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Congrats Live Oak 8th Graders!

**Red, White
and BOOM!**

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - This 4th of July, thanks to COVID-19 and social distancing mandates, much of the festivities part of Biggs Festival Events Independence Day Celebration have been cancelled. Regardless, organizer and director Brian Bassett says that the community will definitely be enjoying a free firework show, but from the safety of their homes.

Bassett says that it was difficult to raise funds this year, but they were able to pull from their 20th Anniversary Celebration fund, and thanks to a few sponsors, the show is definitely happening. He called both Edson Smith, pyrotechnic in charge of the display and the fireworks company that provides the cannons to ensure that the show would go on. In the midst of everything that has been lost to COVID-19, Bassett felt that it was crucial to celebrate our nation's Independence and remember what the holiday stands for - Freedom. "I wasn't going to stop doing the Fourth of July this year" he says, "NO MATTER WHAT, we are shooting fireworks!"

The show is planned for Saturday, July 4th just after dark issuing from the Biggs High School football field. Bassett plans to set up a small stage in front on his home in downtown Biggs and has hired a film crew to record a live streaming introduction to the fireworks show. The program will feature a speech from Biggs Mayor, Bo Sheppard, flag salute, the playing of the National Anthem and patriotic tunes to accompany the fireworks show. A large sound system will funnel the audio into the center of town for those watching from their yards or streetside. Those in the outskirts of town or out-of-earshot can livestream the whole show, including the fireworks, on Biggs Festival Events Facebook page.

Accommodations have been made to ensure that more people will be able to view the show from remote locations. Cannons have been increased from 18-inch-long tubes to 4-foot-long tubes, which will launch the fireworks higher into the air for increased distance viewing. Biggs Festival Events asks that everyone enjoy the show from their homes, downtown or along the roadsides. No one is allowed on the High School grounds other than the pyrotechnic crew. Butte County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement have been asked to help

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Above: 8th grader, Noah Cuevas with sister Eden and family. Left: LOMS 8th grade teacher, Bettyjo Wright (left) and 6th grade teacher, Breanna Dodson-Gutierrez (right). Photos by Eduardo Bucio

3rd, 2020 during a 5-hour long drive thru ceremony.

Live Oak Middle School Principal, Parm Virk said, "Promotion 2020 was a joyous and memorable celebration for LOMS families during this unprecedented time, it also served as reminder why we all chose to

become educators. We were thrilled to provide a formal and personal recognition for each child! The devoted staff of LOMS, along with support from our

district office and school board helped make it all possible!"

Special recognition goes to these top performing 8th grade students who took home awards for the following: Science - Alyssa Walton, Music - Hunter Eyre, English Language Arts - Vanessa Perez, Math - Jovan Contreras, Physical Education - Salma Fregoso and Gavin Richardson-Rios, History - Jesus Rivera Murrillo, English Language Development - Amanda Hernandez, Citizenship - Lizbeth Topete and Taha Khan, Leadership - Esteban Alvarado, and Outstanding Student Senate Award- Amanvir Singh and Tabeer Khan. ★

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Live Oak Middle School celebrated its graduates June

Local Chambers Distributing Thousands of Masks to Businesses

**Chico Chamber
of Commerce
Press Release**

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Chico, Oroville, Paradise and Gridley Chambers of Commerce are doing a massive mask giveaway to local businesses to help Butte County employees and shoppers stay safe!

Local businesses are opening up across Butte County and the use of masks is a key strategy for moving forward safely and wisely to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The North Valley Community Foundation, Feather River Health Foundation and all four Chambers of Commerce in Butte County have teamed up to offer businesses a way to encourage every member of the



Local business owners are required to follow state and local regulations to keep their employees safe, and the goal of this mask giveaway is to help make that happen. Photo courtesy of Vera Davidova

community to participate and keep the number of cases low.

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giveaway is to help make that happen. Masks will be given away to businesses

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FIREWORKS BUYERS GUIDE

Get the Most Bang For Your Buck!

By David Dickstein

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Northern California's three major fireworks distributors – TNT, Phantom and Discount Fireworks Superstore – are going big this season in hopes to release the inner Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty from within a population feeling blue over a topsy-turvy world dealing with a pandemic and pandemonium.

Believing that the joy of fireworks will help shake the blues by adding red and white in honor of America's 244th birthday, these

companies are rolling out a record 24 new fireworks in the Golden State this season – nearly double the previous mark. The 2020 freshman class also includes one new limited-edition assortment, and never has there been more buy one get one free and mix and match deals to woo buyers.

That's a lot of shapes, sizes, colors and prices among the rookie lineup, and while variety usually bodes well for fundraising non-profits running the stands, perplexed consumers will ponder the obvious questions: What's new? What's loud? What's unique?

How long does it last? What gives me the most bang for my buck?

Help has arrived. Our annual and unbiased fireworks buyers guide has reviews of the new items and the very best of the returning rest. For the 19th year, new fireworks are graded on a 5-star scale, judged on performance, duration, distinctiveness and value.

Promotions are noted where applicable. Every Phantom firework this season is a buy one get one; the freebie can be the same item or any firework of like or lesser price. TNT is countering with its own mix and match deals

plus limited-edition items in commemoration of the company's centennial anniversary of selling fireworks. DFS, which TNT took over in California last year, save for a handful of locations up in the Redwood Coast, tends to have lower prices overall and a wider range of brands.

A star-spangled shoutout to the Sacramento Fire Department for cooperation with this season's test. Special thanks to Fire Marshal Jason Lee and Capt. Keith Wade.

Let the sparks fly!

new FOR 2020



CENTENNIAL FOUNTAIN XL (TNT), \$60 – Burn time is shorter than most 500-gram finales at this price point, but this special-

edition fountain proves that duration is sometimes overrated. Wows with a mesmerizing mélange of effects and medley of transitions – droplets to fish to crackle to birthday cake to a shock-and-awe eruption. Here for this season only. 80 seconds. ★★★★★

COLORAMA (DFS), \$52.99 – Pretty droplets of gold, orange, green and red, and a strong crackling finish aren't enough to compensate for slow tube-to-tube transitions and an uneven performance. 110 seconds. ★★★

CAPTAIN NUCLEAR FOUNTAIN (PHANTOM), \$49.99 FOR TWO – Decent crackling sparks mixed with pearls, chrysanthemums, multi-colored glitter and flowers build to a less than satisfying climax. 80 seconds. ★★★

LIVING THE DREAM (TNT), \$49.99 – Like ordering TNT's exquisitely named Wild Side (see Best of the Rest) and saying, "make it a double." 500 grams get you two awesome minutes of super-charged crackles, though at a dear price. 120 seconds. ★★★★★

FIERY MEADOW FLOWER FOUNTAIN (PHANTOM), \$49.99 FOR TWO – Proving that hybrid fireworks often make for big crowd pleasers is this combo fountain-wheel featuring titanium crackles and spinning finale. On a smooth surface, the centrifugal force makes this unique rookie rotate. 68 seconds. ★★★★★

FLOWER PATCH KIDS (TNT), \$40 FOR TWO – The first few seconds are absolutely gorgeous with deep red droplets that produce the prettiest start of any California firework. The rest of the flowers in this patch aren't nearly as beautiful. 77 seconds. ★★★

TAKE A HIT (TNT), \$40 FOR TWO – Love the rarely seen lavender droplets and nice palms, but this batter got two bases on a bloop single and error. 75 seconds. ★★

JUNGLE FLOWER (TNT), \$39.99 – The intense crackle and vivid colors are pleasing. Just wished it had a more exciting overall and longer performance for the price. 49 seconds. ★★

PINK ICE (TNT), \$30 FOR TWO – Nice to see pink, but blink and you miss it. And what's with the 10-second delay between tubes? 26 seconds. ★

REVOLUTION (TNT), \$30 FOR TWO – You say you want a revolution? Not sure even Paul and Ringo would want this disappointingly short newcomer despite loud three whistles and crackling pink and blue sparks. 34 seconds. ★★

WAR FOUNTAIN (PHANTOM), \$29.99 FOR TWO – Colors change with each stage of fiery crackles. Great duration and intensity. 82 seconds. ★★★★★

FLOWER POT FOUNTAIN (PHANTOM), \$29.99 FOR TWO – Low-noise fountain enralls with multicolored droplets against a near-constant shower of silver glitter. Use of blob-producing nitrocellulose reduces burn time. Worth it. 52 seconds. ★★★★★



TNT TORCH (TNT), \$24.99 – Judge this mundane-looking firework by its cover and you'll miss out on beautiful – no, *beguiling* – shimmering golden stars reminiscent of cones from the early '70s. This pyro's pyrotechnic earns "Best New Firework" honors. 72 seconds. ★★★★★

COSMIC VELOCITY FOUNTAIN (PHANTOM), \$21.99 FOR TWO – Intense crackling fountain with pretty reds and greens, but needs BOGO promo to offset fleeting duration. 52 seconds. ★★★

GALACTIC RADIANCE FOUNTAIN (PHANTOM), \$21.99 FOR TWO – Sub-minute burn time isn't cool, but rest of this colorful crackle-crazy fountain is. 46 seconds. ★★

ELECTRIC MANIPULATION FOUNTAIN (PHANTOM), \$21.99 FOR TWO – What's dubbed as a "silky blue explosion" in the second half makes up for an unimpressive opening of standard crackles and colors. 53 seconds. ★★

SAVAGE FOUNTAIN (PHANTOM), \$21.99 FOR TWO – While there's titanium crackle fountains more savage than this, newcomer satisfies with various spark types of red, white, gold, silver and green. 70 seconds. ★★★★★

SPARKLE BERRY (TNT), \$19.99 – Cavalcade of color changes to crackling frenzy after a piercing whistle at the 40-second mark. 65 seconds. ★★

FLARING STARS FOUNTAIN (PHANTOM), \$15.99 FOR TWO – Virtually noiseless beauty featuring swarming fish effect in red, gold and green. Shorter version of Phantom's late great Flying Stars. 54 seconds. ★★★★★

OLD GLORY (DFS), \$15.38 FOR TWO – Veteran TNT fountain debuts in California rebranded as a Freedom item. Colorful and crackly, but there's better out there. 49 seconds. ★★



TOXIC BARREL (TNT), \$12.99 – Green toxic sludge blobs and loud crackles make this a freaky rookie sensation even with the fleeting duration. It's your "Best New Firework" runner-up. 45 seconds. ★★★★★

CENTENNIAL FOUNTAIN (TNT), \$12 – Good height, crackle, color and burn time for the price. Bummer it's only here for TNT's 100th anniversary of fireworks sales. 77 seconds. ★★★★★

KOOL KAT (TNT), \$9 FOR TWO – Billed as a new firework, it's actually a rewrap of Cool Breeze that debuted last season and is being sold at closeout prices. 43 seconds. ★

TORNADO GROUND SPINNER (PHANTOM), \$3.99 FOR TWO PACKAGES OF 6 – Spinning novelty sounds like fun, but if using the Enhanced Fujita Scale for tornadoes, this cyclone gets a rating of EF0. Buy a pack of ground bloom flowers instead. 3 seconds. ★

ALSO NEW FOR 2020 ... CENTENNIAL ASSORTMENT (TNT), \$110.99 – The only new state-approved assortment this season features 15 respectable fountains named after oldies but goodies and clad in retro labels. Limited-time item commemorates the 100th year of fireworks sold by the Alabama-based company that would become TNT. Best in the box: Big Bomb, Freedom, Red Devil and Ace fountains. ★★★★★

For reviews of the "Best of the Rest," access this newspaper's online edition by first visiting www.MPG8.com.

For stand locations and additional product information, visit the retailers' websites: TNT, tntfireworks.com; Phantom, fireworks.com; and Discount Fireworks Superstore, dfsfireworks.com. Check local laws and take all safety measures before buying and lighting. A list of "open" communities can be found at co-fireworks.presskit247.com.

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MEMORIAL NOTICE

W F Little
July 17, 1931 to June 15, 2020

A private family service was held for W F Little, 88 of Gridley. He passed away on Monday June 15, 2020 in Gridley. He was born July 17, 1931 in Dallas, Texas, one of six children born to George and Willie Little. He was a longtime resident of Gridley, was a partner in the family's nursery, and was also a landscaping contractor. He attended local schools and graduated from Gridley High school class of 1951.

He enjoyed serving others and volunteered at the local Gleaners. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ and was a leader at the Olivhurst Church. W F was a devoted husband and father, and will be dearly missed.

W F was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Dorothy Little of Gridley; two sons, Paul (Yolanda) Little, Leonard (Charla) Little, all of Sacramento; four daughters, Letricia (Byron) Summers of Gridley, Sherita (Shawn) Cassity of Gridley, Juanita (Francis) Romans of Tulsa, OK, Celicia (Josh) Green of Santa Rosa; one brother Jerry (Stephanie) of Yuba City; one sister Selma Ferry of Yuba City; 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

A visitation was held on Thursday June 18, 2020 at Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel, with social distancing guidelines enforced. Interment in the Gridley Biggs Cemetery was held on Friday June 19, 2020.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Janet Kay Rickard
November 30, 1952 to June 18, 2020

Janet Kay Rickard was born to William and Opal Huffman on November 30th, 1952 and passed into heaven on June 18th, 2020 after a long and brave battle with cancer. Janet was surrounded by her husband, daughters, son-in-law, and granddaughter at the time of her passing. Janet was the third of four children. She was raised in Gridley, California and attended Humboldt State University where she graduated with a degree in journalism. It was during college that Janet meant and married the love of her life, Perry Rickard. They married on August 31st, 1974 and would have celebrated 46 years together this year. They had their first daughter, Kristen in 1980 and their second daughter, Rebecca in 1982. Throughout her life Janet lived with her family in Arcata, CA; Sierra Madre, CA; Klamath Falls, OR; Modesto, CA; Visalia, CA; Coarsegold, CA; and Clovis, CA. She worked for the local newspaper in Pasadena, a hospital in Modesto, and for the District Attorney's office in Visalia after obtaining her paralegal degree at the age of 50. Her greatest accomplishment, however, was being

an amazing wife and mother. Her whole life was about her family. Janet is preceded in death by her parents and her sister Brenda. She is survived by her husband Perry; her daughter Kristen LaMarsna and her husband Cyruss as well as their children: Chloe, Kailynn, and Ty of Clovis, CA; her daughter Rebecca Glandon and her husband Charlie and their children Noah and Kennedy of Weaverville, CA as well as brother Bill of Gridley, CA; her sister Judy of Modesto CA; Aunt Gloria of McKinleyville, CA; nieces Heather, Jenny, Alyssa, and Elizabeth; nephews Mark and Michael. Janet loved to quilt and crochet and made many beautiful pieces throughout her life. The family would like to thank the Community Cancer Institute for her care and treatment and Hind's Hospice for the amazing compassion they showed our mother in her final days. Janet will always and forever reside in our hearts. We will miss her more than can ever be put into words. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.



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Fireworks Fly High at Oroville Airport



Typically held over picturesque Lake Oroville, the 4th of July fireworks show will have a new home this Independence Day. Photo courtesy of Spenser Sembrat

By Seti Long

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Typically held over picturesque Lake Oroville, the 4th of July fireworks show will have a new home this Independence Day.

The Oroville Rotary Club and Oroville Airport, in conjunction with Table Mountain Aviation, invite you to a spectacular fireworks show held at the Oroville Airport: “This year, enjoy a social-distanced display with a drive-in theater-like experience and park your car outside the


airport grounds for the best views or higher locations throughout the city and surrounding area – while respecting private property, of course.”

In addition to the Fireworks, families will enjoy the aerial stylings of a couple of local aerobatic flying groups prior to the main event. The fireworks show is set to start 30 minutes after sunset and suggested viewing locations are as followed: Oroville Municipal Airport streets, Larkin Road, Table Mountain Golf Course, Riverbend Park and Nelson Avenue Sports Complex. ★



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TOPICS INCLUDE

TRADE OUTLOOK (What is happening to trade due to COVID-19: Update on China/U.S. agreement - reduction in duties).

FORECASTS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES (Hong Kong Market Update; China and Hong Kong Consumer Markets, Trade and Investment)

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OPEN DISCUSSION (Exporters sharing their challenges and best practices during this global event).

Jeffrey Williamson, Director, California State Trade Expansion, has 25 years of global marketing experience, having conducted businesses in more than 50 countries, leading over 900 California businesses in 80 overseas trade missions/exhibitions including IT, food/ agriculture & consumer goods.

Featured Guest Speaker, **Alice Tsang**, Assistant Principal Economist, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, is the head of the Greater China Research Team, and provides leadership & direction for market development research on the Chinese mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan. To provide market insights for SMEs to formulate business strategies, Ms. Tsang and her team regularly monitor and report on the macro environment, market trends, consumer characteristics as well as changes in trade policies and regulations. At the industry-specific levels, the team also grasp the trends and business opportunities of Hong Kong's major manufacturing and services industries.

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Masks to Businesses

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so that they have them on hand to provide to customers who don't have one.

The masks were purchased by North Valley Community Foundation and Feather River Health Foundation. They were purchased from new local business Salus Supply.

Salus masks are non-medical, source control facemasks and are reusable and washable. The message that NVCF, Feather River Health Foundation and the local chambers are trying to get across to the community is that “I wear a mask to protect you, and you wear a mask to protect me.”

“Wearing a face covering decreases COVID-19 transmission, protecting all of us and all of our local businesses. It is especially important to protect business employees as they are in direct contact with the public,” stated Dr. Andy Miller, Butte County Public Health Officer. ★

Red, White and BOOM!

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enforce that.

Since Biggs Festival Events cannot have a grand stand show and charge entrance, which is how they generate funding for futures shows, the fate of the Independence Day Celebration lies in the hands of those

who enjoy it. This year's show has cleaned out all the funds for next year's 4th of July festivities. Please help support this wonderful community event. Donations are still being accepted at Biggs Town Hall or contact Biggs Festival Events to see how you can help. ★

BCSO Locates Injured Fisherman in Remote Area

Butte County Sheriff's Office Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, a family member of Robert Bellon, age 65, contacted the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) to report Bellon as a missing person. Bellon had previously left his Bay Area home and was staying in Chico before leaving to go on a fishing trip on Monday, June 15, 2020, in the area of Highway 32 and Dumb Deer Road in Tehama County, near the Butte

County line. Bellon had not returned home and had not made any contact with family members.

On the afternoon of June 17, BCSO detectives followed-up on the case and interviewed witnesses in the area and checked Bellon's phone records. After conducting follow-up, BCSO detectives as well as detectives with the Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) began conducting a search by helicopter and a ground search. At approximately 5:00 p.m., a BCSO pilot spotted Bellon

on a gravel bar near a creek, approximately two miles from where he was last believed to be. The BCSO helicopter landed and detectives found that Bellon had fallen down a 75-foot embankment and was injured. Bellon told detectives he fell down the embankment on Monday, June 15, and had dislocated his knee and had other serious injuries. Detectives worked with CAL FIRE and Butte EMS to rescue Bellon. He was then transported to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries. ★



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The New Pi-Line



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

California’s unemployment rate continued to climb in May, reaching 16.3%. It’s the highest unemployment for the nation’s most populous state since the Great Depression more than 80 years ago. Thankfully in our neighborhood, we are seeing lots of people out working in agriculture. When you see the white square bins on the back of trucks, it means the fruit is leaving the Orchard and going to the cannery; which means people are employed. Most outsiders think of California as being high tech, hip, cool, and trendy. We are, but agriculture, not technology, is the most substantial part of our economy, and in Butte and Sutter Counties, agriculture is what drives the standard of living. It’s an excellent economic base from which to move forward because people always have to eat, and we have the right weather and the right soil to help make that happen.

Lots of conversations going on about how we will get the children back to school. The erstwhile local school administrators are trying to find a way to bring students back and maintain the necessary health standards - both for the kids and the teachers. It is not an

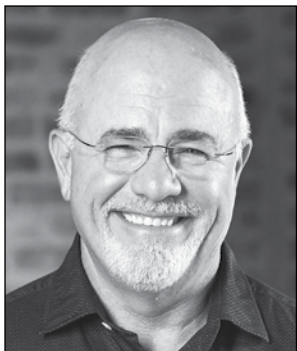
easy task as School buildings were designed to hold classes with children sitting next to each other and interacting with each other. Those who are tasked with protecting us from the spread of diseases indicate that there has to be a different utilization of space, with students spread out. The facilities were not designed for what is needed. So the local school districts are trying to figure out how to conduct school while there’s a virus running rampant. They’re also being told that they’re going to get a different dollar number from the State in July or August for their school budgets, which will make for even more challenges. Some schools are going to have students come in on Monday and Wednesday only, with some classes being delivered over the Internet on the other days. Some schools are going to go entirely online. Lots of moving parts, and lots of people who want the school year to start, and some stability returned to life. We’re getting very close to July and school is supposed to begin in August. Kindness, patience, and communication will go along way to helping us all get through this.

My mother was right - the new automatic car wash at the AM/PM Mini Mart on Highway 99 in Gridley is a pretty wild ride. For some reason, your car is parked, but it feels like it’s moving even when it isn’t; and the brushes push so hard on each side that it makes the car wobble and creates a sensation of falling and spinning. Since Disneyland is still closed because of the Zombie Apocalypse end of days -Armageddon latter-day

viral pandemic, I’m thinking of loading up the family van and taking the kids to the car wash in Gridley. It’s only six bucks for the economy wash; we will probably go twice.

Not to wax philosophical, but I think I will. The Cemetery in Gridley is located right next to the Highway, and I think this is a positive. In my frequent commutes up and down Route 99, I pass by the Cemetery, and it causes reflection regarding those who have taken up a place of rest inside. The Cemetery District does an excellent job maintaining the Cemetery, and it always looks beautiful, clean, and peaceful. Pat Teague, the Cemetery District Manager, brings much peace to people in times of trouble, and she is very helpful to people coming into town looking to find a friend or relative. Can you name the members of the cemetery district board? Larry Hamman, Jack Bequette, and Joe P. Hughes (not to be confused with the greatest Gridley High Football player ever - Joe Hughes, Tim Hughes brother). If you see Joe, Jack or Larry, thank them for putting in the time to have a well run Cemetery. Most of the time, with little government boards and districts, you only hear about the people involved when something has gone wrong; and everybody’s angry. Occasionally it’s nice to put board member names in the newspaper and recognize how well they serve the community.

W.D. Bureson published the Gridley Herald for 50 years. Josh F.W. Cook graduated from Gridley High School in 1988 ★



Dave Ramsey Says

a 529 or an ESA (Education Savings Account).

The thing is, there are just too many variables, the main one being the ages of the kids, to set a strict percentage. You’ve also got to consider things like where you’re thinking about them going to school, how much you want to save, and other factors.

– Dave

Don’t put your Home on the Line!

Dear Dave,

We’d like to start preparing for the future, but our debt is preventing us from investing for retirement. Would it be okay to use a home equity line of credit to start investing? We were thinking the eventual returns might justify doing this.

– Nick

Dear Nick,

No! Never put something as important and meaningful as your home on the line just for the sake of investing. Do not borrow against your home!

I’m guessing you’re new to my way of doing things, so let’s start from the beginning. First, follow the Baby Steps. Getting \$1,000 in the bank as a starter emergency fund is Baby Step 1.

Next, pay off all your debts from smallest to largest – except for your home – using the debt snowball method. That’s Baby Step 2. It’s time then to revisit your emergency fund, and bulk it up to a full three to six months of expenses in Baby Step 3.

Now, it’s time to really start thinking about your future and retirement. In Baby Step 4, take 15 percent of your gross household income and start investing it for retirement. Start with your company’s 401(k) plan, up to the full employer match. Then, invest the rest into Roth IRAs. One for you, and one for your spouse, if you’re married.

Here’s the thing, Nick. Investing becomes easy at this point, because you’ve freed up your income. And that’s the most important wealth-building tool you have!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey. ★

Bucks Lake and Spanish Creek Recreation Sites Open

Lee Anne Schramel, Plumas National Forest

QUINCY, CA (MPG) - Plumas National Forest is opening additional recreation sites on Friday, June 19, 2020. Included are Bucks Lake recreation sites: Hutchins Group, Sundew, Mill Creek, and Whitehorse Campgrounds, in addition to Sandy Point Boat Ramp, Picnic, and Beach day-use plus Bucks Lake Kiosk. Spanish Creek recreation sites include Spanish Creek and Spanish Creek Group Campgrounds in addition to

the day-use area.

The Crocker Guard Station recreation rental is also open.

Reservation options for these campgrounds/recreation rental may be found at <https://www.recreation.gov>. See www.outdoorsinplumas.com for other information including fees and site amenities.

Please see <https://recreation.pge.com> for information about PG&E managed sites in the Bucks Lake area.

Campfires are allowed at open Forest Service developed campgrounds but are

not allowed outside developed sites (some exceptions apply). Portable propane campfire pits with shut-off valves are a handy substitute, with a valid CA campfire permit (<http://www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit/>).

Forest visitors are asked to follow Center for Disease Control and Plumas County guidelines for recreating safely.

For a more complete list of fire restrictions and other forest recreation information, please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/plumas> ★

James Gallagher Updates on State Assembly Bills



James Gallagher

Dear Friends,

Last week was the House of Origin deadline for the California Assembly. Any Assembly bills that failed to pass out of the Assembly by this deadline are now dead for the remainder of the legislative session.

Here are just a few highlights of what did and did not make it through.

AB 2501 – Dead. If enacted, this bill would have completely compromised the ability of financial institutions to work out payment issues directly with customers. Further, passage of this bill would have resulted in significant job losses and increased home and car prices. I worked diligently alongside other members of the Assembly to ensure this poorly thought out, one-size-fits-all bill did not continue through the legislative process.

ACA 5 – Passed out of the Assembly. ACA 5 would repeal Proposition 209, the 1996 voter-passed initiative that bans racial preferences in hiring and college admissions, and replace it with affirmative action. I am deeply concerned about racial disparities in education but the answer is not reverse discrimination. If the Legislature really wants to get to the root causes of

inequities in our education system, we must look deeper than ACA 5.

AB 2342 – Passed out of the Assembly. I was pleased to support this meaningful criminal justice reform bill by Assemblyman McCarty. Similar to the First Step Act passed by Congress in 2019, this bill creates a program through which parolees are able to earn reintegration credits to reduce the term of their probationary period.

AB 2990 – Dead. This is one measure that I urged my colleagues to press the pause button on. AB 2990 would place unnecessary burdens on great enrichment programs like CORE Butte Charter School and Viking Woodworks & Learning Center. These hands on learning programs outside of the classroom would be hurt by this legislation, and I am happy to it will not be progressing.

AB 3045 – Passed out of the Assembly. This bill, which I coauthored, will require certain regulatory boards to grant licenses to honorably discharged veterans and spouses of active duty military members so long as they hold a current, active, and unrestricted license in another state. I am proud to support and put forth measures such as this that will expand opportunities for military families and veterans.

AB 2174 – Passed out of the Assembly. I introduced this bill to give Yuba-Sutter the ability to better coordinate efforts to address homelessness. Unfortunately, current law limits the utilization of homeless multidisciplinary personnel team (MDTs) to providers within a single county. This can be problematic for counties that wish to better coordinate services across county lines for their homeless populations. This legislation will permit Yuba-Sutter to establish a joint homeless adult and family MDT to help with the identification, assessment, and linkage of homeless individuals to housing and supportive services.

As always, it is an honor to serve you in the State Assembly.

JAMES

Crossword Puzzle on Page 8

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Fireworks Safety

The Fire Fighters from Gridley Fire Department/CAL FIRE would like to offer these tips for the safe and responsible use of fireworks:

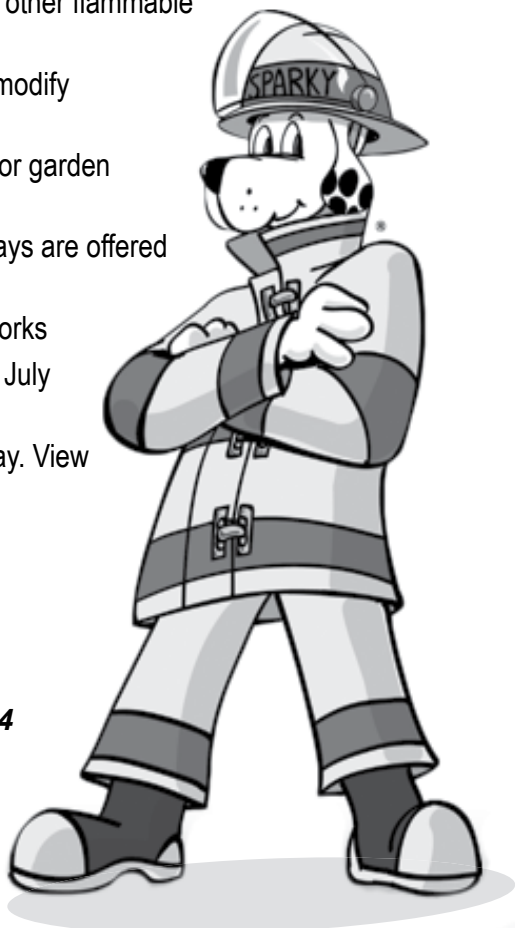
- Purchase only “Safe and Sane” fireworks approved by the State Fire Marshal and use them ONLY in areas where it is legal to do so. In Butte County those areas are within the city limits of Gridley and Oroville.
- Remember, most fireworks injuries occur to children – always have an adult present.
- Most fireworks caused injuries are to hands and eyes and can be very serious – resulting in the loss of one of more fingers, a hand, or your eyesight. Light one at a time and keep a safe distance away.
- NEVER point fireworks at another person.
- NEVER use near dry grass or other flammable materials.
- NEVER attempt to re-light or modify fireworks.
- Have a bucket of water, sand or garden hose available at firing sites.

The following professional displays are offered in Butte County:

- City of Biggs 4th of July Fireworks
- Silver Dollar Speedway 4th of July Fireworks
- Lake Oroville Fireworks Display. View from Spillway Launch Ramp and top of Dam.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74



Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

June 7th - June 22nd

6-7-20: At 9:03 am on Haskell and Magnolia Streets, Gridley, CA, Travis Cole, 29, was arrested for domestic violence (273.6 (a) PC), vandalism (594 (a)(1) PC), an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

6-7-20: At 9:17 pm on the 1500 block of Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Jennifer Nicole Burton, 33, was cited for possession of controlled substance (11364 (a) H&S) and for violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC).

6-10-20: At 4:12 am on the 200 block of Spruce Street, Gridley, CA, Antonio Joaquin Valdez, 39, was cited for possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S).

6-10-20: At 8:40 am on the 1400 block of Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Jesus Garcia, 44, was cited for possession of a narcotic controlled substance (11350 (a) H&S) and for violation of probation (1203.1 (A) PC).

6-15-20: At 11:36 pm on the 1400 block of Hwy 99, Gridley CA, Manuel Manriquez, 36, was arrested for domestic violence (273.6 (a) PC), violation of probation (1203.2 (A) PC), possession of a controlled substance (11377 (A) H&S), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (A) H&S) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

6-16-20: At 12:45 pm on the 200 block of Ohio St., Gridley CA, Manuel Rene Perez, Jr., 40, was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle/vessel (496 (D) PC), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (A) H&S), driving with a suspended license(14601.2 (A) PC), operating a vehicle without an interlock device (23247 (E) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

6-16-20: At 3:07 on the 600 block of Vermont St., Gridley CA, Johnny Ram Singh Janda, 33, was arrested for threatening to commit a crime that results in death/death threats (422 PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

6-18-20: At 7:43 pm on the 900 block of Indiana St., Gridley CA, Michael Andrew Beci, 29, was arrested for attempted burglary (664/459 PC), threatening to commit a crime that results in death/death threats (422 PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

6-20-20: At 3:35 pm on Locust and Indiana Streets, Gridley CA, Cody James McConnell, 32, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (A) H&S), receiving stolen property (496 (A) PC), an outside agency felony warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

6-22-20: At 12:36 pm on the 1700 block of Hwy 99, Gridley CA, Marshall James Hollingsworth, 30, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (A0 H&S), violation of probation (1203.1 (A) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

6-22-20: At 1:10 pm on Fairview Drive and Hazel Streets, Gridley CA, Jacob Ryan Jenkins, 37, was cited for a local misdemeanor bench warrant.

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Medical first: Multiply the "power generators" in your cells

Al Sears, M.D., recently released an energy-boosting supplement based on this NASA nutrient that has become so popular, he's having trouble keeping it in stock.

Dr. Sears is the author of over 500 scientific papers on anti-aging and recently spoke at the WPBF 25 Health & Wellness Festival featuring Dr. Oz and special guest Suzanne Somers. Thousands of people listened to Dr. Sears speak on his anti-aging breakthroughs and attended his book signing at the event.

Now, Dr. Sears has come up with what his peers consider his greatest contribution to anti-aging medicine yet — a newly discovered nutrient that multiplies the number of tiny, energy-producing "engines" located inside the body's cells, shattering the limitations of traditional CoQ10 supplements.

Why mitochondria matter

A single cell in your body can contain between 200 to 2,000 mitochondria, with the largest number found in the most metabolically active cells, like those in your brain, heart and skeletal muscles.

But because of changes in cells, stress and poor diet, most people's power generators begin to malfunction and die off as they age. In fact, the Mitochondria Research Society reports 50 million U.S. adults are suffering from health problems because of mitochondrial dysfunction.

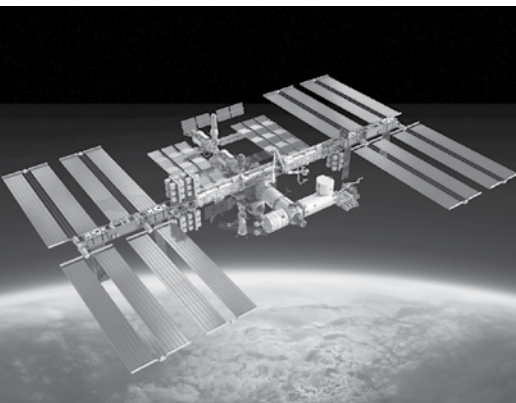
Common ailments often associated with aging — such as memory problems, heart issues, blood sugar concerns and vision and hearing difficulties — can all be connected to a decrease in mitochondria.

Birth of new mitochondria

Dr. Sears and his researchers combined the most powerful form of CoQ10 available — called ubiquinol — with a unique, newly discovered natural compound called PQQ that has the remarkable ability to grow new mitochondria. Together, the two powerhouses are now available in a supplement called Ultra Accel II.

Discovered by a NASA probe in space dust, PQQ (Pyrroloquinoline quinone) stimulates something called "mitochondrial biogenesis" — a unique process that actually boosts the number of healthy mitochondria in your cells.

In a study published in the Journal of Nutrition Biochemical Pharmacology, mice fed PQQ grew a staggering number of new mitochondria, showing an increase of more than



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The mice with the strongest mitochondria showed no signs of aging — even when they were the equivalent of 80 years old.

Science stands behind the power of PQQ

Journal of Nutrition Biochemical Pharmacology reports that PQQ is up to 5,000 times more efficient in sustaining energy production than common antioxidants.

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"With the PQQ in Ultra Accel, I have energy I never thought possible," says Colleen R., one of Dr. Sears' patients. "I am in my 70s but feel 40 again. I think clearer, move with real energy and sleep like a baby."

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The demand for this supplement is so high, Dr. Sears is having trouble keeping it in stock. "My patients tell me they feel better than they have in years. This is ideal for people who are feeling or looking older than their age... or for those who are tired or growing more forgetful."

"My favorite part of practicing anti-aging medicine is watching my patients get the joy back in their lives. Ultra Accel sends a wake-up call to every cell in their bodies... and they actually feel young again."

Where to find Ultra Accel II

Right now, the only way to get this potent combination of PQQ and super-powered CoQ10 is with Dr. Sears' breakthrough Ultra Accel II formula.

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Dr. Sears feels so strongly about this product, he offers a 100%, money-back guarantee on every order. "Just send me back the bottle and any unused product within 90 days, and I'll send you your money back," said Dr. Sears.

The Hotline will be taking orders for the next 48 hours. After that, the phone number will be shut down to allow them to restock.

Call 1-800-417-1854 to secure your limited supply of Ultra Accel II. You don't need a prescription, and those who call in the first 24 hours qualify for a significant discount. **To take advantage of this great offer use Promo Code NP0620UA305 when you call in.**

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T.S. No. 087798-CA APN: 009-053-002-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/2/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 7/22/2020 at 3:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP. as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/8/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0006633 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Butte County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: SUE ANN GRIDLEY, A SINGLE PERSON WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: Outside the Main Entrance to the Butte County Courthouse located at 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1480 PECAN STREET GRIDLEY, CA 95948 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$289,068.48 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return

of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 087798-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 Date Executed: CLEAR RECON CORP. Authorized Signature CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117 STOX #926001 7-10-2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000503

The following persons are doing business as: **Carlos Mobile Repair**
915 Hutchins Drive Gridley, CA 95948
Carlos Moreno, 915 Hutchins Drive Gridley, CA 95948
 Date Filed in Butte County: May 22, 2020
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: NA
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000493

The following persons are doing business as: **OFFICE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**
6451 Skyway Paradise, CA 95969
Steven D Smith, 6160 Coral Avenue Paradise, CA 95969
 Date Filed in Butte County: May 18, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000532

The following persons are doing business as: **WOODSIDE TERRACE APTS**
15 Ricky Court Chico, CA 95928
Kenneth J Anderson Trustee and Rosanne Anderson Trustee, 148 Lakewood Drive Marina, CA 93933
 Date Filed in Butte County: May 29, 2020
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 7/1/2015
 This Business is Conducted by: Trust
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000556

The following persons are doing business as: **The Yeti Company**
1431 Vermont Street Gridley, CA 95948
Branden Meyer, 1431 Vermont Street Gridley, CA 95948
 Date Filed in Butte County: June 5, 2020
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000615

The following persons are doing business as: **SANDHU TIRE AND SERVICE**
1220 Highway 99, Gridley, CA 95948
Singh, Sukhinder, 1220 Highway 99, Gridley, CA 95948
 Date Filed in Butte County: June 22, 2020
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000505

The following persons are doing business as: **DS HOME REPAIR, DS HOME REPAIR AND REMODELING**
638 Campbell Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Redemptive Freight, 638 Campbell Avenue, Gridley CA 95948
 Date Filed in Butte County: May 22, 2020
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000430

The following persons are doing business as: **A-LINE**
1635 Lazy Trail Drive Chico, CA 95926
Maria Campos, 1016 Dewspur Avenue Gridley, CA 95926 and Julia Kistle, 1635 Lazy Trail Drive Chico, CA 95926
 Date Filed in Butte County: May 4, 2020
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: NA
 This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000548

The following persons are doing business as: **BLUE WHALE SOUL**
393 Little Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
Elizabeth Louise Nunes, 393 Little Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
 Date Filed in Butte County: June 3, 2020
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: NA
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000564

The following persons are doing business as: **MCDONALDS**
445 Oro Dam Boulevard Oroville, CA 95965
Burington Enterprises LLC, 611 Country Drive Chico, CA 95928
 Date Filed in Butte County: June 9, 2020
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 3/18/2005
 This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

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City of Biggs City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday July 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Biggs City Council will conduct a public hearing. Pursuant to California Governor Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Biggs will be closing the July 14, 2020 City Council Meeting to members of the public and nonessential staff. Additionally, members of the Council are allowed to attend the meeting via teleconference and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present. Public comments on agenda items are welcomed and encouraged in advance and will be accepted until 4 p.m. on July 14, 2020 by emailing the City Clerk at cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov or via the drop box at 465 C Street. Comments will be conveyed to the Council for consideration.

You may attend the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone by using the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/638294981>
 You can also dial in using your phone: United States: +1 (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 638-294-981

Approval of the Report of Delinquent Fees (Report) related to utility charges and nuisance abatement fines for collection on the property tax roll prepared by the Butte County Tax Collector.

A list of addresses potentially affected by this action is on file with the City Clerk. City Council shall make its determination upon each charge as described in the Report. Their final determination shall cause the Report to be filed with the County of Butte. The Tax Collector shall include said delinquent fees and charges for taxes levied against the respective lots and parcels of land.

Property owners and any other interested persons may contact, Billing and Collections, at 868-5493, or submit written comments to City Hall prior to 4 p.m. on July 14, 2020, or by internet or telephone at the Public Hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Billings and Collections, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Dated / Published: June 26, 2020 and July 3, 2020.

Roben Benish
 City Clerk
 City of Biggs

The Gridley Herald June 26 and July 3, 2020

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Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



How often have you heard, “I promise?” A vow, an understanding of commitment, an agreement that should be fulfilled, that’s a promise. Everyone has made a promise to someone and more often than not, a promise may not be kept. A promise not to tell a secret or a promise to do a job goes by the wayside when confronted by fellow workers or friends.

“Oh, I’m sorry. I forgot,” comes the reply. But too late, the promise has been broken. Sound familiar?

The only time promises

are never broken is when God makes a covenant with man. At no time has a promise been made from God and been broken. When He told Noah He would send rain, rain came. When He told Abraham and Sarah that they would have children at an old age, a son was born. When the children of Israel were promised a deliverer from the slaver of Egypt, Moses crossed the desert to free his people. God keeps His promises!

When Daniel asked for help when he faced death from lions, God sent an angel to quiet the beasts. When the people of the promised land asked for a Messiah, God’s

greatest promise was born to a young servant girl who believed in God’s promise sent by an ancient prophet 2,000 years before. God keeps His promises!

Man makes promises over and over, and over and over, these promises are broken. But we can rest assured that when God the Father Almighty makes a promise, it will be kept. God’s final promise has been made and you bet, it will be fulfilled. Jesus will return, this earth will be renewed, and God’s kingdom will be brought to light. What is old will be new again and the laws of man will fall away so that God’s laws will prevail. BE READY! ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

“You can’t always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you might find you get what you need.” - Mick Jagger & Keith Richards.

This has proven to be so in my life...sometimes I get what I need and sometimes what I want. I’ve wanted toads to come to my yard. Many other little creatures have

come into my yard over the last eight years. No toads so far. Sadly, I saw a toad run over on the road, it felt like our trip to Texas. I saw an armadillo, a javelina, an elk... never a live one...all dead along the road. I was thrilled when frogs came into the yard this year, maybe toads are next. I bought a very large yard art toad with hopes that it was big enough to create great toad energy...nothing so far.

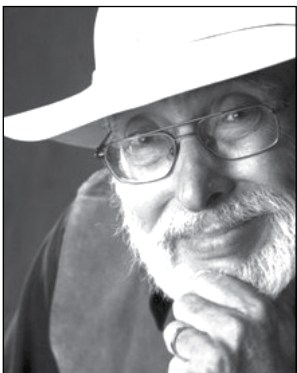
Once I mentioned that I thought Night Herons were interesting in someone else’s yard. Two strange Night Heron happenings in my yard this week. Found a young one dead by the gate. Then another young one the next day perched on a hanging plant out

front. I’m giving the evil eye to Night Herons in the yard...don’t want or need.

Harvest has started... the great zucchini giveaway is happening all over town. Our neighbors are going to start hiding when they see my husband, bag in hand full of generosity. His saving grace is he includes fresh carrots. Another abundant crop this year is apricots. We have been the happy recipients of these little nuggets. We could get more if we wanted to make more fruit leather. Our apriums from the espalier tree have been yummy. Tomatoes are coming on as are the cucumbers and green beans. If you try sometimes, you get what you need. ★

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The Coolness and the Blessed Rain, Again



Slim Randles

When the world is hot and my skin is fried, scratching from the constant dry, let the clouds boil up, boil up high. And then shade the earth with the darkening sky and bring the secrets and the smell of rain. The coolness and the blessed rain, again.

Our land is brown but blessed, stressed in the heat, the shiny heat of day. The slender green of rivers slide along, striving to continue, to feed its own along the banks, the banks where the dust rises. Rises,

powdery clomp by clomp as we walk, walk the shady way.

And though the heat, the dryness of heat, pushes down our weary feet, we plod along. Ours is the blessing of challenge, to live, to thrive in the heat. To toil and sweat, to make the cold drink at day’s end that much sweeter. Sweeter as it goes down, cooler as it falls, dropping the coolness inside us and forcing us to smile. That summer smile.

When the heat falls hard, on many days, unquenched by the dark of night, we ask, in quiet times, we ask. Bring us the clouds, the black-bellied clouds, the clouds that softly hold the heads of gods in their moistening grasp. The clouds, those big-bellied busters that hold the violence,

the wind, the flashes, the noise. The clouds we wait for and pray for and look for on the western ridge. Let them come, with their silver tops and their bellies black as night and cool as forgiveness. The summer clouds, the clouds that define our culture, our art, our summer, our hot, heavy summer.

A rain, a storm, a suddenness of life and blast and sweet charity designed to keep us living here, here in the rain, here in the sun, and keep us praying, here in the rain, and looking toward the west for more, always to the west, always looking for more.

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Dear Dietitian

Kava



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian:

I have been worried about a second wave of COVID-19, and this gives me anxiety. I just went back to work last week, but if there’s a second wave of COVID, I am worried about my financial future. My friend was telling me she takes an herbal supplement called kava, and it helps her feel calm. Is it safe?

Dear Meredith:

Any type of uncertainty may bring anxiety, and as many as 50% of Americans report they have anxiety surrounding COVID-19. You are not alone. We all deal with some level of stress at times. It’s normal, but when it affects your everyday life, interferes with sleeping or eating patterns, it’s time to do something about it.

It is wise to seek professional advice before purchasing a supplement, as products often vary in quality, effectiveness, and cost. Kava Kava, or just kava, is a member of the pepper family and is native to the South Pacific. South Pacific islanders have used it in ceremonies to produce relaxation. Its effect is similar to that of alcohol, creating a calm, happy feeling. Proponents claim that kava provides many of the benefits of alcoholic beverages without the worry of a hangover.

Traditionally, the root of the plant is used to make a drink. Today it can be purchased in powder, capsule, or as a tea. It is craftily marketed as a ‘chill pill’ or ‘quality, affordable relaxation.’ The kava drink contains about 30 calories per serving and reportedly has an earthy taste, one that must be acquired. There

are approximately 100 kava bars in the US, where people enjoy the drink while relaxing and socializing.

Kavalactones are the active ingredients found in the kava plant. They interact with the limbic system, the part of the brain that deals with emotions. More specifically, kavalactones act on the amygdala, the part of the brain that regulates fear and anxiety.

Studies on kava are mixed, but overall, it is believed to have a small impact on reducing anxiety. Scientists think it is safe for short-term use, but as with any supplement, there are risks. Prolonged use of kava has been associated with dry, scaly skin. It has also been linked with severe liver damage. Kava may also impact other medications, so always talk to your doctor before beginning any herbal remedy.

To ensure quality when purchasing kava or any dietary supplement, be sure it has USP on the label. The United States Pharmacopeia (USP) tests products to verify their contents, purity, quality, and strength. The following websites will also help you make a sound decision:

1. The National Institutes of Health’s Center for Alternative and Complementary Medicine website: <http://nccam.nih.gov/health/supplements/wisecuse.htm>
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Until next time, be healthy!
Dear Dietitian

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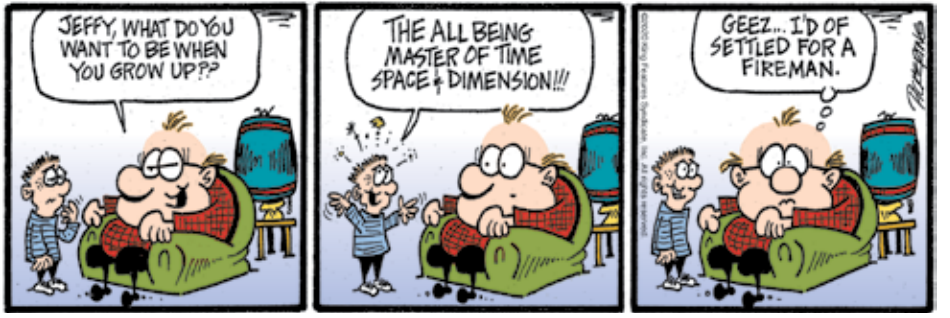
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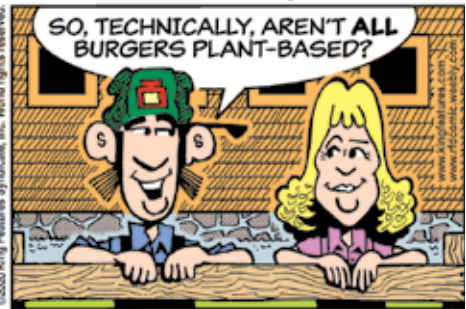
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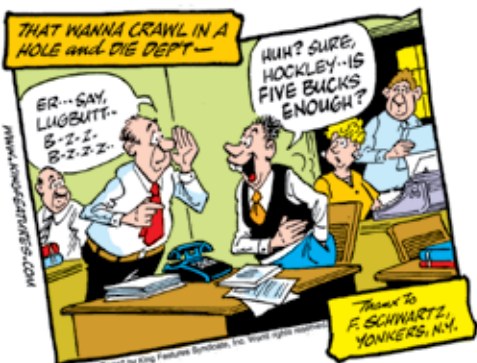
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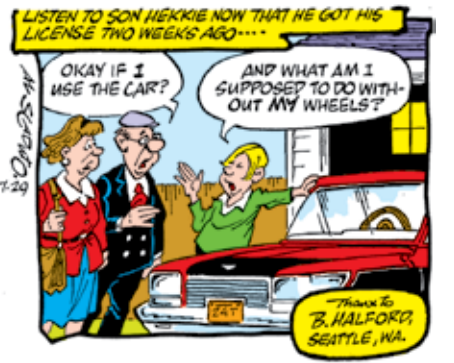
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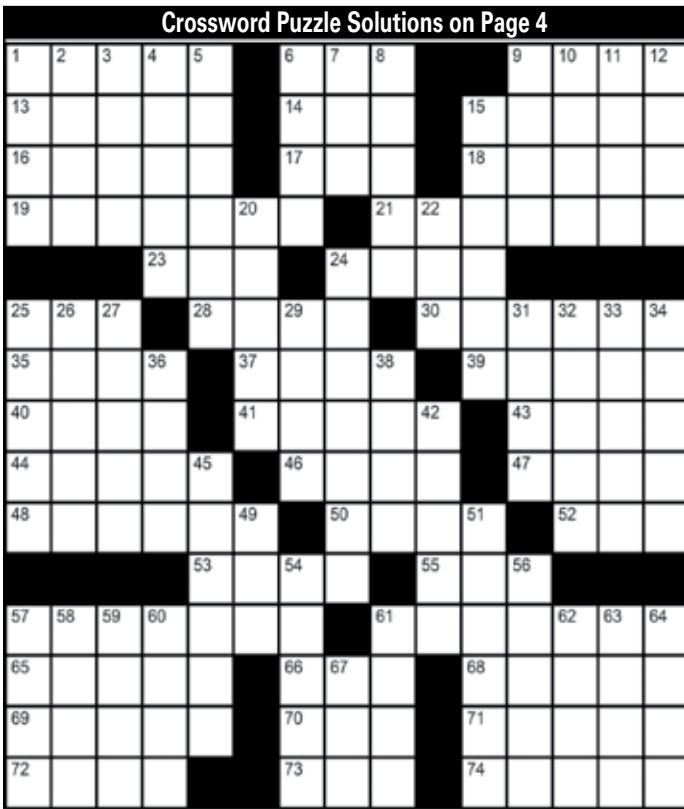
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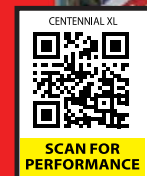




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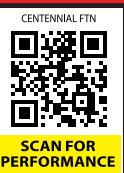
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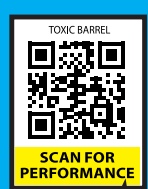


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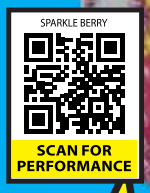


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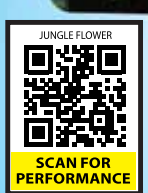
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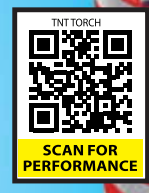
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Discover Verbena Fields

By Laura Lukes,
UC Master Gardener of Butte County

If you seek a peaceful place to explore nature and local history on foot or by bicycle, it may be time to explore Verbena Fields. This 20-acre site was historically a floodplain for Lindo Channel and later became used as a gravel mine for road construction. It is now the home of a visionary restoration project within the City of Chico Lindo Channel Greenway. You can find Verbena Fields by following East First Avenue to its terminus in a quiet residential neighborhood. In addition to walking and biking opportunities, the site offers visitors a chance to explore the history of local wetlands, salmon lifecycles, gravel mining, and the culture of the Mechoopda Indians. It's a pocket of urban wilderness, designed to delight and inform.

The area was restored in partnership with state and local agencies, including the California Water Resources Board (a major funder), the CSU, Chico Research Foundation, Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance, Streaminders, and the Mechoopda tribe. The restoration plan included input from neighbors, along with experts in wetland restoration, urban runoff mitigation, native plants, and local fauna. Together, these entities transformed a pile of rocks, broken asphalt, and noxious weeds into a natural refuge for humans, animals, and plants.

A combination of native and non-native plants reflects the site's mixed-use history. As part of the restoration, the site was planted in natives, including western redbud, California poppy, buckwheat, cottonwood, willow, and yellow and purple lupine (to name a few), and they exist side by side with walnut, mimosa, datura, and even a clump of bearded iris. Unfortunately, yellow star thistle is also becoming more abundant; early in the project's history, goats were introduced to control and eradicate this nuisance weed, but it is a tenacious and formidable intruder.

An attractive sign along the southern border of the site greets visitors by detailing the site's history and offers a project map and overview. You can expect to see information about native vegetation, the basics of wetland expansion and floodplain restoration (including the function of stormwater bioswales), and artful drawings of wildlife.



Verbena Fields Poppies and bioswale. Photo courtesy Laura Lukes



Verbena Fields Floodplain Restoration Sign. Photo courtesy Laura Lukes

A portion of the sign is devoted to the history of the Native American uses of the area, as well as the purpose of the on-site Mechoopda Maidu Interpretive Garden – so named because the project includes plants traditionally used by the tribe. The sign explains that the Interpretive Garden “will serve the community as a model of collaboration on the combined strengths needed to preserve, sustain, and protect the land. Together we embrace this mutual obligation to honor, protect, and steward the land with gratitude.” These words are, like Verbena Fields itself, inspiring and moving.

Let's take a walking tour of this site, exploring what it has to offer along the way.

A wide, level path of crushed gravel (handicap accessible and suitable for small children and strollers) meanders along the perimeter of Verbena Fields. A second path



Verbena Fields Mechoopda Mosaic. Photo courtesy Laura Luke

bisects the site approximately at its mid-section. We enter at the southwest corner, where Verbena Lane and East First Avenue intersect. Signage lets you know that your dog is welcome, on a leash, and at this corner there is a drinking fountain and a dog bag dispenser. To the left, a level strip of small trees, shrubs, and wildflowers borders the backyard fences that make up the western boundary of the site. To the right, desire lines (informal paths) lead from level ground to the Mechoopda Gathering Circle, a lowland area that features a beautiful tile mosaic depicting aspects of tribal life.

Back on the upland path, and moving north towards Lindo Channel, a large grove of diverse trees is clustered on the right. An old walnut, an almond, a couple of oak species, and other mature trees create a dense wall that is growing up against an artifact

from the past: a huge mound of river rock. Continuing east to follow the path as it runs parallel to Lindo Channel, a footbridge spans a side channel created to link the Channel to the low-lying wetland areas. An open, rocky floodplain flanks the Channel, and here yerba santa and naked buckwheat are interspersed with poppies and lupine. A short trail leads to an interpretive sign about floodplain restoration, complete with cross sections and a definition of floodplains and their important functions in urban and natural settings.

To the right is the open grassy area that comprises the bulk of the site and surrounds the wetland expansion portion of the project. The bisecting trail runs through the lupine and poppy (and also star thistle) that grow among the grasses. This middle trail affords access to a heavily shaded grove in which someone has fashioned a 10 to 12-foot-tall teepee from lumber scraps. An old rug has been placed inside, and it looks like a peaceful place to meditate, or the perfect place to play a game of fort.

The northeast corner of the project site is at the intersection of Lindo Channel and the backyard fences of the neighbors. As it heads back towards East First Avenue, the path is bordered by redbuds and oaks.

Springtime at Verbena Fields is particularly beautiful: grasses are green and supple, redbuds, poppies, and lupines combine to make a palette of bright color, and fresh leaves bud from the limbs of the deciduous trees. Summer is dryer and crisper, but the shady groves of large trees and the low-lying cool spots offer respite from the heat. Fall brings the changing of colors when the grasses mellow to shades of heather, and in winter (if we are lucky with the rains) one can appreciate the value of the bioswales and wetlands features, as well as the view of the foothills to the east.

Whatever the season, Verbena Fields is a delightful place to visit. Just follow East First Avenue eastward, away from the busy bustle of traffic, to find it.

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