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## Let's Play Ball!!

*Biggs-Richvale Little League Holds Opening Day*



Kari Wheeler leads the teams in singing the National Anthem at Biggs Richvale Little League Opening Day Ceremonies (Photo by Seti Long). (R) Players Maisy Brunken (left) and sister Maira Brunken (right) enjoy pancakes before Opening Ceremonies at the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Les Schwab. Photo by Seti Long.

**By Seti Long**

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Gray skies couldn't keep Biggs Richvale Little League from kicking off the season at their opening ceremonies, held Saturday March 23rd at the Biggs High School gym.

The day started off with a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Les Schwab of Gridley. Owner of Les Schwab, Shon Cook, his wife Sundara Cook and Nick Caldwell flipped pancakes and served orange juice to excited ball players of all ages while teams waited for their turn for teams pictures.

At 10:00 the 11 A's little league teams, ranging from t-ball to majors, made their way to the gym for the



program. After general announcements, thanks went out to the leagues sponsor, the Oakland A's, who provide uniforms for the teams and tickets for each team to attend an A's game, and to the City of Biggs for help with maintaining the ball fields.

Next, individual players from each team were announced and spotlighted as they made their way across the basketball court and into the stands to join their respective teams in front of the audience. Keri Wheeler of Wheeler Ranch and Feed lead the teams in

singing the National Anthem while saluting the flag.

Guidelines for parents and coaches were reviewed, before the teams recited the little league pledge. Brian Harrison had the honor of throwing the first pitch of the season, caught by little leaguer catcher Cashton Acosta, with umpire Jason McLaughlin at his back.

The eager players could hardly sit still for the final group picture before heading out to the diamonds to "play ball!" ★

## State Water Allocations Increase Due to Winter Storms

**By Maggie Macias, DWR**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Following several strong winter storms that brought snowpack and precipitation to above average levels, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has announced it will increase the 2019 State Water Project (SWP) allocation. Most SWP contractors will now receive 70 percent of their requests for the 2019 calendar year, an increase from the 35 percent allocation announced last month.

"Just ten weeks ago it looked like we may have been facing another dry year in California," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "Fortunately, we've turned a corner and now it's shaping up to be a great year for water supply. California's hydrology varies year to year, which is why all Californians must work together to use water wisely."

The allocation is assessed monthly and the final allocation is typically determined in May. Last year's final allocation was 35 percent.

As of March 7, the Northern Sierra 8-station index recorded above average precipitation for water year 2019. While the state has not reached record precipitation like that seen in 2017, February was the third wettest recorded in the Northern Sierra index since 1921 and the sixth wettest in the San Joaquin index since 1913. The statewide Sierra snowpack is 156 percent of average for this date.

Most of the state's major reservoirs are at or above their historical averages for this time of year. Lake Oroville, the SWP's largest reservoir, is currently at 76 percent of capacity and 103 percent of average for this time of year. Shasta Lake, the Central Valley Project's (CVP) largest reservoir, is at 83 percent of capacity and 106 percent of average.

Reservoir storage, snowpack, precipitation, and releases to meet water supply and environmental demands are among several factors used in determining allocations.

The 2019 allocation of 70 percent amounts to 2,942,158 acre-feet of water.

*Source: Department of Water Resources* ★

## DWR Prepares for Potential Use of Oroville's Main Spillway

**By Erin Mellon**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is closely monitoring Oroville reservoir levels and current forecasts. Due to storms expected in the Feather River basin, DWR is taking steps to prepare for use of the main spillway potentially as early as the first week of April.

DWR is following its standard process of notifying regulatory agencies, local law enforcement and local elected officials for the anticipated use. The Department will continue to update the public, media and local partners through emails, news releases and social media.

To prepare for potential use of the spillway, DWR is removing construction equipment from the spillway chute. It will also remove a temporary road below the main spillway that has been utilized during construction.



**The reconstructed Oroville Dam spillway.** Photo courtesy DWR

The road will be removed to minimize water quality impacts. Some turbidity is expected while the road is being removed.

Downstream monitoring is in place to track water quality. In addition, temporary cameras and lights have been situated alongside the spillway for observational purposes when water begins

to flow down the chute. The information below reflects current reservoir level estimates. Forecasts can change quickly and may affect the estimates provided.

The current Oroville Reservoir level is at 845 feet; the projected elevation on April 5 based on a 10-day forecast will be 850 feet.

The main spillway and

the emergency spillway are reconstructed and able to handle flows as needed to manage lake levels and provide flood protection for the surrounding communities. DWR will continue updating the public, media and local partners.

To sign up for community notifications, contact [oroville@water.ca.gov](mailto:oroville@water.ca.gov). ★

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# The New Pi-Line



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

The City of Gridley has to publish every year or so a report on Water Quality. I've always thought the water in Gridley tastes better than other places. The City has seven wells, Spruce Well, Wilson Well, Fairview Well, Parkside Well, Little Avenue Well, Liberty Well, and Jay Drive Well that supply water to the people. The wells range in depth from 240 feet to 450 feet, best tasting water is around 400 feet in my opinion. The wells produce between 500 and 1,500 gallons per minute each. Do the math on that next time you are in the shower. Fluoride is added to the water in Gridley to help prevent tooth decay. Now you know why people in Gridley have such good teeth, and we have fewer dentists than other towns our size.

Live Oak has four wells with much less interesting names than the wells in Gridley. They are Well 1A/2A, on O Street, Well Three on Walker Way, and the new more modern Well 4 on Apricot Street. Live Oak wells pump water from the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin, East

Butte Sub-basin aquifer - something they are very proud of in Live Oak. Gridley does not say which aquifer they draw from (could lead to conflict with Biggs, so better not to say). Both water systems pass the test for cleanliness, and purity. Remember that next time you go to buy bottled water. You may be being hoodwinked into paying for water that is lesser quality than our local hometown H2O.

The Women of the Moose Lodge #1594 had their St. Patrick's Day event March 16th. There were no arrests reported, and they had a great time as they always do. If you are a Gridley Moose you can go to any other Moose facility in North America. That means you could hit 1600 other Moose Lodges before you die, with just one membership. That would make a great TV mini-series.

Start gathering your stuff now and piling it toward the front of your place. The Gridley Chamber is hosting the mega yard sale - the 14 Mile Yard Sale, April 6th. You sign up and they they make a map of everyone who wants to sell their stuff. The Chamber puts the map of willing sellers an internet map (and a printed map) so people can start in Biggs and drive all the way (14 miles) to Live Oak - yard saling - their hearts out. If you want on the map call 846-3142. A reason for Spring cleaning, in case you needed one.

Digging back into the archives we get to Volume 10, Number 53 of the Gridley Herald which was February 27, 1981,

and the Pi Line of Bill Burleson, in italics:

*Ed McConnell told us he tried to get hold of Plumber Bob Scott for a project at home, but the plumber was tied up on the new Jerry's Restaurant at the Heritage Oak shopping center. That's the activity on the west side of the center, where the Christmas tree sales were held.*

*On the north end of the center between Citizens Savings and Central Bank, the new building will be an office complex. No use permits applied for as yet.*

*Across Gridley Road where the self-serve gas station has been torn down, a 7-11 Market is a buildin'. Jog north a bit, on the west side of the highway, where the old Olds - Pontiac garage used to be; and you will see Bob Bassett preparing to move in his wedding business from Biggs. Something is going on back on the east side of the highway, adjoining Tucker's used car lot where the other old service station has been torn down. But, all we have are more rumors: maybe a motel, maybe another restaurant, maybe just a clean building site for rent, lease, or sale?*

*Go south on the highway to the former gas station north of, and adjacent to, The Buttes and you will find a tire and brake shop going in. In the central business district corner of Hazel and Vermont, find a karate studio, and an upholstery shop going in... neighbors, not in the same place.* ★

# Senator Jim Nielsen Named 'Guardian of Small Businesses'

By Nghia Nguyen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- In recognition of his staunch advocacy of small businesses, the National Federation of Independent Business presented Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) with the Guardian of Small Business Award.

"Small businesses are the economic engine of our state and nation," said Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama). "It is such an honor to represent independent businesses and their employees. We need to keep Californians working."

Representing more than 20,000 members in the state, the National Federation of Independent Business is the leading voice for small and independent businesses. For 75 years, NFIB has been in the forefront of advocating on the most pressing small business issues, such as taxes, healthcare and regulations.



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In California, small businesses employ seven million people.

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Senator Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate

District, which includes the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba. To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@sen.ca.gov.

Source: Office of Jim Nielsen ★

# Gallagher Introduces Resolution Calling for Dismissal of Professor who Advocated for Killing Cops

By Curtis Grima

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) has introduced House Resolution 22, which urges the University of California to remove English Professor Joshua Clover from the classroom and terminate his employment at the University. Joshua Clover is a tenured UC Davis Professor who has publicly advocated for the killing of police officers.

"This isn't a first amendment issue, his statements are an incitement to violence," said Gallagher. "These comments are not

being made in a vacuum; they are being made at a time when targeting police officers has been on the rise nationally. Officers are being ambushed and killed including most recently Officer Natalie Corona in the very city where this professor teaches," Gallagher continued.

Last week, Gallagher delivered over 10,000 petitions to the UC Davis administration from individuals across the state requesting that Clover be fired. In addition to the petitions, Gallagher hopes the resolution can send a united message from the state legislature urging the

University to take action.

"I support free speech and the right of professors and students to express different ideas and engage in constructive dialogue in an environment that is free from violence and intimidation, but violent rhetoric that calls for the death of individuals or a group of people should never be tolerated," said Gallagher.

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.

Source: Office of James Gallagher ★

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# Crime Reports



## Gridley- Biggs Police Report

March 20<sup>th</sup> - March 23<sup>rd</sup>

**3-20-2019:** At 11:19 AM on Sage St., Gridley, CA, Angel Marie Masterson, 46, was arrested on charges of public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-20-2019:** At 5:52 PM at Ohio and Sycamore Street's in Gridley, CA Jose Manuel Santiago Gomez, 36, was arrested on local misdemeanor warrants DKT #SCR103883 and booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-20-2019:** At 8:12 PM on California Street in Gridley, CA, Adam Rocco Branton, 23, was arrested on charges of domestic battery (243 (e)(1) PC) and tampering/ destruction of a phone line (591.5 PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-21-2019:** At 5:35 PM at Laurel and Ohio Street's in Gridley, CA, Jose Roberto Ferreira Corona, 33, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine (11377 H&S) and having an open container in public (25620 B&P), cited and released.

**3-21-2019:** At 10:03 PM at Losser and Little Avenues, Gridley, CA, Roxanne Christy Rodriguez, 38, was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of a stun gun (22610 (a) PC), inability to provide proof registration (4462.5 CVC) and for driving a vehicle on a public road without proof of registration (4000 (a) 1 CVC). The vehicle was towed by Browsers Towing of Oroville.

**3-21-2019:** At 10:55 PM at B and 1st Streets in Biggs, CA, Stephen Anthony Wortham II, 26, was arrested on charges of disturbing the peace (415 PC) and possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 H&S) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-22-2019:** At 9:31 AM at 2nd Street, Biggs California, Christian Duenas Gomez, 31, was arrested on charges of violating his probation (1203.7 (a) PC), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364(a) H&S) and possession of methamphetamine (11377(a)H&S) and cited to appear in court.

**3-23-2019:** At 9:44 PM on Park Street, Gridley, CA, Alan Franklin Adams, 52, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia (11364(a) H&S) and possession of methamphetamine (11377(a) H&S) cited and released. At that same time, Shoskonilyn Lee Beebe, 38 was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (11350 H&S), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364(a) H&S) and possession of methamphetamine (11377(a) H&S) cited and released.

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# Happy 103 Birthday! Cal Fire Local 2881 Says:

Regarding Governor Newsom’s Proclamation of Emergency

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Not many reach the milestone of 100 years old, but local Gridley man, Jesse Chandler, exceeded it as he celebrated his 103 birthday on Monday, March 25. Chandler, a fixture within the Gridley and Live Oak communities, taught industrial arts at Live Oak High School for 19 years, instructing students in wood shop, mechanical drawing, and drivers education. He taught Violin lessons privately and was the member of many choir groups. Chandler served as a Navy SeaBee during World War 2 and remains proud of his service. Many know him from his active membership of the LDS Church. Chandler is the patriarch of 5 generations and currently resides at Townsend House in Chico. ★



Jesse Chandler, 103, the center of 5 generations pictured. L to R: (front row) Olivia Mattos, great-great-granddaughter; Jesse Chandler; Laquita Long, Daughter; (backrow) Amelia Mattos, great-great-granddaughter, Jeannie Mattos, great-granddaughter; Vivian Mattos, great-great-granddaughter; Sean Long, Grandson. Photo courtesy of Clancy Hardin.

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - CAL FIRE Local 2881 released a statement regarding Governor Newsom's signing of a Proclamation of Emergency regarding wildfires.

“The fires of the past three years have upended and destroyed entire communities, the worst I have seen in my twenty-five year career,” said Tim Edwards, President of CAL Fire Local 2881.

“While it is difficult for



all of us, including the Governor, we support the Governor's action to protect Californians' lives and

homes. Fuels management is important and these types of projects the Governor is proposing can save lives and make a difference.”

“These circumstances are unusual, unpredictable, unseen in our lifetime, and courageous decisions that sometimes go against the political winds need to be made,” Edwards said. “Our commitment to public safety, health and the environment does not wane.” ★

## Legislation to Ban ‘Whippits’ Passes First Committee

By Nghia Nguyen

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Senate Public Safety Committee unanimously passed Senate Bill 193, a measure to ban smoke shops from selling “whippits.”

“Nitrous oxide is a legal chemical for legitimate use, but when abused, it is extremely lethal,” said Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama), who authored the measure. “Young people buy and inhale this gas to get ‘high’ because they mistakenly believe it is a ‘safe’ substance.”

Senator Nielsen added, “Let’s try to eliminate the opportunities that are so accessible to this killer substance.”

Specifically, Senate Bill 193, if passed and signed into law, would prohibit smoke and tobacco shops from selling nitrous oxide.

Lawmakers heard heart-breaking stories including a mother’s grief over the brain damage and struggles of her

son and a young man’s fight to recover from spinal cord degeneration when he was confined to a wheelchair. Both tragedies were due to nitrous oxide abuse.

Nitrous oxide use is difficult to detect because it does not stay in a user’s bloodstream for long.

Barbara Lodge, a mother of a son who was addicted said, “Although my son has committed to a life of sobriety, the reality is that any day or night, he can walk into any smoke/tobacco shop and be tempted to buy everything he needs to resume using this deadly drug.”

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, recreational use of nitrous oxide can lead to “death from lack of oxygen to the brain, altered perception and motor coordination, loss of sensation, limb spasms, blackouts caused by blood pressure changes, and depression of heart muscles functioning.”

Following his son’s confinement to a wheelchair, Patrick O’Brien asked Senator Nielsen to introduce this measure to help prevent other families from the anguish he and his family endured.

Mr. O’Brien said, “My 19-year-old son was able to walk into a smoke shop to easily, legally and cheaply purchase a large quantity of a nitrous oxide. In my opinion, there isn’t a viable reason to sell this substance in a smoke shop. My concern about whippits and the damage it causes to the central nervous system led me to reach out to Senator Nielsen and share my story.”

Senate Bill 193 will now move onto the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development for its consideration on April 8.

Senator Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District.

Source: Office of Jim Nielsen ★

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Kathryn Darlene Behunin

May 7, 1935 to March 26, 2019

We announce the passing of Kathryn Darlene Behunin, on Tuesday March 26, 2019 at the age of 83 after a brief stay at the Orchard Hospital in Gridley, California. She was born in Moundville, Missouri on May 7, 1935 and she has lived in Gridley since 1978. She was an active member of the Gridley Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years Otto E. Behunin, a son Scott (Tamra), daughters Lynne, Leigh and a brother Donald L. Short, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Darlene followed Otto to Gridley after 28 years in the Air Force stationed in many locations across the country and overseas. She enjoyed home gardening,

serving at church and the community and working for 27 years at Thrifty and Rite Aid.

A viewing will be held at Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel (679 Ohio Street) on Friday March 29th from 6 – 8 p.m. Services will be held Saturday March 30th at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 400 Spruce Street in Gridley at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be at the Gridley Biggs Cemetery On Monday April 1st. The public is invited to all events.

Mom loved her Savior Jesus Christ, her husband, her family, many friends and neighbors and they all loved her.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

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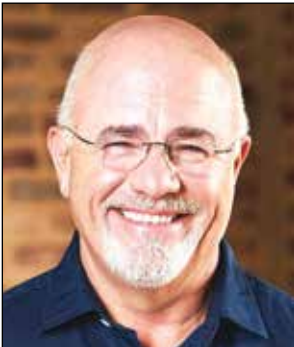
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Don't Play the Game

Dear Dave,  
How do you feel about timeshares, and the free trips and dinners they offer as part of their sales pitches? Is it possible to win with these things?

– Dan

Dear Dan,

In my opinion, time-shares are a complete waste of time and money. Lots of folks go into this kind of thing believing they'll play the game and win. They think they'll get a vacation weekend and other free stuff, then just say "no" when the time comes. The problem is, most people aren't as tough a sell as they think. Besides, do you really want to waste a weekend of your life letting some pushy salesperson twist your arm? That's not

Dave Ramsey Says

my idea of fun.

As a whole, timeshares have an incredibly high dissatisfaction rate. It's almost impossible to find anyone who's happy they bought into one, and there are good reasons for this. Why would you pay thousands of your hard-earned dollars for a tiny place you may or may not get a chance to visit once a year? Add to this the fact that you have no equity in the place, and you're stuck paying ongoing maintenance fees.

My advice? Don't take a chance playing the game, Dan. There are much better uses for your time and money!– Dave

Paid in Full?

Dear Dave,  
I've been late on a credit card bill several times, and it was turned over to a collection agency. They have offered a couple of different payment options. If I agree to one of these, does that mean the original creditor gets paid, too?

– Carter

Dear Carter,

A collection agency either owns the debt outright, or they're directly

representing the credit card company in these kinds of situations. It's not unusual for things to be handled this way when someone has defaulted on a loan.

Unless you have the cash to make good on the debt outright, I'd go ahead and accept whichever deal makes the most sense for you and your current financial situation. You've already got a mark against you on your credit report for having this turned over to collections, so an indication of settlement on a credit card you defaulted on is really no big deal.

But here's my best piece of advice—stop using credit cards! – 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

Food Allergies



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

Food allergies are on the rise in the United States, and it is estimated that as many as 8% of children suffer from at least one food allergy. A food allergy is when your body's immune system responds to a certain food as harmful and has a reaction. These reactions can range from itchy skin, vomiting, or diarrhea to trouble breathing, wheezing, or anaphylaxis, which is life-threatening.

Although it is uncertain why food allergies have increased, one theory is the hygiene hypothesis. Our immune system's job is to fight germs and stave off infections. However, our homes have been sanitized with bleach and antibacterial soap. In our efforts to provide clean homes for our families, our immune systems have lost their job, so they are looking for something to do. It may sense a certain food as harmful, and take measures to protect the body.

Another theory is the way foods are processed. For instance, in China, peanut allergies are far less common than in the United States. While peanuts are roasted in the US, they are boiled in China. Boiling does not alter the protein in peanuts as does roasting and typically, it is the protein in foods that acts as the allergen.

There are eight foods that account for 90% of food allergies:

- o Peanuts
- o Cow's milk
- o Eggs
- o Fish
- o Wheat
- o Shellfish
- o Tree Nuts
- o Soy

Peanuts, milk, and eggs are the most common food allergies in children. While many children outgrow these allergies, some will have them their entire lives.

In the past, physicians have advised parents not to introduce potential allergy foods to children until age 3. However, recent studies have shown that introducing these foods early may help prevent the allergy from developing. The LEAP study (Learning Early About Peanuts), which was the first randomized trial to study early allergen introduction as

a preventive strategy, found that the introduction of infant-safe peanut-containing foods at 4–11 months of age significantly reduced the risk of developing peanut allergy in high-risk infants. High-risk infants were defined as those who had severe eczema and/or egg allergy. The LEAP study was led by Professor Gideon Lack, and the results were published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Similar studies have been conducted on early introduction of eggs to prevent allergies, but the results have been mixed or inconclusive. More research needs to be performed in the area of food allergies to better guide the path.

If you are concerned about food allergies for your child, talk to your pediatrician. Refrain from providing any of the above-mentioned foods to your child until approved by your doctor.

Sincerely,

Dear Dietitian

*Leanne McCrate, RD, LD, CNSC is a registered dietitian based in Missouri. Her mission is to educate the public on sound, evidence-based nutrition. Do you have a nutrition question? Email her at deardietitian411@gmail.com.* ★



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Looking Back

BY SETI LONG

The following are stories that appeared in the Gridley Herald 25, 50, 75, 100 and 125 years ago:

25 Years Ago (1994)

“Shocking Honors”

Mayor Frank Cook of Gridley, on the behalf of the City Council and community, honored two men credited with saving the life of Gridley Electric Department Lineman, Tom Wiles. Dominic Bellocchi, a General Electric Engineer and Gridley Electric Department Electric Department Ground worker, Ralph Lewis were on site at the Electrical Department Substation in Gridley when Wiles suffered a 7,200 volt electrical shock that knocked him unconscious after accidentally touching a live wire. Bellocchi immediately pulled the wires away from Wiles and other electrical equipment present and began administering CPR. Bellocchi and Lewis were able to revive Wiles after about 2 minutes of frantic efforts. Wiles was present at the ceremony when the two were commended and expressed his thanks for their efforts.

50 Years Ago (1969)

“Time Winner”

Sycamore School Student, Peter Rush, has been named a winner of the annual Current Affairs Contest conducted by the magazine, “Time.” The winners are selected from more than 2,500,000 students across the U.S. And Canada who participated in the event, now in its 33rd year. The Current Affairs Test asks contestants 100 questions based on significant news stories in “Time,” including national and foreign affairs. Other high scoring students from the Gridley area were Charles Wilson and James Gray. Top scorers were awarded certificates of excellence and merit from James R. Shepley, Publisher of “Time” magazine.

75 Years Ago (1944)

“Onstotts Purchase Ranch”

The completion of a major reality transaction shows that ownership of the 215 acres northeast of Gridley, known for years as the Silva-Bergtholdt holdings and owner for some time by Bank of America, has passed to F.A. Onstott. Eight acres of the place is planted in peaches while the rest is open land. Internal revenue stamps indicated that the deal was sale was worth \$60,000.00.

100 Years Ago (1919)

“Biggs News”

The Motion Picture committee is in Biggs this week having the chairs in the Firemans Hall repaired. The seating capacity will be increased by about 50 when the work is completed. In other news, Abe Reuff, of San Francisco, owner of the Hotel Colonia, was in town this week inspecting his property for the first time. HE acquired the hotel through a trade about a year ago and has not seen his holding until this week. He is much pleased with the property and plans to instal a number of improvements.

125 Years Ago (1894)

“Publishers Petition”

The Stockholders of the Gridley Publishing Company petitioned for the privilege of erecting telephone poles and wire along the streets of the city of Marysville for the period of fifty years for the purpose of enabling them to connect their office at Gridley with the surrounding towns and ranches. In consideration, the city officials were to have free use of the lines. ★

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- 5. Recipe amt.
- 8. \*Overseas flyer's fatigue
- 11. Like traditional storytelling
- 12. Jasmine or university in Houston
- 13. In an unfriendly manner
- 15. Log splitter
- 16. Dashing style
- 17. Best of the crop
- 18. \*European Union capital
- 20. Charged particles
- 21. \*Like Pigalle or De Wallen?
- 22. Genetic stuff
- 23. Jewish village
- 26. Between a walk and a trot
- 30. Formula One ride
- 31. Even though
- 34. Itty-bitty bit
- 35. Full of pep
- 37. \*Artifact from Ancient Greece, e.g.
- 38. Stir fry
- 39. Eye part
- 40. \*Euroscopic's decision
- 42. Salon product
- 43. Ernst to Young
- 45. Those who chronicle
- 47. #20 Across, sing.
- 48. The City of a Thousand Minarets
- 50. Chip and Joanna Gaines' hometown
- 52. \*High speed carrier
- 55. Tibetan priests
- 56. Small cave
- 57. Seed coat
- 59. Skirt shape
- 60. Theories
- 61. Human parasites
- 62. \*Like many European structures
- 63. \*Black or Ligurian, e.g.
- 64. Japanese vodka

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- 2. Oman man
- 3. Wild ox of India
- 4. Treat badly
- 5. \*Like many roofs in old Spain
- 6. Like reptile's skin
- 7. Montblanc and such
- 8. Right to a property
- 9. \*Sad to say..."
- 10. Fitness venue
- 12. Bring to consignment store
- 13. Cake layer
- 14. \*Part of former Yugoslavia
- 19. Caterpillar hairs
- 22. i topper
- 23. \*Bluebill duck in Europe
- 24. Middle Eastern sesame treat
- 25. Judge, e.g.
- 26. Put a hex on
- 27. \*Paris' Moulin \_\_\_\_
- 28. Weasel's aquatic cousin
- 29. Chinese weight units
- 32. Dog nemesis
- 33. Before, archaic
- 36. \* \_\_\_\_ City, the smallest country
- 38. Astrologer's concern, pl.
- 40. \*London's Big \_\_\_\_
- 41. Stupid ones
- 44. Pirate's necklace
- 46. Bottom lines
- 48. Witch's spell
- 49. Something in the air
- 50. \*Cold War divide
- 51. In the middle of
- 52. Knight's breastplate
- 53. \*La Scala sound
- 54. \*American tour guide
- 55. Pathet \_\_\_\_
- 58. "Fantasy Island" prop

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# Gallagher Bill to Help Schools Affected By Camp Fire Clears Committee

By Curtis Grima

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Assemblyman James Gallagher's (R-Yuba City) Assembly Bill 297, which helps ensure continued funding for schools post Camp Fire, passed the Assembly Education Committee with unanimous support on March 14, 2019.

"Paradise is a resilient and strong community, but the truth is that it will take many years to rebuild the town, and without the necessary resources and support we will not be able to provide our students, teachers, and families with what they need and deserve. This bill will allow PUSD to continue our current excellent educational programs and remain competitive for teachers' salaries when there are so many disincentives for our staff to remain in Paradise at this time. With such an unprecedented fire, we believe an unprecedented recovery plan should be considered," said Paradise Superintendent Michelle John who testified in support of the bill at the hearing.



Assemblyman James Gallagher

It will take years for impacted communities to recover and rebuild, and while people are displaced, public services like education could be severely impacted. The Local Control Funding Formula provides a base amount of funding tied to each district's average daily attendance.

Therefore, if students are temporarily displaced due to a fire, it could have huge financial implications for a school district. AB 297 will provide a financial buffer for schools, including local charter schools, which experienced attendance loss due to the fire.

"Our schools and the teachers that continue to selflessly serve our students amidst their own losses

need to have assurances that the fire will not negatively impact their funding. Not only will this give families assurances and support as they rebuild their lives, but it is crucial to the economic recovery of Paradise and other affected areas," said Gallagher.

The Camp Fire, which started in Butte County on November 8th, 2018, was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California state history. It burned 153,336 acres, killing 85 individuals and destroying 18,804 structures. The fire displaced over 50,000 people and devastated the communities of Magalia, Concow and Paradise.

For more information on Assemblyman Gallagher, and to track legislation visit [www.assembly.ca.gov/Gallagher](http://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.

Source: Office of James Gallagher ★

# Thoughts to Ponder

BY KATHY NEAL  
GRIDLEY UNITED  
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covers everything. The earth shakes. People are moved to terror. Its over Easter has arrived.

"Be of good cheer. I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) The celebration of our death from sin and the beginning of a new life in Christ will take place at churches and meeting places all over the world. A great day to step out of darkness and into a world of light with Christ our Savior.

Come join us in the journey to the light at the Gridley United Methodist Church. We worship at 10 am every Sunday. We are located on the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. ★

Egg hunt, new dresses and hats, chocolate bunnies, baskets filled with colored grass, and hot cross buns. Easter has arrived.

But first a tragic tale must unfold before we can enjoy all the beautiful flowers, bright lights of candles, and family gatherings. Someone must be beaten, dragged through the streets, spat upon, and nailed on a cross for one dark day. Any volunteers?

No voice rings out from the crowd. Finally, one man is selected by a kiss and 30 pieces of silver are used to betray

this man. What now?

Friends flee the area, some hide, others run in horror as the volunteer is pulled along covered in a purple robe. Then he is made fun of with a crown of thorns from a nearby bush.

Finally, the man is hung on a cross and left to suffer bleeding, thirst, and death. Darkness



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Questions regarding this bid must be directed to [frontdesk@landmarkconst.net](mailto:frontdesk@landmarkconst.net).

The Gridley Herald - Mar. 29 and April 5, 2019

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #19CV00843

1. Petitioner Alexander Corral-Riberdy filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

<b>Present name</b> Alexander Rafael Corral-Ribordy	<b>Proposed name</b> Alexander Rafael Corral
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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 May 8, 2019 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928 Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, and 19, 2019 (The Gridley Herald)

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #19CV00849

1. Petitioner Tranette Gail Maddox and Rex Sherman Maddox filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

<b>Present name</b> Tyler Jonathan Omier	<b>Proposed name</b> Tyler Jonathan Maddox
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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 May 22, 2019 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928 Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, and 19, 2019 (The Gridley Herald)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000302

The following persons are doing business as: LATITUDES & ATTITUDES  
9353 Oroville Quincy Hwy Berry Creek, CA 95916  
The Bitchin Group, INC, 9353 Oroville Quincy Hwy Berry Creek, CA 95916  
Date Filed in Butte County: March 7, 2019  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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The following persons are doing business as: AMPERSAND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY  
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Ronald J. Mayeri, 3975 Spencer Avenue Oroville, CA 95966  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000248

The following persons are doing business as: APOLLO ELECTRIC AND PUMP  
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Nicholas Jay Fiorenza, 1797 Merrill Road Paradise, CA 95969  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000253

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1958 Robinson Street Oroville, CA 95965

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000294

The following persons are doing business as: NOTTY ROOM  
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Branden Lee Salyer, 1090 Butte Avenue Oroville, CA 95965  
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The following persons are doing business as: GRIDLEY YOUTH RUGBY, INC  
1743 W Biggs Gridley Road Gridley, CA 95948  
Gridley Youth Rugby, Inc, 1743 W Biggs Gridley Road Gridley, CA 95948  
Date Filed in Butte County: January 3, 2019  
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561 West Evans Reimer Road Gridley, CA 95948  
Lizabeth Boehm Lundberg, PO Box 468 Gridley, CA 95948, Michael Joel Lundberg, PO Box 468 Gridley, CA 95948, Michelle Mastelotto Lundberg, 3566 Sanders Road Live Oak, CA 95953 and Theodore Steven Lundberg, 3566 Sanders Road Live Oak, CA 95953  
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The following persons are doing business as: CHICO INVESTIGATIONS GROUP

3064 Rae Creek Drive Chico, CA 95973  
James Calvin Atkins, 3064 Rae Creek Drive Chico, CA 95973  
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The following persons are doing business as: STARS AND STRIPES TOWING

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Chante Dwayne Vincent, 115 Weger Drive Oroville CA 95966, Tammy Jane Vincent, 115 Weger Drive Oroville, CA 95966  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2019-0000305

The following persons are doing business as: Escue Cleaning

3151 Claremont Drive Oroville, CA 95966  
Escue Corporation, 3151 Claremont Drive Oroville, CA 95966  
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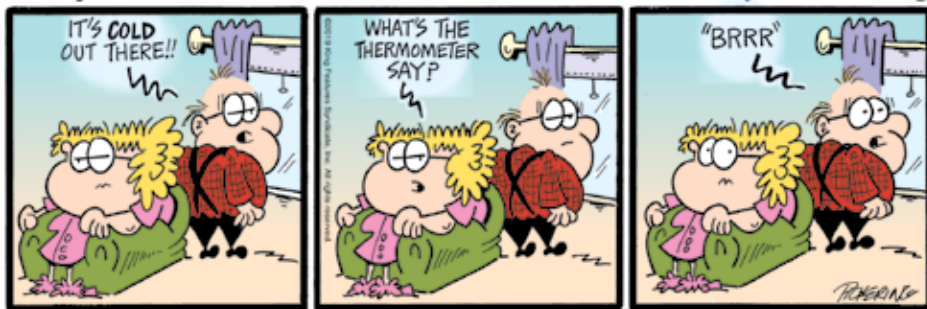


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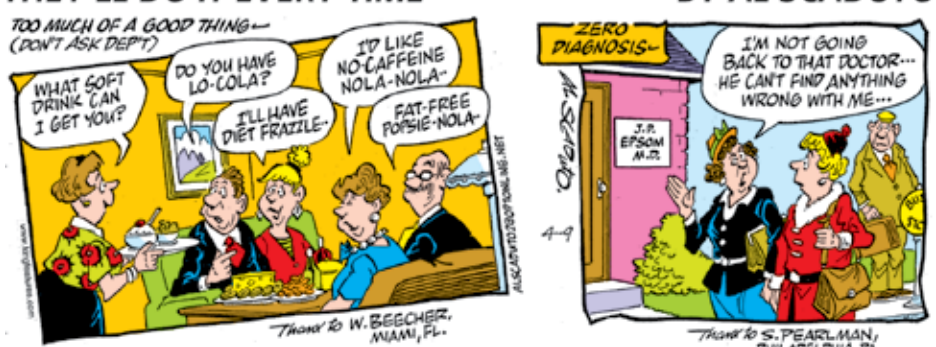
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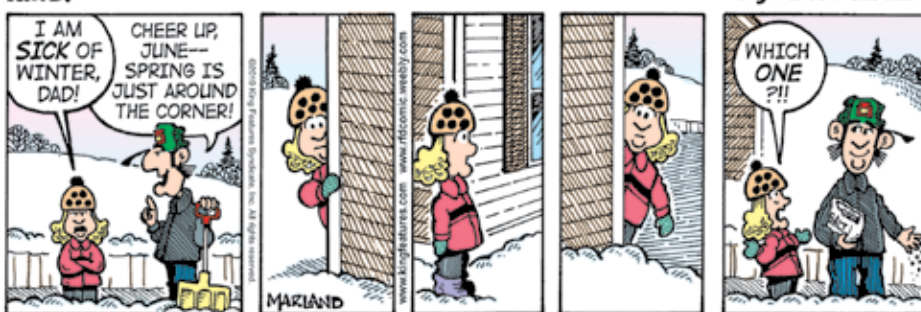
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# CHEERS & JEERS

By Damian Holbrook

### Cheers to Project Blue Book

for its X-ceptional odd couple. Hynek (Aidan Gillen) and Quinn (Michael Malarkey) were an engaging, prickly pair that kept Season 1 of History's UFO drama grounded even as the skies filled with cases ripped from real life.

### Jeers to American Idol

for focusing on the wrong talent. ABC's reboot returned to find a new singing star, but the season premiere spent so much time on the jokey vibes between judges Lionel Richie, Katy Perry and

Luke Bryan, most auditioners barely had a chance to shine.

### Jeers to Netflix

for not completing its *Grand Designs*. The addictive British series about outlandishly constructed homes has been running in the UK for 19 seasons—plus spin-offs!—yet there are only two years of episodes available for streaming. Way to undervalue an incredible property.

### Cheers to USA's Suits

for its finely tailored season finale. In addition to delivering a crafty twist that showcased the always awesome Wendell Pierce (as exiting partner



Hynek (Aidan Gillen) and Quinn (Michael Malarkey) were an engaging, prickly pair that kept Season 1 of History's UFO drama grounded.

Robert Zane), fans also got a hookup between Donna and Harvey (Sarah Rafferty and Gabriel Macht) that was as hard-earned as it was hot. ★

to put their lives together while in recovery from addiction. These characters often suffer serious setbacks, but never lose their blunt sense of humor. *Mom* began as more of a domestic comedy but has evolved into a female buddy comedy about hard-working Christy (Anna Faris), her more outrageous also-in-recovery mom Bonnie (Allison Janney) and their core group of friends in a support group. (Kristen Johnston joined the gang this season as a boisterous ex-con.) I recommend *Mom*, while acknowledging that it might not be your beverage of choice.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: [tvinsider.com](http://tvinsider.com) ★



## ASK MATT

BY MATT ROUSH TV Guide Senior Critic

### Should I Check Out Mom On Cbs?

**Question:** A lot of people recommend watching *Mom*, but when I heard it was created and written by Chuck Lorre, the same guy who made *The Big Bang Theory*, it was an instant “nope!” But since I trust your TV judgment, is it worth watching? —Thelma

**Matt Roush:** These questions are tough to answer, because while I have been on record from the start as a fan of *Mom*,

that style of comedy isn't to everyone's taste. If you flinch at the very thought of *The Big Bang Theory*, then maybe a sitcom in the same style—big broad jokes in front of a studio audience—won't be to your liking. But I've always found *Mom* to be a cut above the Chuck Lorre norm, more in the mode of a show like original *Roseanne* or *Grace Under Fire*, as it tracks the lives of mostly working-class people trying

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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Last week on a beautiful sunny day a loud buzzing noise became obvious out front. My husband said, “That sounds like bees.” I replied, “That’s weird our tree is done blooming.” He went outside and I followed. There in our tree was a bee swarm. Bees were flying

willy- nilly everywhere. They were landing on our car in groups. They were flying up, down and all around. It was very odd and very buzzy. I pride myself on having a habitat yard but this was ridiculous. There the bees were hanging in bunches...the mass in the tree was about a foot and a half wide and several inches deep.

As they all found their way into the mass of bees crawling over each other the buzzing became less. Turns out the roofers at our neighbor’s house had quickly gone down their ladder as this mass of bees loudly buzzed right past where they had been working. What to do? In the mountains we had seen a big swarm and a nearby

bee keeper came and got it. That was in a bush, low down. This was at least 20 ft up and in a town. I called around looking for bee-keepers. Ended up having an interesting conversation with a beekeeper’s wife. She let me know that more than likely the wind would encourage this group to move on. And so, they did. I wonder who got them next.

My husband had to clean out a gutter that was overflowing at the back of the house. Half of the gutter had leaf protection, half did not. He found a Mexican Fan Palm living, well rooted in the compost in our gutter. I guess we would have noticed a palm on our roof once it got bigger. ★

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# Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



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mail. As usual. “Are you going to ask him?” said Doc, turning to Herb.

“You’re closer to him than I am, Doc. I might have to raise my voice. Weakens a guy.”

Doc grinned. “Okay, Steve, what’s the problem?” “Licenses. Every dang time you turn around some guy behind a counter tells you you have to buy a license. Runs a guy straight into the poorhouse. It does. “Why, you have to have a license for your pickup, and for your dog, and I’ll bet if a guy got married, he’d need a license for that, too.”

“You got that right,” said Dud.

“Them HAM radio guys gotta have a license, too,” Steve said. “Once you buy a license, they give you all them numbers and letters,

so your buddies in Thailand know it’s you. I’m tired of it. We need a simpler way to live.”

“Okay, Steve,” Doc said, “What do you suggest we do?”

Steve grinned. “Everybody get a horse. You don’t need a license for the horse.”

You can get on him and ride him everywhere you go. Works out just fine, in my thinking.”

Doc smiled. “I have to go to a conference in Boston, Steve. Any suggestions?”

“Well, Doc,” Steve said. “I believe if I were you, I’d saddle up and leave now.”

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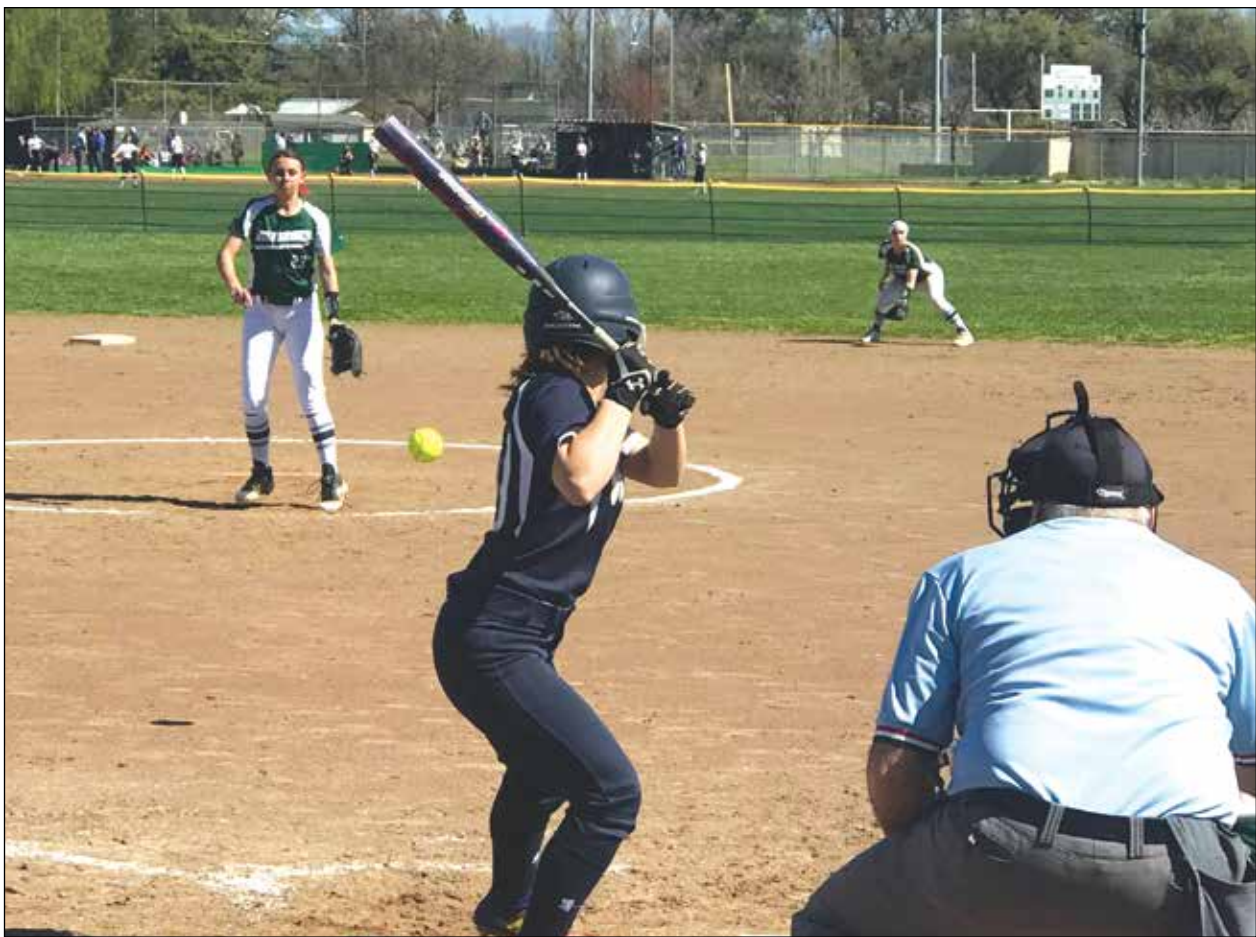
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# SPORTS

## Biggs Varsity Softball Rolls To Three Wins In Wolverine Classic



Biggs' pitcher Megan Shelton delivers a pitch to a Mercy batter during the Wolverine Classic on March 21, 2019 Photo courtesy of Josh Porcayo

By Josh Porcayo

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - The rain let up long enough last week for the Biggs varsity softball team to host their annual softball classic tournament. The Lady Wolverines entered the tournament with a successful 8-2 record. Coach Michelle Felkins credits her team's success largely on the young pitching staff and strong defense behind them. Coach Felkins feels that her two middle infielders,

Megan Collins at shortstop and Emma Hudson at second base, are some of the best in the game right now at the prep level. Collins and Hudson have helped their team out of many innings turning routine double plays. On Thursday, March 21st, the Wolverines hit the field against Mercy high school of Red Bluff. Both teams went scoreless through three full innings before Biggs blew the game open with three runs in the bottom of the fourth

inning. The Lady Wolverines added two more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to shut out the Warriors 5-0. Megan Shelton took to the circle for the Wolverines pitching all six innings. She struck out six Mercy hitters and gave up zero earned runs in the game. The Wolverine offense was led by Megan Collins who went 2-for-2 with two singles and four stolen bases. Emma Hudson went 1-for-3 with an inside the park home run. Natalia

Castillo also contributed going 1-for-3 with two RBIs. The Lady Wolverines completed back-to-back shutouts when they rolled the Los Molinos Bulldogs 17-0 in three innings. Biggs scored an impressive twelve runs in the first inning, adding five more in the second inning. Megan Shelton took to the circle again for the Wolverines striking out three batters and walking three in three innings. The entire Wolverine offense went to



Biggs' pitcher Megan Shelton delivers a pitch during the Wolverine Classic on March 21, 2019 Photo courtesy of Josh Porcayo

work against the Bulldogs in the game. Most notable performances were from Castillo who went 2-for-2 with six RBIs and Abby Mattos who went 2-for-2 with three RBIs. On Friday, March 22nd, Biggs hit the diamond pumped up ready to play. The Lady Wolverines again put up an impressive first inning scoring eleven runs, and scored in each inning after that beating Hamilton City 15-3 in four innings. Shelton and Zonah Headley each pitched two innings for the Lady Wolverines, each striking out and walking one

batter. The Biggs offensive team contributed again to the overall success of the win. Most notably was Castillo who went 2-for-2 with a double and one RBI, Hudson who went 1-for-1 with two RBIs, and Emma Ceballos who went 1-for-1 with a double and two RBIs. Due to the rain the remainder of the tournament was canceled Saturday and ended early. Weather permitting the Lady Wolverines will be at Durham and Chester on March 27th and March 29th. ★

## Gridley Varsity Softball Drops Two During Week Play

By Josh Porcayo

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Gridley's Varsity Lady Bulldogs struggled to keep their opponents at bay during week play in back-to-back days on March 21st and March 22nd. Gridley took the long route to Biggs high school where they faced off against the Lady Wolverines who were 7-2 entering the contest. The Bulldogs went scoreless in the first inning with Biggs' offense delivering a message in the bottom half of the inning scoring four. Starting pitcher, Ashley Rudd, put the Lady Wolverines on top in the bottom of the first with an RBI double. But Gridley didn't go away quietly. The Lady Bulldogs' starting pitcher, McKenna Speer, helped her team answer with three runs in the top of the second inning

when she hit a single to center fielder Madi Roles scoring MacKenzie Rogers from third base. The Wolverines put up two more runs in the second and third innings and took control of the game for good winning 9-6 in 6 ½ innings. Gridley's offense was led by Maycee Sullivan who went 4-for-4 on the day with three singles and a double, Isabella Castillo who went 2-for-4 with two singles and one RBI, Macey McClellan who went 2-for-4 with two singles, and Speer who went 1-for-1 with two RBIs. Biggs' offense was led by Megan Collins who went 3-for-4 with one RBI, Emma Ceballos who went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, and Abby Mattos who went 1-for-3 with two RBIs. The next day the Lady Bulldogs

hosted East Nicolaus where they met the Lady Spartans. East Nicolaus scored in the third inning and never surrendered the lead from there. Gridley's offense couldn't capitalize early in the game and never put any runs across. The Spartans went on to win 8-0 in seven innings. Sullivan took to the circle for the Bulldogs pitching 5 ⅔ innings striking out one and only giving up one earned run. Speer relieved Sullivan in the sixth pitching 1 ½ inning striking out one and giving up zero earned runs. Ally Mardesich went 2-for-3 with two singles, Castillo went 1-for-3 with a single, and Autumn Charlton went 1-for-2 with a single. Weather permitting the Lady Bulldogs are scheduled to play Marysville and Wheatland on March 25th, 26th, and 29th. ★

## Live Oak Softball Competes to The End Twice in Week Play

By Josh Porcayo

**ORLAND, CA (MPG)** - Live Oak varsity softball hosted two teams during the week and fell short in both games. The first game, on Tuesday March 19th, the Lady Lions hosted the Wheatland Pirates in a game where the Lions never gave up. Although Wheatland had an 8-1 lead going into the bottom of the fifth inning, the Lady Lions managed to get four across to keep the game alive. But the Lady Pirates answered back with two more in the sixth inning increasing their lead 10-5. With all they had the Lions fight to the end putting three across home plate, but fell short 10-8. Live Oaks offense was led by freshmen Jena Emerson who went 2-for-4 with a triple and three RBIs and Allie Heath who went 2-for-2 with two singles. Faith Epperson started in the circle for the Lady Lions pitching three

innings before reliever Emerson came in for four innings. The second game on Thursday, March 21st, the Lady Lions hosted Orland high school in a game that came down to the last inning to decide a winner. The Lady Lions got on the board first in the bottom of the second inning putting three across home plate, but went cold afterwards. The Lady Trojans answered back with one in the top of the third and again with two in the top of the sixth to tie the game at 3-3. In the top of the seventh inning the Trojans put another on the board to secure the win against the Lions 4-3. The Lady Lions offense was led once again by freshman Heath and Emerson who both got two hits in the game. Makenna Douglas contributed going 1-for-3 with an RBI double. Weather permitting the Lady Lions will host and travel to Colusa high school on March 26th and 29th. ★

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# \$20 Million Block Grant Awards for the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program

By Jerry Davies

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program aims to help communities prioritize, develop, and implement projects to strengthen fire resiliency, increase carbon sequestration, and manage greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment.

The California Fire Safe Council in partnership with the Watershed Research and Training Center (WRTC) will deploy and facilitate community involvement and capacity building investments modeled after the Sierra Nevada Conservancy’s successful Watershed Improvement Program (WIP).

This approach prioritizes watersheds in need of forest-health activities across the state with a special focus on those at-risk from catastrophic wildfire and ripe for capacity building.

“With California facing unprecedented wildfire risk, we need every tool available to put the state on a path toward long-term wildfire prevention and forest health,” California Secretary for Natural Resources Wade Crowfoot said.



“The California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) will receive approximately \$1.7 million over three years to build community and institutional capacity for community wildfire resiliency,” said Tracy Katelman, Executive Director of CFSC.

“Working with The Watershed Center, CFSC will place three coordinators and staff in key locations around the state to build local and regional capacity to improve forest health and help Californians learn to live safely with wildfire.” “Our mission is to create and sustain healthy lands and healthy communities through local workforce training and development,” said Nick Goulette, Executive Director of The Watershed Center.

“We look forward to working with CFSC and the other block grant recipients to deploy community capacity building approaches that

we’ve honed over the last two decades to support natural resource management, economic development, and community resilience to wildfire,” Goulette added.

The Watershed Research and Training Center, headquartered in Trinity County, has been facilitating the development and implementation of watershed-based forest conservation for over 25 years.

Over the last 20 years, we have been a national leader in mentoring, training, and peer network development in support of community and landscape resilience to wildland fire, most recently through our leadership with the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network.

The California Fire Safe Council has been mobilizing Californians to protect their homes, communities and environments from wildfires for over 25 years. Along with our grant-making and our past liaising for the Firewise USA recognition program, we have a deep history of providing capacity building and technical assistance for local Fire Safe Councils, and in facilitating cross-sectoral investments in wildfire resilience. ★

# Big Smiles at Big Momma's



Owners Melvin Strong (far left) and Diane Strong (far right) pictured with the girls of the Fall River High School Softball team that stopped by for lunch while in town for a tournament. When asked how it was, the girls cried out in unison, "It was the bomb!!" Judging by their smiles, they were telling the truth. Photo by Seti Long.

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BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Proprietors of Big Momma's #1 BBQ, Melvin and Diane Strong, have always had a love for good food, good people and the Lord. The pair got their start when they volunteered to BBQ to fundraise for the men’s ministry at Wynn Memorial Church of God in Oroville. After 4 years of slinging BBQ for the ministry and being urged by everyone who got a taste to start a restaurant, they decided to take a leap of faith and do just that.

Through what Melvin would call divine intervention, an oversized smoker/grill found its way to the couple. They named her "Big Momma" on account of her size and in honor of both their mothers, who inspired the current menu. Melvin’s mother taught Diane how to prepare authentic southern style collard greens and Diane drew from the island flavor palate of her native American Samoa to create sides, custom seasoning and marinades. Meanwhile, Melvin manned Big Momma. To the delight of Biggs residents, the 100% family owned and operated Big Momma's #1 BBQ opened its doors to the public on the fourth of July, 2018.

Shortly after donating free cooked meals to Camp Fire evacuees and first responders after the November 8th Camp Fire Disaster, the windows of Big Mommas went dark and patrons found the doors locked. What the public didn't know was that the Strong's were experiencing their owner personal disaster.

their destiny get back to the restaurant.

On Tuesday, March 19th, Big Mommas reopened her doors. Diane said “I’m excited to be back. I fell in love with Biggs and the people here are sweethearts.” Melvin said that “after what we went through, we knew we had to stop messing around and get back to



100% family owned and operated. Melvin and Diane strong stand proudly with their son, Kwan Strong (far right), who helps them run the restaurant. (Photo by Seti Long)

In late November, Diane lost her mother. The family temporarily closed its doors in order to grieve, not knowing what waited ahead. On Christmas Eve, the Strong's received horrible news. They had lost their 28 year old son, his life tragically cut short by a drunk driver. Soon after, Melvin was besieged by illness and spent 7 days in the hospital fighting for his life. Through it all their faith remained strong and the couple knew it was

what the Lord had blessed us with (Big Mommas).” The pair thanked the public in a online post stating "Life is never certain, yet we have found a way to press forward and get back to doing what we love."

Welcome back, Big Momma's #1 BBQ.

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