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Gridley Little League Celebrates Opening Day



The Padres, who play baseball in the Minors and are coached by Misha Rogers (center), pose for a team picture at Opening Day on Saturday, March 19 at Manuel Vierra Park in Gridley. Photo courtesy of Misha Rogers

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Hundreds of children, accompanied by their families, congregated at Manuel Vierra Park in Gridley Saturday to participate in the 2022 Gridley Little League (GLL) Opening Day ceremonies.

This is the first Opening Day held by the GLL since 2020, when COVID-19 shut down sports around the world, including little league. Games resumed last year, but without the pomp-and-circumstance of Opening Day. GLL President Joe Dewsnup began the day announcing

the teams, including each player, on the Majors/Minors field promptly at 9 A.M. on Saturday.

There were some traditional team names for the Minor and Major teams that packed the outfield as they had their moment in the spotlight, such as the "Giants," "Nationals" and "Red Sox." There were also some very creative names for the Farm and T-ball teams, such as the "Lightning Sloths," "Sea Unicorns" and "Booyah." It took about an hour to announce all 36 teams that make up the league this season.

After introductions, the teams

saluted the American flag and observed the singing of the national anthem, performed by Erica White. Then, the ceremonial first pitch was thrown by long-time Little League umpire James Valenzuela, who has been officiating games for nine years.

Attention then turned to the children that packed the field as they recited the little league pledge, "I trust in God. I love my country and will respect its laws. I will play fair and strive to win, but win or lose, I will always do my best." It was then the parents and coaches turn to recite

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Suspect
Charged with
Vehicular
Manslaughter
for Collision
at 100 MPH

Butte County
District Attorney

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- An Oroville man was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court for vehicular manslaughter charges stemming from a horrific traffic collision on February 16, 2022 in which it was alleged he broadsided another car at 100 mph.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Joseph Robert Hendrix, 57, of Oroville was driving a 2018 Dodge Challenger west on Oro Dam Boulevard at approximately 12:45 p.m. when he ran into the driver's side of a 2011 Chevrolet sedan driven by 52-year-old Maria Barajas-Medina, of Oroville. Barajas-Medina was turning east onto Oro Dam Boulevard from 10th Street. An examination of Hendrix's Challenger's "black box" showed Hendrix was traveling at 100 mph just before he applied his brakes and then slammed into Barajas-Medina's driver's door.

Barajas-Medina was pronounced dead at the scene of the collision.

Ramsey said an examination of Hendrix's blood taken by a search warrant shortly after the collision showed an extremely high level of methamphetamine. A female passenger in Hendrix's car and Hendrix survived the collision with minimal injuries. The passenger reportedly told responding officers that as Hendrix came off the Oro Dam Boulevard bridge over the Feather River headed west, he exclaimed that he believed he saw police behind him and suddenly sped up to avoid them. There were no officers in the area at the time, Ramsey said, noting that Hendrix is on parole.

Ramsey said Hendrix was charged with Gross Vehicular Manslaughter while Intoxicated with special allegations that he has suffered two prior violent sexual assault strike convictions, exposing him to a range of 20 years in prison, up to a possibility of life in prison.

Hendrix's case was continued to April 6, 2022, for further arraignment and entry of plea. He remains in Butte County Jail without bail after the District Attorney's Office filed a "no bail" motion to keep him in custody given the risk to public safety. ★

Offering Hope: Gridley CFW Pregnancy
and Resource Center Opens



The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the new Gridley location of Caring for Women Pregnancy and Resource Center. Pictured left to right: Pastor Ed Lucas, Chamber Director Perry Stair, Mbel Alcantar, Carolyn Johnson, Gerri Morgan, Joyce Elliot, Penny Derosier, Melissa Miller, Amber Sweeney, Carson Sweeney (front), Logan Sweeney, Mary McCall, Joan Clarke and Cathy Mills. Photo provided by the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley is now home to Caring For Women Pregnancy and Resource Center (CFW) – A haven for women and families that may find themselves in need of direction or information regarding pregnancy.

On February 28th, Gridley's CFW Center had a soft opening and last week, a ribbon cutting was held with the Gridley Area

Chamber of Commerce and CFW representatives to commemorate the establishment's opening.

Gridley CFW Director, Penny Derosier says that CFW got its start in 1986 in the form of a hotline and in 1996, opened its first location in Oroville. "The community saw a need for women who were pregnant and didn't know what to do," says Derosier, who has been with the organization since 2015.

When asked, Derosier said the inspiration for the Gridley center was "to help people that were abortion vulnerable and really didn't know what to do." Women of any age are privy to one-on-one meetings with peer advocates to assess their individual situation and needs. The center offers free, 100% confidential services for women, including pregnancy tests, access to professional materials

designed to educate on pregnancy, abortion and adoption, referrals to community resources, maternity clothing, baby clothes, diapers, baby necessities, and resources for women experiencing post-abortion issues.

The center itself does not offer or refer out for abortions, but instead educates women on what the medical specifications of what an abortion consists of and offers avenues

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

From the March 21 Gridley City Council, we read this interesting agenda item: On March 3rd and 4th, 2022, the City Council held two budget study sessions and discussed the budgetary line items within each department. There was discussion relating to the projected expenditures and a detailed comparison provided within each department. Before mid-year budget study sessions, finance staff meets with all department directors in several meetings to review projections and make any necessary changes to the budget based on current project costs, unanticipated inflation additional expenses. Following those meetings, finance staff

prepares the reports for City Council’s review. Mid-year review provides an opportunity for City Council as well as the public to meet and discuss any concerns relating to the projected expenditures, personnel costs, update on revenue, and status of capital projects. During the sessions City Council may recommend any additional amendments to the projects and expenditures. The budget will be revised per supplemental appropriations in the resolution, the total impact of the supplemental appropriation was a total increase to the entire budget of \$454,243.99. - So no budget crisis in Gridley. The meeting agendas and staff notes are all on line; open government.

Some rumblings about how much ink was dedicated to one High School musical in the last week’s edition of the Herald. Chalk up our enthusiasm to COVID recovery enthusiasm. When the Biggs or Live Oak students take to the stage Herald Editrix Seti Long,

and I will again don our the-ater critic hats and write dueling theater reviews.

Biggs City Council took up the issue of what to do with the 4th of July at a Special Meeting. I may have missed the public comment time at the Council meeting, but I am allowed unlimited comment in the Pi-Line. My comment would have been - Biggs Fireworks show is fantastic. Don’t change a thing. Perhaps name the event in honor of former Mayor John Busch. But keep the tradition alive.

Looking ahead, I am excited for a full-scale unrestricted Silver Dollar Fair in May, Biggs Fireworks in July, and another Fair in August. Add in a Red Suspenders festival, a Live Oak road-work completion ribbon cutting, and the next six months look great.

Josh F.W. Cook is an educator and public administrator whose column appears exclusively in the Gridley Herald.

Caltrans Replaces Butte County Bridge with SB 1 Funds



New Cottonwood Creek Bridge on State Route 99. Photo provided by Caltrans



Old Cottonwood Creek Bridge on State Route 99. Photo provided by Caltrans

Caltrans Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Caltrans announced it has completed construction of the new Cottonwood Creek Bridge in Butte County. The \$15.3 million project includes \$3.2 million in funding from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

The new bridge, located on State Route (SR) 99 north of the Thermalito Afterbay reservoir, replaces an aging structure damaged by erosion. Over the years, swiftly moving water from Cottonwood Creek removed sediment around the bridge piers, compromising the integrity of the structure.

“The project is part of Caltrans’ effort to rehabilitate or replace several bridges in Butte County and neighboring Yuba and Sutter counties,” said Caltrans District 3 Director Amarjeet S. Benipal. “We’re continuing to honor our SB 1 commitments to all California travelers.”

In addition to building a new bridge, construction crews realigned a segment of roadway and widened the Nelson Avenue intersection at SR 99 by providing an additional left-turn lane onto eastbound lanes.

In the past two years, Caltrans has also upgraded the Western Canal Bridge on SR 99 in Butte County and replaced the SR 70 Simmerly Slough Bridge north of Marysville, the SR 20 Wadsworth Canal Bridge in Sutter County, and the SR 20 Dry Creek Bridge in Yuba County.

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually split between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1. For more information about other transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit rebuildingca.gov.

Offering Hope: Gridley CFW

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to women other than just terminating a pregnancy. “We want them to be the best informed on decisions that they make, and we feel that education is the best way for that,” says Derosier.

Derosier adds, “We are not just here for pregnant women... We offer resources for families and children all the way

up through high school. We really are here for the family as a whole and just want to help develop healthy families.” She stresses that the center’s ultimate desire is to offer hope to those in trying situations.

The Gridley CFW Pregnancy and Resource Center is located at 1065 Hazel St., Gridley and is open Mondays from

10:00 am until 5:00 pm. The Oroville center, which is open Mondays – Thursdays, is located at 2362 Lincoln St., Oroville and can be reached at (530) 533-8388. For more information on CFW please call them at (530) 649-2315 or visit their website at www.CaringForWomen.Life. A 24-hour hotline is available at (530) 532-9362.

GHS Bucket Blast for a Worthy Cause!



Gridley High School leadership class is getting ready to fill their buckets with dollars meant to support local families undergoing cancer treatments. Photo provided by Jennifer Davidson Link


By Jennifer Davidson Link

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, March 26th, the Gridley High School leadership class is hosting a bucket blast from 10:00 AM to noon in Gridley.


Students will be posted along the major intersections of Highway 99, holding buckets to collect and raise money for the North Valley Sparrow Foundation. The North Valley Sparrow Foundation is a local non-profit organization that provides

financial and emotional support services for families battling cancer in small, rural communities throughout Northern California.

If you’d like to donate to a worthy cause, just hold your donation out the window at a stoplight and a student will come to the car to collect it from you! Donations of any size are appreciated! For more information on the North Valley Sparrow Foundation, please visit their website at www.northvalleysparrowfoundation.org/.




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GHS JV Softball Team Wins Tourney



The Gridley High School junior varsity softball team pose for a photo and celebrates after a winning three-day tournament on Saturday, March 12 in Gridley. Photo courtesy of Jill Speer

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In a round-robin tournament held March 10-12, the Gridley High School junior varsity softball team took the trophy with the best overall record, winning all three games.

Competing against Live Oak (0-3), Orland (4-2, 1-1 Butte View League) and Las Plumas (1-3, 0-1), coach Caitlin Zavala said that pitchers, freshman Reese Stevens and sophomore Maddie Garcia, were key for the Bulldogs (6-2, 2-0) during the tournament.

“To have the ability to rotate pitchers each game and have a fresh arm for each game is very important,” Zavala said.

Another player of note offensively was freshman first baseman, Charlee Sormano.

“(Charlee) shines on offense,” Zavala said. “She had many hits throughout the tournament including a triple and (an) inside the park home run.”

On the defensive side, the Bulldogs are always attentive according to their coach.

“Our outfield is always on their toes,” Zavala said. “We really don’t have a weak spot anywhere on our defense.”

Gridley obliterated Live Oak 20-1 in

the first game of the tournament on the morning of March 10. Later that day, Gridley played Orland, defeating the Trojans 11-7 in what was a high-scoring, back and forth affair. The Bulldogs returned two days later to crush Las Plumas, winning emphatically 10-1.

In three games, Gridley outscored their opponents 41-9 combined. This is Zavala’s first year as head coach alongside assistant coach Ally Stephens.

“It meant a lot to us for the girls to take first place in the tournament,” Zavala said. “We have a great team full of really talented players and we are lucky to get to coach them!”

The Bulldogs have played two games since the tournament concluded, both against Corning in a home-and-home series, as Gridley won both matchups. On March 15, the Bulldogs won at home against the Cardinals 16-6. Last Friday on March 18, Gridley won at Corning 11-3.

The Bulldogs have now won six games in a row after losing their first two contests to begin the season. Gridley plays next on Tuesday at 4 P.M. in a Butte View matchup against arguably their toughest opponent of the season, the undefeated Sutter Huskies (10-0, 2-0). ★

Batter Up!



The Pirates, who play softball in the Majors and are coached by Amber Bozzo (center), pose for a team picture at Opening Day on Saturday, March 19 at Manuel Vierra Park in Gridley. Photo courtesy of Seti Long

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their version of the little league oath.

“Opening day was great,” said mother of two, Jeannie Mattos. “It was so fun watching them run out onto the field with so much excitement for opening ceremonies and just being able to be kids, playing and doing something they love again. As a parent, it made me so happy to be able to watch them and cheer them on. It’s definitely something we shouldn’t take for granted.”

As opening ceremonies came to an end, the players quickly scattered. Some began preparing for their first game while others had a little down time before they took a swing at their first pitch of the season. ★



The Astros, who play softball in the Minors and are coached by Jenny Benson (right center), pose for a team picture at Opening Day on Saturday, March 19 at Manuel Vierra Park in Gridley. Photo courtesy of Seti Long

All About Trees: Arbor Day Celebrated

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -The Oroville Botanic Gardens and Education Center (OBGEC) of Oroville in partnership with the Feather River Recreation District sponsored the 3rd Annual Arbor Day Festival on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

This festival was full of fun and trees. Arbor Day is April 29, this year. Allegedly, Arbor Day started in the 1870s when a newspaper editor of the Nebraska City News encouraged everyone to plant a tree. This love of planting trees expanded around the country and was celebrated in many ways over the years. Oroville is an official Tree City.

The event was held at the Oroville Municipal Auditorium. There were many booths available for both education about trees and fun things to buy. There were two sessions for children with the Tree Circus. This energetic

program was interactive, giving the children tidbits of biology and how trees grow. It gave information about how trees make towns and cities better places to live and how they help filter pollution.

The festival provided opportunities to plant a tree and to buy them also. There were a number of drawings and a silent auction, with the proceeds going toward OBGEC projects like The Nature Center, the historic Dunstone Memorial Hall, After School Programs and Community Outreach. Fire Safety was another component of the schedule during the day.

The event had a strong turn out and the OBGEC’s next event is a Seed and Scion Exchange on Sunday, March 27th from 1pm to 4pm at Dunstone Memorial Hall on Foothill Blvd, Oroville. Go to their website at www.obgec.com for more information about future events and community interactions. ★

Manzanita Students of the Month



Front row left to right: Isabella Vazquez, Landon Orozco, Siao Si Iuli, Naryah Warfield, Kylee Canada, Hailey Singh, Reece Wilkins and Crystal Paulino. Back row left to right: Peyton Sutherland, Naveen Kalkat, Armando Aguilar, Rocky Lewis, Whitney Clark, Hailey Thompson and Sienna Davis. Photo courtesy of Manzanita Elementary School

Michelle Cahoon, Manzanita Elementary School

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Manzanita Elementary School students of the Month for February have demonstrated outstanding problem-solving skills, do their best and are great role models for our school. ★



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LaMalfa Visits Southern Border

*By Alexandra Lavy,
Office of Congressman
Doug LaMalfa*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On March 10, 2022, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R – Richvale) joined a group of Republican Members of Congress on an official trip to view the southern border in Arizona. During this trip, Members received an operational briefing from the U.S. Border Patrol Station in Yuma and toured their Centralized Processing Center. They also went on field tours to see the halted construction of the border wall and a staging site used by cartels to smuggle children across the border.

According to the Customs and Border Patrol (CBP)

there were 153,941 illegal immigrant encounters at our southern border in January 2022, a 96% increase from the year prior. These increases coincide with the spike of illegal drugs, such as fentanyl, coming into our southern border. The CBP seized 11,201 pounds of fentanyl in FY2021, an 134% increase from the year prior; this amount is enough to kill every American seven times over. Fentanyl poisoning deaths doubled in 30 states between 2019 and 2021, and fentanyl overdoses are now reported to be the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18-45.

“The state of our border is truly horrific. When President Biden halted construction of the border wall, he left giant strips of land

wide open for cartels to smuggle illegal drugs, dangerous weapons, and even human trafficking victims into our country. I was appalled to learn how the cartel ‘recycles’ child victims; taking them from their parents who owe the cartel and smuggling them into our country. Then, once the CBP finds the children and return them back to their families, the cartel takes them all over again. The human rights abuses and national security crisis needs to stop. The Biden Administration knows what’s going on, yet refuses to do anything about it,” said Congressman LaMalfa.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California’s First Congressional District. ★

Dahle Appointed to Assembly Organization Committee

*California
State Assembly
Press Release*

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On March 3, 2022, Assemblywoman Megan Dahle was appointed to the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon. Assemblywoman Dahle will serve on this committee for the 2021-2022 legislative year.

“I look forward to bringing my unique experiences as a Californian from the rural North State to the Governmental Organization Committee and collaborating

with my colleagues in the Assembly to serve constituents. This committee focuses on policies related to, among other things, critical emergency services, the State Fire Marshal and ensures integrity in public meetings throughout the state. My constituents live in constant fear of wildfires, so being a part of policies related to emergency services will give me a seat at the table to speak up for those who live in my district.” Said Dahle.

Primary jurisdictions include Alcoholic Beverage Control, Indian gaming, horse racing, gambling, State Lottery, tobacco products,

open meetings laws as they affect state government, Outdoor Advertising Act, State Fire Marshal: Licensing, regulation, and disposal of fireworks, Offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Controller, and State Treasurer, and State holidays, seals, and official acts.

Assemblywoman Megan Dahle represents the 1st Assembly District in the California Legislature, which includes portions of Butte and Placer counties, along with Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, and Siskiyou counties. ★

Westwood Resident Arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon

*Butte County Sheriff’s
Office Press Release*

MAGALIA, CA (MPG) - On March 14, at approximately 10:21 p.m., BCSO began receiving reports that a victim was hit by a vehicle on Oak Park Drive, Magalia.

BCSO deputies, California Highway Patrol Officers (CHP), and medical personnel immediately responded to Oak Park Drive and located a female victim who had been hit by a vehicle. The victim was transported to a local hospital where she underwent emergency surgery. Doctors were able to

stabilize the victim during the emergency surgery. She is currently in critical condition.

Deputies and detectives investigated and located evidence that Kayla McCally, age 29, of Westwood, was involved in an altercation with the victim. During the altercation, McCally got into the victim’s vehicle, rapidly accelerated, hit the victim, and hit a tree. After crashing the vehicle McCally fled the area on foot.

Deputies, detectives, and CHP Officers contacted McCally at a residence on Bille Road, Paradise around

1:45 a.m. on March 15. Detectives located additional evidence which gave them cause to believe McCally was the individual who hit the victim.

McCally was arrested for the following felony charges: Assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting great bodily injury on a victim during the commission of a felony, felony hit and run, and felony driving under the influence of alcohol. The Sheriff’s Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact deputies and detectives at 530-538-7671. ★

\$50,000 Reward Offered in Tyler Dickson Murder Case

*Butte County Sheriff’s
Office Press Release*

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On July 3, 2021, Butte County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO) deputies were dispatched to the Loafer Creek Campground, which is owned and operated by California State Parks, to assist with a homicide investigation. During the initial response, State Parks Peace Officers requested BCSO assume jurisdiction over the investigation. Detectives responded and determined that 20-year-old Tyler Dickson, of San Pablo, was fatally shot while sleeping inside a tent.

Detectives initiated a homicide investigation. Over the past several months, detectives have actively and zealously investigated this case, however it has remained unsolved. In 2021, BCSO requested Governor Gavin Newsom’s Office issue a reward through the Governor’s Reward Program to encourage those with pertinent information to come forward. After reviewing the circumstances of the case, Governor Newsom’s Office issued a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction for the murder of Tyler Dickson. The Sheriff’s Office is

committed to solving this case. We very much want to bring closure to Tyler’s family and friends and see to it that the person(s) responsible for Tyler’s murder are held accountable. Our hearts go out to Tyler’s family, and we are hopeful that this reward will renew public interest in the case and ultimately result in justice for Tyler. BCSO encourages those with pertinent information to come forward. Anyone with information is requested to contact Sergeant Patrick McNelis or Detectives Tristan Harper and Zach Price at 530-538-7671. ★

Financial Education Comes to Sutter County School

By Brenna Bontrager

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - In addition to reading, math and science, students at Luther Elementary School in Live Oak can now add financial literacy to their academic portfolio.

This new offering is from the Junior Vestors program, a financial literacy program created by a husband-and-wife team with local roots. Lulu and Martin Curiel live in Mountain View, California. While Lulu was born and raised in Venezuela, Martin is a Live Oak native and Luther Elementary alumnus.

The venture was born during the pandemic when the Curiel’s own children began online schooling. The parents gained an insight into what their children were learning and discovered that financial education was lacking. They were also struck by the number of young adults who struggled with debt and lacked basic money management skills. “Being a high school or college graduate doesn’t mean you have the skills for being successful in the 21st century.” Says Lulu Curiel. The parents took

it upon themselves to fill in this gap and before long were teaching their children’s friends as well. Before long the couple decided that they wanted this opportunity to be available for more young people and the Junior Vestors program was born.

Junior Vestors is a virtual program and now has students from throughout the country. The Curiels wanted to offer the course at Luther Elementary due to Martin’s local roots. A teacher in the after-school program helped facilitate the in-person components.

For six weeks in January and February, the class comprised of 4th and 5th graders met and learned about investing, financial portfolios and the stock market. Rather than using a traditional lecture method, the curriculum included hands on activities designed to make learning engaging and relevant. Students used substitute currency and Lulu jokes that “No real money was harmed in the process.”

The program was a success and received positive feedback from both parents and students. There are plans to offer a follow-up course in the near future. ★

Upcoming Hospital Auxiliary Events this Spring

By Doris Pettersen

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Orchard Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary, although limited at present due to the Covid problem, is still planning several activities to take place in the next few months.

They will be having their Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, March 29th, at 11:00 am in the Social Hall of the Gridley Presbyterian Church. Members will be receiving invitations in the mail or by email. Please RSVP to Kirsten Storne-Piazza at the hospital.

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held on the lawn in front of the Orchard Hospital on Thursday, May 5th, from 6:00-7:30. All

members of the community are invited to attend. A variety of ice cream, as well as homemade cakes and pies will be served. Members of the auxiliary are counted on to bake cakes for the occasion and will be contacted.

A bake sale is planned for April 15th from 7:00 am through noon at the hospital.

All of these activities are intended to make money to support Orchard Hospital, to the purchase of needed equipment and/or upgrading of our staff. The Orchard Hospital Auxiliary has existed for many years as a volunteer organization to support the operation of our local hospital and improve the medical care available to our local

residents. New and younger individuals are always welcome to become members. Anyone interested is invited to inquire at the hospital.

One of the ongoing programs of the auxiliary is telecare. Anyone living in the vicinity of Gridley, Live Oak or Biggs is eligible to enroll and will be called every morning at 8:30 by a screened caller, just to be sure they are alright or just for a friendly chat. In these days of isolation, it’s another way for people of any age, who may live alone, to feel part of the community. In case of any problem, a relative or neighbor will be notified. It’s a way for out-of-town sons or daughters to have their minds relieved. ★

Post Office Boxes Hit by Thieves



Gridley Post Office’s boxes were broken into Sunday evening. Thieves used some sort of tool to pry open boxes in order to gain access to the mail inside. Photo by Kendall Carrell

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Monday morning, March 21st, residents visiting the post office to pick up their mail found that multiple P.O. Boxes had been broken into by mail thieves.

According to our sources, the boxes were believed to be damaged sometime Sunday evening. From observations, it looks like some sort of tool was used to pry the metal boxes open. The damage to about 12 boxes was still visible Monday morning. It is unknown how many customers were affected by the theft.

Gridley’s Postmaster, Mary Hayes, was unable to make comment due to the fact that the investigation is active. Hayes shares that she is considering potentially locking the lobby during evening hours, an action which she hopes might deter any other attempts at theft.

Gridley Police Department is working with the Post Office to identify the person(s) responsible for the theft and damage. If you have any information or may have observed any suspicious activity at the Gridley Post Office in the evening hours of Sunday, March 20th, please contact officer Anthony Lara at (530) 846-5670. ★

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Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

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One solution to this conundrum is meal delivery kits (MDKs). An entire meal for four arrives at your door with pre-measured, fresh ingredients for a delicious meal and includes cooking instructions. Dinner time made easy. More families are turning to MDKs, with sales projected to top \$10 billion by 2024!

There are several MDKs on the market, and they are tailored to consumer needs and desires. They all have a variety of menus selections. They are set up for two to four people per meal, and you select the number of meals per week. Pricing is competitive, and many offer substantial discounts to get you started. Many of them even offer free shipping. All plans provide nutritionally well-balanced meals, and some offer special diets selections, such as WW (Weight Watchers) and low-carb plans. The meals are easy to prepare and are designed to be ready in 30-45 minutes. By all accounts, the food is tasty. You can cancel or pause your subscription at any time.

We looked at four highly-rated MDKs. Pricing is based on twenty meals per week and may include introductory discounts.

1. Blue Apron Meal Plans
- Signature – meat, fish, Beyond Meat (meat substitute)
 - Wellness – nutritionist-approved,

- balanced meals
- Vegetarian (a plant-based diet that includes dairy and eggs)
 - Offers WW-friendly meals
 - Cost: \$85
 - Free Shipping
- 2. Every Plate Meal Plans
 - Classic- meat, seafood
 - Family- kid-friendly
 - Veggie (plant-based meals that include dairy and eggs)
 - Easy-no fuss meals with little cleanup
 - Cost \$45
 - Shipping \$9.99 per week
 - Far more economical than other plans
- 3. Factor Meal Plans
 - Calorie Smart-various calorie levels aimed at weight loss
 - Keto-low-carbohydrate, high-fat meal plans
 - Vegetarian (includes dairy products and eggs) and Vegan (strictly plant foods)
 - Meals are designed by registered dietitian nutritionists
 - Meals are already cooked; just reheat and enjoy.
 - A complimentary nutritionist consultation is included.
 - The maximum number of meals offered is eighteen per week. Cost: \$100
 - Shipping: \$9.99

Who would benefit most from MDKs? A novice who needs step-by-step instructions on how to prepare a meal; a busy family who has enough disposable income; a single professional; or someone who dines out frequently. The average cost of a restaurant meal (non-fast food) is twelve dollars.

Call me old-fashioned, but some of the best meals I have eaten were around my Granny’s dinner table. She loved getting the whole family together for a big meal. Afterwards, we would sit on the porch swing, sip iced tea, and talk about Aunt Edna’s gall stones. Oh, the nostalgia!

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Thank you, great universe for the rain we’ve enjoyed, may there be more. Spring is officially here and the temperatures are warm and mild. The many baby plants I’ve started for the Red Suspender’s Day plant sale by Green Thumb Garden Club are now living outside. They were sheltered

in the green house but now they are bigger and can handle being outside with bright light but no direct sunlight. If they were hardier plants the sun would be no problem but most are different types of fancy leaf begonias. The last of my spring bulbs are dying off. I love them and miss them when they are gone. They’ll be back next year.

My Japanese maples are leafed out and look delicately beautiful. It looks like the extensive pruning we had done to our shade tree is not going to let too much sun into the plants that need its shadiness. This is a relief since two of my Japanese maples are protected by the tree canopy. One of them might need a little shade in the

afternoons in the middle of summer. I’d like to have my sweetie make a couple of Japanese style arches to put up and use bamboo shades for protection. So far, he seems reluctant. So, I’ll probably do like I’ve done in previous years and wrap trellis with shade cloth and call it good. I have dreams of graceful pieces of great woodwork but it might never happen and I’m good with that.

One major goal I have for the garden this year is to keep ahead of the Bermuda grass. First, I have to finish taking out the piles of dead Bermuda grass. We’ll see if there is success with this goal or not. I’ll keep you informed. Enjoy the Spring weather before it decides to get hot. ★

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SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Halibut scattered near Candlestick. USE: Frozen Sardine, or Herring. (a) Stripers located in Delta’s Broad Slough. Trolling shallow ...snags 10 shakers and 10 keepers...17” to 22” up to 7 lbs. USE: Rattletrap (a)

COASTAL WATERS

Success on Crab and sanddabs limits, both North and South Coasts. Crab...USE: Fish Offal. (b) Sanddabs...USE: Fresh Squid on Jigs. (b) Commercial salmon opens April 2nd. Pt Arena to Mexico, Limits cutback. Sport salmon TBD.

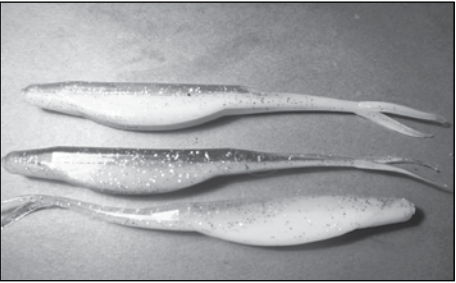
LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Lake Amador; trolling 3.8 MPH. Browns going for... USE: Speedy Shiner (a) Whiskeytown Lake; crowded with boats, all after kokanees. Trolling 10’-40’ deep, 1.5 MPH. USE: Hoochie with Dodgers. (b) Lake Oroville Bass Tournament. Winner...5/15. Fly rods... USE: Floating Fly w/ Slip Bobber set at 7’-15’. (a) New Melones Lake; a long



Castmasters

drive , but the pay-out is 25-rainbows 12”-14” long. Follow the shad balls in the creek mouths. USE: Castmasters (b) Clear Lake Bass Tournament; 120 boats, low water. Winner 5/30. USE: Swim Baits (a) Camanche Lake; trolling



Swim bait

15’-18’ deep. Cut-bows of 7.3lbs. USE: Speedy Shiner. (b) [Hybrid Cut-bow trout...Oncorhynchus clarkii X mykiss. A fertile hybrid between rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss) and a cutthroat trout (O. clarkia)] With the characteristics of the rainbow, but with the red/orange slash below their jaw.

RIVER FISHING

American River; Blue backs arriving while drop backs leaving the river. USE: March Brown fly. (a) [Blue backs are young steelhead of 22”-24” arriving



March Brown

in March, having Blue backs w/ Silver sides and belly, small black dots on the back and fins ..as opposed to inland river steelhead with olive green backs, less silver on their sides w/ pink horizontal stripes. Drop-back steelhead are spawned out and returning downriver to the pacific]

“Cut your coat according to your cloth.” ~ **Brownie**

Nielsen Applauds Possibility of \$2.2 Billion for Sites Reservoir

Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Thursday, March 17, the United States Environmental Protection Agency formally invited the Sites Project Authority to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program loan.

“This is good news,

especially after Senate Democrats recently killed my legislation – Senate Bill 890 – that would have helped fully fund Sites Reservoir,” said Nielsen.

In total, Sites will be eligible for up to \$2.2 billion in low-interest loans, which accounts for 49 percent of the project’s cost.

Although the WIFIA program is primarily used for wastewater

and drinking water systems, the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 directed the EPA and Reclamation to work towards opening the program to some Reclamation water projects as well.

To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. Follow him @CASenatorJim. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



Have you ever talked to God? Have you ever seen God? How do you know He is alive and around? Who do you know that has experienced a face to face with the Almighty? What? No! Well there may be a reason man hasn’t been in the presence of the All-powerful Almighty God.

God is all glory, a blinding light of energy and the hand that created all. This included the humans in a garden where they lived and walked and talked with God. When they disobeyed the Lord and ate from the one tree in the garden that God had forbidden, they rand and hid when they heard God coming. Heard God walking! When they were tossed out of the personal face to face

relationship with God. Man lost that direct personal touch with God.

We advance forward to a time far from the Garden. On a mountain top in the land of Median, a man in his eighties walk to a burning bush and came into God’s presence. Moses heard and spoke to God. From that moment on when Moses returned to the mountains to talk with God his physical appearance was changed. He had to wear a veil in order not to scare the people, his face burned by God’s light.

When God gave Moses and the Hebrews the building plans for the moveable tabernacle, one area was divided from the rest with a veil. The area behind the veil was the Holy of Holies where God was present. Only the high priest could go there once a year during the day of atonement. A rope was tied around his leg so if he was overcome by God’s power he could be pulled out.

Several times prophets

asked to see God. but they were refused. When Solomon built the first temple in Jerusalem the veil was used again to divide the Holy of Holies from the people. Man could not go directly to God.

On the day that Jesus was crucified and died, the moment He died the veil was ripped from top to bottom. It was now at Jesus’ death that man could appeal and go directly to God one personally.

That rip in the veil is the reason for our own unending joy. We now can draw near to God without a priest intervening for us. We can walk , we can talk, we can appeal, we can approach our living God directly. Don’t be afraid, He is waiting for you!

Come join us as we approach our living God at the United Methodist Church. We meet every Sunday at 10 am. We our located on the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. Rejoice God is with us! ★

Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

February 19 - March 1

2-19-22: At 6:18 on the 1100 block of Cedar St., Gridley CA, Kevin James Campbell, 39, was arrested on charges of public intoxication (647 (f) PC), resisting an executive officer (69 PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

2-21-22: At 12:48 pm on E. Gridley Rd., Gridley CA, Robert Tyrell Parrat, 41, was arrested for an outside agency felony warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

2-23-22: At 7:09 am on the 1000 block of Sage St., Gridley CA, Richard Vera, 38, was arrested on charges of aggravated trespassing (602.5 (b) PC), public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

2-27-22: At 10:45 am on the 300 block of Sage St., Gridley CA, Randy Wayne Miller, 47, was arrested on an outside agency felony warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

2-27-22: At 1:38 pm on the 1200 block of Losser Ave., Gridley CA, Cody James McConnell, 34, was arrested on an outside agency felony warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

2-28-22: At 3:14 pm on the 100 block of Magnolia St., Gridley CA, Cesar Alejandro Navarro, 38, was arrested on an outside agency felony warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

2-28-22: At 3:30 pm on the 500 block of Virginia St., Gridley CA, Jose Manuel Santiago Gomez, 39, was arrested on charges of battery with serious bodily injury (243 (d) PC), violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC) and assault with a deadly weapon (not a firearm) (245(a)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

3-1-22: At 6:15 am on the 900 block of Laurel St., Gridley CA, Joseph Victor Johnson, 50, was arrested on charges of violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC), providing false I.D. to police officers (148.9 (a) PC), bringing a controlled substance.

get more info at www.crimegraphics.com

Book Sale at Gridley Library!

Gridley Friends of the Library

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Friends of the Library are planning a book sale to benefit the Gridley branch of the Butte County Library.

The sale will be held April 5th through the 9th at the Gridley Library located at 299 Spruce Street. Tuesday 5 and

Wednesday 6, the book sale will be open from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Thursday 7, through Saturday 9, the book sale will be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

There will be a plentiful variety of books to choose from, all at great prices. Please come and support the library. All proceeds from the sale will directly benefit the Gridley Library. ★

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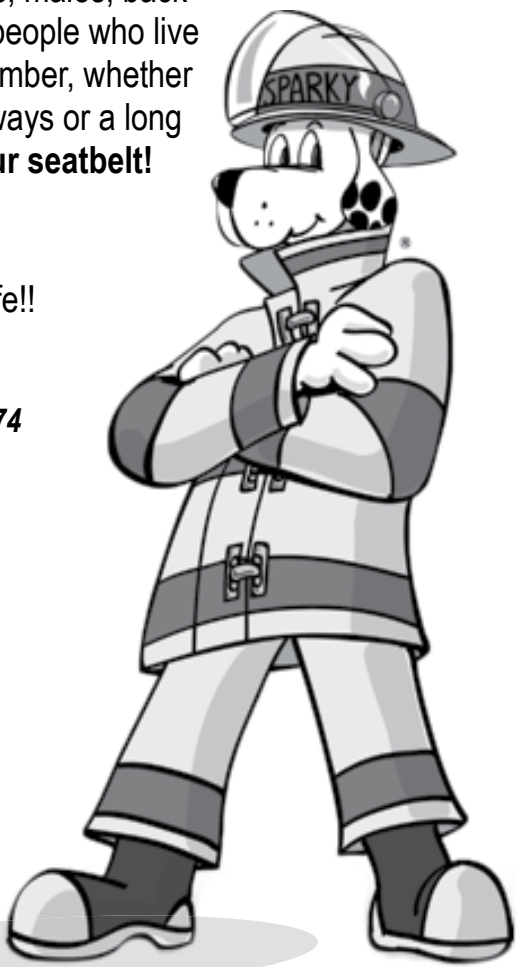


While motor vehicle fatalities have been declining over the past ten years, averages of about 21,000 are killed annually. More than half of those passengers were not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident. By wearing seat belts correctly and properly restraining children in age and size appropriate car seats you can cut the risk of injury and death in half.

Wearing your seat belt is not only safe for you and your passengers it’s the law. Still, some people choose not to wear seatbelts. Those least likely to wear seatbelts are teenagers, males, back seat passengers, and people who live in rural areas. So remember, whether you are driving a little ways or a long ways **always wear your seatbelt!**

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

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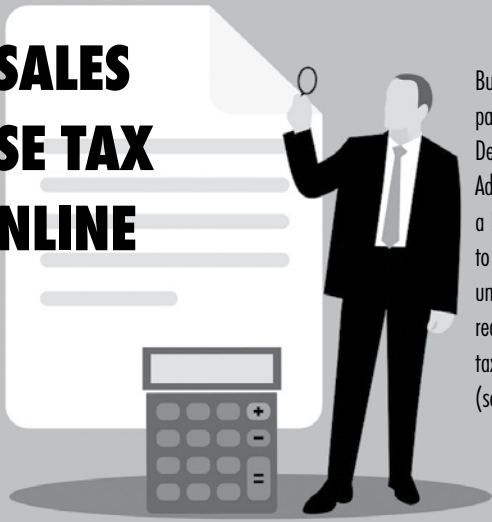


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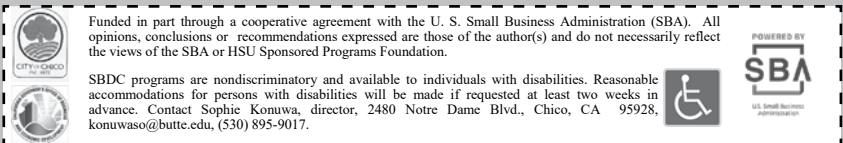
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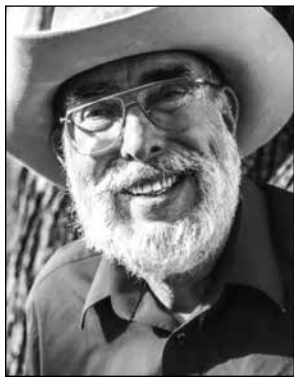
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Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Steve, the cowboy on the board of directors of the Mule Barn truck stop's philosophy counter and world dilemma think tank, swears on his coffee it happened.

"Tourist guy got off the train the other day when I was in the city picking up a friend," Steve said. "He asked me if I was a real cowboy, and I allowed I probably was, because I wasn't smart enough to get a real job. So he asked if I minded if he asked me some questions."

Steve sipped his coffee. "I said, 'Shoot' and the guy says he wondered why we wore these big ol' hats with the wide brims. So I explained to him they

"Tell me why you cowboys always wear tennis shoes"

give us shade in summer and keep the rain and snow off our faces, and told him we could give the horse a drink by putting water in them.

"Then he thanked me and asked why we wore chaps. So I explained how they protected our legs from cactus and thorns, you know.

"He asked about wild rags like this one," he said, touching the blue silk scarf around his neck. "I told him it filtered dust and we could tie our hats down with it in a high wind."

"Sounds reasonable," Doc said, "but I thought everybody knew that. Television and Westerns and all that."

"Well, yeah," Steve said. "Me, too. But I think this guy was from a city somewhere and didn't watch TV or eat anything that

ever had a pulse. Looked kinda puny. But he was real friendly.

"So then he asked me about saddle horns. Wanted to know if they honk. This guy was really green, you know? He wanted to know about ropes and spurs, all kinds of questions like that. I did my best to answer him, too. Finally he says, 'Tell me why you cowboys always wear tennis shoes.'

"So I told him we didn't want anyone thinking we were truck drivers."

Even the truck drivers laughed at that one. Then they threw cracker packets at Steve.

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Aftershock Festival 2022 Lineup Announced

By Ken Casparis, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Aftershock Music Festival will once again be returning to Sacramento County's Discovery Park this October! After shattering attendance records last year, event organizer, Danny Wimmer Presents, has announced another tremendous lineup.

This year's festival headliners include Slipknot, KISS, My Chemical Romance and Foo Fighters. Other big names like Rob Zombie, A Day to Remember, Evanescence, Papa Roach and more have also joined the lineup.

"We are so excited to welcome rock fans from all over the country back to Discovery Park this October," said Liz Bellas, Director of Regional Parks. "We welcome the opportunity to show off some of the amenities and



Aftershock 2022 will be held the weekend of Oct. 6 – 9. Photo courtesy of Supervisor Phil Serna.

amazing versatility of the Regional Parks system."

Last year's sold-out event set a record with 145,000 attendees and was estimated to have brought in \$30 million to the local economy, according to Visit Sacramento. Roughly 75 percent of attendees traveled to Aftershock from outside the region.

"Aftershock's extraordinary lineup this year - including one of my

favorite bands, Foo Fighters - shows just how committed we are to enhancing live music experiences in Sacramento County," said First District Supervisor, Phil Serna.

Aftershock 2022 will be held the weekend of Oct. 6 – 9. For a complete lineup and to purchase tickets, visit the Aftershock Festival website at aftershockfestival.com/ ★

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #22CV00179

Petitioner Cathy Jo Pyle filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cathy Jo Pyle to Cathy Jo Armstrong THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing March 30, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928 Filed on February 15, 2022 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2022 ARMSTRONG 3-25-22

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #22CV00450

Petitioner Kalen Justin Brunt filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kalen Justin Brunt to Kalen Justin Walker THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHAD RYAN BARROW CASE No. 22PR00087

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Chad Barrow, Chad Ryan Barrow deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Nicole Barrow, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Nicole Barrow be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 26, 2022 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc P.O. Drawer 111 Oroville, CA 95965 530-533-5664 Publish: March 18, 25, and April 1, 2022 WRIGHT 4-1-22

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICHARD LEO WRIGHT, AKA RICHARD L. WRIGHT, AKA RICHARD WRIGHT CASE No. 22PR00134

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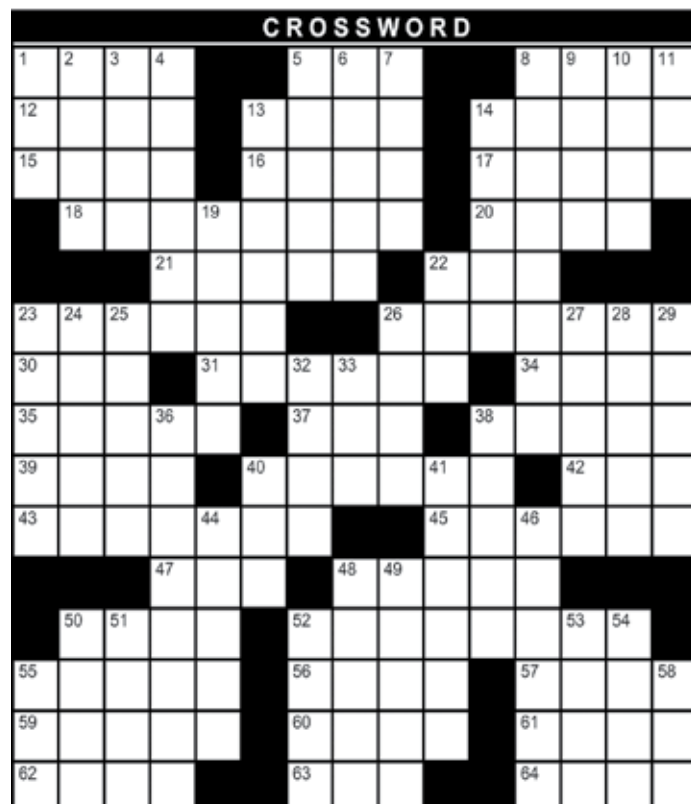
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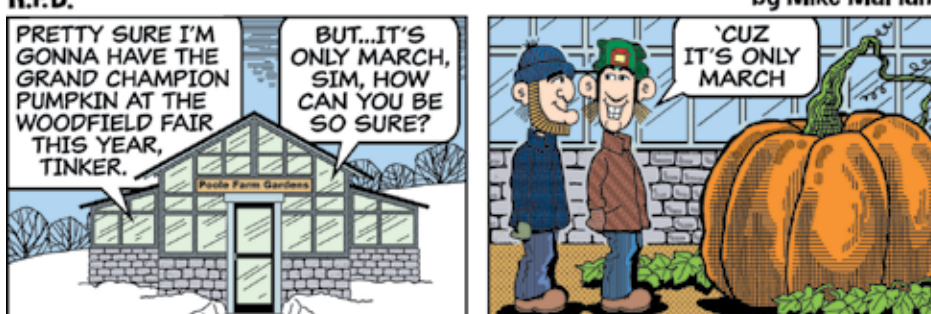
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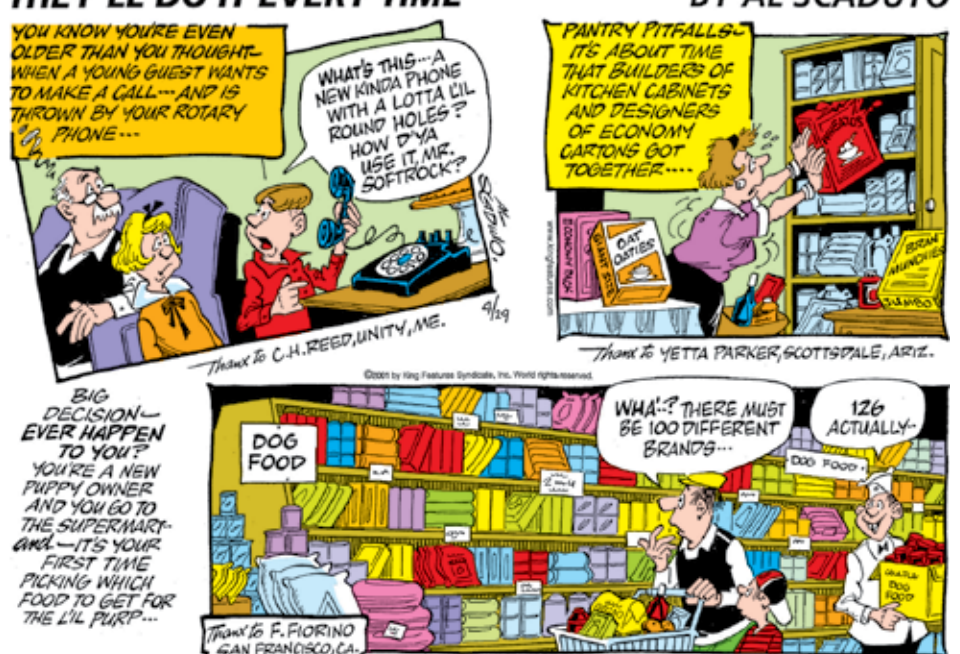
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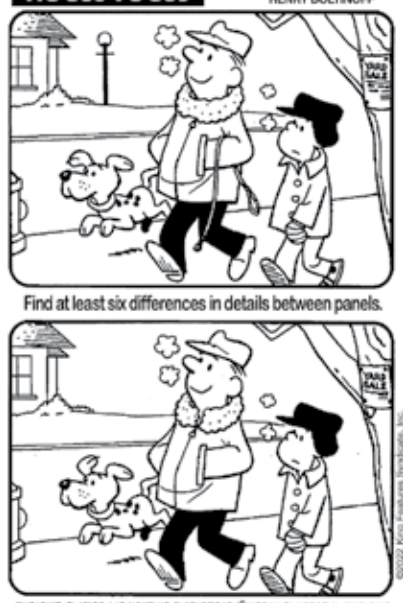
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Farewell, ARCO!

Kings Organization and Fans Say Goodbye to the ‘Old Barn’



Above: ARCO Arena, most recently known as Sleep Train Arena, reverted to its original name for one final day at the “Farewell to ARCO Arena” event on Saturday, March 19 at ARCO Arena in Natomas. Below: An NBA game ball signed by former Sacramento Kings center Scot Pollard sits in a box waiting to be taken for free by a lucky Kings fan at the “Farewell to ARCO Arena” event.

**Story and photos
by Shaun Holkko,
sports editor**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - ARCO Arena, Power Balance Pavilion, and Sleep Train Arena are three names that were synonymous with the home of the Sacramento Kings for 28 years.

ARCO Arena officially closed Saturday in Natomas for good, as members of the Kings organization and fans said their final farewells to a building that opened in 1988 and meant so much to a city for so long.

“This is a shining example that in Sacramento there was a time when we were at the top of the basketball world and this is where you had to come to see the ‘Greatest Show on Court,’ so that gives us hope,” said Doug Christie, who played shooting guard in Sacramento from 2000 to 2005. “This building is different than Golden 1 (Center). Golden 1 has things to walk around and see. But here, there was 17,000 people already sitting in their seat. When we came out of that tunnel it was energy, if you didn’t have it, they gave it to you.”

Christie, now an assistant coach with the Kings, Vlade Divac and Brad Miller were the former Kings players in attendance Saturday. Olympic gold medalist Ruthie Bolton made an appearance to represent the Monarchs, the former WNBA team that won a championship for Sacramento in 2005 before disbanding in 2009.

“This was the venue (where) the fans were the soul, and we were the show,” Christie said. “That mix is something that you don’t find. We were white-hot before Miami. We were beautiful basketball before Golden State. The only thing we didn’t do is put a ring on it. I told (Kings’ owner) Vivek (Ranadivé) when we were standing here, ‘It’s gonna happen, it will. And when it does, right on the bottom down there, just put ARCO because that would be so very fitting.’”

Ranadivé, who kept the team from moving out of Sacramento in 2013, and former owner Gregg Lukenbill, who brought the franchise to the 916 in 1985, each spoke Saturday morning about the former home known to many as the “Old Barn.”

“I know this is a bittersweet moment for everyone because there is some amazing memories,” Ranadivé said. “I describe this place as a communal fireplace. The firepit is the arena,



Prominent members of the Sacramento community from past and present pose for a photo at the “Farewell to ARCO Arena” event on Saturday, March 19 at ARCO Arena in Natomas.

the players are the fire, they lit that fire. The fans huddled around that communal fireplace and it’s been an amazing fireplace. So, thanks to all of you for the memories.”

Also in attendance for the farewell were politicians, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg and Vice Mayor Angelique Ashby, as well as former Kings coach and broadcaster Jerry Reynolds.

“This is very emotional because there isn’t a Sacramentan who hasn’t been part of this community for decades who doesn’t have incredible memories of experiences here at, I know it’s Sleep Train, ARCO Arena. It’s what it is, ARCO Arena,” Steinberg said. “The memories, even the painful ones, are all good.”

The “Farewell to ARCO Arena” event was open to season ticket holders starting at noon Saturday and to the public from 2-6 P.M. Fans had the opportunity to walk through the old arena, take photos and write farewell messages that will remain on the site.

The Kings also gave away an abundance of free boxes of

team memorabilia like jerseys and signed basketballs that were stored over the years at ARCO, to those who were willing to brave the long line. The event was one last get-together for Kings fans at the place they called home for many years.

It is well documented that Sacramento has struggled for many years on the court, as the current team is 25-48 and close to missing the playoffs for what would be an NBA record 16th consecutive season. However, the Kings’ best years in Sacramento so far were at ARCO, including nine playoff appearances, eight consecutive from 1998 to 2006, and a trip to the 2002 Western Conference Finals.

In 2013, the arena set a Guinness World Record for loudest indoor sports roar at 126 decibels.

“I truly appreciate the soul of this building,” Christie said. “I never knew that wood, metal and plastic could make such a sound. But it was a sound that I will never forget.”

Off the court, ARCO hosted concerts, high school and college sports, WWE, MMA, Disney on Ice and so much more.

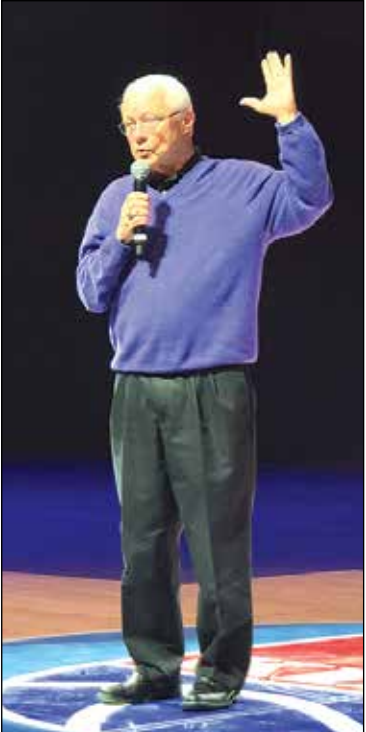
After fighting for years to keep their team in town, Kings fans were rewarded in 2016 with the Golden 1 Center. Now, the space in Natomas that they once called home will be demolished in the coming months to make way for a new medical center and hospital.

“One of the epic moments of my life was to be able to stand here, and I’ll just repeat what I said, I said, ‘This is your team, and it is here to stay,’ Ranadivé said. “This is a place that has been giving for years and years so I’m really happy that that tradition of giving is going to continue as we open a world-class hospital over here so it’s going to keep giving to the community.”

“As bitter as it is, it’s also sweet because we have a beautiful new arena downtown. As great as the past has been, the future is going to be even better.” ★



Sacramento Kings assistant coach Doug Christie, who played shooting guard for the team from 2000 to 2005, speaks at the “Farewell to ARCO Arena” event on Saturday, March 19 at ARCO Arena in Natomas.



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