



HOPE VALLEY TRIBUNE



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NEW STOP SIGN CREATES TENSION

THE BIG NEWS THIS WEEK IS HOW MAYOR STANTON PLANS TO HANDLE THE BELLIGERENT BUSINESS MEN TRYING TO BOSS HER AROUND REGARDING ADDING A STOP SIGN ON MAIN STREET. IT SEEMS ONE RESIDENT IN PARTICULAR, IS A BIT OF A WILD DRIVER AND MAY HAVE RUN INTO A FEW KIOSKS ON THE SIDE OF THE STREET LAST WEEK. WHILE THIS PERSON WILL REMAIN UNNAMED, WE HEAR THAT HER HUSBAND SEVERELY REPRIMANDED HER FOR TAKING THE CAR OUT FOR A SPIN. NOW THAT THE SITUATION HAS COME UP, THE MAYOR FEELS IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO FOREGO THE CURRENT RAILROAD PLANS UNTIL BASIC TRAFFIC LAWS ARE IN PLACE. WE CAUGHT UP WITH HENRY GOWEN AT THE NAIL SALON AND HE HAD THIS TO SAY, "I THINK OUR CURRENT MAYOR NEEDS TO GET



A CLUE WHEN IT COMES TO EXPANDING THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF HOPE VALLEY." HE WENT ON, "IF I WAS STILL MAYOR, I WOULDN'T BE SPINNING MY WHEELS TRYING TO AVOID THE INEVITABLE." WE ASKED MAYOR STANTON TO SHARE HER SIDE. "I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST INCREASING PROFITS, AS I MYSELF OWN A BUSINESS IN TOWN. IF GOWEN SPENT MORE TIME COMING TO TOWN MEETINGS AND LESS TIME GETTING HIS NAILS DONE, MAYBE WE WOULD GET SOMEWHERE." NEWCOMER RAY WYATT HAD NO COMMENT FOR THE PAPER AS HE WAS TRYING TO SCROUNGE UP A DATE FOR THE TOWN DANCE AND WAS TOO BUSY TO SPEAK WITH THE TRIBUNE. AT THIS TIME, THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A SOLUTION TO THE STOP SIGN DEBATE BUT WE CAN CONFIRM GOWEN'S MANICURE TURNED OUT AMAZING.

BACHELOR PARTY

PATRONS FILE NOISE COMPLAINTS

REPORTS CAME IN OF ROWDY BEHAVIOR FROM A FEW PATRONS DRINKING AT THE SALOON THE OTHER NIGHT. ONE WOULD ASSUME THIS BEHAVIOR WOULD BE THE NATURAL STATE OF INEBRIATION AND TYPICALLY OVERLOOK IT. HOWEVER, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE ROOT OF THE ISSUE WAS A FAKE BACHELOR PARTY FOR BILL AVERY. AS IT TURNS OUT, HE'S NOT EVEN GETTING MARRIED! AFTER FURTHER INVESTIGATION, WE FOUND IT WAS AN EXCUSE FOR THE MARRIED AND ENGAGED MEN TO PARTICIPATE IN A HIGH STAKES POKER GAME AFTER THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS HAD SUGGESTED SAVING MONEY FOR MORE SUITABLE THINGS LIKE A POOL AND HOT TUB. THE BIG WINNER WAS HICKAM WHO DECIDED TO INVEST IN A SUPERHERO COSTUME. HOWEVER, WE RUMOR HAS IT, THE COSTUME INCLUDES A RATHER REVEALING PAIR OF BLUE TIGHTS WHICH MAY NOT BE SUITABLE TO WEAR IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC.



NEW WEIGHT MACHINE

CAUSING TOWN ARGUEMENTS

HOPE VALLEY RECENTLY ADDED A CONTROVERSIAL PIECE OF EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE THE SALOON THAT'S CAUSING ARGUMENTS IN TOWN. A NEW WEIGHT MACHINE HAS BECOME A POINT OF CONTENTION AMONG MANY RESIDENTS. WITH THE INCREASE IN THE SALE OF LARD, MAINLY DUE TO ONE OUT OF TOWN GUEST, THERE SEEMS TO ALSO BE AN INCREASE IN WEIGHT. THOUGH THE FLAVORING OF FAVORITE DISHES HAS BEEN ENHANCED WE BEG TO ASK THE HEATED QUESTION, "HAS THE LARD INTAKE IN HOPE VALLEY BECOME TOO EXCESSIVE?" NURSE CARTER TOOK A MOMENT TO SIT DOWN WITH THE TRIBUNE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. "THE PROPER WEIGHT FOR WOMEN, DIRECTLY CORRELATES TO THE SIZE OF THE CORSET THEY ARE SQUEEZING THEMSELVES INTO." SHE WENT ON TO SAY, "THERE SEEMS TO BE NO PROPER WEIGHT FOR MEN, SINCE MEN NEVER SEEM TO SUFFER CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR WEIGHT GAIN." THE MOST RECENT DISAGREEMENT WAS BETWEEN TOWN TEACHER ELIZABETH THATCHER AND HER FUTURE MOTHER-IN-LAW CHARLOTTE, A BIG PROPONENT OF USING LARD. ELIZABETH AGREED THERE WAS ADDED FLAVOR YET WAS CONCERNED BY HOW THE FATTY CONTENT HAS INCREASED HER WAISTLINE, CHARLOTTE CLAIMED THERE WAS NO BETTER INGREDIENT TO COOK WITH. BASED ON OUR RECORDS, THE AVERAGE ADULT IS A HUGE 2 LBS. HEAVIER IN 1914 SINCE IT LAST RECORDED IN 1910. "WE DON'T NEED TO SEE THIS SITUATION BLOW UP," SAID MAYOR STANTON. "LARD IS TASTY BUT NOT IN EXCESS. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND A SUITABLE BALANCE AND I BELIEVE A WEIGHT MACHINE WILL KEEP US ALL IN CHECK." SHE FURTHER WENT ON TO WARN THE MEN OF HOPE VALLEY NOT TO OPENLY DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THEIR WIVES WEIGHT LOSS OR GAIN IF IT WERE TO COME UP.



GUN SUPPLY SHIPMENT LIMITED

FRYING PAN SALES SKYROCKET

LOCAL MOUNTIE, JACK THORNTON SAT DOWN WITH THE TRIBUNE TO DISCUSS THE RECENT THEFTS REPORTED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN. WE ASKED, "WITH THE INCREASE IN POPULATION, ARE CITIZENS MORE AT RISK TO EXPERIENCE A BREAK IN?" "WE ARE MAINTAINING EFFORTS TO KEEP HOPE VALLEY AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE."



BASED ON WHAT WE'VE HEARD, IT SEEMS RESIDENTS ARE NOT TAKING CHANCES. NOT KNOWING WHO IS AT YOUR DOOR IN THE MIDDLE OF BROAD DAYLIGHT IS UNNERVING. FOLKS ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING INTO ALTERNATIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. THE MOST POPULAR SOLUTION BEING THE PURCHASE OF FRYING PANS TO HANDLE INTRUDERS. WE HEAR THEY ARE NOW MAKING PANS IN SMALLER CHILDREN'S SIZES AS WELL.