

driving **you** nuts  
song lyrics

## Riding shotgun

Don't you just hate it when you can almost remember something, but then it slips away? And then it nags at you until you get it settled? Well, we're here to create that experience for you.

Here are lyrics from a song that was popular sometime in the past 100 years. You can either come up with the title and artist, or you can just keep mouthing the words to yourself all day long trying to link them to something. (And yes, we know you could just Google it, but that's a little something we call "not in the spirit of the challenge.")

— McClatchy-Tribune

**"I was riding shotgun with my hair undone in the front seat of his car. He's got one-hand feel on the steering wheel The other on my heart."**

(Answer is at the bottom of the page)

teen **scene**  
great grub

## Rodeo Coffee keeps life tasty

For more than 40 years, The Rodeo Coffee Shop has been family owned and serving the same good old-fashioned, country-style meals, tucked away in the heart of Old Town Clovis.

■ **Where is it?** 535 Fifth St. in Old Town Clovis.

■ **What's the phone number?** (559) 299-3750.

■ **What are the hours?** 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundays.

■ **What do they serve?** The shop specializes in home-style breakfasts and lunches with quality, generous portions that are cooked to order. They are



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known for their French toast, hamburgers and homemade pies, all of which are cooked from scratch.

■ **What do you recommend?** The first time I ate there was in April, when I was in Old Town Clovis early in the morning helping set up for Big Hat Days. My dad, a friend and I got breakfast after we finished. I ordered their French toast because I had heard that it was a secret recipe, and it was delicious. I have been there several times since, and the French toast never has been a disappointing decision.

■ **How's the atmosphere?** It could best be described as relaxed, casual, comfortable and friendly. As soon as you walk through the door, you can sense that feeling of a warm and cheerful family-operated environment.

Decorated in a casual western theme, The Rodeo Coffee shop has a small-town, close-knit café atmosphere and is a place where it seems as if everyone is family.

■ **How's the service?** It contributes to the friendly atmosphere. All items are cooked to order as soon as your waitress takes your order, and your food is brought in a timely manner. The waitresses are all very friendly and keep customers coming in regularly.

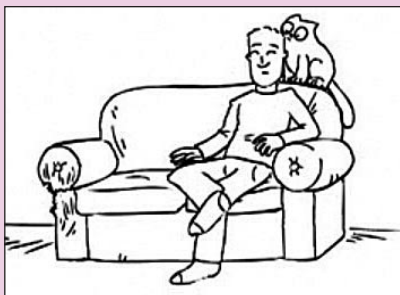
► Tyler Wilson attends Buchanan High School.

your **tube**  
videos to check out

### "Simon's Cat 'TV Dinner'"

■ **Where:** youtube.com/watch?v=s13dLaTHSg

■ **Why you should go:** Simon Tofield, an animation director at UK's Tandem Films, has created a series of simple line-drawing cartoons that perfectly capture what we love about cats and the things that drive us crazy about them. In addition to this one, check out "Let Me In" and "Cat Man Do." Cat owners will recognize their felines somewhere in this funny collection.



PHOTOS BY KURT HEGRE/THE FRESNO BEE

Veronica Williams, 12, and her brother Bryant Williams, 10, tend to the Watch Us Grow Community Garden Project at the West Fresno Boys and Girls Club.

# A place to grow

## Produce garden helps a Fresno community.

By Anne Rempel  
Teen Press Corps

The issues of violence and substance abuse often cast a negative shadow over the community of west Fresno.

A new community garden, however, addresses one of the problems that has plagued this area: poor nutrition.

The Watch Us Grow Community Garden Project, organized by the West Fresno Health Care Coalition and located at the West Fresno Boys and Girls Club, aims to encourage healthy lifestyles by making fruits and vegetables more available and to further build the west Fresno community.

Yolanda Randles, the coalition's executive director, says the project began two years ago through the Network for Healthy California and the African-American Campaign "to work with community groups to identify ways to increase the intake of fruits and vegetables in the African-American communities."

She feels the community garden, which has produced several varieties of vegetables — including broccoli, cucumbers, cabbage, peppers, eggplant, spinach, cauliflower, tomatoes, and squash — helps the entire community, especially youth.

"The garden provides access to fresh fruits and vegetables in a community where there aren't many stores that provide fresh produce and instead has many fast-food restaurants," says Janice Mathurin, the coalition's operations manager and a past president of the East Fresno



Bryant works in the garden that has produced broccoli, cucumbers, cabbage, peppers, eggplant, spinach, cauliflower, tomatoes and squash.

Kiwanis Club. "It also provides an opportunity for kids to get hands-on experience in gardening, allows for physical activity and is an opportunity for community-building."

The garden is maintained by kids from the Boys and Girls Club's Garden Club, as well as students from Edison High School's Key Club. The garden is also supported by the East Fresno Kiwanis Club, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Kaiser Permanente, EOC AmeriCorps, Hall Management and Aetna Foundation.

"The garden gives youth a sense of empowerment," Randles says. "It's something that they take pride in, and now they can take this food home to their family. It's not just watering and

weeding; it's about learning."

The current winter garden was planted in early November and is tended every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Isaiah Golding, a fifth-grader at Lincoln Elementary School and a member of the Garden Club, goes to the club every day and is out in the garden as much as possible.

"I love the garden. I love being outside," he says. "I come every day because it keeps me out of trouble and because you learn how to plant, dig out weeds and water the plants."

Isaiah has taken home several eggplants, peppers and tomatoes that he helped grow. His mother incorporates them into the family's diet.

The coalition's ultimate goal is to increase the number of

community gardens throughout Fresno. Randles believes every elementary school should have one and include gardening in the curriculum. And, eventually, she hopes to generate more community involvement in the garden by holding a farmers market.

Cheryl Washington, the coalition's health ambassador, believes the garden also creates an educational environment for people of all ages: "The community garden is something to unite the whole community so the youth can benefit from the knowledge of the seniors."

In addition to this sense of intergenerational learning, Washington, in partnership with Ken Grimes of the USDA, organizes formal classes that tie into the garden.

The garden organizers hope to foster a greater appreciation of nature among youth.

Garden Club member Michael Hundley, a seventh-grader at Rio Vista, feels his peers lack respect for nature: "I always see people picking plants and throwing them," says Hundley of his peers at school. "Kids don't appreciate nature enough."

Randles believes this is caused by the environment in which children are raised.

"I think, unfortunately, it's never really been taught to them in a fun environment," she says. "In west Fresno, there are a lot of issues going on in the home. I'm not saying this is the case for everyone, but sometimes nature is not a priority."

"But the garden gives youth a sense of responsibility and appreciation toward nature.

Through their work, they can see the physical result. They can taste it and share the vegetables with their family and the greater community."

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## movie review

### 'Bedtime Stories' promises laughs but doesn't deliver

Movies don't always turn out quite the way we expect. Sometimes the drama, the comedy, the romance — whatever it was we might have been hoping for — is missing, and we are forced to leave the theater disappointed, unhappy and \$10.75 poorer. Unfortunately, that was my experience with "Bedtime



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Stories," the new family comedy featuring Adam Sandler.

Sandler plays Skeeter Bronson, a wisecracking handyman waiting

#### 'Bedtime Stories'

■ **Starring:** Adam Sandler, Courteney Cox, Laura Kesling, Jonathan Heit  
 ■ **Directed by:** Adam Shankman  
 ■ **Can be seen at:** Edwards Regal Cinema, Manchester Mall Regal Cinema, UA Broadway Faire, Sierra Vista Cinema  
 ■ **Grade:** D+

patiently for his shot at running the hotel in which he works. When his sister Wendy (Courteney Cox) asks him to baby-sit his niece Bobbi (Laura Kesling) and his nephew Patrick (Jonathan Heit), Skeeter struggles with his duty — that is,



Adam Sandler takes his shot at making a family film with "Bedtime Stories" but misses the target.

DISNEY

until the kids begin to ask for bedtime stories.

"Bedtime Stories" tries very hard to be that fun, exciting film with a heart of gold, but it tries so hard that nothing is really that funny or exciting. Instead, the movie is rather boring, and the laughs I had been hoping for are nonexistent.

Now all of this isn't to say that people won't like the movie. It is very possible that they will, but it is also very possible that they'll be

forced to leave the theater due to tears of boredom.

"Bedtime Stories" did not turn out to be the film that was expected. It lacks comedy and, most importantly, it lacks sincerity. It's difficult to really feel anything for these characters other than annoyance. This movie isn't worth the hype or the money it will cost you to get in.

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Driving you nuts answer: Taylor Swift, "Our Song"