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CalTrans has plans to implement new safety measures on Hwy 70. Photo by Seti Long, and contributed by CalTrans.

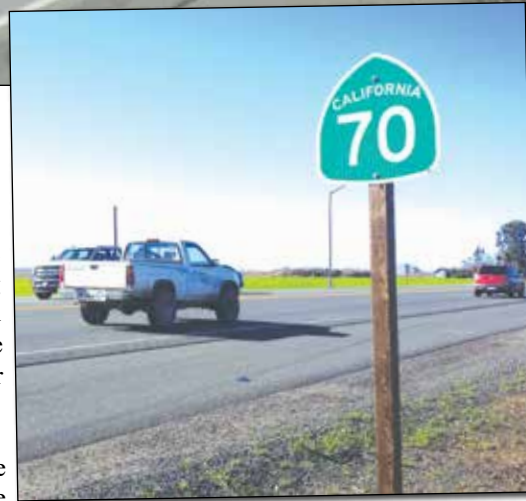
By Seti Long

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) -The section of Hwy 70 that stretches between the northern city limits of Marysville to Oroville has been knick-named "Blood Alley" by some and is known as one of the deadliest roadways in northern California. Over the recent years, the increase in hazardous driving along the mostly two-laned highway has resulted in over 30 fatal accidents. In an effort to promote safer driving conditions, Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol and local elected officials announced a series of safety measures at a press conference held Wednesday, March 6th.

These upcoming roadway improvements and measures are part of a multi-agency campaign to increase public safety and reduce traffic collisions along the highway 70 corridor and will precede the start of a series of construction projects along the route planned to begin later this spring. Among those projects will be the addition of passing lanes from Ophir Road to Palermo Road. Caltrans District 3 Director Amarjeet

S. Benipal said during the conference that "We echo the public concerns about traffic safety along this corridor and stand committed to ensure the roadway stays safe for travel. Safety is our top 1 priority."

Officials from the Yuba-Sutter and Oroville CHP offices, Butte and Yuba Counties, joined Benipal in announcing the establishment of a Daylight Headlight Section on a 22-miles stretch of highway 70. Motorists will now be required to turn on their headlights while driving on Hwy 70 anywhere between Laurellen Rd north of Marysville and Ophir Rd, just south of Oroville. Benipal states that "From our experience, daylight headlight sections have been effective in increasing motorist safety on heavily traveled rural roadways." Statistics from National and International studies support the director's comment, showing that the use of daytime use of headlights reduce daylight



vehicles accidents from 5 to 15 percent. Signs notating the new measure will be installed along highway 70 as soon as weather permits.

Other safety measures that can be expected in the near future are the installation of 5 solar-powered RADAR speed feedback signs in along the route in Yuba and Butte counties and 3 signs alerting motorists that passing lanes are ahead between Cox Lane and Central House Rd. The installation of additional rumble strips along the corridor, alerting motorists that they are crossing the center divide or leaving the roadway, is expected to cut fatal accidents by 44 percent and head-on collisions by 42 percent. ★

CA Has Some of the Worst Drivers

By Emily Lamb

If you're constantly frustrated with the drivers you share the streets with, you're not alone. And there may be some truth to your road rage. Car crashes are a leading cause of death in the US and were expected to cause around 40,000 deaths by the end of 2018.

To put it plainly, America's roads are dangerous. Texting behind the wheel is a major reason for many traffic fatalities, and it's only getting worse. In 2016, 3,450 people were killed by distracted driving. Plus, cheap gas and a strong economy means America's 222 million licensed drivers are driving more than ever. More people on the road leads to more accidents and citations.

Every state has their share of bad drivers, but some are worse than others. We ranked all states from worst to best based on the methodology outlined at the end of the article. These states have the worst drivers, in order; Maine, South Carolina, Nebraska, California, and North Dakota.

The US has been politically polarized for a long time. But after the 2016 presidential elections and the 2018 midterms, there's a rising divide between Democrats and Republicans. We took it upon ourselves to settle the score by determining which political party is better behind the wheel.

So, which is it- red or blue? The final score is a bit of a tossup. Considering two-thirds of the best driving states are historically red, and the worst driving state is blue, it looks like red takes the lead. But, the second and third worst driving states are conservative strongholds. So, we're calling it a tie.

Whether you live among the best or the worst drivers in the country, you still need a strong auto insurance policy. Especially if you live in Maine, South Carolina, Nebraska, California, North Dakota, or one of America's worst driving states.

Your rates depend in part on how well the people around you can drive. Why? Because the more bad drivers there are on the road, the higher the chance of a collision. Even if you're a fantastic driver, living in a state full of speed demons or reckless traffic weavers can cause your rates to skyrocket. Car insurance companies look at your zip code to determine your prices. And if your zip code has a propensity for poor driving, you'll pay more for coverage.

The rankings are a sum of weighted means calculated from these incidents: Accidents; Speeding tickets; DUIs; Citations; Fatalities.

Source: quotewizard-blog.com ★

Camp Fire Recovery Advocate Casey Hatcher Honored Woman of the Year

By Nghia Nguyen

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Northstate Senator Jim Nielsen recognized Casey Hatcher, an advocate of the Camp Fire survivors and Butte County's Business Ombudsman, as the Fourth Senate District's Woman of the Year on March 4th.

"Casey is our unsung heroine," said Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama). "The work Casey has done and continues to do on behalf of Camp Fire victims and survivors is extraordinary. She helps thousands of people learn about the rebuilding process and fire debris removal."

In accepting of this recognition, Casey Hatcher, a resident of Chico said, "It is such an honor to be recognized as Woman of the Year. I grew up in Northern



"Casey is our unsung heroine," said Senator Jim Nielsen. Photo courtesy Office of Jim Nielsen

California and found my passion serving the public. We've been through quite a year, and I'm lucky to have exceptional mentors and be part of a team of people who work tirelessly to help

our communities."

Each year, the California State Senate honors a woman who dedicates her time to help others in the community.

Throughout its history,

California has benefited immensely from the contributions of women who possess great public spirit and have taken a keen interest in local affairs.

Senator Nielsen added, "Casey plays a critical role in bringing back businesses to our fire-torn region. She brings together local economic development providers, and state and federal partners to solve immediate needs of affected businesses and employees."

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. ★

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By Josh F.W. Cook**

United States Navy SKD1c (his rank) Vere Gardner, one of the last remaining military survivors of the Japanese Empire's attack on Pearl Harbor, passed away listening to grandchildren singing at his bedside on March 2, 2019. Born on December 20, 1922, he was 96. His wife Artie Mae Sutton preceded him in death, they were married 71 plus years.

Today, (Friday, when you get this paper) at 11:00 AM at the Liberty Ward Building of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he will be honored with a funeral service. He believed in Jesus and he expects to be resurrected into a state of eternal happiness along with his wife and family. This is good to know.

Vere is one of the last of the greatest generation of Americans. After graduating from Gridley High School he joined the Navy - and his story would make a great script for a 3 hour true to life historic adventure movie.

He was at Pearl Harbor Hawaii when the attack occurred, away from his ship at a Marine mess hall. He and his group of Sailors

and Marines literally shot down a Japanese airplane with rifles (they were not officially credited with the kill until 1981, but it is now official military history).

That is just the opening trailer for the movie - from 1941-1945 Vere cruised the Pacific as a storekeeper, clerk, radioman, paymaster and sight setter for anti-aircraft guns, he also stood watch quite often. In a twist of comedic proportions he was one of seven members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - assigned to a boat named the USS Salt Lake City. The Pensacola Class Cruiser Salt Lake City had more combat engagements than any other ship in the Pacific Fleet with 38 major sea battles, invasions and/or bombardment of 30 islands, the sinking 4 Japanese Heavy Cruisers and 11 merchant ships, while shooting down 12 enemy aircraft.

Every year there have been fewer and fewer survivors of Pearl Harbor. There is a military association of Pearl Harbor Survivors, but a couple of years ago because so many had passed away, and the health of the others had so deteriorated, they stopped having their annual meetings.

I last met Vere at the Memorial Day Ceremony in 2016, at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. I asked Vere if he would take a picture with me, and he did. He also took a photo with my daughter RileighAnne and many other people who understand what a big deal meeting a Pearl Harbor Survivor is.

Can you even contemplate what courage is required to take on a fighter plane with a rifle? Can you imagine what it would



Vere(r) is one of the last of the greatest generation of Americans.

be like to be on the open sea taking bombs and bullets while you stay at your post and planes are crashing down on you? This is not an abstract concept, he literally shot at an enemy that was steaming toward California to kill us. The selfless commitment to duty, honor and country is something that should be reflected upon as we part company with one of the truly great heroes of our community. Their generation's sacrifices have given us decades of freedom from oppression and tyranny. There are no words to describe the level of respect I have for Vere Gardner, his volunteer service to our country, his life of humble goodness, and his bravery.

Mr. Gardner's daughter Sharon Gardner Miller, collected his history and interviewed him. Below are excerpts from those interviews in his own words:

"I went into the Navy in November, 1940 after graduating from High School. I volunteered to go. I was inducted at Goat Island (San Francisco, California). "

"I got to see a lot of the island (Hawaii). Whenever I got to go on liberty, I went to different wards (LDS congregations) all over the island. I usually went ashore by myself, because I didn't drink and that was the main attraction for the servicemen. I ran across a cousin of mine (Lyle Merritt) from Utah in the Army at Fort Rucker. He lived off the base, so I ended up there on a long weekend. Sometimes we went to a dance. What little I know about dancing, I learned from his friends and their girlfriends."

"While I was with the boat crew, I had to take my turn at mess cooking, I was peeling potatoes when the Jap planes came over on the first run at the battle wagons alongside of Ford Island. I witnessed the Marine 1st Sgt. shoot off the lock on the armory to set up a machine gun to fire on planes, shortly there was a report of parachutes in the sky, so everyone was issued a rifle and ammo and loaded into trucks and taken in a perimeter around Pearl Harbor. I was unloaded along with a

marine corporal in a housing out of the submarine base, where an off-duty officer was taking moving pictures. Our position was on a rise and could see everything that was happening in the harbor. When the planes made their runs on the ships they had to make a wide turn to go back to attack again, and they flew right over where we stood. Both of us, corporal and I, would fire our rifles at the planes, soon one of the planes exploded. So we shot down a plane. We never got credit for it because they never found the wreckage. It was found in the 1980's and our names are on a plaque in Pearl Harbor. It didn't make any difference to me, I knew that I had done what I could."

"We had the privilege of the first offensive attack against the Japs, 1 February 1942. We bombarded the island of Wotje in the Marshall Islands group. It was the first of 9 times that we hit it, but the first time we didn't know what to expect? Planes or support ships? We were at G.Q. (general quarters) standing at battle stations for 72 hours, during which time my hair showed grey. We lived, ate, and slept on our battle stations, rain or shine, night or day. 24th of February we hit Wake Island. 2nd to 12th August 1942 we hit Kiska Island, 4th of March 1942 Marcus Island."

"Battle of the Coral Sea where the Carrier Lexington was sunk, the torpedo that sunk her passed right underneath the U.S.S. Salt Lake City. When we seen the wakes, we thought we had had it, but they were too deep for us. Ha!"

"When we was hit by shrapnel off Kwajalein, a dive bomber crashed alongside of the ship and blew up, which sent shrapnel - which hit our (observation) airplane. So we had to go down to push the damaged aircraft off the ship. I was the third one down the ladder and 4th one down was hit in the head as he started down (and died). It was just 4 feet from my head. He was one of the twins that was aboard ship."

"I was at Iwo Jima when Uncle Rusty Ford was wounded. Also I was on duty up in the foremast, with the gunnery officer and I watched the Marines put out the flags on Mt. Surabachi. We had to get as close as we could be to the beach to cover the Marines in their advance positions. There were so many caves in the rocky formation that the only way to reach them was to blast them out or use flame throwers, if you could get close enough. SLC covered the whole battle of Iwo Jima without relief (from another ship)."

"Okinawa was much the same except we had to watch out for kamikaze airplanes as well as do all of our other bombardment duties. We never were hit by a kamikaze but I have seen other ships all around us that were not so fortunate. "

"We covered the landings of the following islands and beaches in the Pacific: Guadalcanal, Kiska, Kwajalein, Majuro, Saipan, Leyte Gulf, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Philippine Islands. At this time I left the ship to come home to marry Artie - 30 days before the war was over." ★

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"It was great to meet the children and send them home with their very own books!"

By Grove Dahl

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Camp Fire that leveled Paradise last November left hundreds of displaced students traumatized by their loss. Paradise Elementary School was totally destroyed by the fire, and students needed to relocate. School officials concerned for the well-being of the children, felt it was important to keep teachers and their students together. After a remarkable feat of logistics, Paradise Elementary School administrators, teachers and students were moved into Oroville's Bird Street School.

For the past fourteen years, Gridley's FOCUS,

a children's charity, has given out books to students in Richvale, Biggs, Gridley, Manzanita and Live Oak. Even though Oroville lies outside the jurisdiction boundaries of the Focus book give-away, Focus felt this situation was a special need and wanted to get books into the hands of the children. Arrangements for a visitation were made.

Last week, Focus members visited Bird Street School. They dressed up as Dr. Seuss' characters and took with them boxes of books. In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Around America the ladies presented a program full of laughs, poems and cheers to

TK through third graders. Photos of the students with the "Cat in the Hat" characters were taken. After the program, students were able to choose for his/her own a book from the hundreds on display. A big box of new books was left for the fourth and fifth graders for their "book swap" later in the afternoon. Focus member Grove Dahl said, "It was great to meet the children and talk and tease with them and send them home with their very own books!" Pictured above are first graders with the "Cat in the Hat" characters. In the second photo are two Paradise teachers standing with third graders. ★

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Robert (Bob) Alton Adams

February 12, 1943 to February 28, 2019

Robert (Bob) Alton Adams passed away suddenly on February 28, 2019 at the age of 76 in Gridley, California. He was born on February 12, 1943 in Sacramento, California to parents Herman and Marie Adams. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Thelma Schmidl and brother Rex Adams. He leaves behind his beloved wife Connie of 55 years, his daughter

Kristen Adams of Elk Grove, California, son Wade Adams and wife Kristen, grandson Nolan Miller and granddaughter Alicia Lopez all of Gridley, California. He also leaves behind aunts, an uncle, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He will sadly be missed by all. Rest in peace. A Celebration of Life will be held on March 24, 2019 at 1pm at the Gridley Moose Lodge.

Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

March 1st - March 10th

3-01-2019: At 3:20 p.m. on Losser Ave., Gridley, CA, Cody James McConnell, 31, was arrested on local misdemeanor warrant and transported to Butte County Jail.

3-01-2019: At 5:14 p.m. at Kentucky and Cedar Streets in Gridley, CA, Chaz Taylor, 28, was arrested on charges of driving under a suspended license (14601.1 (a) CVC., cited and released. Subjects vehicle was towed by Browsers Towing.

3-02-2019: At 6:42 p.m. at Gridley Inn & Rv Park on Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Timothy Andres Zavala, 38, was arrested on charges of violating a court restraining order (166.4 PC) and transported to Butte County Jail.

3-04-2019: At 11:03 p.m. on Laurel St., Gridley, CA, Diana Conception Padilla, 32, was arrested on charges of possession of an opium pipe or drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) HS) and refusing to leave another persons property or trespassing (602 (o) PC) cited and released.

3-07-2019: At 7:04 p.m. on Virginia St., Gridley, CA, Mitchell Austin Pate, 24, was arrested on charges of domestic battery (273 (e) (1) PC) and possession of an opium pipe or drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) HS) and transported to Butte County Jail.

3-08-2019: At 9:05 p.m. at 7-11 on E.Gridley Rd., Gridley, CA, Cynthia Lunn McClellan, 37, was arrested on BCSO Misdemeanor warrant and possession of an opium pipe or drug paraphernalia (11364 HS) and transported to Butte County Jail.

3-08-2019: At 10:55 p.m. at McDonalds on Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Taunuutasi Val Utuga, 32, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence (23152 CVC) and transported to Butte County Jail. Subjects vehicle was towed by KC Towing.

3-09-2019: At 5:58 p.m. at Laurel St., Gridley, CA, Shannon Lee Cook, 48, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and transported to Butte County Jail.

3-09-2019: At 8:55 p.m. at Manuel Vierra Park on Washington St., Gridley, CA, Vincent Colt Moreno, 29, was arrested on charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance (11550 (a) HS) and transported to Butte County Jail.

3-10-2019: At 10:47 p.m. on Vermont St., Gridley, CA, Johnny Ram Singh Janda, 32, was arrested on charges of criminal threats (422 PC) and public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and transported to Butte County Jail.

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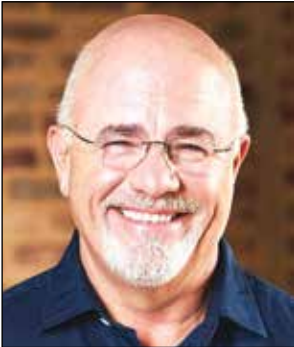
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Relationships and money

Dear Dave,
My father-in-law wants to help us with our mortgage. We've been working hard to pay off our home early, and we've reduced what we owe to around \$35,000. His idea is to pay off the remainder, then let us pay him back over time. In the past, he has loaned us much smaller amounts and everything has worked out fine. What do you think about this?

— Brianne

Dear Brianne,
I'm sure this seems like a winning proposition all the way around. My concern is there's a big spiritual and emotional issue that has been left out of the equation. The borrower is always slave to the lender, and nowhere is that more true than in a family.

I understand, too, you have a solid track record with this kind of thing. But anytime you borrow money from family you're playing with fire. When you do something like this, especially with such a large amount, the money issue is likely to be a shadow

Dave Ramsey Says

hovering over your relationship. Family get together, special events, and holidays will feel different when you're there with your lender instead of just good old dad.

I assume your father-in-law is doing well financially, since he can afford to make this offer. And don't get me wrong, it's a very kind and generous offer. If I were in his shoes, I might offer instead to pay off the mortgage as a gift to my son and daughter-in-law for working so hard to attain a goal. But it would be a gift. No strings attached.

If you have a nice, stable family, this debt will always be there in the back of your mind. If you have a dysfunctional, control-freak kind of family, it's going to be right there in front of you constantly. Either way, I don't think it's worth the risk.

— Dave

Fight back against fraud

Dear Dave,

We recently learned that my wife's ex-husband used her social security number to establish several credit card accounts. We've written and called the credit card companies, and we're disputing the charges, but is there anything else we can do to protect ourselves and put an end to this?

— Ken

Dear Ken,
You bet there is! File a

police report immediately, and if possible, have this guy arrested. He has committed criminal fraud, and it's not something you should take lightly. Also, put a fraud victim alert on your credit bureau reports today.

Don't stop with just alerting the credit card companies about this situation. You should be speaking with and communicating via email—plus snail mail, if necessary—directly with the fraud victim division at every credit card company involved. Make sure they understand this is a denial of responsibility and not simply a dispute.

Let them know you're sorry this happened, but explain that all these charges in your names are the result of a criminal act perpetrated against you. You may have to stand your ground with the credit card companies, because some of them might try to get you to pay it, anyway. Don't do it!

— 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 Dietician

Cancer and Nutrition



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

Today I am writing about a topic near to my heart: nutrition and cancer, or more pointedly, nutrition myths and cancer. My clinical experience included twelve years of oncology nutrition, in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Good nutrition can help prevent some types of cancer, and not surprisingly, it is the same diet that helps prevent other diseases, such as heart disease and stroke. You've heard it before and read it in this column: Eat lots of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins. Eat more plant foods.

Conversely, there is a lot of misinformation on nutrition, especially when it comes to cancer. Cancer patients are sometimes afraid and vulnerable, which may make them susceptible to quack nutrition. Remember we live in a "let the buyer beware" society, and there is nothing in the First Amendment that requires free speech to include the truth.

These are just a few myths involving nutrition and cancer.

1. Sugar feeds cancer. This is misleading. The real question is "Does sugar make your cancer worse?" The answer is no.
2. A ketogenic diet does not involve glucose (sugar) and so starves the cancer tumor. The truth is our bodies must have glucose in order to survive. If we don't consume it in our diet, our bodies will make glucose from fat and/or protein in a process known as gluconeogenesis -- a fancy name for making new glucose.
3. Alkaline water/diet -- similar to the baking soda myth. Supposedly, alkaline foods (including baking soda) and water neutralize a cancer-friendly acidic environment. The truth is the pH of our blood is slightly alkaline. Mechanisms are in place to keep this in place; otherwise, the human body cannot survive. It doesn't matter what the pH of your food or drinking water is, your body will always maintain a blood pH balance of about 7.2.
4. Vitamin D. According to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, an internationally renowned facility in New York: "Intake of vitamin D through diet may protect against breast or colorectal cancers or affect markers

for prostate cancer. However, vitamin D by itself does not prevent or treat cancer. Other large studies show that high vitamin D levels do not reduce the risk of many other cancers, and may increase risk for pancreatic or aggressive prostate cancers."

5. An-all vegetable diet. There was a patient in the hospital that revealed she had followed an all-veggie diet for cancer, and exclaimed, "I lost 30 pounds, and it was all muscle!" A vegetables-only diet will leave you malnourished and dissatisfied, and on no uncertain terms, will not improve a cancer diagnosis.

While nutrition is a very important aspect of cancer treatment, there is no nutritional cure for cancer. It is important to stay well-nourished in order to help maximize the outcome of cancer

treatment. Registered Dietitians (R.D.s) are available wherever you receive cancer care to help you maintain a healthy nutritional status. My goal is to help you make informed decisions when nutrition is concerned.

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) "Protest Petition"

A petition has been circulating and now has 29 names of residents opposed to the establishment of what they claim will be an auto-dismantling business on Obermeyer Avenue opposite of Ayers Avenue. A firm named "A-1 Used Auto Parts and Tires" that also advertises "24 hour towing" on its business identification sign has been established at 39 Obermeyer Ave. The property is in a C-2 zone (commercial zoning district) but neighbors are strongly against the business's location and presented the City Council with a petition stating, "We, the residents of Obermeyer Ave and adjacent Ayers Ave sign this petition in protest of the recent occupancy of 35 Obermeyer Ave by 'Coast Dismantlers'." Unless there is evidence that the operators are failing to comply with zoning regulations, there is nothing that Planning Director Jo Sherman or the council can do.

50 Years Ago (1969) "Local Soldier Receives Honors"

Army Sergeant Clifford S. Coats, son of Mrs. Madie Hughes of Biggs, received the Bronze Star Medal, presented by Brigadier General Darrie Richards. Sgt. Coats is squad leader in the 88th Transportation Company of the Army and received the award for heroism in action against the enemy forces in Vietnam, January 3rd. During the same ceremonies, he was also present the Purple Heart for wounds he received during combat action. The 24 year old soldier attended Gridley High School and lives in Gridley with his wife, Gayle, when not on active deployment.

75 Years Ago (1944)

"Gridley Bridge Not Dangerous"

Supervisor J. E. Frazier asked the Gridley Herald to state that the bridge across the Feather River east of Gridley is not dangerous. Frazier said that the county engineer has inspected the bridge and finds it to be in the same substantial condition as the past. Recent announcements by Greyhound lines concerning abandonment of its schedules in which its busses had to pass over the Gridley bridge referred to the bridge as "dangerous". The impression given by the Greyhound line was erroneous, says Frazier. While the bridge is posted against travel by vehicles weighing over nine tons, any avoidance of the bridge by Greyhound busses would be strictly voluntary.

100 Years Ago (1919) "New Management at the Hotel Colonia"

H. Hurtibus, the new manager of the Hotel Colonia, took over the establishment last Saturday. Mr. And Mrs. Charles Ross, who have been managing the hotel for several years, have not decided where their next location will be. The guests at the hotel gave an informal reception to Mr. and Mrs. Ross at the hotel on the day they relinquished their lease. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

125 Years Ago (1894) "Marysville Cannery"

R.W. Skinner & Co. have leased the Marysville Canning Company's plant and fixtures in the city and will here-after conduct business the same. The change of proprietors will not cause change in management. They intend to run the cannery to full capacity this season.

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15. And others, for short
16. Seat of intellect
17. Branch of philosophy
18. "War to end all wars?"
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21. Type of examination, pl.
22. Owned
23. Downer
26. Wiggle room
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30. Tends to fire
33. Affirm
35. Grabbing tool
37. Blade drops
38. ___ ballerina or ___ donna
39. "Village People song
40. Verse with repeating lines
42. Bartender's Triple ___
43. Panhandler
45. "Cheers" owner
47. Any high mountain
48. Like yellow polka dot bikini
50. Tropical edible root
52. "First on the moon
56. Holy See's administering body
57. Focuses
58. * ___ Lady, a.k.a. Margaret Thatcher
59. Newspapers and such
60. December 24 and 31, e.g.
61. Vena ___
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7. Dry riverbed
8. *Walt Kelly's comic strip (1948-1975)
9. *Aldous Huxley's journey
10. *Mandela's org.
12. Foil
13. Aquarium scum
14. *Conflict without active fire
19. One step to success?
22. "For ___ a jolly..."
23. Half-rotten
24. *Manhattan Project invention
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Time to "Kick Some Butts"

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By Georgie Kramer

Cigarette smoking is still the leading cause of preventable death and disability in the United States and rural smoking rates are higher than those in more urban areas. Especially concerning to healthcare professionals is the recent rise in "vaping" or e-cigarette use. Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine which is the highly addictive drug found in cigarettes. Nicotine is also toxic to developing fetuses, adolescent brain development, and pregnant women, in particular. Some smokers use e-cigarettes to help them quit smoking cigarettes. However, the research shows that using e-cigarettes



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DWR Gives Lake Oroville Operations Update

By Erin Mellon,
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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With recent storms increasing runoff into Lake Oroville, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is monitoring lake levels and taking steps to prepare in the event the newly reconstructed main spillway needs to be used. However, at this time DWR does not anticipate using the main spillway to manage lake levels and inflows in the immediate term.

Oroville's elevation is currently 773 feet. At this elevation, the reservoir is a little over 40 feet below the entrance to the main spillway. The following scheduled steps are being taken, as construction

activities are ongoing at the Oroville spillways:

- Based on current 10-day projections, reservoir levels could reach an elevation of 780 – 785 feet by the end of the month. At elevation 780 feet, DWR and its construction contractor Kiewit will take steps to remove equipment from the main spillway. To prepare for rising lake levels, DWR will also plan to shut and seal the gates before the lake reaches an elevation of 805 feet.

- Once water reaches the gates at 813 feet, the lowest elevation at which the spillways can be used, it will not necessarily be activated. Releases are based on available flood storage, environmental needs, and water

deliveries.


If DWR needs to use the main spillway for flood control releases at any point during the season it will follow the 2018/2019 Lake Oroville Flood Operations Plan.

As of November 1, 2018, the Oroville main spillway is fully reconstructed and is capable of handling flood control releases. DWR is closely coordinating with our state and federal partners, including the National Weather Service, to monitor and stay aware of minute to minute forecast changes.

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NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/10/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 04/03/2019 at 3:30 PM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 01/19/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-0002910, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Butte County, State of California, executed by Tom Atkinson and Sheila Atkinson, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), At the main entrance to the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 053-200-021-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 6025 Hazel Way, Paradise, CA 95969 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$130,673.54 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 2/27/2019 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Durham/ Authorized Signature 27455 TIERRA ALTA WAY, STE. B, TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUST-

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B-4 Anthony Casteneda
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C-18 Vincent Ortega

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Curtis Lee Hartz, 17 Kimmie Lane Bangor, CA 95914
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JOSEPH RHETT SCHELHORN, 824 Lower Honcut Road Oroville, CA 95966 and
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Nicholas Jay Fiorenza, 1797 Merrill Road Paradise, CA 95969
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Yongquan He, 6940 Demaret Drive Sacramento, CA 95822
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This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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The following persons are doing business as: NOTTY ROOM
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Brandon Lee Salyer, 1090 Butte Avenue Oroville, CA 95965
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This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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The following persons are doing business as: HABANERO FISH & TACOS
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Maria Eugenia Arroyo, 2501 Mead Avenue Biggs, CA 95917
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This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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Alex Paulus Palmerlee, 1386 King Ranch Road Bangor, CA 95914
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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
Date Filed in Butte County: March 5, 2019
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This Business is Conducted by: A Married Couple

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

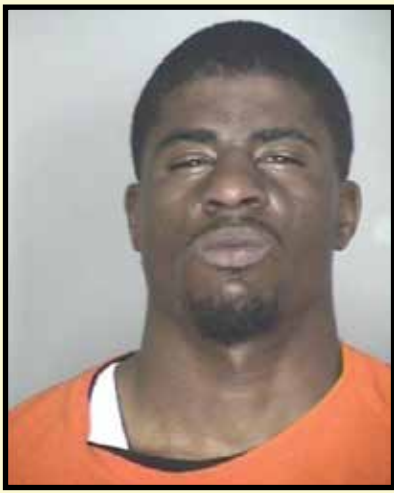
GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Toadstools are showing up in lawns along the area we walk our dog. Not one or two but bunches. Last year there were a lot of toadstools in many lawns, this makes me wonder why one yard would have toadstools now when no one else has them. I have not researched this but

I have speculated about this phenomenon. I wonder if it is a type of large microclimate in that yard that encourages toadstools. Maybe it is the “mothership” of toadstool reproduction and they spread from there. Could these be a new type of cool weather toadstool... as you can see this speculation can go on forever. Imma thinkin’ this is why we have developed scientific inquiry with methods for coming to conclusions

The Japanese Maples leaves are starting to pop. The warmth of the sun and air signaled them loud and strong to come into the light. There are three of them in my yard. One more mature “Crimson Queen”, one two year “Waterfall”, and one with

a Japanese name that I do not remember and I’m not going outside to find it out. That mystery tree has a tri- color thread-leaf that is very beautiful. The color is dependent upon how much light it receives. This tree is under the large shade tree so it was partially tri-colored and the rest green when it has leaves. I would have planted it farther out into the sun if I had know that. The “Waterfall” is a thread-leaf with green leaves and yellow leaves in the fall. I planted it to offset the “Crimson Queen” which has brilliant red leaves in the fall, as well, as red leaves in the spring. All three will stay small height-wise but will spread out beautifully. ★

Rite Aid Robbery Suspects Caught



Collier, Marco



Hudson, Dwight



Young, Carl

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, March 6th, employees and shoppers at the Gridley Rite-Aid were shocked when a robbery took place at the store. According to the Gridley-Biggs Police Department press release, issued by Chief Byers, the department received a call of a robbery in progress at the Gridley Rite Aid Pharmacy at approximately 2:17 p.m. The caller advised dispatch that the suspects were two black males and were still inside the

store. The suspects reportedly exited through the front door of the store, running on foot west-bound down Magnolia Street towards the school (Wilson School) carrying an assortment of stolen prescription drugs. Gridley-Biggs Police Officers James Roberts, Anthony Lara and Homero Rodrigues responded to the call and located the suspects inside a white Toyota in the 200 block of Haskell Street. The stolen merchandise was located and recovered from the vehicle and the suspects were

taken into custody. They were identified as Dwight Hudson, Marco Collier Jr., and Carl Young. The vehicle they were apprehended in was later reported as stolen out of the Sacramento area. All three subjects were booked into the Butte County Jail on charges of strong arm robbery, Penal Code violation 211 PC, possession of a stolen vehicle, Penal Code violation 496 (d) PC and possession of a controlled substance, Health & Safety violation 11377 (a) HS. ★

Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



How, Dudley, are potato chip bags harbingers of spring?

just out of reach. That’s usually the first sign, you know.”

“Okay,” said Doc, “I’ll bite. How, Dudley, are potato chip bags harbingers of spring?”

“The wind, of course,” Dud said. “First comes the potato chip bags on gentle zephyrs. Next week we’ll probably get old garbage bags on the back wall and in the trees. That’s kinda Phase Two, you see. I got this worked out pretty good now. I’m thinking of putting it in the book.”

“You mean the Duchess and the Truck Driver?”

“Its actual title is Murder in the Soggy Bottoms, Doc.”

“Still sounds like wet diapers to me,” said Steve.

“So Dud, when does buds swelling on the fruit trees come in? Phase Three?”

“Sometimes you get a few buds during Phase three, but we have to wait until later, usually. Phase Three I have as toys. You know, you find a dolly or little plastic truck and start hunting an unhappy kid to return it.”

“Is there a Phase Four wind, Dud?”

He smiled. “Yep. Cinder blocks.”

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Crossword Puzzle on Page 5

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Sudoku Puzzle on Page 5

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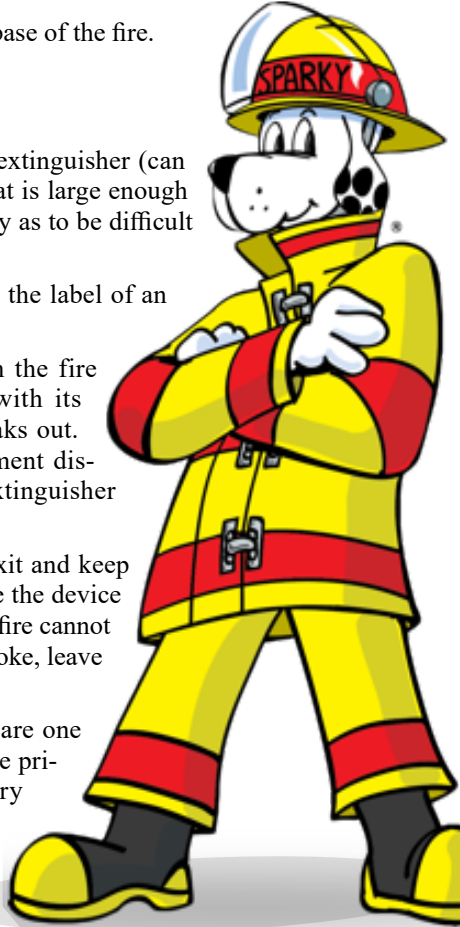
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Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

SAFETY TIPS

- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.
- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:
- Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.
- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.
- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.



SPORTS

Gridley Bulldogs Baseball and Softball Dominate Season Openers

16-Hit Day Leads To Young Bulldogs Softball Victory In Season Opener



Gridley ace Lance Santerre delivers a pitch to a Fort Bragg batter Saturday March 9, 2019. Photo courtesy Office of Josh Porcayo

Story and photo by Josh Porcayo

DURHAM, CA (MPG) - Gridley Bulldogs Varsity softball entered the 2019 season with a new coaching staff and a very young athletic team, yet none of that phased them with a 19-2 victory over the Durham Trojans in their season opener Friday evening. The team is made up of three seniors, one junior, seven sophomores, and two freshmen. Coach Jessica Galloway enters her first season as the Varsity head coach with help from assistant coach John Coopridier.

When asked how she felt after the team's first victory Coach Galloway said, "Awesome! The girls are really buying into the new culture. We're trying to change a lot right now and get them to believe in themselves and I think they're buying in. They're

seeing that good things happen when they put the ball in play."

Put the ball in play they did with sixteen hits in 5-innings. Senior Captain shortstop Isabella Castillo got the teams' confidence started with a single in the first inning. After that she got to work with an RBI double in the second and third innings, belting a 2-RBI triple to the left field fence in the fifth. Sophomore third baseman Ally Mardesich put in some work as she went 2 for 4 with 3 RBIs. Junior Captain Macy McClellan went 2 for 5 with 2 RBIs. Sophomore catcher Isabelle Hernandez went 2 for 4 with 2 RBIs. Sophomore Grace Pantaleoni went 2 for 2 with 2 RBIs. Sophomore Macye Sullivan went 1 for 2 with 2 RBIs. Sophomore Maribel Garcia went 2 for 2 with 1 RBI and senior MacKenzie Rogers went

1 for 2 with 1 RBI.

Freshman pitcher McKenna Speer shined in her high school debut as she threw all five innings to take the victory. She showed confidence early in the game keeping batters off balance by mixing up pitches between fast-ball and change-up. Speer struck out four batters on the day, giving up just one hit with no walks and zero earned runs. When asked how she felt about her freshman pitcher's first outing of the season Coach Galloway said, "She did awesome. She stepped up there, kept her composure and she threw. She trusted her pitches and did her job by getting ground balls and pop flies."

The Lady Bulldogs look to take on Live Oak, Winters, and Colusa in their next appearances on the diamond during the week of March 11th - March 15th. ★

Defending Division-III Champions Take 2 Out of 3 During Baseball Tournament

Story and photos by Josh Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The defending Division-III Section Champions Gridley Bulldogs started their baseball season off winning two out of three games in the Mike West Varsity Baseball Tournament Friday and Saturday in Gridley. After winning their school's first ever Northern Section Championship last year the Bulldogs look to compete again for another championship this season. Varsity head coach Daniel Crabtree said he feels like they can accomplish their goals with the talent they have this year. "We had a great run last year and hope to continue on the same path this year. We graduated quite a few seniors from that team, but I like the guys we have returning. We have a good mix of talent and we hope to develop some team chemistry and find everyone's role on the team. We're looking forward to another successful season and with hard work and determination we'll compete for a league championship title."

Four of the five returning members from last year's championship team are a part of this year's senior dominate pitching staff. Senior ace left handed pitcher Lance Santerre looks to continue his commanding performance on the mound with help from senior right handed pitchers Collin McKelvey, Triston Platter, and Dylan Coats. Senior catcher Connor Alexander takes over the role behind home plate this year. New members to the pitching staff include juniors Selso McTygue, Omar Mosqueda, Vince Anselmo, and



Gridley ace Lance Santerre delivers a pitch to a Fort Bragg batter Saturday March 9, 2019. Photo courtesy Office of Josh Porcayo

Bryson Sousa. Sophomores Cameron Erickson and Arden Anderson also join the varsity pitching staff this year. Coach Crabtree has high hopes for Erickson to become one of the top three pitchers on the team. "Cam is one of the better pitchers in the program and a solid third baseman with a good bat. This year will be a good year to have him develop and mature."

Friday morning (March 8th) the boys took to the field in one of two dominating performances on the day. Their first opponent, East Nicolaus, couldn't keep pace after Gridley scored four runs in the second inning and five runs in the third inning. In the second inning Platter and Santerre hit back to back triples and had some timely stolen bases from Wyatt Dreesman and Anderson to give them the early lead. Disciplined at bats led to multiple walks and wild pitches helped the Bulldogs get five across in the third inning. Collin McKelvey started on the mound for the Bulldogs taking the 12-3 victory in a three inning, four strikeout performance. Vince Anselmo threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen striking out three Spartans on the day.

In their afternoon game, Dylan Coats blanked Pierce

13-0 in a complete game performance with six strikeouts, one hit, and one walk. The Bulldogs offense started early in the first inning scoring five runs off the bats of Cameron Erickson and Coats. In the third inning the Bulldogs touched home plate eight times off the bats of Coats, McTygue, Dreesman, Mosqueda, and Anselmo. Coats had three RBIs with McTygue and Dreesman both driving in two runs each.

Saturday morning the Bulldogs took to the field again for the third time in two days. Lance Santerre started on the bump against opponent Fort Bragg, throwing four innings with five strikeouts, zero hits, two walks, and zero earned runs. Gridley got out on top early in the second inning scoring three runs, one coming across on a beautifully placed squeeze bunt from Triston Platter scoring Bryson Sousa. Fort Bragg came alive in the fifth inning scoring three runs off relief pitcher Cameron Erickson to take the lead 5-4. Although they kept the fight alive until the end, the Bulldogs well short with a final of 4-5.

The Bulldogs look to take on Live Oak and Paradise in their next appearances on the diamond during the week of March 11th - March 15th. ★

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Jesus saw to it that a direct line to the portals of Heaven were opened and that the priest was not a necessity to communicate with the Father. He has made it possible so calls can be placed any time of the day without penalty or delays, no special times to call for better service.

As the commercial goes, "How much do you pay for a minute of long distance?" we have a special rate for calls to God – any time – any day – any way. A minute is free and there is no time limit. Isn't it wonderful to know there is something in this life that doesn't come with a price tag? It does, only the price was already PAID.

As we approach this season of Lent, let us prepare for the greatest event to take place in the history of the world: the reorganization of the worship of God!

When Jesus walked upon the earth He talked personally with the people and now we have the ability to talk openly with the Father and the Son, no matter what race, color, creed, gender, church membership, or age. All we have to do is open the



lines of communication and dial direct. If we get a wrong number, as sometimes happens because of our human frailties, all we have to do is place the call again and He will be there to answer, the line is never busy. He will be there to get us through the difficult spots we find ourselves in.

The forty days of Lent, the time of preparing, parallel the forty days which Jesus spent in fasting and prayer (open line to the Father). Let us spend these forty days until Easter Sunday in the same way: approaching God in humble prayer and spiritual readiness, seeking a change in our lives that will last forever. Lent remains a time to examine our lives and prepare for Holy Week, the agony of the cross and the glory of God's love demonstrated on Easter Sunday.

Please, join us at the Gridley United Methodist Church in this time of Lent. We will prepare for the celebration of Easter. We are located at the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. We meet for worship Sundays at 10 am. ★

Having a Disability Doesn't Mean Life Stops

Laura Monaco; Independent Living Skills and Assistive Technology

By Kristin Thebaud

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Laura Monaco spent her whole life trying to fit in. It wasn't until she came to Society for the Blind in her mid-30s that she finally found what she was looking for – and she's never been happier.

Born with albinism, Laura grew up in Chico with white hair, fair skin and pink eyes. She was legally blind from birth. Teased her whole childhood until she could finally dye her hair and wear makeup at age 12, Laura struggled through school all the way through receiving her associate's degree at Butte College in Chico. No matter what activity she participated in, she always felt different.

"I struggled my whole life to be the same," Laura said. "I didn't want to be that albino girl or that blind girl. I was a good cheerleader, but I would burn in the sun at cheerleading camp and couldn't see well, so I'd get discouraged."

She became a daycare provider and ran her own business for 12 years, but sometimes faced discrimination from parents because of her vision. Married for 11 years with three children, Laura hit rock bottom in her struggle for acceptance when she got divorced at age 34. She started doing drugs, her children went to live with her parents, and she was homeless for a year and a half until the summer



Laura Monaco

of 2017 when she checked into a treatment center in Carmichael and was connected to a transitional housing program.

"I came from a good home, but I struggled with depression from feeling like an outsider my whole life," Laura said.

In January 2018, Laura finished the transitional housing program and started classes at Society for the Blind. Here, for the first time in her life, she found a group of employees and students who understood how it felt to be blind. She began learning independent living

skills like how to cook and how to get around town using public transportation, and she learned how to use assistive technology to her advantage. She began to feel like she had a family.

"I realized how much I lived in fear and I was ready to face it," Laura said. "Society for the Blind made me finally feel at peace with myself. I have friends who all have the same struggles and understand me."

When she had the opportunity to apply for a job working in the North State Assistive Technology Store at Society for the Blind,

she jumped at the chance – and was hired. A year later, she can't say enough positive things about her job and her daily opportunities to help people discover the same assistive technology tools that have changed her life. She plans to go back to school for her bachelor's degree and wants to stay working at the store as long as possible – and she's seen the effect her new life has had on her kids, now ages 21, 16 and 12.

"My kids are really proud of me," Laura said through tears. "There was a lot that had been broken during those years. Now they love me walking in the mall with my cane and helped me celebrate my first anniversary of sobriety. They're glad to have their mom back, and I've shown them that you can pick yourself up from these things. Having a disability doesn't mean life stops."

Laura's number one recommendation to people who feel different in any way is to get connected. Laura now lives in Carmichael.

"Find a support group, a friend, someone you have something in common with," Laura said. "There's a lot out there now because of the Internet and Facebook, and it makes a huge difference. If I had done that when I was younger, my life and my kids' lives would have been a lot different."

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