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Above - A happy crew - The Llamas family all do their part to keep the dream alive and hope to continue to serve many more at Pancho's Mexican Restaurant. Pictured left to right: Francisco Llama (Owner/cook), Dulce Chaves (Owner/hostess), Frankie Llamas, age 10 (son), Anacaren Medina (sister - hostess/server) and Estrella Llamas, age 7 (daughter). Left - Caution tap lines the approach to Pancho's Mexican Restaurant in Live Oak. The family owned and operated business is fighting to keep the public aware that they are open for business even during construction. Photo by Seti Long

untraversable, or utilities such as water and power being cut off during business hours,

"Our lives changed in the blink of an eye. It didn't just change for us; it changed for the whole family!"

Little did they know that just weeks after opening their doors, their business would become the sight of repeat construction projects. Francisco, Dulce and her sister Anacaren Medina, who volunteers her help at the restaurant, have been told by construction personnel to expect crews on the property at least twice a week, beginning in May and lasting till November of this year.

The family believes that their business sits above a crucial electrical networking point, due to the constant construction. A large electrical box is positioned just feet from the restaurant's entrance, and according to Anacaren and Dulce, it has

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By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Property owners along Live Oak Blvd are getting assailed on all fronts due to the aggressive construction campaign that ramped up a little over 2 months ago, prepping the main thoroughfare of the Live Oak community for its eventual widening and facelift. Whether it is heavy machinery ripping through concrete and ground on their doorsteps, restricted access to their homes and businesses by large equipment, crews, sidewalks left

residents and business owners are feeling the burn. And it's forecasted to get even worse.

One of Live Oak's newest Restaurants, Pancho's Mexican Restaurant, opened April 26th, just before the undergrounding project swept into full swing. Owners Dulce Chavez and Francisco Llamas expressed that pulling the trigger on opening their own restaurant was a major life event. Holding true to a tradition of family cooking, Francisco puts his own spun family favorites while Dulce hosts and family members help serve customers. Dulce says

Federal Dollars Approved to Assist Cal Fire with Camp Fire, Wildfires

FEMA Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Recovery continues for California communities impacted by the Camp, Hill and Woolsey wildfires, which all started November 8, 2018. FEMA has now approved \$76,755,681 to reimburse the State for emergency protective measures performed by the California Department of Forestry and Fire (Cal Fire) for costs associated with battling last November's wildfires under FEMA's Public Assistance Program. This brings the total amount of federal assistance to more than \$163 million; additional projects will continue to be funded.

FEMA funds will be used to reimburse the department for such endeavors as firefighting, traffic control (barricading), search and rescue, air attack fire suppression, and operating a mobile communications center during the three wildfires which started November 8, 2018 in Butte, Ventura and Los Angeles counties.

The grant is funded by FEMA's Public Assistance Program, an essential source of funding for communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) works with FEMA during all

phases of the program and conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects.

Applicants work directly with FEMA to develop projects and scope of work. FEMA obligates funding for the project after its final approval.

Once a project is obligated by FEMA, CalOES works closely with the applicant to finalize the grant and begin making payments. CalOES has implemented new procedures designed to ensure grant funding is provided to local communities as quickly as possible.

FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides grants to state, tribal, and local governments,

and certain types of private non-profit organizations, including houses of worship, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

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Camp Fire Housing Bill Approved By Final Policy Committee

By Curtis Grima

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman James Gallagher's (R-Yuba City) Assembly Bill 430 to expedite housing production in the aftermath of the Camp Fire was passed by the Senate Governance and Finance Committee with bipartisan support.

AB 430 will help alleviate the housing crisis in Butte County and surrounding areas, which has been exacerbated in the aftermath of the Camp Fire, by streamlining the environmental review process for certain projects. Specifically, the bill allows housing projects that meet specified criteria to utilize an expedited ministerial review process, including an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

"Our region is still in the midst of recovering from the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history. Since November of last year, a second disaster has been unfolding as the Camp Fire region struggles to absorb thousands of evacuees who need shelter," said Gallagher. "I appreciate that my colleagues in the Legislature recognize the urgency of the situation and are willing to put aside regulations that would otherwise slow down the construction of new housing. I am especially grateful to Senator Nielsen and Senator McGuire for their strong support of this legislation today in Committee."

The Camp Fire displaced over 50,000 people and the surrounding areas do not have sufficient capacity to absorb this population. Butte County's housing affordability fell steeply after the fire and many people are still in temporary housing or living with friends and family. Others were forced to move far away from their jobs to more affordable areas. New and affordable housing near job-centers is critical for displaced individuals.

AB 430 now heads to the Senate Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

For more information on Assemblyman Gallagher, and to track legislation visit www.assembly.ca.gov/Gallagher

Assemblyman James Gallagher represents the 3rd Assembly District, which encompasses all of Glenn, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties as well as portions of Butte and Colusa counties. ★

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W.D. Burleson
By Josh F.W. Cook**

Butte County has a population of roughly 220,000. Gridley, Biggs, and Richvale are 8,535 people. So even taking in some areas outside the city limits like East Biggs and East Gridley. More than 95% of the people in this county are north of the After Bay (Which reminds me we need to rename a lot of places on the map) that's located at the corner of Hwy. 160 and Hwy. 99. I bring up the population numbers because there are numerous nonprofit groups gearing up for the census. The census offers us proof that even the most rudimentary function of government, counting people, can be hyper-politicized. I believe it has something to do with the fact that they allocate a lot of government money based on population. So if you don't get counted you get short changed some cash and representation. If your people can get over counted you get more. One of the trends they're going

to pick up on as they analyze the data is that rural places are increasingly depopulating as people move to be in the suburbs and the city. Technology, automation, and the associated economic effects of people being able to produce food and fiber with less human power are changing our culture. Life is complicated.

We have another winner in the local Biggs - Gridley - Live Oak (Orchard area) local high school alumni outstanding overachiever award. Arnoldo Avalos is serving as a member of the California Community College Board of Governors. Arnoldo and I grew up on the same side of the tracks, but he was on the really, really poor side. When we were kids I remember going to his house and eating government cheese on freshly handmade tortillas. He had seven brothers and sisters and they came from Jalisco Mexico. His whole family would disappear for months sometimes to go harvest crops in other states. After graduating from Gridley High School he ended up going through to Harvard and became a very successful .com type business mogul. With his wife Alma- Ruth they set up a fund to give kids from Northern California scholarships to go to college.

Now for some original Pi-Li content from Mr. Burleson selected from the

February 13, 1981 Herald; headlined with a picture of Bulldog Andy Rogers sinking a 9 foot shot that earned Gridley High their 5th straight Westside League Basketball title and continued a 53 league game winning streak. The original in italics:

Maybe we should be looking at improving the waterway of the Feather River from Marysville to Oroville. Let the dredgers take the channel at no cost to the taxpayers in return for the gold rides. Bring back the Delta Queen and barges. The greater Chico Chamber of Commerce can improve the Sacramento River and enjoy cheap River transportation from Redding to Sacramento... even access the Feather River from where it joins the Sacramento. Bring some of the fleet out of mothballs and provide subsidized transportation... free to those who bend an oar, or sound off the depths and yell "Mark Twain !" Fare would be reduced for the downstream float. Minnie McMains of the beauty shop on Virginia Street reminds us that she open the doors February 13, 1939, making her one of the oldest establishments in continuous operation under one management. She recalls that in 1930 there were only three other beauty shops, those run by Esther Nugent, Dorothy Burleson, and Harriet Roberts. ★

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Thomas Michael Thornton

August 27, 1960 to July 14, 2019

Thomas Michael Thornton, age 58, died on Sunday, July 14, 2019. Tom and his wife, Debbie, reside in Biggs, CA. Tom was the son of Joe and Barbara Thornton. He was born in Alturas, California on August 27, 1960, and spent the majority of his life in Northern California.

Tom loved woodworking and gardening. He was a voracious reader of biographies and history. Tom was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and was a dedicated family man who took pride in his children and grandchildren.

Tom is survived by his wife, Debbie, 5 children, and 2 step-children: John Paul (Deidre) Thornton of Yreka, Beverly (Jonathan) Thornton of San Francisco, Kate (Aaron) Keel of Seattle, Luke (Randi) Thornton of Oroville, Mary Rose (Mitch) Thornton of Point Cook, Australia, Dillon Rosencrance of Chico, and Jacob Rosencrance of Biggs. Tom



had 5 grandchildren, and is also survived by two brothers and four sisters: Joe (Sydney) Thornton of Walton, CA, John (Deb) Thornton of Louisville, Kentucky, Jeanie (Dave) McHardy of Murphys, CA, Mary (Lansing) of Redding, Margaret (Andreas) Sommer of Carlsbad, and Ruthie (Joe) Lawrence of Mountain View. Tom is also survived by 17 nieces and nephews.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held for Tom on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., with a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Yreka. Interment of Tom's urn will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Yreka. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family, and online condolences may be made at www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Millie Presley

April 29, 1928 to July 14, 2019

Millie Presley joined her loving husband of 72 years, Jack Presley on Sunday July 14, 2019. Millie and Jack enjoyed a long life together as residents of the Manzanita area. Millie was an assistant cook at Manzanita School. Later she was the owner/operator of Millie's House of Beauty. She enjoyed the summers she spent in Fort Bragg with Jack, where she fished and went to yard sales. Millie was a long-time member of The Gridley Green Thumb Garden Club. Recently she was a resident at Hovlid, where she developed new friendships and enjoyed the many activities.



Millie was born Mildred Lucille Hubble to Thomas Hubble and Josie Rogers Hubble on April 29, 1928, in Colorado. She is survived by her son Michael Presley of Gridley and daughter Linda Presley of Gridley, as well as her four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held in Fort Bragg for Jack and Millie, at a later date. Contributions may be made to Orchard Hospital Foundation Fund for Hovlid Activity Fund. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

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Early Registration \$50: April 29th thru July 12th
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Diaz Readies for American Legion State

By Izabella Fredericks

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - This week, Live Oak High School is proud to send one of their own to the American Legion Auxiliary's California Girls State. Brenda Diaz was chosen to fly to Ontario, California to represent the Live Oak School District among a sea of 500 other girls and participate in this elite camp where girls from all over California are educated on the ideals and principles of the American Government.

When Brenda first applied for ALA Girls State, back in January, she had just begun her interest in politics. "I knew that being chosen was a long shot, but since I want to major in political science I thought I might as well give it a shot." After she received the news that she would be the one attending, she



Brenda Diaz readies herself for total political immersion as this year's Live Oak High School American Legion Girls State Candidate. Photo by Izabella Fredericks

wasted no time educating herself and setting personal goals. "My personal goal is to be content with life and myself."

In the past few months, Brenda has had to educate herself on the basis of American politics and the process of forming a new law. At this camp Brenda will be composing a bill, and if her bill is chosen, present it to a board of legislators.

After weeks of research Brenda has decided her bill will "advocate for economic and ecosystem growth," more specifically, "the reduction of polystyrene use." The problem with polystyrene, more commonly known as Styrofoam, and Ms. Diaz's concern with its effects on our ecosystem, is that Styrofoam is not biodegradable.

As well as the creation of a bill, Brenda will have the opportunity to run for congress against the other girls. "I hope that by getting first-hand experience of what running for congress is like, I will gain a deeper understanding of the government as a whole," she said. With what she learns at this camp, Brenda hopes to continue her future in politics and maybe one day be part of the Senate. So stay tuned for an update on Brenda Diaz and her time at Girls State. ★

Undergrounding Woes and Pancho's Fight

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had to be re-accessed 4 times since its original undergrounding. According to the sisters, the constant construction has chased away neighboring businesses previously located to the south of the restaurant, forcing one to relocate to downtown Live Oak and the other to the Yuba City area.

Twice last week, construction crews turned water off to the restaurant with no advanced notice. Francisco and Dulce were forced to close all day on

July 10th due to lack of water. These shut offs also extend to power. Despite the family's requests, construction crews continue to park their vehicles and equipment in the entrance to their parking lot, blocking customer access. The loud noise and dust generated by construction crews are and unwelcome addition to the cozy environment, disturbing the customers while they dine. Dulce says that sales have decreased dramatically adding "the biggest issue is that we look closed."

The family isn't giving

up, hanging bright "Open" signs on the exterior of the building and has running specials to draw more business. They are currently featuring \$1 tacos from 2pm-5pm daily. Pancho's is waiting for their liquor license and Francisco hopes that will help business pick up. They are fighting to survive, but with this phase of construction showing no signs of slowing, the future is looking uncertain. Ever the optimist, Dulce says, "We will give our best, hope for the best, and go as far as we can." ★

NO Free Lunches

By Lyndi Little, Orchard Hospital

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Orchard Hospital informed pharmaceutical companies it would no longer permit gifts of any kind, including free lunches, for its staff and providers.

Dr. Greg Ishimoto, Orchard Hospital's chief of staff said, "Today Orchard Hospital's Medical Staff approved an initiative stand up for our patients and asked drug makers to reduce the costs to our patients by saving money on gimmicks that promote their product."

Dr. Ishimoto said efficacy of the drug will be the determinant of how Orchard Hospital providers prescribe medicine, not how effective the company is at marketing their product.


"Drug prices are already too high for our patients. There is no such thing as a free lunch; it all gets passed down to the patient."

says Steve Stark, chief executive officer at Orchard Hospital. "From 2015 to 2017, we've seen many common drugs double in price. These increases in price are driven by changes in profits to the drug makers, not the utilization of the drug." Stark continued.


This ban on drug representatives on providing free meals to Orchard Hospital also disallows access to patient care areas. "Privacy of our patients is of utmost importance. Quite frankly, drug representatives have no medical reason to be in sensitive areas where patients are being treated." Stark concluded.

Orchard Hospital has changed its check-in process for drug representatives and written letters to their companies notifying them of the change. It's important to note, educational presentations will still be conducted by drug makers, but only after being pre-approved by the chief of staff and Orchard Hospital will provide a meal if necessary. ★

MEMORIAL NOTICE




Pascuala V. Duran
May 17, 1933 to July 14, 2019



A mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gridley, for Pascuala V. Duran, 86 of Gridley. She passed away on Sunday, July 14, 2019 in Gridley. She was born May 17, 1933 in Teocaltiche, Jalisco, Mexico. She was a longtime resident of Gridley, and worked many years for Sierra Gold Nurseries. She enjoyed flower gardening, and grew beautiful roses. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by two sons



Gonzalo and Alonzo.

She is survived by one son, Guadalupe Duran of Mexico, three daughters; Imelda Medina of Live Oak, Angelica Jurado of Gridley, Yolanda Duran of Iowa, one brother, four sisters, 12 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A rosary will be recited on Sunday, July 21, at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Gridley Biggs Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

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The Housing Authority of the County of Butte (HACB) will open its Butte/Glenn Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program Wait List to qualifying households between July 22 – August 5. Lottery Applications and instructions are available through the HACB website at www.butte-housing.com . For more information call 530-717-2121, TDD (800) 735-2929.

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SPORTS

Family Fun at the Annual Atteberry Memorial Family Softball Tournament

By Joshua Porcayo

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - This past Saturday, July 13th, marked the 15th annual family softball tournament in memory of Joshua Atteberry of Biggs. At the young age of 21 years old, Atteberry passed away leaving his family and friends devastated. Because he loved to get his friends and family together for a game of softball, the Atteberry and Owen families started an annual softball game to keep his memory alive. A non-profit fund was started in his name as a way to give back to the community in the form of scholarships for Biggs High School seniors and to help fund the vacation bible school at Biggs United Methodist Church. The softball game is very family oriented with ball players of all ages participating. Most participants are family or friends of the Atteberry and Owen families, but anyone wanting to play is welcome. The teams are picked sandlot style where managers pick players one at a time until there are no players remaining.



Joshua Atteberry

This year there were three teams. The younger children have taken on a special role on the tournament where they get to feel like they're a big part of the game. They hit, and get to run around the bases while the older players make error after error trying to get him or her out. Once the young player scores everyone cheers and makes it a great moment for everyone. The rules are very relaxed making it a fun event for everyone involved. The older participants play hard, laugh, and joke around enjoying each other's company. This year's winner of the tree game tournament,

Grandpa's Dream Team, was named in honor of Joshua's grandpa and the Owen family's patriarch who passed away ten days prior to the tournament this year. An estimated \$2,500 was raised this year with entry fees, t-shirt sales, and a large portion due to donated raffle items that were raffled off during the games. Next year, the Atteberry and Owen families hope to draw a bigger crowd and more participants to raise more money to give back to the community, to honor their beloved son, and to bring a community of friends and family closer together. ★

Local Coaches and Players Headed to San Quentin to Play Baseball

By Joshua Porcayo

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Baseball is a way of life. For many people, young and old, it brings about a sense of peace. To some, a sense of nostalgia. And to others, a sense of freedom. Putting on those baseball pants and lacing up those metal cleats once again is exactly what a bunch of local athletes from the Biggs and Gridley communities are preparing to do on Saturday, July 20th. Except for one thing is different for this group of baseball players. They'll be traveling a two and a half hour journey to San Quentin State Prison to play a doubleheader against the inmates. You read that correctly. Our local coaches and players will be playing baseball games against the inmates, umpired by the inmates, and watched by the inmates.

San Quentin Prison has been inviting teams from outside of the prison walls to play baseball against the inmates since 1994 when the program first started. Twice a week during the months of May to October teams from the outside world go through the security protocols to play against the San Quentin Giants or A's on an all dirt baseball infield inside the prison yard. Since San Quentin is located right outside the San Francisco Bay within Marin County, the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland Athletics of Major League Baseball have donated uniforms and equipment to the San Quentin teams many years ago. For the inmates, the game of baseball might bring them a sense of freedom and possibly the only outside world interaction.



Javier Solis and Bryan Clark practice in Biggs on July 10, 2019 for the upcoming games at San Quentin Prison. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

Biggs varsity baseball coach Javier Solis has made the trip to San Quentin a number of times to play baseball. This trip will be his eighth visit to San Quentin since his first visit in 2009. His first trip was when he was a college baseball player at Yuba City Community College. "The first time walking in, I went in as a collegiate player and didn't know what to expect. I knew it would be an experience of a lifetime," he said. His fondest memories of each visit are the interactions he had with the San Quentin team. Being able to talk with the players, hear their stories about their personal lives and about how being able to play baseball in prison has helped change their lives.

This trip, Coach Solis is looking forward to sharing the eye opening experience with his boys he's been able to grow close with over the past seven years. "I look forward to everyone getting a different perspective of the game we have all grown up playing," he said.

Four years ago, Coach Solis made a promise to his young athletes when they became freshman at Biggs High School. "If we won a little league banner or a league title in high school, then we would go together and play baseball at San

Quentin after they turn 18 years old and graduate," Coach Solis said. They were determined to accomplish one of those requirements Coach Solis set before them. And they accomplished both in a matter of three years. In 2017, Biggs-Richvale Little League won the Senior League California District 47 Tournament of Champions Championship, earning the organization their first and only baseball banner to keep within the league forever.

This past spring of 2019, during their senior year, Biggs' varsity baseball team won their first league championship in 15 years. Immediately after the season ended, the boys reminded Coach Solis of his promise and things were set into motion for the upcoming games.

The team consists of recently graduated players from Biggs High School within the past few years, Coach Solis, Coach Jeffrey Smith, and a number of Gridley Little League coaches. Coach Solis is excited for another opportunity this year to play baseball at San Quentin. His hopes for the future are to build a team that consists of Gridley and Biggs athletes to take annually to San Quentin and come together to represent the community. ★



Participants pose after the conclusion of the 15th annual Joshua Atteberry Memorial Family Softball Tournament held on Saturday July 13, 2019. Photo Provided by Steven McCool

530 Sports Weekly Slow Pitch Softball Update

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The newly established sports organization in Gridley kicked off the slow pitch softball league on Monday, July 8th with three games at Kawasaki field in Vierra Park.

The competitive league competition started at 6:30 PM where Softball & Chill took on All About That Base. In a close game of 7 innings, Softball & Chill took the victory with a score of 13-12. The second game was a rematch of last year's championship game between Sons of Pitches and Ball Busters. Last year Sons of Pitches walked off victorious, but Ball Busters got their revenge with a 16-14 victory in 6 innings. The final game of the evening was between first time teams Dirty Birds and Pitches Be Crazy. This was a for sure victory for the Dirty Birds as they blew out Pitches Be Crazy with a score of 22-4.

The non-competitive league started their season the following day, Tuesday, July 9th, with two games. Maximum Effort took on ATAP to get their season going. Maximum Effort tasted victory for the first time in two years winning by a score of 12-4. Default Judgement took on the Misfits in a back and forth battle before the Misfits took the victory 14-10 in 7 innings.

The non-competitive league continued on Thursday, July 11th, with two more games.



Slow pitch softball players play during the first week of competition in Gridley on July 8, 2019. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

Newcomer teams to the league, S&S and Knuckle Heads, went inning for inning before S&S pulled away with a 10-4 victory. The final game of the week came between two more newcomer teams, Pitch Please and H&H. H & H got on the board early and never looked back as they took their first win of the season with a score of 12-5.

Everyone had a great time enjoying the game they once loved as kids. Community members showed up to show their support for their friends and family. If you want to catch some action as well, come on out to the field every Monday starting at 6:30 PM and every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 7:40 PM. ★



Slow pitch softball players from team Dirty Birds warm up before their game in Gridley on July 8, 2019. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



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Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

July 8th - July 13th

7-8-2019: At 3:23 PM In the 200 block of Sheldon Ave., Gridley CA, William Dean Tull, 36, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S), driving without a license (12500 (a) CVC), no proof of insurance(16028(a)CVC), expired registration (4000 (a)(1)CVC) and altering markings on imitation firearms (20150 PC). Subject was cited.

7-10-2019: At 5:51 PM in the zero block of W. Liberty Rd. in Gridley, CA, Keith Garry Barker, 18, was arrested on local misdemeanor bench warrant and cited.

7-11-2019: At 10:27 AM at the Yuba County Jail in Marysville, CA, John Robert Paul Woodrall, 25, was arrested on misdemeanor local bench warrant and booked into jail.

7-12-2019: At 12:27 AM in the 1800 block of Ohio Street in Gridley, CA, Raymond Eduardo Marquez, 31, was arrested on public intoxication charges (647(F) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

7-13-2019: At 8:53 PM in the 300 block of Scarlet Oak Street in Gridley, CA, Victoria Rae Herrera, 33, was arrested on outside agency misdemeanor warrant and fresh charges of possession of a controlled narcotic substance (11350 (a) H&S) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

7-13-2019: At 10:18 PM on Park and Vermont Streets in Gridley, CA, John Dudley Pilgram, 24, was arrested on charges of vehicle theft (10851 (a) CVC) and assault with a deadly weapon or instrument other than a firearm (245 (a)(10) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

7-13-2019: At 10:46 PM on the 500 block of Virginia Street in Gridley, CA, Jesse Joe Muniz, 22, was arrested for public intoxication (647(f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

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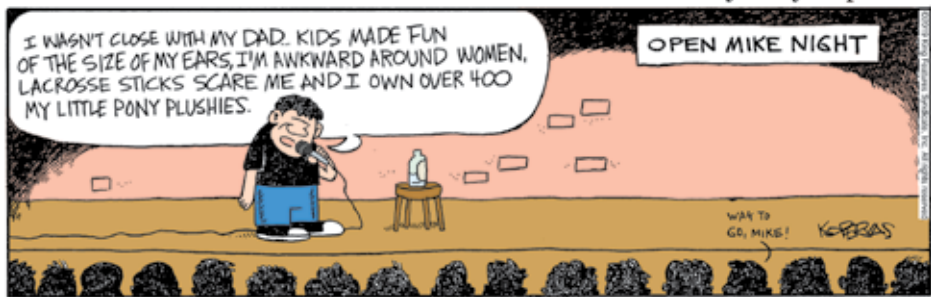
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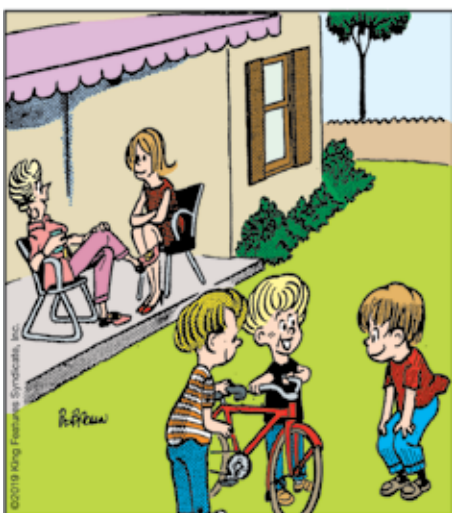


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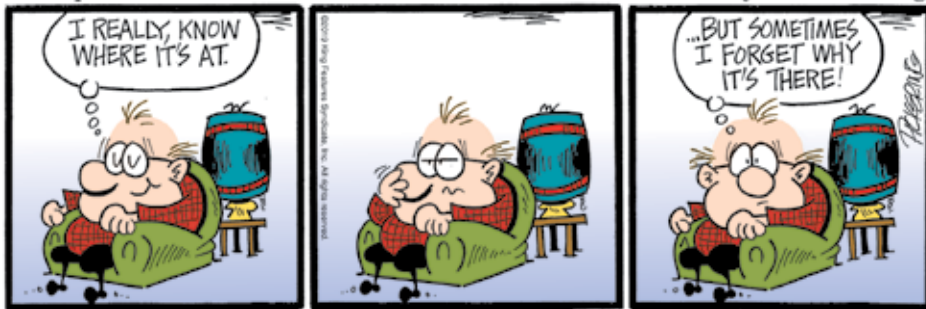


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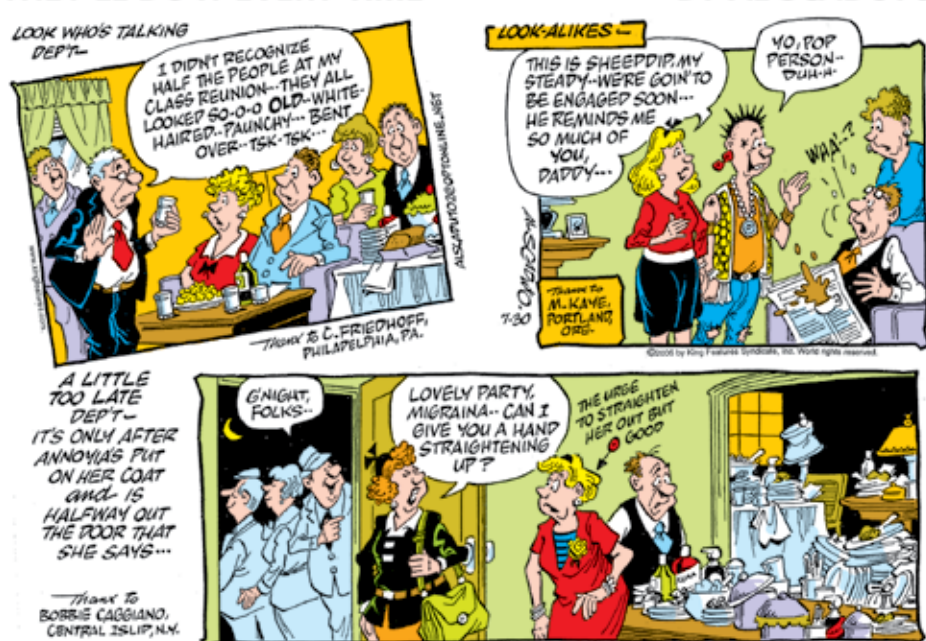
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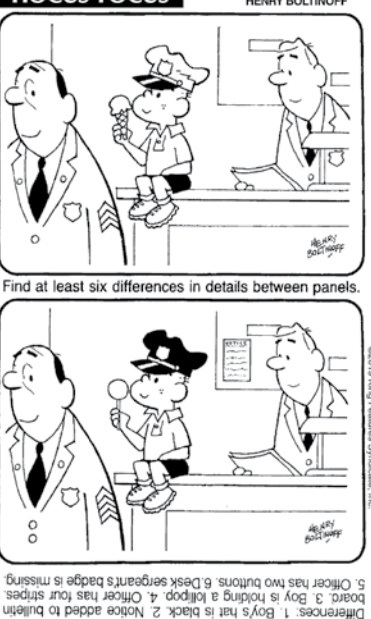
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CHEERS & JEERS

By Damian Holbrook

Cheers to Bethenny Frankel
for putting the “real” back into Bravo’s *Real Housewives of New York City*. On the amazing June 12 episode, Countess Luann’s chronically selfish BS during a girls’ trip to Miami drove the Skinnygirl mogul into the kind of emotional meltdown you can’t fake.

Cheers to Bachelor in Paradise
for reuniting with two of our favorite exes. This summer’s beachfront mating game will be hotter than ever now that ABC has added franchise favorites Chris Bukowski and Bibiana Julian to the mix. Fingers crossed they wind up in each other’s arms.

Jeers to The Real World: Atlanta
for skimping on the intros. Facebook Watch’s reboot of the once-awesome MTV classic promised to return the series to its edgier roots, but the rushed 25-minute premiere barely gave us time to get to know who the new roomies (pictured) are or why we should care about them.

Jeers to Big Brother’s Big Mess.
CBS’s summer hit always seems to serve us at least one horrible houseguest, but Season 21 is really hitting new lows with the grossly offensive Jack, who either doesn’t realize that the live feeds are capturing his racist, sexist comments or just



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doesn’t care. Either way, he needs to go. ★



ASK MATT


BY MATT ROUSH TV Guide Senior Critic

Will Another Network Pick Up The Cool Kids?
Question: I just loved *The Cool Kids*. Excellent stories that I think fans from 50 years old and up could relate to. Any possibility it will return? – Louise C.
Matt Roush: Very unlikely. The show was produced by the Fox studio for the Fox network, and now that the studio has been folded into the Disney empire, the only hope is

that ABC or another Disney property would suddenly become interested in it. If that were the case, we’d probably have heard by now.
Question: After all this time on *The Walking Dead*, how can there still be electricity, charged car batteries, flashlights with fresh batteries, ammunition and food? – Roger
Matt Roush: You have a point, but keep in mind that much more time has passed


for us in the nine years since *The Walking Dead* launched than it has for the survivors of the zombie apocalypse, whose story has spanned just about half that much time (roughly five years, according to some sites’ calculations). The story still often concerns the risks the characters go through to forage for supplies and sustain themselves with food and even create their own ammo. It’s a survival story as much as a horror fest, and we are getting glimpses of a civilization that has carried on even as our heroes rebuild their own world.
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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

I've been waiting for a couple of years to find a toad in my yard. This has not happened. One generous person offered to give me a toad if more came to their house. I thought that was sweet but I'm not sure the toad that was displaced would agree. So, recently I

brought a very large 50 lb. yard statue toad into my yard. It sits looking like the gargantuan toad that it is and I love it. It won't help much with getting rid of bugs but I still laugh every time I see it, feeling that all is good. Another friend mentioned that I could paint the toad. It is cement and grey. It might have had color at some point, I know I have a couple of yard ornaments that I've had for years and once one had a reddish patina and the other had a greenish patina. We'll see if I decide this wonderful toad needs to have a brownish green patina. Yard whimsies are a particular love of mine. There are gnomes in

plural working and resting along with Buddha belly. The Lion and the Mouse from Aesop's fables lives along a flower border. Mr. Mole from The Wind in the Willows holds down the fort in the border of another flower bed, along with Wilbur from Charlotte's Web. I've had all of these whimsies for 20 years along with Peter Rabbit, leaning against a cabbage. Recently I've added some Japanese lanterns as companions for the Japanese Maple trees. Then there are the frogs sitting near the turtle ponds. When I glimpse these fun garden visitors it makes my soul happy. Add a little whimsy to your garden to lighten your heart. ★

Thoughts to Ponder



Life is...? Life is...? Life is...? What is life? The old saying goes that "life is what happens when you have something else planned." Life is what you have to go through from the time of birth until the time of death. What we do with this period of time depends upon many factors, our family unit, the geographic area and earthly placement, and the forces that surround us that push and pull us toward our final hours. We are who we are, due to the things we go through and experience. From childhood, we

are taught how to count, to spell, and to say proper things so we may advance. Parents instill family values. Teachers instill the subjects needed to earn a livelihood. Friends and foes teach the games of life and show the pitfalls of interaction among man. Most of us are exposed to religion and the consequences of sin and wrong play. Jesus as a young lad was taught a trade by His father, Joseph. His Heavenly Father taught Him grace and the art of forgiveness. His mother taught Him devotion and tenderness. His followers showed Him fear, denial, and in some cases, loyalty beyond reason. His Heavenly Father taught Him steadfastness and discipline. The world taught

Him hate and mistrust. We see angry young people, struggling baby-boomers, and neglected elderly who wonder what the next day will hold. Life goes on – it waits for no one and we slip in and out of the cycle for a brief stay. What effect we have on this cycle depends upon what we do every day to make life better for God's creatures. What have you done today to teach the world to sing in harmony? Living by the rules of love, faith, and truth, maybe we can change a world headed for trouble. Join us in life's journey at the Gridley United Methodist Church every Sunday at 10 am for our worship service. You can join us at the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



It's Time to Catch Up on Friends Who Have Been Solid Bricks in our Wall of Life Forever

Those of us who aren't marching have been known to say things like, "Hon, isn't that the Delgado kid with that German shepherd? My, he's grown." You know. And then we go to the picnic and gorge ourselves and play softball and horse-shoes and soak up the sun and laugh a lot. It's a time for asking mere acquaintances from grocery store sightings just how they're doing, in hopes of becoming real friends. It's time to catch up on friends who have been solid bricks in our wall of life forever. It's also a time to rejoice and see new bundles of babies that have joined us since last year, and feel a bit sad at those who have left us, too. It's a time when two guys

on opposite sides, politically, can just smile and talk sports and enjoy each other. There's time enough to disagree on policies later on. No rush. And we know, deep inside, that this is the real reason we celebrate our Independence Day. Because we can set aside our differences and have fun together. We can be free to have fun together because a long time ago some men in powdered wigs were smart enough to look ahead toward ... well, toward this very picnic of ours, actually. They wanted it to be fun, too. Brought to you by <https://www.merrickpetcare.com/> in Hereford, Texas. "We know it's not just food in that bowl, it's love. And that's why it has to be the best." ★



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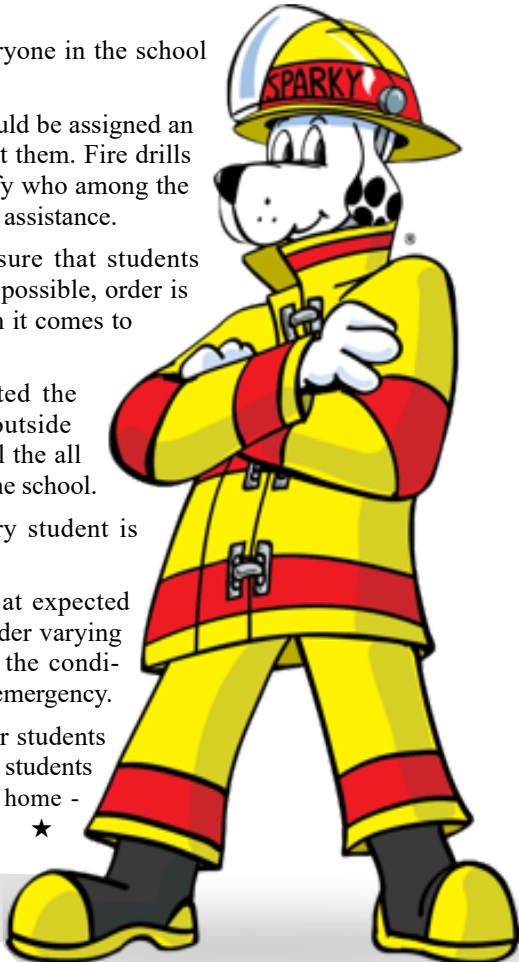
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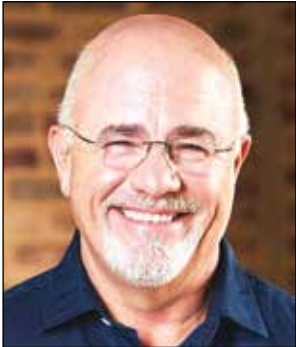
SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

In 2007-2011, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 5,690 structure fires in educational properties, annually. These fires caused an annual average of 85 civilian fire injuries and \$92 million in direct property damage.

SAFETY TIPS

- Fire drills must be held at least once a month while school is in session. (Schools located in climates where weather is severe have the option of deferring monthly drills).
- Principals, teachers or other school staff must inspect all exits daily to ensure that stairways, doors and other exits are working properly and are unblocked.
- On the day of the drill, the emergency drill alarm should be sounded on the school fire alarm system. Make sure that everyone can recognize the sound of the alarm and knows what to do when it sounds.
- Teachers, officials and staff should be familiar with the schools fire protection system, including the location of fire alarm pull stations and sprinklers.
- Every room in the school should have a map posted identifying two ways out. In schools with open floor plans, exit paths should be obvious and kept free of obstruction.
- On the day of the fire drill, everyone in the school should participate.
- Students with specific needs should be assigned an adult or a student buddy to assist them. Fire drills are a good opportunity to identify who among the student population requires extra assistance.
- While it's important to make sure that students leave the building as quickly as possible, order is more important than speed when it comes to conducting a safe fire drill.
- Once everyone has safely exited the building, they should remain outside at a predetermined location until the all clear has been given to re-enter the school.
- Use rosters to ensure that every student is accounted for.
- Fire drills should be held both at expected and at unexpected times, and under varying conditions in order to simulate the conditions that can occur in an actual emergency.
- School fire drills are a model for students to use in their homes. Encourage students to practice their escape plans at home - just as they do at school. ★





Dave Ramsey Says

Helping Friends

Dear Dave, I'm on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and I'll be debt-free except for my home by the end of the year. I have a friend who is very irresponsible with his money, and he often asks to "borrow" cash between paychecks. I don't want to be cruel, but things are getting out of hand with his requests for money.

–James

Dear James, I think you should tell your friend the truth. Let him know you've decided to get control of your money, you're trying to get out of debt, and you simply don't have cash to spare. Be sure to do it with a kind spirit, but sometimes you've got to look at the big picture in these situations. You're not really helping someone if you participate in their misbehavior and enable bad habits. Sometimes, you have to love someone enough to tell them no.

Let your friend know how hard you're working to get your finances in order, and how it's making a big difference in your life. Maybe you could offer to show him the steps you've taken so far, and let him know he could be successful doing this, too. You might even try to show him how to make a monthly budget, and act as his guide and accountability partner if he's willing to accept this kind of help.

In some cases, helping someone means offering what you know they need instead of what they want. But you're never really helping someone who's incompetent with money by simply handing them cash.

Good luck, James!!

–Dave

The Perfect Time?

Dear Dave, My wife and I are both 46, and we have two teenagers in middle school. We were told recently that now is the perfect time for us to buy long-term care insurance. How do you feel about this in our situation?

–Thomas

Dear Thomas, No, now is not the perfect time for you guys to buy long-term care

insurance. Research shows there's about a one percent chance of folks your age needing long-term care insurance, and I generally don't recommend insuring against things that have such a miniscule chance of happening. Keep in mind that many factors, such as your current health and family history, could play into your decision of exactly when to buy long-term care insurance.

However, I do strongly urge people to find a good long-term care policy no later than age 60. At that point, the chances of something unfortunate happening begin to rise each and every year. You could think of it as a gift to yourself and your family. Nursing home costs are astronomical these days, and care of that sort can deplete your nest egg very quickly!

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.

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Dear Dietitian

Antioxidants



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

Most of you have probably heard of antioxidants and that they are good for you, but what are they exactly? Antioxidant is a chemistry term that simply means prevention of oxidation, which is the transfer of tiny, electrically charged particles known as electrons.

Antioxidants protect us from free radicals, which damage our cells and lead to diseases such as cancer, heart disease, and Alzheimer's. Free radicals result from food digestion, everyday cellular activity, and outside sources such as smoking and air pollution. Free radicals are unstable molecules that wish to become stable. In doing so, they rob another cell of an electron needed for stability. The cell that has been robbed is now susceptible to damage.

Studies on the role of antioxidants and disease prevention have produced mixed results. In the Women's Health Study, over 39,000 women took 600 IU of vitamin E or placebo every other day for ten years. At the end

of the study, the rates of stroke, heart attack and cancer were no lower among those taking vitamin E than those who took the placebo. However, there was a significant twenty-four percent reduction in death from stroke and heart attack. (1)

There was another large study of beta-carotene supplementation in men who were heavy smokers. The study had to be stopped early because there was a significant increase in lung cancer among those taking the supplement versus those taking the placebo. (2)

Antioxidants in their natural food state may have health benefits that are not found when taking them in supplement form. A possible explanation of this is the x factor. When consuming foods that contain antioxidants, one also gets the fiber and other nutrients in that food that cannot be found in a supplement. The x factor could be a combination of nutrients that have a health benefit or even be a factor that has not yet been identified. Remember, the science of nutrition is still in its infancy, and there is still a lot that hasn't been figured out yet.

Listed below are particular antioxidants and their food sources:

- Vitamin C- oranges, grapefruit, lemons, cantaloupe, kohlrabi, broccoli
- Vitamin E- nuts & seeds
- Beta-carotene-carrots, sweet potatoes, spinach, broccoli, winter squash, cantaloupe

Polyphenols- red grapes, red wine, coffee, chocolate, legumes

Lutein-spinach, kale, egg yolk

Selenium- beef, pork, turkey, fish, chicken, shellfish, nuts, seeds, soy products

Manganese-pineapple, nuts, beans, spinach

What we do know is that a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, whole grains, legumes, nuts, seeds, and lean proteins, along with a healthy body weight are our best bet for keeping us healthy.

Good health to you! Dear Dietitian

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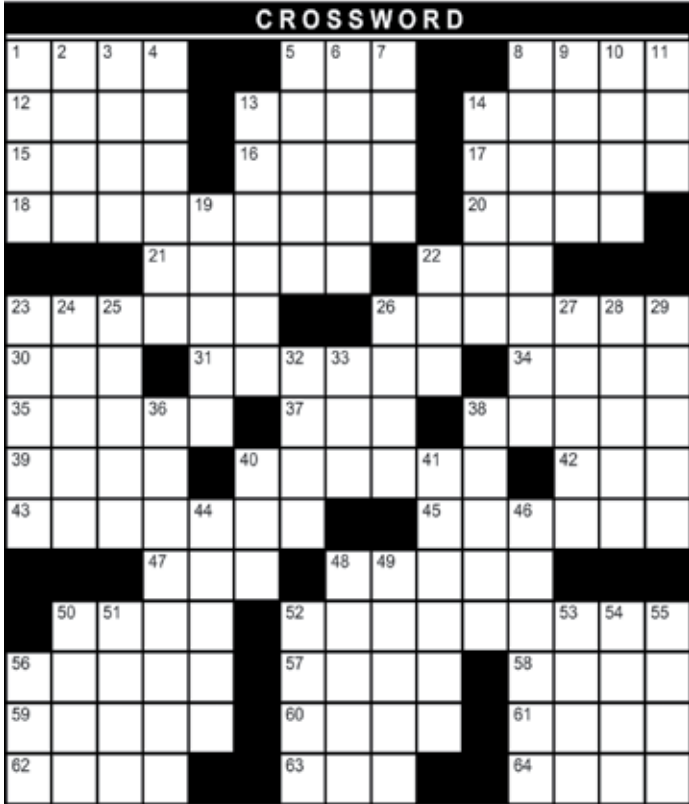
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- 57. What Daenerys Targaryen wanted to do
- 58. Like tiny print
- 59. Seizure or sunstroke
- 60. Between ids and super-egos
- 61. Sacred image in Orthodox Church
- 62. Al Capone's nemesis Eliot
- 63. One of the five W's
- 64. Aren't, colloquially

DOWN

- 1. Magnesium silicate
- 2. Moonfish
- 3. Bruce Willis' ex

- 4. Oliver Twist, e.g.
- 5. Indian metropolis
- 6. River in India
- 7. Table hill
- 8. Thin cigar
- 9. Rembrandt's medium
- 10. SNL act
- 11. David Zinzenko's "___ This, Not That!"
- 13. Chin beard
- 14. Filthy dough
- 19. "I give up!"
- 22. 1/100 of a hectare
- 23. "Lady's Bella Notte date
- 24. China grass
- 25. Like tower of Pisa
- 26. "Stephen King's rabid character
- 27. Native American fruit
- 28. Throat lobe
- 29. "Our Gang" pit bull terrier
- 32. Call to a mate
- 33. Girl
- 36. "Hound of Hades
- 38. _____ Protocol, climate change treaty
- 40. "Oftentimes" in poetry
- 41. Gnostic's intuitions
- 44. Tsy-bitsy bits

- 46. Basket-making fibers
- 48. When it breaks, the cradle will fall
- 49. Traditional Inuit home
- 50. Three blind ones
- 51. Chows down
- 52. "What Charles Schulz did with Snoopy
- 53. _____ pedia or _____ leaks
- 54. In a little while, to Shakespeare
- 55. Rock opera version of "La Bohème"
- 56. "Wizard of Oz" man



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Sycamore School Grounds Get a New Facelift



The foundation infrastructure of the old portables located between the library and cafeteria at Sycamore are exposed, allowing crews to plumb the new classrooms for water and address drainage issues that have plagued the school. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - For the last week, the section of Vermont Street between Sycamore and McKinley Schools has been the holding area for some of the new portable classrooms set to be housed on Sycamore Middle School's campus.

The new portables will be replacing 5 units that pre-exist Principal McIntyre years' of service with the Gridley Unified School District. "They are easily over 50 years old and were old when I started 35 years ago," McIntire says. He shares that the new units will be furnished with new custom cabinetry and all 5 new classrooms will have water and sinks. A majority of the classrooms at Sycamore do not have access to water, a luxury that has previously been reserved for the science rooms. Each portable classroom is comprised of three sections, making a total of 15 sections to be trucked in to fulfill the replacement of 5 classrooms.

Historically, Sycamore has battled with sewage and rainwater drainage problems,

predominantly within the interior section of the school where the portables will find their home. The district is using this opportunity to address the drainage issues before the new classrooms are positioned permanently. After the new drainage system is completely installed, crews will begin to underground the exposed infrastructure and prepare for the redesign of the interior quad. Students and faculty will see the addition of new concrete pathways designed to accommodate higher student traffic and streamline flow. Additionally, more concrete bench seating throughout the Quad area will be installed.

Crews are nearing completion on the sub-infrastructure and once that has been completed, a large crane will transport and position the portables to their final resting place. Currently only 2 full classrooms are present and being stored on raisers on Vermont Street, but the community can expect to see more being trucked in within the next few weeks as the project finalizes before the beginning of the school year. ★

Fundraiser Miracle



Members of the Waite family greeted guests under a huge "Thank You" sign at the fundraiser dinner. Left to right: Kyser Waite, Art Waite, Kegan Waite, and Courtney Waite. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After weeks of organizing, selling tickets, advertising, collecting donations and auction items from hundreds of generous businesses and community members, the Waite Family Medical Fundraiser went off without a hitch.

Last Saturday evening, July 13th, friends and fam-

ily members of Myrlai and Art Waite joined together to help serve hundreds of supporters tasty spaghetti dinners designed by Andy and Colleen Haymond, man the drive thru operation

and kitchen, sell indulgent baked goods, and promote the Silent Auction and Raffle ran by Diane DeMeyer Wilkerson and emceed by Brian Basset. While guests dined and visited, 145 items donated by area businesses and those wishing to help were raffled off, followed by a silent auction comprised of luxury gift baskets, Yeti coolers stocked with goodies, a brand new gas

Approximately 420 tickets sold before the dinner, with more purchased at the door by co-organizer Lisa Van De Hey. While the total amount generated for the Waite Medical Fund still hasn't been tallied, the fundraiser was an overwhelming success and fun event that all ages enjoyed.

The Waites wish to express their thanks in the following statement: "We appreciate all the time, work and heart that was poured into making this fundraiser a reality. It was much more than we could have anticipated. The amount of love and support shown by family, friends, local businesses and the entire community as a whole, for our family, is simply amazing and heartwarming. We are so grateful to live in this town and come from a community that rallies together to support each other in every way possible. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts."

A special thanks to Jordan Reeves and Justin Kern for donating the use of the Guardian building and a shout out for the hard work of the planning committee. ★



"With a little help from our friends": Family friends help man the kitchen, cooking and serving over 400 guests: Left to right: Jim Olson, Cook Andy Haymond, Dave Anderson, Robin Olson. (Not pictured: Colleen Haymond, Mary Anderson, Dave & Shelly Kneeland, Kim & Terry Parades, Tim Gregliano, Pedro Mota, and Debbi Shackelford). Photo by Seti Long

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barbeque and outdoor fire pit/grill combo.

So many businesses, individuals and companies donated to make the event a success that the list is too large to publish here.

Notice of Funding Availability Released for Annual HUD Continuum of Care

By Jennifer Griggs,
Butte Countywide Homeless
Continuum of Care

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the annual funding availability for the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC). Each year, HUD makes funding available for local projects to provide housing and services for those experiencing homelessness and at-risk of homelessness. The local CoC is charged with scoring and ranking those applications according to HUD's strict eligibility, priority, and performance criteria.

A total of \$578,796 has been allocated to the Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care. The funding of renewal projects (that is, projects that have been previously funded through this process) will be \$549,868. The BCoC encourages new project applications as we will be re-allocating project funding this year. We also have a \$30,884 bonus which can fund new projects as well. Again this year, a \$61,769 bonus has been offered for Domestic Violence Projects.

We would like to see new project application for Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid-Rehousing or Transitional/Rapid-Rehousing. We encourage anyone who may be interested to come to an information learning session on July 25th at 2pm. The meeting

will be at the Housing Authority Training Room, which is located at 2039 Forest Ave in Chico, CA.

Background: The HUD Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for federal fiscal year 2019 was released on July 3, 2019. It outlines requirements for nearly \$2.3 billion in 2019-2020 federal fiscal year homeless assistance grants, administered by HUD in compliance with the HEARTH Act.

Although the funding allocation is anticipated to be adequate for all project renewals, HUD again requests that projects are ranked and placed in two tiers. The total funding amount for Tier 1 will be \$549,868, and those awarded in that tier will be assured funding for their project.

The NOFA requires CoC's to review and rank applications within their geographic areas according to how effectively they align with the 2019 NOFA Priorities and our Local Community Priorities. Although the renewal amount is available to continue funding of existing permanent housing programs, the NOFA encourages reallocation of CoC funds if new projects better meet the NOFA and Local priorities.

Additional information and updates are available at <http://www.butthehomelesscoc.com/fy19-coc-program-nofa.html>

Contact: Jennifer Griggs, BCoC Coordinator with questions at jenniferg@butte-housing.com or 530-717-2138. ★

Wildfire Legislation Ensures Payment to Victims and Protects Ratepayers

By Nghia Nguyen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With Camp Fire survivors at the forefront of his mind, Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) pushed for the passage of Assembly Bill 1054, a bill to secure compensation for fire victims and protection for utility ratepayers.

"Eighty-five lives lost. 14,000 homes burned. Camp Fire survivors lost everything," said Senator Nielsen. "Eight months after the state's most destructive wildfire, many residents are still without homes—living in limbo."

Senator Nielsen added, "This measure will give Paradise residents and those living on the Ridge hope to rebuild. With strong bipartisan support, lawmakers are rallying together to help our fellow Californians rebuild their homes and their communities."

Specifically, AB 1054 would provide

quicker payments and greater legal protection to wildfire victims, create more safety regulations for utilities and protect ratepayers from rate increases.

The measure establishes performance requirements for utility companies on the safety of their infrastructure. They will also be required to develop a compliance process for their wildfire mitigation plans. These are important provisions in making these corporations accountable and ensuring ratepayers' monies are being used to reduce wildfire risk and keep the public safe.

Assembly Bill 1054 passed the Senate on Monday evening with a vote of 31 to 7. It heads to the Assembly, where it is expected to pass with bipartisan support.

The Governor has worked closely with legislators to craft this critical measure, and he hopes to have it on his desk by Friday.

Source: Office of Senator Jim Nielsen ★

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