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## Welcome to the Country!

*15 New U.S. Citizens Swear Allegiance in Gridley*



Congressman LaMalfa speaks to a new United States citizen. Photo provided by USCIS

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Branch of the Butte County Library had the honor of hosting the United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services naturalization ceremonies for 15 local immigrants as they became U.S. citizens on Tuesday, August 6th. This is the first time a USCIS naturalization ceremony has been held at the Gridley Library.

Officers from USCIS were present, along with special guest speaker, Congressman Doug LaMalfa, to welcome and congratulate the candidates on their new American citizenship.

Supervisor of Immigration Services Officer, Rey Senica, from the Sacramento field office of the USCIS

opened the ceremonies with a welcome to the candidates, family and friends present.

After an introduction of the countries from which the candidates hailed from—6 from Mexico, 8 from India and 1 from Afghanistan, Senica declared the candidates to “Have been found to be persons of good moral character attached to the good order and happiness of the United States.”

Following the Administration of the Oath of Allegiance by Rebecca Sheehy, Acting Field Office Director of USCIS, Senica read from an address penned by acting Director of USCIS, Ken Cuccinelli, the following:

“As Americans, we are united not by background, race or religion, but rather by our common citizenship which is

based on democratic ideals, equally and individual rights and shared responsibilities. Upon taking the oath of allegiance you have joined a long legacy of Americans who have contributed to the vibrancy and success of this country.”

Adding to that, Congressman LaMalfa touched on the hard work each of them had put in, emphasizing that they should have pride in their accomplishment and taking the initiative to gain their citizenship the correct way. He said, “Today marks both the end and a beginning—each one of you has a different story that has brought you here today. Regardless of the distance and difficulty of the road traveled, the journey has been about reaching this

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## Large-Scale Hemp Grow in Gridley Raises Strong Opposition

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - An estimated 80-100 acre plot of land located at the north end of Gridley, currently the site of a large-scale Hemp farming operation, has caught the attention and opposition of Gridley City Officials.

While not in the city limits, the grow in question is within the City’s sphere of influence and is located on the Deniz Ranch immediately adjacent to densely populated residential areas, including Heron Landing, the Ford Avenue apartments, Orchard Hospital and its senior facility Hovlid, and is less than half a mile away from Gridley High School.

In a report to the City Council, Paul Eckert, City Administrator and Finance Director, informed councilmembers that Hemp farmers had to be registered with the State of California and have the approval of the County Ag Commissioner in order to grow Hemp. The Hemp Farming Act, as part of the 2018 United States Farm bill passed on December 20th of last year, legalized the production and growth of Hemp at a national level beginning in 2019. The property owners have gone through the necessary legal channels and attained approval from the Butte County Ag Commissioner to farm the Hemp, but the City of Gridley feels that the interests of its businesses and residents were ignored by the County.

In a letter to the Butte County Board of Supervisors signed by Mayor and Gridley Councilmen, the city expresses its concerns and requests immediate action to halt the operation with the potential of 100,000 plants.

“We have very serious concerns regarding the Butte County Agricultural Commissioner’s recent approval of a very large Hemp Growing operation immediately adjacent to nearly one-third of Gridley’s residential housing units and at our northerly Highway 99 entrance that welcomes visitors and business prospects to our community. It appears that the Agricultural Commissioner acted with apparent negligence in permitting the Hemp Farm at the Deniz Ranch and in doing so, demonstrated a total disregard of our Gridley residents and business community.”

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## National Night Out a Blast for All

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Vierra Park was the place to be last Tuesday night as the Gridley Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with CalFire and the Gridley-Biggs Police Department, hosted the 2019 National Night Out.

Communities across the nation gather on the same day for the event, celebrating in their own fashion. The yearly festivities are not new to our town, but over the past few years, Gridley’s National Night Out has been increasing in popularity and public support. So much so that it is starting to reach festival levels.

From the salsa competition, making smores with CalFire firefighters,



CalFire Firefighters handed out made paper firetrucks and made smores with the kids at their National Night Out booth. Pictured left to right: Tim Holsworth, Chris Meneley, Jonni Lee and front, Jax Ferrell. Photo by Seti Long

shopping the vendor booths, enjoying the music courtesy of the Sutter Buttes Orchestra or the

fiery blasts issued from Claude the dragon, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Sheriff

Kory Honea was in attendance and visited with  
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# The New Pi-Line



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

Eric Waterbury (famous for Pigs), Art Cota, Brandon Oakley, Lena Sannar, Kirsten Storne-Piazza, Sonia Zarate, and Stacy Anthony run the school Gridley Schools. They are the Board of Trustees of the Gridley Unified School District. They control roughly 25 million dollars that comes to the Gridley educational facilities. Everything they spend money on is available to the public (except firing employees) on the Internet. The information is there, but if you were to ask the person sitting next to you, "how much money does the school district spend in Gridley every year," do you think they would know? In the 1970s television series the Bionic Man, Steve Austin was fitted with bionic parts by the government, which earned him the nickname - Million Dollar Man. Divide \$25,000,000 by seven members of the school board, and they are each 3.5 million dollar people. At their last meeting, they listed some of the businesses they buy services from. Barrow's Landscaping, Inc., Golden State

Tree Removal, Sierra Construction, Jackson Glass, Fletcher Plumbing, School Specialty, Matrix Floor Concepts, Hobbs Pest Solutions, Twin Cities Floor Covering, Ben's Toilets, RCO Home Improvement KS Telecom, Inc., Voltage Specialists, Asbestos Science Technologies, Inc., Hue & Cry Alarms, RB Spencer Heating & Air, Zamora Sod Farm, Hayden Fire, Sharps Locksmith Sorenson Pest Control, Climate Control, American Eagle Terminix, Christensen Telecommunications, Inc., Warren Asbestos, Sutter Orchard Supply. I called the Chief Financial Official Heather Naylor to verify a couple of numbers. The last four or five years have been very good for school funding. People do not hesitate to raise taxes or issue bonds when it comes to schools. When there's a minor economic downturn it's a terrible time to have to do school finance. Looking at the list of businesses and the dollar amounts, the schools are an incredible economic stabilizer for the community. Kids are going back to school, that is one of the prime indicators that summer is over if you're thinking that you need a hobby take a class at Stain Glass Junction. Having a hobby is good for you. If you're a workaholic it is a good way to make your life more balanced, if you're an old person it keeps your brain from getting underutilized, which could lead you to squander your children's inheritance fund. If you read back over the

years one of the things that Mr. Burleson was always focused on was road funding. We need to keep talking about roads so they fix Highway 70 and get some additional lanes constructed in Live Oak. There are substantial numbers of people who still read newspapers and books on paper. It is also nice that there are still real books and read newspapers as well as electronic versions. I was asked to Blog (yes it is a verb and a noun) for the Chico Enterprise-Record once. It was odd because I did not feel like it was "real" because it was not in the printed paper. One of the reasons I enjoy this column is that it gets published. If you look at all the legal notices and such there is still some authority assigned to something that is published, and there really is less credibility every day in something that is just put on the Internet. I'll tell you this - I didn't spend four years of my life at Gridley High School to grow up and be an internet blogger. Mr. Risso and Mr. Dillabo (tied for 1st place - greatest agricultural educators of all time in the history of the world) would be disappointed in me if after extensive and intense coursework in tractors, beekeeping, welding, soil science and animal husbandry I ended up with a career in Blogging. I think they had a long term strategic plan - they wanted some of their former students to get in the state legislature and be involved in the state budget (see \$25 million section above). ★

# Welcome to the Country!

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moment." He continued, "I commended all of you again for your hard work and dedication to be part of this great country."

Certificates of Citizenship were presented to each of the candidates by Supervisor Senica, Director Sheehy and Congressman LaMalfa. As the ceremonies came to a close with a round of applause from those in attendance, joy and pride could be seen upon the faces of the newest United States Citizens. ★



Francisca Suarez De La Luna shaking Congressman Doug LaMalfa's hand as she receives her Certificate of Naturalization. Photo provided by USCIS

# Large-Scale Hemp Grow in Gridley Raises Strong Opposition

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The letter continues citing that the Ag Commissioners actions were in stark contrast to the County Board of Supervisors stringent policies, including provision to restrict odors, as it relates to the growing of Marijuana. Although Marijuana and Hemp are different strains of the Cannabis plant and have different properties, they do have one major commonality - the noxious odor when the plants mature. As further outlined in the letter, communities dealing with similar Hemp grows have been forced to take expensive legal action and adopt costly ordinances to offset the adverse impacts of similar Hemp

operations. The letter to the board further states:

"Making matters worse, almost all of the Hemp operations in the other surveyed communities are in fact much smaller than the nearly 100-acre Hemp operation in Gridley that Butte County approved without any consultation with impacted residents.

"Residents from those other communities report that the subsequent negative impact of the Hemp operations have factually reduced their property values and significantly diminished their quality of life. While "dead skunk" is the most common term used when describing the smell, the strong odor permeates clothing, buildings and vehicles, and can travel great distances."

Mayor and Council discussion on the subject at the City Council Meeting held Monday, August 5th, expressed dismay and concerns that the Butte County Agricultural Commissioner was using Gridley as a test site for future Hemp grows throughout the County. Sentiments were that timing of this grow couldn't be worse (as we receive our FEMA resident) and that the Ag Commissioner didn't perform due-diligence as the owner of the Hemp Farms significant investment is potentially at risk.

The future of the Hemp farm remains uncertain, but it appears that the City of Gridley's strong opposition to it may cause the Hemp grow to be halted prematurely before it can be harvested. ★

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# More Gridley Blue Skies: The Work of FEMA

By Eileen Burke-Trent

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - People have come from all over the country to Gridley, California to help set up FEMA homes for survivors of the Paradise area Camp Fire. Now, 302 new, state of the art, temporary housing trailers are onsite, and are being modified as needed to fit the handicapped and ambulatory needs of their new residents. Some are elders, some are physically limited, and some are families old and young, with and without children, who are moving to Gridley to be our new neighbors.

All have been traumatized. All are financially struggling. Some have been relying on the kindness of friends and family to provide them with shelter since last November's tragedy—bouncing all over the state and some all over the country until they can figure out what they need to get back on track. These are not the folks who have large insurance policies that will rebuild or rehome themselves in style. These are our elders, our renters, our struggling families who live month to month on social security payments, minimum wage jobs, and as caretakers of other family members.

No matter what their backgrounds, they all have several things in common. They have nowhere else to permanently live at this time and very limited options, but they do have a team of dedicated professionals from all over the nation, and local volunteers and organizations who are working hard to normalize their lives. They work to provide housing, and a safe, secure, and welcoming area for them to rest and recover, along with a safe haven to get their lives back in order.

It takes quite a team to do so, and FEMA workers are used to the long and thankless work hours devastating tragedies demand. At the start all experience

12-16 hour days, 7 days a week, separation from home and family, and the discomfort of moving from place to place and disaster to disaster. It takes a special kind of person, and a special kind of compassion to work month after month, and year after year in these environments. The workers are from both our local area, and come to disasters from across the nation.

For instance: Security Officer Kevin Haywood sits for hours in the heat while greeting visitors and the curious, also securing the site from those with more nefarious ambitions. After 26 years in the State Police and Highway Patrol out of Oroville, he now works for Elite Universal Security. He and his colleagues are on sight to minimize chances of theft, vandalism and trespass, but Mr. Haywood has a much more inspiring message to share:

"There have been no incidents! No trouble! No thefts! And, we have been an injury-free worksite from the start. It has been wonderful to work here, and to help FEMA get this place in order for the new residents. I love my work here. I really like working with these wonderful people, and we are doing good. That's important."

The powerhouse trio of Joe D'Angelo, Deputy Logistics Chief; Jim Allen, Congressional Affairs Liaison; and the wonderful Michael Peacock, External Affairs Advisor, all provide information to local, regional and government officials, to the press, and the public—as well as carry on their day-to-day responsibilities of building, rehoming, interviewing, and managing staff, while working with other construction and FEMA workers in 100-110 degree heat, in inhospitable construction zones.

Michael Peacock has been at many major tragedies since 2005, when with a background in financial



The powerhouse trio – onsite and ready to welcome new residents. Pictured left to right: Joe D'Angelo -Deputy Logistics Chief; Jim Allen – Congressional Affairs Liaison; Michael Peacock – External Affairs Advisor. Photo by Eileen Burke-Trent

planning he started doing teamwork through the Small Business Administration and FEMA partnerships: setting up shop, while disasters were still ongoing, to immediately address the needs of both impacted residents and devastated businesses during environmental tragedies.

"I travel... a lot", Mike said. "I live in Georgia, and my wife and I switch off every 60 days. I go visit her, and she comes to visit me." Mike has worked at so many major disaster sites in the past years that as he tried to recall, they all seemed to blend together for him, and time and dates did not seem so important.

He worked in Texas for Hurricane Harvey; Georgia for Hurricane Michael, Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge Tennessee for the Gatlinburg Fire; Florida for Hurricane Matthew; Mississippi for Hurricane Katrina; and Paradise and Gridley for the Camp Fire are just some of the sites he recalled. But when asked if he had a lot of trouble during these times,



FEMA construction crews work on putting in the final touches to the trailers now on-site, installing ADA ramps and other modifications specific to future residents' needs. Photo by Eileen Burke-Trent

with negative responses to rehoming the homeless in times of tragedy, this very kind and obviously gentle and dedicated man looked quietly and said:

"After disasters we tend to see more of the good side of people and communities,

because they band together to help those in need, and work hard to help their neighbors recover from devastation... no matter their backgrounds. It makes our work even more rewarding and worthwhile."

Our communities owe a

great deal of gratitude and respect to the workers, and the many local, regional and nationwide volunteers giving of themselves and their families to help here in times of national disaster and recovery. Thank you all... ★

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Michael J Potoski Jr.



Michael J Potoski Jr., 76, of Gridley passed away on August 1, 2019. He was born and raised in Gridley and was a graduate of Gridley High School.

He spent two years in the army and was in Korea for one year. While in the Army, he became an electronics/calibration specialist. Later he became a computer technician specialist.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Ruth Potoski, his brother Stan Potoski and wife Linda. He is survived by his wife Kathleen and his two nieces, Laurie Wahlen and Kim Fesler.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date, as he requested no services be held.

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### George Brazil Aguiar



Born of Portuguese descent and into the farming community of Gridley, California in 1944, George Brazil Aguiar spent the entirety of his 75 years doing what he loved most—ranching. He grew his operation to Lincoln, California where he married Janiel and they raised two daughters, Courtney and Kamara. He is also survived by two grandsons, Nicholas and Adam and son-in-law, Christopher.

George was a generous soul who loved his family and friends, those he worked alongside and everything about his business. He will always be remembered as a hard-working man, putting up his hay and tending to his ranch until his death on August 3, 2019. Please contact his family for information about George's Celebration of Life.

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# Why God Loves Gridley

Commentary by Larry Campbell

A young boy was born in Live Oak. His parents divorced and his mother and he ended up in Sacramento where she found the best job. A young teenager living in low-income housing in a big city is like being an uneasy small frog in a very big pond. His mother felt it was time for the boy to spend more time during high school with his father who now lived in Gridley.

Being a high school student in a small rural town is more like being an average frog in a small pond. The boy played varsity sports instead of being second-string in the big city school, gaining more confidence for the life ahead. At small Yuba College, he continued varsity sports, whereas he may not have made the team at a big city college.

When we ask Him, God has his ways of helping us to be where it is best for us to grow.

Gridley boy is drafted in the Army during the Korean War. Going to war with a large group of strangers is a fearful time. In the military, hundreds of young men are grouped together as strangers for training, eating and sleeping. Who will be your friends? I chose the group who conducted themselves with higher moral standards.

It was only after several transfers and finding new friends that I realized the one thing all these small groups of good young men had in common was that they were all returned missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, reminding me of good classmates in Gridley high school.

Young men who served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints received a draft deferment to serve their missions on condition that they agree to serve another two years in

the military when their mission ended— four years of continuous service to others before they could return to normal civilian life.

Here is the Gridley connection— while in Army training in distant Massachusetts I bought a used car. A group of good young soldiers offered to buy the gas if I would take all of us to nearby places. Turned out they wanted to go to historic sites and meetings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, reminding me of my good friends from Gridley high school.

One of our trips was to a fireside meeting in the home of Ezra Taft Benson in Washington DC who was serving as Secretary of Agriculture for President Eisenhower. He had cute daughters and was also an apostle and future president of the same church.

Months later in Arizona in the Army talking to other good young men, one asked me where I was from. I said Gridley, and he asked if I knew Loretta Little. He was her distant relative and I had dated Loretta in Gridley before she left for BYU and her future with the Mormons.

I was now most favorably impressed with how Mormon young men conducted themselves in conditions where men were free to pursue their own unsupervised behavior and especially reminded of the best young woman I had ever dated but long forgot as we parted ways.

Gridley and its interconnections resulted in my becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ and marrying Loretta Little, whose grandfather, Frank Alonzo Little, was in that group of Utah farmers who came to Gridley and my great-grandfather, Andrew Wilson Campbell Jr., was in that group of 1851 gold miners who came from Iowa to file mining claims on the Feather River in East Gridley. ★

# Rib Cook-Off A Success at Gridley Moose Lodge

By Eileen Burke-Trent

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Loyal Order of Moose in Gridley hosts a variety of events to raise funds for many charitable causes, and last weekend's Rib Cook-Off was a fine example of family-friendly fun. Barbeque competitors attended from all over the area, and despite the triple digit heat, charred some fine ribs which were enjoyed by judges and dinner diners alike.

The rib rub recipes, cooking times, temperatures, and finishing sauces were as different as the chefs, who jealously guarded the sauce recipes



Last weekend's Rib Cook-Off was a fine example of family-friendly fun. Photo by Eileen Burke-Trent

as if they were top secret government documents. Amidst a lot of good natured "ribbing" and wisecracks between cooks, other visitors played games of Horseshoes in brand new pits built for the occasion. For more information about Moose membership and its family-friendly social club and community activities, call 530-846-4610. ★

# Gridley Welcomes New Officer

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Biggs Police Department is welcoming yet another officer to their ranks. Police Chief Al Byers introduced the new officer to the City Council at Monday's City Council meeting.

Officer Ruben Quihuiz has 15 years of experience and comes to the Gridley-Biggs Police Department by way of the Oroville Police Department. Chief Byers expressed to the council that he has had the pleasure of serving with Officer Quihuiz for 8 years during his time spent with Oroville PD and



Gridley City Council welcomes the newest addition to the GBPD force. Pictured left to right: Front: Officer Ruben Quihuiz and Gridley-Biggs Police Chief Al Byers. Back: Councilman Ray Borges, Vice Mayor Chris Williams, Mayor Bruce Johnson and Councilman Zach Torres. Photo by Seti Long

is excited for him to join the GBPD family. Byers spoke highly of the officer, relating to the council that he has known Quihuiz to exhibit a high level of professionalism while performing his duties. Officer Quihuiz graciously thanked the council for the opportunity to serve the community of Gridley. ★

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# Thoughts to Ponder



Do you ever get nudges to do something and without a second thought you jump right into a new adventure? Some how you just know how to achieve the desired outcome. Do you wonder where your skill came from?

A talented dancer is said to have "it" if they stand out in a group and wow an audience. An artist's work is called stunning if their creations draw a crowd. Someone who moves a reader is praised as being a true author.

But, where do these talents come from? One answer: The Holy Spirit gives to each person a gift or gifts to be used in God's creation. We all have them—some of us know about them

and how to use them more than others.

We all are blessed with special abilities to create a better world. It is up to us to find out what ours are and use them accordingly.

There are tests you can take to find out what your special gifts (talents) are or you can simply focus on the strengths you have and go with it. God has given each of us a calling and He has given us the tools to use.

Pick something you really love doing. Is it sewing? You can then make blankets for the homeless. Is it painting? You can redo furniture or paint items for decorating someone's home or local churches. Is it reading and learning? You can share your wisdom by teaching a class.

God has planted greatness within all of us. Just find out

what it is and use it for the betterment of your community. One elderly lady loves to cook, so she serves others by cooking food and giving it away every day.

Want to know more about your spiritual gifts and how to use them? Join the Gridley United Methodist Church starting August 11 th for a series of study on recognizing what the Holy Spirit has given you. It will also go into how you can use it in your life. You may be surprised at what some of your gifts are, I was.

This study will begin this Sunday August 11 th at 10 am. We are located at the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. Also stay and enjoy our after-church fellowship. You can also join us for a free continental breakfast on Saturday the 10 th from 8:30 to 10 am. ★

# National Night Out a Blast for All

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those in the crowd, while Supervisor candidates Tod Kimmelshue and Sue Hilderbrand discussed pressing issues with voters. Children entertained themselves with the free bounce house, face painting, balloon animals created by Alex Camacho of Edward Jones or hunting prize painted rocks hidden throughout the park by Gridley Rocks.

This year National Night Out featured the Gridley Boy Scout Troop 26 Pinewood Derby Championships, which had been rescheduled from Red Suspenders Days due to rainy conditions. The winners took home trophies sponsored by Gridley County Ford.

Some may argue that the most exciting event of the evening was the bike rodeo hosted by the Gridley-Biggs Police Department. As families entered the park, each child was given a ticket to enter to win one of 12 bikes donated by local businesses and organizations. Winners were drawn randomly and announced in front of the crowd as they excitedly claimed their prizes.



Little Clary Frazer was all giggles as she posed with Orchard Hospital's Dr. Teddy Bear at their booth at National Night Out. Photo by Seti Long

Among the other goodies given out to the children in attendance were backpacks stuffed with school supplies and free bike helmets.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank its sponsors for contributing to the success of the event: Gold Sponsors: Kid's Castle, McDonald's and Gridley Lions International Club. Thank you to the City of Gridley and Gridley Recreational Department, Century 21 -Teri Garcia, Caldwell Enterprises, Farmers Insurance - Ravi Aujla, Butte Auto, Exotic Bird Mart & Expo, CalFire, Gridley and Biggs Volunteer Fire Department and Les Schwab. ★

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I write in regard to an event scheduled to take place on August 9 at the Butte County Fairgrounds here in Gridley, entitled "Extreme Midget Wrestling - Baddest Lil Show!" The Facebook promotion for this event states: "This is a body slamming activity... MIDGET STYLE!!!" "Midgets vs. Dwarfs in an all-out Pro Wrestling War. #ExtremeMidgetWrestling will shock and delight you!" The event is also billed as "Kid Friendly". The image affixed to this advertisement depicts little people in caricature including a woman in a sports bra, a man in handcuffs displaying a piercing in his tongue, and two men wearing masks and costumes, all surrounded by sparks and flames.

The Fairgrounds are public property owned by the County. The Fair Association that operates the Fairgrounds receives tax dollars for its operations. It is unacceptable to use a public facility for an event such as this, or profit from it. Our public officials have a responsibility to encourage respect for human dignity. Ridicule, degradation, or making an object of anyone for pleasure or entertainment should be antithetical to those who cherish human dignity. The use of offensive language

and depictions to make fun of people who are different promotes the idea that it is acceptable in our community to dehumanize and degrade one another.

There are those who argue that so long as one freely chooses to engage in a "legal activity" there is no harm in it. Some might even attempt, by way of justification, to appeal to the "benefit" of a livelihood for these "performers". To be clear: I am not suggesting that such events be illegal; rather, I am arguing that the common good demands recognition that every individual is of limitless value, whose existence is willed by a good and loving Creator, and whose calling is to reflect virtue and integrity.

Without this common understanding which our civic, cultural and religious institutions owe a duty to affirm, there will always be forms of degradation, and there will always be those who—whether by free choice or not—permit themselves to be degraded by others. I am saying that in this community, we should not furnish a public facility for such a purpose, even to those who might claim to freely choose to degrade themselves.

Sincerely yours,  
Adam Bowers

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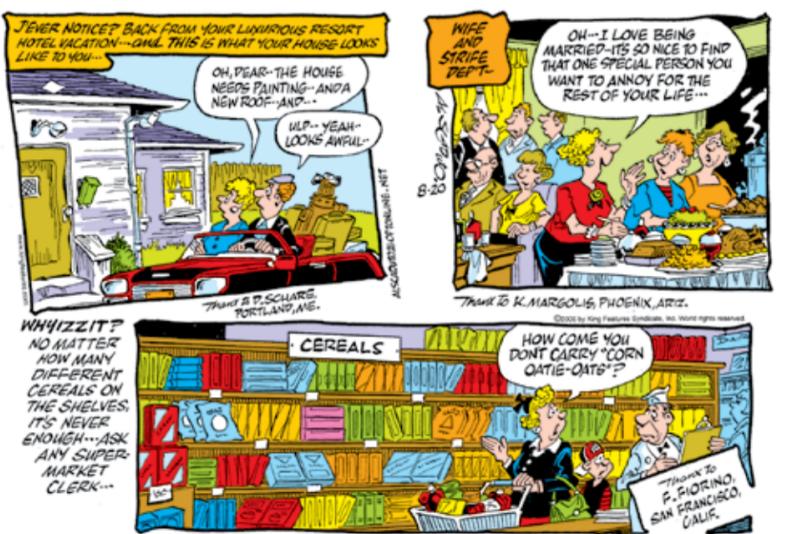
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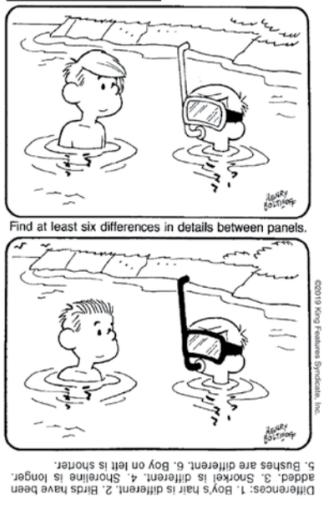
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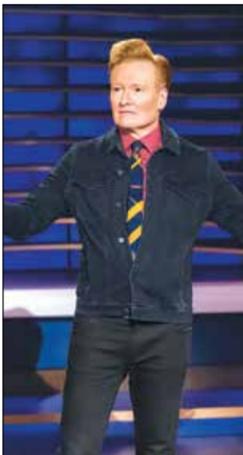
# CHEERS & JEERS

### By Damian Holbrook

### Cheers to Conan O'Brien

**Cheers to Veronica Mars** for growing up so nicely. Hulu's revival of the Kristen Bell-led dramedy is fresh yet familiar, and still fun as hell, thanks to the ageless appeal of her sassy Nancy Drew and the writers' creative use of her old(er) Neptune crew.

for flying without a net. Or guest. TBS's late-night host (pictured) had to wing his entire July 11 episode when *Silicon Valley's* Kumail Nanjiani pulled out of his scheduled appearance 30 minutes before air due to filming delays on the HBO comedy. So Coco did what he does best and improvised bits and skits to fill the time.



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### Jeers to Veronica Mars

for bringing us down so shockingly. Without spoiling the new season for those who still haven't binged the Hulu series, let's just say that the fatal events of the season finale have killed our hopes of seeing Veronica get the happily ever after she deserves after putting up with so much mayhem.

### Jeers to The Emmy Voters

for not fighting for *The Good Fight*. Every year, there are snubs, we get it. But to rob this whip-smart legal drama and its equally awesome star, Christine Baranski, of well-deserved nominations makes no

sense. Do you guys need to borrow our CBS All Access log-ins and catch up? ★

## ASK MATT

BY MATT ROUSH TV Guide Senior Critic

### Why Is The Orville Moving To Hulu?

**Question:** I have read that one of my favorite shows, *The Orville*, is moving to Hulu for Season 3. And that it's the show-runners who have decided to move it. Are they nuts? They will certainly lose many viewers. And that's a shame. There are so many streaming services out there right now and I'm certainly not buying into another one. This move could very

possibly kill the show when Hulu sees how many viewers don't jump to their service to watch it. What were they thinking?—JC

**Matt Roush:** This surprise announcement triggered quite a bit of mail this week. Starting with this angle, that airing for two seasons on Fox obviously made *The Orville* available to more viewers than will likely be following it to Hulu (where new episodes won't premiere until late 2020).

But in today's very complicated marketplace, it isn't always all about ratings, and with Hulu and the Fox studio (which produces *The Orville*) both now controlled by Disney, this is an example of corporate synergy that may also be meant to appease the show's creator and star, Seth MacFarlane—who according to *The Hollywood Reporter* is currently a free agent, his overall deal with the Fox studio having expired. No explanation about production demands is likely to satisfy fans who'd prefer to see the show stay on regular network TV and for them, this is quite clearly an unfortunate blow.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: tvinsider.com ★

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RANDOLPH GEORGE SHERMAN  
CASE No. 19-PR00322  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Randolph George Sherman, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Geoffrey A. Sherman, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Geoffrey A. Sherman, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows August 27, 2019 9:00 a.m. in Dept. TBA at Superior Court of California, County of Butte 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928. 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 interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Brett Gilman  
140 Yellowstone Drive #120  
Chico, CA 95973  
530-343-4318  
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## TRUSTEE SALE NOTICES

T.S. No.: 2018-02308-CA  
A.P.N.:028-460-026-000 Property Address: 15 Obert Drive, Bangor, CA 95914-9720 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/27/2004. 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. Trustor: Julie Breitenfeld, a single woman, also known as Julie C. Breitenfeld, an unmarried woman Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 01/11/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0001810 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, Date of Sale: 09/10/2019 at 03:30 PM Place of Sale: MAIN ENTRANCE, BUTTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1 COURT STREET, OROVILLE, CA 95965 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 179,502.97 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE THE TRUSTEE 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, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. 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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 (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2018-02308-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. Date: July 20, 2019 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. APP#02308 8-16-19

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
**REQUEST FOR SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS FOR LEASE-LEASEBACK PROJECT**  
Landmark Construction is requesting **SUBCONTRACT BIDS** for the Live Oak USD Luther Elementary School Cafe project.  
Interested subcontractors must submit bids on or before **August 26, 2019 at 2PM**, to Landmark Construction via fax at 916-663-1867 or [frontdesk@landmarkconst.net](mailto:frontdesk@landmarkconst.net). Contract Documents are available for download at [www.landmarkconst.net/plan-room/](http://www.landmarkconst.net/plan-room/).  
Questions regarding this bid must be directed to [frontdesk@landmarkconst.net](mailto:frontdesk@landmarkconst.net).  
The Gridley Herald Aug. 9 and 16, 2019

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000806

The following persons are doing business as: GREENELAND COMPANY  
**4288 Hwy 70 Oroville, CA 95965**  
Joel W. Bamford, 1506 O'Neal Road Oroville, CA 95965, and Nathan C. Bamford, 100 Kumbak Lane Bangor, CA 95914  
Date Filed in Butte County: July 05, 2019  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 06/15/1994  
This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership  
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code.  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000631

The following persons are doing business as: PEDEGO CHICO  
**225 Main Street Suite T Chico, CA 95926**  
Trading Post Outfitters LLC, 872 North Market Street Redding, CA 96003  
Date Filed in Butte County: July 02, 2019  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000794

The following persons are doing business as: THE NOTTY ROOM  
**1171 Oro Dam Boulevard W Oroville, CA 95965**  
Gerald Lee Baker, 2971 Dos Rios Road Biggs, CA 95917  
Date Filed in Butte County: July 02, 2019  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Individual  
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code.  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000835

The following persons are doing business as: A PLUS ELECTRIC SERVICE  
**14605 Asheville Drive Magalia, CA 95954**  
Daniel Bronson, 14605 Asheville Drive Magalia, CA 95954, and Patricia Bronson, 14605 Asheville Drive Magalia, CA 95954  
Date Filed in Butte County: July 15, 2019  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 6/20/2000  
This Business is Conducted by: A Married Couple  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS**  
Reclamation District No. 833  
1643 W. Biggs-Gridley Rd  
Gridley, CA 95948  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 20, 2018 an operation and maintenance assessment was ordered paid for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019, and terminating June 30, 2020, which operation and maintenance assessment of Twelve Cents (\$0.12) of \$100 of land valuation according to the Assessment Valuation Roll filed by the Assessment Commission on or about January 10, 2001. The maximum assessment per parcel shall be Twelve Dollars (\$12.00). For every parcel which is 1.01 acres or more, the charge will be Three Dollars (\$3.00) per acre. The assessment shall be payable in the installments or in one payment as determined by the Tax Collector of the County of Butte and shall be payable concurrent with the installment, or if no installment payment is permitted, with the first installment of the taxes of the County of Butte. This payment, if not made as a part of the County of Butte tax billing, shall be subject to the same penalties and interest as are levied upon delinquent payments of County taxes and assessments, which amount of penalties and interest will be added thereto and collected for the use of the District if delinquency in payment occurs.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if any landowner objects to the valuation of their land, which valuations are set at \$2,500 per acre for parcels larger than one acre in size, and \$10,000 per parcel for parcels one acre or less in size, they may file a written objection with the District on or before November 1, 2019 and are entitled to a hearing before an impartial body upon their objection.  
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 833  
Dated: July 1, 2019  
William B. Fiedler  
President to the Board of Trustees  
The Gridley Herald August 2 and 9, 2019

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000885

The following persons are doing business as: ANDERSON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, APM, INTERCHANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, IPM, CHICO JANITORIAL COMPANY, IPM CHICO  
**125 W 3rd Street Suite 200 Chico, CA 95928**  
DAREC INC, 125 W 3rd Street Suite 200 Chico, CA 95928  
Date Filed in Butte County: July 25, 2019  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Corporation  
NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code.  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000858

The following persons are doing business as: ONE LOVE HOMECARE  
**31 Canyon Highlands Drive Oroville, CA 95966**  
Cierra Marie Knapp, 31 Canyon Highlands Drive Oroville, CA 95966  
Date Filed in Butte County: July 18, 2019  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Individual  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR BIGGS-WEST GRIDLEY WATER DISTRICT (THREE positions of Director)**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Biggs-West Gridley Water District will conduct a General District Election on November 5, 2019 for the purpose of electing the positions of three (3) Directors of Biggs-West Gridley Water District. The terms for each position of Director for which candidates may be nominated are as follows:  
3 Directors 4 year terms  
1) To be qualified as a candidate for the position of Director, a person must be one of the following:  
a) A holder of an interest in real property lying within the boundaries of the District;  
b) The legal representative of a holder of title to land within the District under Water Code section 34030; or  
c) A representative designated by a holder of title within the District provided evidence of a written designation is on file with the District.  
2) If Insufficient Declarations of Candidacy are received, appointment to each elective office will be made as prescribed within the Elections Code section 10515.  
3) Declarations of Candidacy may be obtained at the office of Biggs-West Gridley Water District located at 1713 West Biggs Gridley Road, Gridley, California 95948 beginning July 15, 2019 and must be returned and filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2019. No candidate shall withdraw his or her Declaration of Candidacy after August 9, 2019.  
4) If no more than three (3) Declarations of Candidacy are received, the positions shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Butte.  
5) This election will be conducted by an all-mail ballot. All Declarations of Candidacy and Oaths of Office must be filed at the offices of Biggs-West Gridley Water District located at 1713 West Biggs Gridley Road, Gridley, California 95948 by August 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. If one or more of the incumbents do not file, the time to file is extended to 5 p.m. on August 14, 2019.  
6) The election will be conducted by Biggs-West Gridley Water District and its designated representatives. Information regarding the election may be obtained by calling (530) 846-3317.  
Dated July 25, 2019  
BIGGS-WEST GRIDLEY WATER DISTRICT  
By: *Cyrene M. Mando*  
General Manager  
The Gridley Herald Aug 2, 9, and 16, 2019

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000729

The following persons are doing business as: THE SNOW QUEEN  
**2323 Oro Avenue Oroville, CA 95966**  
Alissa Chapdelaine, 2323 Oro Avenue Oroville, CA 95966  
Date Filed in Butte County: June 13, 2019  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 06/13/2019  
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME- STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2018-0000269

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: THE NOTTY ROOM  
**1171 Oro Dam Boulevard W Oroville, CA 95965**  
Christina Chandler, 766 Nevada Street Gridley, CA 95948  
Date Filed in Butte County: July 8, 2019  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 02/23/2018  
This Business is Conducted by: Individual  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000823

The following persons are doing business as: WOOD FELLERS LLC  
**11296 Yankee Hill Road Oroville, CA 95965**  
Wood Fellers Inc, 11296 Yankee Hill Road Oroville, CA 95965  
Date Filed in Butte County: July 10, 2019  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000899

The following persons are doing business as: NEWTONS COURIER SERVICE  
**1762 14th Street Oroville, CA 95965**  
Tev Newton, 1762 14th Street Oroville, CA 95965  
Date Filed in Butte County: July 29, 2019  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #19CV02141

1. Petitioner Destiny Melia Benedict filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  

Present name	Proposed name
Destiny Melia Benedict	Alice Melia Aragon

  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing September 11, 2019 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Second go-around for hummingbird threats, I'm sure it is the same one that went after me the last time. Who knew that hummingbirds could make a sneak attack? Last time this dominate hummingbird hovered in front of my face. I now realize he was in surveillance mode that time. The

garden has been missing me all week and me it, I've a bundle of different problems at the Fair this year. So, I was doing early morning R&R, cutting unruly salvia, summer prunings the espalier, enjoying the buzz of bees when all of a sudden I heard the whirring of wings close enough to the back of my head to move my hair vigorously. I jumped around and there very close flashing all of his red feathers was the beady eyed, sharp beak Terminator. He backed off. I'm sure the glaring eyes of a top predator gave him reason for pause. I was not near his precious flowers. But there he was quickly returning with the red flashing, wings whirring, beady eyes threatening, sharp beak

pointing at me. Maybe 8 inches away. I could begin a conspiracy theory based on this little bugger. I haven't heard that local hummingbirds have cross bred with killer hummingbirds like has happened with bees ... I am beginning to wonder.

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# Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY Experimenting



It was Doc who first noticed Dud's strange behavior.

I was too busy trying to put an elk-hair caddis fly on a size 16 just beyond that big smooth rock on Lewis Creek. I know there's a big rainbow trout in that hole there, you see, and there is nothing more important, on a summer morning like this one, than enticing that big rascal into delivering himself to my waiting hands.

But Doc noticed that Dud had laid his fly rod down in the bushes and was doing strange things with his hands. Finally, Doc got my attention, pointed to Dud, and we both stopped fishing and walked over to see what our long-time pal was up to. Dud would look around in the air, then make

a one-handed grab at the air. After several grabs, he'd take two fingers of his other hand, put them in his clenched fist, and wiggle around. Then he'd smile and open his fist and look in the air again. Doc and I looked silently at each other, wondering how long it would take from our day of fishing to get Dud delivered to the nervous hospital in the city.

"Dud," said Doc, "how's the fishing?"

"Huh? Oh Hi. Not fishing right now, Doc. Experimenting."

"Experimenting?" I said. Of course, I said this automatically, forgetting for a moment how time consuming it could be to start Dud explaining things of a scientific nature.

"Natural selection," Dud said, proudly. "Survival of the fittest. Yes, I decided to spend my morning in Darwinian pursuits, making the world a safer place for mankind."

Doc looked at me. "He's talking like that again," he said.

"Well, Doc," said Dud, "you, of all people, should be able to appreciate what I'm

doing. After all, you're a man of science and a healer. I'm going to rid the world of dangerous diseases. Observe."

Then Dud made another grab at the air, and this time we could see he was snatching a mosquito out of the air. Again he used his other hand to do something to the mosquito, and then he released it.

"I'm pulling out their drillers," Dud said. "I figured if I pull out enough drillers, then sooner or later two drillerless mosquitoes will get married and have pups and then we'll have a family of drillerless mosquitoes here on Lewis Creek. Without drillers, they won't be able to pass along yellow fever or malaria to fishermen."

Doc looked at him in a strange way. "Dud, there's never been anyone get malaria from these Lewis Creek mosquitoes."

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# Crime Reports



## Gridley- Biggs Police Report

July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 4<sup>th</sup>

**07/30/2019:** At 6:03 PM on 8th Street in Biggs, CA, Shoskonilyn Lee BeeBe, 39, was arrested on charges of trespassing (602 (O) PC), driving without a license (125000 (a) VC), failure to provide proof of insurance (16028 (a) VC), expired registration (4000(a) (1) CVC) and no registration (4454 (a) CVC). Subjected was booked into Butte County Jail.

**07/30/2019:** At 6:03 PM on 8th Street in Biggs, CA, Alan Franklin Adams, 52, was arrested on charges of trespassing (602 (O) PC), driving with a suspended license (14601.1 (a) VC), expired registration (4000(a) (1) CVC), no proof of insurance (16028 (a) VC) and no registration (4454 (a) CVC). Subjected was booked into Butte County Jail.

**07/31/2019:** At midnight on the 1400 block of SR-99 in Gridley, CA, Angelica Christine Barrera, 34, was arrested on outside agency misdemeanor warrant, cited and released.

**07/31/19:** At 6:05 PM on 3rd Street in Biggs, CA, Alan Franklin Adams, 52, was arrested on local misdemeanor bench warrant and possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**08/03/2019:** At Midnight on the 1400 block of SR-99 in Gridley, CA, San Muey Saetern, 29 was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**08/03/2019:** At 11:33 PM at Gridley High School in Gridley, CA, Uriel Meza, 18, was arrested for vandalism in the amount of \$400 or less 594 (b)(2)(a) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**08/04/2019:** At 9:48 AM at the Sutter County Jail in Yuba City, CA, Luis Antonio Alberto Lopez, 35, was arrested on local misdemeanor bench warrant and booked.

**08/04/2019:** At 2:48 PM on the 1800 block of Locust Street in Gridley, CA, Jose De Jesus Lozanoramos, 41, was arrested on local misdemeanor bench warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

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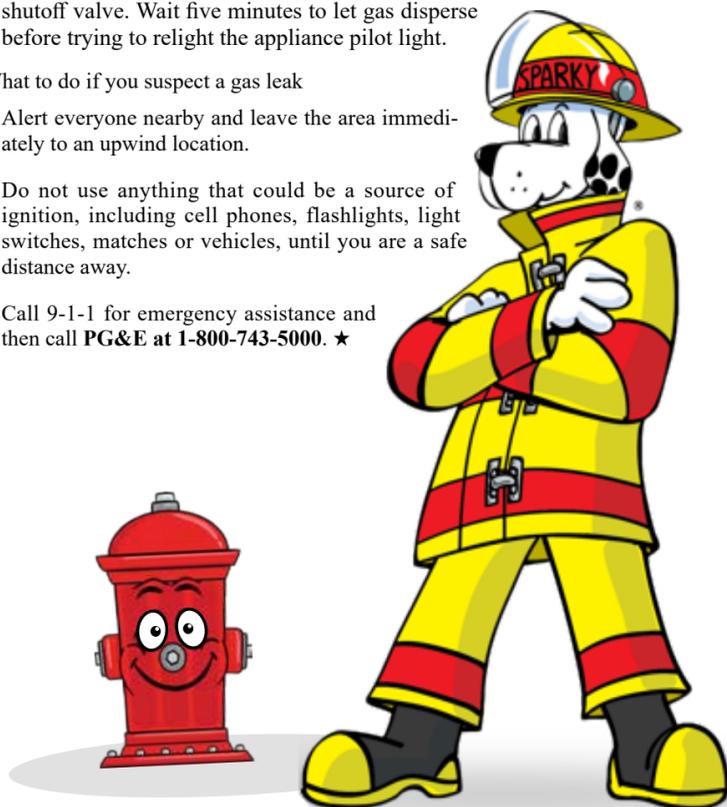
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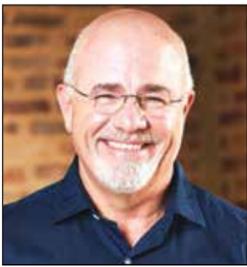
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## Dave Ramsey Says

### Time For Fun Money?

Dear Dave,  
I had about \$12,000 in debt when my husband and I got married three years ago. Since that time, we've been given cash gifts from my parents from time to time, and we keep having discussions on how to use this kind of money when it is given to us. I'd like to put it toward paying off debt, but he would rather treat it as fun money. What are your thoughts on this, please? – Sara

Dear Sara,  
If there's something you need, and you agree on it together and choose to buy it as a couple, that's cool. I've got no problem with that. But you guys are still just starting out, and you've got debts to pay. I'm sure your husband has a good heart, but I think it's time for him to grow up a little and realize the importance of getting your financial house in order.

Did your parents have specific and reasonable thoughts on how they'd like you to use the money? If so, you should honor their intent. If not, then how it gets used is pretty much up to you guys. But in your

situation, life's not a birthday party when this kind of thing happens. You should be making mature, responsible decisions *together* regarding any money that comes into your household. It's really no different than a paycheck. You take care of obligations and other important things first.

Adults waste money on play things and fun stuff just because it was handed to them by mom and dad. That's how a 10-year-old behaves. Sit down with your husband, and explain how important it is that you guys start making better decisions with *your money*. If you two start working together, you could knock out this debt in a hurry!

–Dave

### First, catch up!

Dear Dave,  
I've had enough of living paycheck-to-paycheck. I'm going to start following your plan, but I have a question. Should I catch up on my past due bills before beginning Baby Step 1? – Simon

Dear Simon,  
Go for it! You're sick and tired of being sick and tired, and you're going to get control of your money. I love it!

First, make sure you're up to date with necessities – food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and utilities. Next, get current or make payment arrangements for any other types of debt you have,

including credit cards.

You mentioned Baby Step 1, which is getting \$1,000 in the bank for a beginner emergency fund. Baby Step 2, the debt snowball, comes next. Start paying off all debts, except for your home, from smallest to largest. Then, in Baby Step 3 you'll save more and increase your emergency fund to a full three to six months of expenses.

Now, you can really start looking at the future. In Baby Step 4, you'll start investing 15 percent of your household income for retirement. College funding for the kids, if there are any, is Baby Step 5, and Baby Step 6 is a milestone – pay off your house early!

But the real deal is Baby Step 7. This is when all your hard work, sacrifice, and smart financial decisions put you in a place where you can build wealth and give with outrageous generosity. At this point, you're securing your family's future and helping others in a big way! –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.* ★

## Dear Dietitian

# Sugar and Cancer



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

I enjoy a small glass of juice every morning at breakfast and was shocked to read that sugary drinks, even fruit juices, can increase the risk for cancer! Is this true? – Jane

Dear Jane,

You are wise to question just about anything referring to nutrition in the media. Many headlines are attention-getting and even shocking, so let's take a look at the science.

The NutriNet-Santé study, was a prospective, cohort study, which included over 100,000

participants, and the results were published in the British Medical Journal. It found that sugary drinks, like soda pop, sports drinks, and energy drinks were associated with a greater risk of breast cancer and overall cancer. No link was found in prostate and colorectal cancer. While most studies have not found a link in natural sugar, like that found in fruit juice, and cancer risk, this one

did. There was no link found between artificially sweetened beverages and cancer. (1) It's important to note the study was observational, and does not prove cause and effect.

What does this mean? As Angela Dowden points out, it is an important study in the context of studies pertaining to sugar and cancer risk. Most studies show little, if any, increased risk of breast cancer associated with overall sugar intake, and it is unlikely that sugar in one product would be a cancer risk but overall sugar intake is not. (2)

One aspect we have to explore is the process of weight gain and subsequent obesity in a diet that is high in sugar. Many cancers, such as endometrial, kidney, and pancreatic, are linked to obesity. Although this study adjusted for obesity, it begs the question: Is there something in the process of weight gain that initiates tumor development? More studies are needed to shed light on this area.

The US Dietary Guidelines recommend limiting added sugar to 10% of total calories. On a 2,000-calorie diet, this translates to 12 teaspoons of sugar each day, which comes to 48 grams and 192 calories. This will be a big change for many Americans, who consume an average of 20 teaspoons of added sugar each day. Keep in mind

this is added sugar and not natural sugar in food.

What does this look like on your plate? Try the following suggestions to decrease the amount of added sugar in your diet:

- Choose one sugar-added item per day: one regular soda, one candy bar, one serving of ice cream
- Choose fruit on some-days instead of fruit juice.
- If eating canned fruit, select fruit in its natural juice.
- Avoid candy and junk food as much as possible.
- Choose non-sugar sweetened soda pop, sports drinks, energy drinks
- Save dessert for a once weekly treat.

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Good health to you!  
Dear Dietitian

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26. Home to Burj Khalifa
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# SPORTS

## 530 Sports: Week 4 Softball Results

By Joshua Porcayo

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Week 4 of the slow pitch softball season ended with theatrics like any other week in 530 Sports' first official season. As teams prepare for their two week break at the halfway point in the season, every team has tasted the sweetness of victory with high expectations into the second half.

Monday, July 29th, was a night for the long ball. At 6:30 PM, Pitches Be Crazy took on All About That Base to start the home run slugfest. PBC got on the board first with a two-run home run in the bottom of the first inning. Another home run in the bottom of the second inning gave PBC a 5-0 lead before AATB came storming back with six runs in the top of the third inning, which included one home run. PBC retook the lead in the bottom of the inning with a two-run home run to make it 7-6. PBC scored two more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to extend their lead 9-6. AATB tried the best they could to make it a ball game with two more solo home runs in the top of the sixth inning, but PBC crushed two home runs of their own in the inning driving in six runs to take a 15-8 lead. Pitches Be Crazy would go on to win by a score of 15-9.

For the 7:40 PM game, Sons of Pitches hosted the Dirty Birds in a continuance of the smash-a-thon. DB got on the board first in the top of the first inning with one run before SOP took the lead in the bottom of the inning with a two-run home run. The top of the second inning is when DB launched three home runs over the fence to score seven runs to take an 8-2 lead. In the top of the third inning DB launched two more home runs over the fence scoring another seven runs to take a 15-3 lead. SOP got a little momentum going in the bottom of

the third inning when they hit their third home run of the game getting five runs across to make it a 15-8 game. DB scored nine runs in the top of the fourth inning to extend their lead 24-8. Despite their best efforts, SOP couldn't muster up enough runs to catch up and Dirty Birds won by a final score of 24-13 in five innings.

In the 8:50 PM game, Softball & Chill hosted the Ball Busters in a home run derby showdown. BB came out hot in the top of the first inning launching two home runs scoring eight total runs. S&C tried to answer back in the bottom of the inning with a two-run home run. A scoreless second inning led to another big third inning for BB as they launched another home run to extend their lead 13-2. In the bottom of the third inning S&C put up four runs with two home runs to make it a 13-6 ballgame. BB went to work again in the sixth with a grand slam home run and six total runs in the inning to extend their lead 19-6. S&C knocked in six runs of their own in the bottom of the sixth inning on two home runs to make it a 19-12 game.

Going into the top of the seventh inning each team had hit their maximum amount of home runs (five) and was now into the equalizer stage; meaning either team could only be ahead by one home run or the next home run would be counted as an out. In the top of the seventh inning BB took advantage and hit their sixth home run of the game and scored five more runs to extend their lead 24-12. S&C couldn't do much in the bottom of the seventh inning except one solo home run and fell to the Ball Busters by a final score of 24-13.

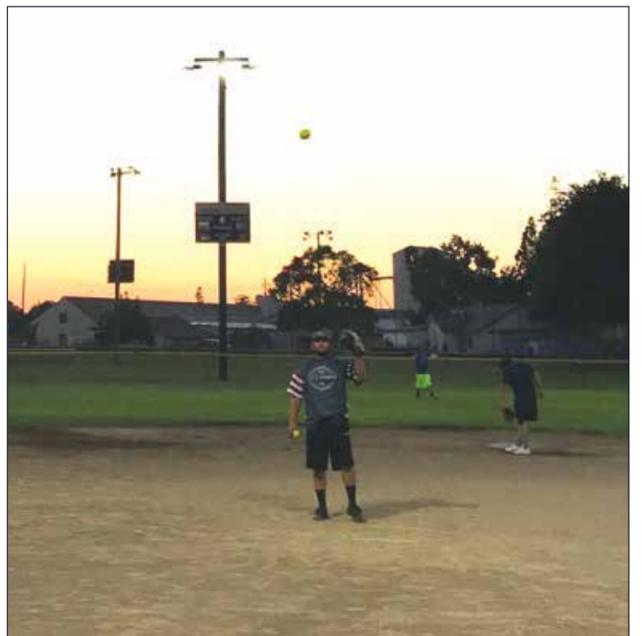
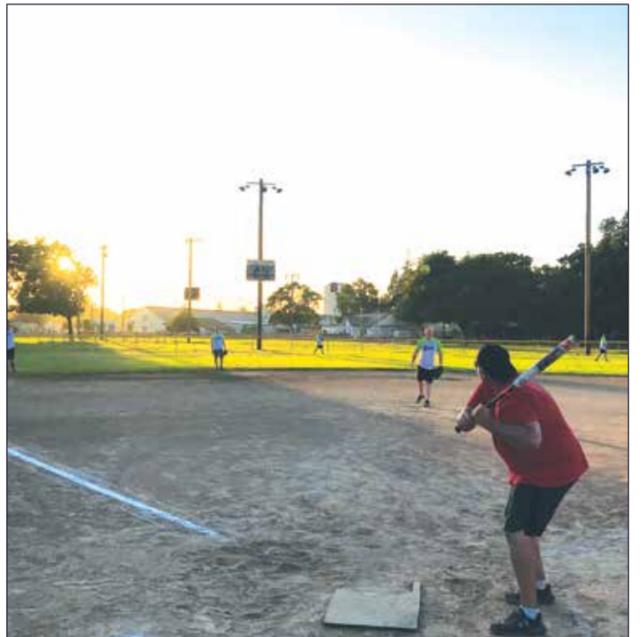
For the non-competitive league on Tuesday, July 30th, Team SS hosted Team H&H. H&H got out to a 5-3 lead after the first inning

and put together an additional eight runs in the top of the second inning to extend their lead 13-3. Two solo home runs in the top of the third inning extended that lead 15-3 before SS put a two-run home run over the fence to make it 15-5. In the top of the fourth inning H&H put up another seven runs to put the game away for good. Team H&H won the game by a final score of 25-9.

In the second game of the evening Knuckle Heads took on ATAP in a game that went down to the last inning. At the end of the fourth inning KH were out to a 6-0 lead before ATAP got on the board with three runs in the top of the fifth inning to make it a 6-3 ball game. Two solo home runs in the top of the sixth inning closed the gap to make it 6-5. ATAP pulled away in the top of the seventh inning with five runs to win 10-6 for their first victory of the season.

On Thursday, August 1st, Misfits hosted Maximum Effort in a 4 1/2 inning bout. In the bottom of the first inning Misfits put up eight runs before ME answered back with eight runs of their own with two home runs to tie it up. Misfits answered the call again in the bottom of the second inning with nine more runs off three home runs to make it a 17-8 lead. Misfits would extend their lead again in the bottom of the fourth inning and take the win 23-14.

In the final game of the week, Pitch Please took on Default Judgement. After DJ went ahead 2-0 in the top of the second inning, PP came back in the bottom of the inning with six runs with one home run. But DJ answered back with six of their own in the top of the third inning to make it 8-6. PP came alive in the bottom of the fifth inning for nine runs with two home runs to take a 16-10 lead and the victory. ★



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**FEMA Press Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - More than \$500 million in federal grants and loans has been disbursed to homeowners, renters and businesses in California since wildfires ravaged the area last November.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded about \$88.7 million in disaster assistance to individuals and households (about 90 percent of that in Butte County). Another \$377 million in low-interest disaster home loans has been approved by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA); \$40 million more in low-interest loans to businesses. And the State of California Employment Development Department has approved nearly \$2 million for Disaster Unemployment Assistance, funded by FEMA.

Federal disaster assistance may include grants or low-interest loans to help qualified homeowners and renters with temporary housing, essential home repairs, personal property replacement, and serious disaster-related needs.

But the deadline for applying for help from FEMA and SBA has passed. Not all wildfire survivors who applied for assistance were qualified; others qualified for some aid, but for less than they needed.

Where can these survivors turn for help? Who can they call? Where can they go?

Surprisingly, the best answer to these questions is... the government!

Working both independently and in cooperation with FEMA, there are nearly two dozen cabinet departments and agencies – in state and federal government – offering scores of free services, programs and grants to California wildfire survivors and their families.

Among the government entities that may be of help are:

**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

USDA Rural Development Disaster Assistance offers a number of programs to help wildfire survivors improve the quality of life in rural communities. Among the programs available to rural homeowners and rental tenants are:

**Rural housing loans** offer a subsidy to help reduce mortgage payments for a short time. Your family income determines the amount of the subsidy. You may use the loan to help you buy, build, repair, improve, or relocate your primary home. You may also use funds to buy and prepare sites, including water and sewer.

**Rural Housing Repair Loans and Grants** may be used to repair, improve, or modernize your home, or remove health and safety hazards. Loans are available in amounts of up to \$20,000 and grants of up to \$7,500 (which may be combined with loans) are available to individuals over 62 years of age.

**Rural rental housing** and cooperative housing assistance is available in nearly every county in California.

To qualify for any of these programs, you must live in a rural area. For more information or to apply for these and other USDA programs, visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/ca>

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Section 203(h)-insured loans can finance:

Section 203(h) Mortgage Insurance for Disaster Victims helps survivors in two ways: Buy or refinance a house and its rehabilitation costs with a single mortgage, or finance the rehabilitation of the existing home.

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**If you get federal benefit payments by paper check**, you can switch to direct deposit. Your money is directly deposited into a checking or savings account on payment day each month. Direct deposit removes the risk of a delayed payment due to a disaster event. You may choose from two electronic payment options:

**Direct Deposit** - Your payment is deposited into your checking or savings account. Learn more about direct deposit online at [www.godirect.gov](http://www.godirect.gov).

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**Redeem savings bonds early** – before the end of the usual minimum 12-month holding period – if you live in a presidentially declared disaster area. Butte, Los Angeles and Ventura counties are eligible for this under the major disaster declaration signed by President Trump last November.

If your Series EE, HH or I bonds were lost, damaged, destroyed or contaminated by the wildfires, you may be able to get faster replacement for these paper bonds.

For more about these programs, visit [www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/redeem\\_disaster.htm](http://www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/redeem_disaster.htm)

**Internal Revenue Service**

Special tax law provisions may help individual taxpayers and businesses recover financially from the impact of the California wildfires, especially those located in the "federally-declared" counties of Butte, Los Angeles and Ventura. Depending on the circumstances, the IRS may grant additional time to file returns and pay taxes.

Both individuals and businesses in a federally declared disaster area can get a faster refund by claiming losses related to the disaster on the tax return for the previous year, usually by filing an amended return. You may deduct the loss or partial loss of your home, household goods, and motor vehicles from disaster damage on your individual federal income tax return.

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA)**

The SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline is a national hotline that offers year-round disaster crisis counseling. If you feel distressed because of the wildfires, you can use this free service. It's toll-free, multilingual, crisis support, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Helpline staff provides counseling and support and can help you learn how to cope with common stress reactions. They can also provide information and referrals to local resources for follow-up care.

If you or someone you know is struggling with the disaster, you are not alone, you can call the **helpline at 800-985-5990 or text "TalkWithUs" to 66746**.

To learn more, visit the SAMHSA website.

Additional information on California's disaster recovery can be found by calling the **FEMA Helpline 800-621-3362** or visiting: [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov); [www.fema.gov/disaster/4407](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4407); <https://twitter.com/femaregion9>; and [fema.gov/blog](http://fema.gov/blog). ★

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