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FINALLY ...

After set-backs, problems with suppliers, bad weather and a host of other obstacles, newly completed Hawk Stadium at Liberty High School opens its doors to a capacity crowd for Homecoming on October 29. (Story on page 16)

Picture Courtesy of Carla Hart

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Election Brings Questions

By the end of election night, Tuesday, Nov. 2, the winners of the race for Golden Valley School Board seemed pretty clear: Kathleen Crumpton - 1,825 votes; Mona Diaz - 1,690 votes; Brian Freeman - 1,203 votes; John Grauer - 1,196 votes; Write In (Steven Lewis) - 1,102 votes; and Edward Moseley - 832 votes. But as of today (Nov. 18) there are still 560 mail-in votes and 100 provisional votes for the School District race that haven't been counted and the County has until Nov. 28 to count them.

With a total of 660 votes still out there Crumpton and Diaz are safe but Freeman is only ahead of Grauer by seven votes. That many votes could make Steven Lewis the number three candidate and do the same thing for Edward Moseley.

Obviously all those votes will not go to one candidate, but Grauer and Lewis are both within striking distance and Freeman potentially has the most to lose. Keep watching!

Scouts' Veterans Ceremony



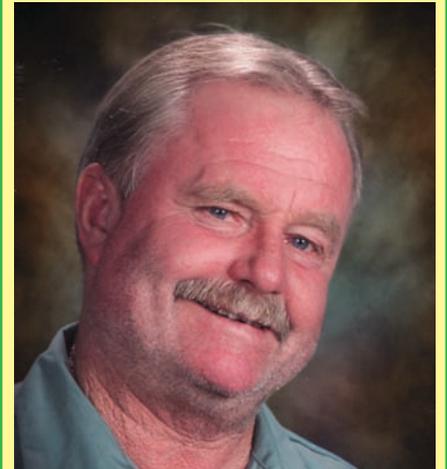
Photo courtesy of Bruce Blair

On Veteran's Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, Ranchos Boy Scout Troop 118 raised the flag at Liberty High School accompanied by a trumpet revelry from Eagle Scout Ryan Chaney. The Scouts raised the flag at sunrise and retired it at sunset with the LHS Cadet Corps in attendance for the ceremony. God bless our veterans.

In Memoriam

Wayne Trittler

April 4, 1955 - October 26, 2010



By Jessy DeChamplain and Sara Ojeda,
Liberty High Hawk Talk Staff

Liberty High School suffered a great loss the week of Oct. 24 when their head custodian, Wayne Trittler, perished Tuesday morning, Oct. 26 at 6 a.m. due to complications after a stroke the week before.

Wayne Trittler was a man who gave more of himself to others than any of us will ever know. Those who attend Liberty will probably not take a second glance at the ground they walk on, but Wayne valued the students and faculty so much that he would come to the school at four in the morning to pressure-wash the concrete so it would be presentable.

When asked what memory from LHS would last forever, Wayne replied with a smile, "The kids - they're a great bunch of kids." Some students had the privilege of knowing Wayne as more than just "the custodian."

Jordan Grossardt recalled a memory from last year. He tells of how it had just rained and there were puddles on the campus. "Wayne drove through a big puddle in an attempt to splash me, but got himself wet instead. 'Why'd you get me wet for?' Wayne asked, jokingly. He then made it his mission to get me wet by driving through more puddles, only to continue drenching himself. As a last resort, he drove through the sprinklers until both of us were soaked."

Jokes like this were common with Wayne. Tyler Abell, another student at Liberty, is a neighbor of Wayne and reflects on a fond memory of him. Tyler's father would shoot the squirrels that would run atop the fence. Knowing this,

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Family Tragedy Finds Comfort in Ranchos Community

Newest Ranchos Family Endures Horrific Accident on Same Day Escrow Closes on Ranchos Home

By Christi McKinney

On Sept. 28 during an evening commute in Fresno, California Highway Patrol Sergeant and new Ranchos resident Lincoln McKenna was off duty and riding his Kawasaki KLR 650 dual-sport motorcycle east on Herndon Avenue near Palm Avenue. McKenna had done this drive before, but something was different this night. At around 5:15 p.m., McKenna was being tail-gated by a silver, four-door, Toyota Tundra pickup whose driver appeared to be unhappy with McKenna's lane choices. In a matter of moments the dissatisfaction morphed into a type of road rage that left McKenna forced off the road, crashed into a light post with his right leg severed below the knee.

The driver of the Toyota Tundra sped off and has not been found.

Life Changing

Life has been anything but normal for some of our newest Ranchos neighbors, the McKenna Family. Lincoln McKenna is an eight-year veteran of the CHP whose coworkers describe as a level-headed, easy going guy who was thrilled when he recently received a well deserved, long awaited promotion to Ser-



Photo courtesy of Christi McKinney

It's a welcome home copter ride for the Ranchos' newest resident, CHP Sgt. Lincoln McKenna, on gurney, as CHP Officers Andrea Brown and Jeff Andriese, center, supervise as two EMTs from Pistoresi Ambulance prepare to wheel McKenna home.

geant. Melinda McKenna is a part time realtor with London Properties and a full time mother of Rebecca, 14, Rylan, 6, Austin, 5 and Kaelyn, 3. To top it off she's currently 5½ months pregnant with the couple's fifth child.

The McKenna's had wanted for several years to move to the Ranchos to raise their family. They have friends here and they were excited to live in the country and own some land. As a realtor, Melinda always had her eyes open for just the right house for their growing family. Melinda was excited when she came across a listing for a "fixer upper" on Mark Road that had everything they wanted in a home. When she walked through

it she immediately knew it was perfect for their family.

"Lincoln is an avid do-it-yourselfer and enjoys home improvement projects," Melinda said.

They made an offer and purchased the home, however, Melinda said the loan process had been a long, difficult one that seemed to have problems at every turn. "The loan was 19 days late in closing and we were advised that if the loan didn't fund by 4:30 on September 28th we would lose our deposit as well as all funds associated with

loan," a stressed Melinda said. "The loan funded at 4:30 on the 28th." When Lincoln called about 5 p.m. Melinda was thrilled to share the news. "We own the home!" she said to Lincoln.

A Weight Lifted ... Temporarily

Both Lincoln and Melinda said they felt like the weight of the world had been lifted from their shoulders. "All we had to do was pick up the keys the next day," Melinda said. They excitedly talked about celebrating that night and after talking to Lincoln, Melinda

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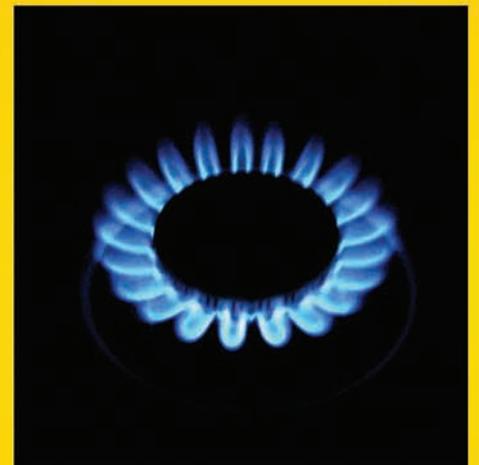
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Library Christmas Party, Book Sale

By Ellen Mester

Everyone is invited to the annual Ranchos Library Christmas party on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. hosted by the Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be served and children are encouraged to decorate the library Christmas tree. It's a great time for fellowship and an opportunity to learn more about the Friends of the Library.

Friends Book Sale Room

With the holidays approaching, think about picking up a first edition novel at an incredible price for a truly economical gift. Or shop for children's books or paperbacks to give to needy families or veterans. Our Friends of the Library book sale room is well-stocked with a wide variety of choices all for low prices. The proceeds from the sales go to purchasing new audio books and DVD's.

We are also collecting children's books in cooperation with the Waterford Foundation to be given to needy families in the Valley as Christmas presents. If you would like to help children who have never owned their own books and have little exposure to the joy of reading, then please mark your book donations specifically for the Waterford Foundation and bring them to the library during our regular business hours.

Holiday Hours

Many of our patrons have complained about our hours and our confusing furlough schedule. If you aren't certain which days we are open, please look at our website www.madera-countylibrary.org and click on the furlough schedule. Or pick up one of our cards at the front desk. For the Thanksgiving holiday we will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Nov. 26. We will be open on the following Saturday, Nov. 27 at our regular hours.

New Volunteers

We have two new volunteers who have been a tremendous help with our children's programs. Ginger Taylor, retired teacher from Sierra View, has been helping kids with their homework each Wednesday and Thursday for the past month. In order to prevent her from being overwhelmed, please set up a time to meet with her at the library if you are interested in her help. Diane Maxfield, retired teacher from Webster, is our new preschool story and activity leader every Thursday morning at 11 a.m. Her songs and activities keep the little ones moving while they're learning.

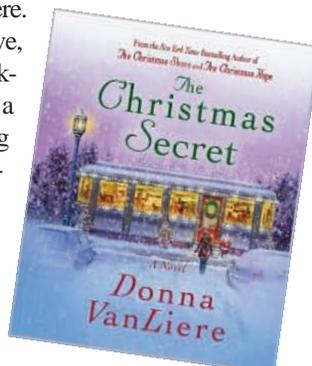
Book Recommendations

Juvenile Fiction: *Closed for the Season* by Mary Downing Hahn. Imagine being 13 and moving to a small town in the Virginia foothills only to discover that the last owner of your new home was murdered in the house — thrown down the basement stairs. Some kids might think this was exciting, but for Logan Forbes it seemed like a bad omen until his neighbor, Arthur Jenkins, talks him into solving the mystery of Myrtle Donaldson's death which is directly linked to the closing of the Magic Forest amusement park after millions of dollars ended up missing. The two boys outmaneuver the local bad guys but get blindsided by those they thought they could trust. It's a great mystery for young readers that keeps you guessing to the end.

Adult Fiction: *The Christmas Secret* by Donna VanLiere.

Get into the Christmas spirit with a beautiful story of love, hope and faith. Christine Easley can barely make ends meet working as a waitress and raising her two young children alone. In a twist of fate, Christine ends up saving a woman's life but in doing so, loses her job. Just when things look hopeless, a miracle happens and Christine ends up with blessings she hadn't even imagined. VanLiere has a way of making her stories and characters believable and touching. If you are looking for a light enjoyable read for the holidays, this is the one.

Check out these books and more at the library and always remember your library card — don't leave home without it!



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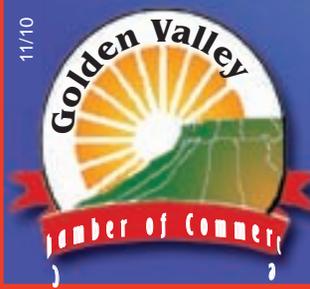
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Editorial

Not in California

By Randy Bailey

Another election has come and gone and with it great changes.

But not in California.

As the polls closed on the eastern seaboard on election night we, by virtue of a three hour time advantage, got to watch race after race unfold and, in some cases, empires fall. The same thing happened as the clock ticked on and the polls closed in the midwest and in the Great Plains states. The American people had told their elected officials that there were certain things this new administration was ramming through congress that they didn't agree with but their elected officials turned a deaf ear. Frustrated, the American people did the only thing they had at their disposal: They threw the bums out.

But not in California.

Across America the ballots were turned in and resulted in more than 60 seats in the U.S. House going to the Republicans, more than enough to take control from Nancy Pelosi and her minions, and six seats in the Senate where, unfortunately, 10 seats were needed to try to return us to sanity. But beyond those numbers was a much bigger story. While the federal election results hinted that a movement might be afoot, the numbers from the statewide elections verified the Democrats' worse suspicions. Across the country, in addition to the gains at the federal level, Republicans won nearly 125 seats in state senate races and in state house seats prevailed in a staggering 550

state assembly seats totalling 675 seats converted, nationwide, from Democrat to Republican.

But not in California.

No, in California we do things a little differently. We get a Republican elected Governor and then find out the only thing Republican about him is the "R" after his name, an obvious fact that eludes any rank and file Democrat who will argue with you *ad nauseum*, "We had a Republican Governor and look at the mess we're in!" We're so devoid of new ideas in this state that the only solution we can drum up is a relic from over 30 years ago. It's kind of like you're not happy with the performance of your family auto so you decide the only solution is to go out and replace it. Your choice? A 1978 AMC Pacer. Or your computer takes a dump on you so you go out and order an Atari 400. Or how about you can't get your iPod to play so you let someone talk you into one of these newfangled "8-Track" tape players. *NOW* we're talking.

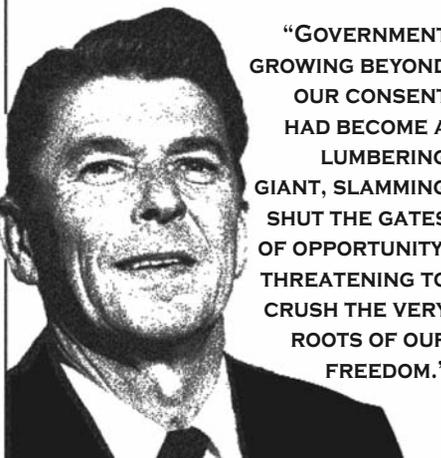
The best part of all of this is how stupid these patronizing know-nothings think we are. Right before the election I was driving home from my Mom's house in Clovis and as I got onto the 41 Freeway heading north off of Herndon there was an abundance of election signs stuck on that open lot right next to the freeway. I passed them pretty quickly but there was one right out in front that really caught my eye. It was for Barbara Boxer and it said, "Barbara Boxer: Jobs for California."

Excuse me?

You mean to tell me that California has been suffering with 12.5 percent unemployment (closer to 18 percent according to some economists) and all along Barbara Boxer has had jobs for California? How come she hadn't coughed up any of those jobs to out-of-work Californians yet? You mean she had jobs and was using them as leverage in the election? Maybe she didn't physically have the jobs but she had a bunch of good ideas to get jobs for California, so when did she think of them? As she was making up the poster? Truthfully, how stupid does she think we are? I can say without a doubt that thinking people everywhere would see through such a callous ruse and be as outraged as I was when I saw that election sign. Everyone everywhere could see how blatant it was.

But not in California ...

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Where'd We Put that Scarlet Letter?

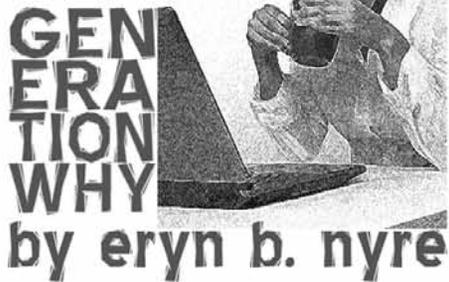
I'm not suggesting that we resort to sewing crimson letters on clothing or anything, but has anyone else noticed the correlation between the decline of the social stigma and the rise of irresponsible behavior? Gone are the days when a healthy sense of embarrassment was a key component in behavior modification. For example, a woman was once embarrassed to be seen as unladylike, so she avoided cussing and burping in public, behaviors in which young girls today seem to have no issue with taking part. On the contrary, it would appear that being a lady is seen as old-fashioned, and to be seen as old-fashioned is far more humiliating than belching up your lunch in the middle of a restaurant.

Sadly, this goes far beyond a simple act of shame for bad manners. Part of the deterrent for bad behavior has always been the negative stigma attached to it. Men wanted to be seen as strong providers for their family so they worked two jobs if necessary to ensure there was food on the table and a roof over their family's head. Young women didn't want to be seen as harlots, so they took care not to

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have four children, out of wedlock, by four different men. Now, with the stigma a thing of the past, judging women who can't seem to figure out where babies come from makes me the bad guy. It is no longer socially acceptable to think less of the young punk who keeps fathering children with different women because it is condescending, even though he makes no effort to take part in raising any of them, be it financially or otherwise. You know what has gotten a bad rap? Judgment. When did it become so wrong to say, "I don't want anything to do with you because I don't like what you have chosen to do with your life"? It would appear that today, the only social stigma people adamantly avoid is being judgmental.

Somewhere down the line, society has become conditioned to accept poor choices and irresponsibility as endearing character flaws rather than reflections of poor character. There was a time when it was so shameful to be a teenage mother that her own parents would ship her off to a nunnery to keep her transgression a secret. Now these girls hop on government assistance, move in with their boyfriend and pull from cash aid and food stamps



and we are all suppose to stand idly by and admire her strength and courage to raise a child on her own, never mind the billions of tax payers that contribute to her success. In case you weren't aware, it no longer takes a village to raise a child but the entire Federal Government.

Case in point, MTV airs a show dedicated to teenage mothers, idolizing them and raising them to the level of celebrity. Shouldn't we be telling these young girls, "Look, you made an irresponsible decision, now you must deal with the repercussions. We aren't going to throw rocks at you, but I wouldn't expect a 'Sweet Sixteen/So Glad You Got Knocked Up' party." But that is exactly what this

show does; it shows society that not only is it acceptable to be a teenage mother, but it is easy and alluring. Well, that is just a terrific idea – let's show teenage motherhood in a flattering light so all the young, impressionable, child-bearing-aged twits that believe it is glamorous to get pregnant at 16 might run out and follow suit. After all, they are going to need a new crop for next season, right?

I personally believe that a lesson learned from a mistake made is a positive step in life's journey. However, mistakes made over and over again without an adjustment in behavior is irresponsibility, and unchecked irresponsibility is clearly how we have ended up in this mess. Now, thanks to the disappearance of the social consequence, girls are less ashamed of promiscuous behavior, clearly exhibited with multiple offspring via multiple sires. Guys feel no humiliation for fathering multiple children and not providing for them. Instead of accepting the absentee deadbeat father as a staple of society, shouldn't we avoid them? Shouldn't we make it a point to alienate them from so-

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By Brenda McElroy

The Stress-Free (well ... almost) Holiday Plan

*This year I'll be unhurried,
And enjoy the holidays;
With shopping done and gifts all wrapped
I'll proceed to the parties and plays.*

*My cards are all signed and packages sent,
The tree is lit up with a glow;
The cookies are baked; it's time to enjoy,
A moment under the mistletoe!*

Is your dream of unhurried holidays about as likely as a Ranchos White Christmas? They do happen, but it's not likely. If you want to sleep in heavenly peace this holiday season read on ...

In his book, *Getting Things Done*, David Allen talks about the stress of open loops. "Open loops," he says, "can include everything from really big to-do items like 'End World Hunger' to the more modest 'Hire new assistant' to the tiniest task such as 'Replace electric pencil sharpener.'"

Put into holiday terms, your open loops might be anything from "Ensure everyone's happiness at Christmas" to "make cupcakes for the class party."

A Trusted System

Allen's solution to open loops is getting things off your mind and captured in a trusted system. Your trusted stress-reducing system starts with creating a Holiday Binder. Equip it with pocket dividers and label the sections – Holiday Planning, Cards/Gifts, Food/Décor/Parties, and Highlights/Review.

Holiday Planning – In this first section list your "No-Matter-Whats." These are the traditions, activities, foods, etc. that are most important to

you and your family. Have a family meeting between now and Thanksgiving and record everyone's holiday favorites. They might include a trip to the tree farm, attending a Christmas Eve Service, or simply watching a favorite Christmas movie together. The items that qualify for No-Matter-What status must be scheduled on the family calendar. As other opportunities arise throughout the holidays make sure they don't bump what you've already prioritized as a family.

Schedule all the tasks associated with holiday planning such as decorating, shopping, baking, etc. on your calendar as appointments.

Create a Holiday Budget sheet (go to www.practicalspreadsheets.com for free downloadable forms) where you project the amount you will spend on gifts, entertaining, travel, decorations, etc. and the actual amounts spent. Keep a "Receipts" envelope in the divider pocket to store gift and other holiday receipts.

Cards/Gifts – Input your Christmas card names and addresses into a label program or Excel, so you can easily update it annually. Excel documents can be imported into Microsoft Word to create labels (see again www.practicalspreadsheets.com).

Schedule your photo session (if doing photo cards) and give yourself a deadline of December 1 to have your cards signed, stamped and ready to send. As you receive change of address info for people on your card list, slip it into the divider pocket for updating later. If preparing Christmas cards is particularly stressful for you, consider sending a New Year's greeting in January and eliminate it from your pre-holiday to-dos.

Your Gift List should include the names of each of the people you're giving to and columns for Gift Ideas, Gifts Purchased, Budget Amount, Amount Spent, Wrapped and Shipped/Stored. Keep your Holiday Binder handy throughout the year so that if you think of a gift idea, or purchase something prior to the holidays, you can record it. Schedule on your calendar two shopping trips and wrapping sessions during November.

Food/Décor/Parties – Create a page for each meal or party you're hosting and list supplies and tasks associated with those events. Be sure to check stock of what you have before

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Aunt Jean's Ranchos Recipes

by Jean Briner

Several years ago, ONE of my favorite nephews (I have eight) gave me a license plate frame that said "DO DO HAPPENS." Well, dear readers, DO DO HAS HAPPENED! My computer followed the theme of one of my articles a few months ago, and took a dump - but not the cake kind. It is in the shop now trying to find out why it went black except for a whole bunch of gobbeldy goop on the screen.

So, until I get my computer back, here's my Thanksgiving column from last year. Hope you enjoy it.

Aunt Jean

Happy Thanksgiving

When I sat down to write this month's column, I thought of Thanksgiving, but then I realized some of you wouldn't get this paper until after Thanksgiving, and those of you that did get it before would have already made all your preparations for the big day. But I decided to do it anyway.

OK, now to Thanksgiving. Those of you of my generation do you remember getting up at 5

o'clock in the morning to get an 18 pound turkey stuffed and in the oven so it would be ready for dinner at 2 o'clock in the afternoon? And remember how the frozen turkey would sit on the counter to defrost?

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And we're all still alive!

Stuffing Duty

On the day before Thanksgiving we would toast the bread in the oven on big sheet pans and mama would always make a pan of cornbread for the stuffing. And in-between toasting the bread she would make the pies. It was a busy time. I was my mom's official stuffing "tester." I'd get up when she did so I could help her fix the turkey. Did it have enough salt? Or enough sage? Too dry? I loved doing it as I love "raw" stuffing as much as I like cooked. Mama's recipe was simple: we would chop an onion and about a head of celery and sauté them in butter with some salt and pepper. We'd break up the bread and pour the vegetables in on top and add enough salt and pepper and the only other seasoning she would use was dry sage. She preferred rubbed sage instead of chopped (it is very hard to find rubbed sage today). Then add chicken broth and water and mix it up with our hands until it was just right.

I do the same thing today, except I don't defrost the turkey on the counter. I do it in the sink. I usually fill the sink with real hot water and

add a cup of bleach and let it sit for about half an hour to sanitize it: then let the water out and rinse the sink good, then start the defrost. I do it just as it says to: fill the sink with cold water and leaving the turkey in the bag it comes in, put it in the sink and about every half hour to 45 minutes change the water. It is a tedious job, takes about 8 to 10 hours for a 16 to 20 pound

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Brenda McElroy

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Tea Time

Can You Hear Us NOW?

By Sandy Forbes

American voters spoke loud and clear this election. Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) so aptly stated, "We're determined to stop the agenda Americans have rejected and to turn the ship around." Republicans now hold the majority in the House of Representatives. Relieving Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House, future Speaker John Boehner said, "We'll work with the administration when they agree with the people and confront them when they don't." This alone was a huge victory for the American people who voiced concern via Tea Parties across the nation. Make no mistake that the Tea Parties will stay engaged in the process.

Through this historic election, American voters are not asking so much

as demanding a much smaller, more accountable government — one that will put a stop to bailouts and runaway spending that has accumulated exorbitant debt over the last two years. Voters want lower taxes, including the extension of the Bush tax cuts as well as banning earmarks and special interest group spending that has been "tucked away" into appropriation bills. Many voters also want the healthcare bill repealed. Indiana Congressman Mike Pence, who won his sixth consecutive term in office, said, "Obamacare was roundly rejected. We need to rip it up, root and branch. The American people don't want to be mandated to purchase health insurance ... and they don't want all the new taxes that come with it." He also said the Healthcare legislation won't just be repealed but replaced by a lower-cost option that Americans do want.

of the country and bringing about victory for many conservative candidates. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world," said Margaret Mead, an American cultural anthropologist. "Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." The Tea Party started out as small groups throughout the nation, but necessity fueled their growth. And we are not about to quit.

So what about California? A tidal wave swept the country, then abruptly crashed before reaching the Golden State. What possessed the majority of Californians to again elect Jerry Brown and Barbara Boxer, who continues to rule us instead of represent us? Some voters are

too young to have any memory of Brown's "Moonbeam" nickname. Chicago columnist Mike Royko said in 1976 that Brown attracted "the moonbeam vote," meaning the young, idealistic and non-traditional voters.

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Royko embellished his fictitious idea by calling California "the world's largest outdoor mental asylum" also noting in 1979 that, "If it babbles and its eyeballs are glazed, it probably comes from California." Royko later retracted the comment, but the nickname stuck. The fact remains that California (and by re-electing Harry Reid, Nevada too) is in free fall. The high state business tax that continues to drive businesses out, staggering unemployment, the high number of welfare recipients, gerrymandered districts and unions are the main contributors.

For the majority of the country, though, Americans have no tolerance for an out-of-touch, out-of-control, fiscally irresponsible government. And although we still have a war to win in 2012, we must take a moment to celebrate our victory. The aftermath of the 2010 midterm elections has put the American citizens back in the driver's seat. American voters spoke, but

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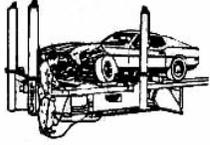
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In This World You'll Have Trouble

By Bob Crabb

(John 7:19 NIV) (Jesus asked them) Why are you trying to kill me?

In the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John, before the end of the 12th chapter there are no less than eight references of death threats or plots against Jesus. Often times the threats and plans to kill him came from the religious and community leaders of His time. The people trying to kill Jesus were often times described as having self righteousness personalities filled with criticism and hypocrisy. These folks who were driving these violent plans against Jesus seemed to thrive on power-driven arguments and inflammatory claims and dismissive speech.

For example, in John 8:13: "(They challenged Jesus), 'Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.'" In John 8:48: "The (religious rulers) answered (Jesus), 'Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?'" In John

We are at our greatest potential to sin when we are dealing with people, places and things we don't like, or disagree with, or feel alienated from, because now is the time when we can lose the evidence of our citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

8:52: "At this the (religious rulers) exclaimed, 'Now we know that you are demon-possessed!'" They just didn't want to hurt Jesus and let him move on. They wanted to kill him! All the time, hiding behind the outward appearance of virtue and morality. They were voices of hostile intentions and toxic personality. They rejected true Christian fellowship. These folks trying to kill Christ seemed to live for each other and for those on whom their favor rested. In the end they brought out the worst in everybody around them and they crucified Jesus.

Turning Everything Upside Down

When Jesus broke into their world He seemed to turn everything upside down. Those that thought they were on the inside of God's will found themselves on the outside and those who were judged to be outsiders of God's will found themselves inside of the love of God in Jesus Christ. The parable of the sinful and unclean and detested tax collector who stood far off at a distance and cried out, "God have mercy upon me a sinner," revealed that even the sinful could be redeemed while the "right-

eous" found themselves on the outside (Luke 18:11ff). In Jesus, the wretched poor folks found themselves blessed and on the inside and the rich folks who loved their wealth more than God or their fellow human beings found themselves cursed and on the outside of the Kingdom of God (Luke 6:20).

So when you understand what they did to Jesus; when you understand the personality of hostility in the world of Jesus; you can understand what Jesus meant when he said, "The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life (John 12:25)." It is not that we should hate what God has created in us, but rather we should hate the life that we have created that is opposed to the love of God in

Jesus Christ. I hate what they did to Jesus (John 19:18ff), I hate how those who were outcasts were treated (John 8:1ff). I hate how darkness multiplies darkness today. I hate how hostility attracts even greater hostility, still today.

On the other hand, I love how there is a Kingdom coming where there will be no more sorrow and no more mourning and no more tears (Revelation 21:1ff). I love that God loves us so much that he gave us Jesus to give us an alternative to those who are messengers of hostility and violence and death. It is just that those days that so many of us are looking forward to with love and the coming of our Savior have not yet fully been realized yet. An unkind word today and a hostile and unthinking and uncaring attitude today multiplied by a million or a billion can turn into a horrifying violence of sickening proportions.

We are at our greatest potential to sin when we are dealing with people, places and things we don't like, or disagree with, or feel alienated from, because now is the time when we can lose the evidence of our citizenship in the Kingdom of God. Rudeness, hostility, destructive criticism, judgmentalism, dominating attitudes, lack of mercy, lack of compassion, lack of service and lack of sacrifice are all signs of the citizenship of the world that is not the Kingdom of God.

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Senior Report

Swords to Plowshares – the Honor our Vietnam Veterans Deserve

By Verlaine Elinburg

Swords to Plowshares of San Francisco is the only veterans' service in the United States that provides a full continuum to low-income and homeless veterans. The organization does not discriminate based on length of service, branch of service or military discharge status. *Swords to Plowshares* is a community based organization founded in 1974 by six veterans whose guiding principle was that veterans must never again be treated as second-class citizens – such as they were after the Vietnam War – and that war in general causes wounds that last beyond the battle field.

1974 - 1984: The Decade of Neglect of the Vietnam Veterans

The public did not want to be reminded of the “dirty little Vietnam War” and could not separate their negative feelings about the war from the soldiers. Vietnam veterans were not only rejected by the public but also by groups like the VFW, American Legion and the VA. In 1974 *Swords* developed tailored services

for discharged upgrades, working with incarcerated veterans and provided training and educational assistance. In 1979, *Swords* won one of the first Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) cases on behalf of veterans. This was a time when policy affecting veterans was controlled by the agency which blatantly neglected the Vietnam Veterans. In 1980 community based organizations serving veterans began to rise up all over the country and PTSD was recognized. In 1983 the Vietnam Wall was build in Washington D.C., giving overdue recognition to the Vietnam Veterans. “Agent Orange,” a chemical herbicide and defoliant which was used during the war, was being investigated because of negative side effects that were surfacing in our Vietnam Veterans. In 1984 the lawsuit was finally settled in favor of our veterans.

In 1985, around the 10 year anniversary of the Vietnam War, the American public began discussing the Vietnam War and made a concerted effort to understand the struggles Vietnam Veterans faced during combat and coming home. At this 10 year anniversary, “Welcome home Parades” began springing up to

honor the Vietnam Veterans. In 1986, *Sword* established its Health and Social Services and, thanks to public funding in 1988, *Swords* began its first housing program for homeless veterans. In 1990 advocates founded the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. This led to a broad understanding of the growing population of homeless veterans and prompted the Veterans Administration to act on this sad situation of the men and women who fought for and died for us.

Support our Troops Away from Home

As we are now in the holiday season, think about our troops that are in combat around the world; they are in places other than the ones in the news. The Senior Center is accepting donations on behalf of *Support our Troops Away from Home*. Requested items are: Powered drinks, canned goods, protein bars, dried fruits/nuts, cookies and chewing gum. Health items requested are: toiletries, socks, batteries, disposable cameras, sewing kits, calling cards. Reading materials requested are: Paperback books, magazines. Drop the requested items at

the Ranchos Hill Senior Center at 37330 Berkshire Drive or call 645-4864 for more information.

Senior Center Happenings

As always, our monthly sale is the first Saturday of each month. Cakes, cookies, jams, breads – all the good stuff. The boutique has many fine items, jewelry, linens and many other crafts. The Treasure Chest has lots from which to pick. For the month of December we have Christmas items. There's the Plant Sale where we have plants selling from \$2 and up. For produce we are featuring pomegranates.

The Ranchos/Hills Senior Center is affiliated with the Fresno/Madera Area Agency on Aging. Visit with us and chat with Joann about the programs that are available, or call 559-645-4864. 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

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A Ranchos-Eye View of Europe

By Audrey Stock

Hi neighbors,
Thank goodness the elections are finally over except for a few close races that are still being counted. I can't believe that people are already talking about the election in 2012. How can they get any work done if all they do is work on the next campaign to keep their position? I wish our elections were like England's where they have three weeks to campaign before each election. Also we tell kids to stop being bullies and yet the name calling during elections set a great example for all of the bullies out there.

I called the Madera Elections Office and found out that 560 mail-in votes and 100 provisional votes for Golden Valley Unified School District have not been counted yet. They have

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until Nov. 28 to count all votes but if they get to them before then they will let the district know the final results. By the first vote count Mona Diaz, Kathleen Crumpton and Brian Freeman are the new school board members. We will have to wait for the final count to know who will be installed on Dec. 1, 2010. No election is official until 30 days after an election. Once new board members are installed they will have a very steep learning curve when they start their four-year term. I hope that the new board members take all of the classes that are offered to them. You are not born knowing how to be a good school board member. It is a learning process and takes time before you feel comfortable in that seat.

A Trip Abroad

In the last Ranchos Independent I was getting ready to leave for a 14-day trip to Europe with a group of seniors. It was an interesting historical trip. When I go to this part of the world it always makes me realize just how young a country the U.S.A. is. I love Roman history and the Roman ruins. I will try to give you a taste of what I saw on my trip.

We started our trip in Paris, France

where the Roman Emperor Julius Caesar built a fortress on the Ile de la Cite in Paris in 53 BC. Paris has a long and bloody history and yet it has some of the best known sights of interest in the world. The Notre-Dame Cathedral was started in 1163 and took 170 years to complete. The Louvre is one of the world's greatest museums with the Tuileries Gardens close by which are used by the locals as well as tourists. The Champs-Elyees is a famous boulevard of light with Napoleon's Arc de Triumphant built in 1836. Napoleon never got to march under it because he was defeated but also because he died in 1821 before it was finished. The Eiffel Tower was erected for the 1889 World Exhibition in Paris. The Sorbonne is a world-famous college and was founded in Paris in 1253. The Moulin Rouge is a large 500+ seat playhouse that has been

having live shows since 1889. The Can Can dance was invented at the Moulin Rouge. Las Vegas, Nev. has built an imitation of this famous Paris playhouse. Artists from all over the world have been coming to Paris for hundreds of years to practice their art because freedom of expression was allowed in Paris. Paris is a very large city with beautiful old buildings.

We took a bullet train from Paris to Mertz, France and then a bus to the Avalon riverboat on the Moselle River which was our hotel for the next 10 days. The boat moves up the river at night and stops at small medieval towns in the morning. Trier, Germany was our first stop. In 16 BC the Romans founded this city by a ford across the Moselle River. By 306 to 324 AD Trier was a favorite residence of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. In 311 AD the Romans passed the Edicts of Tolerance which guaranteed the Christians' religious freedom. The mother of Emperor Constantine went to Jerusalem and brought back the Holy Robe, which is called the Robe of Christ, to Trier. People have been making pilgrimages to the Holy Robe in the ancient Trier

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Events for November

Every Monday: Exercise

First Monday of Month: General meeting at 7 a.m. Planning meeting Nov. 22 at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Pinochle at noon

Wednesday: Exercise, Lunch and

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Thursday: Garden clean-up, Lunch, Crafts at 12:30 p.m. Social: 5:30 p.m. Potluck and card games.

Friday: First Friday: Set up for First Saturday sale (we need some muscle this day at 8 a.m.)

Saturday: First Saturday: Ranchos/Hills Senior Sale

Special Events for November

Saturday, Nov. 20, Birthday and Anniversaries at Pismo Coastal Grill 11:30 a.m.

November 25 and 26 center is closed.

Special Events for December

Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale every Saturday: November 27, December 4, 11 and 18, Time 8 a.m. - noon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: December 11. Marie Calendar's, 7825 North Blackstone Fresno, Calif.

Ranchos/Hills Senior "Christmas Dinner and New Officers' Installation" Dec 13. Call 645-4864 for reservations.

December 18: Home Tour and Tea. Five houses and Senior Center. Tickets available at the Senior Center, 37330 Berkshire Dr. Call 645-4864 for information. Adults \$12.50, Children 6 through 12 \$4, under 6 free.

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bird, but it sure beats defrosting it in the refrigerator – the same size turkey would take three or four days. This is done on Wednesday, but while that is going on you can do other preparations. Make your pies, make the fruit salad or whatever else can be made ahead of time. When the turkey is defrosted, I put it in the roasting pan and put it on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator awaiting Thursday morning. With the perfection of the turkeys over the last 50 years you don't have to get up at 5 o'clock in the morning it get it in the oven. We would figure about 22 minutes per pound of stuffed turkey, taking about 7½ to 8 hours. It only takes 4 to 5 hours to cook a stuffed 18 to 20 pound bird today as opposed to all morning 50 years ago.

As for the stuffing, I do it the same way mama did 50 years ago, except I don't toast the bread. I cheat and buy three boxes of Mrs. Cubbison's – two boxes of bread and one of the cornbread. Add the sautéed vegetables, salt, pepper and even though the bread is somewhat seasoned, I usually add some more sage. Then start mixing in chicken broth and water until it tastes just right. I don't use the giblets but sometimes I do cook the neck and take off the meat and add to the stuffing. Take the bird out of the refrigerator, rinse it out and pat dry, cover inside and out with butter (or margarine), salt inside and out and you're ready to stuff. A lot of people don't stuff the bird

but we think the stuffing is better that is cooked in the bird than in a baking pan. But, whatever you or your family prefers.

I hate the smell of a turkey cooking for the first hour or so. I don't know what it is, but it just smells yucky to me. But after it gets cooking, the smell changes, and I love it. It smells like "home."

Some people call it stuffing and some dressing but do you know the difference? I read somewhere that if you put the mixture in the bird it is called stuffing and if you cook it in a pan it is called dressing. As far as I'm concerned, whatever it is called I love it.

A Special Casserole

As for the dinner, we serve about the same thing everyone else does and the same thing mama served: Turkey and stuffing, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, cranberry jelly and rolls. However, we have added one thing: Zucchini Casserole. As I've told you in a previous article, my mom loved to get recipes wherever she went. This one she got from a cousin from Tennessee. Mama passed away in October 1988 and when we were cleaning out her deep freeze we found one she had made so we cooked it for Thanksgiving that year. My sister Maxine has taken over the duty of bringing one (sometimes she brings two so that there can be some taken home) to all our family dinners. In fact, everyone likes it

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With three meetings and the midterm election behind us, much more work is still ahead. We want your ideas on where we go from here. Come discuss a new plan called "Adopting a Politician" to keep our elected representatives accountable and join our monthly meetings. We

need your input. Meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at the Ranchos Cafe from 4 – 6 p.m. For more information, please contact Tea Party Organizer John Smedley at 559-645-7031.

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so much that you would think sometimes she wouldn't be allowed into dinner unless she brought the casserole. Here's the recipe, hope you like it as well as we do.

Zucchini Casserole

6 C thinly sliced zucchini
 ½ large onion chopped
 1 C grated carrot
 1 can cream of chicken soup
 1 C Sour Cream
 2 boxes Stove Top Dressing (Chicken or Turkey)
 2 cubes of butter or margarine

Cook the zucchini and onion for about 5 minutes or until al dente, and drain as much liquid off as possible before adding the carrots, cream soup, and sour cream. Set aside.

In a separate bowl, mix one box of Stove Top with one cube of melted butter. Lay this evenly in the bottom of a 9 x 12 baking pan. Pour in the zucchini mix. Mix the second box of Stove Top with the other cube of melted butter and cover the zuc-

chini mix. Bake in preheated 350 oven until lightly brown and bubbly.

Do NOT mix the Stove Top as directed on the package – only put the melted butter in the dry mix. People would complain to my mom that when they made the casserole, it didn't taste like hers and the first thing she would ask them was, "Did you use the Stove Top dry with only the melted butter, or did you cook it like the package directs?"

Fruit Salad DeLuxe

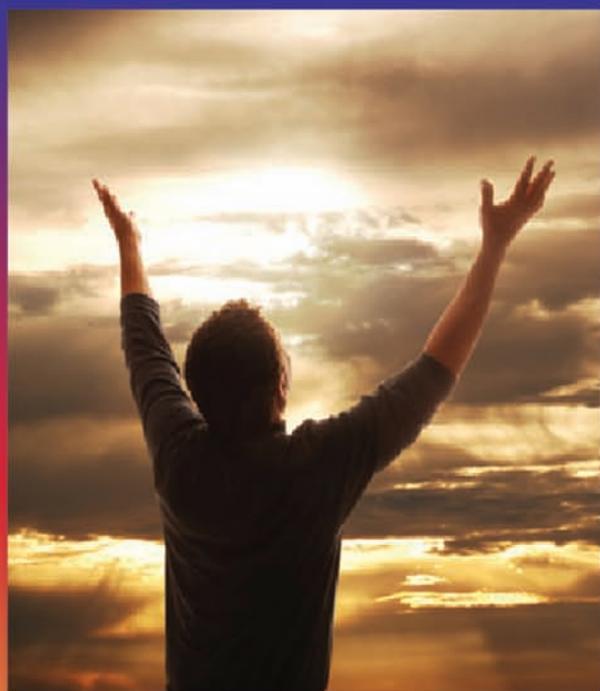
Do you like fruit salad? Our family loves it, but there are a lot of different ways to make it. With or without nuts, marshmallows, sour cream, coconut, apples ... I could go on and on and never say them all. In fact, I went on the Food Network web site and they had 1,019 fruit salad recipes and Cooks.com had 850. One recipe I read used various kinds of canned fruit, all drained except the pineapple chunks. Mix the fruits together and add a box of (dry) vanilla instant pudding. As the salad

sits, the pudding will absorb the juice and thicken. That one sounded good, but I think I like ours better. I don't use the canned fruit cocktail because I think the fruit all tastes alike, no individual fruit flavors. Last year, I used two of the large cans of sliced peaches, and two of the sliced pears. Two cans of pineapple chunks (or tidbits) and a couple of cans of mandarin oranges. Drain all the fruit, and reserve a couple cups of the juice. I used the big Tupperware bowl to mix the salad. Cut the fruit into bite size pieces and add some red and green grapes (that have been washed). At this point I divide the fruit into two smaller bowls. In one I add enough sour cream to cover the fruit. For the other salad, I put the reserved drained juice in a pan and add about half a small container of frozen orange juice concentrate. Add a couple of tablespoons (to taste) of sugar and bring to light boil. In a cup or small bowl, mix two or three tablespoons of cornstarch with some of the fruit juice and mix to a runny paste,

adding to the boiling juices, cooking until thickened. (I usually do this as soon after I have drained the fruit so it can cool.) After the sauce has cooled, stir it into the salad without the sour cream. Put both of these salads in the refrigerator in covered bowls until time to serve. When ready to serve, to the one with the sour cream, I add miniature marshmallows and a couple of sliced bananas. To the one with the orange juice dressing, I only added a couple sliced bananas. Put in pretty serving bowls and enjoy. The reason to wait until ready to serve before putting in the bananas is they have a tendency to turn dark and you don't want that. You want your salad to look pretty.

Thanksgiving Wishes

For those of you that read this before Thanksgiving, I hope you have a very Happy Thanksgiving. And for those of you that read this after Thanksgiving, I hope you had a glorious day and you have lots of leftovers.



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Golden Valley Unified School District Superintendent, Sarah Koligian.

By Sarah Koligian

On October 29, Golden Valley Unified School District officially cut the ribbon to dedicate the newly completed Liberty High School Athletic Stadium to the students, staff and community. To recount a brief history, back in 1999 the community passed the \$30 million Measure G Bond to build Liberty High School. Just seven years later, in 2006, the community rallied together a second time to pass a \$70 million dollar bond to build and upgrade facilities. The Measure S bond gave our district the opportunity to complete the

beautiful Ranchos Middle School campus. Measure S will also be funding the upcoming Sierra View Modernization project. Thanks to the community, Measure S has provided for the completion of the new LHS Science Wing on the west side of the campus, the new concession building and the completion of the beautiful stadium.

The Governing Board of Trustees, District and Liberty staff members were joined by many special guests for the Ribbon-cutting, including the following:

- Former Superintendent Ed Dorn
- Former Board Members, Bruce Blair, Mark Huddleston and Theresa Carter
- Madera County Sheriff John Anderson
- Madera County Supervisor Bigelow's Representative, Rhonda Cargill
- Former GVUSD Facilities Manager, Rick Diaz
- Vice President, Harris Construction Company, Doug Reitz
- Project Superintendent, Harris Construction Company, John Rogers
- Project Manager, Harris Construction Company, Joe Vasquez,
- WWCOT Project Architect, Gary Gery and Kim Johnson
- BSK associate, Gary Blomgren,
- Mike Russel Construction Company, owner, Mike Russel, Cody Russel and Project Manager, Sean Walsh

A Little Nostalgia

To wax nostalgic, those of you who

were here back in 2002, when the Liberty campus first opened, you might remember that Liberty did not have a senior class that year but they did have enough athletes to field a Frosh-Soph Football team, under the direction of Head Coach Fred Shambaugh. The first game ever played on the Liberty field was against Coalinga on September 13, 2002. Liberty was victorious with a shut-out score of 20-0. We had over 250 spectators on the grassy berm on the Home side of the field. At that time, we had no lighting and games were played before the sun went down.

However, in the 2003-2004 season the district rented diesel-powered lights to light up our stadium and allowed the Hawks to play their first night-time game under the lights, thus coining the term - "The Night Hawks". This was also the year that Liberty had its first Junior Varsity and Varsity teams.

In the 2005-2006 season, Mr. Chris Imperatrice, was named Head Football coach of the Liberty Hawks, and led the team to many victories on this field. In the 2007-2008 season, the Measure S bond

funds were used to start the next phase of the stadium – the installation of permanent stadium lighting – the smell of diesel gas was gone forever. In order to accommodate the space for the new light standards, we unfortunately lost our berm, but replaced it with brand new bleachers that could seat up to 800 fans.

Fast-forward to 2009, Mr. Mike Nolte was named the Head Football coach of the Liberty Hawks. In the past two seasons, Coach Nolte has also led many victories and even took the team to an exciting, nail-biting Valley Championship play-off game last season.



Golden Valley Trustees and Administration members are on hand for the ribbon cutting at Liberty High Stadium.

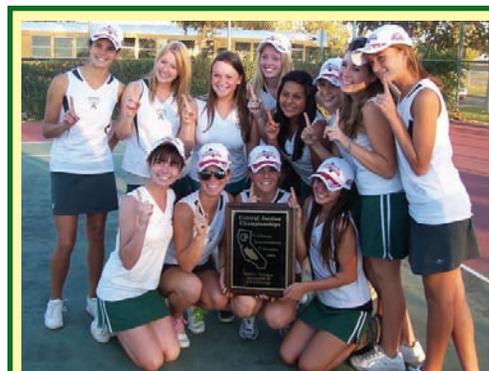
A Special Homecoming

On October 29th 2010, Liberty High School played its first Homecoming game in the newly completed stadium. The Class of 2011 will definitely cherish this special game for years to come.

The dream that this community had 10 years ago to build our own district, to build our own schools and to grow a district of excellence, has rapidly become a reality. Golden Valley Unified is a force to be reckoned with, both academically and athletically. We are the highest academic performing school district in Madera County and our young men and women student athletes are making names for themselves athletically with League and Valley Championship titles throughout a variety of sports.

I wish all of our student athletes many exciting years of competition and many victories in this wonderful stadium. You are the most important ingredient to the future success of this district. Enjoy this beautiful facility, create many lasting memories and to all of our Liberty students and fans ... Go Hawks!

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The Liberty High Division V Girl's Tennis Champions are, back row from left, Jessy DeChamplain, Kailey Hiatt, Megan Lee, Chloe Doyle, Jocelyn Hernandez, Eunice Castro, Kinsey Carlson and Jordyn DeChamplain. In the front row, from left, are Nicole Ray, Amanda Matthews, Annie Erickson and Toni Gillingwater.

LHS Girls Tennis Valley Champs

The Liberty High School Girl's Tennis team has won the Division V Valley Championship after entering Division V only one year ago, moving up from Division VI. Liberty High defeated Strathmore, defending back-to-back Division VI champions for the last two years.

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL Girls' Tennis Ladder

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| 1. Annie Erickson | 7. Chloe Doyle |
| 2. Eunice Castro | 8. Nicole Ray |
| 3. Jordyn DeChamplain | 9. Jocelyn Hernandez |
| 4. Amanda Matthews | 10. Kinsey Carlson |
| 5. Toni Gillingwater | 11. Kailey Hiatt |
| 6. Jessy DeChamplain | 12. Megan Lee |

Scenes from the LHS Homecoming



The Seniors (Class of 2011) won 1st Place for their Homecoming Class Float which featured a Great Britain theme.



Tyler Abell (left) and Mandy Herron were named 2010 Liberty High School Homecoming King and Queen during halftime.



The skydiver stole the show when he touched down with an American Flag at the beginning of the stadium dedication.



Among the other Homecoming floats was the Key Club Float, featuring an erupting volcano which won 1st Place for Club Floats.

Liberty High School celebrated Homecoming on October 29 in their newly completed stadium on a night that included a football game between Liberty High and Washington Union, a competition of floats between the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes as well as campus clubs, and the crowning of Homecoming royalty.

RMS Busy with Multiple Activities



It's Gogurt time as (from left) Emily Hallett, Mrs. Hallett, Matt Doran and Daniel Palomino offer frozen Gogurt on a warm day.



With piles of chips and buckets of cheese, Coach Norris and Coach Crouch add layers of zesty, yummy cheese to customer's nachos.

Congratulations to the RMS 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball and soccer teams. All three teams tied for 1st place in their DSAL divisions. What a fantastic start to the 2010/2011 athletic year. The middle school students have also been busy this fall with dances, sprit rallies and food fairs.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events in December at Ranchos Middle School:

Drama Production

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Shayne Hartley (center) serves up the freshly popped popcorn to eager waiting customers at the RMS Food Fair.

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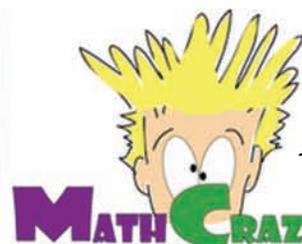
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Thelma Jane Combs

October 7, 1933 - October 28, 2010



Thelma Jane Combs was born in Grandview, Texas on October 7, 1933 and she passed away on October 28, 2010 in Fresno after a long illness.

Thelma was a resident of the Ranchos, living with her daughter Linda and her son-in-law Joe Venhaus. She was a member of the Ranchos/Hills

Seniors and the Golden Valley Baptist Church.

Her memorial service was held Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the Golden Valley Baptist Church. The ceremony was presided over by her pastor, Golden Valley Baptist Church Pastor David Jones.

WAYNE cont. from P. 2

Wayne bought a stuffed squirrel and placed it on the fence. When Mr. Abell saw this, he got out his shotgun and blew up the squirrel. Wayne ran into the backyard laughing hysterically at the success of his prank.

Wayne was a man of great humor, setting a mood of laughter wherever he went. Those who were with him will tell you that even up until his death, Wayne made those around him smile and laugh. Wayne loved people and demonstrated countless times how a small sacrifice on one's part could make someone else's day. Friends of Wayne

say that they cannot recall him ever saying "no;" he loved to give of himself and he went so far as to be an organ donor.

About a year and a half ago, Wayne gave his life to Jesus Christ and although he is no longer with us, the memories and love he instilled in our hearts will last forever. Wayne is a true hawk and is now truly soaring. Some say Heaven needed a "Charlie 1."

A memorial service and reception were held at the Liberty High School Theater on Saturday, Oct. 30 attended by many friends and loved ones who were able to reflect on the wonderful man who touched our hearts.

ORGANIZE cont. from P. 7

purchasing food and decorations. Work as a team with friends and family and delegate what you can, so that you can enjoy the event too! As you pull decorating and party ideas from magazines or the internet, tuck them into the divider pocket.

Highlights/Review – This section may not help much this year, but it's an investment in the future. Create a page to record your family's holiday experiences, events, memories, etc. You know, those

things you think you'll remember forever, but don't. Next record the changes you'd like to make for next year's holidays. A year's a long time and what may seem obvious to you now, might be forgotten by next Christmas. Store the holiday programs and other memorabilia in the divider pocket.

I can't promise a stress-free holiday, but as you focus on what's truly meaningful to you and your loved ones and plan and prepare accordingly, you will experience a more joy-filled holiday season.

GEN WHY cont. from P. 6

ciety, we don't want anything to do with you because you can't even take responsibility for your own child? Nope, on the contrary; girls line up to add themselves to the notches on their bedposts. Instead of venerating the unwed mother with four kids by four different men, maybe as a society we vocalize our disapproval of her carelessness. Possibly then others will refrain from rushing into bed with a slew of men, or at the very least, remember to securely fasten their

condoms, or have I grossly overestimated the availability of condoms to the public? Is it so wrong to want to stand up and say, "You made your bed, and then invited half the neighborhood to lie in it with you, you don't get my pity." Nope, instead I should feel sorry for her plight and respect her struggles, even though she clearly isn't capable of learning her lesson the second, third or fourth time, and walking up to her and asking her to kindly keep her legs crossed is considered judgmental, and if there is one thing society will not stand for, it is judgment.

PASTOR cont. from P. 10

In the midst of this hard dilemma of human reality stands Jesus Christ. The presence of Christ in the world gives us another option. Jesus said in John 10:10: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

The words of Paul express the option we have as followers of Christ (Philippians 4:4ff). I think they are words to live by: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is

lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

When it comes to practicing the presence of Christ in a violent world, the bar is set almost too high for the followers of Christ. As Psalm 139:6 reports: "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it." We don't do it so well. Thank goodness we have an option that can give us a way to go: Jesus Christ!

As He said: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world (John 16:33)."

Pastor Bob Crabb is the Pastor of the Christian Mission Center meeting at 36875 Avenue 12 (Loren Way and Avenue 12). They worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

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Cathedral since 1512 and as late as 1996. The Romans were brilliant engineers, architects and military strategists but also had wonderful grape vineyards and wine cellars and crushing presses. Trier is still producing some of Germany's best Riesling white wine. In 460 AD the Vandals and Franks pushed the Romans out of Trier and were in control until 1200 AD when the Archbishop of Trier became the Elector of the Holy Roman Emperor. I was having trouble trying to figure out how the Romans got to this part of Germany when our tour guide pointed out that these ancient rivers run all the way to the Mediterranean Sea and right back to Rome, Italy. This was one of my favorite towns.

More Medieval Europe

The next medieval town that we stopped at was Bernkastel, Germany. This town is famous for the Moselle wine that it produces on very steep mountainsides. The soil here is decomposed slate. Because of the steepness of the vineyards the grapes are all picked by hand. Coming from Madera, where there are thousands of acres of grape vineyards that are machine picked, it seemed strange to me to see these very steep hills planted to grapes. Their wine is world famous and has been for hundreds of years.

The next morning we woke up in the medieval town of Cochem, Germany. This town has the Reichsburg Castle which sits on a hill. We actually got to visit this castle and the day we were there they had seven weddings. One of the castle workers said that the reason there were so many weddings was because the day was 10-10-10 and the husbands would be able to remember their anniversary. While the young folks were getting married, I was having my picture taken with a pair of medieval knights' armor with the beautiful ceilings and stained glass windows of the castle. There are many castles and palaces along the Moselle and Rhine Rivers. These were important medieval military buildings owned by rich and politically important people. The owners charged people for using the part of the river in front of their castle. Napoleon's French army destroyed many of the castles during the time he ruled this area.

Rudesheim, Germany was our first medieval village on the Rhine River. During the night our ship had moved from the Moselle River to the larger

Rhine River. This is another wine grape growing area with grapevines growing on terraces up and down steep hills. Small towns are built all along the riverside. Both the Moselle and Rhine Rivers are full of locks that are controlling the water in the rivers and also control the speed that ships travel the rivers. Two ships can go through the locks at a time. Ships are lifted up and down on the rivers 24 hours a day. We took a trip down the Rhine to see the castles setting on all the hill sides. Some have been converted into hotels.

Next was the large town of Cologne, Germany. This town was almost completely destroyed during WWII. When they started rebuilding the town they kept finding a lot of Roman artifacts. There is another medieval Cathedral here that wasn't destroyed during the war.

That night we left Germany for the Netherlands (Holland) and Belgium where there was fierce fighting against the German army by the British and American forces during WWII. It was sad to visit cemeteries and battle sights. The Netherlands has a very complex system of canals and locks to both allow water to flow to the North Sea and to keep the North Sea from flooding the low lying land since it is all under sea level. Amsterdam sits on a canal system that empties into the North Sea. It has been an important shipping port for hundreds of years. I came home with over 500 pictures. One thing about a digital camera is that you don't run out of film like the old cameras did.

I came back in time to attend the funerals of two of my friends. The first one was for Liberty High School Custodian Wayne Trittler. I was on the School Board when Wayne was hired as the head Custodian of Liberty. He took such good care of that campus. He will be missed not only by his family but also by his Liberty family: teachers, administrators and friends. Wayne's memorial service was held at the Liberty Theater on Oct. 30.

The very next Saturday, Nov. 6, I attended the memorial service of my friend Thelma Combs. Thelma lived with her daughter Linda and her son-in-law Joe Venhaus in the Ranchos. Thelma was a member of the Ranchos/Hills Seniors and the Golden Valley Baptist Church. She had been ill for some time. Her memorial service was held at the Golden Valley Baptist Church. She will be missed by many.

Rest in peace my friends.

McKENNA cont. from P. 2

excitedly posted a message to her Facebook page to announce the great news: "By this time tomorrow we will be residents of Madera Ranchos! And then we start the next chapter." "Just as I finished that posting the phone rang. It was a call I'll never forget," Melinda said.

Road Rage

According to Fresno Police Spokesman Jeff Cardinale, on that ill-fated night Sgt. McKenna was east-bound on Herndon Avenue and was stopped at Palm Avenue with a couple of other vehicles when the tailgating Tundra appeared. Cardinale said that McKenna legally shared the lane with the other vehicles as he moved his motorcycle to the front of the intersection. As he did so, the driver of the Toyota Tundra honked his horn at McKenna. When the light turned green, Cardinale said that McKenna moved into the middle lane at a legal speed with the truck right next to him. Witnesses say the driver of the Toyota Tundra sped up and intentionally struck the motorcycle, causing no damage but forced McKenna and his motorcycle into the right lane. Then, according to witnesses, the Tundra driver veered into the slow lane, intentionally running McKenna off the road and into a light post before speeding away. The crash into the light post pinched McKenna's leg between the light post and his bike and severed his right leg below the knee at the scene of the accident. Amazingly, Sgt. McKenna was able to give a full report at the scene of the accident.

Several witnesses attempted to assist McKenna at the scene of the accident. Laurie Tucker saw the incident and immediately dialed 911. "I was really upset when I was put on hold for several minutes!" Tucker said, "Thankfully, other callers had already gotten through." A doctor appeared on the scene as well as a sergeant from the Women's Correctional Facility. The doctor rendered medical assistance at the scene of the accident and he also called Melinda and told her the bitter truth that Lincoln had lost part of his leg. The doctor told her he didn't know any more medically about McKenna's condition, but he assured Melinda that help was on the way. McKenna was transported initially to Community Regional Medical Center where he was met by Melinda and several of their CHP Family members. He was air lifted to a hospital in San Francisco at 6:30 p.m. where doctors unsuccessfully attempted to save his right leg. The next day Melinda once again posted a message to Facebook: "Well now, God has a new plan for my next chapter. We are going to have a talk."

Word of Lincoln's accident spread very quickly. Family and friends from all over the country came in to help along with their CHP family and their North Park Church family. Some new Ranchos neighbors stopped by with gift baskets or food and let the family know they were praying for Lincoln and for



Friends, family, fellow workers, CHP officers, church family ... it seemed like everyone was on hand to help the McKennas with their move to the Ranchos while Lincoln recuperated.

their family. Complete strangers who had heard about the accident either on the news or on Facebook all wanted to know how they could help. Prayer groups were organized, gift cards were donated and a fund was setup to help the family with expenses. Melinda posted to Facebook: "We are so touched by all the support from everyone including perfect strangers. God is at work and doing great things. I hope you are all blessed, for you have blessed us. We are so grateful that the Lord is working all around us. Man, God is great!"

What happened next would put Extreme Home Make Over to shame.

The McKenna Project

"The McKenna Project" was born.

T-Shirts were made for everyone on the crew complete with a logo depicting Abe Lincoln inside a house, hammer in hand and complete with a stick figure family standing in the yard. Mom, Dad and four children, the only thing missing was the little baby belly on Mom's tummy. Melinda's father, Bill Walton, was designated as Project Manager. One group was designated as the moving crew while another group immediately went to work to give the new house a complete makeover. The CHP officers closed ranks, family, friends, church members and neighbors, old and new, all pitched in to help the family get moved safely into their new home and insure it was ready for Lincoln's return home. Melinda's father was working one evening when a Ranchos neighbor stopped by to see what was going on. After talking for a few minutes the new neighbor picked up a hammer and went right to work. The volun-

teers painted walls, installed new baseboards, removed popcorn ceilings, enlarged the master closet, reconfigured the bathroom and cleared weeds and debris from the property. They completed other construction projects on Melinda's "Honey Do" list. "They have done everything in our two-year plan within three weeks," Melinda said. "We are so thankful for all [their] hard and dirty work. In six months we will make Lincoln walk the property [you] all have worked so hard on clearing."

The CHP office is like a second home to Lincoln so it only seemed fitting that his CHP family would take care of him by making sure his new home was ready for his family. They said Lincoln would be the first person to volunteer if any of them ever needed help with anything. With the new home in good shape it was soon moving day for the McKenna family in Clovis. Lincoln's co-workers also took on the responsibility of getting his family situated. There was no shortage of helping hands. Dozens of volunteers helped the family move into their new home.

McKenna is now recuperating at the family's new home in the Madera Ranchos after spending six weeks in San Francisco hospitals. McKenna arrived home in style this week when the CHP Helicopter landed at Radio Control Park. "It feels so great to be

derful coworkers, friends and even strangers who have done so much to help him and his family.

McKenna is currently in a wheelchair experiencing moderate pain and phantom pain from his missing right leg. The doctors say the phantom pain could last for months or even years. "The swelling will have to go down before he's able to be fitted for a prosthetic leg," Melinda said. "He can't wait to go back to work. He would go now if he could."

You can't meet Melinda McKenna without admiring her deep faith in the Lord. Her ability to get through all of this and hold everything together for her family with such strength and grace is absolutely amazing. This is from Melinda's Facebook page a week after the accident: "To the man who hit my husband: You have changed my life forever. It will never be the same. I love the man I married more than I did last Tuesday. My faith in God is stronger and it grows ever day. I realized who my friends are and I meet strangers who really care. You have showed me that the grace of God is alive and living. YMcKenna's want to extend their sincerest thanks to the Ranchos community. "Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming to us even though we've just moved in. We've received gift baskets and messages from many people, most who we haven't had the opportunity to meet, but who've heard about the accident on television and have welcomed us to the community," Melinda said. She also said they've received messages from a number of people on Facebook. "If it wasn't for our friends, our CHP family, and the community, we wouldn't have been able to get through this alone."

Request for Prayer

As Lincoln begins his recovery, the McKenna's ask for continued prayer for their family. They also ask for the community's help in finding the driver of the silver, four-door, Toyota Tundra. Fresno Police are aggressively searching for the driver involved in the hit and run accident. "Police are checking nearby video surveillance cameras for evidence of the collision," Detective Brian Hance said. "There is a chance the pickup's color was tan or pewter, instead of silver."

Anyone with any information about the Toyota Tundra pickup or its driver can call Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-STOP, where a cash reward is offered for information leading to an arrest or conviction.

An account has been setup for anyone who would like to donate to the family. Checks or money orders should be made to Lincoln McKenna, account #119884, CAHP Credit Union North Office, 2843 Manlove Road, P.O. Box 276507, Sacramento, CA 95827.



It's good to have Daddy home in the Ranchos with, back row left, Rebecca, 14, Rylan, 6, Lincoln and Melinda and in the front row Kaelyn, 3 and Austin, 5.

home with my family rather than so far away in the hospital," McKenna said. Over the past the past six weeks he has endured 11 painful surgeries and he began physical therapy so his body can adjust to its new circumstances. He's also become a Ranchos homeowner and he was able to be with Melinda at her latest doctor appointment through the magic of Skype technology to see that the new baby will be another precious daughter.

When he first came home Melinda said he was, "... pleasantly surprised that everything looked so good." She also said that he had told her he felt extremely blessed to have such won-

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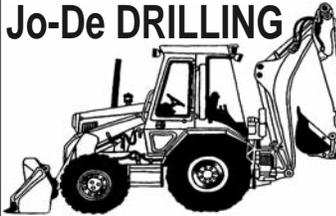
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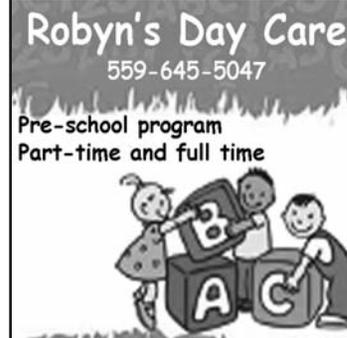
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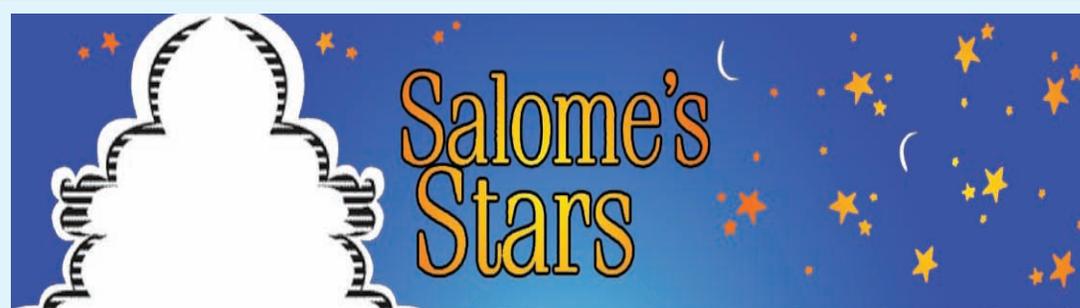
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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This year, instead of jumping into the whole holiday prep scene, move in a little at a time. You'll appreciate the sense of control you're more likely to enjoy.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The separation between the Bovine's head and heart is never as far apart as it seems. Both senses work best when they come out of logic and honesty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The best way to keep those pre-holiday pressures under control is to just say no to taking on new tasks while you're still trying to work with a heap of others.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) News means a change might be on its way, but what does it hold? Don't just ask questions; make sure you get answers you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Old friends and new have one thing in common: Both your longtime and newly minted pals have much wisdom to impart.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With time running out, this is a good time for you to show 'em all what those Virgo super-organizational skills can do.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Librans and holidays are made for each other, especially if children and animals are going to be part of your joyous season.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Time is getting too short to allow a spat to taint the holiday season. Restart your relationship and reschedule holiday fun times.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Seeking advice is laudable. You might learn far more than you thought you could. Stay with it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Continuing to assess changes works toward your getting your new project up and ready. Trusted colleagues remain ready to help.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That new situation needs a lot of attention, but it's worth it. This is a very good time for you to involve the arts in what you do.

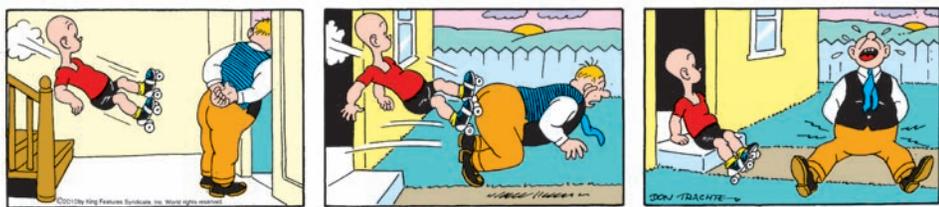
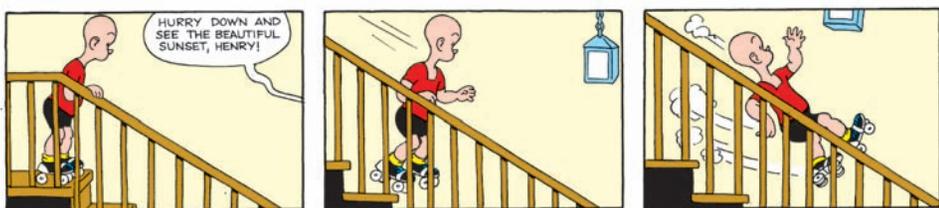
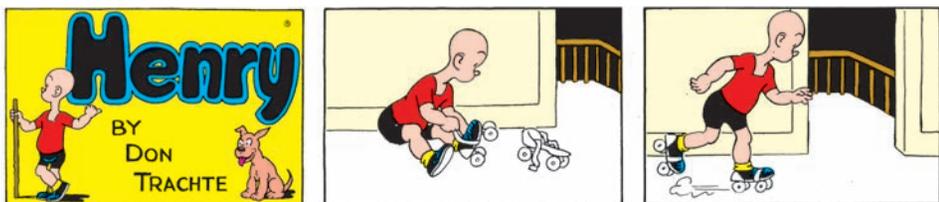
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It might be a good idea to slow your hectic holiday pace so that you don't rush past what -- or who -- you're hoping to rush toward.

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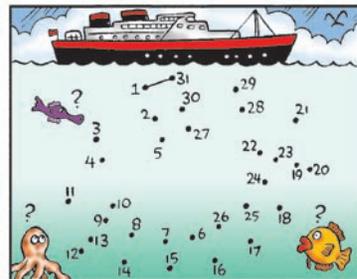
FUN PAGES



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



BY AL SCADUTO



WHAT DOES a fully loaded 50,000-ton container ship weigh just before leaving port? Connect the dots and find out.

Answer: It weighs anchor.

HIDDEN ANIMALS! Can you find the three animals that are hidden in these three sentences?
 1. The whippoorwill's song filled the night.
 2. A tempura tsunami of terrific tastes.
 3. Sumo lessons are from nine to one.

Answers: 1. Hippo, 2. Rais, 3. Moles.

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 3 through 12 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 44. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you. Use trial and error — and a good eraser!

	13	18	
17			14
	20		
			19
	[44]		

Our answer: First row: 10, 13, 18, 3. Second row: 17, 4, 9, 14. Third row: 5, 20, 11, 8. Fourth row: 12, 7, 6, 19.

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

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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A FRUITS & VEGGIES PUZZLE!

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Hidden in the diagram above are the names of 26 fruits and vegetables. They can be found reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the names you're looking for.

APPLE	GARLIC	PARSNIP
BANANA	GRAPE	PEA
BEEF	GUAVA	PEAR
CABBAGE	LENTIL	PUMPKIN
CARROT	LETTUCE	QUINCE
CELERY	LIME	RHUBARB
CHERRY	MANGO	SHALLOT
COCONUT	OKRA	SPINACH
CORN	ORANGE	

TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

- GEMSTONES:** What color is lapis lazuli?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the Pennines mountain range located?
- SCIENCE:** The order Hymenoptera would encompass what types of insects?
- RELIGION:** Who founded the Christian Science Church?
- FAMOUS PERSONALITIES:** William H. Bonney was better known by what name?
- HUMAN ANATOMY:** Where is the mitral valve located?
- LANGUAGE:** In the United States, what is a more common term for "conscription"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What was the original function of the schipperke, a Belgian dog breed?
- U.S. STATES:** What is the capital of Michigan?
- HISTORY:** In English history, which monarch did Cavaliers support?

Answers

- Blue
- Northern England and southern Scotland
- Bees, wasps and ants
- Mary Baker Eddy
- Billy the Kid
- The draft, a requirement that people of certain age serve in the military.
8. Barge watchdogs
9. Lansing
10. King Charles I in the English Civil War

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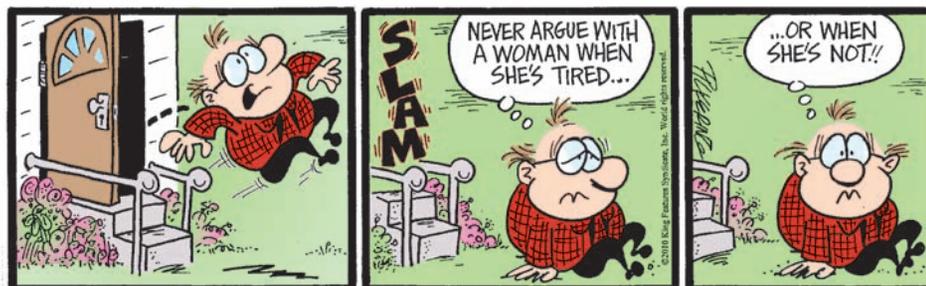


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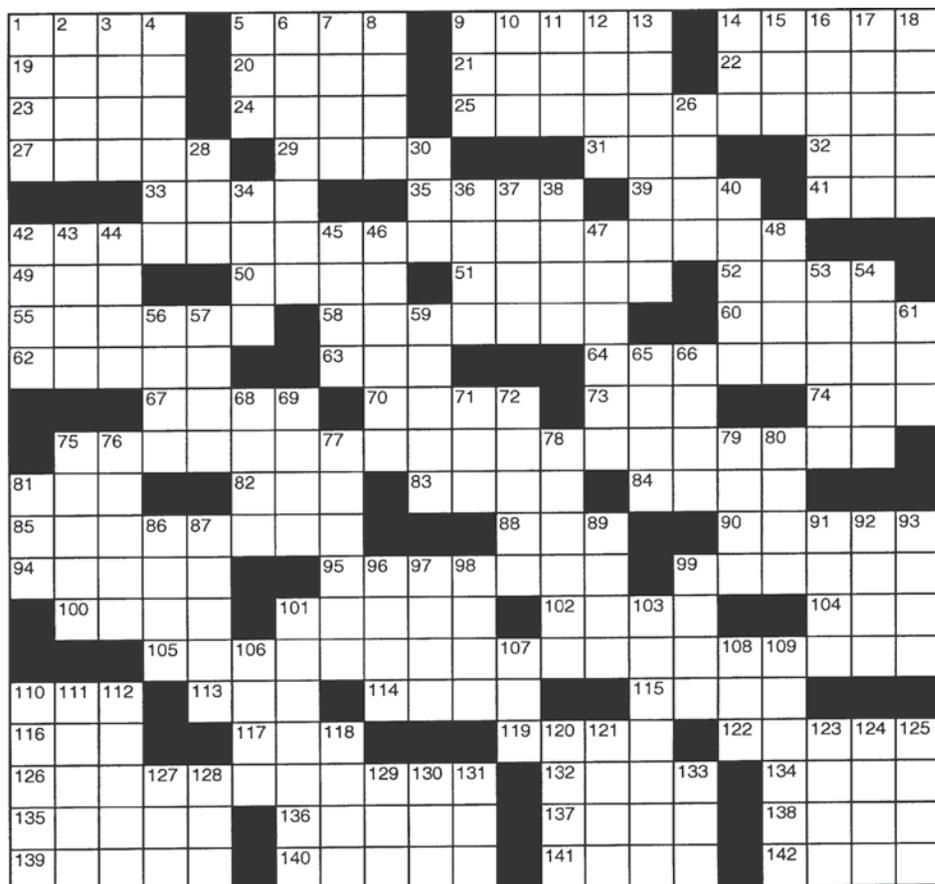


HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Dress has no polka dots. 2. Palm leaves are missing. 3. Dress collar is black. 4. Man has no glasses. 5. Chef's apron bib is gone. 6. Bread basket is missing.

Super Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1 Trails
 - 5 Strike-breaker
 - 9 Burst of energy
 - 14 "Lonesome George"
 - 19 Gulf country
 - 20 Unwind a rind
 - 21 Actress Shire
 - 22 Nose
 - 23 Vittle statistics?
 - 24 Movie mutt
 - 25 Speaker of remark starting at 42 Across
 - 27 Alarm
 - 29 Mrs. Zeus
 - 31 XXVII x II
 - 32 Sleep stage
 - 33 Contralto Stevens
 - 35 Rampur royalty
 - 39 Soho snack
 - 41 Diocese
 - 42 Start of a remark
 - 49 Hair ball?
 - 50 Former nation: abbr.
 - 51 D-Day code name
 - 52 Gilbert of "Roseanne"
 - 55 Game division
 - 58 Massachu- setts city
 - 60 Paint pigment
 - 62 Author Irving
 - 63 Fluffy female
 - 64 September birthstone
 - 67 They may be saturated
 - 70 Add fringe
 - 73 Remsen or Flatow
 - 74 Cambodia's Lon —
 - 75 Part 2 of remark
 - 81 Fire
 - 82 — Dhabi
 - 83 Oomph
 - 84 Floor model
 - 85 Flatter
 - 88 A mean Amin
 - 90 Still's partner
 - 94 Be nosy
 - 95 Null and void
 - 99 Impasse
 - 100 Basilica area
 - 101 Make some dough
 - 102 Jet-setter's need
 - 104 Onassis' nickname
 - 105 Part 3 of remark
 - 110 Sosa stat
 - 113 Swell place?
 - 114 Moment of truth
 - 115 — -do-well
 - 116 Browning's bedtime?
 - 117 Pipe cleaner?
 - 119 Manipulates
 - 122 In shock
 - 126 End of remark
 - 132 Word with steak or soda
 - 134 Marseilles mother
 - 135 Adhesive ingredient
 - 136 Viewpoint
 - 137 Hunky-dory
 - 138 Key
 - 139 Rob of "Silk Stalkings"
 - 140 Sorcery
 - 141 Lacquered metalware
 - 142 Footfall
 - 10 Norm
 - 11 Einstein's birthplace
 - 12 100 dinars
 - 13 "Bewitched" kid
 - 14 Actress Rita
 - 15 Planet, for one
 - 16 Transvaal residents
 - 17 Roast host
 - 18 Delibes opera
 - 26 Done
 - 28 Org. founded in 1947
 - 30 Eyebrow shape
 - 34 Cozy
 - 36 Sailor's shout
 - 37 "Nautilus" captain
 - 38 Author Dinesen
 - 40 Moral man?
 - 42 Wading bird
 - 43 "Candid Camera" creator
 - 44 — Domini
 - 45 '68 US Open winner
 - 46 Mason's tool
 - 47 Proposition
 - 48 Apiece
 - 53 Endangered animal
 - 54 TV's "Broken —"
 - 56 Facts, for short
 - 57 Spruce
 - 59 Sill
 - 61 Sniggler's quarry
 - 65 Parched
 - 66 Sheet of stamps
 - 68 It'll give you a lift
 - 69 "Elephant Boy" actor
 - 71 Guy's counterpart
 - 72 Monitor message
 - 75 Animals
 - 76 Successful
 - 77 "High Sierra" actress
 - 78 Salad veggie
 - 79 Bullets, briefly
 - 80 Director Nicolas
 - 81 "Nash Bridges" network
 - 86 Reggae's Peter
 - 87 Duel-use items?
 - 89 "What — for Love" ('75 song)
 - 91 Slightly open
 - 92 Exceptional
 - 93 Surrounded by
 - 96 Neither
 - 97 Crooner Jerry
 - 98 Slaps on
 - 99 Shoestring
 - 101 Persian poet
 - 103 Fleshly
 - 106 Push a product
 - 107 A/C measure
 - 108 Spear-headed
 - 109 Porthos' pal
 - 110 Appomattox signature
 - 111 Freeway sounds
 - 112 Gold brick?
 - 118 Author Ferber
 - 120 "Braveheart" extra
 - 121 Nevada city
 - 123 Gusto
 - 124 — Stanley Gardner
 - 125 Profound
 - 127 Viking weapon
 - 128 Fleur-de- —
 - 129 Souffle ingredient
 - 130 Actress MacGraw
 - 131 Cal. page
 - 133 "Toodle-oo!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Like a wet noodle
 - 2 Section
 - 3 "The Journey of Natty —" ('85 film)
 - 4 Apt rhyme for worm nuts
 - 5 Bath, e.g.
 - 6 They're nuts
 - 7 Commedia dell' —
 - 8 Den denizen
 - 9 Fr. holy

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