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**New Round
of DMV
Motor Voter
Errors Reported**

*By Chris Reed,
Cal Watchdog*

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - One of Gavin Newsom's first acts after taking office as governor in January was to create a "DMV Reinvention Strike Team" to improve the performance of the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

This came after one of the worst years a state agency has had in recent history. In August 2018, CalWatchdog and many other news outlets reported that wait times were nearly 50 percent longer at DMV offices than the previous summer. The problem was blamed on a heavy increase in visits caused by the federal 2005 Real ID Act. It requires Californians to have either passports or new federal ID cards before they can take commercial flights starting in October 2020. The DMV is the agency that issues the Real IDs.

A month later, another scandal emerged, with thousands of thousands of voters reporting errors in their political party affiliation due to mistakes made in the DMV's new "motor voter" automatic registration program, which began in April 2018. An audit released in August of this year found the problem was far worse than initially believed, with more than a quarter-million errors in registration in the first five months of the program - 83,684 duplicate voter registrations and 171,145 DMV records with inconsistencies on party membership.

Newsom's "strike team" issued its report in July on what it had done to fix the agency and said internal data showed a reduction in wait teams of 58 minutes over the previous summer. Two weeks ago, the DMV issued a statement saying that wait times had continued to decline and averaged 38 minutes in September.

But now the DMV's other 2018 problem has re-emerged with reports in Northern California of pervasive errors in motor voter registrations, prompting Republican lawmakers to renew their call to put the program on hold until its flaws are comprehensively fixed.

At Least 600 Complaints So Far; Number Could Soar

"At least 600 Californians, including lifelong Republicans and Democrats, have had their voter registration unexpectedly changed, and several county elections officials are pinning much of the blame on the state's Department of Motor Vehicles," the Sacramento Bee reported.

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Bikes Bring Big Smiles to Area Children

By Seti Long

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Sheriff's Office held its 20th annual bike giveaway last Friday, December 20th.

The event is always a joy for all involved. Those who help organize and man the event - BCSO Officers, BCSO STAR volunteers, members of Butte County Public Health, BCOE, BCSO Alternative Custody Supervision Program and more - look forward to the delight and excitement expressed on the children's faces as they receive their set of wheels.

This year, 80 new and refurbished bikes were collected via donation to be given out to children across



BCSO STAR David Panchesson helps get his little friend outfitted with a new toy, helmet and shiny bike Photo by Anna Quimpo Manguire

Butte County. Offenders that are participants in the BCSO Alternative Custody Supervision Program and

the BCOE Community Based Coalition Program, which helps members transition from incarceration

back into the community, have worked for months to help refurbish bikes and get

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The New Pi-Line



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

Well, now, we start again. 2020 is upon us, and the psychological implications of another year passing cause us to look forward and realize time passes. It is at these junctures we reflect upon the critical human issue - we have in having limited forward progress. At some point, life ends. One of the reasons I so love religion is it gives occasional glimpses into a continuation of life and the rejoining of ourselves to something much bigger and mysterious. The prevailing culture we live in rejects such deep thoughts and sells a great deal of alcohol to those who choose to feel things and then just push them out of their consciousness. See, I did learn something serving as a Chaplain Assistant with post-deployment citizen soldiers. So prepare yourself for talk of New Year's resolutions.

I love being from a small town; for some reason, whenever we go out of town, we

meet somebody from town. I was wandering around the Synagogue and Tabernacle block in Salt Lake City two weeks ago only to find Bishop Hamblin of Biggs on vacation with his family members from Oklahoma. Funny how often you go - to get away from everyone and everything only to find another Biggs/Gridley/Live Oak character there with you doing the same. There's only one thing worse than being out of town and being found out by your neighbors; it's being spotted by someone who's a church Bishop.

Funny thing about the Bill Burleson Lazy Boy Vibro-Matic recliner - last week, it started raising and lowering and heating and shaking with my dad in it. Then it stopped. I saw it as a sign that Bill was happy the last edition of the Herald was 14 pages long - up from what it had dwindled to under previous post-Burleson management. Dad does not seem too perturbed, so I guess I will scour the internet for Lazy Boy recliner repairman.

The pages of letters to Santa were great in the last Herald. Seti Long (fresh off of an investigative journalism assignment looking into Ice Burgie car crash conspiracies) was kind enough to take out any letters that were really written by grown-ups. Just a hint people - it is

suspect when elementary-age school kids ask for things like new trucks, shotguns, \$70,000 BASS MASTER Boats, and trips to Las Vegas. I imagine there were some lumps of coal delivered to some homes this year, but even those are part of the fun, I got one once.

Speaking of children, aren't they great, it is so wonderful to see our replacements having the joy and wonder of Christmas in a time of peace and prosperity. So many others do not have the luxury of food, running water, good schools, loving parents and teachers, and the ultimate luxury of being able to set aside the world and work in the land of imagination and fantasy.

As you start the new year, get some perspective on life, and be grateful. Thank you, Santa Letter writing kids (and GIBT organizers) for some real joy and hope for the future.

New Years' prediction #1 - the City of Hollister loses a lawsuit to Paul Eckert (our City Manager) for having maltreated him, and they go bankrupt. Then Paul finds a way to house all the displaced Hollister refugees in Federally subsidized government trailers.

Send your 2020 predictions to josh@joshcook.com.

What Happened to Shop Local?



Owner La Trisha Dewitt is liquidating her inventory - Seen here are just a few items local Wolverines, Bulldogs and Lions might be interested in snatching up before they are gone for good. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Another downtown small business is closing its doors after 33 years of business.

La Trisha Dewitt bought the Family T-Shirt Factory 12 years ago and was going strong until she began slowly losing accounts to out-of-town businesses. It was little things at first, schools sending individuals into the shop instead of making one large order, which was not cost effective for Dewitt. Others began taking their printing needs to Chico based businesses because they promised lower prices, then

the Gridley Little League stopped having the T-Shirt Factory make their uniforms, as they had done for years previous. Add the Cricut craze and DIY crafters and it was all downhill from there.

Dewitt expressed that it was frustrating watching clients take their money out of the community. The companies they were going with were able to print cheaper because they required the customer to buy in bulk - something she could have done as well if potential clients had only asked or given her a chance to submit a bid. She also said that the rumor mill in

Gridley didn't help matters. When some of her bigger clients didn't submit their regular orders, she reached out to them. "We heard you were closed!" they said. Feeling somewhat dejected, she kept going. "Whatever happened to shop local?" she said sadly.

After failed attempts to sell the business, Dewitt has decided to close the store December 31st. She is currently having a blow-out sale, with items priced to move. The shop is full of local grade school and high school gear, and Dewitt says that she continue take and make custom orders up until she closes for good. ★

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Saints – Oroville Blood Drive**
Thursday, January 16
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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Feather River Cinemas Blood Drive
Sunday, January 26
12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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CSU, Chico Blood Drive
Wednesday, January 8
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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North Valley Plaza Mall
Friday, January 10
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Located on the bloodmobile near
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801 East Avenue, Chico
Enloe Medical Center Blood Drive
Wednesday, January 15
Noon – 5:30 p.m. (closed 2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.)
Enloe Conference Center -
1528 Esplanade, Chico

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Paradise Association of Realtors
Tuesday, January 7
1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Located in the Large Conference Room
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**Wheatland High School & Community
Blood Drive**
Wednesday, January 22
9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Located in the Library
1010 Wheatland Rd., Wheatland

Beale Air Force Base Blood Drive
Wednesday, January 29
11:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Located on the bloodmobile
BX Parking Lot

The Hignell Companies Blood Drive
Friday, January 17
7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Located on the bloodmobile
1750 Humboldt Road, Chico

Chico Rotary Blood Drive
Tuesday, January 21
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Located at the Chico Elk's Lodge
1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico

Vitalant Winter Classic Blood Drive
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Bikes Bring Big Smiles to Area Children

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them in top-shape for the giveaway.

The Butte County Office of Education identifies area children and invites them to the event, this year held at the Sheriff's Office East Facility at 3 Gillick way, in Oroville. The bike giveaway was a flurry of noise and excitement - the children hardly contain themselves as they waited to pick up their bikes. They were treated to goodies from volunteers, some getting "Sheriff" badge stickers, small stuffed toys or even dolls, and the opportunity fo a picture with Santa. But the main draw was the shiny bikes. Officers and volunteers educated them on the importance of safety, with all bikers being fitted with free helmets before they took their prize home and out for a spin.

In a press release, the Sheriff's office said, "BCSO would like to thank BCOE, Butte County Public Health, BCSO STARS, ACS



Butte County Sheriff Officer poses with a shy but happy bike recipient Photo by Anna Quimpo Maguire



Thankful the BCSO officers, volunteers, Santa and Ms. Claus, this little girl holds her new doll, ready to go be fitted for her helmet and new bike Photo by Anna Quimpo Maguire

participants, BCBC participants, and Sensible Cyclery. We hope a new

bike will bring joy to these children this holiday season." ★

Thoughts to Ponder



"Why can't everyday be like Christmas?" the little boy asked. "Everyone is so nice, so giving, so sweet, and the whole world looks brighter and more loving."

There is a children's video out that tells the story about a puppet who helps Santa by pulling him out of a chimney and for his help, receives three wishes. The ultimate wish was that everyday would be like Christmas.

Just think about the idea! Every day, Christmas tree decorating, cooking turkeys, pies and mounds of treats. Every day, singing carols and visiting friends and family. Every day,

helping local charities and shelters by giving bell ringers in front of stores. Not so far out of line! That is what Jesus told us to do—help others, love others, and praise and sing to our Lord every day. We put the rush and stress factors into the celebration and that's why we often dread it so.

I don't have money for presents. What will I do? I don't have enough food to prepare a feast. What do I do? My children want so much, and I just don't have the funds. What should I do?

God has already given the gift. God has already prepared and delivered the hymns of praise by a choir of the most high. They come with no price tags attached. We need only to give them to others and accept them for ourselves.

Yes, every day is Christmas (at least, it should be), only free of stress and worry and packed full of love and concern for fellow humans.

After we have put up all the decorations, packed away the yard signs, and shopped the after Christmas sales, we should not put away the true reason for celebrating Christmas God's Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We will open presents, break bread together, and share the greetings of friendship and fellowship. As we take part in all the final moments that lay ahead remember to take time to open your home and your heart to the "Babe of Bethlehem" so you, too, can sing with the Heavenly Host "Glory in the Heavens and on Earth, God's Son is born to save all men." ★

Gridley-Biggs Animal Control Needs Your Help

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Be part of the solution and help get the feral cat problem in your neighborhood under control with the Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program.

Residents throughout Gridley and Biggs have experienced issues with feral cats and in certain areas, the problem has gotten hard to control. The previous system of catch/kill has been proven ineffective, creating a vacuum that is constantly filled by cats from outside territories. The TNR program traps the cats, fixes the animals, vaccinates and eartips them and returns them to their territory. Their continued presence keeps outside animals from moving into their territory.

Gridley Animal Control is currently asking for the community's help with the TNR program. A donation



Gridley-Biggs Animal Control Officer Samantha Stopplemore with one of the kitties that she has been able to adopt out to a loving home. Photo provided by Officer Stopplemore

of just \$55 dollars covers trapping, transportation, spaying/neutering, rabies vaccination and ear mite treatment (and ear tipping) for one cat. Help keep the

feral cat population down and decrease the spread of disease. Donations can be mailed to Gridley Animal Control at 685 Kentucky St., Gridley CA, 95948. ★

Christmas Clean-up with Waste Management

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Just as the time to put the Christmas tree up came quickly, so has the time to take it down.

Waste Management has got your holiday waste collection under control. Diana Ramirez, public sector manager for Waste Management, had a few reminders for the City of Gridley and its residents.

Residents may dispose of their Christmas Trees in their green waste containers.

Waste Management asks that the tree be cut into 3 sections and will not accept trees that are flocked or decorated with tinsel, etc. Folks can also use the voucher program to take their tree to the Ord Ranch transfer station located at 119 Ord Ranch Road, Gridley. The transfer station is only open on the weekends from 8:30 am -4:00 pm with a closure between 1-1:30 pm for lunch.

Ramirez also asked that households with an increase

in cardboard and recyclables (think Amazon boxes, TV packaging, etc.) not shove them into the recycling bin. The Ord Ranch transfer station will accept excess cardboard and large boxes at no extra cost. Save that space in your recycle bin for wrapping paper. But just a reminder, foiled, glittered wrapping paper is not recyclable. Neither are bows, most gift bags, and certain cards.

With that, Happy Holiday cleanup! ★

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Jury Finds Man Guilty of Assault on Chico State Professor

**Special Release,
Butte County District
Attorney**

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Butte County jury today found a Chico man guilty of a brutal assault on a Chico State professor in his home in October of 2017.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Ryan Edgar Wayne Muscat, 35, was convicted by a nine-man / three-woman jury today for the assault that occurred in October of 2017 at the professor's home in Chico where Muscat was a boarder. The jury convicted Muscat of felony assault causing serious bodily harm. The jury also found Muscat had previously suffered a previous felony "strike" conviction



Ryan Edgar Wayne Muscat

for robbery in Orange County in 2006.

Ramsey said the assault victim was a 59-year-old CSUC science professor who had rented a room in his home to Muscat as a favor to a friend who was an employer of Muscat. The professor had begun to evict Muscat for his

alcohol and drug use when Muscat attacked him during the early morning hours of October 29, 2017. The professor suffered severe and permanently disabling injuries to his face, shoulder and brain.

Ramsey said Muscat faces up to 24 years 8 months in state prison when he is sentenced. However sentencing has been postponed awaiting the setting of trials next month on two other criminal cases alleged to have been committed by Muscat. Ramsey said Muscat faces felony charges for carrying a concealed knife in September of 2018 and for throwing urine on Butte County Jail correctional officers while in the jail in October of 2018. ★

Gridley Woman Arrested for Sexual Acts with Minor

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A Butte County Sheriff's Department investigation has led to the arrest of 23 year-old Kari Croxton of Gridley.

According to a press release from the BCOS, Croxton was interviewed in November 2019 regarding her potential involvement of sexual contact with a minor.

During that interview, Croxton allegedly admitted to sending inappropriate messages to the minor in question and after her arrest Monday, she admitted to the sexual acts.

Croxton has been booked into butte county jail, charged with two felony counts of sexual intercourse with a minor, one felony count of oral copulation on a minor and violation of probation. ★

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Gridley's Camp Fire Distribution Center will be closed for the holiday season. The centers doors will close from December 10th, reopening on Tuesday, January 7th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Bring your photo ID and Fema paperwork to shop the center located at 893 Hazel Street in Gridley in the New Year.

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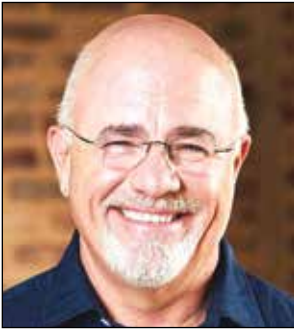
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Great Start, but Follow the Steps

Dear Dave, I’ve recently begun living on a budget, and I’ve got \$1,000 saved. At the moment, I have \$150 left over each month after everything is account for in my budget. I also have three debts totaling about \$12,000. Should I use this extra cash to pay off debt, or would it be a better idea to start investing the money?

– Leland

Dear Leland, Let’s put off investing for the time being. You’ve done a great job so far by getting on a budget and saving \$1,000. Making mature decisions and telling your money where to go, instead of wondering where it went, is the key to gaining control of your finances.

Now, let’s take a closer look at my plan and where you stand. You’ve already set aside \$1,000 for a beginner emergency fund. That’s Baby Step 1. Don’t touch that money except in the event of an actual emergency. You’re ready now for Baby Step 2, which is to pay off all debt except for your mortgage using the debt snowball system.

To do this, make a list of your debts from smallest

Dave Ramsey Says

to largest. Make minimum payments on all but the smallest debt, and attack it with a vengeance. As soon as you get that one paid off, move on to the next one and then the next one.

Once you finish the debt snowball, and you’re debt-free except for your house, you go back to your emergency fund and stash more money away until you have a fully-funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. This is Baby Step 3. Now you can begin concentrating on investing for retirement, which is Baby Step 4. Start with your employer’s 401(k) plan. Then, you can invest the rest into Roth IRAs – one for you, and one for your spouse – if you’re married.

Saving and investing are both very important. But it’s also important to become debt-free. That’s what makes them easy!

– Dave

Who Will be Liable for the Debt?

Dear Dave,

My parents are getting up there in years, and they aren’t really prepared for when they pass away. They can’t afford life insurance at this point, and they also have a lot of debt. When they die, who will be liable for their debt?

– Tammi

Dear Tammi, Any outstanding debt your parents have upon passing will likely go against their estate. If they

have a positive net worth—meaning they owned more than they owed—there will be money left over after the debts are paid, and this could go toward an inheritance. If they have a negative net worth, which means they owed more than they owned, everything could be sold off to cover as much of the debt as possible. Regardless, you would only be held liable for any of their debt if you were a co-signer on the loans.

I’d also suggest getting their permission to buy burial policies on them. If they won’t agree to this, you might have to save up money for their final expenses yourself. In most areas, \$10,000 to \$15,000 is enough to cover basic burial costs for two people.

– Dave

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Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

December 17th - 21st

12-17-2019: At 8:08 am on the 1100 block of Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Matthew Moore Wheeler, 35, was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant.

12-18-2019: At 11:26 am on E. Gridley Rd, Gridley, CA, Elizabeth Marie Long, was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

12-20-2019: At 6:47 am on the 1400 Block of Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Brian Andrew Hill, 56, was arrested on a warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

12-21-2019: At 3:13 am on Hwy 99 and Cherry St., Gridley, CA, Vincent Edward Kelly, 24, was arrested on two outside agency misdemeanor warrants, and possession of a controlled substance (11264 (a) H&S) and booked into Butte County Jail.

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Butte County Sheriff Report



December 16th - 22nd

19-08716	12/16/2019 03:51-07:57	12/16/2019 03:51	Assault/ADW with Force: Possible GBI - Fel/Felony	BIGGS
19-08724	12/16/2019 09:49	12/16/2019 09:49	Larceny Theft/Petty Theft/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-08740	12/16/2019 10:30	12/17/2019 09:22	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-08861	12/16/2019 11:00	12/21/2019 11:04	Burglary/Burglary - Misd/Misdemeanor	MAGALIA
19-08726	12/16/2019 11:40	12/16/2019 12:46	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-08729	12/16/2019 13:50	12/16/2019 13:50	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	OROVILLE
19-08731	12/16/2019 14:47	12/16/2019 14:47	Assault/Battery Spouse/Ex-Spouse/ Etc/Misdemeanor	MAGALIA
19-08733	12/16/2019 15:34	12/16/2019 15:34	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	OROVILLE
19-08736	12/16/2019 20:29	12/16/2019 20:26	Assault/ADW with Force: Possible GBI - Fel/Felony	OROVILLE
19-08739	12/17/2019 07:57	12/17/2019 07:57	Larceny Theft/Commit Mail Theft/Misdemeanor	PALERMO
19-08747	12/17/2019 14:55	12/17/2019 15:37	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-08866	12/17/2019 21:30	12/21/2019 13:05	Larceny Theft/Petty Theft/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-08809	12/19/2019 11:13-11:20	12/19/2019 14:36	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-08863	12/21/2019 12:59	12/21/2019 12:59	Larceny Theft/Petty Theft Retail/Etc/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-08877	12/22/2019 01:19-01:19	12/22/2019 01:19	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	MAGALIA

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The Winter Solstice is the beginning of the return of light to the world. The days become longer and the hours of night lessen. The eventual warming of the earth is on its way. The seeds are tucked into the soil working up the energy to send out their roots and cotyledons.

Cotyledons are the first part of the sprout before the true leaves. The underground winter life of plants is incredible. It is full of energy and growth. The garden may look dismal and dead but it is full of underground life, waiting for warmth. If in doubt about these statements, watch the weeds pop out as soon as there is some warmth. We in California don't think that much about the return of light but imagine living closer to the Arctic circle, it would be a big deal. If you have not sprayed your peach trees for peach leaf curl, now is the time for the first spray. If the first spray was applied then go for number two. I

wait for January to prune but it could start now if you have the time and inclination. The crepe myrtle in the yard needs to have the old blooms cut off. I am not a proponent for lolly-pop trees or for cutting the crepe myrtle down to the trunk but if you want a beautiful bloom on these trees they do need to be pruned for old blooms and too much twigginess. By opening up the canopy of the crepe myrtle you can eliminate a lot of the mildew that can happen on these trees. I also keep mine no taller than ten feet tall. That way there is the beauty of their bloom without the wide spread of their branches. Happy New Year. ★

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I Think What You Need is to Hire a Teenager.

"Yo Vince," Steve said, "everything okay at the gas station gun shop?" Vince sipped coffee and shook his head. "I've found myself to be on the horns of a dilemma, guys. That's why I came in here today. I need advice." Someone actually asks for advice from those of us in the world dilemma think tank? Some of us have been waiting years to hear that. "What's the problem, Vince?" asked Doc. "You know we always have advice for people whether they want it or not. All kinds of advice." "It's the computers, Doc," said Vince. "They've got 'em in all the newer cars now, and I don't know how to fix them. I don't even know how to tell when the darn things go on the fritz."

"Are you sure they're plugged in?" asked Dewey. We figured that was about all Dewey knew about computers. "They're in the car, Dewey," said Doc. "Oh ... yeah." Steve doesn't know much about them, either, but he's real big on giving advice. "I think I have the answer to your problem, Vince," Steve said. We all looked at the mustached seer of the sagebrush. "Yep," Steve said, "I think what you need is to hire a teenager. That should take care of it." We don't even charge for this, you know. *Brought to you by Ol' Jimmy Dollar, an illustrated kids book about a houndman and his family of dogs. Available at www.riograndebooks.com. ★*

Crossword Puzzle on Page 6

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6	5	2	4	8	1	9	3	7
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Dear Dietitian

Healthier Diets

Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

I thought it would be good to end 2019 on a positive note, and according to an analysis of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), American diets are getting healthier! The overall Healthy Eating Index increased from 55.7 to 57.7 (1). This may not seem like much, but scientists found it statistically significant. A synopsis of the findings is below:

- Americans decreased energy intake of low-quality carbohydrates by 3.25% (2). Examples of such carbs are sugar-sweetened drinks and high-fructose corn syrup.
- We increased our consumption of high-quality carbs by 1.23% (3). These foods are also known as complex carbohydrates, such as whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. Whole grains contain the bran, endosperm, and germ of the kernel. Examples are oats, quinoa, rye, whole wheat, rice (brown, wild, colored).
- Consumption of plant proteins rose by 0.38% (4). This was mostly in the form of nuts and whole grain products.
- Intake of polyunsaturated

fat (healthy fats) rose by 0.65%. Unfortunately, dining on saturated fats also increased by 0.36% (5). Polyunsaturated fats are found in walnuts, sunflower seeds, corn oil, salmon, and trout, to name a few. Saturated fats are found in animal meats, dairy, and coconut oil.

While Americans are making improvements in their diets, more work needs to be done. Obesity rates continue to rise, especially in minorities and low-income populations. Childhood obesity, although still on the rise, is climbing at a slower rate. As you have heard, increased weight leads to greater risks of chronic illnesses, such as type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease. Nutrition was once considered the individual's responsibility, and that largely remains the case. With the realization that nutrition-related illnesses are a public health issue, the government is intervening.

While no US state has an excise tax on sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB), some local municipalities do. These include Boulder, CO; Seattle, WA; San Francisco, CA, and Philadelphia, PA. Evidence shows a tax on sugary drinks that raises prices by 20% can lead to a decrease in consumption by about 20% (6). In order for a "sin tax" to be effective, it must raise the price enough to be a deterrent. In France, the consumption of SSBs increased more than the tax, and in Mexico, the introduction of a SSB tax only decreased consumption by 6% (7).

Another important change was made in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program to allow more access to fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy products. These changes, along with the nutrition education provided in the program, give children the opportunity to begin a lifelong path of healthy nutrition.

Healthy nutrition is both an individual and group effort. Education is key, but sometimes is not enough to produce a change. Together we can make a difference, and that difference may be in your own health or that of someone you love.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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Leanne McCrate, RD, LD, CNSC, is an award-winning dietitian based in Missouri. Her mission is to educate consumers on sound, scientifically-based nutrition. Do you have a nutrition question? Email her today at deardietitian411@gmail.com. Dear Dietitian does not endorse any products, health programs, or diet plans. ★

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What to do When You Call for an Emergency

1. **Do not panic.** This is easier said than done. Panic does not help. Instead, begin to plan what you will say to the dispatcher.
2. **Find a phone.** Preferably a land line unless it's a fire or burglary. This will help determine your location. If it's a fire, don't stay in the building, get out first.
3. **Call 911.** Pick up the receiver and dial 911. Be aware that, sometimes, it takes time for the phone to route to the correct answering point. Do not hang up if you do not connect immediately!!
4. **Know what you will be asked.** Make sure that you are aware of each of the following:
 - **The phone number of your phone.** The dispatcher will need instructions on how to get to where you are, and may need to call back for more information. Know the phone number of your phone.
 - **Location.** Give the dispatcher your address or a detailed description of your location. The emergency is not always located where you are calling from. Always be aware of your surroundings and where you are. Try to keep a watch out for the road signs, business names and intersections whenever you may travel.
 - **Nature of the emergency:** Do you require assistance from law enforcement, medical professionals, and/or fire fighters? Have a detailed, yet concise, description of the emergency. In general, the most important thing is why you need assistance (a traffic accident, for example).
5. **Do not hang up until instructed to.** Anything can happen, and the emergency services need to know your situation at all times. In an emergency such as a structure fire, the dispatcher will need to know if there are other people in the building and where any safe exits are.

Remember that adults are not always available to call 911, so teach your children how to use 911. Practice with a pretend phone, and make sure they understand it's important to call 911 only in an emergency

Thanks and Happy Holidays
Gridley
Fire Station 74

New Round of DMV Motor Voter Errors Reported

Continued from page 1

The daughter of California Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove of Bakersfield, who had recently used a Sacramento County DMV office, was among those affected. Grove is

a leading critic of motor voter.

Sacramento CBS 13's news team reported at least 300 apparent complaints in Santa Clara County, nearly 200 in Sacramento County and at least 100 in Shasta

County.

Reports noted that it's possible that some of the mistakes were made by voters themselves not used to election services at DMV and that some voters may have misremembered what party status they

had chosen previously. But as CBS 13 reported, problems appeared to be turning up in every county as soon as registrars began sending out voter notifications related to the March primary. With El Dorado County sending

out notifications and dozens of counties doing so in coming weeks, the dimensions of the problem could be far bigger than initially assumed — just like last year.

Oregon, which introduced its version of motor

voter in January 2016, has had far fewer problems.

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Kojima be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very

important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 01/14/2020 at 9:00 am located at 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928, North

Butte County Courthouse. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of

letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court

a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Stanley T. Tomita, 1155 N. First St., Suite 104, San Jose, CA 95112, Telephone: (408) 286-3775 12/20, 12/27/19, 1/3/20 C N S - 3 3 2 4 5 6 9 # GRIDLEY HERALD 1-3-2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME- STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2017-0001273

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: GRIDLEY SEPTIC TANK SERVICE
986 Gilstrap Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
Victor James Haury, 986 Gilstrap Avenue Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: 9/20/2017
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. 2019-0001294

The following persons are doing business as: TINOCO'S POLLINATION SERVICES
1069 Chandon Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
Leonso Tinoco, 1069 Chandon Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
Date Filed in Butte County: November 14, 2019
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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The following persons are doing business as: ARMANDOS HANDYMAN SERVICE
1775 Hammon Avenue Oroville, CA 95966
Armando Diaz, 1775 Hammon Avenue Oroville, CA 95966
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The following persons are doing business as: OUT WEST RESTAURANT GROUP
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Muhammad Shahbaz, 1020 Kentucky Street Gridley, CA 95948
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-2019-0001411

The following persons are doing business as: GUIDO'S RECYCLING
1364 Highway 99 Unit B Gridley, CA 95948
Adrian Guido Penaloza, 1058 Sage Street Gridley, CA 95948 and Victor Hugo Guido Penaloza, 1058 Sage Street Gridley, CA 95948
Date Filed in Butte County: December 17, 2019
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This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership

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Aaron Jayme Klemenok, 1115 E Ewald Court Suite C Paradise, CA 95969
Date Filed in Butte County: December 18, 2019
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 12/18/2019
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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SPORTS

Lady Bulldogs Place 2nd in Annual Oroville Basketball Tournament



Gridley High School girls varsity basketball team pose for a picture with their 2nd place trophy from the 42nd annual Duard Millet Basketball Tournament on Saturday, December 14, 2019. Photo Provided by Becca McCray

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School's girls varsity basketball team competed in the 42nd annual Duard Millet Basketball Tournament in Oroville from December 12th to December 14th. Teams from River Valley High School (Yuba City, CA), Gridley High School, Las Plumas High School, Paradise High School, Lincoln High School, Orland High School, and host, Oroville High School, participated in the tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs have seen their share of success so far this year, placing 2nd in their own Holiday Classic tournament earlier this month. Junior captain, Kennedy Tull, and senior, Haley Gustavsen, led the team in points so far this season, with both players having integral parts to the team's success. To date, Tull has scored 203 points and Gustavsen has scored 100 points.

On Thursday, December 12th, the Lady Bulldogs faced off against the River Valley Falcons of Yuba City, CA. In a close battle throughout each quarter, Tull and senior, Sierra Brady, kept the Lady Bulldogs in the game until the very end. Gridley pulled off the close game 46-45 with the help of Tull, Brady, and Gustavsen being the leading scorers. Tull scored 18 points in the game, Brady scored 13 points,



Gridley High School girls varsity basketball captains, Kennedy Tull and Sierra Brady, pose for a picture with the All Tourney trophies after placing 2nd in the 42nd annual Duard Millet Basketball Tournament on Saturday, December 14, 2019. Photo Provided by Becca McCray

and Gustavsen scored 8 points to help advance in the winners' bracket of the tournament.

On Friday, December 13th, the Lady Bulldogs tipped off against Las Plumas High School. The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead and cruised to a 46-18 victory over the Thunderbirds. Tull led the team in scoring with 23 points. Junior captain, Ally Mardesich, scored 8 points in the game. This victory moved the team into the tournament championship game the next day.

On Saturday, December 14th, the Lady Bulldogs

faced off against the Lincoln Fighting Zebras. In another tough battle, the Lady Bulldogs fought all four quarters to keep pace with the Fighting Zebras. A few key turnovers by the Bulldogs were the deciding factor in the game and ultimately led to the 48-40 loss. Gustavsen led the team in scoring with 15 points, followed by 10 points from Tull.

Tull and Brady were provided All Tourney awards for their accomplishments throughout the tournament. Tull finished with 51 points in the tournament and Brady finished with 21 points. ★

Lions Boys Basketball Place 4th in 48th Annual Ron Pritchard Invitational



Live Oak High School boys varsity basketball player, Charles Johnson (#3), goes up for the basket against Paradise High School during the 48th Annual Ron Pritchard Invitational Basketball Tournament on Friday, December 13, 2019. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

By Joshua Porcayo

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Live Oak High School boys varsity basketball hosted the 48th annual Ron Pritchard Invitational Basketball Tournament from Wednesday, December 11th to Friday, December 13th. The tournament hosted teams from Anderson High School, Casa Robles High School, Hamilton High School, Lindhurst High School, Oroville High School, Paradise High School, and Sutter High School.

On Wednesday, December 11th, Live Oak tipped off against Casa Robles for their first game in the tournament. The Lions defense showed great resolve in the first quarter only giving up three points and scoring twelve. Another great defensive stand in the second quarter had the Lions up 24-9 at half-time. The offensive game continued in the third and fourth quarters for the Lions with eleven points each, leading to the 46-31 victory over the Rams.

On Thursday, December 12th, the Lions hit the court again, this time against the Oroville Tigers. The Lions fell behind early in the first quarter 9-20 behind a strong Tigers offensive and defensive stand. By halftime, the Lions were struggling to keep pace 20-35. The second half proved to be stronger for Live Oak, as they put a late offensive charge in the fourth quarter, scoring 27 points, but ultimately falling to the Tigers 70-61.



Live Oak High School boys varsity basketball player, Charles Johnson (#3), jumps for the tip-off against Paradise High School's, Triton Grivette (#25), during the 48th Annual Ron Pritchard Invitational Basketball Tournament on Friday, December 13, 2019. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

The loss to the Tigers on Thursday, set up the Lions to compete for third place on Friday, December 13th, against the Paradise Bobcats. This game proved to be a great competitive matchup for the Lions. In the first quarter, senior, Esaías Arredondo, dominated in the low post to help keep the game tied 14-14. Another close second quarter had the Lions trailing by a basket with a score of 20-22 at half-time with some great offensive shots by senior, Feroz Khan. Both teams came out of the locker

rooms feeling the need to push the offense, with each scoring 13 points in the third quarter, keeping the Bobcats up by a basket 33-35. Juniors Layne Torres and Jasdave Dulai hit some timely three pointers to keep the game close. The fourth quarter proved to be an intense one, with junior point guard, Charles Johnson making some timely steals and passes to Arredondo down low. Unfortunately, the Lions offensive push wasn't enough and Live Oak would fall 50-46, placing 4th in the tournament. ★

Gridley High School Wrestling Report

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School's wrestling program has been back on the mats this year competing in a number of tournaments. On Saturday, December 7th, the Bulldog varsity boys and girls traveled to Orland to compete in the Doc Peterson wrestling tournament. A number of Bulldogs placed in the top four spots throughout various weight classes.

For the boy Bulldogs, standout wrestler and junior, Dallas Stevens, placed 2nd in the 145 pound weight class. Last year at the NorCal Masters wrestling tournament, Stevens finished 2nd in the 126 pound weight class. Also for the boys, junior Regan Azevedo placed 3rd in the 151 pound weight class, and junior Jaden



Gridley High School girls wrestlers pose for a picture with their medals after competing in the Doc Peterson wrestling tournament in Orland on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Photo Provided by Malanee Montero

Taylor placed 4th in the 154 pound weight class.

For the Lady Bulldogs, junior, Malia Montero placed 2nd in the 131 pound weight class, freshman Becca Hammon placed 3rd in the 143 pound weight class, Angie

Gutierrez placed 3rd in the 160 pound weight class, Leslie Rubio placed 4th in the 117 pound weight class, and Demetria Zepeda placed 4th in the 151 pound weight class. For the JV Bulldogs, Awas Khan placed 4th at the

tournament held in Corning the same day.

On Saturday, December 21st, the Bulldog wrestlers were back at it at the Durham wrestling tournament. Most notable for the Bulldogs, was Malia Montero placing 1st in the



Gridley High School boys varsity wrestlers Jaden Taylor (left) and Dallas Stevens (right) pose for a picture after competing in the Doc Peterson wrestling tournament in Orland on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Photo Provided by Malanee Montero

131 pound weight class. Montero pinned four of her opponents within the first of three rounds. Regan Azevedo placed 2nd in the 160 pound weight class. Becca Hammon placed 3rd in the 137 pound weight class and Pablo De La Cruz

placed 3rd in the 138 pound weight class.

The boys and girls of Gridley High School wrestling are off to a great start this year. There are many more tournaments to compete in and improve their skills. ★

Gridley’s Second High School is EPIC

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Did you know that Gridley has two high schools? Most don’t and even more surprising, most have walked past it and not known it was there.

Field/EPIC, which stands for Farmworker Institute for Education & Leadership Development (EPIC is field in Spanish) was founded in 1978 by Cesar E Chavez. The Gridley branch of the non-profit high school is located in the Heritage Oak shopping center, quietly tucked between the Dollar Tree and the laundry mat.

Field provides basic education and skills training to immigrants, farm workers and low-skilled workers in rural communities, hoping to give them the confidence to realize their dreams. While the schools mission is to promote economic and social prosperity for Latinos, working people and their families, it is open to anyone, from any race or background, wishing to further their education and get their high school diploma.

Field/EPIC is run by educators, Carolyn Velasquez and Dominique Chastain, and Community Coordinator Bertha Ortizco. Chastain doubles as the regional supervisor for the Field/EPIC program and is currently working on two Masters degrees as she manages multiple sites.

The Gridley site currently has about 22 students that trickle in and out, due to the flexible open-entry, open-exit



Busy learning! Pictures left to right: Teacher Carolyn Velasquez, student Angie Lirios, Community Coordinator Bertha Ortizco and student Bee Vue Her. Photo by Seti Long

schedule. The pace is set by the student, but they are expected to meet requirements in order to obtain the total of 180 credits to graduate with their high school diploma. Students range from young to those in their 60’s, and some work full-time while taking care of family. Students not working are required to take 30 credits per semester. Morning and afternoon sessions are available for those that are employed, because the course work is done completely in a classroom setting. No independent study. The schools funding is correlated to the student’s educational growth



Field/EPIC students take a break from the books to join the high schools director for a quick picture: Left to right: Marisol Parades, Dominique Chastain, Bee Vue Her and Angie Lirios. Photo by Seti Long

and the number of graduates each year, so even with a flexible schedule, students must adhere to specific enrollment requirements.

Students are able to transfer their transcripts and academic credits from their previous schools or their country of origin, in the case of immigrants. Chastain shares that there is a lot that prevents those who would like to get an education from doing so, including culture and gender roles, and fear of the government. “A lot of the Hispanic people around here - they are fearful. They are afraid that by coming in, it puts them at risk.” says Chastain. She continues to explain that due to their classification as a non-profit educational organization, recognized by the state, they are not required to as for documentation. “We do not ask immigration status. It’s not our business. Our business is education.”

The Field/EPIC program has 14 sites throughout California, and is looking at expanding its instruction to include education on the foundation of co-ops and business development, online education and ESL courses. Chastain says, “Our mission is about helping people become self-sustaining, self-sufficient and you do that through training with an education and training with leadership. When you build a self-sufficient individual they build a self-sufficient community. So it’s all about affecting rural communities most especially, at the individual level.” ★

The Senate’s New Drug Bill is Socialism Lite



Commentary by Sally C. Pipes

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has a radical new plan to let the federal government set drug prices.

Republicans are holding up Senator Chuck Grassley’s Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act as a more moderate alternative.

That’s a mistake. While Grassley’s bill isn’t as radical as the Pelosi’s, it includes similarly dangerous reforms. Neither bill would do much to save patients money. And both would make it harder for Americans to access new drugs.

Pelosi’s bill empowers government officials to set prices for a variety of drugs. The bill instructs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to “negotiate” the prices of up to 250 medicines.

These negotiations would hardly be fair. The bill caps the negotiated prices at 120 percent of the average price paid for these drugs in six other countries. Any company that refused to negotiate would have to pay the

government 65 percent of last year’s sales for the drug in question.

Grassley’s bill also contains its fair share of government price setting. Like the section that prohibits drug companies from raising Medicare prices faster than the rate of inflation. Firms that raise prices too quickly would have to pay a rebate to the government, equal to the difference between the old and new prices.

Like all price setting, this so-called “inflation penalty” would prohibit drug companies from setting market prices. But that won’t lower costs for patients. Over time, companies will begin launching drugs with artificially high

prices, to avoid having to raise prices and face the penalty down the line.

The Senate plan would also tax manufacturers for certain drugs sold in Medicare Part D. Once Part D beneficiaries spend \$5,100 out of pocket on prescriptions, the government begins paying for the majority of each drug they take. Under Grassley’s bill, drug makers would have to pay for 20 percent of each drug sold in this “catastrophic phase.”

But most Part D beneficiaries never reach the catastrophic phase. So this reform won’t do anything to lower their drug costs. In other words, the government is the primary beneficiary of this

new tax on drug makers.

The Senate bill would raise taxes on pharmaceutical firms by \$100 billion. And as any Republican senator should know, raising taxes is bad for business.

This is especially true for the drug industry, where developing just one new medicine costs an average of \$2.6 billion. The more money researchers have to fork over to Uncle Sam, the less they’ll have to spend on research.

Price setting also makes it harder for patients to access new drugs. Consider that Americans had access to almost 90 percent of all new medicines released between 2011 and 2018. Meanwhile, patients in

the United Kingdom only had access to 59 percent of those drugs. Canadian patients had access to just 46 percent.

Grassley’s plan may be a slightly better alternative to Pelosi’s. But watered-down socialism is still socialism and would be equally disastrous in the long run. Let’s hope Republicans come to their senses and drop this bill before it’s too late.

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