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## Have a PAL Holiday



RCPD PAL toy drive and fundraiser participants greet shoppers as they exit the Walmart located on 10655 Folsom Boulevard, Rancho Cordova. Left to right: PAL volunteers Bree Chuong, Richie Mendoza, PAL Crime Prevention Specialist Tina Aldama, Sergeant Rich Merideth, and Officer Jose De La Cruz. Photo by Patrick Larenas

By Patrick Larenas

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Every child needs to have a gift for Christmas! The Rancho Cordova Police Activities League (PAL) is holding its 10th Annual Christmas in Cordova this December 19. Through the RCPD Youth Services Unit, the toy drive has been held on various days over the past month for the benefit of 350 families in need.

Sergeant Rich Merideth, PAL Executive Director, Director and Youth Coordinator, said the program was able to collect and receive donations on Black Friday, November 27, of about 500 toys and \$900. Likewise, on Wednesday, December 2, the drive collected some 500 toys and over \$2,000 towards Christmas in Cordova stated the police department.

A very familiar face to kids in Rancho Cordova, School Resource Officer Tracey Jacobs, was there to send Season's Greetings to Folsom Cordova students and interact with Walmart shoppers on behalf of participating families who applied to the program in November.

Tina Aldama, PAL Crime Prevention Specialist, said PAL has had to make a lot of adjustments throughout the year to maintain its youth outreach activities due to COVID-19 restrictions. "Some of our activities, such as our Junior Giants sports program, have shifted emphasis from sports to reading, being able to still serve about 365 kids through distinct virtual approaches."

Aldama said, "200 families signed up for the toy drive which will help approximately 500 children and we

had plenty of room for them [applicants]. Rancho Cordova Police Department has been very fortunate to continue our relationship with the community."

On the scheduled date of December 19, RCPD officers will be at the Christmas in Cordova event handing out gift-wrapped toys, and according to the police department's announcement, "There will also be special goodie bags, a drive-through Winter Wonderland, and Santa will be making an appearance."

The event will be held at this year's newly dedicated Rancho Cordova Youth Center on 10455 Investment Circle, Rancho Cordova.

For more information contact RCPD's Crime Prevention Specialist Tina Aldama at 916.875.5852 or [taldama@ranchocordovapd.com](mailto:taldama@ranchocordovapd.com) ★

## Sac County Assists Transitional Aged Youth

By Sacramento County Health & Social Services

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Growing up isn't easy, even under the best of circumstances. Unfortunately, not everyone gets the support and guidance they need to take on life's adult responsibilities. For some transitional-aged youth (TAY) between the ages of 18 and 24, that steep learning curve can result in housing instability or homelessness.

According to a 2019 Sacramento County homeless population count, approximately 415 TAY – 8 percent of the total population – were experiencing homelessness. Of those counted: 59 percent were unsheltered and sleeping outdoors; 41 percent were staying in a transitional housing program, a hotel/motel or vehicle; 42 percent were experiencing long-term continuous homelessness lasting over a year.

"There are so many different milestones that occur during that time frame and a lot of youth may not have the healthiest support system or they might not have any at all. That presents a great challenge in understanding how to navigate those new worlds they're entering at that age," says Angel Uhercik, Homeless Services Program Planner with the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance. "That's where the guidance from our case managers and our Prevention and Intervention specialists is so key in helping them be successful."

Sacramento County's Prevention and Intervention Program offers housing and a hand up. Partnering with Lutheran Social Services, Waking the Village, Wind Youth Services and the Sacramento LGBT Community Center, they connect clients with housing, short-term financial assistance and services to help youth to navigate resources, including employment, education and anything else clients may need.

"The partners are really well resourced to bridge the access from Prevention and Intervention assistance to a lot of different groups in our community," Uhercik says.

Last year, Chardonnay Blakes, 24, a new mother and college student, found herself homeless. While she was able to couch surf with family, it wasn't sustainable.

"The apartment was way too small, it was a one-bedroom," she remembers. "My brother also takes care of his little brother who is in high school so I had to sleep on the couch with my son."

She reached out to

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## A Community in Action

By Deb Boogaard,  
Folsom Mask Making

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - "I said, 'Somebody should do something about that.' Then I realized I am somebody." This Lily Tomlin quote epitomizes the motivation behind Janet Cottrill's decision mid-March 2020 to address the critical need for PPEs during the Covid pandemic. Cottrill, who was not working due to health issues, hoped to make a difference in her community. She co-founded Folsom Mask Makers (FMM) with her neighbor KC Endeman, who created the FMM Facebook page. RN Karla Burgess, retired grandmother Karen Hamer, and Cathy Hamman soon joined the effort as site administrators and the group of helpers quickly grew.



Karen Hamer sewing masks is one of 100 seamstresses per product team in addition to the essential volunteers. Courtesy photo

To date, FMM has produced in excess of 60,000 masks, 2,650 scrub caps for medical staff and pediatric oncology patients, 1,310 visual masks to facilitate lip reading, hundreds of 3D printed face shields, and thousands of crocheted and 3D printed ear savers. These critical supplies have been donated to over

350 hospitals, medical and dental groups, care homes, schools, nonprofit and community organizations, and emergency service agencies in Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado counties.

Burgess is the air traffic controller for this smooth-running, no-contact (porch drop off and pick up) system of volunteers. She

serves as liaison in the community, fields requests, coordinates product logistics and distribution, and launches special teams as needed for additional products and customized projects to meet varying specifications. Hamer has taken on multiple roles as well, moderating the group, researching patterns, spearheading project teams, and working alongside Karla to manage logistics.

FMM has attracted nearly 3,000 members since March. At any given point there are approximately 100 seamstresses per product team in addition to the essential volunteers who donate 100% cotton fabric and elastic, wash and iron fabric, cut patterns, assemble kits, and pick up and drop off materials. What motivates this diverse team

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# Stand Strong at the Crossroads

By Thomas J. Sullivan

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - At-risk, out-of-school young adults between the ages of 18-24 living in Sacramento County have until January 30th, 2021 to submit their applications to participate in the Crossroads Youth Employment Program (YEP), said Matthew Rosario, youth services case manager at the Crossroads Job Center in Citrus Heights.

The YEP program offers its participants an opportunity to build employment skills and gain first-time work experience.

Applications are taken first-come, first-serve, Rosario said. He recommends interested youth should call him at 916-676-2540, extension 322 to arrange to pick up an application packet.

“Once they contact the Sacramento Works Center, I’ll send them the necessary forms by email to get them enrolled as quickly as possible,” he said.

In partnership with the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), Crossroads Diversified Services operates the Citrus Heights Sacramento Works Job Center at 7011 Sylvan Road, Suite A in Citrus Heights. The Youth Employment Program (YEP) is a year-round work experience program, funded by the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIOA).

“Right now, 17 positions are available, and the application deadline has been extended to January 30, 2021,” Rosario said. The current pay scale is \$13.75 an hour for up to 200 hours of work, and the hourly wage will increase to the state’s new \$14.00 minimum wage level in January 2021.

YEP applicants must be interested in giving back to their community, developing leadership skills, attending employment workshops, and completing up to 200 hours of paid work at a local business. Applications are accepted until all positions are filled, Rosario said.

The YEP program is specifically focused on at-risk youth who may not have internet or personal computer access. Program participants may be provided a laptop computer if needed.

“Many of the youth targeted by the (YEP) program are among our most vulnerable,” Rosario said. “They have a variety of challenges they are trying to overcome.”

“We’re helping at-risk youth with



Youth services case manager Matthew Rosario focuses on helping at-risk youth to build employment skills and gain first-time work experience through the Crossroads Youth Employment Program (YEP). Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

supportive services who may lack the technology to participate in remote sessions,” he said. “They just need to call our office to make the necessary arrangements.”

The application process consists of completing the YEP application packet, an interview with a case manager and completion of a certification appointment at the job center to enroll into the program. Once the application is completed, all candidates complete a series of pre-employment work readiness workshops to help prepare them to be successful employees, Rosario said.

YEP program participants are expected to complete all required workshops, work experience at a local business, a pre and post-test assessment if applicable and obtain employment after completing the program and/or enroll into post-secondary education, Rosario explained.

The Crossroads Job Center’s Citrus Heights branch has shifted its in-person operating hours to “by appointment only” due to the pandemic, Rosario said. The center offers job training and counseling assistance both online and by using Zoom video chat.

“When Covid hit, many local employers we had been working with significantly scaled back their hiring,” he said. “That is starting to change as employers are looking again to hire. We chiefly work with employers to find entry-level positions where participants in our program can

build employment skills,” he said.

“We’re taking necessary steps to better prepare our applicants for work in this new job environment,” he said. Additional training in workplace safety standards has been updated to reflect California social distancing standards in the workplace, he said.

What makes a successful YEP program candidate?

“A positive attitude and an ability to be able to act respectfully and professionally at all times,” Rosario said. “We’ll help them with communication skills and address any issues, concerns or work-related problems to ensure their success.”

The YEP application checklist includes right to work documents, proof of an employment barrier and federal Selective Service Registration for males over 17 years of age. Proof of an employment barrier can include low income, proof of disability, parenting, pregnancy, probation or homelessness. Youth in former or current foster care environments are also considered with a letter from a social worker or applicable court documents, he said.

Participants learn to navigate the world of work by identifying and exploring future career occupations, employment preparation, leadership development, networking, and skill development.

“Our goal is to have all the participants in the YEP program fully commit to the year-long program,” he said.

“Participants must complete mandatory work readiness workshops before they are placed with an employer,” Rosario said. “At this time all workshops are done remotely via online video chat or assigned with specific activities to be done by email and Microsoft Powerpoint.”

“All of our workshop sessions are via one-on-one appointment and we’ve scheduled times which are flexible for our participants to attend,” Rosario said. Individual workshops include resume writing, career exploration, job searching strategies, interview preparation and mock interviewing.

Once in the program, YEP participants must agree to arrive on time to all workshops, program meetings, and work shifts, Rosario said. “If they are late or cannot make their work shift, they are required to call their case manager or employer in advance.”

YEP workshops also place emphasis on “soft skills” which Rosario said are especially critical to the success of new job seekers in the workplace. These include strengthening interpersonal communication skills, critical thinking skills and modeling professionalism in the workplace.

The Crossroads Job Center provides a host of resource services to assist individuals in finding, obtaining and keeping employment. Services include job seeker assessment tools, employment skills workshops, benefits counseling services, state Economic Development Department (EDD) Veterans Services referrals, state certified typing/data entry tests and “Ticket to Work” services.

The “Ticket to Work” program, a free and voluntary program which offers eligible job seekers age 18-64 who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Disability Income (SSI) benefits which provides choices, opportunities and support needed to find and keep employment, building a path towards self-sufficiency.

“We’re here to help,” Rosario said.

For more information on the Crossroads Youth Employment Program (YEP) contact Matthew Rosario, youth services case manager at 916-676-2540, extension 322. The Crossroads Job Center at 7011 Sylvan Road, Suite A, urges all job seekers to contact a workforce development representative at 916-676-2540 to schedule an appointment. ★

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# Sublime Flight Captured in Stitches

Story and photo  
by Susan Maxwell  
Skinner

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - With enormous wing spans, bald eagles know better than to fly too closely – except in battle. But when raptors circle in thermal air, their flight paths cross every 360 degrees.

The phenomenon has been captured in craft by Rosemont quilter Hilary Pollock, an assistant kindergarten teacher who donated her creation to her Orangevale school.

“Our school has the eagle as its mascot,” Hilary explains. “Every year we have an ‘eagle chase’ jogathon, to raise funds. Everyone gets a raffle ticket for participating. This year I decided to donate a quilt for a prize. Online I found a photo of the eagles whose nest is near our school. It seemed just right. Our school likes to put virtues – like resilience and perseverance – in context for children. The eagle, who has come back from near-extinction, sure does that. The photographer gave me permission to portray her image and I found eight different fabrics to repeat the colors and textures in the photo.”

The artist also incorporated the school song in panels surrounding her creation’s central panel.

Captured in zig-zag stitches, the lyrics begin:

*Golden Valley gleams from sunlight*

*“Dewdrops fill the field so bright.*

*Seasons change and hearts awaken*

*Summer, Spring, and*



Teacher Hilary Pollock displays the quilt she created to portray bald eagles that reside near her school. She holds the photograph that inspired her art. The quilt was raffled as a fundraiser for Golden Valley Charter Schools.

*Winter, Fall...*”

Hilary’s classes venture outdoors in all seasons. She helps instruct four to six year-olds at Golden Valley River School, where a Waldorf-style curriculum involves children greatly with nature. Kindergarteners take regular hikes along river bluffs where a pair of the rare American River raptors have visited for nearly five years. The kids even provided the names Peekaboo and Poppy for the couple’s 2017 babies. A year later, they came up with Byrd and Rainbow for the second pair of eaglets. By some self-fulfilling prophesy, the school’s emblem – and its fundraiser name

– had been chosen many years before the first eagles appeared in its neighborhood.

Hilary titled her prize quilt “Chasing Eagles - Soaring High.” A teacher colleague was the delighted winner. “Eagles are special to our school,” explains the crafter. “They’re not just a national emblem, they’re also super-inspiring and they lend themselves well to art. They inspire us to fly high – to achieve heights in life. Our children are able to see eagles nearly every day so they don’t realize what a big deal it is to have them locally. But they’re still in awe every time they see the birds soaring overhead.” ★

# River Cats, Susan Savage, Inspire ABC Comedy

By Chip Maxson,  
Sacramento River Cats

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Felicity Huffman looks to return to TV in a new baseball comedy based on the story of Susan Savage and the Sacramento River Cats. ABC has committed to producing a pilot written by Becky Hartman Edwards and stars, alongside Huffman, *The Peanut Butter Falcon*’s Zack Gottsagen. Aaron Kaplan of Kapital Entertainment saw the potential and brought together the group that attracted many offers before deciding to partner with ABC.

Based in Sacramento, the project will focus on the life of Susan Savage, CEO and majority owner of the River Cats, a Triple-A minor league baseball team. Savage took over as CEO of the River Cats when her late husband, Art Savage, passed away and asked her not to sell the team.

Susan runs the team with her two sons, Jeff and Brent. The story will highlight overcoming loss and grief, family dynamics at work, and the humor, fun, and surprises that go along with minor league baseball.

“There is still a long way to go,” reminds Savage, “but it is truly exciting to be at this point. Over the years, whether in an executive meeting or simply talking with one of our longtime fans, something uniquely funny would happen and we would always say that someone should put it in a



Susan Savage, CEO of the Sacramento River Cats. Photo: Sacramento River Cats

TV show. Well, I decided to start writing it down and here we are.”

“When Art passed away, there were a lot of questions and I didn’t have the answers,” Susan continued. “However, this team was his dream so I jumped right in alongside my boys (Jeff and Brent) and we were going to figure this out one way or another. I am so proud of what we have been able to accomplish as a family, but along the way there are plenty of goofs and gaffs that we can laugh at now. Add that to our favorite fans, cheeky players, and quirky promotions, and I’m sure there is something everyone can laugh at and relate to.”

Savage also added that although the script was inspired by her story, Hartman Edwards writes with her own flare and creativity using new

characters and loose interpretations.

The pilot filming is set to begin in the spring.

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By Bob McGarvey

There was a tremendous number of customers (we were among them) who went to the Apple Hill businesses to get apples, baking goods, a Christmas tree, and most important, to collect more memories. Like many other couples, when my wife and I had just begun building our family, things seemed to be going so fast that you don't realize how important those memories are. Now when we went to Apple Hill last weekend, one of our daughter's and her boyfriend came, one of our sons and his wife and their five children (five grandchildren) also came for fun and food and a tree. We will always have room in our hearts for the warm feelings that getting together gives us. Merry Christmas does that for me.

When you read this column, I hope we will have

## And Another Thing

*“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift. That’s why they call it the ‘present’”*

heard that the FDA authorities have approved the giving of the vaccines that can begin to stop the coronavirus. The news said that the FDA was going to approve one of the vaccines on Thursday. I hope they are correct.

I am going to continue trying to contact the correct people who will work with me to get a Fisher House built next to the Mather VA Hospital. The official name for that VA Hospital is the VA Northern California Health Care System, but the veterans who are treated there would greatly appreciate it if their families could be there and give them their emotional support. You know, the support that only families can give.

Like everyone I have talked to, they are all looking for the end of the year 2020 and hoping that the year 2021 will be the beginning of getting back to a “normal” life. I will

be getting into something of a new life because it will be quite different, not being on the City Council. We will have to see how that will work out, but one thing is for sure, I will continue doing everything I can to help our Rancho Cordova veterans. Since we no longer have a Council Member who is a veteran.

I will be letting you know about the last meeting in which I will be a member as soon as it happens. You know, the future hasn't happened yet. But I will appreciate everything that happens today because there are so many things to look forward to in the future. You know, “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift. That's why they call it the 'present'.”

*From Councilman Bob McGarvey, God bless, and we'll see you next time. ★*

## Who will have Priority for COVID Vaccine?



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters

There's nothing new about political jousting over shares of a limited but valuable resource.

For instance, Californians have been squabbling for decades over divvying up water supplies among agricultural interests, municipal consumers and the natural environment. The conflict never goes away but increases in intensity every time the state experiences one of its periodic droughts – and this so-far dry autumn may be a harbinger of another such dry spell.

The annual business of writing a new state budget is always an exercise in political rationing. Even in times of prosperity, when the state treasury is awash in tax money, there's never quite enough to satisfy all of the demands and expressions of urgent need. More for schools, more for health care, more for colleges, more for childcare or more for prisons?

Those who hire the most and best lobbyists, shower legislators with campaign contributions and wage lavish media campaigns tend over time to fare the best when Capitol politicians decide who gets how much cash.

The allocations of water

and money obvious have serious impacts on the contending parties, but usually they are not all-or-nothing situations. Even the losers generally wind up with something, even if they see it as not enough.

A new political free-for-all is just beginning and this time it is all-or-nothing, potentially with life-or-death consequences – who gets the very limited initial supply of vaccine against the potentially deadly coronavirus.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said last week that he expects California to receive an initial allocation of 327,000 doses of vaccine in mid-December. His administration wants to prioritize vaccinations of health care workers who are most in danger of being infected with the virus.

Few would argue with that intent, but the initial vaccine supply doesn't come close to covering everyone who falls into that general category. California has more than two million health care workers, and even within that group, there's a certain level of competition.

Organizations representing local-term care facilities, otherwise known as nursing homes, are pressing for first-tier priority, contending that their elderly clients are being disproportionately infected, often with fatal consequences.

However, another argument is being made for nurses, doctors and others who are directly caring for COVID-19 victims in hospitals.

Expanding vaccinations beyond health care workers will be even more

daunting because no one knows when and how many additional doses of vaccine will be coming, other than sometime next year. After the implicit demand from health care workers is met, who's next?

Two state legislators are pressing for teachers to be placed near the top of the prioritization list, citing the sharp decline in educational achievement while students are confined at home and the urgent need for resuming classroom instruction.

Assemblymembers Jordan Cunningham, a San Luis Obispo Republican, and Patrick O'Donnell, a Long Beach Democrat, said in a letter to state health officials, “Interim reports from across the state show increasing rates of failure among students, especially those in lower-income neighborhoods. ... Our state's children cannot afford to wait.”

A recent national study estimated that lower levels of education among students forced to attend classes via the Internet could result in shorter life spans. Several recent articles, including one in CalMatters.org, have detailed how absenteeism has increased and learning has decreased, especially among poor students.

This is heavy-duty stuff. Deciding who gets – and who doesn't get – the vaccine in the earliest stages of the vaccination effort could be deciding who lives and who dies.

*Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★*



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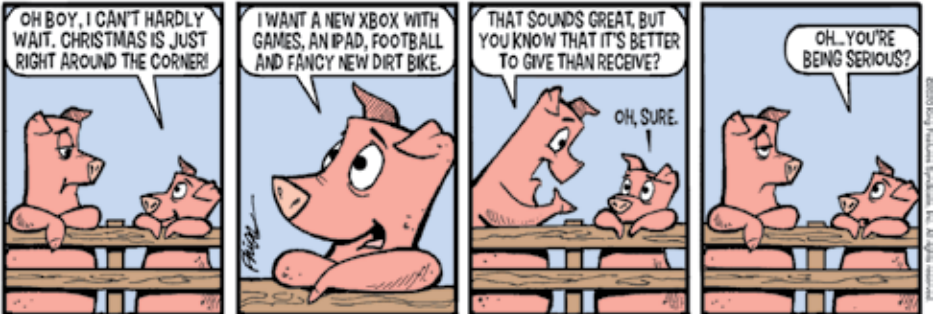






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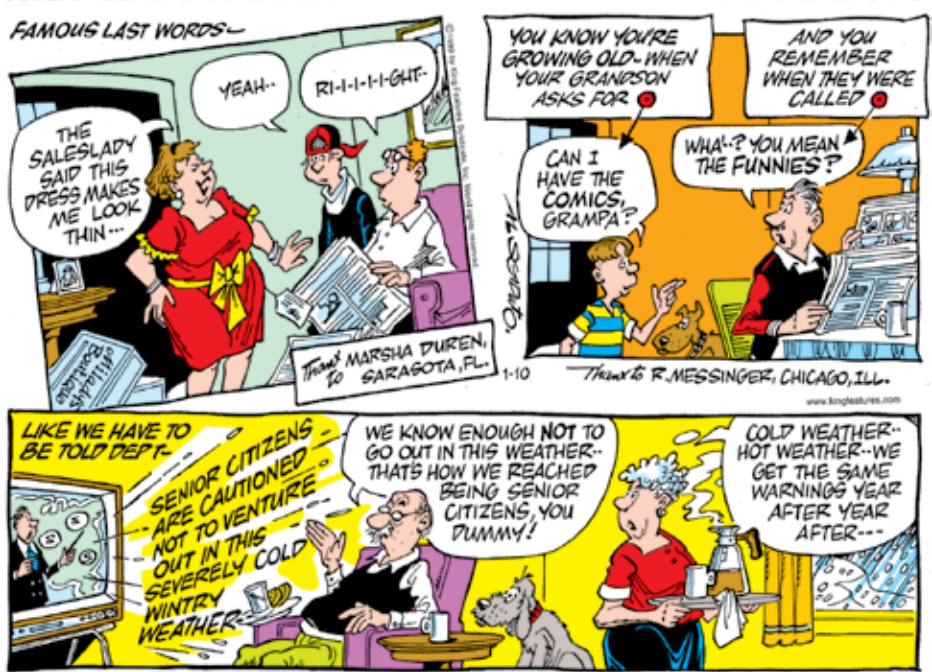
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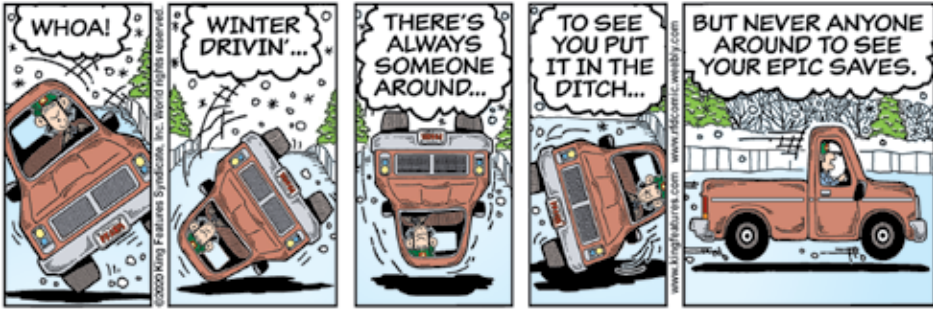
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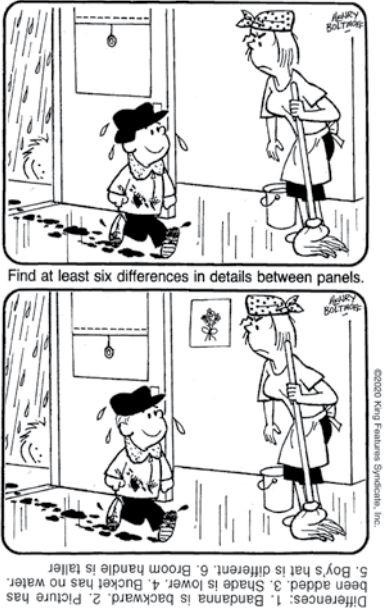
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- 1. \*Bambi and others like him
- 6. Nail a criminal
- 9. Use a paring knife
- 13. Cornucopia's shape
- 14. Lawyers' org.
- 15. Interior designer's focus
- 16. \*Gibson Girl Ice Cream Parlor's draw
- 17. 1/100 of afghani
- 18. Tapestry
- 19. \*Minnie Mouse's full first name
- 21. \*"Be Our Guest" performer
- 23. Kukui nut necklace
- 24. #22 Down competitor
- 25. Dojo pad
- 28. Pillow filler
- 30. Detected
- 35. Burden of proof
- 37. Ness' domain
- 39. Vernacular
- 40. Poker amount
- 41. Divvy up
- 43. U.S. freshwater invader
- 44. Relating to nose
- 46. Gaffer's warning
- 47. "The Three Musketeers" dueling sword
- 48. Isaac of science fiction fame
- 50. \*"The Princess Diaries" leading actress
- 52. Pigpen
- 53. Candle burner
- 55. Greek letters on campus
- 57. \*Remy's idol Auguste

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- 1. Fraud
- 2. Famous Amos
- 3. Before long, to Shakespeare
- 4. Alef and Bet follower
- 5. \*Like a Haunted Mansion visitor
- 6. California valley
- 7. \*Aladdin's sidekick
- 8. What football and baseball have in common, pl.
- 9. \*Frasier" actress Gilpin
- 10. Homesteader's measure
- 11. \*Shere Khan's cry
- 12. Highland tongue
- 15. Woman in trouble?
- 20. Actress Davis
- 22. Package delivery service
- 24. Reveal the true nature
- 25. \*"How Far I'll Go" performer
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- 27. Hutu's opponents, 1994
- 29. \*Raksha or Rama
- 31. Cote d'Azur locale
- 32. Ginger cookies
- 33. Kind of heron
- 34. \*Beardless dwarf
- 36. Clothing line
- 38. Honker
- 42. It may be perfect
- 45. Moves down
- 49. Itinerary word
- 51. Cap attachment
- 54. Part of a sleeve, pl.
- 56. Organ swelling
- 57. Loads
- 58. Military group
- 59. Sarah, alt. sp.
- 60. Not a slob
- 61. \*Piper
- 62. Object of worship
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| <b>ZIGNATURE LIMITED INGREDIENTS FORMULA DRY DOG FOOD</b><br>13 Lb & 27 Lb<br>•Turkey •Lamb •Trout/Salmon •Zssential •Duck •White Fish •Venison •Salmon •Pork •Catfish<br><b>ON SALE EVERYDAY</b><br>Effective 12/9/20 - 12/15/20<br><b>9 LIVES CANNED CAT FOOD</b><br>5.5 Oz All Varieties<br>Limit 1 Case Per Family<br><b>37¢</b><br>Effective 12/9/20 - 12/15/20   | <b>DIAMOND NATURALS DRY DOG FOOD</b><br>40 Lb Bag<br>•Chicken •Lamb & Rice •Beef •Large Breed •Senior •Skin & Coat •Lite 30 Lbs (Lrg Breed Lamb \$31.99) (Ex Athlete \$36.99)<br><b>\$29.99</b><br>Effective 12/9/20 - 12/15/20<br><b>FANCY FEAST GOURMET CANNED CAT FOOD</b><br>All Varieties except Elegent Medley 3 Oz<br>Limit 2 Cases Per Family<br><b>ON SALE Everyday</b><br>Effective 12/9/20 - 12/15/20   | <b>NUTRO WHOLESOME ESSENTIALS DRY DOG FOOD</b><br>•Chicken, Brown Rice & Oatmeal Formula (Reg & Lrg Breed) •Senior •Lite 30 Lb Bag<br>Limit 2 Bags Per Family<br><b>\$35.99</b><br>Effective 12/9/20 - 12/15/20<br><b>PURINA CAT CHOW DRY CAT FOOD</b><br>•Regular •Indoor 15 Lb Bag<br>Limit 2 Bags Per Family<br><b>ON SALE Everyday</b><br>Effective 12/9/20 - 12/15/20   | <b>PEDIGREE DRY DOG FOOD</b><br>50 Lb Bonus Bag<br>•Chicken, Rice, & Vegetable •Steak & Vegetable<br>Limit 2 Bags Per Family<br><b>\$23.99</b><br>Effective 12/9/20 - 12/15/20<br><b>SCOOPAWAY Unscented 25 Lb Box FRESH STEP SCOOP 20 Lb Box CLUMPING CAT LITTER (SCOOPAWAY •Multi-Cat 20 Lb Box \$6.99) Limit 2 Boxes</b><br><b>\$8.99</b><br>Effective 12/9/20 - 12/15/20 |
| <b>WELLNESS CANNED DOG FOOD</b><br>Natural 12.5 Oz Full Case •Regular •Stew •Core Limit 2 Cases<br><b>20% OFF</b><br>OUR REGULAR LOW PRICES<br><b>PRECIOUS CAT CLUMPING CAT LITTER</b><br>18 Lb Bag •Regular •Ultra Limit 2 Bags Per Family<br><b>\$5.99</b><br><b>PREMIUM CHOICE ALL NATURAL CLUMPING CAT LITTER</b><br>40 Lb Bag (Extra Strength 25Lbs \$7.99) Limit 2 Bags<br><b>\$8.99</b><br><b>SCIENCE DIET CANNED CAT FOOD</b><br>Selected Varieties 5.5 Oz Limit 1 Case<br><b>\$1.19</b> | <b>WORLD'S BEST CAT LITTER</b><br>•Original •Extra Strength 14 Lbs Limit 2 Bags<br><b>\$12.99</b><br><b>MEOW MIX DRY CAT FOOD</b><br>•Original Choice 16 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags Per Family<br><b>\$11.99</b><br><b>CANIDAE PURE GRAIN FREE ADULT DRY DOG FOOD</b><br>•Lamb •Duck •Salmon •Bison 24 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags<br><b>\$10.00 OFF</b><br>OUR REGULAR LOW PRICES<br><b>CAT'S PRIDE FRESH &amp; LIGHT PREMIUM CLUMPING CAT LITTER</b><br>15 Lb Jug Limit 2 Jugs<br><b>\$6.99</b> | <b>EUKANUBA DRY DOG FOOD</b><br>Limit 2 Bags Per Family •Large Breed Adult 30 Lb •Medium Breed Adult 33 Lb •Large Breed Puppy 33 Lb<br><b>\$37.99 \$38.99 \$41.99</b><br><b>JONNY CAT PREMIUM CAT LITTER</b><br>10 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags Per Family<br><b>\$1.99</b><br><b>SCIENCE DIET FELINE MAINTENANCE DRY CAT FOOD</b><br>Limit 2 Bags Per Family 16 Lb Bag •Mature \$34.99 •Light \$35.99 •Sensitive Stomach 15.5 Lb \$38.99 •Urinary 15.5 Lb \$38.99 •Perfect Weight 15 Lb \$39.99 Adult<br><b>\$33.99</b><br><b>MERRICK'S CLASSIC NATURAL DRY DOG FOOD</b><br>•Chicken/Green Pea/Ancient Grains 25 Lbs Limit 2 Bags •Beef/Green Pea/Carrots •Lamb/Green Pea/Ancient Grains<br><b>\$8 OFF</b><br>OUR REGULAR LOW PRICES |  |

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**ON SALE EVERYDAY**  
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**FANCY FEAST CLASSIC BROTH**  
1.4 Oz - All Varieties  
Limit 2 Pkgs With Coupon  
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Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 12/9/20 - 12/15/20  
**89¢**  
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**BONUS COUPON**

**ARM & HAMMER CAT LITTER DEODORIZER**  
20 Oz Box  
Limit 2 Boxes with Coupon  
Limit One Coupon Per Family  
Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 12/9/20 - 12/15/20  
**\$1.49**  
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