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Bulldogs Big Harvest

Gridley Bulldogs Retain Harvest Bowl Trophy with 49-0 Win



Above: Gridley High School and Live Oak High School varsity football captains meet at the 50-yard line for the coin toss before the Harvest Bowl on Friday, October 1, 2021. Right: Gridley High School varsity football captain, Tino Sormano (#74), grabs the Harvest Bowl scythe post victory to celebrate with teammates on the field. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The rivalry every year between the two schools makes for an eventful week. Gridley High School and Live Oak High School leadership teams try to rally the school spirit all week leading up to the annual Harvest Bowl between the two football teams. The Bulldogs have had a dominant run with the trophy for the past seven bowl games. The 2012 season was the last year that the Live Oak Lions won the Harvest Bowl and they were ready to win it back on Friday, October 1, 2021.

Live Oak kicked off to start the contest and the Bulldogs

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Farmers, Ranchers Have Time to Replace Livestock

IRS Media Relations News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Farmers and ranchers who were forced to sell livestock due to drought may have an additional year to replace the livestock and defer tax on any gains from the forced sales, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

To qualify for relief, farmers or ranchers must have sold livestock on account of drought conditions in an applicable region. This is a county or other jurisdiction designated as eligible for federal assistance plus counties contiguous to it. Notice 2021-55, posted today on IRS.gov, lists applicable regions in 36 states and one U.S. territory.

The relief generally applies to capital gains realized by eligible farmers and ranchers on sales of livestock held for draft, dairy or breeding purposes. Sales of other livestock, such as those raised for slaughter or held for sporting purposes, or poultry, are not eligible.

The sales must be solely due to drought, causing an area to be designated as eligible for federal assistance. Livestock generally must be replaced within a four-year period, instead of the usual two-year period. The IRS is authorized to further extend this replacement period if the drought continues.

The one-year extension, announced in the notice, gives eligible farmers and ranchers until the end of their first tax year after the first drought-free year to replace the sold livestock. Details, including an example of how this provision works, can be found in Notice 2006-82, available on IRS.gov.

The IRS provides this extension to eligible farmers and ranchers who sold livestock on account of drought conditions in an applicable region that qualified for the four-year replacement period, if the applicable region is listed as suffering exceptional, extreme or severe drought conditions during any week between Sept. 1, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2021. This determination is made by the National Drought

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Granting Wishes

Mark Rober Presents World's Tallest Elephant's Toothpaste

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley was once again honored to help YouTube sensation and former NASA engineer, Mark Rober, create another one of his epic videos and surprise a well deserving young man with a party beyond his wildest dreams.

Rober first came to Gridley in the summer of 2020, bent on breaking world records and throwing cancer survivor Fletcher Rollinson, the biggest and best birthday party of his life.

Rober's team of engineers and scientists, along with locals, constructed a giant Erlenmeyer flask from hurricane glass and heavy timbers, which took the Guinness Book of World Records for biggest (or tallest) Elephant's Toothpaste by funneling

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What could be more fun than a skateboard ramp slip-n-slide?!? Photo by Taryn Merkley



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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Live Oak Highway 99 road-work (roadblock) finishing soon? So says the last edition of the major local newspaper. When the last earthmoving machine departs the Live Oak City limits, there should be a community celebration of some type, including fireworks.

Did you catch the legal notice headlined with DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations? Let me translate some government-speak. They are mapping out whose house would be underwater in a flood. When the map is complete, your homeowners' insurance company gets the map and adjusts the price of your insurance. This is when the Levee Fee we voted for is supposed to save us from the "mapping."

Is a Paradise Supervisor in our future? The County has a website by which people can move lines around on a map and try to make five districts with roughly 40,000 people in each one. The problem is the Paradise District held by Doug Teeter needs to find about 10,000 people

because he is short more than that number after the wildfire of 2018. Perhaps we should have one Supervisor for Biggs and one for Gridley and double our south-end political power. Chico has had 3 Supervisors for the last ten years; our Supervisor, Tod Kimmelschue, lives in Durham and takes in the south edge of Chico - kind of like a cultural exchange program. The new districts are coming by the end of the year.

The City of Gridley added to its array of transportation modalities. They are getting a flying drone to complement the Flyer Mini Bus, Police Motorcycle, and the City Staff Sedan. Perhaps the meter readers can get scooters next? Councilman Torres?

Someone asked why I reprinted a Bill Burleson column from 1980 last week. I responded that when the Gridley Herald stopped recycling Burleson content, the paper started shrinking. It's like a jinx or a good luck charm or superstition, I guess. I'm afraid if we don't pay homage to the W.D. every few volumes, we might end up like the Biggs Argus or the Live Oak Times. I also have to admit how fun it is to look back at the social scene in Gridley/Biggs/Live Oak in the '70s and '80s.

Sometimes, the message gets run over by the messaging. The "water watcher" advertisements claim the proposed Tuscan water district is "big money Ag" interests trying to take over "our" water;

begs the question, what do the big money interests gripping about the "big money" interests want to take over - and who is paying for that? Either way, Mr. P.V. Scholl, Publisher of the Messenger newspapers, is happy to let each side procure as many ads as they want to purchase; it's a tradition started by the Herald in 1880. He honors the history and traditions that come with the newspapers he owns.

Upon hearing of the passing of legendary educator Dan Soares I was glad I wrote about him before he passed. His wife Donna sent me a nice thank-you note from her and Mr. Soares shortly after it ran. A great man - who did much good.

I accompanied my wife to the Mass and funeral of Jose (Hoser) Santillan; they were friends and played soccer together in High School. The funeral filled the Sacred Heart Church, and people packed the sidewalks clear out into the street. Jose was shouldered by his friends and family into the back of his perfectly restored red pickup. The sadness was palpable. His beautiful wife and children should be in our prayers. Thankfully those kids have strong families, Smith and Santillan, to love them through this unbelievably hard thing. Standing among those gathered at the old Church reminded me why I love this town enough to write about it every week.

Josh F.W. Cook writes exclusively for the Gridley Herald.

American Legion Honors Local Writer

MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's American Legion South Butte Post 210 had some additional Certificates of Appreciation to hand out at its last regular meeting, Wednesday, September 29th, at Veterans Memorial Hall, Gridley.

On assignment and unable to attend the first installation of these awards in June of this year, Seti Long of The Gridley Herald, was honored by Post 210 "In recognition and sincere appreciation of outstanding service and assistance which contributed to the advancement of The American Legion programs and activities dedicated to God and Country." Long, who received the award from American Legion Commander Owen



Seti Long, of The Gridley Herald, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from local American Legion South Butte Post 210 Commander Owen Stiles. Photo provided by Claudia Warnock

Stiles, thanked them for the plaque, saying, "it was an honor" to help promote the activities of the American Legion.

If you would like more information on the American Legion or to join the ranks of American Legion Post 210, please

contact Commander Owen Stiles at (530) 306-4588 or email at ostiles45@gmail.com. The American Legion meets the last Wednesday of each month at Veterans Memorial Hall, 249 Sycamore Street, Gridley at 1800 hours (6:00 pm). ★

Investigation Conducted for Wound Botulism from Injected Black Tar Heroin

BCPH Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte County Public Health (BCPH) is investigating a case of wound botulism in a Butte County resident who injected drugs, including black tar heroin. Laboratory test results to confirm the diagnosis are pending. The source of the heroin is unknown at this time. Black tar heroin has been linked to other wound botulism cases and outbreaks in injection drug users, so there is concern that locally available black tar heroin may be contaminated.

California has the highest rate of wound botulism in the United States. This is the third case reported in Butte County this year. Since 2016, there have been 22 to 59 cases of wound botulism annually in California. Wound botulism occurs when a wound becomes infected with Clostridium botulinum (the cause of foodborne botulism) or a closely related Clostridium bacterium. The bacteria multiply in the wound and create a toxin that acts on the nerves. Most, but not all, people with wound botulism will have a visibly infected wound. Persons injecting black tar heroin into their muscles

("muscling") or under their skin ("skin popping") are at highest risk of wound botulism. Persons with wound botulism cannot transmit the illness to others.

Symptoms of wound botulism occur within days or weeks of injecting contaminated drug and may be mistaken for drug overdose. Symptoms can include weak or drooping eyelids, blurred or double vision,

dry mouth, sore throat, slurred speech, trouble swallowing, difficulty breathing, and a progressive symmetric paralysis that begins at the face and head and travels down the body. If left untreated, symptoms may progress to paralysis of the respiratory muscles, arms, legs, and trunk with subsequent death. Prompt diagnosis and treatment is critical to decreasing the severity and duration of illness. Any injection drug users with symptoms of wound botulism should seek medical attention immediately at the nearest emergency room.

Healthcare providers should immediately report any suspected cases of botulism to BCPH. BCPH will facilitate testing and the acquisition of antitoxin treatment.

To Reduce Risk of Wound Botulism:
(1) Stop injecting drugs and seek treatment for opioid addiction: www.butte-county.net/behavioralhealth/substanceuse.aspx (2) Do not use black tar heroin. Use of black tar heroin is the drug that most often results in wound botulism; (3) "Cooking" the drug and safe injection practices will prevent other blood borne infections, but will NOT prevent wound botulism.

Butte County Public Health Department Actions: (1) Issued a health advisory to area providers to promote rapid diagnosis and reporting; (2) Conducted outreach and provided information to homeless shelters, drug treatment facilities, and other locations that serve persons who may be at risk of wound botulism; (3) Alerted the public through a media release. ★

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a blast of searing-hot red foam made from hydrogen peroxide, sodium iodide, soap, and food coloring, 60 feet into the air before the base of the flask failed. Regardless of the ruptured base, a new world record was set and gifted to Fletcher.

Rober, of course, saw the failure of the flask as an invitation to try a second time, and a year later, returned with his crew to Gridley and Dale Leishman's walnut dryer and huller. It also meant throwing another truly massive surprise party for an incredibly special young man, Brody.

During a grueling 3-year battle with blood cancer, Brody gave away his one and only "Make a Wish" chance he intended on using for a Quad, to another teen battling cancer after he had his "wish", also a Quad, stolen. Brody's selfless act of kindness drew the attention of not only Rober, but his friend, Mr. Beast, a YouTuber and philanthropist. But more on that later.

Like Rober says in the latest Elephant's Toothpaste YouTube video, "As word got out about Brody's story, the good people of Gridley came out in droves." Preparations for an out-of-this-world surprise party and series of epic foaming explosions brought locals out to help with the builds, from carpenters, heavy equipment opera-



Bright eyed with glee, these little ones have a blast in a pool filled with 26 million Orbeez balls! Photo by Taryn Merkle

Leishman's home, fully equipped with a giant skateboard ramp slip-n-slide into a pool, a pit filled with 26 million Orbeez balls (water gel balls) to swim in and jump into, a Devil Toothpaste experiment 2 ½ times larger than before, and a shot at crushing the world record with the largest Elephant Toothpaste experiment ever. But first, Brody would be flown to Sacramento for a meeting with a "new Doctor" so that Rober could reveal himself and then whisk the teen away, via private jet, to Gridley where this event of a lifetime would all take place.

To correct last year's problem with the base, the 2021 Elephant Toothpaste's flask would have a custom poured concrete founda-

tion, the walls of the flask made from five tons of steel, bolted to the concrete pad with 33 x ¼" bolts with 80 tons of clamping pressure. The body of the flask was built of 2x4's and steel panels welded together, for a completed design 20% larger than the 2020

flask. As for the Devil's Toothpaste experiment, troughs 2.5 times larger made for a huge explosion of foam that nearly engrossed an unoccupied ranch-house that served as the experiment site. As the time came for the grand finale, guests gathered at the Leishman's walnut dryer and huller for the show of a lifetime! The experiment went off without a hitch, blasting glowing green foam sky-high. Rober reports in his video: "When you do a side-by-side comparison of the max height from last year to this year, I'm happy to report, we absolutely destroyed the previous record by nearly a factor of 5, rising to the height of a 25-story building, at 250 feet. And so, with a new Guinness World Record under his belt, I still had one grand final surprise for Brody."

After Rober's friend Mr. Beast heard of Brody's good deed, Rober and Mr. Beast arranged for Brody to be the recipient of a new Quad. Brody, distracted by a video call with Mr. Beast, was delighted when Dale Leishman drove the sparkling new Quad up to the teen, surprising him with his original "wish."

Rober sums it all up perfectly in his video saying, "What's cool here, is this (quad) is the exact model he wanted to get for himself before he gave it away to someone else. And he didn't do that expecting to get something back in return – just like those who worked so hard to put this party together for him, didn't expect anything either. Which is why I believe, when you try to be a good person, it may not always come back to you immediately, but somehow, it always comes back."

tors and welders, to those simply willing to sling colorful paint. Gridley volunteers dedicated their time and energy to help make "Round Two" bigger and better than last year.

This time, Rober's guest of honor would be privy to a party held at the

To watch the amazing Mark Rober in his "World's Tallest Elephant Toothpaste Volcano" video, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e09xig209cQ>. For more Mark Rober videos, visit his channel on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY1kMzP36IQSyNx_9h4mpCg. ★

COVID-19 Pfizer Booster Dose Available for Certain Groups

Butte County Public Health

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Effective immediately, the CDC has authorized a COVID-19 Pfizer booster dose for certain groups of people, to be administered at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series (after the second dose):

(Should get a booster) Persons 65 years and older; (Should get a booster) Residents of long term care settings; (Should get a booster) Persons aged 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions; (May get a booster) Persons aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions; (May get a booster) Persons aged 18-64 at increased risk because of occupational or institutional setting; Click to learn more about qualifying medical conditions: tinyurl.com/jt8cebmv

Butte County Public Health supports these recommendations made by CDPH

and the CDC and encourages residents who are at highest risk for COVID-19 to receive a Pfizer COVID-19 booster shot to help increase their protection.

Those who qualify may get a Pfizer booster dose in Butte County anywhere the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine is currently available, including local pharmacies and community vaccination clinics. No documentation will be required.

Find a COVID-19 vaccine near you:

Butte County COVID-19 Vaccination Website: www.buttecounty.net/COVIDvaccine

State COVID-19 Vaccine Website: [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov)

It is recommended to consult with your primary healthcare provider if you have questions about getting a COVID-19 booster dose.

At this time, booster doses for Moderna and J&J have not been approved by the CDC. ★

Take Out the Trash! Get Ready for Free Dump Day

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Waste Management, in partnership with the City of Gridley, invites the community to take part in the annual Free Dump & Gridley Clean-Up Day, this year falling on Saturday, October 16th.

Free Dump Day is open to Gridley residents only. Please bring a photo ID and your Gridley utility bill to prove residency. Waste Management asks that you bring your unwanted junk, including mattresses, old refrigerators, appliances, couches and more to 100 Kentucky Street, between

the hours of 8:00-11:30 am on October 16th. No Tires or hazardous wastes will be accepted, including paint, solvents, pesticides, waste oil, antifreeze, pool chemicals, fluorescent bulbs or lamps, batteries, explosive or flammable materials.

If you are disabled and need assistance, please schedule a pick-up by calling (530) 846-3631 before October 14th. This is a limited service and proof of disability will be required and verified (State issued placards are suggested for proof of eligibility). Items must be placed curbside by 7:00 am on October 16th and be limited to one pickup truck load. ★



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MEMORIAL NOTICE

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Julie Mattos of Gridley, CA passed away on Friday, October 1st, 2021 at the age of 53 years old. She was a beloved daughter, sister, mother, and aunt, as well as 'JuJu' and 'Julie Wonka' to those that knew and loved her.

Julie will be forever remembered by her precious children Denver (Kelsey) Mattos, Jena (Cody) Heitman, and Hannah Heitman, parents Tony & Patty Mattos, and siblings Tim (Valerie) Mattos, Corina (Eric) Waterbury, Tonya (Donnie) Nuchols, and Randy (Kelly) Hughes. She'll also be remembered by her nieces and nephews Garrett (Jacquie) Mattos, Chase (Whitney) Waterbury, Dustin (Jeannie) Mattos, Brittany, Haiden (Savana) Waterbury, Ashleigh Evenson, Dalton Evenson, Samantha (Justin) Waterbury, Mady Mattos and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Julie was born on May 9th, 1968 in Gridley, CA. She attended Biggs High School, where she was well-known for her extraordinary athletic abilities, excelling in basketball and softball. Julie was also exceptionally well-liked and easily made friends everywhere she went. She was also especially creative and crafty, an avid collector, and had a penchant for beautiful penmanship. Everything she did was for her children, whom she loved more than anything.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 8th, 2021 at 10am at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery gazebo, followed by a private burial service for immediate family. Open reception will be held at the Butte County Fairgrounds Expo Hall.

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The bulbs ordered in the spring have arrived. I was so happy to see that box. This helps my goal of yards covered in daffodils. This is an ambitious goal. Daffodils have not thrived in this yard. They grow and look great but they don't seem to spread. I check

to divide bulbs so I don't have to buy more, but not many are ready for dividing. I feed them and I work at letting some of the leaves be present after blooming so the bulbs get lots of sun food. I think part of the problem is me. When I divide the bulbs, I don't want to leave only one. I want clumps of flowers so I leave clumps of bulbs. Over time the clumps make smaller bulbs and I've defeated myself. The other behavior that I repeat over and over is my tendency to plant bulbs in the exact same place. You can see it now, I'm sure. I auger a hole for the bulb and grind up an already existing bulb. I know the solution to this

problem. This is why it is recommended that you map your flower beds. If I tracked where bulbs are already planted, I would know to move over a bit to plant so I don't destroy mature older bulbs. Maybe this is the year to map the bulbs I plant, we'll see. I have to do some prep work before planting the bulbs this year. Plus, I'm waiting until my shade tree is worked on by the tree service. I'm so happy for the blessing of not worrying about my beloved in a tree anymore. Tree guys will be risking their necks instead of him. I'm willing to pay for that alone. To get a well pruned tree on top of that is a bonus. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



Don't be a hypocrite! Stop being what you are not! I don't go to church because its full of hypocrites! They pretend to be holier than thou at church on Sunday but, look what they do during the other days of the week. If that is being a Christian count me out. Heard this before?

The Greek word, "hypokrites" means masked actors, people wearing masks to pretend to portray something or someone they are not.

This word "hypocrite" is used seventeen times in the gospels, only by Jesus to teach His followers how to act toward others. God knows our hearts and who we are; so, we have no use for masks.

For this past year we have had to wear masks for health reasons. Many times, we had to guess what someone was saying, or if they were smiling, or if we even knew the person. We became actor in

a part of people living behind cloth that changed how we acted or behaved.

The mask can be a good example of how to hide who we are or what we are doing. Robbers used to use them to hide while robbing stagecoaches. We now wear them for protection. However, some are using masks to cover who they are as they shoot, rob, or beat an unexpected passerby.

Just as evil is often performed under the shade of darkness, now evil reigns over people by persons covered by masks, a hood, a helmet, or full head covers. Some people, wear a mask we cannot see but they hide who they are just the same.

Cameras can't catch a perpetrator if they are covered in black gear used to hide one's identity. Because of this, people like actors in ancient Greece (the beginnings of modern theater) used masks to change or hide a character they were pretending to be.

Hurt someone and they will never find out who did it. Rob a store and walk out with what you

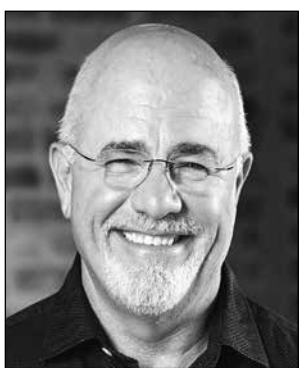
want because no one will catch you. But someone does know! Even if you are wearing that invisible mask to hide God still knows! God sees and knows all! You can run only so long before you are unmasked by Him.

Jesus warned us not to pretend to be religious and spit our rules and commands. Pretending to be a Christian looks good on progress reports but not so good in God's Book of Life.

Who we are comes from the heart, the love of our God and neighbors, and our actions that come from the heart and love.

We will be discovered if we are pretending to faithful and loyal to the King. No mask of any kind will hide us. Our, self-built castle will crumble and fall. Only what we do in Jesus' name, face uncovered, and hearts open as seen by God will count in our favor.

Come, learn to be real Christians who love in God's way at the Gridley United Methodist Church on Sundays at 10 am. We are on the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets in Gridley. ★



Protect Against Inflation?

Dear Dave,

All the talk on the news about inflation is a little scary. Is there any way to protect yourself against it on a day-to-day basis?

— Garret

Dear Garret,

When people start talking about inflation, it seems like there are always some who want to start collecting gold, fill every container they own with gasoline and stick their cash under their mattresses. But listen, you can prepare for inflation and address the results without being panicked.

You are still in control of your money, inflation or not. You'll be able to make sure your money is going toward the right things, while being able to

Dave Ramsey Says

find places where you can cut spending, if you're living on a written, monthly budget. If you're noticing the prices of things like food and gas rising in your area, you'll need to adjust your budget to account for this. That way, you'll know exactly what you're working with, and it will help you avoid any nasty surprises.

If you're really feeling the pinch and want to save even more, look for specific ways to lower your grocery bill or save money on gas. Maybe it's time you switched to generic brands, or started a carpool into work. If you find great deals on canned food and things you can stock your pantry with — I'm talking about stuff you'll actually use — go ahead and buy a little extra. Just make sure you've budgeted for it before heading to the grocery store. You'll want to already know exactly what you're going to spend, so you don't get swept up into impulse buying.

Like it or not, inflation is a thing. If you plan on

retiring one day, it's pretty much guaranteed that the cost of a loaf of bread, a tank of gas and even a cup of coffee will have gone up by then. The best way to protect yourself against inflation that's bound to happen is to invest your money — and the sooner the better. But remember, if you still have debt other than your mortgage, and don't have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses, you need to take care of those things first!

— Garret

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Farmers, Ranchers Have Time to Replace Livestock

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Mitigation Center.

As a result, eligible farmers and ranchers whose drought-sale replacement period was scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, 2021, in most cases now have until the end of their next tax year to replace the sold livestock. Because the normal drought-sale replacement period is four years, this extension

impacts drought sales that occurred during 2017. The replacement periods for some drought sales before 2017 are also affected due to previous drought-related extensions affecting some of these localities.

More information on reporting drought sales and other farm-related tax issues can be found in Publication 225, Farmer's Tax Guide, available on IRS.gov. ★

IRS announces tax relief for victims of wildfires in California

Special IRS Notice

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Victims of wildfires that began July 14, 2021 now have until Nov. 15, 2021, to file various individual and business tax returns and make tax payments, the Internal Revenue Service announced today.

Following the recent disaster declaration issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the IRS announced today that affected taxpayers in certain areas will receive tax relief.

Individuals and households affected by wildfires that reside or have a business in Lassen, Nevada, Placer, and Plumas counties qualify for tax relief. The declaration permits the IRS to postpone certain tax-filing and tax-payment deadlines for taxpayers who reside or have a business in the disaster area. For instance, certain deadlines falling on or after July 14, 2021, and before Nov. 15, 2021, are postponed through Nov. 15, 2021.

This means that individuals who had a valid extension to file their 2020 returns, due to run out on Oct. 15, will now have until Nov. 15, 2021 to file.

The Nov. 15, 2021, deadline applies to the quarterly estimated tax payment, normally due on Sept. 15. It also applies to the quarterly payroll and excise tax returns normally due on Aug. 2, 2021. Also penalties on deposits due on or after July 14, 2021, and before July 29, 2021, will be abated as long as the tax deposits were

made by July 29, 2021.

If an affected taxpayer receives a late filing or late payment penalty notice from the IRS that has an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date that falls within the postponement period, the taxpayer should call the telephone number on the notice to have the IRS abate the penalty. For information on services currently available, visit the IRS operations and services page at [IRS.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.irs.gov/Coronavirus).

The IRS automatically identifies taxpayers located in the covered disaster area and applies filing and payment relief. But affected taxpayers who reside or have a business located outside the covered disaster area should call the IRS disaster hotline at 866-562-5227 to request this tax relief.

The IRS will waive the usual fees and requests for copies of previously filed tax returns for affected taxpayers. Taxpayers should put the assigned Disaster Designation "California Wildfires" in bold letters at the top of Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return, or Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return, as appropriate, and submit it to the IRS.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Newsom,

You are responsible for Mary Kate Tibbitts' rape and murder. Your policy of releasing violent predators to do horrible crimes like this is so wrong. We all do not live in a gated property with security guards to protect our family members and belongings as you do. Your policy endangers all law abiding citizens. Your policy snuffed out the life of a bright light in Sacramento. Mary Kate Tibbitts belonged to a variety of non profit organizations,

was a member of a large loving family, had a multitude of friends and acquaintances. Mary Kate Tibbitts will be sorely missed by all. A crime that should not have happened and would not have happened if not for your selfish questionable leadership. Your's will be a legacy of abuse of authority and manipulation of the law.

Mary Kate Tibbitts was my stepdaughter. May you live out your life with your guilt.

Pat Tibbitts, Yuba City

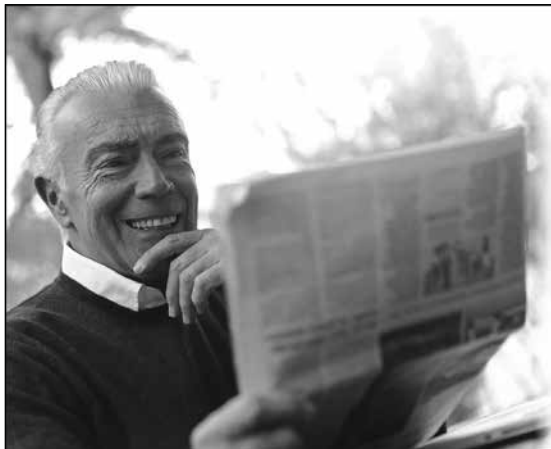


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Dear Dietitian

Food Allergies



Commentary
by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

Food allergies are on the rise in the United States, and it is estimated that as many as 8% of children suffer from at least one food allergy. A food allergy occurs when your body's immune system responds to a particular food as harmful and has a reaction. These reactions can range from itchy skin, vomiting, diarrhea, trouble breathing, wheezing, or life-threatening anaphylaxis.

Although it is uncertain why food allergies have increased, one theory is the hygiene hypothesis. Our immune system's job is to fight germs and stave off infections. However, our homes have been sanitized with bleach and antibacterial soap. In our efforts to provide clean homes for our families, our immune systems may have encountered an identity crisis, so they are looking for a new job. In this scenario, the body responds to a particular food as harmful and takes measures to protect itself.

Another contributor to food allergies may be food processing. For instance, China's peanut allergies are far less common than in the United States. While peanuts are roasted in the US, they are boiled in China. Boiling does not alter the protein in peanuts as does roasting, and typically, it is the protein in foods that acts as the allergen.

There are eight foods that account for 90% of all food allergies. They are: **Peanuts, Cow's milk, Eggs, Fish, Wheat, Shellfish, Tree Nuts, Soy**

Peanuts, milk, and eggs are the most common food allergies in children. While

many children outgrow these allergies, some will have them their entire lives.

In the past, physicians have advised parents not to introduce potential allergic foods to children until age 3. However, recent studies have shown that introducing these foods earlier in infancy may help prevent allergies from developing. The LEAP study (Learning Early About Peanuts) was the first randomized trial to study early allergen introduction as a preventive strategy. It found that the introduction of infant-safe peanut-containing foods at 4–11 months of age significantly reduced the risk of developing peanut allergy in high-risk infants (1). High-risk infants were defined as those who had severe eczema or an egg allergy, or both. The LEAP study results were published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Similar studies have been conducted on the early introduction of eggs to prevent allergies, but the results have been mixed or inconclusive. More research needs to be performed on food allergies to provide safe recommendations.

If you are concerned about food allergies for your child, talk to your pediatrician. Refrain from providing any of the foods mentioned above to your child until approved by your doctor.

Until next time, be healthy!
Dear Dietitian

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LOCAL FISHING

American River, low-flows of 550 CFS; king salmon, stripers and steelhead not active. Use: 0 (gg). Lower Yuba River, Parks Bar; drift boat, or bank fly fishing. Use: Oct Caddis. (a) Sacramento River, Sac Metro area; Sea lions rule the day. Use: ... (g) Knight's Landing; some kings caught. Use:... (g) Ord Bend; 20lb chinooks. All of the above: Use: K15 Kwik-fish w/ butterflied Sardine Wrap. (a)



K15 Kwikfish

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Fisherman's Wharf Berkeley; producing 4-lingcod all over 26 lbs. Use: Anchovy Cut Bait. (b) No report on Delta. (gg)

COASTAL WATERS

Fort Bragg; party boats surrounded by Humpbacks...more gawking than fishing. Few small chinooks caught. Use: Anchovy Cut Bait. (a)

SALT WATER FLY FISHING

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Jug Handle Beach; fish along the jetty. Calico Surf Perch. Use: Dilge Slider (b)

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Pyramid Lake, Nevada; Open. Boated

over 200 cutts to 17-lbs. Jigging 40-60-feet deep. Use: Tui Chub Jigs. (b) Eagle Lake; air temp. 31 degrees, water 56 degrees. Bank fisherman at Miners Point. Use: Needle Fish #2. (a) Bullards Bar Reservoir; Koke bite over, landlocked sockeye are spawning. Use... (g) Clear Lake crappie; launch at Lake Port, 10-15 crappie per day, 1-15ft deep. Water 68 degrees. Use: Crappie Jigs. (b) Large mouth bass hitting...Use: Shannon Twin Blade Spinner. (a)



Twin Blade Spinner

EASTERN SIERRA WATERS

June Lake Loop, Granite Lake; nice 6 ½ lb. cutthroats. Use: Stimulator Dry Fly. (a)

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Dryer Fires

Doing laundry is most likely part of your everyday routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

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Check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by debris.

Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

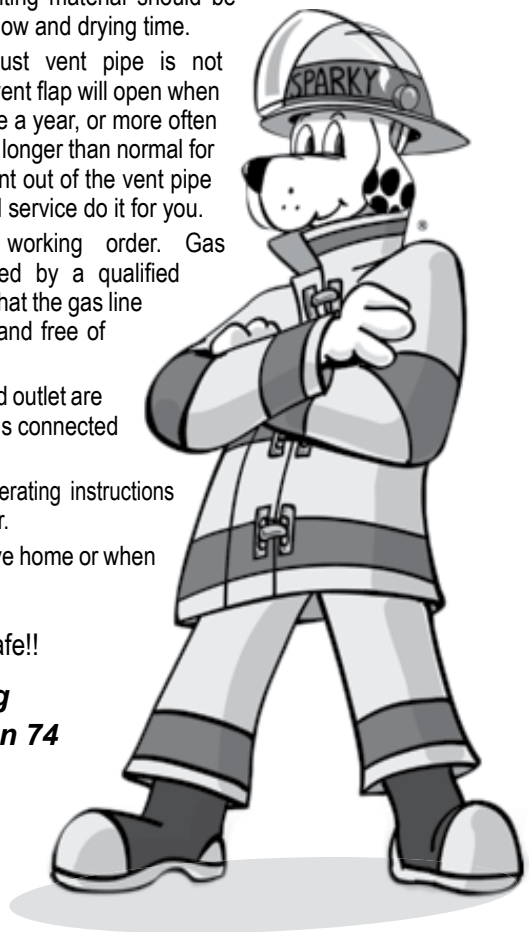
Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

FACT

- The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.
- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
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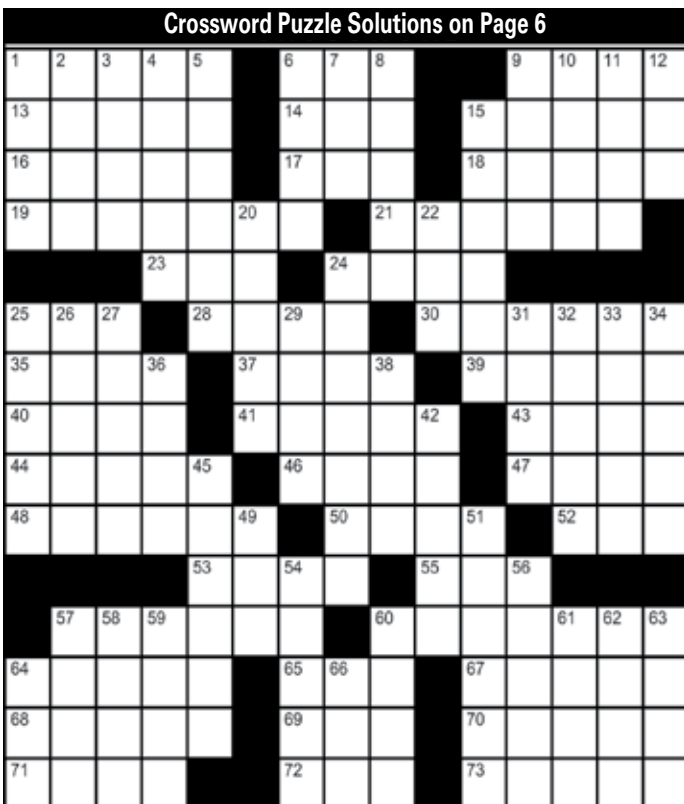
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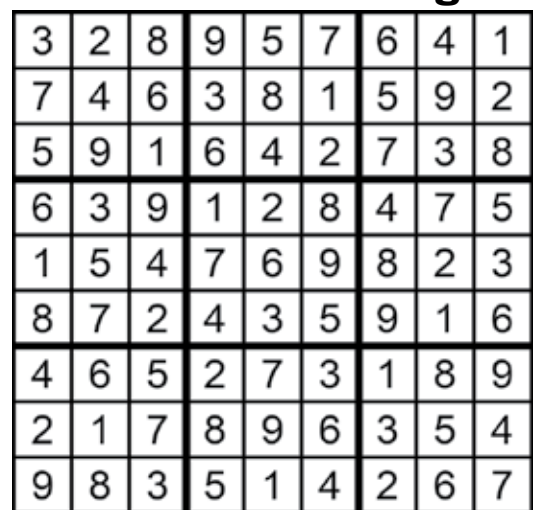
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Bulldogs Big Harvest

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came out hard charging. On the first play from scrimmage, junior running back, Brett Farr, broke loose to the left side of the field on a 52-yard scramble for the score to put the Bulldogs up quick 7-0. The Bulldogs defense came up big on Live Oaks' third snap on offense when Andrew Engelmann recovered the loose ball. The ensuing drive, Bulldogs quarterback Shay Carr, ran it in for the 27-yard score. After a forced punt, the Bulldogs got the ball back, where Farr once again

punched it in for the score, this time from 17-yards out. With the Bulldogs up 21-0, senior captain Tino Sormano, blocked the Lions punt and gave the Bulldogs another possession inside Lions territory. The Bulldogs drove down the field again before Carr punched it in for his second touchdown of the game from 4-yards out. When the Bulldogs got the ball back again, Farr punched it in from 3-yards out for his third touchdown of the game. The first quarter ended with the Bulldogs having a tremendous lead 35-0.

Notably throughout the rest of the game, junior running back Aiden Gomez scored on a 6-yard run in the second quarter, senior free safety Diego Romo intercepted a pass to end the first half, and junior running back Spencer Davis scored on a 4-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter to give the Bulldogs the 49-0 victory.

Farr led the Bulldogs offense with ten carries for 146 yards and three touchdowns. Carr carried the ball eleven times for 124 yards and two touchdowns.

Gomez had three carries for 20 yards and a score. Davis had seven carries for 38 yards and one touchdown. Senior kicker went 7-for-7 in points after touchdown. Romo had the one interception and junior defensive end Andrew Engelmann had one fumble recovery.

The Bulldogs are on the road at Sutter High School for their second league game on Friday, October 8, 2021 at 7:30PM. The Lions are on the road at Pierce High School for their second league game this Friday, October 8th starting at 7:30PM. ★



Gridley High School varsity football captains, Tino Sormano (#74) and Shay Carr (#5), lead the team onto the field carrying the Harvest Bowl trophy and scythe on Friday, October 1, 2021. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



Gridley High School varsity cheerleaders pose for a picture during the annual Harvest Bowl on Friday, October 1, 2021. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

Biggs Powder Puff Team Wins by a 2-0



Biggs High School freshman and senior team pose for a picture after winning the annual powder puff football game 2-0 on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



Biggs High School freshman, Emily Williams and Josy Navarro, pose for a picture before the annual powder puff football game 2-0 on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

By Joshua Porcayo

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - It's that time of year again when young women around the North State compete in their high school's annual flag football games. For Biggs High School, the Lady Wolverines hit the field at Del Kalbach Stadium on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, for some entertaining competition. The freshman and senior classes paired up as one team while the sophomores and juniors formed the other team. Each team was coached by football players within their respective classes.

The freshman / senior team kicked off to start the game. On the first drive by the sophomore / junior class, junior quarterback, Skyler Bailey, launched a pass deep down field, but was intercepted by freshman Emily Williams. Williams raced down the sideline evading tacklers approximately 65 yards before her flag was pulled down inside the 10-yard line. The sophomore / junior

class held strong and forced the turnover on downs without allowing the touchdown. On the first play of the ensuing drive, senior Ashley Rudd, sacked the quarterback inside the end zone for the safety, giving the freshman / senior class the 2-0 lead. Both teams battled back and forth with struggle to move the ball down field the rest of the first half.

During halftime, the male cheerleaders put on an exhilarating performance for the annual halftime routine choreographed by Biggs High School cheerleaders. Their five minute routine really got the crowd going.

The second half of the game was pretty quiet by both teams, with Rudd making a lot of stops behind the line of scrimmage on defense. The freshman / senior team went on to win the contest by a final score of 2-0 thanks to that early safety. Coaches Cody Roles, Riley Rutherford, Brady Smith, and Ethan Villanueva awarded Rudd with the Most Valuable Player honors for her performance on offense and defense. ★



Biggs High School powder puff team captains meet at the 50-yard for the annual flag football game Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



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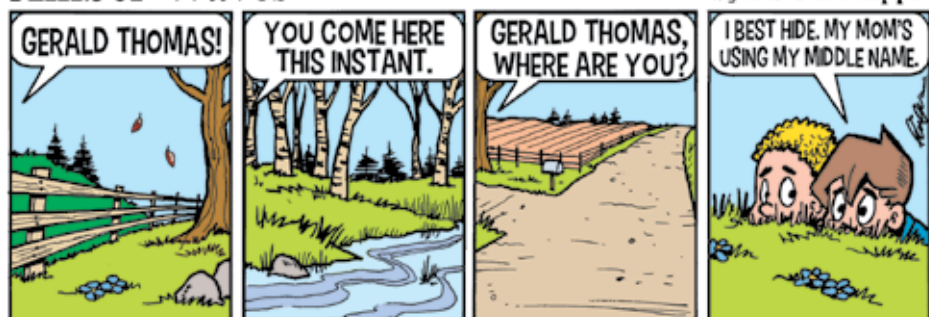
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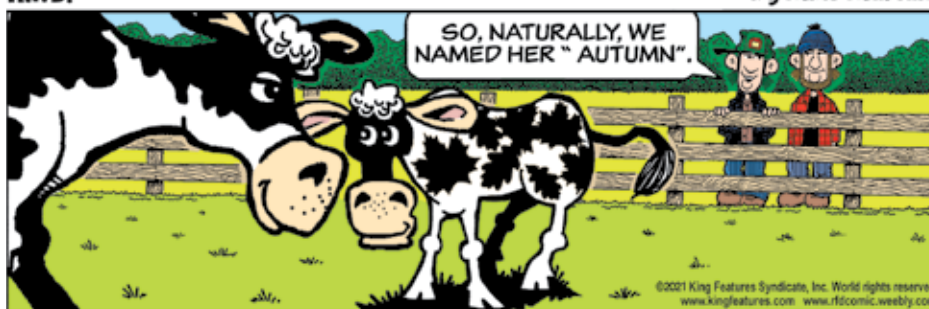
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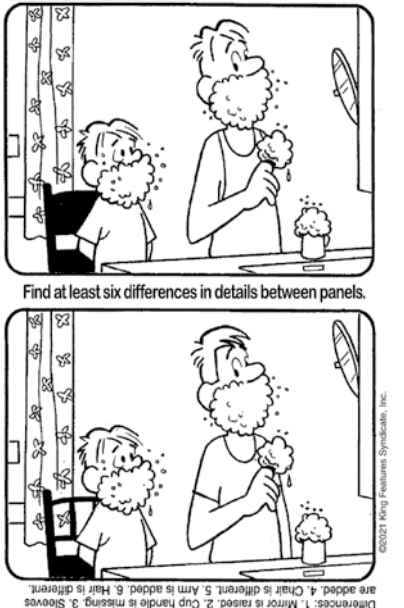
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No Doubt: Seniors are Tough Old Birds

By John Grimaldi,
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WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - It's not easy getting old. When times are bad they're worse for the elderly and no better example is there than the times in which we've been living for the past twelve months or so – in the year of the COVID-19 pandemic. There's no doubt that the older you are the more physically vulnerable you can be to the coronavirus, but there's evidence that aging can also turn us into mentally tougher "old birds," as the saying goes, according to Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC].

There was concern across the board when the pandemic got started that there would be a "mental health crisis" among the older population due to COVID based restrictions on contact with friends and family. But according to an article in JAMA, the Journal of the American Medical Association, there is "evidence suggesting that, counter to expectation, older adults as a group may be more resilient to the anxiety, depression, and stress-related mental health disorders characteristic of younger populations during the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic."

The article cites a study by the Centers for Disease Control that showed "933 participants aged 65 years or older reported significantly lower percentages of anxiety disorder (6.2%), depressive disorder (5.8%),



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or trauma- or stress-related disorder (TSRD) (9.2%) than participants in younger age groups."

But that doesn't mean seniors are not lonely, says Weber. "How can you not be lonely when interpersonal relationships are suddenly curtailed. But it appears that the older you get the better able you are to cope psychologically with loneliness."

She notes that there's even more evidence that

we get stronger emotionally as we get older. The AMAC CEO cites a new study conducted by the Stanford Center on Longevity, for example. In it, Professor Laura Carstensen, says that "as people age, they're more emotionally balanced and better able to solve highly emotional problems."

According to Carstensen, "we surveyed a representative sample of 945 Americans between

the ages of 18 and 76 years and assessed the frequency and intensity of a range of positive and negative emotions. We also assessed perceived risk of contagion and complications from the virus, as well as personality, health, and demographic characteristics. Age was associated with relatively greater emotional well-being both when analyses did and did not control for

perceived risk and other covariates. The present findings extend previous research about age and emotion by demonstrating that older adults' relatively better emotional well-being persists even in the face of prolonged stress."

Meanwhile, Dr. Marcia Ory, a Texas A&M aging expert, put it this way: "older adults – despite their awareness of increased risk – are generally not

reporting more feelings of anxiety, anger or stress than younger age groups [during the COVID crisis]." Dr. Ory is the founding director of the Texas A&M Center of Population Health and Aging and notes that she has been "studying the impacts of COVID-19 with an interest in debunking myths and identifying unexpected positive consequences for our aging population." ★



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