



# The Mountain Valley Gazette

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## **Fall Open House at the Critter Creek Wildlife Station**

SATURDAY September 18TH - 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Gate will close at 1:30 to allow you enough time to tour. Take your time walking around the facility viewing the variety of native (and some not so native) wildlife.

We are located at 36710 Sand Creek Road next to the Country Store. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL Louise or Dan at 338-2415. Admission is by donation. Bring a lunch and enjoy the picnic facilities. The old oak trees provide ample shade. We hope you set aside that Saturday to join us at Critter Creek.

### **About Critter Creek**

Critter Creek Wildlife Station is a fully licensed and permitted wildlife rehabilitation station located on a ten-acre ranch complex in the foothills below Kings Canyon National Park. This non-profit (501 c (3)) facility has been in operation for 30 years relying on donations and incomes of those running the facility. Critter Creek is different from the old model of back yard rehabbing. All the nursing, medicating, training, reconditioning, etc. takes place at this one facility. This is the model that the Department of Fish and Game requested we develop. Critter Creek is one of the few facilities in the Central Valley that has met the new caging regulations put in place by the Department of Fish and Game. We are inspected regularly by the Department of Agriculture as part of the requirements for our exhibitors permit. Using permanently injured animals, we conduct wildlife programs for local schools, service organizations, and clubs. We are open to the public on three different open house occasions throughout the year. We arrange field trips with groups upon request.

### **Reporting an act of kindness and generosity... Submitted by Lee Duncan**

Two young sisters from Miramonte, Allison (9) and Anna (5) have signed up to send money each month to feed some hungry child. In return they receive information about and a picture of that child.

They have been doing extra chores to earn money and on Sunday they held a bake sale in front of their Grandmother, Kaysia's, house. When they made their plans known, several people baked goods and donated to their cause.

What a wonderful way to show kindness to a hungry child. Congratulations to Anna and Allison and three cheers for their mother, Candy, for giving her daughters a gift that will stay with them their entire lives.

The Gazette would like to ask everyone to consider submitting similar stories. With so many things going haywire in the world today, we need to pay attention to the many acts of kindness that go on every day. Please send your submissions to:  
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**Critter Creek  
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~ \$158,900 ~ Sassafras ~ 5 Acres ~ 1648 s. f. ~ Large Living Room with Vaulted Ceilings ~ 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath ~ bonus Room

Hillside lot with plenty of yard area where you can spend your evenings sitting on the cover deck that overlooks views of local foothills and mountains. The living room is very spacious with vaulted ceilings, and fireplace. Kitchen has newer appliances, refrigerator, and title counter-tops. With full price offer seller will pay up to \$5,000 of the Buyer's closing cost .

~ \$199,900 ~ Longview ~ 4.7 Acres ~ 2497 s. f. ~ A Great Value at ONLY \$80 a Square Foot ~ 3 Large Bedrooms / 2 Bath

Outstanding usable lot & potential for horse set-up. Living room & family room have a fireplace, large dining room, country kitchen with tile counters, breakfast bar, walk-in pantry and new Oven. Large inside Laundry room, new 40 gal water heater, covered patio and attached 2 car garage with auto opener, detached 2 car garage and storage shed. There are some mature walnut and pecan trees plus the majestic Oaks. Lots of possibilities for this property.

~ \$249,000 ~ Ruth Hill ~ 1.5 Acres ~ 2152 s. f. ~ Access to Mill Creek ~4 Bedrooms / 3 Baths ~ Newer Home

Mountain living at it's finest. This home is a gem boasting vaulted pine vaulted ceiling, oak cabinets, tile counter tops and showers, Jacuzzi tub, laminate wood flooring, fans, custom wiring, huge covered porches, and more. The outside is ready to go with 5 stall partial covered steel stalls, tack room/hay shed, raised garden beds, chicken coop, wood shed, large patio, usable ground with low maintenance. The best part is access to Mill Creek. Adjacent 110 acres also available. Don't pass this one up!

~ \$249,000 ~ Bronco ~ 4.9 Acres ~ 2205 s. f. ~ Looks Like a Model Home with ALL the Upgrades! ~ 3 Bedroom / 3 Bath

Current decor with tasteful colors, tile flooring with aggregate accents, and upgraded light fixtures throughout the home. Open floor plan has a kitchen with granite counter tops and upgraded tile work. Dining area adjoins the living room and family room opening to the media room, that could serve as a 4th bedroom or office. Plenty of storage space with all the walk-in closets and the windows provide a nice lighted atmosphere. Park-like setting with landscape completed, sprinkler system on timers, many different sitting areas, and great view of the mountains. Truly ready to just move-in and ENJOY both inside and out! Potential horse set-up. Tour this property to appreciate fully.

~ \$279,000 ~ George Smith/Puma ~ 4.4 Acres ~ 2373 s. f. ~ Shop ~ Landscaped ~ Great Location ~ 4 Bedroom / 3 Bath

Close to Hwy 180. Living, family room, plus formal dining with a built-in buffet. Open kitchen, bar, and breakfast area. Large laundry, pantry cabinets and room for a 2nd refrigerator or freezer. Large master bedroom has his & her closets, sliding doors to a private wood deck. 3 covered decks add to the charm of this home. Attached two car garage plus a detached two car garage/shop, plus a pump house, storage shed with cement foundation, quality pump house with a 2500 gallon water storage tank adjacent. The immediate yard area is fully fenced, together with a garden plot. Numerous varieties of fruit and nut trees accent the landscaping. The property has potential for a horse set-up with mostly all usable land.

~ \$399,000 ~ Wilderness Dr. ~ 2879 s. f. ~ Located in the Prestigious Wildwood Island Estates ~ 4 Bedroom / 5 Bath

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\$52,800 - 4.6 Acre Lot On Deerbrook, Well

\$53,500 - 4.8 Acre Lot on Rustic, 2 Pads, Well

\$55,000 - 4.5 Acre Lot on George Smith, 2 Pads, Well, Septic

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George Smith: 3 Bedroom/2 Bath, Pool

Chuckwagon: 3 Bedroom/2 Bath, REO

Kings Canyon: 3 Bedroom/2 Bath

Dandelion: 3 Bedroom/2 Bath

Baldpate: 2 Bedroom/2 Bath REO

Puma: 4 Bedroom/2 Bath, Pool

Sage: 2 Bedroom/2 Bath

Feather: 2 Manufactured Homes

Daffodil: 2 Manufactured Homes

Drake: Unimproved Lot

Pintail: 3 Bedroom/2 Bath, REO

Bronco: 3 Bedroom/2 Bath, REO

Ruth Hill: 3 Bedroom/2 Bath

Sq Valley Rd: 3 Bedroom/2 Bath

Puma: Unimproved Lot

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# Mountain Rodeo Association

There is a general meeting every **4th Tuesday** of the month at the **Rodeo Grounds** @ 7:30pm everyone is welcome. (if people go to the web site it will say at the Bear Mt Library IT HAS CHANGED to the Rodeo Grounds)  
Gymkhanas every 2nd Saturday of the month thru October. (contact Brandie Montgomery)



## Family Play Days

Family Play Days for all age groups including adults  
August 21st, September 18th,  
and October 30th (Costume contest and trailer treating).

There are also non-horse events and horse events so if you don't have a horse you still can compete.  
There are high point awards for day and end of the 3 events high point awards.

October 2nd is the Cowboy Ranch day (A day full of fun for families to compete with each other, some events are Ranch Branding, Cowboy Roping, Team Penning, Cattle Sorting etc.)

We will again have the royalty competition sign ups starting in Nov. and Dec.

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The sense of pride we all feel for those who protect our way of life is immeasurable.

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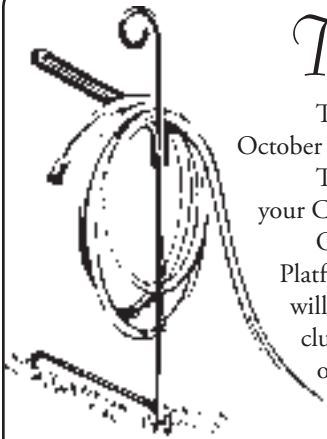
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# The Four Seasons Garden Club

The Garden Club members are busy getting ready for the annual Crafts & Art Fair which is scheduled for October 2 at the Nature Trail directly behind the Bear Mountain Library in Squaw Valley.

The vendors will fill their booths with beautiful, unusual and hand made items. This is a great time to begin your Christmas shopping. The Garden Club will have a big plant sale at very reasonable prices.

Of course, what is a Fair without food booths? It is fun to grab your food, pull up a chair at the Educational Platform and listen to the music. Who knows, you might see some people out there dancing. The raffle prizes will be: a handmade quilt, Junk Art Bell, a water feature and many more. Tickets are available from any garden club member. Even if you are not interested in all this, come out anyway to meet old friends and make new ones—or just to do some people watching.

When the Nature Trail was constructed in 1995, the Garden Club assumed responsibility for its care and upkeep. To help with expenses the Garden Club has two big fund raisers each year. There is a Spring Garden Tour almost every year which features different gardens in Squaw Valley, Wonder Valley, Dunlap, Miramonte, or Pinehurst. This year's Tour will feature Squaw Valley.

At present the themed gardens in the Nature Trail include: a Mediterranean garden, a flower garden, and a succulent garden. In 2007 a large cement pad, the Educational Platform, was installed to provide a place for community events. We are now working toward installing a cover for the platform. In 2008 a dry creek bed with various sizes of rocks was constructed. In 2009 a compost area was completed to make use of all the trimmings from the various gardens.

Each month a group of hard working volunteers, coordinated by Joe Bauernschmidt, meet on Tuesday morning to keep the Nature Trail in good condition.

The Nature Trail is a lovely place for a morning walk and can be reserved for a special party or a garden wedding. Arrangements for a private event can be made with the Librarian. It is meant to be a community place and all are welcome to enjoy it.

Each month beginning again in September the Garden Club will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Center at the Bear Mountain Library. The meetings start with a social time where refreshments are available. Members bring potted plants to be auctioned off at bargain prices. There is almost always a garden related program. It might be a speaker, or a demonstration or a flower arranging class, etc.

Anyone who has an interest in gardening is welcomed to the meetings to just observe or to participate. It's a good group. Come join us.



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## Yoshiro Nakamatsu

Born June 26, 1928, also known as Dr. NakaMats, is a Japanese inventor claiming to hold the world record for number of inventions with over 3,000, including "PyonPyon" spring shoes and the basic technology for the floppy disk, the CD, the DVD, the digital watch, CinemaScope, armchair "Cerebrex", sauce pump, and the taxicab meter.

## Fingerprints

Fingerprints are formed before birth, grow with the growth of hands and help in identification. Let's learn some basic facts on fingerprints: Fingerprints come out from the interior fleshes of the skin. Even Siamese twins have varying fingerprints. Loop is the most common fingerprint. 60% palms have such pattern. The other patterns are Whorls, Arches, and Accidentals. An important means of examining fingerprints is using their "Class Characteristics". Our fingers are covered in skin pores which produce oils and sweat detected by good old fingerprint powder. An undetected fingerprint is termed as "latent". The Laser helps in obtaining fingerprints from human bodies. Identification of criminals is the most common use of fingerprints and computer databases have actually helped in this goal.

## Jimmy Carter

The First President to be born in a hospital, a student of Nuclear physics and a speed reader who can read almost 2000 words a minute, Jimmy Carter once panned for Gold too. At the age of five he was punished by his father for stealing from the collection plate at a church, a penny. The draft resisters that belong to the Vietnam War were also pardoned by him. Before he entered the world of politics, Jimmy Carter used to ride motorcycles. Jimmy Carter is said to be the first President whose mother was sent on a diplomatic mission. After his father's death, he ran very successfully his family's peanut farm. Jimmy Carter received the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.

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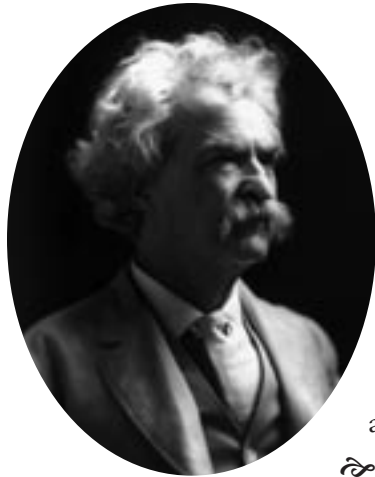
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# Samuel Clemens

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☞ A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read.

☞ Against the assault of laughter nothing can stand.

☞ Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

☞ Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.

☞ Buy land, they're not making it anymore.

☞ Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear

☞ Don't let schooling interfere with your education.

☞ I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it.

☞ It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either of them.

☞ Let us make a special effort to stop communicating with each other, so we can have some conversation.

☞ Loyalty to the country always. Loyalty to the government when it deserves it.

☞ There are several good protections against temptation, but the surest is cowardice.



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- 6/14/2010 PC273.5 - SAND CREEK RD, SQUAW VALLEY
- 6/18/2010 PC459R - SEMINOLE RD, TOLLHOUSE
- 6/22/2010 HS11364 - SAND CREEK/ENNIS
- 6/26/2010 PC288(a) - SQUAW VALLEY RD, SQUAW VALLEY
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# September Crossword



Answers on page 17, but NO peeking.

### Across:

1. Ginger & Mary Ann
4. Bikini Bottom Mammal
5. Tyto Alba (A night time screecher)
7. Civil War general
11. Sequoia and Kings
12. Curse of the Black Pearl
16. DIY Education
17. Road crossing arachnid
18. 2 types of oaks / A bruise

### Down:

2. \_\_\_\_ wood derby
3. #1 cash crop in area
6. Father of barbed wire
8. A gathering / Weed removal
9. Fire starter
10. \_\_\_\_'s march
13. Back to .....
14. Pineapple house
15. Conceited firefighter
19. Bobcat

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In contrast to other veterans organizations, the Legion offers a number of local programs and activities to strengthen its commitment to our nation's grass roots and the people we serve. American Legion Baseball is one of the nation's most successful amateur athletic programs; it continues to educate youths on the importance of sportsmanship and develops the quality of our country's citizenship. The Heroes to Hometowns program is the only nationwide reintegration assistance service for wounded veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. Additionally, millions of dollars in donations have been given to fellow veterans and their families in times of grief, and various scholarship opportunities ensure the future success of our youth.

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvements in the legislation process. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to their community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington. The Legion stands not behind politics, but the issues and people that institute progress by focusing on veterans rights and quality of life.

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## A History

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, the Legion currently has about 2.6 million members in 14,000 posts worldwide. These posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines

The American Legion's national headquarters is in Indianapolis, with an office in Washington, D.C. The national organization has a full-time staff of about 300 employees. The Legion has several standing national commissions and committees that work with department, district and post leadership to develop programs, increase membership and recruit volunteers. Associated organizations are the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion.

Over the years, The American Legion has founded many programs for children and youth, including American Legion Baseball and Boys Nation.

Significant dates in American Legion history:

### 1919

March 15-17 ~ Members of the American Expeditionary Force convene in Paris for the first American Legion caucus.

May 8-10 ~ St. Louis Caucus. "The American Legion" is adopted as the organization's official name. The Legion's draft preamble and constitution are approved.

June 9 ~ The National Executive Committee adopts the Legion emblem.

Sept. 16 ~ U.S. Congress charters The American Legion.

Nov. 10-12 ~ First American Legion convention convenes in Minneapolis. Constitution and preamble are adopted. Delegates vote 361-323 to locate the Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis instead of Washington. A resolution is passed in support of Boy Scouts of America. Today, the Legion is the chartering agency for more than 1,700 Scouting units comprised of approximately 64,000 youths.

### 1920s

Aug. 9, 1921 ~ The American Legion's efforts result in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the Veterans Administration. Today, the Legion continues to lobby for adequate funding to cover medical, disability, education and other veterans benefits.

June 15, 1923 ~ The first "Flag Code" is drafted during a Legion conference in Washington. Congress adopts the code in 1942. Today, the Legion is at the forefront of efforts to pass a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration.

July 17, 1925 ~ The Legion creates the American Legion Baseball program. Currently, more than 50 percent of Major League Baseball players are graduates of the program. About 100,000 youths play on Legion-sponsored teams each year.

### 1930s

June 23, 1935 ~ The first American Legion Boys State convenes in Springfield, Ill., to help youths gain an understanding of the structure and operation of the federal government. The first Boys Nation, bringing together youth leadership from all the Boys State programs, con-

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# A History *continued*

venes in 1946.

June 1, 1938 ~ The final round of The American Legion's first annual National High School Oratorical Contest is conducted in Norman, Okla. Today, more than 25,000 high-school students from around the country compete annually in the contest, which promotes a greater understanding of the U.S. Constitution. Winners receive thousands of dollars in college scholarships.

## 1940s

Dec. 15, 1943 ~ Former National Commander Harry W. Colmery starts to write in longhand, on Mayflower Hotel stationery in Washington, the first draft of what will later become the "GI Bill of Rights" - considered to be the Legion's single-greatest legislative achievement.

June 22, 1944 ~ President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs into law the original GI Bill, or Servicemen's Readjustment Act", ushering in monumental changes in U.S. society. Higher education becomes democratized after 8 million veterans go to school on the GI Bill, get better jobs, buy houses in the suburbs and raise families. For every dollar spent on educating veterans, the U.S. economy eventually gets \$7 back.

May 29, 1946 ~ The Legion and its Auxiliary present a small, struggling organization called the American Heart Association with a \$50,000 grant. The grant inaugurates a nationwide program for the study, prevention and treatment of rheumatic heart disease.

## 1950s

May 4, 1950 ~ The Legion votes to contribute funds to the field of mental health, thereby playing a key role in launching the National Association for Mental Health.

July 9, 1954 ~ The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is formed. Since then, \$10 million has been awarded to youth organizations and projects designed to help America's children.

## 1960s

Sept. 1, 1966 ~ The Legion voices great concern over the fate of prisoners of war in Vietnam. Today, the Legion urges a full accounting of prisoners of war and troops missing in action. The Legion has formed a special group from among the nation's major veterans organizations to continue pressing for further resolution of this issue.

Aug. 24, 1969 ~ The Legion's National Executive Committee establishes the National Emergency Fund as a result of the effects of Hurricane Camille.

## 1970s

May 1, 1972 ~ The Legion implements a Halloween safety program for children; it remains the only national program of its kind.

April 1, 1975 ~ The American Legion-sponsored Freedom Bell goes on board the Freedom Train during its tour of the country, in celebration of the U.S. Bicentennial. Six years later, the Freedom Bell is dedicated at its permanent home in Columbus Plaza, opposite Union Station in Washington.

## 1980s

Aug. 26, 1982 ~ The Legion presents a \$1 million check to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for construction of "The Wall" in Washington, becoming the largest single contributor to the project.

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July 21, 1983 ~ The Legion announces its sponsorship of an independent study on the effects of exposure to Agent Orange on Vietnam War veterans. Congress receives the results of The American Legion-Columbia University Study of Vietnam-Era Veterans in 1989.

Jan. 1, 1989 ~ The Veterans Administration is elevated to cabinet-level status as the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Legion fought hard for the change, arguing that veterans deserve representation at the highest levels of government.

Oct. 16, 1989 ~ The long-standing objective of the Legion to improve adjudication procedures for veterans' claims is achieved when the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals becomes operational. Most of the provisions contained in the law creating the court were originally included in the Veterans Reassurance Act, written by the Legion and introduced in Congress in 1988.

## 1990s

Aug. 2, 1990 ~ The Legion files suit against the federal government for failure to conduct a Congress-mandated study about the effects of Agent Orange on veterans who served in Vietnam.

Oct. 11, 1990 ~ The Legion creates the Family Support Network to assist families of servicemembers deployed for operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the Middle East. Through local posts, the Family Support Network offers a wide range of assistance, including financial assistance, mowing lawns, baby-sitting and more. Today, the network continues to assist the families affected by military activation and deployment.

June 15, 1991 ~ The Legion hosts its first annual Junior Shooting Sports National Air Rifle Championships at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Each year, more than 600 high-school students enter the contest, which teaches gun safety and marksmanship.

Aug. 24, 1994 ~ The Legion announces creation of the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition of organizations and individual citizens united to work for a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from desecration. Since 1995, the amendment has passed in the House by an super majority six times: in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005. In 2006, the amendment fell one vote short of passage in the Senate.

Oct. 1, 1995 ~ The Legion forms its Persian Gulf Task Force to enhance service for the newest generation of wartime veterans, thousands of whom suffer from illnesses linked to their service in the region.

Sept. 16, 1996 ~ The American Legion awards a \$20,000 college scholarship to each of the 10 inaugural Samsung American Legion high school scholars.

June 11, 1997 ~ The National Emergency Fund surpasses the \$1 million mark in cash grants given to flood victims who belong to the Legion family. Most grant recipients reside in the flood plains of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Sept. 3, 1997 ~ The Legion presents its first National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award to Cpl. William T. Rhodes of Huntington, Pa., at the 79th National Convention in Orlando, Fla.

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# Crossword

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|---------------|--------------------|
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| 15. Hotshot   | 17. Tarentula      |
| 14. Spongebob | 16. Homeschooling  |
| 13. School    | 12. Pirate         |
| 10. Sherman   | 11. NationalParks  |
| 9. Lightning  | 7. Grant           |
| 8. Roundup    | 5. BarnOwl         |
| 6. Glidden    | 4. Squirrel        |
| 3. Maritjuana | 1. GilligansIsland |
| 2. Pine       |                    |
- Down:

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## 2000s

March 29, 2000 ~ Senate Joint Resolution 14, the constitutional amendment that would return the people's right to protect the U.S. flag from desecration, falls four votes short of the necessary 67 to override a presidential veto.

Nov. 2002 ~ The American Legion launches the national "I Am Not A Number" campaign to identify and document the delays veterans face in obtaining medical care from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Aug. 2005 ~ Delegates at the 87th National Convention unanimously voice their support for the global war on terrorism with Resolution 169.

June 30, 2008 ~ President George W. Bush signs into law the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, a new GI Bill strongly supported by the Legion. The bill renews the federal government's commitment to veterans by providing them with substantially better education benefits. The Legion remains at the forefront of efforts to improve education and other benefits for all veterans. The Post 9/11 GI Bill took effect Aug. 1, 2009, and sent an unprecedented number of veterans to college.

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