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Pink Ribbons for Ranchos Survivors

By Christi McKinney

Four years ago, Madera Ranchos resident Sherrie Clark had her world change. Three months after the 22-year veteran yard duty monitor at Webster Elementary had a mammogram that showed absolutely no sign of cancer, the mother of four and wife of Jerry Clark was told what no woman wants to hear:

She had breast cancer.

Although the mammogram was negative, Sherrie had a family history of breast cancer. Her doctor found a lump in her breast and performed a needle biopsy expecting to find a fluid filled cyst.

"Instead, what they found was a fast growing, very aggressive form of breast cancer," Sherrie said.

Her doctors were not giving her much hope. As a result, Sherrie had a partial mastectomy and her husband had to give her shots each night during her chemotherapy treatments.

After the chemo treatments she lost her sense of taste. "Everything tasted like cardboard," she said.

She also lost a lot of weight, dropping to a skeletal 89 pounds at one point. And she lost all of her hair in one single night.

All at the age of 61.

But now Sherrie is a breast cancer survivor. She's made it through the past four years with the love and support of her family, friends and coworkers, and today Sherrie is a vibrant, happy survivor who works out three times a week.

"I thank God for each and every day!" Sherrie said. She's also grateful for Dr. Mary Hadcock, a surgical oncologist with Fresno Breast Surgeons, and the team of doctors who saw her through this experience.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Although many advances have been made in diagnosing and treating breast cancer, even more still needs to be accomplished. Over the past 23 years, this event has grown into an international effort

of public service organizations, medical associations, government agencies, companies and individuals who are working together to bring awareness to breast cancer and to educate women of the importance of early detection and annual mammograms. They also work to provide access to screening services to everyone and to provide resources to patients, survivors and caregivers.

No woman wants to think about breast cancer, yet the truth is that no woman can afford not to think about it. Breast cancer is the second most common form of cancer in women, behind skin cancer, however breast specialists are quick to point out that it's also one of the most treatable malignancies a woman can have. While one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, more than nine out of 10 women with early stage breast cancer survive. Thanks to steady improvements in detection, early detection and treatment, the number of women who develop breast cancer is declining as is the number of women who die from the disease.

The Important Things

"My breast cancer experience has taught me what is really important in life," said Cinda Jamison of O'Neals, "and to enjoy every moment."

Cinda's breast cancer was discovered during a mammogram in 2006 at the age of 55. She and her husband are cattle ranchers in the foothill town of O'Neals and they're parents of two grown children. Cinda's decision to have a

lumpectomy followed by chemotherapy and radiation treatments has added her to the growing list of breast cancer survivors. She's involved in working out to get her strength back so that she can participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. It will be her second time.

The Central Valley's 10th Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at California State University, Fresno was scheduled for Oct. 25, right at press time for the Ranchos Independent. Over 6500 people were expected to participate at the local level.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was founded on the power of a promise made between two sisters: Susan "Suzy" G. Komen and Nancy Brinker. Suzy was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1978 when little was known about the dis-

ease and it was rarely discussed in public. Before she died at the age of 36, after a three-year battle, Suzy asked her sister to do everything possible to bring an end to breast cancer. Nancy kept her promise by establishing the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in Suzy's memory in 1982. A new name and logo came in 2007 and it is now boldly and simply called "Susan G. Komen for the Cure."

Today, the organization is celebrating their 25th anniversary as the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists dedicated to raising awareness for the fight

against breast cancer. The organization is committed to celebrating breast cancer survivorship and honoring those who have lost their battle with the disease. Over 1 million people have participated worldwide and more than \$1 billion has been raised.

Take Charge of Breast Health

Women need to take charge of their own breast health, by practicing regular self-breast exams, making sure to schedule an annual mammogram, adhering to prescribed treatment and knowing the facts about recurrence.

The American Cancer Society recommends women begin to conduct monthly self breast examinations at age 20. They suggest you select a particular date of the month and mark this date on your calendar so you'll remember to perform self-exams regularly on the same date each month. Women in their 20's and 30's should also have a breast exam as part of their annual checkup with their doctor.

At age 40, women should begin annual mammograms. Your doctor may suggest you begin having annual mammograms earlier if you have other health

problems or if you have a family history of cancer. These too should be scheduled around a special date such as your birthday or an anniversary so you'll remember to do them annually. According to the American Cancer Society, about 77 percent of breast cancer diagnoses occur in women age 50 and older.

All doctors stress the importance of appropriate screening and early detection. During your monthly self exam check your breasts for any changes. Some of the most common signs of breast cancer could be the appearance of a lump or a change in breast size or shape. Look for changes in the color of your breast as

well as skin changes (scaly or itchy areas, dimpling and puckering) or a new pain in one spot. Any change from what is normal should be reported to your doctor. Keep in mind that while some people experience clear physical symptoms or warning signs of breast cancer, others with breast cancer do not. That is why screening is so important.

Another Case Near Home

Patty Garcia of the Madera Ranchos discovered she had just such a lump during a self exam. One year ago on Halloween day, 2007, Patty was formally diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 51.

A stay-at-home mom, Patty began the exhaustive regimen over the last year with her 13-year-old son, Anthony, and her husband Tony, that included a double mastectomy and four months of chemotherapy along with all the side effects that go along with chemo. Patty will be the

first to tell you that she has been blessed with many friends and family members who have been her support system; but she's especially proud of her son Anthony.



Curves franchise owner Jennifer Romine shows off the "Liv Aid" which was invented by Curves co-founder Diane Heavin, Olivia Newton-John and Dr. Ernie Bodai to help accentuate irregularities in monthly breast self exams



Sherrie Clark went from having her world turned upside down to being a four-year survivor of breast cancer.



Patty Garcia was diagnosed one year ago on Halloween that she had breast cancer, but one year later she is cancer free and thanks the support of family and friends for getting her through her difficult ordeal.

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Ag Robbery Traced to Ranchos

The Madera County Sheriff's Ag Crimes Task Force has gone hi-tech in an effort to catch metal thieves and the stepped up effort worked on Sunday, Oct. 12 when two would-be thieves were caught in possession of a stolen generator in the Madera Ranchos.

According to Detective Dan Kerber, surveillance equipment set up on Road 38 near Avenue 10 was tripped shortly before 7 p.m. on the evening of Oct. 12. A generator valued at nearly \$1,800 was taken from the property and approximately one hour later the same gas generator was tracked down and recovered from 12284 Loren Way. Amazingly for



Charles Harrell, 32 of Chowchilla was wanted by Madera County.



James Tito, 34 of Tracy was wanted by Santa Clara County.

the detectives, when they arrived at Loren Way, both suspects were still at the scene. Charles Harrell, 32 of Chowchilla, and 34-year old James Tito of Tracy were both taken into custody without incident at the Ranchos address.

Charles Harrell, who was wanted in Madera County on a \$5,000 felony warrant, remains jailed at this hour with his bail set at \$15,000. He was booked for a variety of vehicle violations, as well as Grand Theft and Bringing Stolen Property into the State.

James Tito, wanted in Santa Clara County on a no bail warrant, was booked on suspicion of Grand Theft and Receiving Stolen Property.

Ranchos Water Series Coming

The Madera Ranchos was recently rated as a "contender" on a cnnmoney.com list of the best places to live in the United States in 2007. Admittedly, residents weren't surprised by this. We like our home town and know we have a good thing going. Just in case you missed the rating of the Ranchos you can check it out at money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bplive/2007/snapshots/PL0607379.html

According to the Madera County Employment Development Department, Madera County's population will increase to 224,600 by 2020 representing an approximate increase of 66 percent over the 2004 population.

As we look forward to our mid- and long-range future, assessing what is instore for us as a community, we see several hurdles which are in our way to staying a vibrant and progressive community:

1. Traffic - We are progressing with the Ranchos "By-Pass." This week the board of supervisors has approved moving the process forward.

2. PG&E - There are still unanswered questions. Don't be surprised if their past recommendation of lining the

Ranchos with new towers is still on their agenda. We are keeping an eye on their actions and progress.

3. Water - Mother Nature will deal us whatever cards given to her, but this is the one item that is not just up to Mother Nature; we have been given stewardship over water, and it's up to us to manage water with care.

Of the three subjects above, most people would agree that WATER is the most important one in the short, medium and long term. With persistent drought, falling water tables and increasing poor water quality we must become educated as to the effect on us and how can we counteract the potential negative outcome. Remember, there is only a finite amount of water. Replacing the water which we use is essential. It can't be manufactured economically so it must be "MANAGED" as our savings account.

With education and communication about the Ranchos water issues in mind, in the next several publications we will bring water-relating articles.

Comments about the future articles will be encouraged at ranchosnews@theranchos.com.

**DON'T FORGET TO
VOTE
TUESDAY, NOV. 4
IF YOU NEED SOME HELP, GO TO PAGES 12 AND 13.**

Everett Back in Jail, Similar Charges

Will Everett, the Madera Ranchos resident who was first written about in the Ranchos Independent in July, 2008 for being charged with stealing a \$200 pair of chaps from a Ranchos barn -- a charge to which Everett later pled guilty -- has been arrested again in the Ranchos for violation of his probation for burglary, being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest.

On Oct. 1 at 8:29 p.m. Madera County Sheriff's Deputies were called out to a home on Mark Road in the Bonadelle Ranchos where some items were discovered to be missing from a garage. The owner said that 30 cans of Keystone beer, one 3 liter box of Pinot Grigio wine, three unopened cans of Skoal chewing tobacco packets and one partially opened can of Skoal were missing. Upon further investigation, the deputy discovered that this was the same house from which a pair of \$200 chaps had been stolen a few months earlier.

On a hunch, the deputy drove over to where Everett was staying but no one was at home. The officer filed his report and went back on his beat.

At 10:25 p.m. on the same night, the same deputy received a call from his dis-

patcher stating that a call had come in from the Ranchos of an unconscious man in the street at Mark Road and Avenue 16. Emergency services were already on their way and the deputy headed over to the scene to be of assistance. When the deputy got there he saw a man laying down in the back of the ambulance. Upon closer inspection, he discovered that it was Will Everett.

Everett had told the emergency personnel that he had been drinking and that he had been hit by a car. The only thing the emergency personnel could ascertain was that Everett was drunk. The deputy went through the contents of Everett's pockets and found a partially opened can of Skoal chewing tobacco packets. Everett claimed that he had bought the Skoal at the Shell station and that he had a receipt, but he was un-

able to produce one. The deputy then tried to place Everett under arrest and that's when Everett began resisting. Eventually Everett was placed under arrest, charged with receiving stolen property, violation of probation, drunk and disorderly in public and resisting arrest. He was then taken to Madera County Department of Corrections where he is still in custody.



William Lee Everett, 21, is back in the Madera County jail on charges of receiving stolen property, violation of probation, drunk and disorderly in public and resisting arrest, all stemming from missing property from the same house he admitted stealing from in July.

Editorial

Why I Really, Really, Really, Really, Really, Really Don't Like Liberals

By Randy Bailey

I try to keep it simple. At this stage in my life I don't need to make things harder than they absolutely have to be. There's just no reason.

One of those simple rules is that I ask people who write me letters to please include their phone number so I can verify it is them who sent me the letter in question. Figure it out: anybody could write anything and then sign someone else's name to it.

BOOM! Instant libel.

When I get those letters I read them, wish I had a way to verify authorship and then run them through the shredder. Been doing it for the last four years.

Last month I wrote an editorial in support of Proposition 8, the "Defense of Marriage Act." I got a letter from someone who disagreed with me and then failed to give me a phone number to be able to verify "his" writing. His views on the impact of NOT passing Prop. 8 showed a naivete that I'll address in a moment. Understand, I have no problem with him -- or anybody -- holding a contrary view, even if they are wrong, but then he did that "thing" that Liberals do that I absolutely detest. Let me show you.

The letter started out as simply expressing a difference of opinion: "The law will still stand the same as if a man and a woman got married. If a woman marries a woman, neither will be able to marry anyone else -- man or woman under California law. And as for incestuous relationships -- stand the same under California law -- not allowed."

This is where the naivete comes in. The main point of my editorial was that by re-defining what constitutes "marriage" a slippery slope is created that opens the door for any definition of marriage that you can get enough people to vote for or with which you can get at least four California Supreme Court Justices to agree. Gee, one year ago this writer could have accurately stated, "Only a man and a woman can get married in California. Any other marriage? Not allowed!"

And now? Right ...

He then continued his letter with some points I agreed with: "People are not taught to be gay. Marriage should not even be discussed in school -- that should be left up to the parents and THEIR beliefs!" Right on to that last part! Of course, when someone's kindergartener ends up taking a field trip to his or her teacher's lesbian wedding service like happened recently in San Francisco and THAT parent gets outraged, I'm sure everyone will be very open to his or her "different" views on marriage -- the racist, bigoted,

intolerant homophobe!

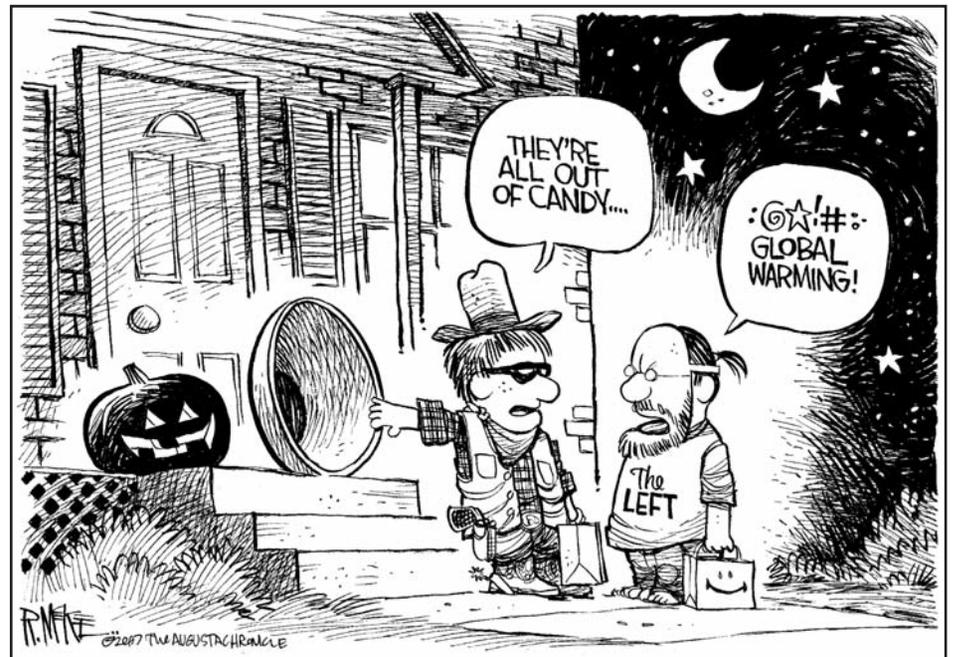
But the reason for this editorial rested in paragraph three: "Is this your way of scaring the dumb or uninformed into your beliefs? Come on, I thought you were smart in a good way!"

Maybe it's the Keith Olbermannization of our country. It's no longer good enough just to agree to disagree. If you've got a Liberal view on something, you're not done until you get in the gutter and make it a personal attack. Their condescension knows no bounds. If any of you out there agreed with my editorial and saw that indeed a dangerous precedent was being set, you are "dumb or uninformed" and were "scared" into arriving at your decision. Remember that when you're sitting with your Liberal co-workers at lunch and they're smiling as they nod their heads at what you're saying.

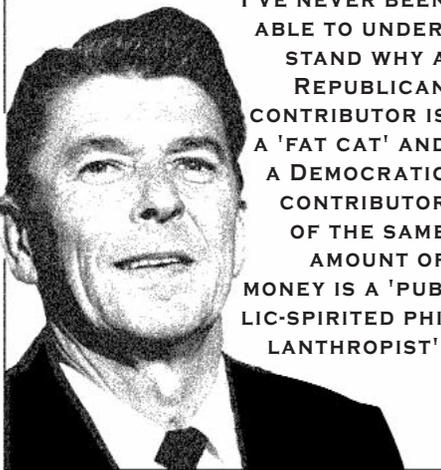
"Come on, I thought you were smart in a good way!" So now I'm either smart in a bad way or I'm just not smart at all. My guess is I'm not smart because I don't agree with him.

Here's the bottom line: Be civil or shut up. If you can't express your ideas without slopping with the pigs, you probably don't have anything of value to say. I know you don't have anything to say that I want to hear. Keep this adage in mind when you just can't resist the urge to belittle, defame or ridicule people solely because they hold a view contrary to yours: It's better for people to think you're an idiot than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.

He signed the letter, "Sincerely, Disappointed." Boy, did that make two of us.



THE RAY GUN
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I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY A REPUBLICAN CONTRIBUTOR IS A 'FAT CAT' AND A DEMOCRATIC CONTRIBUTOR OF THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY IS A 'PUBLIC-SPIRITED PHILANTHROPIST'.

RONALD REAGAN
SAYING MORE IN ONE QUOTE THAN OTHERS SAY IN A LIFETIME

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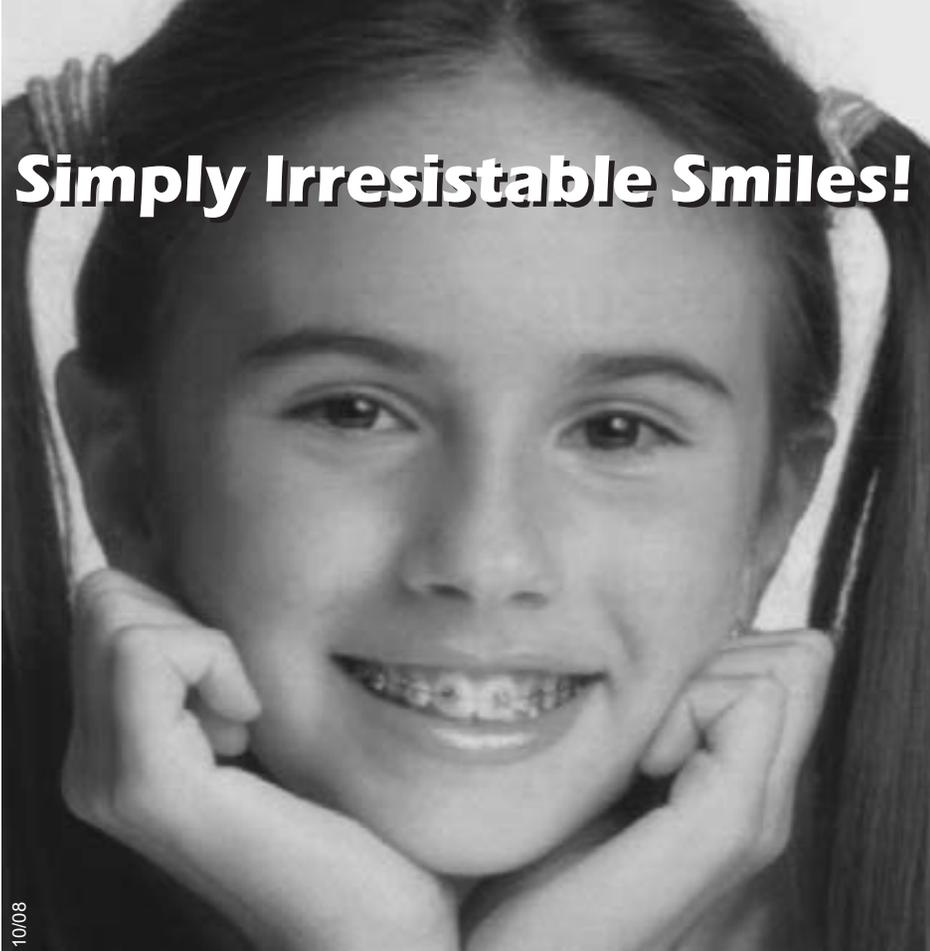
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Senior Report

An Unfortunate Funeral - Know Him?

By Eleanore Burchell

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, COMMON SENSE, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life is not always fair and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses and the criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; his son, Reason. He is survived by four stepsons, 1) I Know My Rights, 2) I Want It Now, 3) Someone Else is To Blame and 4) I'm A Victim.

Not many attended Common Sense's funeral because so few realized he was gone. However, if YOU still remember him, please abide by his number one policy ... don't spend more than you can earn!

Our October 4 Open House was a huge success. Many visitors came to ac-

quaint themselves with us and our newly remodeled Senior Center. Thank you visitors and please come again. We enjoyed seeing you.

Our MONTHLY SALE will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our GARDEN SECTION has many varieties of trees. The fruit trees are waiting for someone to come and take them to a happy home soon since as they should be planted now so the roots can settle in during the cooler weather. This is the season to also plant a variety of new shrubs and flowering plants. The Treasure House will be open and they have received many new items to show you. There will be a bake and boutique sales in the main building. The boutique section has displays of necklaces, earrings, paintings and antiques. You just must see George's onions that are on sale now! There were huge Armenian cucumbers there last week so come in to see what we have now.

Our travel coordinator, Joann Blancett, has just introduced a 9-Day Irish Spirit Tour to Ireland, April 19-27, 2009. The brochures are available in the office. For more information or questions call Joann at 645-4864.

Remember the plant, produce and boutique sections are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday evenings between 6 and 9 p.m.

Did you know two nurses from the Madera County Health Department Periodically come to the center to give FREE checkups? The screenings include personal health history reviews, blood pressure checks and blood sugar checks. Low-cost blood tests are available, nutrition and health education is available and referrals to medical providers and community services, if needed, can be made. Their health screenings of adults, age 50 and OVER, at the center result ONLY when they receive your calls. If you are interested in taking advantage of their services, call Carla or Melody at 675-7893 to make an appointment.

Each month, we celebrate the Birthdays and Anniversaries of our member by going out to eat at a different place. On November 15 we have plans to go to the Japanese Kitchen at Willow and Shaw at 11:30 a.m. On Columbus Day, October 13, our celebration was held at Denny's Restaurant on Shaw.

If you are new to the area, lonely or just lost a spouse, we welcome you to come to see us. We are here for you.

Please see SENIORS on P. 9

Dear Editor,

Those who favor homosexual marriage argue that "tolerance" demands that they be given the same right to marry as heterosexual couples. But this appeal for "tolerance" advocates a very different meaning and outcome than that word has meant throughout most of American history. Tolerance as a Christian principle means love and forgiveness of one another, not complete acceptance of a person's actions and choices and insisting on their acceptance by law. Dallin H. Oaks, a leader from the LDS church said, "Tolerance obviously requires a non-contentious manner of relating toward one another's differences. But tolerance does not require abandoning one's standards or one's opinions on political or public policy choices. Tolerance is a way of reacting to diversity, not a command to insulate it from examination."

There is a strong understanding that unless Prop. 8 passes, re-establishing that California only recognizes marriage between a man and a woman, religions that teach traditional values and marriage will not be tolerated and free speech and religious freedoms will be challenged. Californians will be forced to not just be tolerant of gay lifestyles, but face mandatory compliance regardless of their personal beliefs. The opponents of Prop. 8 say that not allowing them to marry is discrimination. But in California, the law provides for marriage-related benefits to be given to civil unions and domestic partnerships. Proposition 8 does not diminish these benefits. The desire to re-define marriage to include any parties who love each other does not outweigh the negative impact of social restructuring and restrictions of religious freedom that would result.

We can express genuine love, friendship and tolerance for the homosexual family member, friend, or neighbor without being required to accept a re-definition of traditional marriage.

Beth Lawrence
Madera Ranchos

Dear Editor,

I was shocked to see two letters to the editor in the last issue concerning Will Everett and the spineless people who did not put their names behind their writings. If you find the time to write a let-

ter to be published you should have the courage to put your name behind your words. Now let me give you a "Penny" for your thoughts. This is not about a "borrowed" saddle or "borrowed" saddle bags, this is about a pair of new chaps that were stolen from someone's home and found in the possession of Will Everett.

I trust the justice system to investigate and arrest if necessary, and the system to try and convict if guilty. Apparently, Mr. Everett was found guilty and served time in jail and is on probation for said crime. The system works, and I believe in it. Maybe in time Will Everett could gain the trust of the community with time and honest work, but not with letters of denial and plays of sympathy. Let this be a warning that the Madera Ranchos is a great community with great neighbors that look out for each other, and law enforcement that cares.

Name NOT withheld,

Vic Bruno
Madera Ranchos

Dear Editor:

Last month the Ranchos Independent editorialized the threat of the "slippery slope" presented by arbitrarily redefining marriage. Despite the obvious danger to family and societal stability, Massachusetts, California and most recently Connecticut have arrogantly usurped the right of marriage as their own through judicial activism to control and manipulate by whim.

Dwelling a moment on the issue's dark side, contempt rises at the condition of a society that has so quickly lost understanding of civilization's foundations. Editorial titles like "The Arrogance of the Secular State," or the "Foolish Meddling of the Myopic" come to mind. How can that which has stood for millennium be so cavalierly discarded through pretense? It is even clearly defined in the dictionary. Doesn't anyone own one anymore? It is a fascinating and presently a tragic maxim of human behavior that we perpetually trivialize what we don't understand.

Endeavoring to focus on the bright side, the value and importance of marriage are as difficult to describe in words as are the myriad customs used to cele-

brate its commencement. And therein lies the irony: it is the essence of marriage – its spiritual origins, the peace and stability, the integrity and security, and the trust and intimacy – that makes it such a prized possession. Few things in life have the potential to bring such joy and pleasure as a repository of love. It is real, it is bona fide, it is genuine, it is desirable and worthy. With such superlatives, who would not want to own it? Every counterfeit strives to be certified as genuine, but marriage cannot be, else it ceases to be.

The secular state did not institute marriage: it is a gift from God. That is why it is of such value: it is the natural order of life. It was His idea and decree. He does not change His mind. He has not given anyone permission to change its meaning, but He has given us the power to affirm it or distort it. Choose wisely by affirming marriage as the lifelong union of one man and one woman.

Stewart Hough
Madera Ranchos

The Ranchos Independent welcomes your letters. Whether you're a fan or someone looking for something to line the birdcage, we want to hear from you.

Make sure that your letter includes your name and your phone number so that we can verify what you've written. Your name can be withheld if you like, but only after verifying authorship.

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November Ballot Issues Available for Review at Ranchos Library

By Ellen Mester

The election is rapidly approaching and I want to urge everyone to get out and vote! This is our chance to voice our opinions via a ballot on things that will affect all of us for the next four years and longer. If you need to review the ballot issues and didn't receive a copy in the mail from the county, stop by the library. We have copies on reserve. Our polling locations are the Liberty High School auditorium and the Sierra View Elementary library.

Early release Wednesdays are fun at the Ranchos Library! We have something going on every Wednesday at 2 p.m. Stories, crafts, songs and snacks make for a fun time at the library. Grandma Penny and Katie the Dog will be here on Nov. 5. Katie loves having children read to her. Bilingual story time is the second and fourth Wednesday at 2 p.m. and our craft day is on the third Wednesday at 2 p.m. Our regular story time with Mrs. Anderson is still going strong at 11 a.m. every Monday too.

The Friends of the Ranchos Library now have two new styles of book bags for sale at the library. They are heavy natural canvas bags (one large, one small) with dark green handles. The logo is for the New Ranchos Library which we hope to see in the near future. Buy one of each and help support the Ranchos Library!

The long awaited Kathy Page report is now available. It is part of the county CIP report presented by the Willdan Financial Services to the Board of Supervisors on Sept. 30. If you would like a copy of just the library portion stop by and we will make a copy for you.

Book Recommendations

Juvenile Fiction: *Rules* by Cynthia Lord. Catherine is like most 12-year-old girls. She wants to have friends and be "normal," but her life seems anything but normal. Her brother, David, is autistic and it seems that the whole family is centered around keeping David calm and happy. Because she has to keep an eye on him while her parents are working, she has developed a set of rules for David, like: "Keep your pants on unless Mom or Dad or the doctor tell you to take them off." Or, "You can yell on the playground but not at the dinner table." Or "This is Catherine's room — David must knock before he opens the door!" David likes the rules because it helps him to understand people better, but that doesn't mean he always follows them. "No toys in the fish tank!" is especially hard for him to obey. Needless to say, Catherine is embarrassed to have friends over and gets angry when people make fun of her brother. But one day at the OT where David goes for therapy she meets Jason who is in a wheelchair and can't talk but has

a lot of personality. He and

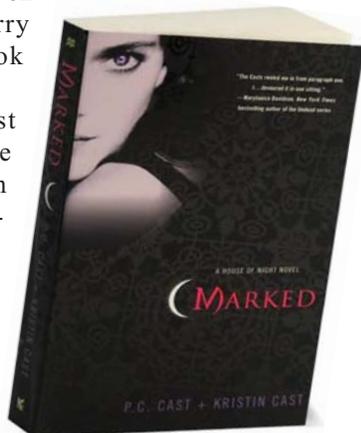
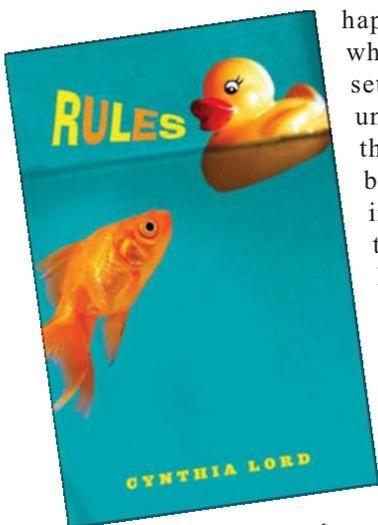
Catherine become friends and life gets even more complicated. This book won the Newberry Honor award and the Schneider Family Book Award. It's a good story with a lot of heart.

Young Adult Fiction: *Marked* by P.C. Cast and Kristin Cast. Here is yet another teen vampire story but with a slightly different twist. Set in modern times, normal people and vampires co-exist quite comfortably. In fact many famous celebrities are vamps. Zoey Redbird who is 16 years old and part Cherokee has been "marked" to become a fledgling vampyre (note the spelling difference). She must go to a special school called the House of Night and if her

body doesn't make the transition into an adult vampyre then she dies. She makes new friends and has a wonderful mentor named Nefrete who is a high priestess. Although Zoey has a great mentor she still misses her grandmother terribly. As she adapts to her new life she discovers hidden talents which enable her to stand up to Aphrodite, the leader of an elite clique of vamps known as the Dark Daughters. Human and vamp boyfriends are present in the story of course but not anything too sinister. There is more sexual content than in the Stephanie Meyer's Twilight series so this book is better for older teens. It is the first in the House of Knight trilogy.

Adult Non-fiction: *A New Earth: awakening to your life's purpose* by Eckhart Tolle. Are you troubled by replaying past conversations and memories over and over in your head until you feel like you might be seriously losing it? Tolle describes our ego driven culture and causes the reader to reflect on what it is doing to

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Many of our members have surely experienced your same situation.

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BINGO is being held on the FIRST and THIRD Tuesdays each month from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Come join the fun!

In the senior years, many need someone to laugh with so come join our Thursday evening potlucks with games played afterward. There is a lot of fun here and remember that laughter is good for your body and soul. Being happy does not mean everything is perfect; it means you have decided to see beyond the imperfections.

More Facts and Fun

A nutritionally balanced lunch program Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. Suggested price for 60 years and older is \$1.75. Reservations are needed a day in advance so remember to call Joann at 645-4864. We have a growing exercise program being held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. The participants are getting more than just exercise by attending. They

have fun and share laughs. There is still room for you and you can attend all three days or just one or two of them. The Line Dancing class has changed to Wednesdays at 1 p.m. This is fun and also a great way to exercise. The Watercolor Painting Class has also changed. It is now scheduled on Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. No prior watercolor experience is needed. The instructor can be reached by calling 645-1137.

You do not need to be a member to attend these classes. We have a large group, but there is always room for one more: You! Fill your car with your friends or neighbors. They will enjoy finding new friends here, too. Come in and check these classes out.

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November 1-8, Eastern Caribbean Cruise

November 15, 11:30 a.m. Birthday and Anniversary Celebration, Japanese Kitchen, Willow & Shaw, Fresno

April 19-27, 2009, Ireland Tour

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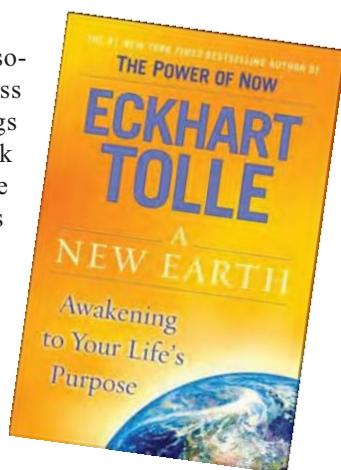
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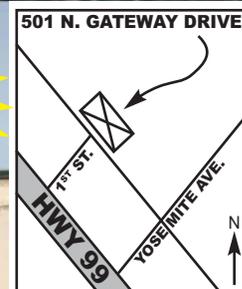
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The Olde Cowboy

by Woody Laughnan

Like an old-time gunslinger he entered the coffee house that I frequently patronize and, like about half the other patrons, was talking (or perhaps in this instance, smooching) on a cell phone.

Actually, he had three cell phones, and on one was engaged in what sounded to me like a lovey-dovey conversation with whom I took to be his sweetie. I mean a man doesn't talk to his wife like that so what other conclusion could be drawn? Frequently I see people with two cell phones, but never with three which aroused my busy-body curiosity.

"Sir," I said, approaching his table when he sat down with a Frappuccino and still speaking and gushing and baby-talking on that particular phone. He looked up and waved me on, and then, interrupting the cell phone conversation, told me impatiently to wait until he finished talking. When he eventually rang off this conversation with what sounded like a smackeroo and motioned for me

"Well, I — I don't mean to bother you sir, and I realize it's none of my business, but you're the first person I've ever seen carrying three cell phones and I'm just wondering why?"

to approach the table, before I got to him one of the cell phones on his belt rang and again I was waved off. This conversation was much more businesslike, I mean like he was continually saying, "Yes sir," and "I understand." "Sir, that's the next thing on my list," and "I'll do my best sir and you can be certain of that."

He then motioned me to his table again.

"What was it you wanted?" he asked.

"Well, I — I don't mean to bother you sir, and I realize it's none of my business, but you're the first person I've ever seen carrying three cell phones and I'm just wondering why?"

He studied me for a moment before asking, "You aren't a private investigator or anything like that?"

"No, just curious," I assured him. "I spent my adult life in the newspaper business as a reporter and columnist and it bred a lot of curiosity."

"You're not going to write about it for some paper, are you?"

"Oh, no," I assured him, "I've been retired since 1989, I don't even have any connections in the business anymore. In fact, many of the people I worked with have passed on. Anyhow, no editor would be interested in this kind of a story."

"I suppose not," he agreed, "so why not. The telephone on the right side of my belt, the one I was just talking on, is strictly for business. The one on the left side of my belt is more or less a family phone. There, does that satisfy your curiosity?"

"Well, not really," I told him. "What is the phone for that you were speaking on and laughing and baby talking when you came in?"

He blushed as he ran my question through his mind as if uncertain he was

going to answer. But then a glow appeared in his eyes and he smiled, but I knew immediately he was not smiling at me, and assumed it was to the sweetie on his mind.

"That phone, inquisitive old man," he said, "is absolutely private and none of your business."

"If you'll excuse me," I replied, "you seemed to be gushing over it when you spoke."

"I told you that's a private line. Not even my wife knows I have it and she'd either crown me one across the head or divorce me if she did."

"How do you keep it secret? I mean you get a bill from the phone company every month don't you?" I asked.

"Yeah," he said, "but it goes to the post office box my wife also doesn't know I have."

Well, I had a few more questions, but suddenly all three of his phones rang at the same time and I went back to my table and watched him stammer and sweat as he lamely attempted to answer one after the other before suddenly bolting from the doorway, ran to his car and beat his head on the steering wheel.

I'll never know for sure, but I think his number was up.

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Ballot Initiatives

Proposition 1 - High Speed Rail Bonds

Vote NO

There are much more pressing transportation concerns in the State of California than spending billions of dollars for another way to get from L.A. to San Francisco. As sexy and Buck Rogerish as a bullet train sounds, it just doesn't pencil out. Does "Amtrak" ring a bell?

Proposition 2 - Standard For Confining Farm Animals

Vote NO

I hate to sound callous on this one, but farm animals are food, not friends. If you want to see your food costs soar out of sight, give cows cigarette breaks and give chickens time off for good behavior. I guess next we can expect an initiative about how hard carrots are pulled out of the ground.

Proposition 3 - Children's Hospital Bond Act

Vote NO

\$980 million in bonds authorized to renovate and expand facilities for Children's hospitals. It's a tough call when there are kids involved but, sheese, where is all of this money coming from? Why is the State's bankrupt General Fund paying for private hospitals?

Proposition 4 - Waiting Period, Parental Notification Before

Vote YES

Termination of Minor's Pregnancy

This is one of the most common sense initiatives of all time. Your child has to get a note from a doctor for the schools to administer an aspirin or permission from you to get her ears pierced, but she can have an abortion - as a MINOR - without any contact with you, the parent? Puh-leeze. Vote YES!

Proposition 5 - Nonviolent Drug Offenses Sentencing, Parole and Rehabilitation.

Vote NO

My problem with this initiative, other than the \$460 million for additional drug treatment programs for which the State doesn't have the money, is that it establishes two virtually unregulated bureaucracies and could allow drug abusers a "get out of jail free" card whereby they could claim the drugs made them do other crimes. Where's the personal responsibility in that?

Proposition 6 - Police & Law Enforcement Funding

Vote NO

This one is from Mike Reynolds, the father of Three Strikes and Use A Gun and You're Done, two programs I STRONGLY believe in. I really like parts of this proposition, but there's other parts that bother me. Mainly, taking money from our schools to fund it. There's got to be a better way. As much as I like it, I gotta' say NO.

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Goodbye School Board and Thanks

By Audrey Stock

Hi neighbors,
The United States is in trouble right now but don't panic! I have lived long enough to see that tough times never last but tough people do. When people panic they make mistakes. So take a deep breath, cut back on the extras in your life for a while. Remember that food, clothing and shelter are the big three; all of the rest are extras. So hold on for a bumpy ride for a while. When you see developers building again you will know that things are turning around.

On Dec. 1, 2008 the last four years of my time on the Golden Valley School Board will come to an end. I want to thank all of you that supported me through the years. You have given both your time and money to make Golden Valley School District the successful district that it has become. I am proud to have been a part of the team that made it possible to have our own school district. This team was

On Dec. 1, 2008 the last four years of my time on the Golden Valley School Board will come to an end. I want to thank all of you that supported me through the years.

Terry Fox, Mark Federline, Bill Juhrend, Bruce Knight, Mark Preo and I. With the help of the Madera County Superintendent Dr. Sally Frazier we worked for three years jumping through hoops and going to many meetings and doing things that some people said couldn't be done. For three years we took chances, we lived, we talked, we breathed and dreamed the possible dream of creating Golden Valley Unified so that our community could have its own high school. There had to be a lot of ground work done before the powers that be in Sacramento would let our area vote to separate from Madera Unified and become the new Golden Valley Unified School District. I was on the first school board and then took two years off before going back for the last four years.

Now it is time for me to say goodbye to the other Golden Valley Unified board members. The last four years have not always been smooth but I leave the board with a good feeling. Our new superintendent, Sarah Koligian, stepped into the job and has made some good changes. Our new comprehensive mid-

dle school will be finished next year, which is one of the main reasons that I went back on the board four years ago.

I vote absentee so I can take time with my ballot and not feel rushed. This presidential election has not only made history with a black man and a woman running for president of America but is also one of the longest drawn out election campaign I can ever remember. I think we will all be glad when November 4 is finally over. The vote for Golden Valley Unified school board is very important to each of us here in the Ranchos and Rolling Hills. School board president Mike Kelly has done a really good job as board president. Please vote for him. Mark Toole has attended every school board meeting and stays until the end no matter how long they last. I will vote for him. I have read

each measure and have gone back and forth on some of them. I wish Bill Bell were alive. He was a great sounding board. I will make my vote and hope I choose right.

October 6-10 was homecoming at Liberty High. This year Liberty students choose the theme "The Wonderful World of Disney." There were activities each day that made for a busy week. There were nine floats built by the students. The football game was exciting when the Hawks beat Dos Palos. Way to go Hawks! The Homecoming Coronation of King Joseph Aviles and Queen Taylor Betts continues a tradition. The Homecoming Dance ended a week filled with fun at Liberty High.

Thursday, Oct. 16 I had the pleasure of attending the Madera County Excellence in Education awards ceremony with Superintendent Sarah Koligian, Board President Mike Kelly, Mona Diaz and myself. Three Golden Valley Unified employees were honored at this ceremony. The School Employee was Diana Forshee, an Administrative Assistant at Golden Valley's district office. We only had two other employees at the time Diana came to work for Golden Valley. Diana has had many titles since she came to work for Golden Valley's district office. Congratulations Diana

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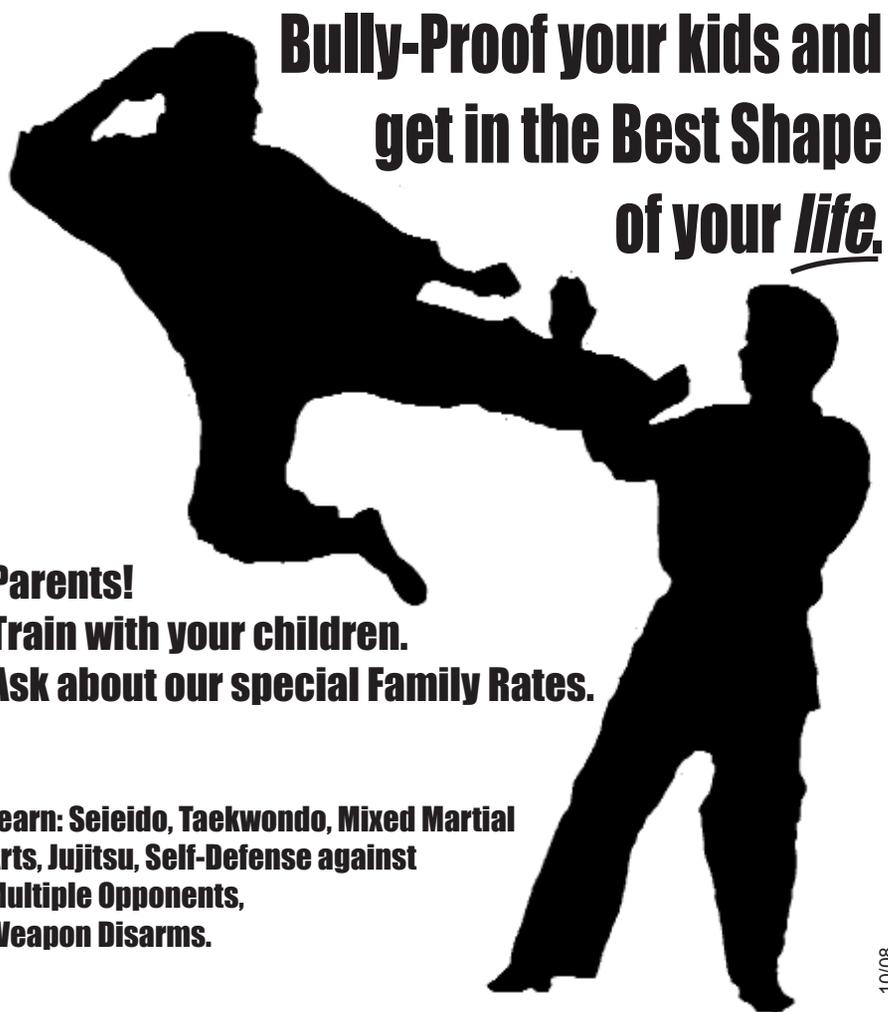
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and thank you for being such a faithful employee. The Administrator that was chosen is Kevin Hatch who is the Principal at Webster Elementary. Kevin has been with Golden Valley Unified since the district's only school was Webster Elementary. Kevin has grown from Vice Principal to Principal of Webster. Kevin has led Webster all of the way to become a California Distinguished School. Thank you Kevin for all of your hard work for the students at Webster Elementary. The Golden Valley Unified Excellence in Education Teacher nominee this year is Jeremy Norris. Jeremy has been the P.E. teacher at Ranchos Middle School for the last two years. He has done an excellent job of putting together a P.E. program that keeps the middle school students active and healthy. Thank you Jeremy for all of your hard work with your middle school students.

There will be a change in the November board meetings because of the Election and Veterans' Day. Thursday, Nov. 6 will be a Board Facilities Planning session starting at 4:30 p.m. at the

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Liberty library. Nov. 18 will be the second school board meeting at Liberty library at 6 p.m. Hope to see you at both meetings.

Things to put on your November calendar:

Electronic Recycling will pick up your old electronic items on Nov. 1 and 2 at Ranchos Market from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Wine Trail begins on Nov. 8 and 9 at Birdstone Winery. If you want a really good lunch come to Birdstone Winery on one of these days. The lunch is a fundraiser for the Foundation for Golden Valley Schools.

If you haven't had your flu shot yet shots will be given in the Madera Ranchos at Liberty High on Nov. 7. You don't have to get out of your car, just stick out your arm as you drive through from 10 to 11 a.m. The shots are free.

The Golden Valley Chamber of Commerce will have the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Maywood Center at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5. Choose a star from the tree and fill a bag for the Veterans in the Fresno Veterans' Hospital. Come and join the music and see Santa.

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Renewing the Civic Mission of Schools Within Golden Valley Unified



Golden Valley Unified School District Superintendent, Sarah Koligian.

By Superintendent, Sarah Koligian

“To educate a person in mind and not in morals, is to educate a menace to society”.

– Theodore Roosevelt

“Civic character” can be broadly defined as responsible moral action that serves the common good. How do schools work to graduate students of

good character who are intellectually prepared, civically engaged and compassionate members of the community”? It is a shared responsibility and commitment made by our parents, communities, churches and schools to help build strong civic-minded individuals by building young people who can:

- value and demonstrate honesty, personal integrity and respect for others;
- understand and effectively manage emotions and behavior;
- act towards other with empathy and caring;
- resolve differences in constructive ways;
- understand how to participate in the political process and democratic institutions that shape public policy;
- exercise leadership for social justice;
- work to counter prejudice and discrimination;
- think critically and creatively about local issues, state and national affairs, and world events; and
- contribute time and resources to building community and solving problems.

(Charles Haynes and Terry Pickeral)

Golden Valley Unified develops strong morals and character through var-

ious character education programs. Recently, the Golden Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees along with State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the California State Board of Education joined together to approve the resolution recognizing October as Character Education month. This resolution states that throughout the year, Golden Valley Unified School District will encourage all school sites in the District to promote effective character education programs by taking a proactive and comprehensive approach to promote responsible, ethical, civic minded behavior in all phases of school life.

The Golden Valley Unified District Strategic Plan, addresses building good citizens through strong character education programs. To that end, many of our schools have adopted the “Character Counts!” program or similar service learning programs to help reinforce building positive character in our schools.

Character Counts! was adopted by Golden Valley Unified School District three years ago which included staff training before the program was fully implemented. Character Counts! is one of the most widely implemented approaches to character education in the country. It is based upon a framework

encompassing six basic core values called the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

When you walk into each of our schools, it is very likely that you will see the six colorful pillars displayed in the front office, cafeteria, library and the classrooms. More importantly though is how each school implements this program on a daily basis. At our elementary schools, Character Counts! is embedded into their discipline programs and is giving staff many opportunities to “catch the children doing something good”. Students are constantly exposed to the character traits of “respect”, “responsibility” and “fairness” as they strive to be personally accountable for their daily behavior.

Sierra View Elementary School was recently recognized with two special awards for building positive character through the Bonner Character and Virtues in Education award and most recently, the California School Board Association Golden Bell Award for Character Counts! Sierra View has adopted the vision of “Making the World a Better Place Once Child at a Time.” This vision is extended to students

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County Excellence in Education Awards 2008

On Oct. 16 Madera County held their 2nd Annual Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony at the Madera Municipal Golf Course. This year’s nominees for Golden Valley were: School Employee of the Year, Diana Forshee; Administrator of the Year, Kevin Hatch; and Teacher of the Year, Jeremy Norris.

Once again Madera County did an outstanding job in honoring the nominees from all of the Districts in

Madera County.

This year’s finalists were: School Employee of the Year, Sally Condon, Yosemite Joint Union High School District; Administrator of the Year, Steve Raupp, Yosemite High School; and Teacher of the Year, Erik Lowry, Sierra Vista Elementary, Madera Unified School District.

Congratulations to all of the nominees and finalists.



At the Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony were (from left) Mike Kelly, Jeremy Norris, Diana Forshee, Sarah Koligian, Kevin Hatch, Audrey Stock and Mona Diaz.

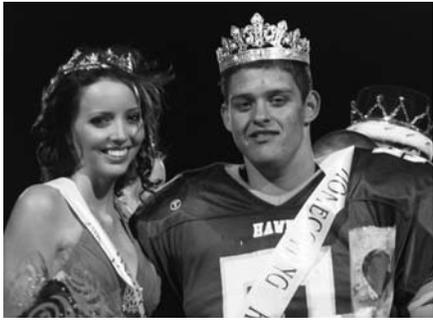
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Liberty Celebrates Homecoming



Liberty High Homecoming Queen Taylor Betts and King Joey Aviles.



Homecoming Court (from left) Britny Norman, Amber Keene, Alyssa Hudson, Lauren Nielson, Becca Wilson, Queen Taylor Betts, King Joey Aviles, David Schmall, Kenneth Kirkman, Darren Anderson, Chase Cullins and Will Lee.



Senior Float, Pirates of the Caribbean, with Felicia Penner and Darren Anderson.



The Junior float featured Monsters Inc.



The incredible freshman class produced a homecoming float that featured characters from the Disney movie, The Incredibles.



The FFA float with Cheyenne and Charmayne Heffley next to a pair of cows.

MICA Project's Wining Design

Liberty High School students involved with Math in Careers Academy (MICA) recently challenged each other's talents in a design competition. The competition focused on the design of a new ticket booth for the Liberty High School Football Stadium. The award for the winning design team was to have their project mockup become an actual full scale functional booth. Along with grant funds set aside for this particular project, contractors from the new Ranchos



Middle School donated time and materials in the construction of this ticket booth. Harris Construction Company along with Broege Construction, G&H Electric, Graham-Prewett and Nelson's Painting combined their efforts in bringing to life the students' design in less than one week. Congratulations to the winning team consisting of Chris Dunn, Nick Green and Zack Summers for their outstanding design and commitment to the MICA program.

Dear Parents,

Over the past year I have been approached by parents regarding the possibility of the District operating an extended day care program for elementary students in Golden Valley. District's throughout the valley operate extended fee-based day-care programs to provide parents with child care options before and after school.

While open to the possibility of creating a program, Golden Valley has a few obstacles to overcome including space availability and staffing. However before embarking on this new challenge it would be important to determine the community interest level. At the bottom of this letter is a short interest survey. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return to your school site or the District office.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete and return the survey by November 21, 2008. Please do not hesitate to contact Aimee Beintker at the District office at 645-7500 if you have questions or need further information.

Sarah Koligian, Superintendent

Golden Valley Unified School District Extended Child Care Survey 2008/2009

The District would like your input regarding a fee-based, extended day-care program that may be established in future years. Please complete the following survey and return to either Webster or Sierra View or mail to the District office at 37479 Avenue 12, Madera, CA 93636 by Nov. 21, 2008.

Please complete only one survey per family.

1. Would you be interested in a fee based extended day school program at your elementary site?

Yes No

2. How many children would participate from your family?

3. For my child(ren) to be involved in this program I would need (Please check all that apply):

- _____ Before school (7 a.m.-7:45 a.m.)
- _____ After school (2:30 p.m.-6 p.m.)
- _____ Morning Kindergarten
- _____ Afternoon Kindergarten
- _____ In-Service days (7 a.m.- 6 p.m.)
- _____ Other

3. If available, how many days a week would you access an extended day care program?

1 2 3 4 5

4. What would you be willing to pay hourly for a quality extended day program?

\$ _____

5. What activities would you like to see included in an extended day-care program?

6. If you would like to help with organizing this program or be kept informed of any meetings regarding this program please list your contact information below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

7. Do you currently utilize the services of a commercial day-care provider? Yes No

If yes, which provider? _____

8. Other comments: _____

Circus, Story Events at Sierra View



The Kindergarten students at Sierra View got all dressed up for their annual Kindergarten Circus on Friday, Sept. 26. The show even had lions, tigers and bears ... oh my!

On hand for Kinder-Circus fun were (from left) Nicholas Anselmo, Lauren Parks and Tristan Dillard.



At Sierra View Elementary School, students in Mrs. Wolley's class gave oral book report presentations which included costumes and props.

At left, Kyle Shepherd prepares for his story that includes Darth Vader from Star Wars. At right, Natalie Anselmo prepares to tell a story about horseback riding.



Valley Teen Ranch Plants Trees



Valley Teen Ranch students participated in volunteer tree planting with Tree Fresno on Oct. 2 in Clovis. First, the boys were taught the proper way to plant a tree and then they teamed up with adult volunteers. Valley Teen Ranch has participated in planting close to 105 trees at a new park on the northeast of Clovis and Alluvial.

Webster's BIG Tricycle Race



By Mrs. Woods' Second Grade Platoon

On Wednesday, Oct. 1 the Webster principal and vice-principal had a tricycle race in Webster's parking lot at 10:10 a.m.

Damian introduced the racers, "Hot Rod Hatch and Hammerin' Hammack," with the song, "Eye of the Tiger" by Survivor in the background. Mr. Hatch wore a pink Barbie bicycle helmet with an orange flower on it.

It was the girl one.

He rode the red "Home Depot" tricycle. Mr. Hammack wore a blue, black and white motorcycle helmet and rode the green "John Deere" tricycle.

Damian said, "On your marks, get set, go!" The race was on. At first it was neck and neck with both racers battling for the lead. At the first turn Mr. Hatch's bike started to tip over. Mr. Hammack was ahead. At the second turn they got drinks of water and Mr. Hatch pulled ahead. Both racers were pedaling faster and faster. Mr. Hatch pulled ahead and won the race!

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through Mr. Tefft's daily announcements that focus on "making the world a better place with positive choices" and "doing what's right not because it's convenient or popular but because it's the right thing to do." Students demonstrating outstanding character are recognized daily with Character Counts Tickets, Character Bucks, Random Act of Kindness Tickets, and weekly Character Counts Panther of the Week awards. Students earn weekly Character Counts electives and fun filled monthly rallies by exemplifying the pillars of character by turning in all homework on time, getting to school each day on time, and by receiving no behavior referral or office referrals.

Webster Elementary School teachers choose a student that exemplifies the character trait of the month. This student receives a certificate and recognition at the Trimester Awards assembly and is treated to a special Jamba Juice lunch. Students caught exhibiting one of the six pillars of character are rewarded with a "Webster Buck" that they can spend in the student store. Student Leadership events take place roughly every two weeks during lunch recess. The events focus on developing good character traits

in the competitors and those who compete are students who have exhibited good behavior in the classroom. Lastly, teachers refer to the character traits in the classroom by analyzing characters in their anthology stories in their reading and history books.

Ranchos Middle School students focus on rewarding "good character" throughout the year. The "student of the month" award is an academic, as well as, character recognition program where certificates are awarded to deserving students. Teachers and classified staff recommend rewards for good character observed on campus. Students are rewarded with free passes and snacks. At athletic awards, students demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship may earn a special "good character" award. Students at each grade level compete for a "good character" award that is awarded at the end of the month to draw attention to "character month".

Liberty High School students are working hard to make the pillars of Character Counts visible through community service and service learning projects. Some of the projects for this month and until the end of the year include:

- Trick or Treat for UNICEF to collect money to help children with AIDS in

foreign countries

- Trunk or Treat for the Ranchos Community to help provide a safe and friendly environment for all local children to participate in trick-or-treating

- Ranchos Run, a benefit by the local Kiwanis Club to benefit all children in the community

- A canned food drive throughout Madera and Fresno County by both the Key Club and Leadership Class of Liberty High School

- A coat drive coordinated with organizations in Fresno planned with our Leadership Class

- Pennies for Patients to help children with leukemia and lymphoma

- The Literacy Fair for all children at Valley Children's Hospital

Additionally, LHS is committed to helping all students become involved in community service activities. Activities that are available within the community are continually advertised through the school bulletin and bulletin boards. Students with exemplary records for community service are recognized at graduation. All Senior students will include within their portfolio examples of how they are (HAWKS) Honorable citizens, Academically strong, Working hard for excellence, Knowledgeable, and Soaring with pride.

Educational Options students are studying the character trait of "trustworthiness" and are working in teams to design posters that demonstrate this trait. Additionally, Valley Teen Ranch students participated in volunteer tree planting with Tree Fresno on October 2nd in Clovis. They participated in planting close to 105 trees at a new park on the northeast corner of Clovis and Alluvial.

These are just a few examples of how Golden Valley Unified is helping build the citizens of tomorrow. We appreciate your support as a community in joining in the effort as we move our students forward to becoming compassionate and civic minded citizens.

"The character of a nation is determined by the character of its people. Yes, we have laws and courts to protect our freedoms and sustain our democracy. But all of the lawyers, judges and politicians put together cannot guarantee the future of our republic unless schools are committed to educating people of compassion, courage and conviction." - Judge Learned Hand, May 21, 1944 - speech to a gathering of new American citizens, many of whom had come from nations with plenty of laws and constitutions but no freedom.

PEP at RMS



Ranchos Middle School has implemented a new time for our Physical Education Program known as PEP. Last year we held PEP after school and participation was very low. This year we moved PEP to the second hour of lunch on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. All students who have completed their



class work are eligible to participate. Students who are not eligible are with selected teachers benefiting from tutorials. The tutorials are an effort to help raise our scores even higher this year and at the same time provide fun, known as PEP, for our students who are doing a great job! The entire staff is excited about the program and it is run-



ning three days per week. The numbers in PEP have been between 125-170 students per week compared to 15 after school last year. The remainder of our 335 students are participating in tutorials. Congratulations to the entire RMS staff for thinking outside the box and helping students to be all that they can be. Go MUSTANGS!

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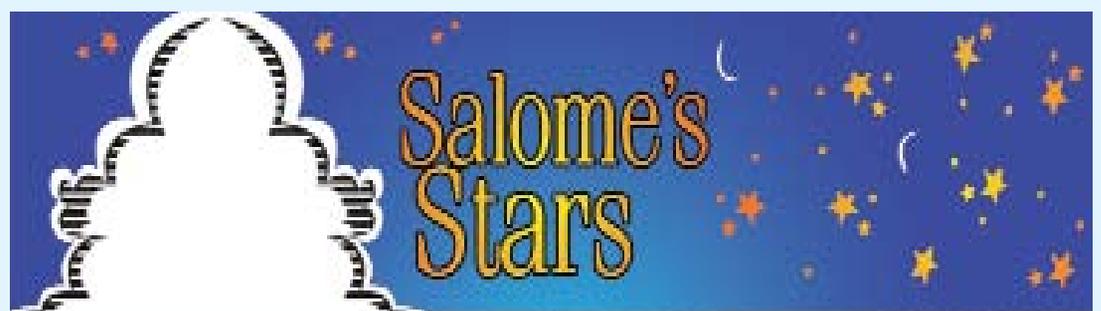
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation might require some adjustments you might not have been prepared to make. However, flexibility in this matter could be the best course to follow at this time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in a period of fluctuating moods, which is not unusual for the Moon Child. Your emotions stabilize by the 26th. Meanwhile, try to hold off making major decisions until then.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

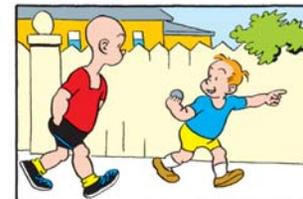
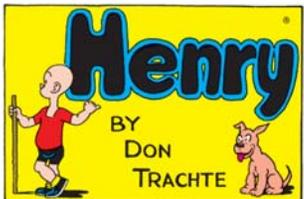
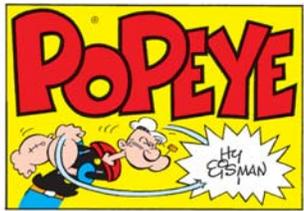
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- When is a window like a star?
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Answers: 1. Because it has two banks. 2. Not very many. 3. The back of a watch. 4. When it is a skylight. 5. A night watchman.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER

Starting with the given word HAILSTORM at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with HAILSTORM.

- An icy shower (given).
- Student of moral problems.
- They work with cloth.
- He travels by water.
- Type of energy.
- In addition to.
- Nickname.
- For instance.
- Blood type.

NUMERIC MARCHING ORDERS!

Can you tell us how the following numbers have been arranged?

8 5 4 9 1 7 6 3 2

Answer: The numbers are arranged in ascending alphabetical order.

LET'S HAVE A WORD "RALLY"!

Can you find the four five-letter words needed on the right that match the definitions below? All words must read the same across and down.

- Radio detection.
- Main artery of the body.
- Fawning show of thanks.
- Ring-shaped coral island.
- An enthusiastic gathering (given).

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Wishing Well

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2	6	2	5	3	6	7	5	3	2	4	8	6
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F	D	E	I	R	N	R	D	O	A	M	J	W
8	7	8	7	6	4	7	5	4	2	4	8	4
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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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TRIVIA TEST

- By Fifi Rodriguez
- LITERATURE: Which book written by Charles Dickens features a young boy named Pip?
 - MUSIC: What was Paul Simon's first solo to hit the Top 10?
 - MYTHOLOGY: Who was Hippolyta in Greek mythology?
 - SCIENCE: Joseph Priestley is credited with discovering what major element in the 18th century?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is another name for an aerialist?
 - AD SLOGANS: What company urged consumers to "Say it with flowers"?
 - TELEVISION: What was the name of Tim Allen's TV show on the comedy "Home Improvement"?
 - CARTOONS: What was the name of the park where Yogi Bear lived?
 - FOOD: What kind of food is gazpacho?
 - RACES: How long is the Iditarod Trail sled dog race?

Answers

- "Great Expectations"
- "Mother and Child Reunion"
- Queen of the Amazons
- Oxygen
- Trapeze artist
- FTD
- "Tool Time"
- Jellystone Park
- Chilled soup
- About 1,150 miles

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

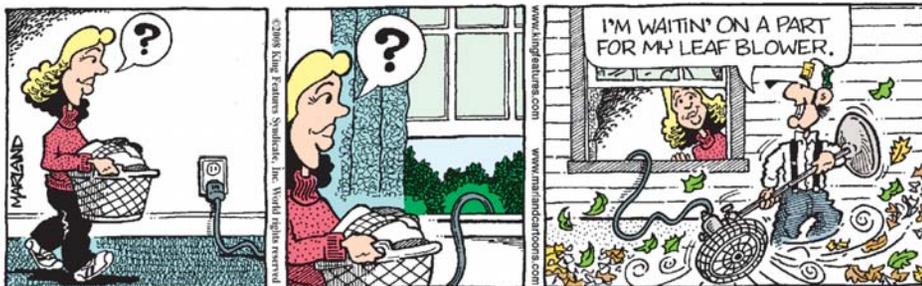
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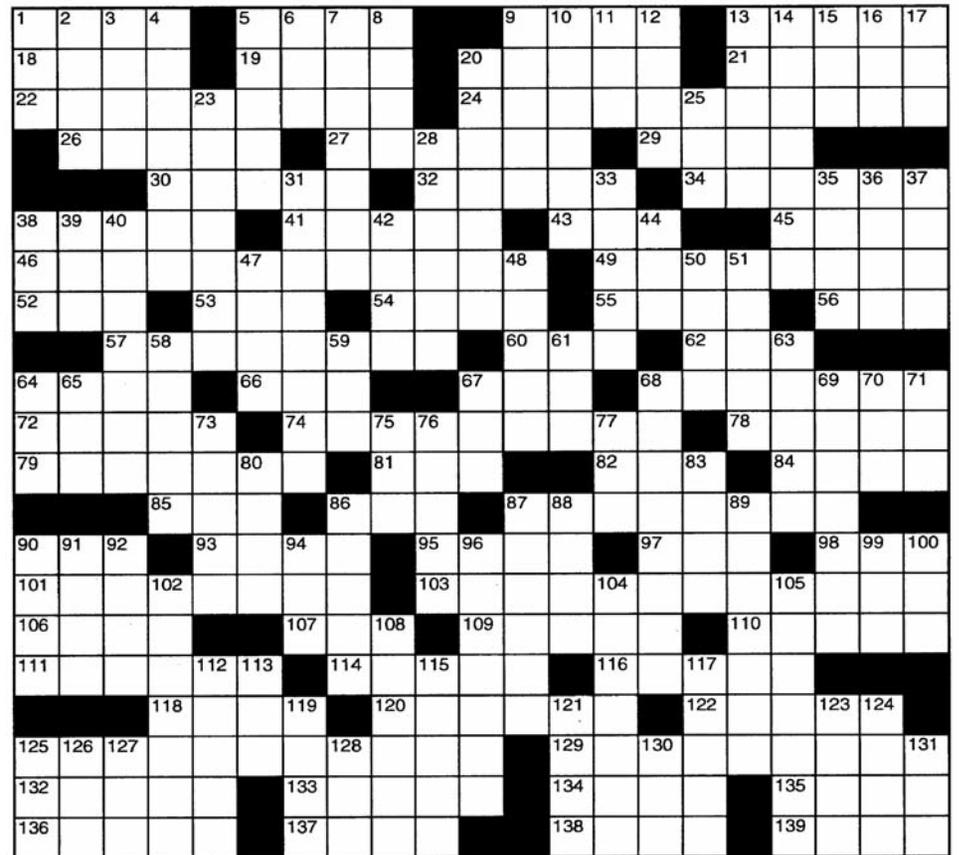
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Boy's slacks are black. 3. Ghost is added. 4. Boy is pointing. 5. Stocking hat has been added. 6. Rocks are added in cave.

Super Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Clean the decks
- 5 "Portnoy's Complaint" author
- 9 "Woe is me!"
- 13 Strength
- 18 — Krishna
- 19 Neutral tone
- 20 Manifest
- 21 Pointless
- 22 What the Three Stooges drank
- 24 What Yo-Yo Ma drank
- 26 — pole
- 27 "American Pie" singer
- 29 Overshoe
- 30 Range rope
- 32 Synthetic fiber
- 34 Brahman or lama
- 38 Broadway baker
- 41 Vulgar
- 43 He may woo ewe
- 45 Concerning
- 46 What Sasquatch drank
- 49 What Queen Victoria drank
- 52 Oklahoma city
- 53 Bull in a china shop
- 54 Exploit
- 55 Crucifix
- 56 "Howards —" ('92 film)
- 57 Had a hunch
- 60 Nonclerical mane?
- 64 German chemist
- 66 Hound or hamster
- 67 Forbid
- 68 Outtake
- 72 On the ball
- 74 What F. Lee Bailey drank
- 78 Billow
- 79 Longed for
- 81 Address abbr.
- 82 Exist
- 84 Tragic fate
- 85 What's between Serena and Martina
- 86 Bat wood
- 87 — clover
- 90 Paddle
- 93 Siren
- 95 Steel support
- 97 Myriads of moons
- 98 — Jima
- 101 What Isaac Newton drank
- 103 What Martha Stewart drank
- 106 Reside
- 107 Eyebrow shape
- 109 The sky, at times?
- 110 Beginning
- 111 Bright inventor?
- 114 Make Fido fetch
- 116 Starts a lawn
- 118 Banyan or baobab
- 120 Refer (to)
- 122 — point
- 125 What Lech Walesa drank
- 129 What Gregor Mendel drank
- 132 Saying
- 133 Take the reins
- 134 Pennsylvania port
- 135 Atty.-to-be's ordeal
- 136 Steven of "Wings"
- 137 Guam, for one: abbr.
- 138 Horned vipers
- 139 Actress Veronica
- 48 Dwight's competitor
- 50 Cry of distress
- 51 "Later, Luis!"
- 58 Remove a brooch
- 59 Sault — Marie, MI
- 61 Pangolin's morsel
- 63 Dutch export
- 64 Possessed
- 65 Citrus cooler
- 67 Deli choice
- 68 Kind of clasp
- 69 Makes money
- 70 — trip
- 71 Sleep stage
- 73 Roman fountain
- 75 Helium or hydrogen
- 76 Plant pest
- 77 — Claire, WI
- 80 "L—, c'est moi!"
- 83 Wells creatures
- 86 In pieces
- 87 Feast's alternative
- 88 City near Provo
- 89 Produced a cryptogram
- 90 Eye amorously
- 91 Parched
- 92 Sitarist Shankar
- 94 "Cry — River" ('55 song)
- 96 "El Libertador"
- 99 Elfin
- 100 — bran
- 102 Trace
- 104 Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy
- 105 Teach
- 108 Kilauea, for one
- 112 Court cry
- 113 Teachers' org.
- 115 "Doe, —, a female . . ."
- 117 Rapiers
- 119 Formerly, formerly
- 121 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 123 "— Heartache" ('78 hit)
- 124 Shipbuilding wood
- 125 Shorten a slat
- 126 Horatian creation
- 127 Research site
- 128 Ideologue's suffix
- 130 Tear
- 131 Demolished dessert

DOWN

- 1 "Quiet!"
- 2 Stick around
- 3 Singer Guthrie
- 4 '60s phenome-
- 5 French city
- 6 "Fall back" mo.
- 7 Aftershocks
- 8 Former Cong. group
- 9 For the birds
- 10 Loewe's lyricist
- 11 — deco
- 12 Pencil piece
- 13 Sun screen
- 14 First
- 15 Gangster's gun
- 16 TV's "— Step Beyond"
- 17 Singer Chris
- 20 Supervise
- 23 Property professional
- 25 "Alley —"
- 28 Endured
- 31 Paul of "A Man for All Seasons"
- 33 Storch or King
- 35 Punta del —
- 36 Actress Anna
- 37 Warty one
- 38 Flock o' docs
- 39 Wordless greeting
- 40 Grinds
- 42 — de-camp
- 44 Herd word
- 47 Interstate exit



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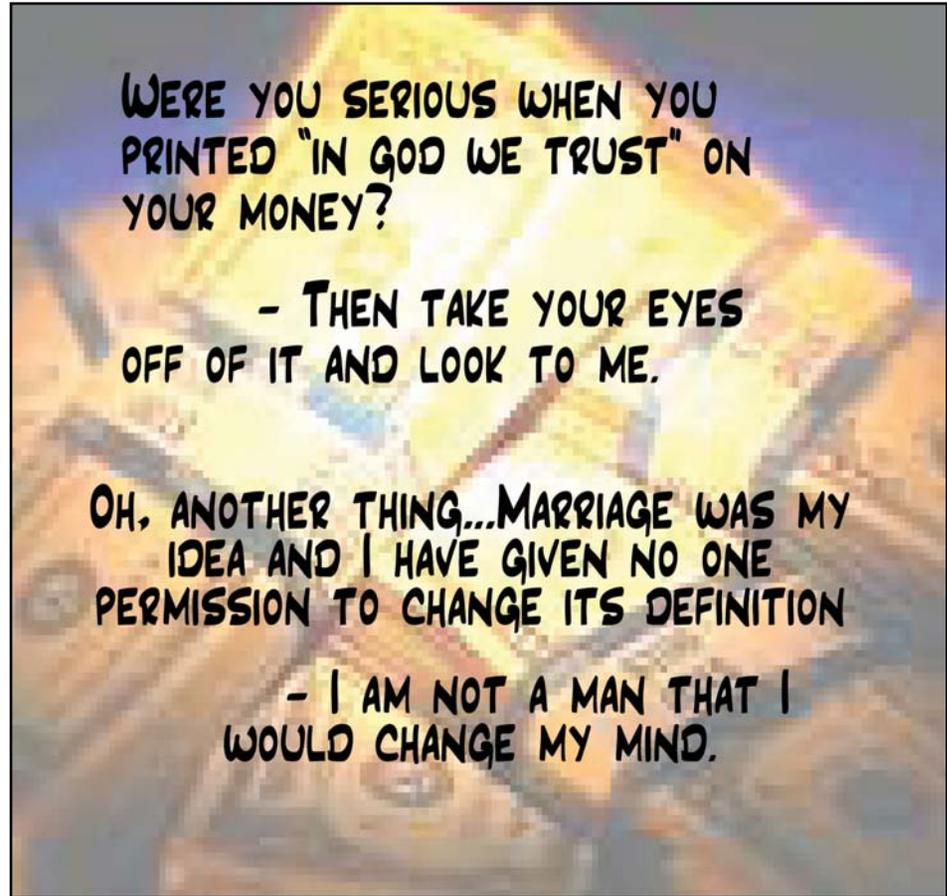


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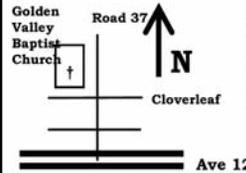
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PRINTED "IN GOD WE TRUST" ON
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“He’s been so emotionally supportive and strong over the past year,” Patty said. Like Cinda Jamison, Patty and Anthony were both looking forward to participating at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at California State University, Fresno.

Patty’s husband Tony was able to pull off a big surprise recently when he suggested the family get together with friends for dinner, but when Patty arrived at the friend’s home she was amazed to see about 100 people waiting for her, including 16 cowboys wearing pink. Her friends had organized a roping event and BBQ in her honor that actually raised money for the Fresno branch of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. “Life is precious and every moment is a gift from God!” Patty said.

Nearly 75 percent of women over 40 years old now receive regular mammograms. This is the single most effective tool for detecting breast cancer early. In 1982 less than 30 percent of women were receiving mammograms.

Curves Offers Help

Curves is the local women’s gym where many Madera Ranchos

breast cancer survivors go to work on regaining their strength during their recovery. Curves is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The event is called “Girl Power - Empowering Women to Take Their Health into Their Own Hands.”

Curves franchise owner Jennifer Romine is excited about hosting this event that will include guest speakers, door prizes, a gift boutique, a silent auction, games, raffle prizes and food. They will also be demonstrating a device called the “Liv Aid” which was invented by Curves co-founder Diane Heavin, singer (and

breast cancer survivor) Olivia Newton-John and Dr. Ernie Bodai. This heart shaped, liquid filled shield is used while performing your monthly breast self exam to accentuate any lumps or irregularities. It will be sold for \$9.95 at Curves on Avenue 12.

Curves will also be offering a discounted membership fee to new members who provide proof that they’ve had a mammogram within the last 12 months. “Every year, the company receives letters from women who write that had it not been for this incentive they would not have had the mammogram that saved their lives,” said Diane Heavin.

One of the most difficult things women go through when diagnosed with cancer is the amount of self reflection that they go through. Decisions have to be made and many women will choose to have a complete mastectomy rather than a lumpectomy just to ease their mind with the thought that it might come back. Even after you’re in remission there will be times that you’ll worry about every little ache and pain, wondering if it’s something serious. However, it is important to understand that in the United

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Risk Factors

The most proven and significant risk factors for getting breast cancer are being female and older.

Several other factors are known to increase risk:

- Testing positive for BRCA1 and BRCA2, the gene mutations commonly associated with breast cancer.
- Having a previous biopsy showing overactive cell growth (hyperplasia) or cancer contained within the breast (carcinoma in situ).
- Having a mother, daughter or sister who has had breast cancer.
- Having dense breast tissue.
- Having a personal history of breast or ovarian cancer.
- Starting menopause after age 55.
- Never having children or having your first child after age 30.
- Being overweight after menopause or gaining weight as an adult.
- Having more than two alcoholic drinks per day.
- Using hormone replacement therapy (HRT).
- Being under age 12 at the time of your first period.
- Recent birth control use.
- Being of Ashkenazi Jewish descent.

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States today, there are nearly 2.5 million breast cancer survivors – the largest group of cancer survivors in the country. With more early detection nearly 75% of women over 40 years old now receive regular mammograms vs. less than 30% in 1982.

Mammograms are the single most effective tool for detecting breast cancer early. If you don’t have medical insurance or you can’t afford to pay the deductible or co-pay, you may qualify for a free mammogram. For information call 800-511-2300 or go to: State of California Cancer

Please see **RIBBON** on P. 28

Scammers Targeting Madera Seniors

Madera County Sheriff John Anderson once again is reminding everyone that if you are notified by phone, e-mail or fax that you won a substantial amount of money – chances are you didn't. In fact he warns that if you do respond what you might win could be nothing but financial heartache.

Just yesterday the Sheriff's Department received yet another complaint from someone who received a call from what can only be described as one very persistent scam artist.

The victim, a senior citizen, received a call from a Maxine Miller – telephone number 206-388-4867. She (the suspect) told the victim that she won \$750,000 – but needed to send \$750 to begin the claim process via Western Union to a Deschawn Cobbs at 2214 E. 80th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, 44183.

The victim was told that once the caller received the money a check would be issued to her and sent federal express. A woman by the name of Betty Koop from CitiBank would personally deliver the check right to the victim's door. The victim would need two forms of ID in order to verify she is the true winner and the money would be hers.

The victim's husband contacted Citi Bank and was told no Betty Koop worked there. The victim called Maxine Miller at the number posted above and was assured that was a mistake because Betty Koop is indeed employed with CitiBank.

Whether they are calling themselves Betty Koop, Maxine Miller, Deschawn Cobbs, or a thousand other possible names, the bottom line is IF IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT IS.

Don't respond, period.

E-Waste Disposal at Fairgrounds

The Madera District Fair will sponsor a FREE electronic waste recycling day on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event provides the community with an opportunity to dispose of old computers, television sets, monitors and other outdated, unusable or unwanted electronic items for proper recycling in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. In California, it is illegal to simply throw an unwanted or broken television or computer monitor in the trash. Electronic items have toxic elements in them that are environmentally hazardous when they are dumped into landfills. By law, these products must be recycled properly in ways that won't harm the environment.

Each year, Californians replace hundreds of thousands of TVs, computers, monitors, and other electronic devices. In addition, they store millions more in homes,

garages, and businesses. These products contain valuable resources such as metal, plastic and glass which can and should be recycled instead of thrown away. The Madera District Fair has partnered with Fresno-based Electronic Recyclers International which will collect these products and recycle them in an environmentally safe manner.

"The Madera District Fair is proud to be able to offer this program in our community," said Scott Sample, CEO of the Madera District Fair. "Not only is our community reducing the amount of waste in our landfills, we are also becoming more environmentally responsible by disposing of our electronic junk in a safe way."

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RIBBON cont. from P. 27

Detection Section at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cancerdetection.

Although the most proven and significant risk factors for getting breast cancer are being female and getting older, in the U.S. a woman has a 12 percent risk of developing breast cancer in her lifetime, however the five-year survival rate for breast cancer, when caught early before it spreads beyond the breast, is now 98 percent.

Only 5 to 10 percent of breast cancers are due to heredity; the majority of women with breast cancer have no known significant family history or other known risk factors. Men are generally at low risk for developing breast cancer, however, they should report any change in their breasts to a physician

The federal government now devotes more than \$900 million each year to breast cancer research, treatment and prevention, as opposed to approximately \$30 million in 1982.

For more information, call Susan G. Komen for the Cure at 800-462-9273, or visit their Website at www.komen.org. You can also visit the Central California Website at www.komencentralvalley.org/resources.html.

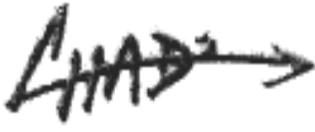
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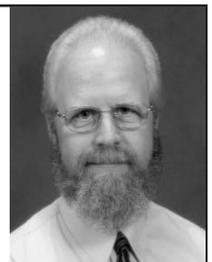


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