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Donations Needed for Evacuees



Sycamore School teacher Liz Ayon (left) and Michelle Solis (right) drop off donations to the newly named Butte Wildfires Distribution Center. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Considering recent circumstances, a decision was made to rename the Camp Fire Distribution Center to Butte Wildfires Distribution Center (BWDC).

The center has been actively serving Camp Fire Survivors but has kicked into high gear with the advent of the Bear Fire. Evacuees seeking shelter at the temporary evacuation center established at the Gridley Fairgrounds, organized by Butte County in cooperation with the American Red Cross, have been subject to different operational protocols than Camp Fire evacuees. The temporary evacuation center goal is to connect evacuees with resources, longer term shelters and help them move on. It has not been accepting donations or allegedly allowing evacuees to camp in tents on the grounds.

According to Cindy Scott, who has been involved in relief efforts at the site, the new model of operations is not solely due to COVID19.

She says, "It's an effort to avoid the serious problems that developed with previous shelters: Norovirus, drug use, non-evacuees taking advantage, large piles of debris accumulating and so on."

Those who have witnessed the treatment of Bear Fire victims, including the BWDC Director and Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce President, Lynne Spencer have bordered on outrage. Spencer shares that she has been barred from entering the center while attempting to assess and vet the needs of current evacuees. The alleged "no tent camping" policy has caused elderly and young people to sleep outside their vehicles packed with belongings in toxic air conditions. Spencer says, "It's not right."

Regardless of new protocols, community groups and members have rallied around the evacuees. The BWDC has put out a call for much needed donations and has created an Amazon Wishlist the public can reference and purchase the most requested donation items. Although donations

are coming in, the center is still in desperate need of specific items, including diapers and pet food.

Sycamore Middle School students heard the call and teachers, Michelle Solis and Liz Ayon have helped their students organize donations of water, toiletries and more. They made the BWDC Amazon Wishlist available to parents on the Sycamore Facebook page, and Solis says that they circulated a "kid friendly" version for students. Students were asked to drop their donations off in front of Sycamore School on Tuesday afternoon. Ayon says the students were excited to come together in this effort and that "it was a great turnout - a lot of students showed up. It was great to see their faces!"

Spencer is encouraging others wishing to donate and evacuees needing access to the center to call her and schedule a time to meet to ensure that COVID19 precautions are observed and that those most in need are able to access the supplies. She says, *Continued on page 3*

City Council Reviews a Lesson from History

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley City Administration and Council have been under attack on social media by residents who have experienced higher than usual electric bills in recent months. Many are blaming the City of Gridley for raising rates.

Going back to the month of June when the Council reviewed the 20-21 fiscal year budget and held multiple special meetings in regard to proposed master fee, code, sewer, water and electric rates, council responded to community concerns and postponed any rate increases until further meetings could be held in the Fall. This is documented in the June 24, 2020 meeting and agenda minutes posted on the City of Gridley's website and was also reported by the Gridley Herald.

On Friday, August 14th, the City held a special meeting wherein the public again voiced its anger over high rates and shut-offs for failure to pay, along with discrepancies in the service reconnection fee charged after a power shut-off. Last week on September 8th, a little earlier than planned, Council revisited these issues, pushed by a community who has been increasingly vocal about exorbitant electric rates.

They began the process by presenting a historical overview on each department: Sewer, Water and Electric. This included factors that have influenced past rate increases, the lack thereof and reasons motivating future increases.

The area of most concern was that of the electric utilities. The last electric rate increase was approved in December of 2017 after a detailed public review at the November 20th 2017 City Council Meeting. At that time, the City's electric department was in some serious trouble, posing a significant threat to the City as a whole, due to its reliance on Electric Fund transfers to the General Fund. The largest thorn in the electrical department's financial side: previous administrations over purchasing of energy from the Lodi Energy Center (LEC). Additionally, utility operations total just over \$11 million dollars in expenditures, says City Administrator Paul Eckert.

In 2006, former City Staff made the egregious error of miscalculating Gridley future electric needs and trapped itself into a legally binding contract, forcing the

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Local Eateries are Fed Up!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - As skies all over the north state filled with toxic levels of smoke, Butte County Health Department made the announcement that it would allow for temporary indoor operations of restaurants.

Butte County restaurants were allowed to resume indoor operations Thursday, September 10th as long as owners adhered to somewhat simple restrictions: Serve only 25% of max capacity, space tables 6 feet apart, keep staff masked and require customers to wear masks while moving about the facility until seated.

But "temporary" turned into about 24 hours. On Friday September 11th, the BCPH rescinded its allowance saying in a press release, "The temporary allowance was put in place to ensure that evacuees had a safe space to have a meal while the event

was unfolding." And it cited that the county is still under state mandates.

Assemblyman James Gallagher had urged local businesses to open indoor dining even before the health department's temporary allowance, and continues to do so, making sure to warn that businesses may risk enforcement by state agencies. Assemblyman James Gallagher writes, "Bottom line: the California Department of Public Health has refused to provide any flexibility on allowing indoor dining. This just further shows that the Governor's new Blueprint framework is arbitrary and nonsensical. They may be ok with the public, fire victims and first responders eating outdoors covered in smoke and ash, but I am not. My position remains the same: restaurants should open for indoor dining. The more restaurants that open indoors the better!"

Apparently, people are listening.

On Monday, business owners and community members gathered at Mike's Grande Burger in Oroville to rally in support of reopening indoor dining despite state orders. Accounts say that it was standing room only as many business owners and community members voiced their frustrations at legislators and state officials not listening to their constituents. Reopening against state orders could cost these businesses their licenses and according to a Facebook post by Assemblyman Gallagher, the Governor's Health officials "threatened to take away millions of dollars in Federal CARES Act funding from Butte County when our local health officials gave clearance to open up at 25% capacity indoors."

Many area restaurants feel that those are acceptable risks as they are fed up with the states mandates. ★

The New Pi-Line

Connecting through Crochet!



**The new Pi-Line
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W.D. Bureson
By Josh F.W. Cook**

When there are eminent floods in times of winter, we sometimes ask ourselves, why did we build our city near a river? And in the late summer, when there's a wall of fire coming down the hill toward our town, we think it was wise to put a river between us and the wall of flames. There always seems to be an upside to our downside and a downside to our upside.

Many many times, we get the message that we need to be prepared in case of emergency; I think most of us in Northern California have had enough things happen in the last five years that we have the basics down. We have an emergency plan; we have some food set aside, we have our documents in order and put up into the Internet cloud so they will be there if everything else washes away or burns down. We are now entering a stage where we Superior Californians, or upstate Californians as they like to say, are good

at helping other people. In the last few calamities that have struck us, I'm amazed at how many people are prepared and are able to be of assistance to those who, because of their situation, are a little less able to do all the things that need to be done when things go wrong. People helping people, it's one of the ways we survive all of these things and remain resilient. Service to others heals the soul.

It's interesting to note that the State of California bans State employees travel to Iowa, Idaho, Texas, and other states that don't have advanced enough anti-discrimination laws. Yet when we are overwhelmed by fire, we ask for their help, ask them to use their State's resources to help us, kind of bizarre. It seems like the elite political class in Sacramento should take any State off the banned list if they help us when we are having a disaster.

In many conversations with my father, I jokingly say that 80 is the new 60, and 60 is the new 40 when it comes to age. Interestingly many of the service organizations have people over age 60 showing up to help. This has been a problem when it comes to the virus floating around because people over 60 should not be helping out as they are more susceptible to death. I like having people around who are older than me; they usually know something that I need to

know and have seen things that I have not seen. People from that generation have an ethic of showing up. One of the good things coming from all of the difficulties we've been experiencing is shaping the next generation; personally I have a lot of hope in them, and I believe they will be very service-minded and aware as we transition to the next phase of our shared culture. My last daughter is 13, and she has had a very different life than I had in my first 13 years. It is good practice to be mindful of their experiences and pause for a moment and appreciate how incredible our children are and try to learn from them; they seem to be very good at being resilient and coping with changes in their schools, sports, relationships, and adapting to technology.

With so many people limited in many the activities they can engage in, the weekly newspaper sometimes gets read more than once a week. I hope you enjoyed our time together in this column; it is my hope that the two or three minutes you take to read it are a break from your regular flow of information and that you found something in it you can start a conversation with someone else about. Make it a point this week to reach out and have a conversation with someone who could use friendly human engagement.

Josh Cook is an Educator and Public Administrator. ★



Giving a newborn a Hats for Premies gift is a personal way to welcome a child into a new world. Photo provided by Irene Gonzales-Nordstrom

By Irene Gonzales-Nordstrom

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Hobbies are particularly satisfying when winter rains and cold weather makes it difficult to go out and walk around. Especially if your hobby is something you can do without too much fuss or bother-like crocheting or knitting. There are hundreds of easy indoor hobbies but, I am a crocheter and when my results also help others, I think that's great! I am talking about Hats for Premies-an organization who asks crocheters to make hats. Small babies who are premature have to keep their heads warm. You can google Hats for Premies and get all the information and a free hat pattern.

Hobbies are also fun! Especially during the difficult time of this terrible pandemic. If you have a computer, there are plenty of hobbies to learn on YouTube. You can also phone or go to the Gridley Library and check out a book on myriads of crafts.

I was lucky that I bought a book and taught myself to crochet as a mother to be, ages ago. Now in my senior years and as a shut-in, I still crochet. I find it relaxing and meditative.

I first saw the make Hats for Premies ad in The Gridley Herald asking for crochet hats to keep premies' heads warm. Since I crochet, I copied the hat pattern and asked other crocheters to join me. There are plenty of other organizations that elicit other crochet and knitted items such as hats, scarves, shawls, and blankets.

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, no hospital is accepting donations at this time.

That doesn't stop the following crocheters from pursuing their hobby. They are stockpiling their creations and staying optimistic about the future!

The first volunteer I would like to highlight is Ruby Hart my, industrious and friendly, neighbor. As a young wife, she bought herself a book and kept practicing her stitches over and over. She kept practicing her stitches with

the same ball of yarn so much that her husband told her: "Make something or throw that ball of yarn away!" Her first project was an afghan of a farm scene made up of granny squares.

She soon mastered other stitches and was soon making lots of beautiful baby clothes and other creations for her family, and friends.

She agreed to make hats and has donated close to twenty hats for premies. Each hat is unique and beautifully stitched. She is still crocheting up a storm and today she is also working on an intricate doily pattern with very fine white thread and the tiniest of stitches! She plans to sew it on a t-shirt for her granddaughter.

Rose Holland is my sister and also a volunteer. She learned to crochet from our grandma Betty who was featured in the newspaper for making over three hundred hats for a hospital in Camarillo! I also taught Rose how to make a granny square. Rose is very industrious and a quick learner. When I asked her to volunteer, she quickly agreed. It wasn't long before she graduated from a simple pattern to more complicated ones. Soon she was making beautiful shawls, scarves, and even giant afghans!

She loves to give thoughtful handmade items as special gifts to family and friends. Rose was also the delivery person who took our finished products to the Oroville Hospital.



While there are many challenges to the newborn and mother, there are many loving individuals who will give their time to make life worth the struggle. Photo provided by Irene Gonzales-Nordstrom

Claudia Hernandez is a warm and generous person who quickly agreed to volunteer. I met her through my church, Sacred Heart. She is also a wonderful crocheter. Her mother and grandmother taught her when she was only eight years old. Since then, she has made countless crochet creations for friends and family and is teaching her daughter to crochet.

In no time at all she brought me seven beautiful little hats she crocheted. She added a simple little flower on the premie girls' hats making them super special. ★

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IMPORTANT SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENT

I am so sad to inform the public that in accordance with State and Local health mandates, we will not be having a Fall Soccer Season. My heart is broken for our youth and families who love this sport. As Gridley Recreation, our first concern is your health and safety.

All registration payments have been held and will be available to pick up and sign out at City Hall.

YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT BACK IN FULL.

City Council Reviews a Lesson from History

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city to purchase unnecessary electric power from the LEC for 25 years. When the LEC came online in 2015/2016, the City became liable for its portion of the debt service, approximately \$600,000 annually. The unaudited Electric Fund Balance at the June 30, 2016 City Council Meeting was just \$25,000. A year later, June 30th, 2017, the projected balance was nearly \$400,000 in deficit. The 2017 utility rate increase was forced by that quickly growing deficit.

Gridley is currently investigating multiple avenues to maintain the 2017 rates for customers. Among those have been trying, by any means necessary, to get out of the contract with the LEC, postponing a \$120,000 electric building expansion, withdrawing \$400,000 from the Northern California Power Agency General

Operating Reserve, recovering \$168,000 from the City of Biggs for Electric Maintenance Services performed and more (for the full list please view the agenda atgridley.ca.us).

Even so, Gridley residents have seen bills in the high hundreds. City Administrator Paul Eckert and Council Members discussed possible causes of higher bills including higher than usual temperatures and more people staying indoors, working and schooling at home due to COVID19.

Gridley's water and sewer rates have not seen a rate increase since 2010 and remain below what neighboring cities pay. Currently Gridley's water rates hold at \$24.99 base fee with \$.97/ 1k gal charged. In comparison, the City of Biggs rates are \$55 base fee with \$8.50 1K CF over 7K used. Gridley's sewer

rates are currently \$37.96 with council considering a rate increase to \$41.76 as of January 1, 2021. In comparison, residents in Live Oak pay \$68.00 for sewer and Biggs residents pay \$65.90 base with \$8.50 charges for Imp. Council has maintained that there have been no changes in commodity rates since 2017 and that all Gridley utility rates remain lower than our neighboring cities.

Significant time was spent at the start of the Sept 8th meeting expressing the desire for community members to communicate with the Council to voice their concerns, ask questions, etc. As always, residents are urged to attend meetings (social distancing and COVID precautions are in effect) or to call in via teleconference at 1-888-204-5987 and enter the access code 5767603#.

Donations Needed for Evacuees



Sycamore School students including those in CJSF, Yearbook, ASB, and AVID Students rally together to collect donations for the latest wildfire victims. Photo provided by Michelle Solis

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“Right now our priority is the new fire victims” but assures that “I’m not gonna forget about our Camp Fire Survivors.”

Reportedly there were about 35-40 vehicles/groups still at the Gridley Temporary Evacuation Center Monday evening, but rumors of its closing began to circulate Tuesday. It appeared that evacuees had indeed vacated the Evacuation Centers premises that afternoon, but the sites closing could not be confirmed at that time by

either Red Cross or Butte County. Spencer reaffirms that many are still in our area, either in hotels or parking lots and even camping on private property.

To donate online please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y2gd6t33> or call Lynne Spencer directly at 530-870 0563. Spencer expressed the desire to publicly thank the Rotary Club, Lions International Club, Women of the Moose, GUSD Teachers, students, and the community for their generous donations.

State Must Invest in Infrastructure

By Nghia Nguyen, Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Governor Gavin Newsom toured the North Complex Fire today. Local lawmakers who represent the region, Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) and Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City), issued the following statement:

“The excuse of climate change cannot be used to deflect from the fundamental failure to address the fuels build-up in our forests that are the cause of these devastating fires. Two years of long-awaited forestry management investments don’t make up for decades of inaction by Democratic politicians who control this state, and the radical environmentalists that drive their agenda.

“These same misguided policy decisions have led to rolling blackouts and an energy grid that is falling apart. It has also resulted in

antiquated equipment that sparks wildfires that spew massive amounts of pollution into the air, and unsustainable green power that cannot meet our state’s needs.

“We have proposed solutions this year that would do much more to invest in forestry management and modernize the state’s electrical infrastructure. Democrats wouldn’t even give them a hearing in committee.

“The cause of our recent catastrophic wildfires and rolling blackouts is decades of bad policy enacted by Democrats, not climate change.

“To help reduce wildfires, this Administration must fully fund Senate Bill 901. Money can be achieved by reviewing existing General Fund commitments and immediately pledging the state’s Greenhouse Gas funds towards reducing fuel loads in our forests, the primary cause of these fires.”

HUD: Prevent Evictions by Using Grant Funds

By Eduardo Cabrera, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

WASHINGTON, CA (MPG) - Consistent with President Trump’s Executive Order “Fighting the Spread of COVID-19 by Providing Assistance to Renters and Homeowners”, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has reiterated the Trump Administration’s commitment to minimize displacement and evictions resulting from the COVID-19 global pandemic national emergency. HUD is reminding all grantees – states, cities, communities, and nonprofits – who received Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) or Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that they may use these funds to provide rental assistance or other aid to individuals experiencing financial hardship because of the pandemic and are at risk of being evicted, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and guidance.

“From day one of this pandemic, the Administration has done everything in our power to ensure that the American people have a roof over their heads during these trying times,” said Secretary Carson. “Thanks to President Trump’s leadership we have secured the necessary resources and mechanisms to

efficiently and effectively combat this virus.”

HUD continues to provide technical assistance to grant recipients to prevent evictions and keep people in their homes throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the Department provided virtual office hours for grantees to ensure relief funds are being used quickly and efficiently. HUD has issued a toolkit for landlords and Public Housing Authorities so they can work with their tenants during this difficult financial time. Additionally, HUD has extended its Single-Family eviction and foreclosure moratorium for FHA insured Single-Family homes three times, has promoted the Department’s Housing Counselor services, and issued guidance for lenders.

Homelessness service providers and Public Housing Authorities across the Nation have jumped into action to assist those they serve during this unprecedented time. Read more about their stories featured in HUD’s Neighbors Helping Neighbors campaign website. For more information on HUD’s response to the novel coronavirus pandemic and the actions the Department has taken, please visit [HUD.gov/coronavirus](https://www.hud.gov/coronavirus).

More information about HUD and its programs is available at www.hud.gov and <https://espanol.hud.gov>.

North Complex Fire Update as of Sept 15th

By Seti Long

PLUMAS, BUTTE AND YUBA COUNTIES, CA (MPG) - As of September 15th, CALFIRE Team 4 reports that the North Complex West Zone, which encompasses fires previously burning as part of the North Lightning Complex and Bear Fires, to be at about 25% containment with 76,900 acres burned. That sum is just a portion of the North Complex Fire which has been broken into 3 zones: North Zone, South Zone and West Zone. The total acreage of all three zones burning is 269,358 acres at 32% containment.

CALFIRE reports that 23,346 structures have

been threatened by the blaze with 706 confirmed destroyed and 50 damaged. There has been 1 first responder injury reported with 15 civilian fatalities confirmed as of the time of this article. Butte County Sheriff’s Department has confirmed and released the names of 7 of the victims of the North Complex West Zone as follows: John Butler, age 79 of Berry Creek; Sandra Butler, age 75 of Berry Creek; Jorge Hernandez-Juarez of Berry Creek; Philip Rubel, age 68 of Berry Creek; Khawar Bhatti, age 58 of Berry Creek; Millicent Catarancuic, age 77 of Berry Creek and Josiah Williams, age 16 of Berry

Creek. Evacuation orders are still in effect for parts of Butte, Plumas, and Yuba Counties. For up to date information on those respective areas please visit: Butte County Sheriff’s Office at <https://www.facebook.com/besonews> ; Plumas County Sheriffs Office at <https://www.facebook.com/plumas-countysheriff>, and Yuba County Sheriff’s Office at <https://www.facebook.com/yubacountysheriff>. For more information on the North Complex West Zone Fire please visit <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2020/8/18/north-complex-fire/>.

Butte County Added to Federal Disaster Declaration

Governor’s Office of Emergency Services

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Butte County has been added to California counties approved for assistance to individuals and households as part of the major disaster declaration approved Aug. 22 by President Trump.

The addition makes Butte County the ninth county to receive federal approval for individual assistance: Lake, Monterey, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo counties were approved previously.

FEMA’s individual assistance program provides grants to help eligible survivors with financial assistance that may include rent, home repair, home replacement and other disaster-related needs such as childcare, medical and dental expenses.

Apply for disaster assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency online at

www.disasterassistance.gov; by downloading the FEMA app to a smartphone or tablet; or by calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585) between 7 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Pacific.

U.S. Small Business Administration assistance

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has established a Virtual Disaster Loan Outreach Center to help homeowners and renters. Customer service representatives are available to assist business owners and individuals to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each person complete their electronic loan application.

Virtual Business Recovery Center and Virtual Disaster Loan Outreach Center

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These services are only available for the California disaster declaration as a result of the wildfires that began Aug. 14, 2020, and not for COVID-19-related assistance.

For more information, applicants may contact SBA’s Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visit [SBA at SBA.gov/disaster](http://SBA.gov/disaster).

Caltrans Seeks Feedback on Route 99 Safety Project

By Raquel Borrayo, Caltrans

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a safety project at State Route 99 and the Eager Road interchange and the intersection of State Route 99 and Live Oak Boulevard and Encinal Road near the Lomo Railroad Crossing in Sutter County.

The preliminary alternative proposes to construct cul-de-sacs to close access to SR-99 from Live Oak Boulevard and Encinal Road. Traffic would be diverted to the Eager Road interchange. In addition, Caltrans proposes to close off left turns from Kent Avenue to southbound SR-99. Drivers would use Clark Road to access SR-99. This is our preliminary

alternative and based on the public input we would develop other alternatives as appropriate.

Caltrans is committed to the safety and well-being of our community members, employees and their families.

In light of the developments regarding COVID-19 crisis and guidance on public gatherings, Caltrans is producing a virtual Town Hall Meeting that features a short video presentation outlining the overall project and the proposed traffic safety features.

Community members are encouraged to submit comments about the project by Friday, October 2, 2020.

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

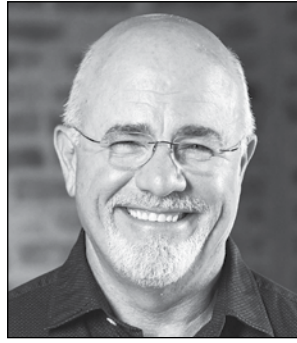
My garden has been buried in ash, how about yours? The amount of ash has been overwhelming. The size of the ash is astonishing. Maybe it will help the vegetable garden. I tear up when I recognize all of this ash is destroyed trees and homes. I haven't heard if my old home in Berry Creek has burned or not. I'll know by the

time you all read this. It sounds like the community of Berry Creek has been demolished.

There have been a lot of toadstools popping up on lawns around town. The sun was blazing and up popped many toadstools in well-watered areas. I'm used to seeing them in the fall but this has been HOT weather. I decided to find out about toadstools and why they grow in lawns. Fungi are connected to your trees and shrubs and perennials via the roots in mycorrhizal relationships (this looks like stringy white stuff underground). The woody plants provide the mushrooms with sugars, while the toadstools make minerals available to the plants. Ninety-two percent of all plant families have

relationships with fungi, via the roots. Forest trees cannot survive without fungal mycorrhizal partners. Toadstools are an indication that soil building is going on in your lawn. This is a good thing. Should you decide it is not a good thing for your lawn here are two methods to reduce toadstool development in your lawn.

1. Reduce the amount of thatch (thatch is often caused by improper watering, usually too much or too frequent) by scarifying the lawn (poke holes in it). Then reduce the amount of fertilizer applied to the lawn.
2. Check for buried debris like old lawn clippings under the grass. If it is there, your toadstools are growing from that. ★



Christmas in ... September?

Dear Dave,

I know it may be early to talk about Christmas, but do you have any advice on saving for the holiday season?

—Carlie

Dear Caarlle,

It's never too early to talk about Christmas! I'm glad you're thinking about things ahead of time. A lot of people wait until December to buy gifts and make plans. That's fine if they've got the money set aside to handle things, but most of them don't. Then, they panic and turn to credit cards. You don't want to end up in a situation where you're still paying off Christmas in April.

If you don't have anything put aside yet, I'd suggest setting some

Dave Ramsey Says

spending goals now. Taking a close look at your income and living expenses should be part of this. If you're not doing it already, what I'm talking about here is living on a written, monthly budget. Look at how much you can afford to put toward Christmas each month, make a gift-giving goal amount, and stick to it. Along with this, you might consider opening a separate account just for your Christmas savings. Start looking for gift deals now, too. There are end-of-summer sales still going on, and you never know what you might find.

You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a wonderful Christmas or make the season special for others—even when it comes to giving. Thoughtful handmade items, meaningful photographs set in a frame, or special baked goods are great ways to show the folks in your life you're thinking about

them and how much you care.

Now, let's talk about next year. There's absolutely nothing wrong with including a line just for Christmas in your budget each month. Christmas doesn't sneak up on you. It's on December 25th every single year. Putting a little money aside all year long might just take some of the stress out of your Yuletide planning.

Good question, Carlie!

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 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.. ★

Dear Dietitian

Omega-3 Fatty-Acids



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

We hear so much about omega-3 fatty acids being good for us, but we don't hear as much about omega-6 fatty acids. Are they healthy? Also, I read that grass-fed beef is better for us than grain-fed beef because it has more omega-3 fats. Is that true?

Thank You, Thomas

Dear Thomas,

Omega-3 fatty acids have indeed enjoyed much of the spotlight when it comes to a heart-healthy diet. How does its cousin, the omega-6 fatty acid, compare? Both are polyunsaturated fats found in our diets. Their names simply indicate where the first double carbon bond is located from the terminal, or omega end. In the case of the omega-3, the first carbon: carbon double bond is third from the end of the carbon chain.

Omega-3s are found abundantly in walnuts, flax seeds, chia seeds, and fatty fish, such as salmon, mackerel, sardines, and trout. Omega-6s are found in plant oils like corn oil, safflower oil, and soybean oil. There are two essential fatty acids we need for good health, linoleic (an omega-3 fatty acid) and alpha-linolenic (an omega-6 fatty acid). These are called essential because our bodies cannot make them, and they must be obtained in our diet. Linoleic is needed for our largest organ, the skin. It prevents water from entering the first layer of skin, the epidermis, thereby preventing our bodies from being overloaded with fluid. Alpha-linolenic acid is needed for brain development and function. It is also converted to EPA and DHA, which have anti-inflammatory effects.

At one time, it was believed that

Omega-6s should be limited because linolenic acid is converted to arachidonic acid, an inflammatory substance that may contribute to chronic diseases. However, with further research, it has been discovered that minimal amounts of linolenic acid are converted to arachidonic acid. Furthermore, omega-6s have a protective effect on the heart. Many studies showed that rates of heart disease went down as consumption of omega-6-fats went up. A meta-analysis of six randomized trials found that replacing saturated fat with omega-6-fats reduced heart attack and stroke by 24%. Another study found that replacing saturated fats with polyunsaturated fats reduced heart disease rates more than replacing them with monounsaturated fats or carbohydrates (1).

While we are used to associating omega-3s with fish, beef also contains some of the healthy fat. Grass-fed beef contains more omega-3-fats than does grain-fed. Estimates vary, with some claiming that grass-fed beef has two to three times more omega-3s than its counterpart. But both pale in comparison to the amount of omega-3s in salmon, which contains 10-20 times more than either type of beef. That said, any type of beef is very nutritious, high in protein, iron, zinc, and vitamins B3, B6, and B12.

Finally, there is no evidence that grass-fed beef is better for you in the context of a balanced diet. Another fact to consider is its cost. Be prepared with deep pockets, as grass-fed beef is about 50% more expensive than conventional beef.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

Reference

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Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Before you know it, it'll be time to say goodbye to Fluffy for the winter months. Now most of us love dogs and cats and horses. But why do we limit ourselves to having these for pets? It just doesn't make any sense. For me, Fluffy is really an ideal pet. For one thing, I don't have to feed him. Not at all. You see, Fluffy is a lizard. A real lizard.

He learned from his lizard mom and dad how to snarf up bugs and blink his

Try that with a Poodle Sometime

eyes and do push-ups on rocks. Honest. I didn't have to teach him that at all. Also, I don't have to build him a house or fix him a bed in our house, because Fluffy prefers to live in the back yard in the woodpile. I mean, this is one self-sufficient pet we're talking about here!

Now Fluffy isn't perfect. You see, I can call the dog and the dog will come and I can rattle the cat food bag and the cat will come, but Fluffy has this heightened sense of independence that means he's able to ignore me just about any time he wants to. It's an American trait, of course.

The main reason Fluffy is my pet lizard is how

much fun he is for the neighbor kids and my grandchildren. They come over and talk to him and, if he's in a good mood and it's a warm day, he might do push-ups for them.

Also, it makes my grandchildren look at me kinda funny when I talk about Fluffy and what he told me just yesterday. And what other pet automatically recreates itself every few years without us even realizing it? Try that with a poodle sometime.

Brought to you to honor those masked folks who wait on us in the coffee shops and take our temperature at the doctor's office. Thank you for your courage. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



"Love changes everything" goes the song from Andrew L. Webber. "It determines how you live and how you die." Now that is a profound thought. Just one little four letter word that can change the course of history, change the outcome of conflicts, change how many make it to eternity. God knew this when He created all of this world. His love changed void into matter and nothing into something. His love changed the outcome of man's destruction. If only man would learn that kind of love.

- L- let go of those things that cause inward pain and hate. God did!
- O- offer help to all who need it. God did!
- V- verify your intentions and do things out of devotion, not greed. God did!
- E- eliminate yourself from first place and put Jesus and others first to secure Joy. God did!

If we live in love, we surely will die in love. Then we'll be able to live forever in the arms of a creator who showed the ultimate example of a Father's love for His children. He allowed His Son to walk among the lowly to give love to all generations of poor-spirited wrongdoers.

All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day remind us that

there were human beings who, "Walked the walk and talked the talk" of the Lord's love enough to die physically in His service. Now they serve through eternity as they reside with the Heavenly Hosts. Are we going the same path or are we afraid to change? Why not take a chance on change? The new you might just change others! Now isn't that a thought!!!

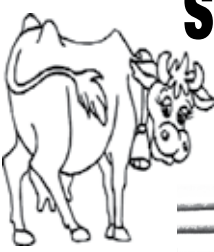
The Gridley United Methodist Church did not have services last week because of the poor air quality. We will have service outside if conditions permit this week.

If you have any questions call Dennis Conklin at 846-4949. We meet outside at 9:30 following all COVID-19 protocols. ★

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PREPARING FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF

Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) is a statewide effort to prevent wildfires by proactively turning off power to communities when severe winds and dry weather conditions are forecast. While turning off the power helps prevent wildfires, we also know it will disrupt lives and cause hardship for our customers. That’s why PG&E does not make this decision lightly and will only call a PSPS to help keep customers and communities safe.

HERE ARE 5 WAYS TO PREPARE FOR A PSPS:



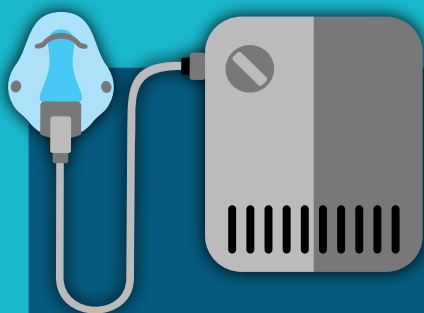
Make sure PG&E can reach you before a PSPS by updating your contact information at pge.com/mywildfirealerts.

1



Pack or restock your family’s emergency kit including food, water, batteries, masks, radio and a first aid kit.

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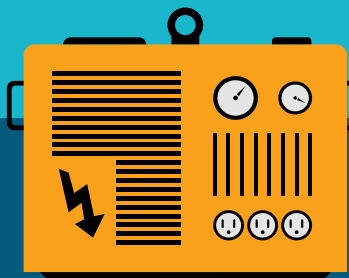
Make preparations for anyone in your family who depends on electricity for medical needs.

3



Practice manually opening your garage door (if you have a garage).

4



Ensure any backup power sources are ready and safe to operate.

5



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To learn more ways to prepare for a PSPS and any emergency, visit safetyactioncenter.pge.com

Supreme Court Makes Local Tax Hikes Easier



By Dan Walters
CAL Matters

In a roundabout, passive way, the California Supreme Court last week handed a big victory to the advocates of higher taxes.

Without comment, the justices declined to take up a state appellate court decision that would allow specialized local government taxes to be increased by a simple majority of voters, if they are placed on the ballot by initiative petitions rather than by the governments themselves.

The victory for tax proponents, especially government worker unions, was an equally large defeat for anti-tax organizations such as the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association. However, it also may bring more ballot box budgeting and indirectly weaken the role of city councils and other locally elected boards.

Proposition 218, approved by California voters in 1996, declares that local governments seeking more revenue must win voter approval. Proposals for general purpose revenue through increases in sales taxes or other levies need only simple-majority approval. However, if cities, counties and other local governments seek new taxes for specific purposes, Proposition 218 requires two-thirds votes.

Three years ago, the state Supreme Court issued a decision called “Upland” because it dealt with a ballot measure on taxing marijuana in that Southern California city.

Writing the 5-2 majority opinion, Supreme Court Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar declared, “Multiple provisions of the state constitution explicitly constrain the power of local governments to raise taxes. But we will not lightly apply such restrictions on local governments to voter initiatives.”

He thus implied that special purpose taxes placed before voters via initiative may not be affected by the two-thirds vote requirement for taxes sought by governments themselves.

Quickly, special purpose taxes placed on the ballot via initiative that garnered less than two-thirds votes were challenged by the Jarvis organization and other taxpayer groups, but trial court judges differed sharply on whether Cuéllar’s opinion did, indeed, validate them.

Two of the tests were San Francisco taxes placed on the ballot via initiatives personally sponsored by members of the city’s Board of Supervisors, one for early childhood education, the other to battle homelessness. Both received less than two-thirds votes, but a local judge, Ethan Schulman, validated them anyway.

In June, a San Francisco-based appellate court upheld Schulman on the homelessness taxes and the Jarvis organization appealed to the state Supreme Court, which last week validated the appellate court ruling by

refusing to take it up.

The tax on business gross receipts for homelessness services will raise as much as \$300 million a year. “San Francisco voters have the right to direct democracy and self-government,” City Attorney Dennis Herrera said in a statement. “We’re pleased that this legal victory will free up millions of dollars to provide services, housing and mental health treatment for those who most desperately need it in our city.”

The Supreme Court’s action, or non-action, also may validate other disputed special purpose taxes, including another for early childhood education in San Francisco, an Oakland parcel tax for education and a Fresno sales tax for parks. Local judges had blocked the Oakland and Fresno taxes, declaring that Proposition 218 required them to have two-thirds votes.

Local government officials prefer to ask voters for general revenues because they are more flexible. But advocates for particular causes prefer special purpose taxes to prevent revenues from being diverted elsewhere.

The way is now clear for interests with the wherewithal to qualify and pass ballot measures, such as unions, to push for taxes that benefit their members, thus reducing the authority of local elected officials to set budget priorities.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers ★

COVID-19 Testing Impacted by Wildfires

Butte County Public Health Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Due to the 2020 North Complex West Zone wildfire, the State’s COVID-19 testing site OptumServe, located at the Silver Dollar fairgrounds, has been required to relocate operations and is temporarily unavailable. Butte County Public Health (BCPH) is working to find a new testing location for OptumServe and will notify the public when this location is open.

OptumServe will be in contact with those who had previously scheduled an appointment.

Butte County residents may register and access COVID-19 testing at OptumServe locations in nearby counties, including: Glenn, Sutter and Tehama. To schedule an appointment at one of these locations, visit: <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>. People without internet access may call 1-888-634-1123.

Additional COVID-19 testing locations throughout Butte County can be viewed on the BCPH website: www.buttcounty.net/ph/testing. Please note, some locations may be located in areas under a fire evacuation warning or order. ★

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ORDINANCE NO. 422

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIGGS ADDING ARTICLE IV TO CHAPTER 8.15 OF THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

FINDINGS.

The City Council of the City of Biggs hereby finds and declares as follows:

- For the purpose of balancing the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Biggs with the convenience and cost savings of limited and defined vehicle street parking, the City of Biggs intends and hereby does adopt the regulations set forth below to permit and regulate the parking of defined vehicles upon city streets.
- These regulations provide for the issuance of a parking permit for a specific vehicle at a specific location.
- These regulations impose conditions for the maintenance of the permitted vehicle upon the issuance of a permit.
- These regulations declare the violation of a parking permit condition to be a public nuisance.
- Unless otherwise specifically authorized by the City Council of the City of Biggs, these regulations will be repealed, in whole, effective September 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.** The above-listed findings and statements of intent are true and correct.
Section 2. Article IV is added to Chapter 8.15 of the Biggs Municipal Code as follows:

Article IV. Street Parking Permit Program

- 8.15.200 Purpose.**
8.15.210 Street Parking Permit Application.
8.15.220 Conditions Necessary for Street Parking Permit Approval.
8.15.230 Vehicle Restrictions for Street Parking Permit Approval.
8.15.240. Street Parking Permit Conditions.
8.15.250. Revocation of Street Parking Permit.
8.15.260. Declaration of Public Nuisance.
8.15.270. Effect of Permit.
8.15.280. Cost of Permit.
8.15.290. Repeal.

8.15.200 Purpose.

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8.15.210 Street Parking Permit Application.

Any owner or renter of a residence within the City of Biggs may apply for a Street Parking Permit by completing and submitting a Street Parking Permit Application, available at the Biggs City Hall or online at the City’s website.

8.15.220 Conditions Necessary for Street Parking Permit Approval.

All of the following are conditions necessary for the approval of a Street Parking Permit:

- The applicant shall propose a vehicle for permitting and shall propose a street parking location to be associated with the proposed vehicle.
 - The proposed street parking location shall be at least thirty (30) feet from the intersection of the right-of-way lines of any street intersection and may not interfere with the sight distance area as defined at Biggs Municipal Code section 14.20.880.
 - The proposed street parking location shall not pose a public safety hazard and shall not interfere with or otherwise impede access to a driveway, public sidewalk, fire hydrant or street sign.
 - The applicant must own or rent the residence directly abutting the proposed street parking location.
 - The applicant must be the named registered owner of the proposed vehicle and shall submit proof thereof.
 - No more than one permit shall be issued to any person or to any associated residence.
- 8.15.230 Vehicle Restrictions for Street Parking Permit Approval.**
A Street Parking Permit will not be issued unless the proposed vehicle meets all of the following:
- The proposed vehicle shall have a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating less than or equal to 15,600 pounds.
 - The proposed vehicle shall not exceed forty (40) feet in length, nine (9) feet in width and twelve (12) feet in height.
 - The proposed vehicle shall be in good working order, condition and appearance. The proposed vehicle shall be fully operational. The proposed vehicle shall have no flat or low tires.
 - The proposed vehicle shall be licensed with a valid Vehicle Identification Number.
- 8.15.240. Street Parking Permit Conditions.**
Upon the issuance of a Street Parking Permit, all of the following conditions shall apply:
- The permitted vehicle shall remain in good working order, condition and appearance. The permitted vehicle shall remain fully operational. The permitted vehicle shall have no flat or low tires. The permitted vehicle shall not fall into disrepair; any visible damage shall be promptly addressed.
 - No weed, garbage or other debris shall accumulate in, on, under or around the permitted vehicle and/or the associated parking location.
 - The permitted vehicle shall not be connected to any utility service, including, but not limited to, water, sewer or electricity, by hoses, cords, cables or other means.
 - The permitted vehicle shall not be parked more than ten (10) inches from the curb (if one exists).
 - The permitted vehicle shall not be parked on a sidewalk.
 - The permitted vehicle shall not be covered or tarped to any extent; provided, however, that a permitted boat may be covered with a custom-made, fitted covering(s).
 - The permitted vehicle shall be moved completely from the associated parking location at least once every thirty (30) days.
 - The permit holder shall move the permitted vehicle at the request of the city so that the city may perform city services such as street sweeping and right-of-way maintenance.
- 8.15.250. Revocation of Street Parking Permit.**
A Street Parking Permit shall be subject to immediate revocation if any one of the conditions set forth in section 8.15.240 is violated.
- 8.15.260. Declaration of Public Nuisance.**

Any violation of this Article, including, but not limited to a violation of any of the conditions section forth in section 8.15.240, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and subject to abatement pursuant to the Biggs Municipal Code.

8.15.270. Effect of Permit.

The holder of a permit issued pursuant to this Article, who adheres to the Street Parking Permit Conditions in section 8.15.240, shall not be subject to Biggs Municipal Code sections 8.15.050 or 8.15.130.

8.15.280. Cost of Permit.

The cost of a permit issued pursuant to this Article shall be \$100.00, annually.

8.15.290. Repeal.

Unless specifically authorized otherwise by the Biggs City Council, this Article shall be repealed, in whole, effective September 30, 2021.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Ordinance was duly and regularly introduced and read at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of July, 2020 and was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Biggs at a regular meeting thereof duly held on the 8th day of September, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

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NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS	
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS	
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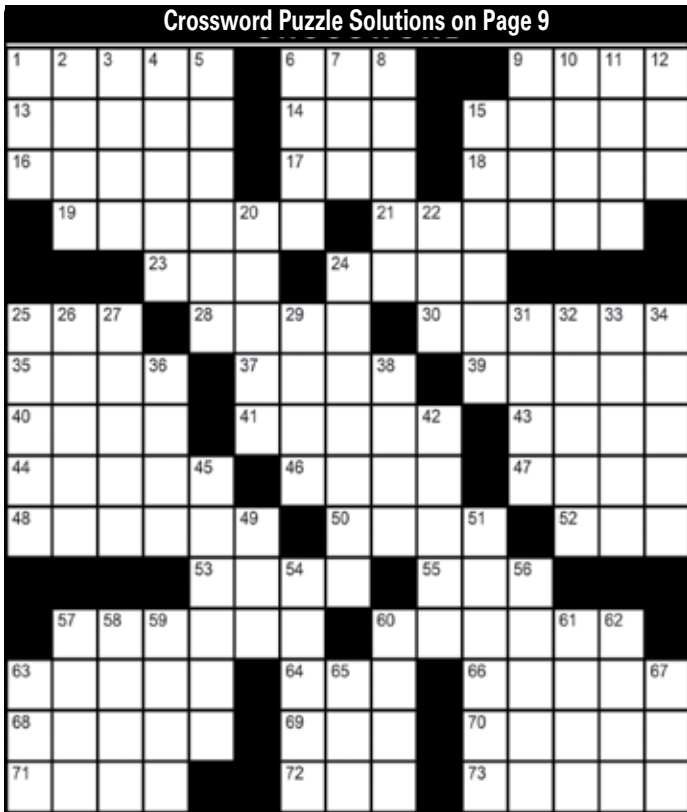
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Six Individuals Arrested in Bear Fire Evacuation Zone

Butte County Sheriff's Office

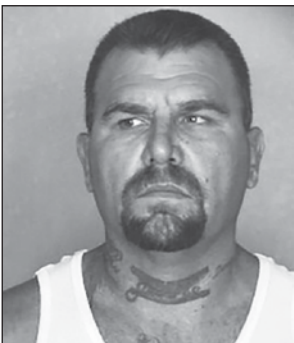
OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On September 14, 2020, an evacuated Bear Fire survivor was checking his home surveillance cameras from an offsite location. While viewing the surveillance camera footage, the resident observed an individual trespassing on his property. The resident immediately contacted law enforcement.

Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies responded to the area of Dancing Wind Drive, Forbestown and contacted six individuals in two vehicles. The six individuals were identified as



Cristian Ayala

Cristian Ayala, age 32, of Lincoln, Burt Floyd, age 50, of Lincoln, Guadalupe Garcia, age 42, of Lincoln, Guadalupe Garcia Jr., age



Burt Floyd

22, of Lincoln, William Peterson, age 61, of Berry Creek, and Anthony Gannett, age 61, of Berry Creek. Detectives conducted an investigation



Guadalupe Garcia

and determined Peterson had been trespassing on at least one evacuated property. Detectives determined Garcia, Garcia Jr., Peterson, and Gannett were associated with two properties located within the Berry Creek evacuation zone. Detectives

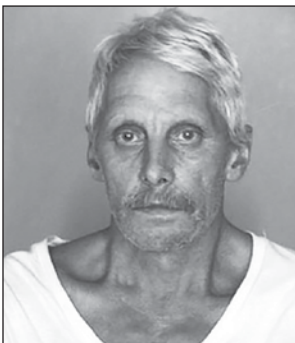
located evidence showing the aforementioned Berry Creek properties were being used for illegal marijuana cultivation.

During the investigation detectives located



Guadalupe Garcia, Jr.

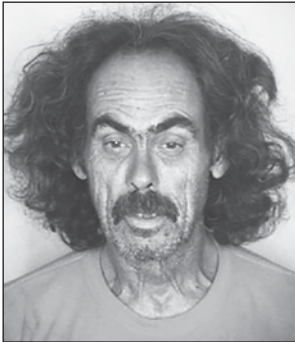
evidence the six aforementioned individuals conspired to willfully and knowingly enter an evacuation area, after they had received notice to evacuate and/or leave the area. Detectives also located evidence Garcia, Garcia Jr., Peterson, and Gannett willfully and knowingly entered an evacuation zone for the purpose of tending to their illegal marijuana grows. During the investigation detectives located evidence indicating Peterson was involved in the illegal sales of marijuana. Based on the evidence located, detectives determined Garcia, Garcia Jr.



William Peterson

Peterson, and Gannett were also conspiring to illegally cultivate and sell marijuana.

On the evening of September 14, Garcia, Garcia Jr., Peterson, and Gannett were booked into the Butte County Jail for one count of unlawful entry into an evacuation zone and one count of conspiracy.



Anthony Gannett

Gannett was also booked for an arrest warrant and for possession of methamphetamine. Ayala and Floyd

were both booked for a one count unlawful entry into an evacuation zone. Bail for Garcia, Garcia Jr., Peterson, and Gannett was set at \$250,000. Bail for Ayala and Floyd was set at \$3,000. All six individuals are scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on Thursday, September 17, at 3 PM. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with addi-



Christina Lafayette

tional information about this investigation to contact Detective Vaj Thao or Detective Brian Mollath at 530-538-7671.

While patrolling the evacuation zones on September 14, deputies also arrested the following individuals:

Christina Lafayette, age 33, of Forbestown

On September 14, 2020, deputies were patrolling the evacuated area of Forbestown. Deputies saw



Robert Tramonte

Lafayette walking inside the evacuation zone. Deputies contacted Lafayette and located ammunition and drug paraphernalia in her possession. Lafayette was arrested for unlawful entry into an evacuation zone, possession of drug paraphernalia, and being a prohibited person in possession of ammunition.

Robert Tramonte, age 42, of Forbestown

On September 14, 2020, deputies were patrolling the evacuated area of Forbestown. Deputies saw Tramonte riding a bicycle inside the evacuation zone. Deputies contacted Tramonte and determined he had a warrant for his arrest. Tramonte was arrested for unlawful entry into an evacuation zone and the aforementioned arrest warrant. ★

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Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

September 3rd - September 14th

- 9-3-20:** At 2:22 am on the 200 block of Spruce St., Gridley CA, Vincent Colt Moreno, 30, was cited for a local misdemeanor bench warrant and for an outside agency misdemeanor bench warrant.
- 9-3-20:** At 9:15 am at the GPD lobby, Gridley CA, Juan Antonio Moran, 41, was cited for two local misdemeanor bench warrants.
- 9-3-20:** At 10:44 am on the 300 block of Sage St., Gridley CA, Christopher Ryan Calhoun, 39, was arrested for an outside agency felony warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.
- 9-7-20:** At 8:03 pm on the 400 block of Ohio St., Gridley CA, Armando Raynaldo Herrera, 25, was cited for battery (242 pc).
- 9-7-20:** At 11:08 pm on W. Liberty Rd., Gridley CA, Joshua Lee Scarbrough, 36, was arrested for carrying a concealed dagger (21310 PC), possession of imitation controlled substance (109575 H&S), drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S), driving with a suspended license (14601.1 (a) VC), providing false ID to officers (148.9 (a) PC) and two outside agency misdemeanor warrants. Subject was booked into Butte County Jail.
- 9-7-20:** At 11:42 pm on W. Liberty Rd., Gridley CA, Michelle Rae Newkirk, 27, was cited of possession of a narcotic controlled substance.
- 9-8-20:** At 3:03 am on the 1900 block of Hwy 99, Gridley CA, Jason Bernard Stodola, 37, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S), driving with a suspended license (14601.1 (a) VC), no proof of insurance (16028 (a) VC), and expired registration (4000 (a)(1) PC).
- 9-12-20:** At 1:38 am on Fairview Drive and E. Gridley Rd., Gridley CA, Zavion Isaias Vu, 18, was cited for shoplifting (459.5 pc) and being a minor in possession of alcohol (25662 (a) BP).
- 9-14-20:** At 8:30 pm on the 200 block of Spruce St., Gridley CA, Bridgette P. Ellis, 41, was arrested for trespassing after police admonishment (602 (o) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

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SPARKY'S CORNER

Hoarding and Fire:

Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fills the home and prevents the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional Health concerns.

Why Hoarding Increases Fire Risks

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

How Hoarding Impacts First Responders

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

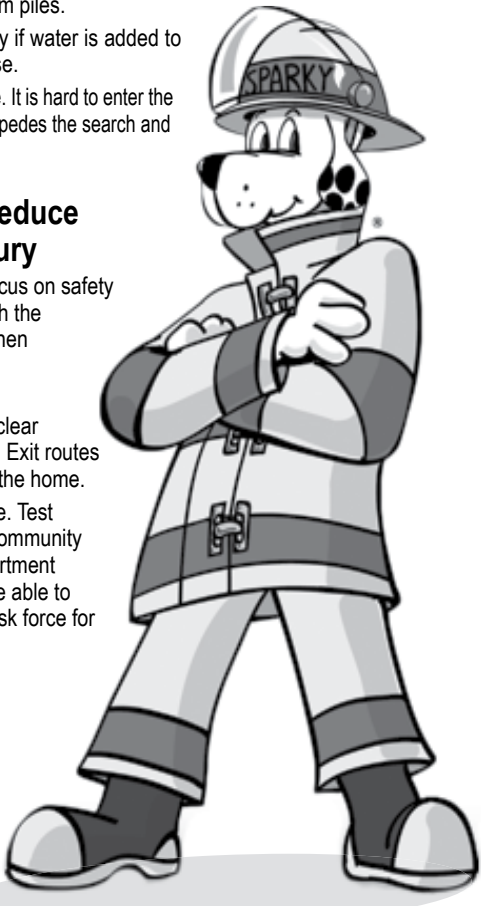
When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.

Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.

Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least once a month. Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

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Willows Resident Arrested for Threatening Bear Fire Survivors



Songkham Sirivongsa

Butte County Sheriff's Office

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On September 12, 2020, Butte County Sheriff's

Office (BCSO) deputies were contacted by a Butte County resident who was using social media to organize a luncheon at Lakeside Market, Oroville. The purpose of the luncheon was to benefit Bear Fire survivors. The resident reported an unknown individual contacted him on Facebook, and threatened to use a firearm to kill the resident and his friends.

BCSO immediately sent additional patrol personnel to Lakeside Market.

BCSO deputies and detectives obtained copies of the Facebook messages from the victim and immediately began attempting to identify the individual who made the threats. Based on information detectives obtained during a subsequent investigation, detectives determined an individual who was located at a residence in Willows, California posted the threats on Facebook.

Detectives immediately authored a search warrant for the Willows residence,

which is located near the 800 block of Plumas Street. On the evening of September 12, deputies, detectives, and personnel from the Glenn County Sheriff's Office served the search warrant. During the service of the search warrant detectives contacted Songkham Sirivongsa, age 40 of Willows. Detectives searched the resident and located evidence which showed Sirivongsa was the individual who sent the threatening Facebook messages. Detectives

also located a firearm and ammunition inside the residence.

Sirivongsa was placed under arrest for one felony count of making criminal threats. Sirivongsa was booked at the Butte County Jail on the evening of September 12. Sirivongsa's bail was set at \$50,000. Sirivongsa was scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on Wednesday, September 16, at 3 pm. Based on the investigation, detectives

determined Sirivongsa is prohibited from possessing firearms. Detectives will be working with the Glenn County Sheriff's Office to obtain and arrest warrant for Sirivongsa in Glenn County, for felony charges of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about the investigation to contact Detective Tristan Harper or Deputy Daniel King at 530-538-7671. ★

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #20CV01640

1. Petitioner Erlinda Rodriguez-Ramos filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name	Proposed name
Erlinda Rodriguez-Ramos	Erlinda Susan Rodriguez

2. 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 September 30, 2020 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #20CV01666

1. Petitioner Desiree Nicole Smith filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name	Proposed name
Mya Nicole Smith McKenzie	Mya Nicole Smith

2. 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 November 18, 2020 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tree is larger. 2. Fence is missing. 3. Windshield is gone. 4. Earning is different. 5. Windcaps are different. 6. Wall has been extended.

Crossword Puzzle on Page 6

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President Gets Briefed on Wildfires

By Laurel Rosenhall, CalMatters

This story has been edited to fit the available space in this issue

It was looking a little lonely on the tarmac when President Donald Trump arrived in California to be briefed about record-breaking wildfires that have burned an area the size of Connecticut, killed two dozen people and blanketed the West Coast with smoke. Not a single California state official greeted Trump as he stepped off the plane at an airfield in Sacramento County.

Gov. Gavin Newsom was in a hangar nearby, and promptly met with Trump and several fire officials. But his absence at the steps of Air Force One revealed the latest move in what's become the Democratic governor's delicate dance with the Republican president who is both a tantalizing political foil — and a key link to aid the state needs as disasters mount.

"We've been working very well with Gavin," Trump told reporters gathered on the tarmac.

"We're obviously from different sides of the spectrum, but we have a very good relationship."

Then, inside the hangar where Newsom (wearing a mask) and Trump (not wearing a mask) met with emergency officials, the governor also took a cordial tone.

"I want to thank you and acknowledge the work that you've done to be immediate in terms of your response," Newsom told Trump.

Newsom said they agree on the need to thin more trees and delicately lectured Trump about global warming driving the frequency and intensity of wildfires.

"Climate change is real and that is exacerbating this," Newsom said.

The dynamic between Newsom and Trump has turned out to be one of the major surprises of Newsom's short time as governor. Newsom won office in 2018 positioning himself as the antithesis of Trump, and pledged to lead a "resistance state." But his tenure has been marked by an extraordinary spate of disasters — catastrophic wildfires, the deadly coronavirus pandemic, a decimated state budget and record unemployment — that have required cooperation between two men who once cast each other as clowns.

Newsom has repeatedly praised Trump's disaster aid for California, saying he wants to put political differences aside when problems need to be solved. But it's involved a bit of whiplash. He recently called their relationship "very effective" in responding to emergencies



Trump supporters wait by the fence at McClellan Air Force Base runway. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner



Donald J. Trump supporters attended the president's visit at McClellan Air Force Base. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

— just the day after he dissed Trump for saying California wildfires were due to insufficient forest raking. He talked last week about a productive phone call with Trump, even as he criticized the federal government for a lack of action on climate change.

It's a fine line to walk, and Newsom has occasionally slipped, by being so nice that he gave ammunition to a political opponent. While heaping praise on Trump for sending a batch of coronavirus test kits in April, Newsom used one of the president's campaign slogans — "Promises made, promises kept" — and promptly found himself in an ad

for Trump's reelection.

Newsom's approach — meeting with Trump to discuss forest management and climate change, but not appearing in any chummy-looking photo ops in front of Air Force One — suggests that he is trying to thread the needle. On the one hand, he needs to demonstrate apolitical leadership amid disaster, but also avoid looking too bipartisan in an election year when he's campaigning for Trump's Democratic rival.

"It's a carefully-considered, carefully-orchestrated tango with the president that the governor has no choice but to participate in,"

said Nathan Ballard, a Democratic political consultant who worked for Newsom when he was San Francisco mayor.

Though Newsom disagrees with Trump "about almost everything under the sun," Ballard said, "it is vital for the governor's constituents that he continues to play ball with the president during these unprecedented disasters."

While Newsom and Trump kept things cordial, Newsom's environmental deputies got into a terse exchange with the president.

Wade Crowfoot, Newsom's secretary of natural resources, emphasized the unprecedented heat and warming trend, saying: "If we ignore that science and put our head in the sand...we are not going to succeed together protecting Californians."

Trump, smiling, said, "It'll start getting cooler, you just watch."

Crowfoot shot back, "I wish science agreed with you."

Trump responded, "I don't think science knows, actually," then briskly called on another presenter.

Demonstrators — of both parties — outside the meeting said they understand why Newsom plays nice with Trump.

Lance Caster said Newsom's approach makes sense to him, even though he doesn't like it. "It depends on what he wants. When he doesn't like what Donald's doing, he bad mouths him, and when he wants something, he's really nice," said Caster, a Republican who works as a truck driver and lives in the Sacramento suburb of Citrus Heights.

Most Californians believe climate change is "extremely important" or "very important" to them personally, according to a Public Policy Institute of California survey last month, and just one-fifth of the state's likely voters said they trust the federal government to handle environmental issues. Not surprisingly in this overwhelmingly blue state, 70% of voters said Joe Biden would be better than Trump on environmental policy.

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