how it works. It’s how we get from point “A” to point “B”.

But MAN! Don’t suggest that to the “not in my backyard” Madera Ranchos folks. They want all of the benefits, but they don’t want any of

the heavy lifting involved to get there. They want to eat the Tahoe Joe’s cheesecake whole, but they’re not willing to accept any calories for it and they can’t understand why someone else isn’t picking up the tab.

A Case in Point

This brings us to the Liberty Groves project. Over 1,300 acres with a projection of up to 7,000 units being built upon it. Is it a good project? Is it a bad project? Who knows? Go to some meetings and make up your own mind. What I’m riled about is the almost instantaneous anti-Liberty Groves fliers that have cropped up and the Facebook buzz from the Ranchos “not in my backyard” crowd. I have said before, you are completely entitled to your own opinion - - you are NOT, however, entitled to your own set of facts. Let’s take a look:

1. “OUR WATER DEPLETED.”

I am so sick and tired of hearing this one. Madera County has decreed you can’t develop an area with an adverse impact to the surrounding groundwater aquifer. Period. This project includes a wastewater treatment facility, storm drains to redirect water to recharge areas, recycling of water for irrigation and landscaping. Let me ask YOU a question: When was the last time YOU did something to keep from depleting our water? Still got a well? How about a septic tank? Is that YOUR suggestion for keeping from depleting our water? Great plan.

2. “OVER CROWDED SCHOOLS, OVER STRESSED LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE DEPTS.”

Nothing like making it up as you go along. This development has three schools already included in its plans. Our existing middle school and high school are operating at well below capacity because they were built to accommodate more students. Remember all of those things that our schools DON’T have? Guess what the money generated from all of those students would go toward. But, you can’t have it both ways, can you? Same principle

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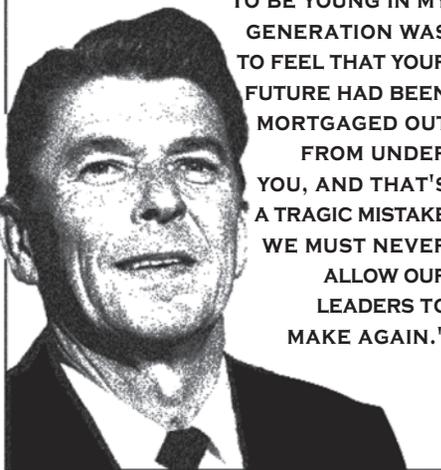
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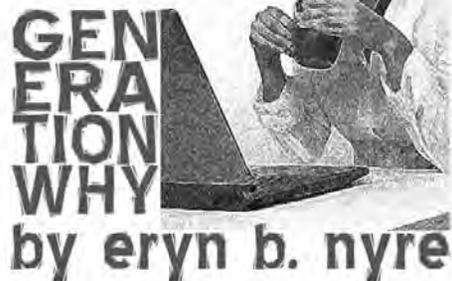
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Call ID: The Thrill is Gone

As a teenager, when the phone would ring I would hurl myself downstairs to answer it, many times to the detriment of plants, sleeping animals, furniture and my poor little pinky toe that never quite recovered from my adolescence. Not obstacles, nor bruises, nor howling cats could keep me from picking up the call. The sound of a ringing phone triggered feelings of excitement and wonder. Who was calling? Was it my best friend calling to tell me that my homeroom crush asked about me? Maybe it was my crush calling to tell me he dumped his girlfriend and wanted to take me to prom instead. Maybe it was a 1980's, John Hughes-brat pack movie calling to tell me to get a life and Jake Ryan would never really want me. Those days are gone now, and I personally blame Caller ID.

The thrill is gone. Where there was once a sense of wonder and mystery there is now a display screen coldly listing the name and number of the party trying to reach you. Where is the anticipation, the exhilaration, the thrill of the unknown? Now with one glance you know who

is calling and can even scan a list of voicemail messages to see who tried to contact you, when and how long of a message they left. There is no longer the element of surprise. The most disturbing part I find is that all this technology is making it easier to ignore people. Don't feel like talking to Mom? Let the machine get it. Trying to duck a call from work because they are trying to call you in? Send the call to voicemail then delete the message. Now you can decide who is worth talking to and who gets exiled into the wasteland of unwanted calls. We have now taken it a step further, with all the added technological enhancements, to the point where you can assign everyone in your contact



GENERATION WHY
by **eryn b. nyre**

list a separate ring tone so you hear who is calling from across the room and then make a decision about whether or not you are in the mood to go over and answer. Heck, now when your home phone rings your television can tell you who is calling. You don't even need to get off the couch, which is definitely a topic for another article.

The problem I find with all of this identification technology is that suddenly it doesn't appear that anyone thinks it is worth their time to answer the phone at all. "I'm too busy." "My day is too hectic." No one wants to hear about their uncle's sciatica or their sister's kids. People have come to think their time is so important that they just ig-

nore the call, never a second thought that the person on the other line might have time constraints of their own. With Caller ID and voicemail you suddenly have the luxury of putting off conversations until a more convenient time for you, regardless of the other party who clearly has no say in the matter.

From personal life to the professional world, Caller ID is everywhere and now we are all equipped with a powerful tool originally designed to inform; now it is used to neglect. The other day at work I was trying to get ahold of a client with zero success. It was unfortu-

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I imagine in the future when we all communicate through a chip in our skulls we will feel the same way about texting, wondering why your friend just had to send you a text rather than just upload the information straight into your brain. That is the future I anticipate, anyway. Besides, who needs human contact when we have Face-Book?

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The Stock Report

Life's Experiments: Choices, Choices

By Audrey Stock

Hi neighbors,
Life is a chemical lab – a place to experiment. Did you know that you can see 7 million shades of color unless you are color blind? Some scientists think that you work on making your personality until you are 25 years old. I was thinking about all of the senior classes that graduated students this year and the lifetime of choices that they have in front of them.

I have been reading Brenda McElroy's article about "Organized by Choice" and she has a lot of good tips. Her articles have encouraged me to go through drawers and shed many papers that don't mean anything to anyone but me. I have found many of my old college papers. Some papers I was glad to shed, others I had to take the time to read. One of the papers was an essay I wrote about "The Six Roles of a Teacher." I wonder if you think these still hold true for today's teachers:

1. A teacher is a director of learning.
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3. A teacher is a mediator of the U.S.A. culture.
4. A teacher is a link between the student and his/her community.
5. A teacher is a member of the school staff.
6. A teacher is a member of their profession. It is a profession not just a job.

All of Golden Valley teachers will be getting ready for the coming year's crop of students soon. All of Golden Valley Schools will be open for students on Thursday, August 18.

That the federal government is having problems with our country's budget, the State of California is having state budget problems and Madera County is also having budget problems, this is all causing a domino effect for all school districts budgets. Golden Valley's new superintendent

is Andy Alvarado and he is stepping into all of this money confusion. Andy is the fifth full-time superintendent that Golden Valley Unified has had in its short history. Andy has worked for Golden Valley since 2002 when we first opened Liberty High School. Andy started as the first vice principal at Liberty High with the double duty of being the first principal of Golden Valley's first middle school that was held on the Liberty High campus. After Liberty High's first principal, Mr. Volkoff, left the district, Andy Alvarado moved up to be the principal of Liberty High. Four years ago Andy was promoted to the job of assistant superintendent at the Golden Valley District Office. Andy's various jobs in the district have given him an insight into the district. Our

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school district is in a better condition physically with a high school, middle school and both elementary schools upgraded than when any of the other superintendents joined the district. Good luck Andy; the community expects a lot from you.

Brenda McElroy's article about "Organized by Choice" made me start thinking about getting my affairs in order. My son has been advising me for some time to have a revocable trust in place of the will that I have at the present time. After researching the differences I decided to go with the trust. I found a person that could put all the pieces together and explain the process in a way that I could understand. I realized that I had work to do with my family so that we are all on the same page. I now have a revocable trust, a witnessed last will, a list of personal gifts to my family, a power of attorney for my business matters, my health care and a living will which is a directive to my physicians and family about my healthcare wishes. I have made sure that my beneficiary forms for all of my life insurance policies are up to date. I have had a confer-

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Scream for Ice Cream

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! What is better than a freezer of homemade ice cream on a hot summer evening?

I remember when we were young we had a hand-crank ice cream maker. We kids would have to sit on the freezer so that it would stay in one place while they were cranking the handle. Daddy would put a folded blanket on it for us to sit on, but we would still gripe that our butts were getting cold.

But we loved it.

The ice cream always started out vanilla, but if there were fresh peaches or strawberries they were crushed and sweetened. Then when the ice cream was almost done, he would take the lid off and take some of the ice cream out and put the fruit in, and finish cranking until it just wouldn't crank any more. Of course we always got to eat the ice cream he took out, then when it was done, he would take the paddle out and "pack it" until it was ready to eat. He would fold up a piece of wax paper to fit over the top of the canister then put the lid back on, this way the ice and salt couldn't get into the ice cream. Then he'd drain off all the water and repack it with lots of ice and more salt and cover it with a gunny sack and the blanket that was used for our seat. Then we would have to wait. Have you ever had to wait for the mailman to bring you that package you ordered two weeks ago? Or even Christmas or your birthday? That was what it was like waiting for the ice cream to be ready to eat.

When I got older and was doing some of the kitchen chores, mama would let me make the ice cream mix. I remember it was 10 eggs, beaten until light colored, adding 3 cups of sugar, a



half teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Pour this mixture into the canister, and add a can of evaporated milk and enough whole milk to come up to the line on the canister. Then as I got older, and began to hear about eating raw eggs, I started making a custard. I would beat the eggs, adding the sugar, salt and vanilla. Heating the milk (at this time, I started using some half & half in place of the whole milk) until it just comes to a bubble (don't boil it) and add some of the milk to the egg mixture, beating all the time to avoid having scrambled eggs, then add this mixture back into the milk. Be sure to cool this mixture before putting into the canister to freeze and crank until it's done.

In later years, I remember not using as much sugar but would add a large package of instant vanilla pudding to the mix. After my brother got out of high school and went to work he bought an electric ice cream maker. It was a heck of a lot easier, but on the down side, it just didn't make the ice cream as hard as the old crank method.

As a "Reminisce" moment: Do any of you remember before crushed ice in a bag? We went to the ice house and would put a couple of quarters in the slot and this big block of ice would come out that had a strong twine wrapped around it for carrying. We would bring this block home and put it in a galvanized tub and start chipping it with an ice pick.

Randy's youngest brother Adam (the pie maker) made a freezer of ice cream for us for the fourth of July. It was

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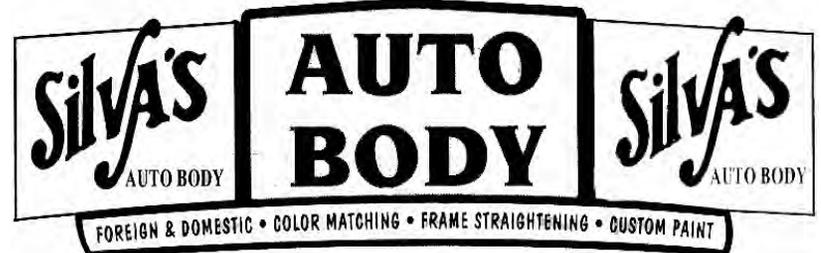
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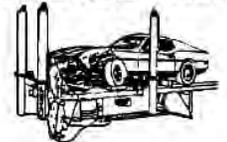


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Dear Editor:

The recent parole hearings of the Chowchilla kidnapers have fostered some local debate this year. I opposed the parole of any of the Chowchilla kidnapers. To educate the public on this horrible crime and its effect on the plight of the victims, the Madera Tribune recently published the entirety of Larry Parks' book on the kidnapping. Mr. Parks' book poignantly reveals how long-lasting damage can be inflicted on the victims of crime.

In California today, there is a terrible battle being waged over accountability for criminal actions and how punishment should be defined. First, the state's parole revocation process for convicts sentenced to prison for life (Lifers) with the possibility of parole, such as the Chowchilla kidnapers, has changed in recent years. Now, the burden to prove a need for continued incarceration has shifted to the District Attorney in the county in which the conviction occurred. District Attorneys, at each periodically scheduled lifer parole hearing, must repeatedly prove convicted criminals continue to be a danger to society, in order for them to remain incarcerated. This is a much higher standard than existed previously. The net effect is that it is now harder to retain lifer convicts in prison, and therefore more will be paroled to our communities.

The latest attack on accountability for criminal action is through the "realignment" of the state prison system. County probation departments will actually soon be paid by the state, under SB 678 (signed into law in 2009,) to not recommend or

send convicts to state prison. Further, under AB 109 signed into law this year, by October 1, 2011, generally speaking, those felons convicted of a "non-serious, non-violent or non-sex crime," (for example sales of narcotics) who previously would have been sentenced to state prison, will instead be referred to the county jail, or some other "alternative to incarceration" program. In addition, AB 109 provides for shorter sentences to be served in the county jail. Consequently, the punishment will be less harsh than if the person were sentenced to state prison.

District Attorneys throughout the state fear "realignment" will have disastrous consequences. Our concern is that with a reduction in actual punishment, more crime will be committed at a time when the resources of local police, sheriff and district attorneys' offices are already grossly over-taxed. "Realignment" is aimed at reducing the state's costs of incarceration, but the concern is that it will do so at the expense of local public safety and welfare.

In this time of a depressed economy and reduced revenues, the task of the County Boards of Supervisors may have been made even more daunting. According to California Constitution Article XIII, Section 35 "Public Safety is the first responsibility of local government" and "local officials have an obligation to give priority to the provision of adequate public safety services."

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide my comments.

Michael R. Keitz
Madera County District Attorney

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nately a time-sensitive matter, so I left voicemails, sent emails, kept at it until he managed to find two minutes to give me a yes or no answer. Finally, I had an idea. It dawned on me that this twit probably had Caller ID and was dodging my calls because I didn't rate very high on his importance meter, so I did what any innovative young up-and-comer would do, I got creative and borrowed a co-worker's cell phone, a number my client was not familiar with so he wouldn't know it was me trying to reach him. It worked and I got my answer, but the victory was bitter-sweet because at the end of the day he was ducking my calls, which certainly made me feel pretty low.

And sadly, I see that this has become so commonplace in our society.

Before Caller ID was even a possibility, people were excited to receive a phone call. It was the feeling that someone was thinking of you; the idea that someone took time out of their day to call you was stimulating. Now, a phone call is a nuisance, a bother. People frown because they have to stop what they are doing, even if only for a moment, to answer a call and actually speak to a person, all the while thinking in their head, "Why couldn't she have just texted me?" I imagine in the future when we all communicate through a chip in our skulls we will feel the same way about texting, wondering why your friend just had to send you a text rather than just upload the information straight into your brain. That is the future I anticipate, anyway. Besides, who needs human contact when we have FaceBook?



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Say you saw it in the Ranchos Independent

“Those Were the Days” The Eventual Extinction of the Anglo-Indians

By Verlaine Elinburg

It is hard to believe that Pakistan was once a gentle country. It is even harder to believe that some of the most wonderful people lived here. All that seems like a misty memory which has little relevance as you face today's rude slaps. Anglo-Indians once lived and worked in what is now India, Pakistan and Burma. The Anglo-Indians are long gone, swallowed up by the mists of time, driven out from there to fend for themselves, but in their extinction lies a bigger tragedy.

The Anglo Indians were fun people, but more than the singular expertise they brought to the jobs that became traditionally their forte, they added a swing, a vibrancy and a sheer joy of living spirit to society that in many ways epitomized the new, fresh spirit that was Pakistan, India and Burma at the time.

That was then. Now it's a faded sepia tone picture.

Those of us who grew up there, watched with considerable sadness as family after family left the country to go and live in alien climes. There was nothing left for them. They were wise in retrospect. Look at the beastly treatment toward minorities there today.

While the Anglo-Indians were there, they gave a unique gift: The joy of living and of being alive. The Anglo-Indians were a British creation – some say a hideous British blunder. Although the British Empire at one point held absolute power in over 52 countries, there was only one undisputed “jewel” in the royal crown: India. It was part of their policy to protect this jewel from within as well and so began a policy of encouraging British males to marry Indian women. Anglo-Indians, who would intrinsically be at home with British mannerisms and always do the genuine thing, yet be more English than Indian in their thinking, formed a defensive ring around British interests and way of life. Many experts believe that had it not been for them, the British Empire in India would have collapsed. Ethnically engineered, they were the only micro-minority community ever to be defined in a country's constitution and yet the irony was that they were a race without a country.

The Anglo-Indians were no ordinary people. In India, and later Pakistan, they virtually ran the railways, post and telegraph, police, customs, education, nursing, health-care, import/export, shipping, tea, coffee

and tobacco plantations, coal mines and gold reserves. Thus, Anglo-Indians became great teachers, nurses, priests and doctors. And the girls, debonair, confident and skillful, became the best executive secretaries, special assistants and office managers. There was no one to match them.

But it was their colorful and vibrant approach to everyday life that was so infectious about them. Like all small communities, they segregated into enclaves that were all their own. The Anglo-Indians were truly spirited people, fired with a zest to work and party hard.

The Anglo-Indians were superb musicians and dancers. The dance floors were full on Saturday nights and on Sunday afternoons there were jam sessions. Often the occasions didn't even need to have a reason. At the hangouts, Karachi particularly and Lahore, catching up all the time at Sam's in Murree, the Anglo-Indians could set a floor on fire as they jived, jitterbugged, rocked and rolled, swung, waltzed or shook sensuously to Latin-flavored, mind blowing melodies. And it was on the dance floors that you saw girls who could break your heart with just a look – hair tossing, laughing their pretty heads off as adept and handsome male escorts took them through the paces.

The 1972 laws enforced by Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto to please the religious fundamentalists broke the spirit of all of them, particularly the Anglo-Indians. Bars, discos and clubs all shut down in fear. Suddenly, hosts of musicians and other artists had no livelihood. “Tolerance went up in smoke,” recalled one sad person. In 1977 a coup forced the Anglo-Indians to escape and attempt to migrate anywhere they could go. They left by the droves, never to come back. The clubs died, the dance floors were uprooted and the many services they offered fell by the wayside. In driving out this small community, a nation had dug its own grave. Pakistan became soulless, grey, hypocritical and boring. With the Anglo-Indians gone, an integral part of decent civilian life was snuffed out. Guns replaced guitars. Laughter has changed to anguish. Pakistan now is a hard country, a barren and desolate land. One gentleman of the fabled 60s sums it all up in one line: “Those days are gone. They will not come back.”

I am an Anglo-Indian. I was born in India and I experienced the Anglo-Indian life in Rangoon, Burma until a different dictator took over and destroyed that country.

Senior Center Information

The Department of Health comes periodically to the Center for free checkups. The screenings include: Personal health history review, blood pressure and blood sugar test, nutrition and health education and a low-cost blood test is available. 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 Noon so remember to call Joann at 645-4864.

We have a growing exercise program being held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. The participants are getting more than just exercise by attending. They have fun, share laughs and meet new friends. There is room for you and you may attend all three days or just one or two of them.

New to the agenda on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. are a variety of cards games to be enjoyed. Come and learn new games.

Check your calendar for daily events for each day of the week. If you do not have a copy, stop by the Senior Center for a copy. Additional copies are available at the Ranchos Market and Hurst Hardware Store.

The Farmers Market at the Center has a variety of vegetables and fruits, jams and jellies are available and the Boutique has many “on the spot needed” gift items.

Winners of the July 4th Raffle picked at the Pizza Factory were selected by the restaurant manager, who also donated the printed tickets. First Place went to Betsy

Farland, Second Place was Alfred Potter, and Third Place was Della Metzler. The entertainment for the Seniors on the 4th of July were the Mitchell Sisters who helped celebrate our freedom along with a barbecue.

Dates for Your Calendars

Sept. 24 – Shuttle to Hanford – Use of old hand projectors – Silent movies

Nov. 6 to 10 – Laughlin, Nev.

July Events

M-W-F – 10 a.m. Exercise; Tuesday – 12:30 p.m. Variety of card and other games; Wednesday – Card Bingo; Thursday – 5:30 p.m. Potluck and Card Games

August Events

M-W-F – 10 a.m. Exercise; Tuesday – 12:30 p.m. Variety of card and other games; Wednesday – Card Bingo; Thursday – 5:30 p.m. Potluck and Card Games

Aug. 1 – Monday, Board Meeting 6 p.m.

Aug. 3 – Stop Liberty Grove Project 7,000 unit proposal. Liberty High School 6 p.m.

Aug. 6 – Saturday Senior Yard Sale 8 a.m. Treasure House, Boutique, Bake Goods and Plant Sale.

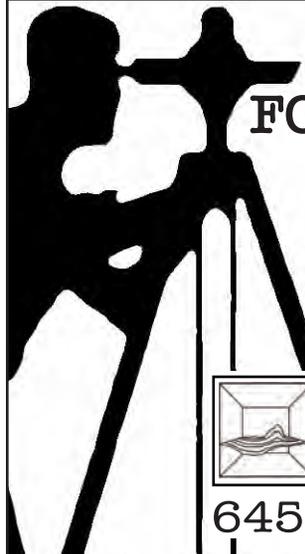
Aug. 8 – Monday, General Meeting 7 a.m.

Aug. 10 – Alaska Trip, return Aug. 19.

Aug. 20 – Fire-BBQ Dinner, Dance, Auction, Salsa Contest, Hat Contest 5 p.m. to Midnight.

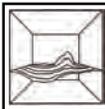
Aug. 15 – Monday Planning Meeting 12:30 p.m.

Aug. 27 – Birthday and Anniversaries – Marie Callenders, 7825 N. Blackstone, Fresno. 559-457-0806, 11:30 a.m.



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applies to law enforcement and fire departments. Amazing things happen when you have the money to pay for them.

3. "[There's a] 33 PAGE NOTICE [about this project] YOU DID NOT RECEIVE." This is possibly the most disingenuous of all of the items on the "anti" flier. The inference is, of course, that "they" are doing something underhanded, behind our backs and under the cover of darkness. Why, "they" are not even notifying everyone in the Ranchos of their actions! Want the truth? Madera County, through its Planning Commission, only requires notification of people living within 300 feet of the proposed development. That's THIS development, and the NEXT development, and on and on until someone changes the statute. I live in the Bonnadelle Ranchos. I didn't get a notice. My office is on Avenue 12. Didn't get a notice there either. If I happened to live next to the project, there would have been a notice. I'm not saying it's right or wrong, I'm just saying it's not sinister. Don't like it? Change the law. Do something.

4. "DEVELOPMENT NOT IN KEEPING WITH OUR COMMUNITY." This is the most curious bullet point on the flier. Forget the creepy "Irish need not apply" feel of it and tell me exactly what "keeping with our community" entails. Has the Ranchos somehow become this cloistered community where anything new is to be shunned? Where, if it's not being done exactly as it has been done for the last 20 years, "That's just not how we do it." Are we becoming the Luddites of Madera County? I hope not.

Bottom line is that this isn't an editorial singing the praises of a new development in our community. There are some good points and there are probably some bad points. All I'm saying is don't let someone jam a bunch of unsubstantiated half truths down your throat. Do some homework.

In the spirit of "transparency," I find it incredibly interesting that the people behind Liberty Groves have about a thousand ways you can get ahold of them and question them and ask for more information, ad nauseum, yet the "anti" flier makers don't even list their names or give a way to contact them for more information. What does that tell you?

Kiwanis Korner

Ranchos Kiwanis Start Fireworks Booth Off with a Bang

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

By Carla Hart

We hope everyone had a safe and fun 4th of July weekend. The Kiwanis fireworks booth was a huge success again this year. Thank you Ranchos! It was also wonderful to see how many of you came out to support us at our kick-off celebration on July 1 and pay tribute to our fallen soldiers, Sgt. Raul Moncada and Gen. Dale Lucas, to whom our booth was dedicated. Thank you Raul and Obdulia Moncada and Geri Lucas. It was our honor to have you in attendance and to pay homage to your loved ones. Special thanks also go out to the American Indian Veterans for their presentation of colors and to our speakers: Honorary Mayor Tom Hurst, County Road Commissioner Johannes Hoevertsz, Wayne Scott (our own President Lincoln) and his military aide Dale Rhodes, Kiwanian Marie Cameron and Pete Molina from the Department of Veteran's Affairs. There was Coach Jaime Duke and the girls softball team, Tony Hall who made a very dashing Uncle Sam, our two beautiful singers Briana Vick and Victoria Lokey who led us in song, and Johna Wilson, our fireworks rep, who donated raffle prizes. Special thanks to David Meadows and Chris Delgado whose help with the fireworks booth was invaluable and a special thank you to Kiwanis members

John Herrera, who did an amazing job coordinating the entire event and booth, Travis Hart, John Glueck, Ollia Ridge, Debbie Farr, Joliene Mason, Hal and MaryAnn Parks of Ranchos Pizza Factory for the use of their restaurant and parking lot, and to all the volunteers who put forth so much effort and gave so much of their time and resources into the event and for manning the booth. All proceeds will benefit our local schools throughout the year.

In July, Kiwanis awards went out to Liberty High School freshman, Charles Renfrow, who was chosen to represent Liberty High School at the National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, DC. He was awarded \$200 to help with travel expenses. Congratulations, Charles. We wish you much success in your promising future. Also, \$200 was awarded to Steve Monk, coach of the Jr. Grizzlies Special Olympics softball team, to help with uniform needs. Steve and his wife, Sandy, have been instrumental in helping shape the team into fierce competitors who have brought home two silver medals and a gold medal the past three years respectively. Good luck, Jr. Grizzlies, as you go for the gold again this year!

Now that school is out and summer is upon us, it's time for a well-deserved breather from our fundraising activities, giving us a chance to gear up for another exciting year ahead. It's a time for reflection on our success and how to improve even more next year. It's also time for renewed energy. The phrase

"strength in numbers" comes to mind when I think about our Kiwanis club. From humble beginnings back in 1986 to present day we've served the youth in the Ranchos like no other volunteer organization has: by giving back 100 percent of our funds to meet

the diverse needs of our kids. By reaching out to the generosity of others and surrounding ourselves with the best group of caring individuals any nonprofit organization could ever hope to have, we have become a united front dedicated to making our community a better place one child at a time. Success is what happens when hard working people join forces with a generous community like the Ranchos. So, thank you to everyone who so willingly contributes to the Ranchos Kiwanis and to our volunteers who work selflessly to see that your generosity leaves a lasting mark. That being said, in order

to maintain our strength and unity, we're asking for you to join us by becoming a volunteer. Ranchos Kiwanis is sponsoring a membership drive by holding a neighborhood BBQ on Aug. 27. Anyone who is interested in having fun while giving back to the community can contact your Kiwanis friend or neighbor for details. Together, we can continue to make a difference.

Ranchos Kiwanis Club meets at the Ranchos Pizza Factory the first Thursday of every month at 6:45 a.m. and each Thursday thereafter at 6:45 p.m. If you are interested in having fun while giving back to the community contact President Mona Diaz at 333-1913. Come join us at a meeting for dinner, fun and fellowship and see what being a Kiwanian is all about.



The American Indian Veterans perform the presentation of colors at the Kiwanis fireworks booth.

Photo by John Glueck

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- Postcard stamps, addresses and phone numbers
- Brochures and memorabilia you collect while on your trip

Secure your travel tickets, hotel reservations, car rentals, tours, driving directions, etc.

You'll need to contact the post office (www.usps.com) and newspaper to put a hold on your mail and newspaper subscription while you're away. Schedule a tune up for your car and a car inspection if planning a road trip.

Inform your credit card company that you'll be traveling so they won't put a hold on your card when charges show up in another state. Register with the American Consulate if traveling abroad.

Arrange care for pets, plants and protection. Put your house lights on timers, secure valuables and give your emergency contact information to a neighbor/friend.

Pack only what you absolutely need! Excess packing costs time, space and money if traveling by air. Use a packing checklist form like the one available online at (www.realsimple.com), or create your own. If you go to the same vacation location each year, put your customized packing list on the computer and update annually as needed.

Find out what amenities your hotel offers (hair dryers, beach towels, shampoo, etc.) so you don't pack things they provide. Keep a basic toiletries bag packed at all times with deodorant, toothpaste, cotton swabs, etc., so it's ready to go and you're less likely to forget essentials.

Place bagged shoes, books and other heavy objects on the suitcase bottom near the wheels so they don't crush clothes when suitcase is being rolled. Roll up underwear, T-shirts, jeans, and knitwear and line the bottom of suitcase, or use them to fill little nooks and crannies

Shrink towels, linens, bulky sweaters and dirty clothes (on the way home) in travel compression bags. Use packing cubes, packing folders, or large zipper bags to separate clothing by type (workout clothes, shirts), or by when it will be worn.

Thread necklaces through straws and place them in resealable bags or toothbrush holders. Jewelry can also be stored in seven-day plastic pill holders or in snack-size resealable bags pinned to the corresponding outfit.

Use address labels to label your camera, iPod, etc. Pack electronic chargers inside of shoes.

When packing for air travel don't forget the 3-1-1 Rule: (3) 4 ounce bottles or less (by volume); place inside (1) quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag; (1) bag per passenger.

To expedite the airline security check bring your car keys, loose change, belt, cell phone, pens, jewelry, etc. to the airport in a clear resealable bag. This makes it easy to place on and pick up from the conveyer belt. After clearing security unpack the bag and distribute the items where they belong.

Tie a brightly colored luggage tag or ribbon to your suitcase to help you identify it at the baggage claim area. Keep prescription medicines in their original containers (you may need to prove they're yours). Pack a snack bag with granola bars, trail mix and an empty water bottle to be filled after checking through security.

Here are a few more helpful websites for happy, organized travel:

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Sierra View Seeing Modernization

By Jim Monreal

Measure S Bonds funds are being used to upgrade and modernize Sierra View Elementary School. Construction for the Sierra View Modernization Project began on June 6 and will be completed in two phases. Phase I will be completed this summer and Phase II will begin when state funds are received. All safety and ADA requirements are being addressed in Phase I and the remainder of the modernization will be completed in Phase II. The new portable restroom building has been delivered and is being installed; new roofing has been completed on the library and the kindergarten buildings. The kindergarten and staff restroom upgrades as well as the parking lot reconfigurations are underway. The updated fire alarm system has been installed and will be tested soon. The site work and landscaping is also on schedule. Our lease-leaseback developer, Harris Construction, has managed to stay ahead of schedule and has been very proactive in addressing immediate concerns. Phase I construction should be completed by the start of the 2011-2012 school year.



Three views of some of the different areas of Sierra View Elementary where modernization is proceeding as the result of funding from Measure S Bonds. Phase I is scheduled for completion by the beginning of the upcoming school year with Phase II to follow.

Sierra View Schedule, Facelift Update

Sierra View's first day of school will be Thursday, August 18 and school will start at 8 a.m. and end every day at 2:30 p.m., except Wednesday which will be on a minimum day schedule. Students will start at their regular time of 8 a.m. but they will be released at 1:15 p.m. This schedule allows for parent-teacher conferences, professional development for staff and greater collaboration with our entire community. Bus schedules can be reviewed at the district office and will be sent home with the registration packets. All registration packets for returning students will be sent home on the first day of school. If you are a new family to our community you can pick up a registration packet at the district office, due to the modernization at Sierra View.

Sierra View is in the middle of a modernization project and things are looking

great. The whole campus is receiving a massive facelift with a new parking lot, new concrete throughout the campus, a new fire alarm system and newly remodeled bathrooms. The campus will remain closed until August 14. Harris Construction has reported that the project is on schedule and everything is coming together with no issues. Sierra View's Back to School Night is scheduled for August 25 and we welcome the whole community to come out and see Sierra View's new look. Sierra View's temporary office is located at Liberty High School until the modernization is completed so please come by Liberty or call 645-3500 with any questions before August 14. We look forward to another amazing year at Sierra View that is highlighted by the development of the whole child.

Hello Golden Valley Community



Golden Valley Unified School District Superintendent, Andy Alvarado.

By Andy Alvarado

Dear Golden Valley Community,

First and foremost, I would like to thank our Governing Board and Golden Valley community for giving me the opportunity to serve as the lead learner for our district. I will work hard at continuing to move our district forward as a district of excellence while embracing our responsibility of improving teaching and learning for our children.

Golden Valley Unified School District has, and will always be, a very special place for me and my family; it truly is the crown jewel of the Central Valley. I look forward to working with our dedicated staff, students, parents and community. We will continue our steadfast efforts of providing a private school education in a public setting to the many wonderful children of our District.

Over the next month and a half, staff will be working diligently as we prepare for the 2011-2012 school year. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community, committed support staff, talented teachers and dedicated administrators. Together we will continue "Growing a District of Excellence"! I encourage all of you to continue being active participants in your child's educational career. Having been a part of this District for the past nine years, I have been able to experience firsthand the impact your parental involvement has made in our district.

During the past several years, the State of California has faced some tough fiscal challenges due to our economic woes. Over the past several years, K-12 education funding has taken a disproportionate amount of budget cuts. State and local funding for schools has been cut by more than \$18 billion or about \$1,900 per student in the last three years. The magnitude of this budget deficit on Golden Valley Unified School District has been approximately \$8 million in education funding due to the state not fully funding Golden Valley over the past three years, including the projected revenue for 2011-2012 school year. Despite the cuts to education, Golden Valley continues to be the highest performing school district in Madera County with all of its schools performing above the State's Academic Performance Index goal of 800. We look forward to continuing these efforts, despite these challenges, with the help of our entire professional learning community.

I wish you and your family a peaceful and relaxing summer as we anxiously await the return of all the smiling faces on the first day of school, August 18, 2011.

Ranchos Middle School Registration Info

The school office will reopen on August 1 and registration packets will be available beginning August 2. Registration Day is August 10 at the following times:

7th grade 9-10:30 a.m.

8th grade 11-12:30 p.m.

Reminder, you will need your Tdap (whooping cough) booster shot prior to

registration. No class schedule will be given without proof of shot.

Also, remember to get your sports physical if you plan on playing any sports.

The first sports offered are girls' volleyball and boys' soccer. Tryouts will begin the first day of school.

Have a great summer!

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several significant projects within the District. Beginning in 2007 with the creation of the new Ranchos Middle School and redesign of the ponding basin and improvements to Road 36 and Avenue 12 ½, followed by the Liberty High School stadium completion, Liberty High School science wing, and most recently, the Sierra View Modernization project, just about every corner of the District has been touched by Measure S. What has proven to be valuable to this community is the District's vision of maintaining a course for completion of those planned capital improvement projects. As a result, we are beginning to see the transformation of GVUSD into a district with facilities that can compete nicely with most other neighboring districts.

The Committee's oversight has developed into a process that can be described as being two dimensional. First, the Committee receives on a quarterly basis, a comprehensive and detailed expense spreadsheet of each project. This document chronicles a timeline of payments in every amount and to whom each is paid. Next, the Committee reviews all aspects of an expense item, and on a routine and repetitive basis requests explanations and the reasoning behind any and all payments which might appear to be "general" in nature. District staff often shares where a project might have been completed under budget or where some form of savings might have been realized during the various construction phases. The second dimension of the Committee is to actually visit the project and to affirm what has been discussed and then reviewed on paper. Tours of

such improvements usually take place during, and then again upon completion of a project. This exercise coincides with the review of fund distribution and insures proper oversight and accountability.

This year, our community has been witness to overlapping completion of several District projects. We've enjoyed the thrill and excitement of the LHS stadium completion, a state-of-the-art LHS science building, and when school commences in the fall, the students of Sierra View



2010 – 2011 Citizen's Oversight Committee Members included (from left) Marie Sell-Constanzo, Linda Bresee, Sarah Koligian, Audrey Stock and Ron Osborn.

will be greeted by a much improved facility to support a strong educational opportunity. However, the completion of these and all previous District projects has nearly exhausted available funds, leaving approximately \$200,000 from the original bond sale. I am not one to spend much time looking backward or second guessing, but with the construction of such fine facilities, it's difficult to imagine what GVUSD would have been without Measure S, or even the previous Measure G.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank Superintendent Koligian, Chief Business Officer, Jim Monreal as well as Aimee Beintker for their well organized and comprehensive reporting at each of our meetings. To date, I believe this committee has met the responsibility of overseeing the many District projects funded by Measure S. Likewise, I urge everyone to get involved. After all, if you are paying for the bond, it only makes sense that you would want to make sure your money is being spent appropriately and without waste

Ron Osborn is the Chairman of the 2010 – 2011 Citizen's Oversight Committee.

Madera Ranchos' New Eagle Scouts

On June 12, five Boy Scouts from our local BSA Troop 118 received the highest rank possible in Scouting, the Eagle Scout Award. The boys, Ethan Blair, Trevor Brauer, Ryan Chaney, Roger Lydon and Patrick Sparks, were required to complete a service project as the final task to achieve this award.

Ethan Blair's project was an e-cycle collection, the first one done in the Madera Ranchos. Trevor Brauer planted new trees at both Liberty High School and at Ranchos Middle School. Ryan Chaney built a pinewood derby track for the Community Action Partnership of Madera County. Roger Lydon repaired one chicken pen and built two new chicken coops for the Madera County Animal Shelter. Patrick Sparks cleaned and repainted the underground walkway on Avenue 12 at Road 36

½. Once the projects selected by the boys were approved by the Boy Scout Eagle Advancement Committee, the boys were required to plan their project in detail, obtain all the necessary supplies, recruit and supervise workers, and keep track of hours worked.

and keep track of hours worked.

Becoming an Eagle Scout is a big achievement that requires years of dedication and hard work by the boys, and only approximately 4 percent of all boys who are ever involved in scouting



Joining a very elite group are the Ranchos' newest Eagle Scouts (from left) Patrick Sparks, Trevor Brauer, Ethan Blair, Ryan Chaney and Roger Lydon.

achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Congratulations to Ethan, Trevor, Ryan, Roger and Patrick on a job well done. A big "Thank You" also goes to the parents and Troop 118 adult leaders for providing the boys with the care and guidance throughout the years on their trail to become Eagle Scouts.

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of the Sinaloa crime syndicate.

"There has been a growing insurgence of drug trafficking organizations carrying out their illicit business in our county and throughout our state," Anderson said. "But yesterday's capture shows just how entrenched organized crime is in our valley."

While there is reason to celebrate this capture, Anderson says the battle is not over with these arrests, saying that without the help of agencies like ICE, the U.S. Marshal's Service and the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, California has little might to tackle this growing problem.

"This is a very real and very dangerous drug war that is no longer confined to just Mexico," he said. "Yesterday's capture shows that [the Drug Lords] have expanded their criminal empire to our state, planting their enterprising and even deadly roots right here in Central California."

If they are convicted on all counts, each of the 19 are looking at a mandatory minimum term of 10 years in federal prison and a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. They will be prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Josephine W. Thomas and Christopher F. Murray in Tampa, Fla. All three Madera suspects remain jailed at this hour on immigration holds.

Man Drowns North of Ranchos

Sheriff John Anderson announced Saturday morning, July 16, the tragic drowning of a man at Hensley Lake, approximately 10 miles north of the Bonnadelle Ranchos..

Twenty year old Deshawn Eaddy was reported to have drowned at Hensley Lake sometime between 7 and 7:30 p.m. Friday night, July 16.

According to initial reports, the Fresno man was attempting to swim back to shore from an island at Hensley Lake when he went under the water and never surfaced. It is still not known what happened.

Anderson dispatched the Department's Dive Team to Hensley Lake to carry out the recovery operation. The team worked through the night until roughly 2 a.m. but were unable to locate the victim. Divers resumed their search the following morning and were successful in recovering the body at 10:35 a.m.

This is the first drowning reported to the Madera County Sheriff's Department this season and serves as a stark reminder that even peaceful looking water can be dangerous. Be aware of your surroundings, don't over-estimate your swimming abilities and don't swim alone..

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delicious and I asked him for his recipe for a four quart freezer:

Homemade Ice Cream

- 2 C Whole Milk
- 1 3/4 C Sugar
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1 1/2 T Vanilla
- 2 C Half & Half
- 4 C Whipping Cream

Put the milk in a pan to heat just to the scald stage. DO NOT BOIL! After the milk is hot, remove from heat and add the sugar and salt, stirring until dissolved. Add the vanilla and the two creams and put the mixture in the refrigerator until it cools. After it is cool, put it in the canister and freeze according to your freezer's directions.

I love sherbet – pineapple is one of my favorites. When we were all still at home I would make pineapple sherbet as often as I could. I made it so often; I knew the recipe by heart. There were seven of us, so I would always double the recipe – hope you like it too:

Pineapple Sherbet

- 1/2 C pineapple juice

- (canned)
- 1 T lemon juice
- 2/3 C sugar
- 2 C cold milk

Combine the pineapple juice, lemon juice and sugar, mixing to be sure sugar is dissolved. Put in refrigerator until it is cold. Pour this cold mixture into the cold milk – NEVER pour the milk into the juices or you will have one curdled mess! Pour into a shallow pan and put in freezer. Just before it is frozen solid, use a fork to stir it up then put back in freezer to freeze solid. When frozen, turn into a mixing bowl and beat lightly with a mixer. Return to pan and freeze until frozen.

Ice cream is always good eaten by itself, but if you want to make some cookies, I have a recipe for you. One of our readers Linda Autry sent me this recipe. She said she wishes she could take credit for developing the recipe but she couldn't, she got it off the TV from the Paula Deen Show. Regardless of where it came from, it still sounds OOEY GOOEY! She went on to say she took a platter of the cook-

ies to a graduation party and the teenagers gave her a sitting ovation. Enjoy.

Chocolate Goopy Butter Cookies

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 stick butter, room temperature
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 box moist dark chocolate cake mix
- Confectioner's sugar

In a large bowl with an electric mixer; cream the cream cheese and butter until smooth. Beat in the egg, the vanilla, then the cake mix. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or more to firm up so you can roll the batter into balls. Refrigerate overnight is best! Roll the chilled batter into tablespoon-sized balls and then roll them in confectioner's sugar. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet, 2 inches apart and bake for 12 minutes. Let them sit on the cookie sheet for 15 minutes until they are completely cool. These cookies will remain soft and

gooey, if they last that long! Linda said a lemon, spice or any flavor moist cake mix can be used instead of chocolate.

For those of you that make a lot of cookies and use the teaspoon or tablespoon method to drop your cookies on the cookie sheets, if you haven't done so yet, have you considered investing in an ice cream scoop? The old-fashioned kind with the thumb release. My mom had four or five of them – all the way from a tiny one, about the size of a melon baller, to a large one, the size for meat balls. She used them for lots of things – her Martha Washington candy, all sizes of cookies and making even-sized hamburgers. I don't know how expensive they are now, but you might want to look into them. I found many to choose from online, just search for "portion scoops."

I sincerely want to thank all the contributors. As I've said in each article, THIS ARTICLE IS FOR AND ABOUT YOU – NOT OUR FAMILY.

Until next month – Aunt Jean.

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ence with my children about my wishes in case of my death and I have put it all in writing. This has taken lots of time and is not the most pleasant thing to talk about but I am trying to make things as easy as possible for my children. I wish my folks had prepared me in this way. Well, this has been my summer project. Maybe this

will encourage some of you to get your affairs in order also.

I hope all of you have had a good summer. The Ranchos/Hills Seniors are keeping me busy. We will be having our monthly sale on Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to noon. Come over and say hi. Don't forget to pick up your ticket to the annual local Firemen's BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 20. It is always a fun night.



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The Pastor's Desk

Know Forgiveness, Know Peace

Again this month we have a guest writer for the Pastor's Desk. He is not a pastor but he has a message. With approximately 17.6 million Americans adults who abuse alcohol or are alcohol dependent, his message is timely and relevant.

Editor

By Mike B.

Hi, my name is Mike and I'm an Alcoholic.

Long before there was an Alcoholics Anonymous, before Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob, there was the one opinion of the chronic alcoholic by the medical institution and that was that there is no cure, there is no hope and one day the alcoholic will find his or herself in one of three places: dead, institutionalized or in jail/prison.

They were right then and they are right now.

The untreated alcoholic or addict will die, wind up in a hospital or in prison. Just to name a few that have died: John Belushi, Lenny Bruce, Richard Burton, Ken Camaniti, Truman Capote, Kurt Cobain, Dee Dee Ramone, Tommy Dorsey, Brian Epstein, Chris Farley,

Judy Garland, Paul Gray, Jimi Hendrix, Billie Holiday, Abbie Hoffman, Howard Hughes, Michael Jackson, Brian Jones, Janis Joplin, Alan Ladd, Heath Ledger, Bruce Lee, Billy Mays, Marilyn Monroe, Keith Moon, Jim Morrison, Brittany Murphy, Chris Penn, River Phoenix, Elvis Presley, Freddie Prinze, Keith Whitley, Hank Williams Sr. and Ben G. What is sad about this list is that you will look at the names and recognize many of them, if not all. You will notice and think that they all had something to live for; a life worth living, so to speak. The disease of addiction knows no boundaries. It doesn't care if you are an athlete, musician, priest, writer, doctor, poet or service director at a

well-established dealership. It will kill you! No matter who you are, what your age is or what you have done. The list I put together is maybe five percent of the names you would recognize.

On Saturday, July 16 I buried a friend, buddy and, most of all, a brother. I met Ben a little over two years ago. I was introduced by a mutual friend and instantly we became friends. He could instantly play any music he heard by ear on the guitar. He had a laugh and a sense of humor that would automatically brighten a room. Unfortunately, he could not defeat his demons. Ben, at a late age, went back to school and graduated very high in his class as a respiratory therapist. He took a job nobody wanted in prenatal ICU. He gave all he

could to save the little ones. The one person he could not save was himself. He could not or would not forgive himself and to the alcoholic/addict that means death. I've mentioned before that resentment is a killer. When I first started my Fourth Step (Complete and Moral Inventory of Ourselves) I tried to figure out who I re-

When you spell it all out and you get down to the root of all your resentments you realize the person who had the biggest part was yourself. You have harbored all these resentments because of FEAR. The fear of getting hurt again or the fear of relying on someone else for your happiness. The best thing that a person can do for themselves is to forgive. And yes, that includes forgiving oneself.

resented myself but what had others done to me? After a lot of prayer, meditation and petition, a veil was lifted and I could see for the first time how my resentments, not only of myself but of others, kept me sick. When the pen started flowing it was like a crashing waterfall. The emotion, feelings and hurt just poured out.

You make a list of who has hurt you, what they did to hurt you and how it affected you. The most important part – and I repeat, the most important part – is: "What was my part?" When you spell it all out and you get down to the root of all your resentments you realize the person who had

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By Serafin Quintanar

Government at all levels and politicians from both parties have “spread the wealth” for decades in an effort to secure their re-elections and secure power and prominence. However, the results of their reckless policies have only spread misery and despair from Madera to the East Coast, and everywhere in between. The failed philosophy of big government must be brought to an end and replaced with the desire to create an abundance of opportunity.

The latest scheme to redistribute wealth in America is so-called “Universal Health Care.” It’s true that this scheme will drive health insurance companies and doctors out of business, lead to complete government control and rationing of health care service, lead to massive tax increases that will kill jobs across all industries, devastate Medicare for the elderly, create death panels and increase the cost of health care for hard work-

The Government Option is Not the Best Option ... Ever

ing American families. Instead of experimenting with historically flawed and failed socialist agendas, we should strive for universal access to health care via the proven success of free and fair markets. If we remove the chains of government from insurers and health care providers, both costs to providers and prices to consumers will plummet. Private enterprise will find better ways to deliver services to more and more people and competition will drive prices down. No one can honestly say that 535 people in Washington D.C. can conjure up better solutions than the unleashed creativity and ambition of millions of American entrepreneurs yielding to the needs of the consumer in a free and fair marketplace.

In many industries, including health care, smarter people with better ideas are waiting for government to get out of their way so that they can create the next Google, Microsoft or Ford. I can’t wait for a soccer mom or some whiz kids struggling and working all night in a garage to come up with the idea that will become the “Wal-Mart” of health care and develop new methods to de-

liver quality health services to more people at lower prices. Massive growth and innovation will be the result of government getting off the back of American ingenuity and entrepreneurship. We all know that even with the best of intentions, government moves painfully slow and never delivers what it promises. In the end, we get far less than what we worked so hard to pay taxes for. On the other hand, we have all seen how fast private enterprise, led by American exceptionalism and innovation can whip out the latest gadget or create companies that employ thousands of people in a short amount of time. Private industry can react to the needs and demands of the consumer with lightning speed compared to the molasses-like movement of government. With big government, it is always too little, too late and at too high a price for American workers, families and business.

Washington DC should pay credence to the saying, “lead, follow or get out of the way”. The government has failed to lead. No one wants government to follow us around looking over our shoulders even more than it

already does. That leaves only one government option; get out of the way!

Madera Chapter Tea Party Meetings

We are proud to say that in the past six months the Madera Chapter Central Valley Tea Party has had excellent informational meetings and outstanding speakers. We encourage more Madera and Rancho Madera Patriots to join in! Mark your calendars for the third Thursday of each month to hear interesting informative speakers while connecting with others and sharing views. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. at DiCiccio, 516 South I Street, Madera. Because occasionally our normal meeting time can change please check our website often for updated details: www.centralvalleyteaparty.com/events.

For more information and for those without Internet access, please contact John Smedley at 645-7031, e-mail: jcsmedley@comcast.net. You can also contact Rick Farinelli at 706-5386, e-mail: richardfarinelli@sbcglobal.net.

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by Linda Thistle

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the biggest part was yourself. You have harbored all these resentments because of FEAR. The fear of getting hurt again or the fear of relying on someone else for your happiness. The best thing that a person can do for themselves is to forgive. And yes, that includes forgiving oneself. My brother could not get over that hump and it killed him.

Don't let your resentments build up and fester to a point that you hate, despise and hurt others. When it all comes down, the only one you are really hurting is yourself.

Believe it or not, the person you are upset with probably does not even remember what they have done. So here you are upset at someone who does not even know that you are mad at them. My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ tells us to forgive, so we can be forgiven. Every time you curse, swear, use the Lord's name in vain, look lustfully at someone, tell a lie, cheat on your taxes, turn away from someone in need ... does Jesus hold that against you? If you ask for forgiveness and truly mean it, NO HE DOES NOT. So I ask you – no, I beg of you – to open your heart to those that you feel have hurt you and forgive; just as Jesus has done and will do for you.

If you find it hard, you are not alone – it is very difficult. How many times

have you heard, "If something is difficult, it is worth doing"? The biggest obstacle that I had to face was forgiving myself but that all changed last September when my church offered a Bible Workshop. There were ministers from all over the country but it was Brother Cedric Thomas, a minister from Compton, who uttered the words that changed my life forever.

"The memory of a failure is an opportunity to appreciate grace."

From that moment I realized that I was forgiven. What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now, when I have a memory of a failure, I close my eyes and thank the Lord above for my redemption.

Second Corinthians 5:17 says: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! I thank Him for my faults, my problems, and most of all my future; that only comes from Him. It is by His grace that I am saved and by His mercy that I am free. Free yourself, forgive and live.

Until we meet again,

Mike

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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 Sierra Shadows 4H Club
 By Anahi Rivera



A New 4-H Year

Hello. As many of you know, my name is Anahi and I will be writing these 4-H articles for another year as I have been elected as the 4-H club reporter for the 2011-2012 year.

On May 3, 2011, at our last 4-H meet-

ing, we introduced our new club officers. The club officer are as follows: President, Mikaela Fringer; Vice-President, Olivia Fernandez; Secretary, Demetria Marical; Treasurer, Lexis Hinds; Reporter, Anahi Rivera; Historian, Samantha Wagg, Graciela Ruiz and Hannah Chase; Sergeant at Arms, Song & Game, Taryn Cornell; Communications, Micaela Rivera. The club decided, starting with our September meeting, that we will start at 7 p.m. We also talked about our record book, what information needed to be in them and when our community club leader wanted them turned in. And finally, we talked about who was going to attend 4-H camp.

In order for a 4-H member to attend 4-H camp he or she must turn in a record

book. There were some members who turned in a record book but did not attend 4-H camp. Sierra Shadows 4-H club had several members serve as counselors. Teen Council was Olivia Fernandez and Jared Fletcher. Junior Counselor was Mikaela Fringer. Assistant Junior Counselors were Kathryn Fletcher, Kristyn Fletcher and Micaela Rivera. Many campers said camp was FUN. 4-H camp was held from Tuesday, June 28 through Saturday, July 2. Members were able to participate in sports, arts and crafts, archery, hiking, photography, paintball, cake decorating, swimming, and canoeing. Each night the campers participated in dressing up for that night's theme.

Some members are getting ready to

show their animals at the Madera Fair. Some of the large animals are beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, dairy goats, meat goats and horses. Small animals are rabbits, poultry and dog. 4-H would like to say thank you to those who support and sponsor the 4-H organization. 4-H would also like to thank you to those who have helped a 4-H member by either being an auction buyer, bonus bidders or an award sponsor.

Youth between the ages of 9 to 18 years old may join 4-H. The Sierra Shadows 4-H club leader is Terri Fernandez, who can be reached at 559-645-4836. The next club meeting will be held at Sierra View Elementary School cafeteria in September at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there.

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NOTICE EXTENDING COMMENT PERIOD AND SECOND SCOPING MEETING

FOR THE LIBERTY GROVES PROJECT, PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP)

Subject: Extension of Public Comment Period Regarding Scope of Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 Project Title: Liberty Groves Area Plan and Specific Plan (see project location map)
 Applicant: Liberty Groves, LLC
 Project Contact: Scott Harmstead (Planner III, Madera County)
 Phone: (559) 675-7821 x3217
 Fax: (559) 675-6573

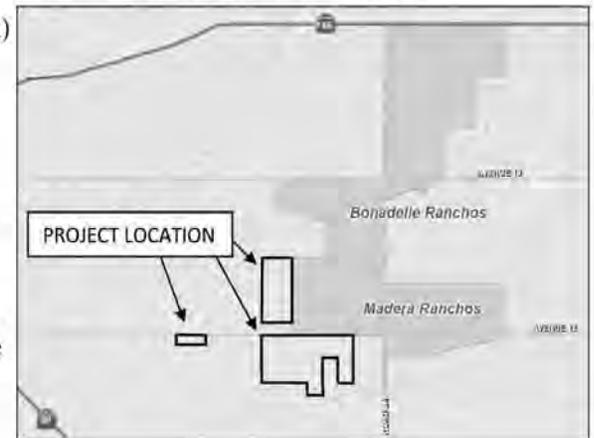
Take notice that the County of Madera (County) has extended the public comment period on the scope of Liberty Groves Program EIR an additional 30 days. The County needs to know your views as to the scope and content of the environmental information for the proposed project. Pursuant to CEQA Section 21080.4(a) and Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, responsible and trustee agencies and members of the public are asked to provide written comments regarding the scope and content of the Program EIR.

The project description is available on the County's website (http://www.madera-county.com/rma/planningdept/planning_dept_docs.html#LIBERTY GROVES) or at the County Planning Department (2037 W Cleveland Ave. Madera, CA 93637).

The comment period will be extended to August 18, 2011. All comments must be submitted in writing to Scott Harmstead, Planner III at the Madera County Planning Department, 2037 W Cleveland Ave. Madera, CA 93637. Comments are due no later than 5:00 P.M., August 18, 2011.

Second Scoping Meeting

Time: A Second Scoping Meeting will be held **August 3, 2011 at 6 P.M.**
Location: Liberty High School Cafeteria, located at 12220 Road 36 in the Madera Ranchos. The Cafeteria is located in Building B beside the Theatre. It's the first large building on the right as you enter the parking lot from Road 36.
Agenda: Project Environmental Review Process (presentation by County) & Project Description (presentation by project applicant).
 The project applicant has set up a website www.libertygroves.com to provide additional project information.



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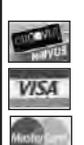
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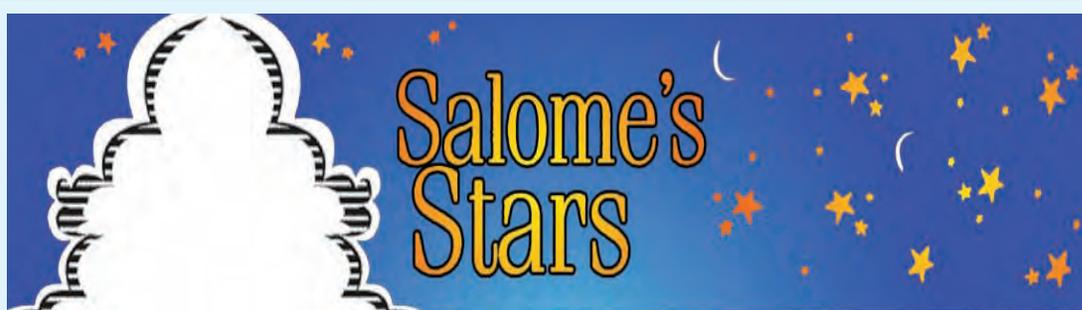
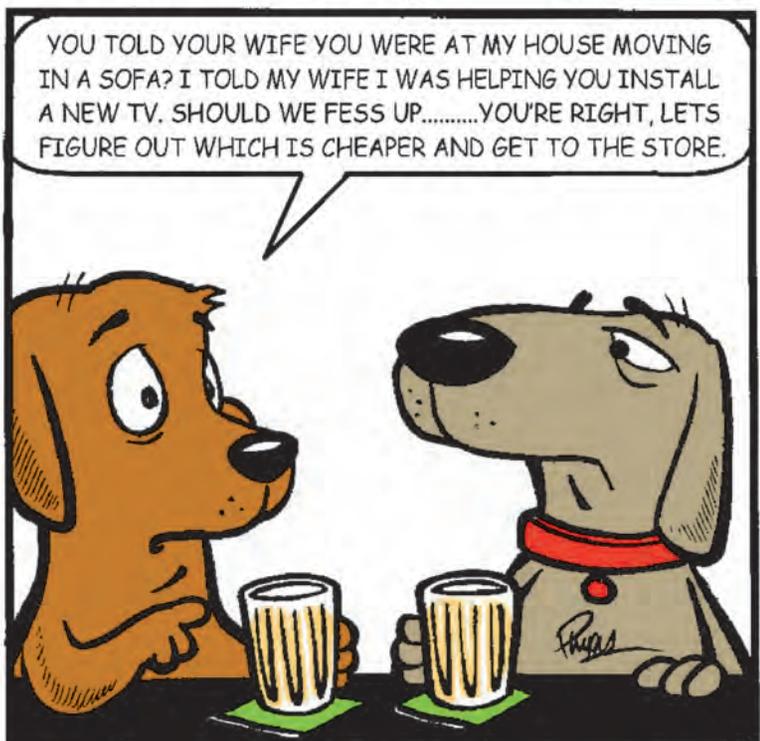
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your sense of justice makes it difficult not to speak up about a recurring matter involving a co-worker. But, once again, you need facts to back you up before you can act.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is still dominant, and if Cupid misfired before, don't worry. He'll take better aim at someone new this time around. Expect favorable news about a financial matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The zodiac's Moon Children can expect things to work out pretty much as planned. One negative note involves a minor relationship problem that suddenly turns serious.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're suddenly being asked to make choices between two practically equal offers. Which one to choose? Easy. The one most likely to gladden your Lion's heart.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Once again, you're confronted by a workplace problem you thought you'd already resolved. This time, you might need to go higher up to find a just resolution.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good for you: You're determined to stick with your goals and ignore those naysayers who might try to discourage you. You're on the right track. The challenge now is to stay on it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You'll soon get news that is supposed to help you with a troublesome situation. Use your sharp Scorpion instincts to determine if the information is reliable.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) If you learn someone has betrayed your trust, don't just accept it and walk away. You need to know why that person decided to do what he or she did.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A painful family relationship problem could finally begin to heal. Be prepared to show more flexibility than you might like. But it could be worth it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good idea to enhance your career skills so you'll be prepared to accept a more responsible position when it's offered. A friend returns a favor just when you need it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Show that strong, steely backbone that you usually hide, and demand to be included in any family decision-making that could affect the well-being of a loved one.

Born this Week

You can be happy being alone at home. But you also love exploring the world outside and meeting new people and sharing new ideas.

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FUN PAGES

POPEYE
By Elsie Cisman

WOW!
I THINK I CAUGHT A WHALE!

OMIGOSH!
LOOK AT TH' SIZE OF THAT FISH!

LET IT GO! THERE'S NO ROOM FOR IT IN THE BOAT!
ARE YA NUTS? NOBODY'LL BELIEVE ME IF I DON'T BRING IT BACK!

Y'LL HAVE TA GIT OUTA TH' BOAT!
I'M NOT GIVING UP MY SEAT FOR A FISH!

OKAY... THEN THERE'S JES' ONE THING I'DO!
POPEYE! I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THIS!

Henry
By Don Trachte

OH, BOY--THEY'RE SERVIN' FREE ICE CREAM AT THE CHURCH PICNIC!

ISN'T THAT YOUR FIFTH, HENRY?

FREE ICE CREAM

ALL THAT'S GOOD FOR YOU

ALL GOOD

ALL THAT'S GOOD FOR YOU! STAY WITH US!

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME
By Al Scaduto

THAT WANNA CRAWL IN A HOLE and DIE DEPT--
ER--SAY, LUGBUTT--B-Z-Z--B-Z-Z--

HUH? SURE, HOCKLEY--IS FIVE BUCKS ENOUGH?

LISTEN TO SON HEKKIE NOW THAT HE GOT HIS LICENSE TWO WEEKS AGO--

OKAY IF I USE THE CAR?

AND WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH-OUT MY WHEELS?

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MISSION IMPOSSIBLE
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UNINVITED GUESTS! See if you can correctly count the number of party crashers at the above picnic. Your time limit is 30 seconds.

Answer: We counted 35. Did you get the same?

Illustrated by David Coulson

IT'S SINK OR SWIM with this AlphaMath puzzle. You must replace the letters on the boat with the digits 0 through 9 so that you will have a correct addition problem. Try to get the highest possible total.

Our Answer: B=5, O=7, A=3, T=0, L=4, E=1, K=2, D=9, U=8, N=6, (5730 + 4132 = 9862)

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "WEASEL." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. The time limit is 60 seconds.

Answers: (Across) Was, era, eel, pat, (Down) Weep, area, salt.

Wishing Well

8	4	3	2	3	8	5	8	5	6	4	2	4
U	H	C	U	O	N	T	I	R	Y	A	N	P
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E	M	P	O	F	Y	U	X	T	O	S	S	O
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T	I	N	I	M	R	U	E	P	N	T	T	T
3	5	3	5	4	8	2	7	8	5	8	6	7
R	U	E	I	S	O	E	P	F	T	I	R	R
8	2	5	2	5	7	8	7	6	7	8	6	3
D	C	I	T	O	E	E	A	I	D	A	Z	C
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YHNKGDRI B G N I K S A
XAGNANAMGNIKROW
VMIUTBRQPIOEMTL
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Asking	Joking	Kingpin	Smoking
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Hiking	Kingfisher	Sinking	

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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

M-AND-M WORDS!

You'll be hip if you can hop onto the words in our quiz. To the left is room for nine words, each of which contains two M's. We give you the M's plus plenty of hints to help you fill in the missing letters.

1.	M	M							
2.			M	M					
3.	M				M				
4.			M	M		M			
5.				M			M		
6.	M				M				
7.	M					M			
8.							M	M	
9.			M	M					

Answers: 1. Mum 2. Jimmy 3. Museum 4. Hammock 5. Flimflam 6. Helmsman 7. Mausoleum 8. Backgammon 9. Hammerhead (shark)

TRIVIA TEST
By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **FOOD & DRINK:** What vegetable also is known as a pieplant?
2. **EXPLORERS:** Which famous explorer also served as a governor of Arizona in the late 1800s?
3. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin term "pro forma" mean?
4. **MEASUREMENTS:** If something occurs every 12 years, what would be the correct numerical term to describe the event?
5. **HISTORY:** Where did American legend Davy Crockett die?
6. **MUSIC:** What does the musical instruction "dolce" mean?
7. **THEATER:** Who wrote the play "The Glass Menagerie"?
8. **SCIENCE:** What vitamin also is known as riboflavin?
9. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was the name of the Native American chief who defeated Gen. George Custer at the Little Big Horn?
10. **PHILOSOPHY:** Ralph Waldo Emerson led which movement in the 1800s?

Answers

1. Rhubarb
2. John Charles Fremont
3. A formality
4. Duodecennial
5. The Alamo
6. To play sweetly
7. Tennessee Williams
8. B-B-2
9. Crazy Horse
10. Transcendental movement

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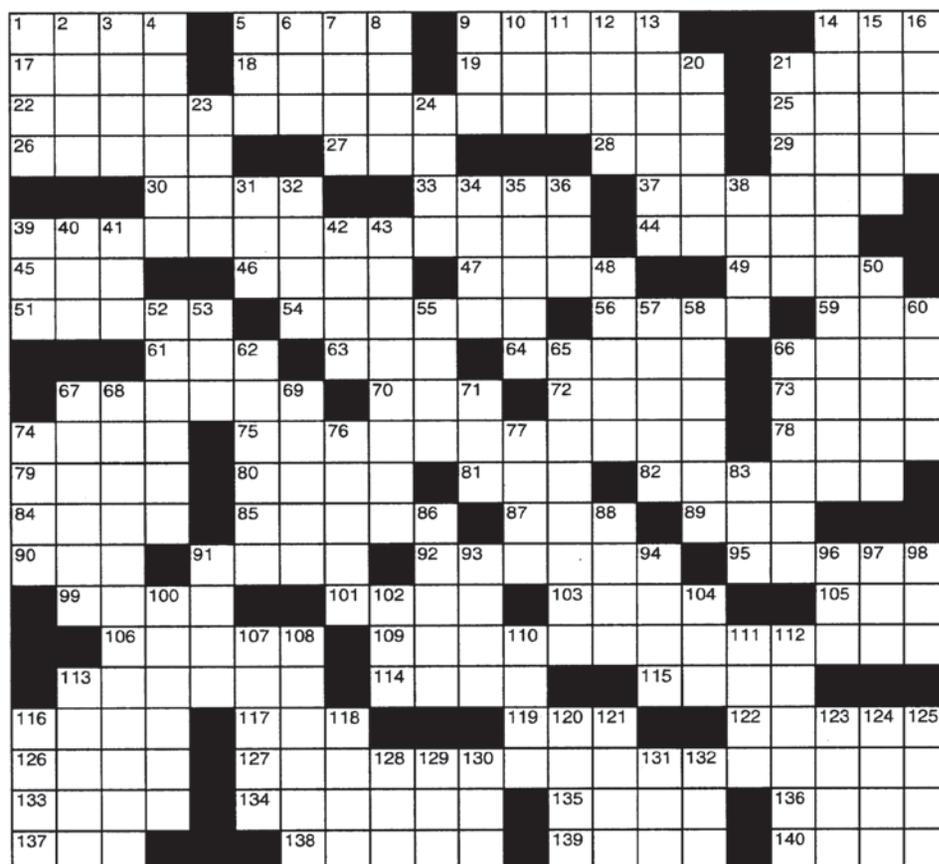


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Sagan or Sandburg
 - 5 Swarm sound
 - 9 Montana city
 - 14 Monterey Mrs.
 - 17 '58 Pulitzer winner
 - 18 Piece of fencing?
 - 19 He was "The Thing"
 - 21 Pipe part
 - 22 WREN
 - 25 Brooding-nagian
 - 26 For — (cheaply)
 - 27 Comic Costello
 - 28 — Na Na
 - 29 Mascagni opera
 - 30 Poet Wilcox
 - 33 Lohengrin's bird
 - 37 African antelopes
 - 39 LARK
 - 44 "The Optimist's Daughter" author
 - 45 Bonanza material
 - 46 Coveleski or Musial
 - 47 Vichyssoise veggie
 - 49 Tip one's topper
 - 51 Long-tailed parrot
 - 54 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
 - 56 Scandinavian city
 - 59 Griffon greeting
 - 61 Fool
 - 63 Missouri airport abbr.
 - 64 Valuable instrument
 - 66 Stowe sight
 - 67 Screen-writer Nora
 - 70 Elf
 - 72 Dash
 - 73 Sarah — Jewett
 - 74 Inland sea
 - 75 QUAIL
 - 78 Depravity
 - 79 Easy stride
 - 80 Bit of gossip
 - 81 Parenthesis shape
 - 82 Physicist Fermi
 - 84 Corset part
 - 85 Alfredo ingredient
 - 87 British big shot
 - 89 Monsarrat's "The Cruel —"
 - 90 Tulsa commodity
 - 91 Cheat at hide-and-peek
 - 92 Preposterous
 - 95 Sweetheart
 - 99 Turn over
 - 101 Darjeeling dress
 - 103 Invasion
 - 105 Frankfurter's field
 - 106 Rent
 - 109 CRANE
 - 113 Church official
 - 114 Oriental staple
 - 115 Big rig
 - 116 Channel
 - 117 Actress Hagen
 - 119 Plutarch character
 - 122 Tole material
 - 126 Be important
 - 127 PAR-TRIDGE
 - 133 Actor Novello
 - 134 Kindle
 - 135 Heart burn?
 - 136 Time for a sandwich
 - 137 According to
 - 138 German port
 - 139 Racing legend
 - 140 Guy Fri.
 - 3 "— Man" ('84 film)
 - 4 Not as fatty
 - 5 Neighbor of Ger.
 - 6 Prosperous times
 - 7 Non-non-chalance?
 - 8 Nil
 - 9 Crank's comment
 - 10 Swiss canton
 - 11 Explosive initials
 - 12 Golfer's gadgets
 - 13 Avoid
 - 14 DUCK
 - 15 Toomey or Philbin
 - 16 Iowa city
 - 20 Musty
 - 21 Japanese religion
 - 23 Hard on the eyes
 - 24 Astrology term
 - 31 Brown or Baxter
 - 32 Vino center
 - 34 Corduroy ridge
 - 35 Writer Rogers St. Johns
 - 36 Formerly known as
 - 38 Moro of Italy
 - 39 One who no's best?
 - 40 Distinctive period
 - 41 — room
 - 42 Singer Elliot
 - 43 Bete noire
 - 48 Adorable
 - 50 Tenor Corelli
 - 52 One of the Judds
 - 53 Tolstoy title start
 - 55 Coalition
 - 57 Play ground?
 - 58 Bedding
 - 60 At large
 - 62 Word with dog or state
 - 65 "Never on Sunday" star
 - 66 Good-humored
 - 67 Amatory
 - 68 CARDINAL
 - 69 — Dame
 - 71 Anaconda, for one
 - 74 As well
 - 76 Pursues
 - 77 Coffee pots
 - 83 Ring counter
 - 86 Andretti or Cuomo
 - 88 Fiber source
 - 91 Swamp stuff
 - 93 "Death of a Salesman" son
 - 94 Pad
 - 96 Ryan's "Love Story" co-star
 - 97 Bud
 - 98 Fluffy female
 - 100 Crime writer Colin
 - 102 PC key
 - 104 SHAEF commander
 - 107 "The March King"
 - 108 Whole
 - 110 Stamping ground
 - 111 TV award
 - 112 Strauss city
 - 113 Debonair
 - 116 — coffee
 - 118 Energy source
 - 120 One of a pair
 - 121 South Seas novel
 - 123 New Mexico resort
 - 124 John of "Roots"
 - 125 Expected back
 - 128 Bossy's chew
 - 129 Sugary suffix
 - 130 Guys
 - 131 College growth
 - 132 Empower
- DOWN**
- 1 — Grande, AZ
 - 2 FBI workers

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