



## A Dry Heat

by Stuart Kellogg

# Thank heaven

After I mentioned that "The King and I" was the first movie I saw in a theater (in 1956, at age 8), LaRue, of Apple Valley, wrote: "When I was young, my mother took me to Shirley Temple movies."

Seems like a safe menu, LaRue.

My own parents made some major mistakes: for example, taking me to see "Gigi" in 1958. At 10 years of age, what did I know about mistresses and their protectors?

I was also confused by the scene in which Isabel Jeans — as Gigi's courtesan-tutor, her great-aunt Alicia — lies in a bathtub lined with lace.

"How soggy!" I thought. "Or is she like a sea otter and quite comfortable reclining on kelp?"

You know those signs, which look like electric easels, that are set up at school crossings, dangerous curves and Caltrans construction sites?

To make drivers feel guilty and slow down, the signs blink, "Your Speed Is," followed by a number.

Recently, those signs all seem to fibrillate, the numbers hopping about within a 15-mph range even though I've touched neither brake nor accelerator.

Which am I to believe, the signs or my car's speedometer?

I tend to favor my own speedometer.

But then I remember the time, four years ago, when I was driving near Air Force Plant 42, the military-cum-aerospace facility in Palmdale, and my speedometer's little arrow suddenly flew from a decorous 55 mph to 130 mph.

As I was still earthbound, I had to assume that there was a skunk in the works.

Years ago, Fernando, of Phelan, worked with a woman who described one of those extended conversations in which two people completely misunderstand each other — with hilarious result.

"Tammy knew that her mom was going to the hairdressers and had planned on getting a shorter 'do,'" Fernando said. "That same day, Tammy's sister took their dog Pepper to the groomer, also for a trim."

"When the sister — assuming Tammy knew she was speaking about Pepper — asked, 'How do you like her new, shorter trim?' Tammy — thinking she was talking about their mother — said, 'I really like it.'

"Her sister said, 'Yeah, I think she looks so cute.'

"A little puzzled by that word 'cute,' Tammy said, 'Yeah, she looks nice.'

"Tammy got really confused when her sister then said, 'And don't you love the little bows they put on her?'"

"'Bows?' Tammy said, unable to imagine their mother wearing bows in her hair."

"Finally, her sister said, 'Yeah, Pepper's bows!' Tammy said she started laughing when she realized what the heck each one had been talking about."

Fernando's story reminds me that, being a very literal child, I never could understand how wearing "rings on her toes" contributed to the fine lady of Banbury Cross's having "music wherever she goes."

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# Apple Valley Scout achieves ultimate goal

Only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout

By CATHERINE WILKINSON  
Staff Writer

APPLE VALLEY — After this weekend, a young Apple Valley teen will be joining the ranks of such famous persons as President Gerald Ford, Actor Jimmy Stewart and billionaire H. Ross Perot.

Their common bond, they are all Eagle Scouts — the highest ranking in Scouting.

To earn that top honor, 16-year-old Charles Linn chose a project that would honor fallen heroes on Veterans Day.

Refurbishing 300 crosses and a few Stars of David that are displayed on the graves of soldiers buried at Bellevue Memorial Park in Ontario — it's a task that has been neglected for a few years.

"It's my way of supporting our troops," said Charles Linn. "And it's my way to help support our fallen heroes."

The project has been offered to Scouts for five years by the Commandant of the Marine Corps League, Jesse James. Until now, no one accepted. James said he may know why.

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JESSE JAMES

Commandant of the Marine Corps League

twice, and it took us an entire weekend," James said. "They're only out once a year and there is an awful lot of moisture that beats them up."

Linn enlisted the help of Scouts from Troop 670 in Cypress, a troop he has belonged to since the age of 6.

"I am going to do a lot of prep work before they get here," Linn said. "There is a lot to do. I'm sure I will learn a lot of leadership skills."

Rain and wind hampered their efforts to freshen up the crosses with a new coat of white paint.

"The moisture certainly made it difficult," said Charles' father Wally Linn. "Three hundred signs are a lot to lay out on a lawn. But we're worked through it."

The project has brought father and son closer together.

"I'm happy to be able to help,



Charles Linn, 16, of Boy Scout Troop 670 out of Cypress, looks over some of the 300 white crosses he and his troop are refurbishing to donate to Ontario's Bellevue Memorial Cemetery at his home Saturday.

and in the process I get to teach him a lot about making things," Wally said. "It's also a good time for bonding."

Linn took the project one step further and also constructed new gun racks and tables for the Apple Valley Gun Club, a place where he has learned to become a top

shooter in the country.

"I am the California Rifle and Pistol Association Junior Metric Prone State Champion," he said. "And I won a USA Silver Medal for my class at Fort Benning, Georgia."

The crosses will reach the cemetery in time for Veterans Day and Linn plans to attend.

"I would like to go and pay tribute to our fallen heroes and see how the crosses are used exactly," he said. "I want to see if I did a good job or not."

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## Visitors check out library opening



Residents packed the Hesperia Library wall to wall after City Hall's dedication Saturday morning. Over 2,000 people celebrated with free food in the parking lot accompanied by music of Phat Cat Swinger. The lines were long

inside as hundreds more signed up for a county library card and rented books, audiotapes and DVDs. Young and old alike had the dozens of available computers with their fast online speed humming.

### IN BRIEF

#### Flu shots to be available at Stater Bros. locations

Flu vaccination clinics are scheduled to take place at Stater Bros. Supermarkets beginning Thursday and continuing into November.

Vaccinations cost \$25 each and will be administered by officials from Test-Med Vaccination Services, an approved Medicare Part B provider. People eligible for Medicare Part B need to bring their identification cards to the clinics.

High Desert locations include:

- Adelanto, 14168 Highway 395
  - Apple Valley, 12253 Apple Valley Road
  - Hesperia, 15757 Main St.
- The times and dates for the vaccinations are as follows.
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Oct. 26, 27, 28
  - Noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 22 and Oct. 29 and Nov. 9, 10, 11, 12

#### Student writers and photographers wanted

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Suggestions for content and weekly features will also be accepted.

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## One wild territory Part 1

By JOHN M. SWISHER  
Special to the Press Dispatch

*Editor's note: Following is part one of a three-part recollection of some of the history of the Victor Valley from John M. Swisher's 1995 book, "Bits 'N Pieces of the Mohave Desert's Weathered Past." Swisher died in 2004.*

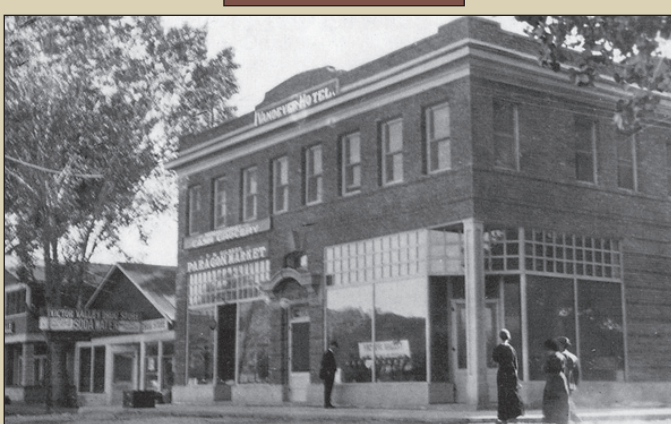
Rawhide tough with no holds barred, Victor Valley 100 years ago and less, was one wild territory.

Back when the untamed west was roaring with young life, the settlement of Victorville boasted being more godforsaken than all other California pueblos.

Spilling over into Columbia Valley, the initial name for Victor Valley, Huntington Station, later to become Victor and then Victorville, dominated the area. Here, weekly shootings, killings and bashed bodies were as common as Joshua trees. Families and other quiet types shied from the "bat cave" parts of town, north of the rail line and south of the river. Clustered along E Street, shadowy men made dens afforded hell raising places to blow off steam and mingle with the dregs of society.

Electricity arrived in the Valley during 1915. Until then, and years after, coal oil lamps and candles offered some enlightenment. Bars, like those of today, preferred

## Our Desert Home



Victorville between Seventh and D Streets in 1915.

scant illuminations. Cowboys caused a goodly part of that era's rough and tumble problem. They had been in the Valley since the late 1700s, working cattle on the old San Gabriel Mission's "Las Flores" spread.

By the 1830s, California Vaqueros were herding thousands of bovines between Summit Valley (south of Hesperia) and the Upper Narrows (near downtown Victorville). These gaucho types were replaced by Americans in the 1860s who grazed vast herds from Lancaster to Twentynine Palms.

Like most drifters, cowpunchers cared little about settling down. When away from the drove, Huntington Station staggered under their assaults.

The Sterling Ranch, once a part of the "verde," had 20 unwashed men who, when in town, liked to ride their mounts into businesses and

shoot things up. Possibly as many as 100 men punched cattle locally.

The 1880s brought 60 Swedish quarrymen to work the nearby granite hills. These quarries supplied paving and building blocks to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

As part of Victor's 1900 population of 650, rock cutters vied with other rough-necks for what recreation was available. On weekends, gold, silver, limestone and other mineral hunters would bolt from their works and head toward seeking liquor and activity. Added to this mixture of combustible humans, railroaders, not known as being cream puffs, entered the scene in 1883, and insured old Huntington Station's peace was usually disturbed.

Part two, telling of shoot-outs and "necktie parties," will appear next week.

## Board candidates speak out on No Child Left Behind

By GRETCHEN LOSI  
Staff Writer

VICTORVILLE — No Child Left Behind is on the minds and platform of each of the 43 school board candidates throughout the Victor Valley.

And with 21 school board seats up for grabs and 18 of the 21 incumbents hoping for re-election — how they plan to continue maintaining and meeting state and federal standards under No Child Left Behind is an issue worth noting.

"It's a frustration for teachers and administrators that just won't go away," teacher Mary Jenkins said. "Until there's major change it has to be dealt with by our local leaders."

Already educators across the U.S. are bracing for education reform within NCLB to be a hot topic during the next presidential election, Jenkins said. And while the general consensus is that NCLB won't be eliminated, they say changes are on the way.

Many parents say that what they are looking for in their candidates is the courage to bring change to their children's classroom.

"We need change. I want my son to graduate knowing more than what's on those state tests," Apple Valley parent Judy Harrison said. "We need to go back to basics."

When candidates were asked how they would ensure the standards would continue to be met in their districts, the majority of them suggested small modifications to the existing NCLB system.

Apple Valley candidate Richard Sauers suggests providing additional help to site personnel during testing. Meanwhile, incumbent Wilson So offers no new suggestions; he states school staff is continuously made aware of expectations and changes to the standards through newsletters.

Victor Valley Union High School District incumbent Felix Diaz also suggests his district stay on the course it's on, adding they have recently hired another administrator to keep them on track.

"We have just hired a new assistant superintendent of instruction, who we feel will enhance our educational services even further," Diaz said.

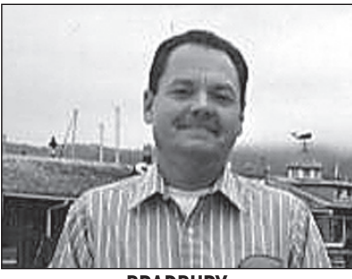
Hesperia Unified School District candidate Ellen

### NCLB/B10

#### WHAT IS NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND?

NCLB is a federal policy that sets the same goal of proficiency for all public schools to meet. All school children must be proficient at the same level. This is measured by annual state and federal testing administered to public school students.

OBITUARIES



BRADBURY

DALE BRADBURY

Dale Bradbury, 59, of Hesperia, passed away on Oct. 12, 2006, after a lengthy illness.

Born Feb. 19, 1947, in Corona, Dale lived in Hesperia for 29 years. He graduated from Corona High School and attended Chaffey College and Riverside Community College. Dale served his country in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1969. He retired from the telecommunications field (Verizon) after 28 years.

Dale enjoyed photography, computers and Ham radio. He was also a big fan of the L.A. Lakers. His favorite place to vacation with his wife was Monterey.

Dale leaves behind his best friend and wife of 39 years, Jo Bradbury of Hesperia; loving sons Dale Bradbury Jr. and his wife, Judy, of the city of Orange and Tom Bradbury and his wife, Paige, of

Bothell, Wash.; and precious grandson Casey Bradbury of Bothell, Wash. He is also survived by his beloved mother-in-law, Rena Wilson of Palm-dale; loving sister-in-law Marilyn Bradbury of Riverside; and loving sisters Joyce Bradbury of Taft and Fern Martinez of Sun City. Dale leaves behind many other loving family members and good friends who will miss him.

He was preceded in death by his sister Earlene Lujin and brother Elbert "Brad" Bradbury.

Dale is with the Lord now and is at peace.

Viewing will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Kern Hesperia Mortuary, 16120 Main St., Hesperia, CA 92345. A memorial service will follow at 1:30 p.m. Following the memorial service, all are invited to come celebrate Dale's life at his home with family and friends.

Kern Hesperia Mortuary, 244-9313, is handling arrangements.

CRAIG DYERLY

High Desert resident of 30 years Craig S. Dyerly, 60, died on Oct. 4, 2006.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Silver Lakes Church, 14766

Smithson Road in Helendale. Private burial was held at Desert View Memorial Park. Desert View Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

LOUIS JARCHO

Louis M. Jarcho, 93, a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and college educator, died at his home at the Greensprings Retirement Community in Springfield, Va., of natural causes on Sept. 19, 2006.

A longtime resident of Victorville, Louis was active in the community for more than 30 years.

Louis was born in New York City Dec. 12, 1912, the youngest of five children. His parents immigrated to the United States from Belarus in the early 1900s. Louis grew up on Staten Island, N.Y., graduating from Curtis High School in 1930, and was the first of his family to attend and graduate from college.

During the Great Depression, Louis worked as a shoe salesman while pursuing a college education. He attended Fordham University and received a law degree from St. John's University in 1939. Later in his life, Louis also received a master's degree from San Bernardino State

University in 1977.

After practicing law in New York City for three years, Louis enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. During World War II, he served in North Africa, England and France, primarily with the 436th Troop Carrier Group and left military service in 1945 as a captain.

Louis again practiced law in New York City, but in 1947 he re-enlisted in the Army and in 1948 transferred to the newly created U.S. Air Force. During his career in the Air Force, Louis most notably served in the Tactical Air Command and was the base comptroller at several of his assignments. For his meritorious achievement and service while on active duty, Louis was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal in 1965. Louis' assignments were in Germany, England and the United States. His last assignment in 1963 was at George Air Force Base in Victorville, where he retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1966.

Louis made Victorville his home, where he became an energetic volunteer and leader in the community. He was appointed to various city commissions and served on the board of directors for several service organizations. In 1977, Louis was elected to, and became, president of the local school board. He also taught business law at Victor Valley College for nearly 20 years until 1990.

Upon his retirement, the college conferred upon Louis the title of "Professor Emeritus" for his exemplary ser-

vice. In retirement, Louis and his wife, Freda, moved to Jess Ranch in Apple Valley. Louis continued to be active in civic organizations and the Rotary Club. He and Freda moved to Springfield, Va., in 2003.

Louis is survived by his wife of 58 years, Freda; two children, Marjorie Gross of West Los Angeles and Robert Jarcho of Burke, Va.; and four grandchildren.

He will be buried with full military honors at Arlington Cemetery.

OBITUARIES/B6

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OBITUARIES



LYON  
JUDY LYON

Judy Carol Lyon, 59, was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She resided in Oak Hills, Calif. Judy passed away Oct. 12, 2006, at noon at the City of Hope in Duarte of cancer. She worked for Target Regional Services for over 20 years. She is survived by her loving husband Jack Lyon, with whom she was married for 42 years; her only child Rhonda Hoffman and son in law Tim

Hoffman of Orange, Calif.; two grandsons Samuel and Jacob Hoffman of Orange; her mother Mildred Donwerth and brother Gilvie Donwerth, both from Victorville.

Judy also leaves behind a large extended family and lots of friends that loved and adored her very much. Judy will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Acheson and Graham Mortuary, 7944 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, (951) 688-1221.

Graveside services will be on Thursday, Oct. 19 at Olivewood Cemetery, 3300 Central Ave. in Riverside, (951) 683-6611.

DOROTHY MCCARTER

Dorothy Nellie McCarter, 88, of Apple Valley, passed away Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006.

Born Oct. 28, 1917, in Waverly, Iowa, Dorothy was the daughter of Clara and Harold Rhine. She graduated from Waverly High School and attended Wartburg College. Dorothy married Joe McCarter on Dec. 24, 1940, and came to Califor-



MCCARTER

nia during World War II, while Joe served in the U.S. Navy.

While living in Los Angeles, the couple enjoyed learning to ballroom dance at Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Hollywood. Dancing was one of Dorothy's favorite things to do.

Dorothy and Joe came to Apple Valley in 1961, so they could raise their family of seven in a more rural environment. Her and her family were longtime members of

the Church of the Valley in Apple Valley.

Dorothy leaves behind her sister and best friend, Eleanor Gray Lucas of Mountain Home, Ark.; three daughters, Darlyn Sue Vieira and Dawna Lynne Sanborn of Apple Valley and Patricia Jo Page of Yucca Valley; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were private. Burial was at Victor Valley Memorial Park.

The family wishes to thank Community Hospice of Victor Valley for all of their care and kindness during Dorothy's last months.

Victor Valley Mortuary handled the arrangements.

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Studds, the first openly gay congressman, dies at 69

BOSTON (AP) — Former Rep. Gerry Studds, who became the first openly gay member of Congress when his homosexuality was exposed during a teenage page sex scandal, died early Saturday.

Studds died at Boston Medical Center several days after he collapsed while walking his dog, his husband said. Doctors determined his loss of consciousness was due to a blood clot in his lung, Dean Hara said.

Studds regained consciousness and seemed to be improving, but his condition deteriorated Friday because of a second blood clot. The origin of the second clot was not immediately determined, said Hara, who married Studds shortly after same-sex marriage was legal-

ized in Massachusetts in 2004.

Hara said Studds gave courage to gay people by winning re-election after publicly acknowledging his homosexuality.

Studds was first elected in 1972 and represented Cape Cod and the Islands, New Bedford, and the South Shore for 12 Congressional terms. He retired from Congress in 1997.

In his early career, Studds was known for opposing the Vietnam War and military intervention in Central America. Studds later became an advocate for a stronger federal response to the AIDS crisis and was among the first members of Congress to endorse lifting the ban on gays serving in the military.

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# NCLB: Early literacy skills key to process

FROM B1

Richardson said she would thoroughly familiarize herself with the standards so that all her decisions are in compliance with the existing state and federal requirements.

Parent Carrie Jasper said she would like to see a candidate who isn't afraid to think out of the box, making decisions for what's best for students and not school scores.

"Pouring money into the problem is no solution. We need free thinkers. Our children aren't learning what they need to. There's more than just math and English to learn in school," Jasper said.

Apple Valley school board candidate Gil Kibby said higher standards could be set and met through a more dedicated approach to early reading.

Victor Valley Union High School District incumbents Pamela Tan and Annette Dutter said if elected they will take the issue on personally, but didn't indicate whether they would try to alter the standards-based system.

"The more knowledge I have on this issue, the better decisions I can make," Dutter said.

Tan, who is a teacher, said she is already familiar with the standards in the classroom but vows to become more familiar with how they can be applied at a district level.

Jenkins said she feels too much emphasis is being placed on standards and NCLB but was glad to hear this was an issue being discussed among candidates. She said she's hopeful that over the next five years changes will take place for everyone involved.

"I'll want my students to have a balanced education, not a standards based one," she said. "Like we had growing up."

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# Madrid's new Barajas Airport wins design award

LONDON (AP) — Madrid's new Barajas International Airport terminal, featuring vast, light-filled halls, was honored Saturday with the Royal Institute of British Architects Stirling Prize — Britain's most prestigious architecture award.

The building's designer, the Richard Rogers Partnership, beat challenges from five other contenders with its colorful airport terminal, which is 1.2 kilometers, or three-quarters of a mile, long.

Richard Rogers, chief architect behind the project, accepted the 20,000-pound (£29,000; US\$35,400) prize for the firm, which also designed London's Millennium Dome and the Centre Pompidou in Paris.

"It's certainly the most exciting building I have been involved with for many decades," Rogers said at the London ceremony.

The airport terminal, which took six years to complete, came at a final cost of \$6 billion (US\$7.2 billion) and doubled the size of the Spanish capital's main airport. It was officially opened on Feb. 4, 2006, by Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero.

"Whatever the means of approach, by air or by land, the sheer scale and complexity of what has been tackled and achieved here cannot be overestimated," the judges said of the design.

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# Chinese illegal immigrant, 8-year-old son released from Dutch prison

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — An 8-year-old boy and his Chinese illegal immigrant mother, whose imprisonment sparked calls for a review of tough immigration policies, have been released, their lawyer said Saturday.

Hui Chen was freed along with his mother Xiu Chen after she revealed new information to immigration authorities that could affect their decision to deport her, said their lawyer, Michel Collet.

They had been imprisoned since last month.

Collet said he had not yet spoken to immigration officials to find out exactly why they were freed or whether they would now be allowed to remain in the Netherlands.

"I really need to speak to them to find out which information was decisive," he said, adding that the mother and child had been taken to a shelter and not an immigrant detention center.

The Immigration Service could not immediately be reached for comment Saturday.

Hui Chen's mother is one of

38,000 illegal immigrants scheduled for deportation from the Netherlands after having their asylum applications rejected more than five years ago.

They initially were placed in a detention center but moved in September to a prison cell because Xiu Chen refused to cooperate with moves to send her back to China and would not be separated from her son.

The mother claims to have been shipped here in 1998 by people traffickers when she was 16 and already pregnant with Hui.

Immigration Minister Rita Verdonk had argued that because Hui's mother refused to be separated from her stateless son, they had to be locked in the same cell until they could be sent to China.

"The government's policy is aimed at the departure from the Netherlands of all unlawfully present foreigners," she told parliament after Hui's case came into the spotlight ahead of the Nov. 22 general election.

Verdonk has made her reputation on unflinching enforce-

ment of immigration laws. This year she expelled a Kosovo girl months before her high school graduation, and tried to revoke the citizenship of Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a Somali refugee, elected lawmaker and outspoken critic of Islamic extremism.

Last week, the family's lawyer launched a legal appeal to end their detention, and a court had been expected to issue a ruling within days. Hui Chen was one of eight children being held in Dutch prisons pending deportation.

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