

# THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY GAZETTE

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## SUPERVISOR DEBBIE POOCHIGIAN TO VISIT SQUAW VALLEY

Supervisor Debbie Poochigian, who represents District 5 in Fresno County, will be in eastern Fresno County on Thursday, July 14th.



Supervisor Poochigian is eager to meet individually with constituents who live in or around the foothill communities of Dunlap, Miramonte, and Squaw Valley and listen to concerns and issues of importance to them and the mountain communities she serves. Individual appointments are designed to provide one-on-one or small group opportunities for residents to communicate directly with the Supervisor.

Appointment location and timeslots will be discussed as interested participants contact her office at (559) 600-5000 to obtain their scheduled appointment.

If unable to meet Supervisor Poochigian on Thursday, July 14th, future office hours will be scheduled and publicized. For additional information, please call Supervisor Poochigian's office at (559) 600-5000.

## Where's the bus?

Nine years ago, we loaded up the truck(s) and moved to the country. The drive was unfamiliar at first, then we came to know the territory. Muscle memory set in. You could drive home sometimes and not even remember if there were cars on the road.

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Our world was turned upside down, or I should say it felt like the wheels were coming off the wagon. The bus was gone! **Holy Moly!** Did I make a wrong turn? Was there a tear in the space-time continuum which I helplessly fell into? Was there a glitch in the Matrix? You get my point.

Well come to find out, it was none of the aforementioned. The owners of the land were just tired of it. Tired of the trespassers, lookie loos, curious Georges and the like, hiking across the pasture to take a look see, or worse yet, vandalize.

So, like many school buses that have outlived their original useful purpose, this one will be squashed and melted down for something useful. But do not despair, for there are plenty of old relics or broken down barns along the roads of our mountain communities to serve as beacons of light to get us home. Safe Driving everyone.



Stay tuned for more information about our very own

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- ~ Last night I dreamed I ate a 10 pound marshmallow, and when I woke up... the pillow was gone.
- ~ If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.
- ~ The future is much like the present, only longer.
- ~ Best and most accurate weather forecast: dark, continued dark throughout the night, with widely scattered light in the morning.
- ~ If I were two faced, would I be wearing this one?

*Abraham Lincoln*

- ~ Immigration is the sincerest form of flattery.
- ~ I'm a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man, I keep his house.
- ~ If you want to look young and thin, hang around old fat people.
- ~ The odds against there being a bomb on a plane are a million to one, and against two bombs a million times a million to one. Next time you fly, cut the odds and take a bomb.

- ~ Democracy is being allowed to vote for the candidate you dislike least.
- ~ Diplomacy is the art of saying "Nice doggie" until you can find a rock.
- ~ Too bad the only people who know how to run the country are busy either driving cabs or cutting hair.
- ~ If the phone doesn't ring, it's me
- ~ The guy who invented the first wheel was an idiot. The guy who invented the other 3, well he was a genius!

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# Interesting Events in History

June 6

1944 - The Allies assault the beaches of Normandy on D-Day

June 9

1934 - Donald Fauntleroy Duck makes his first film appearance.

June 10th

1692- Bridget Bishop, the first colonist to be tried in the Salem witch trials, is hanged.

June 11

1776 - The continental congress appoints a committee to draft the Declaration of Independence.

June 14

1954 - President Eisenhower signs a bill adding "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance

June 16

1884 - The first American roller coaster opens at Coney Island, New York.

June 17

1972 - Five men were arrested for breaking into the Democratic national headquarters in Washington's Watergate complex, setting off the Watergate scandal.

June 19

1846 - The first recorded baseball game between two organized teams takes place in Hoboken, New Jersey. The New York Knickerbockers beat the New York Nine, 32-1.

June 23

1868 - Christopher Latham Sholes of Milwaukee patents an invention he calls the "Typewriter."

June 27

1652 - New Amsterdam (now New York City) enacts an early traffic law: "No wagons, carts, or sleighs shall be run, rode, or driven at a gallop within this city."

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In fact, we wish all gardeners success, and if you would like to share your successes or get advice, information, support and/or friendship from garden club members, please join us at one of our monthly meetings at the Bear Mountain Library. Visitors are welcome. If you decide to join us, annual dues are \$10.00.

I'm sure many of you have visited the Garden Club Nature Trail behind the Bear Mountain Library and have seen the large concrete pad which has been put to use during community events.

The garden club has been working and saving toward providing a covered structure over this pad. (An example of the proposed structure is shown in a photograph on page four of the garden tour brochure; be sure to check it out!) This will be a welcome asset to the community - a place for events, special occasions, maybe even a wedding. Although this has been a long-range plan, realization may be on the not-too-distant horizon.

## Humorous Ads....

- Braille dictionary for sale. Must see to appreciate.
- Help wanted, singer for rock band. Must be female or male.
- Lost: small brown poodle. Reward. Neutered. Like one of the family.
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1960	27-May	31-Oct	157	1986	24-May	6-Dec	196
1961	26-Apr	27-Oct	184	1987	8-May	23-Nov	199
1962	6-May	1-Nov	159	1988	29-Apr	13-Nov	198
1963	30-May	2-Nov	156	1989	12-May	24-Nov	196
1964	16-May	31-Oct	168	1990	17-May	19-Nov	186
1965	29-May	4-Nov	159	1991	26-May	14-Nov	172
1966	27-May	6-Nov	163	1992	20-May	29-Oct	162
1967	17-Jun	18-Nov	154	1993	4-Jun	11-Nov	160
1968	4-May	3-Nov	183	1994	26-May	10-Nov	168
1969	6-Jun	3-Nov	150	1995	30-Jun	6-Dec	159
1970	15-May	1-Nov	170	1996	31-May	24-Oct	146
1971	14-May	10-Nov	180	1997	13-Jun	10-Nov	150
1972	11-Apr	7-Nov	210	1998	1-Jul	6-Nov	128
1973	18-May	11-Nov	177	1999	28-May	1-Jan 2000	218
1974	17-May	28-Oct	164	2000	18-May	9-Nov	175
1975	29-May	30-Oct	154	2001	12-May	20-Nov	192
1976	10-Apr	29-Dec	263	2002	24-May	6-Nov	166
1977	8-Apr	20-Nov	226	2003	31-May	31-Oct	153
1978	3-Jun	10-Nov	160	2004	14-May	17-Oct	156
1979	18-May	3-Nov	169	2005	24-Jun	25-Nov	154
1980	6-Jun	2-Dec	179	2006	17-Jun	26-Nov	162
1981	15-May	12-Nov	181	2007	11-May	6-Dec	209
1982	28-May	8-Nov	164	2008	21-May	30-Oct	162
1983	30-Jun	11-Nov	134	2009	19-May	12-Nov	177
1984	19-May	5-Nov	170	2010	5-Jun	19-Nov	167

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## Building Code / Zoning Ordinance Complaint Form

On May 12th, we (The Gazette) had the opportunity to attend a meeting with supervisor Poochigian regarding various properties in Miramonte that are creating a severe blight on that idyllic community. During that meeting, concerns of many citizens were made known, such as, but not limited to, pollutants seeping into groundwater & creeks, inoperable or non-existent septic systems, electricity theft, generator noise, overcrowding due to excess mobile & motor homes being used as permanent residences, and fire danger. In response to the many concerns, supervisor Poochigian made some suggestions, and among them, she pointed the citizens in the direction of the Development Services Division. On page 11 you can see a form which is provided by the county on their web site. It was mentioned that *legitimate* citizen complaints could be made through this instrument. We wanted to make this information known to all, because Miramonte does not hold a monopoly on properties such as these.

But remember, the key words are LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS! If the goal is to remove a pig sty, you will more than likely

*continued pg 11*

## Janette & Tina Bird

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More to come on this topic...



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### Building Codes / Zoning Ordinance Violation Complaint Form

Department of Public Works and Planning

The Fresno County Development Services Division processes violations of the County Building Code and Zoning Ordinance on a "complaint" basis. If you would like to submit a complaint, please complete this form and return it to us.

Department staff will review your complaint and the applicable County Ordinances. If additional information is required, we will contact you to discuss the matter. If it is determined that the alleged activity could be in violation of the building code or zoning ordinance, a violation case is opened to investigate the matter.

We cannot open a file unless the complaint form is completed & signed. If you have any evidence (e.g., photograph, newspaper ad, business card, etc.) that might help document the violation, please enclose it with this completed complaint form. **ALL INFORMATION ON THIS COMPLAINT FORM IS CONFIDENTIAL.**

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#### VIOLATION COMPLAINT

Address of Violation:

Nature of Violation:

Reason Complaint is Being Submitted:

If this violation requires legal action would you be willing to testify in court, if necessary?  Yes  No

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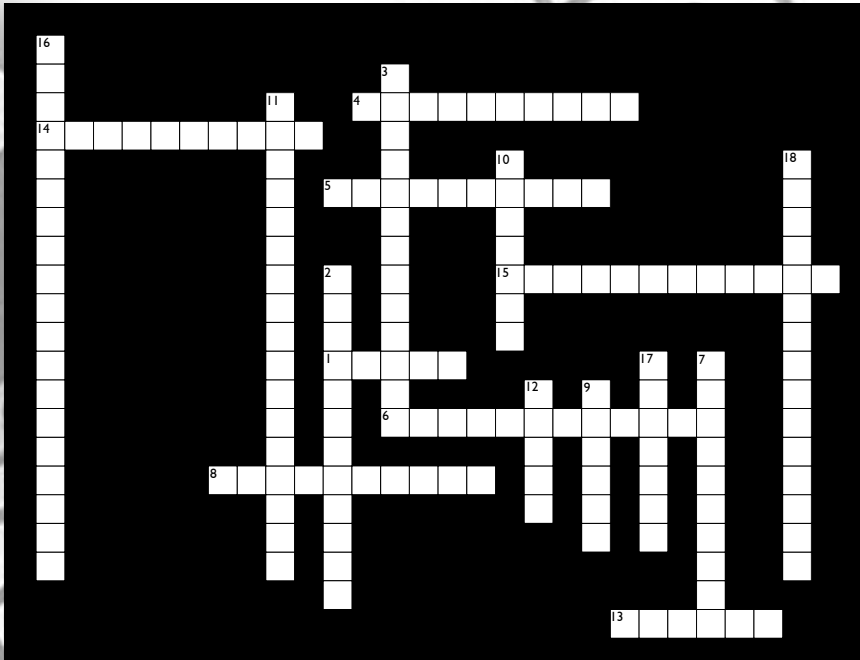
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# June Crossword

A visit to the Civil War



**Across:**

- 1. What were some women during the war
- 4. Civil War began when forces fired on \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Assassin of President Lincoln
- 6. Three-part plan Union to win the Civil War
- 8. Site Confederate Massacre of more than 200 African American war prisoners
- 13. At whose house did the war begin and end at
- 14. Confederate General, successfully defended the Capital
- 15. Freeing slaves behind Confederates Lines

**Down:**

- 2. Drafting of Civilians to serve in the Army
- 3. What state Seceded from the Union on December 20, 1860
- 7. Who was the only civilian casualty at Gettysburg
- 9. What did Ulysses S. Grant die from
- 10. Who said 'No man kills me and lives!' Nathan \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Important speech by Lincoln
- 12. Who were called the Army of the Potomac
- 16. Abolished slavery everywhere in the United States
- 17. Battle won by the confederates
- 18. Law that set up a system of federally chartered banks

Answers on page 15, but NO peeking.

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## Keep Teens Safe...

With deadly traffic crashes peaking for teens during the summer months of June, July and August, AAA urges parents to increase their focus on safety during the school-free months ahead.

According to statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, (NHTSA) over 7,300 teen drivers and passengers ages 13-19 years of age died in traffic crashes between the Memorial Day and Labor Day holidays during the five-year period of 2005-2009. An average of 422

teens died in traffic crashes during each of the deadly summer months as compared to a monthly average of 363 teen deaths during the non-summer months.

"Parents should not underestimate the critical role they play in keeping their teens safe, especially during these high risk months." said Cynthia Harris, AAA Northern California spokesperson. "The higher teen fatality rate is generally attributed to teens having more 'free' time to drive or ride in cars with other teens, without adult supervision. Parents need to remain involved with their teens and let them know that the choices they make behind the wheel could make the difference between life and death."

### AAA Tips for Parents to Keep Teen Drivers Safe:

~ Restrict driving and eliminate trips without purpose. Teens have three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers, based on amount of miles driven, and a teen's crash risk is highest during the first year of solo driving. Parents should limit teens' driving to essential trips and only with parental permission for at least the first year of driving.

~ Become an effective driving coach. The best way for new teen drivers to gain experience is through parent-supervised practice driving, where parents can share their wisdom accumulated over many years of driving. Even after a teen has a license that allows solo driving, parents and teens should continue to practice driving together to help the teen manage increasingly more complex and challenging driving conditions.

~ Limit the number of teen passengers and time as a passenger. Teen crash rates increase with each teen passenger in the vehicle. Fatal crash rates for 16- to 19-year-olds increase fivefold when two or more teen passengers are present versus when teens drive alone. Also, riding in a vehicle with a teen driver can be risky for teen passengers. Crash risk begins to increase at the age of 12, well before a teen can obtain a driver's permit or license – and before many parents start to think about their children being at risk riding as a passenger of a teen driver. Parents should set firm rules against driving with teen passengers and restrict their teens from riding as a passenger with a teen driver.

~ Restrict night driving. A teen driver's chances of being involved in a deadly crash doubles when driving at night. Many parents rightly limit driving during the highest-risk late night hours, yet they should limit evening driving as well, as more than half of night-

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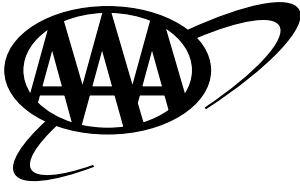
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## Safe Teens *continued*

time crashes occur between 9 p.m. and midnight. AAA recommends that newly-licensed teens not drive after 9 or 10 p.m. unless accompanied by a responsible adult.

~ Establish a parent-teen driving agreement. Many parents and teens find written agreements help set and enforce clear rules about night driving, passengers, access to the car, and more. AAA offers a parent-teen driving agreement on its teen driver safety website, [www.aaa.com/teensdrive](http://www.aaa.com/teensdrive). This

comprehensive website includes a link to the AAA National teen driving resource AAAKeys2Drive and offers a variety of additional tools and resources for parents and teens as they progress through the learning-to-drive process.

Visit [www.aaa.com/teensdrive](http://www.aaa.com/teensdrive) for more AAA tips and resources to help keep teens safe behind the wheel.

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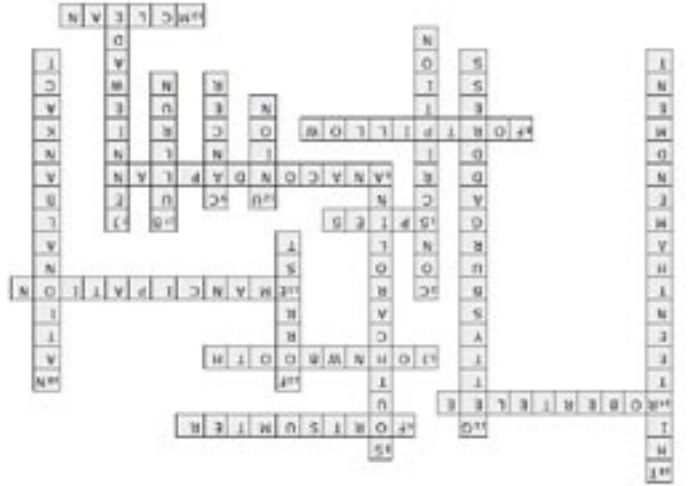
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