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### BULLLDOG BOYS, **GIRLS STAY UNBEATEN IN BVL PLAY**



### **COLLEGE COSTS ARE HOLDING STUDENTS BACK**



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This Friday and Saturday night, GHS band and choir students will be entertaining the Renaissance audience with

fundraisers of the school year.

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A tradition going

back over 20 years, the Gridley High

School Music Departments Renaissance

Dinner is one of the most anticipated

By Seti Long

cake with whipped cream.

ture the full cast belting out "Gaston" from Beauty and the Beast.

Performances by student directors and choreographers Yasmeen Alfaqeeh, Marysa Taylor, Chet Gibson, Selah Hartman, and Jenna Gibson include two skits from Monty Python, The French Taunting scene and the Black Knight scene featuring the knight who never gives up, even after his arms and legs have been severed by the King. An annual tradition, "Men in Tights" the song and dance sequence from the dents of the GHS Music department movie by the same name, is on the set list, along with the Couples Dance, featuring music from the recent Nutcracker movie and the Maiden Dance, performed with beautiful lanterns from the movie Tangled. A special moment in the program will come from the ladies

of the GHS Choir as they sing "Danny The grand opening number will fea- Boy." Word of warning -audience members will want to have their tissues nearby. Vocal soloist of the evening are to be Collette Hansen, Aubrey Sannar, Tylor Myrick, Itzel Alaniz, Marysa Taylor, Kayllen Barnett, Audrey Johnson, and Samantha Plant.

Closing out the dinner performances will be "Homeward Bound" wherein GHS Choir alumni will be invited to join the choir in singing the final musical number. As the set-list indicates, the stuhave been working hard planning and rehearsing after hours to bring the best Renaissance Dinner yet to the public. This year's event should be one for the record books. Tickets are still available at Ace Hardware, The Wishing Corner, Children's Hope and the GHS office.  $\star$ 

## **Caltrans** Reminds **Motorists of** Safe Driving Tips in Fog

Drivers Should Prepare for Reduced Visibility during Morning Commutes By Steve Nelson, CalTrans

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) -Motorists are reminded to plan for extra travel time and remember safe driving tips for foggy conditions.

Throughout the winter and early spring, the greater Sacramento region often finds itself shrouded in thick ground fog, better known as Tule fog, which emerges after the rains saturate the soil.

Nearly three in four fogrelated traffic collisions are connected to motorists driving too fast, statistics indicate. These collisions also result in the highest fatality rates.

To help motorists navigate safely through foggy conditions, Caltrans offers these driving tips:



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a variety of dances, songs, and skits in dining chambers decorated to reflect the renaissance era. The Kings and Queen will preside over the program from their lush table at the front of the hall, commanding special performances, jail times and gifts to be bestowed on their court. The dinner menu, designed by chef Eileen Burke-Trent, will include such delicacies as cream of mushroom soup with thyme, Chicken Marbella with golden rice and lemon lavender

- Reduce your speed to ensure a safe stopping distance.
- Drive with headlights in low beam. Never drive with only the parking lights or fog lights on and avoid using high beams in fog.
- Use extra caution when crossing traffic or busy intersections, especially in dense fog. Lower your window and listen for traffic you can't see.
- Use windshield wipers and your defroster to improve visibility.
- Be patient and don't pass long lines of traffic.
- Use the "fog line" on your right shoulder as a guide.
- Avoid stopping along the freeway or highway shoulders.

When looking to exit, the solid white line on the shoulder will veer to the right, breaks for a few feet and then resumes along the ramp. Also, highways prone to fog will have markers that follow a 3-2-1 dot countdown pattern to let motorists know there is an exit ahead. On the right shoulder, drivers will see three reflective markers 2,100 feet before the exit, two markers at 1,400 feet and one marker at 700 feet.

Looking ahead to next week, the National Weather Service is forecasting a serious of storms with the potential to bring a significant amount of rainfall to the valley and snow in the Sierra. Motorists should be prepared for winter driving conditions and plan accordingly.

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# FEMA Camp Fire Community Update

#### By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Progress continues to be made towards the realization of the Camp Fire Community at Gridley's Industrial Park. In a public forum held on December 28th, the intended lease of the Industrial park to FEMA was projected to begin on January 15th, 2019 if terms set by the City of Gridley were agreed upon and the contract could be finalized with FEMA, CalOES and the General Service Agency. As that date loomed on the horizon, speculation of the contracts signature circulated. Vice Mayor Chris Williams stated in an email to The Gridley Herald on Monday, January 14th that "I know that the contract it's supposed to be sent today to Paul (Paul Eckert, City Administrator) for review and sign it by tomorrow."

Attempts to confirm the finalization and signature of that contract with Eckert could not obtained at press time.

Eckert did say via email on January 15th, the intended lease start date, that there was "Not a lot to update...." and that "The City's Team continues to work closely with our neighboring local agencies.... to help alleviate the severe adverse impacts to over 30,000 of our fellow Butte County residents. The City continues to work with FEMA, CalOES, and U.S. General Services Agency (GSA) regarding the potential Gridley Camp Fire Community."

With confirmation of the contracts finalization still unknown, Gridley Unified School District has received some troubling news. The Project School Emergency Response to Violence (SERV) grant GUSD applied for through the California Department of Education has still not been approved, and with the ongoing government shut-down, approval of those funds is not happening

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# Notice to Residents Served by Water **Systems Affected by the Camp Fire**

California Water Board Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) -The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, is updating its December 24, 2018, advisory based on new test results and information. While all test results thus far in the public water system's pipes have met all drinking water standards, there was a home served by the Paradise Irrigation District that tested above the maximum allowable

standard for benzene.

Del Oro Water Company LCime Saddle had a home that tested above the benzene standard but follow up testing indicated that benzene was not detectable.

Additionally, while all the pipes in the Del Oro Water Company are filled with water and are functioning, a significant portion of the Paradise Irrigation District pipes are not. These dry pipe segments are in the process of being commissioned, but it is a slow process that

will take months. These pipe segments when commissioned may contain benzene or bacteria. Test results may take several days to weeks after a pipe segment is commissioned.

Based on these findings, Paradise Irrigation District is advising consumers to use BOTTLED WATER for drinking, food preparation, and brushing teeth; while customers of Del Oro Water Company are being advised that consumers should feel safe drinking their water unless

they detect odors reminiscent of plastic or fuel. The Division of Drinking Water has reviewed and approved both of these two different advisories. Any detectable odors should be reported to the water provider for follow up testing.

The massive Camp wildfire that destroyed 14,000 homes in Paradise and nearby communities in the Sierra foothills also damaged plastic pipes that supply water to dwellings.

SEE WATER NOTICE PAGE 3

# **The New Pi-Line**



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

A lot has been going on lately with Apple stocks, they went up a lot and down a lot at the end of the year. It's amazing to remember that Bill Burleson was a Mac user, the Gridley Herald used to be full of them. I remember the first time I saw a MacIntosh computer in 1984, it belonged to Stan Potoski. He was busy with tax season and he let me play with it for like five hours. It was so new he didn't know how to use it to do taxes, but he thought it was the way of the future. It had a black and white screen.

I remember going home to my mom and dad and trying to explain to them that a plastic box called a mouse was used to move things around on the screen. Up until Stan broke through the

was Joan Carlin who was the reigning champion in technology. She had a Compaq portable computer computer (with two floppy disc drives) that was like a suitcase with a monochrome screen and built in keyboard. She did Family History on it and would take it to Utah to the Family History Library and do research. It weighed like 46 pounds, but at the time it was cutting edge, and she had more birth and death record research data than the entire Genealogy library on Spruce Street.

If you really want have a good prank, find an old floppy disk and the next time you go to a meeting hand it to someone and say " all the files we talked about are on this disc". You'll get some really funny looks, but act serious, and get the big 4" x 4" discs not those little mini discs that were hard plastic.

I remember when Steve Jobs introduced the iPad he said it was magic. Honestly if you take a step back and look at it objectively it really does seem as if it is magic.

For some reason in 1981 they were considering shutting down Vets Memorial Hall in Gridley, that prompted Bill's fast fingers on a Macintosh to fly into action. The people of new technology barrier - it Biggs-Gridley-Live Oak

received this missive from Mr. Burleson's Pi Line of Friday, August 14, 1981:

Monday at 7:30 PM at Memorial Hall there will be a public meeting to talk about the future of Memorial Hall. The County wants constructive input from those who use the building ... And pay taxes to support the operation of the building.We feel that the building should continue operating as a "living" memorial to America's heroes our men and women who have died to preserve the nation they believed in. The veterans organizations may have slipped in membership and activity, but that is common in these times; many organizations are suffering membership and participation slow down.

The reason for the building to be there has not changed; and won't as long as there is a memory of one of those who gave their lives: or a person living who served his country in time of conflict.

Gridley has its share of veterans, living and dead, to be proud of. The Veterans Memorial Hall is certainly not an extravagant gesture when you consider what has been given by those to whom it is dedicated. We hate to think that patriotism has disappeared. This "cheap shot" doesn't help that feeling.  $\star$ 



Out-of-pocket Costs at UC, CSU Actually Lower than Community Colleges

#### By Shannon Serrato, TICAS

OAKLAND, CA - California students might be surprised by the findings of a new study on college costs. What College Costs for Low-Income Californians, released by The Institute for College Access and Success (TICAS), finds that lowincome students and families actually pay less to attend each of the nine University of California (UC) campuses than they would at Cal State (CSU) or California Community Colleges (CCC) in the same region.

Students pay more at community colleges despite lower published tuition - called the "sticker price" - because tuition and fees only tell part of the story when it comes to college costs. Books, meals, housing, and other costs add to the overall price tag. More importantly, grant aid to help students cover costs varies widely across the three California college systems. Despite paying less in tuition, community college students face similar living expenses and receive substantially less financial aid. The findings of this report have vital implications for both students and policymakers.

"Don't assume a college is or isn't affordable based on the sticker price; find out what you'll actually pay including financial aid and living expenses. A four-year degree at UC or CSU might be more affordable than the local community college," said TICAS executive vice president Debbie Cochrane. "This should also be a wakeup call in Sacramento. Most full-time California community college students pay no



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tuition, but there isn't nearly enough financial aid to bring their other costs of college in reach. It's time to prioritize true college affordability for low- and middle-income Californians."

Because California state financial aid has historically been tied to tuition, UC students receive three times the amount of grant aid. This means that students at California community colleges - which disproportionately serve low-income families - are stuck footing higher bills. While experts agree that students should not work more than 20 hours per week while enrolled, the net prices at the vast majority of public colleges surveyed including most UC campuses - would require a typical lowincome student to work more than this amount.

There is increasing consensus that California's financial aid programs need reform to better meet student needs. In recent years, TICAS, the California Student Aid Commission (in collaboration with The Century Foundation) and the Legislative Analyst's Office have proposed ways to reform and expand financial aid to better support students in paying for the full costs of college.

California lawmakers can take immediate steps towards reform by expanding need-based aid to serve all eligible applicants and better covering non-tuition costs like housing, meals, and school supplies. Currently, fewer than 5 percent of CCC students receive a Cal Grant, even though many more are eligible. Legislators can help by immediately increasing the number of competitive Cal Grants available to students who have been out of high school for more than a year and increasing the Cal Grants' maximum award to better cover non-tuition costs.

"College costs are holding too many students back from earning the credentials they seek and that the state needs," said Laura Szabo-Kubitz, associate California program director at TICAS. "Our new governor takes office facing many critical challenges, but he must make it a priority to put college truly within reach for every Californian."

An independent, nonprofit organization, The Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS) works to make higher education more available and affordable for people of all backgrounds. Our Project on Student Debt works to increase public understanding of student debt and the implications for our families, economy, and society. For more information see www.ticas.org or follow us on Twitter and Facebook. \*





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# **Gridley- Biggs Police Report**

December 27<sup>th</sup>- January 9<sup>th</sup>

12-27-2018: At 8:56 p.m. on Ford Ave., Gridley, CA, Luis Manuel Lopez Jr., 35, was arrested on domestic violence charges and booked into Butte County Jail.

12-28-2018: At 6:17 a.m. at Greenhead Ct., Gridley, CA, Enzo ALexander RIvas was arrested, cited and released on charges of battery.

12-28-2018: At 12:52 p.m. on Sage St. Gridley, CA, Angel Marie Masterson, 46, was arrested on local misdemeanor warrant 17CM01931 cited and released.

12-28-2018: At 9:24 p.m. on Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Angelica Christine Barrera, 33, and Hayley Ann Willard, 33, were arrested on fresh charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and trespassing. Angelica Barrera was also arrested on four local misdemeanor warrants, 18CM05675, 18CM05819, 18CM05821 and 18CM07615. Hayley Willard was arrested on two local misdemeanor warrants, 18CM05758 and 18CM07537. Both subjects were transported and booked into Butte County Jail

12-28-2018: At 11:06 p.m. at Fastrip Food Store on Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Gregory Larry Dale Carlin, 41, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and admonished on panhandling.

12-29-2018: At 11:45 at California St. and Sycamore St., Gridley, CA, Laurie Diane Cole was arrested on Sonoma County Felony warrant SCR-651590 and transported to Butte County Jail.

12-30-2018: At 12:32 a.m. on Ohio St., Gridley, CA, Jesse Lee Burton, 40, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia and local misdemeanor warrants 18CM00973 and 18CM05751.

01-03-2019: At 10:10 at Laurel St. and Kentucky St., Gridley, CA, Jesse Lee Burton was arrested and cited for drug paraphernalia.

01-05-2019: At 1:19 a.m. at 7-11 on E. Gridley Rd., Gridley, CA, Kyle Francis Williams, 37, was arrested on warrant 18CM05850 and cited to appear in court.

01-07-2019: At 12:48 p.m. at Railroad Park on Washington St., Gridley, CA, Jose Manuel Santiago Gomez, 35, was arrested on warrant SCR 103883 and cited to appear in court.

01-08-2019: At 11:09 a.m. on Ohio St., Gridley, CA, Glenda Louise Kennedy, 51, was arrested on warrant 16CM04764 and cited to appear in court.

01-09-2019: At 4:43 p.m. at Ohio St. and Spruce St., Gridley, CA, Austin Mitchell Pate, 24, was arrested on local misdemeanor warrant 17CM02331, cited and released.

### get more info at www.crimegraphics.com

### **Manzanita Elementary School** Names December Students of the Month



Students of the Month are: Back Row L to R: Gretchen Routon, Justin Deniz, Jayla Alvarez, Ruby Rosas, Aaliyah Jurado, Merced Acosta, Danika Montero, Jose Soto, Aaron Kullar, Edgar Ceja, Ella Sannar, Austin Weagant Front Row L to R: Mackenzie Bole, Amethyst Boeger Knight, Tristan Heusser, Tayba Khan, Kate Hudson, Madison Alvarez, Gagneet Kular, Heath Ogino, Hank Routon, Hailey Thompson, Haddy McLean, John Heinke.

### **Biggs Elementary School** Names Students of the Month for December



Biggs Elementary Outstanding Students of the Month Billy LaGrone, Isabella Trausser, Rylee Witt, Christian Paredes Ornelas, Grayson Meyer, Gabby Sanchez, Easton Vines, Zuri Garcia, Aiden Rickson, Isabela Ramos, Aryana Hernandez, Arianna Rosales, Stephanie Carrillo, Martyza Sanchez, Zoey Tabor, Dennis Dewhurst, Abby Williams, Angel Martinez, Natalie Chandler, Alina Rodriguez, Ernest Honman, Jordan Zamora, Lila Velasquez, Bianca Reyes, Ammon Arellano, Maddie Garcia, Emiliano Bermudez, Brody Hudson, Jazmin Ibarra, Manny Lualemana, Zora Kalaveras, Jessica Villarreal, Andy Saephan.

### **FEMA Camp Fire Community Update**

#### FEMA FROM PAGE 1

anytime soon. Butte county schools applied

for the restricted grant shortly after the Camp Fire incident, each district hoping to receive a percentage of the \$14 million dollar grant to help reestablish the learning environment of students displaced by the disaster. GUSD was looking at an allotment of \$1.3 million if the grant was approved. According to Superintendent Jordan Reeves,

recent developments have cut the total available funds for the SERV grant from \$14 to \$5 million, reducing Gridley's potential portion to just \$913,000.00.

With the vote passed by the City Council to lease the Industrial park to FEMA on January 7th, finalization of the lease contract could benefit the school district, at least providing them with the information needed to pursue additional avenues of funding not available to them at this time. \*

### Notice to Residents Served by Water **Systems Affected by the Camp Fire**

benzene is lightly absorbed

#### WATER NOTICE From PAGE 1

The damaged plastic pipes may lead to the formation of benzene which can get into the water and contaminate pipes. We are working closely with these water providers to monitor the safety of the drinking water. Testing so far shows limited benzene impact to the public water systems. We are continuing to test water samples and will update the public on Twitter and through the local water provider as soon as test results are known.

Benzene is easily rubber and can absorb into pipes. Sometimes the additional details.

### **Donors Needed** for Local Blood Drive



Rotary Volunteers pictured: L to R: Heather Payne, Margaret Hughes (Rotary President), Ravie Aujla, and Ashley Virk.

By Cindy Scott across the nation. Just one or two more donors GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The at each blood drive can Rotary Club of Gridley really make the difwill be volunteering at ference. Stop by on the upcoming Vitalant Tuesday, January 29 from 2-7 pm at The Church of Blood Drive and encourages donors to participate. Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 400 Spruce Street. January is always a tough Now 16 and 17 year olds month for blood dona-

tions, and a large shortfall

of blood is expected parent permission.

and can be eliminated by flushing. If the benzene is heavily absorbed, then the plastic or rubber gasket pipe segments may need to be replaced.

The issue of benzene in water supplies only became apparent after the 2017 fire in Santa Rosa. It was in Santa Rosa that the presence of benzene was first traced to damaged plastic pipes.

The Division of Drinking Water is committed to public health and safety. We are continuing to test water samples to monitor the benabsorbed into plastic and zene levels in the drinking water. Please contact your biofilms that line all water local water provider for

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Frances Melvina Hudson Mensinger Harkey Wiley July 16, 1920 to January 12, 2019

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Frances Melvina Hudson Mensinger Harkey Wiley passed from this earth on January 12, 2019, eager to move on. She was born on July 16, 1920 to Frank and Martha Hudson of Modesto, CA. This baby sister joined her two older brothers. Loren and Harold (Bud) Hudson. After skipping a grade, she graduated from Modesto High School in 1937.

During her long and active life, she married and survived three "lovely men" (her words): John Mensinger, William K. Harkey and Donald Wiley. She is survived by her children. Barbara Harkey Fitzpatrick of Vancouver, WA, William H. Harkey of Mechanicsburg,

PA and George Wiley, stepson, of San Diego, CA; granddaughter Allyson Harkey of Hyattsville, MD and nieces Karyn Dawson of Escalon, CA and Linda Cover of Modesto, CA. She is also survived by Linus, her paranoid cat and Bogart, her adorable dog.

One of the last living members of the Greatest Generation, she represented it well: strong, fiercely independent, defiantly loyal and proudly patriotic. All these qualities were evident up to the day she died.

Fran loved giving parties and at some events she cooked for over 100 people. Those parties were legendary. She wasn't a cook, but rather a talented, creative chef. She didn't just put them on, she produced culinary events. These events included family birthdays, hosting huge motor home rallies, pheasant club lunches, entertaining ladies at Bridge Club and nosting the coaches' party after the GIBT each year. A friend.



after helping Bill and Fran with a financial matter, asked that his fee be paid by an open invitation to the annual Harkey Christmas night celebration

Later in life, Fran joined the Moose and enjoyed their Friday night dinners. It was at the Moose that she met and later married Donald Wiley. Their wedding celebration was held at the Moose and sadly, Friends attended a celebration of Donald's life there fourteen months later.

Fran was a founding member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and served on the vestry for a number of years. During that time, St. Timothy's went from meeting at the Block Funeral Home to the church

building located at 410 Jackson St., in Gridley. A memorial service will be held there on Thursday, January 24 at 10am, officiated by Fr. John Harris. Private interment will be in the Gridley Biggs Cemetery next to her two favorite husbands, Bill Harkey and Donald Wiley. En lieu of flowers, the family suggests your favorite charity.

The Harkey family is grateful for the tender care our mother received from the nurses and staff at the Gridley Hospital. We felt lucky to have her there in her final days.

The family also thanks Marilyn Clausen, caregiver, for her loyalty and commitment to Fran during her last 5  $^{1\!/_2}$ years. It was a huge task to care for this fierce woman and we appreciate her steadfast devotion to our mother. Her heroic efforts were a great help to Mom at the end of her life.

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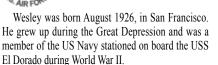
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### MEMORIAL NOTICE



### Wesley Ronald Nugent



Wesley married Beatrice Blanche Brady in August 1946, the stated highlight of his life. He drove a propane truck in the family business in Paradise, driving all over the Sierra Nevadas.

During the Korean War, he rejoined the US military moving over to the US Air Force and gaining rank while doing so. Wesley was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam in 1966-67. He came home with an additional stripe on his sleeve, making Chief Master Sergeant.

Wesley also did his part for the returning POW's. He spent time at Travis AFB greeting those who came home but didn't have anyone there to meet them. His respect for those men was great, but his heart was greater still.

Wesley retired from the Air Force in 1976 to Yuba City, after a combined 30 years of service to this nation. After retirement he began his second career that resulted in forming and building the Sierra Central Credit Union organization before retiring full time as a grandfather.

Wesley was first and foremost a husband, father and grandfather. He showed his children how to love the one they married: to respect and cherish them even above the children. Wesley Ronald Nugent passed on to his next great adventure on November 27, 2018. He was recently preceded in death by his brother Robert, three weeks earlier; daughter, Linda Anne Adams in 2016; and his son Ronald Dale Nugent in 2012. He is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Beatrice Nugent of Yuba City; son Christopher Nugent (Rita) of Alaska; son Jonathan Nugent (Terry) of Yuba City; daughter-in-law Linda Nugent of El Dorado Hills; son-in-law James Adams of Gridley; granddaughter Kelly Madigent (Alexis) of Virginia; grandson Michael Nugent (Megan) of Washington; grandson Wesley Nugent II of Alaska; grandson Eric Nugent (Alyson) of Colorado; half-brother Richard Nugent of Weaverville and half-sister Tyra Dickinson of Marysville as well as various nieces, nephews, cousins, step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren.

Wesley was interred in Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California with full military honors on December 24, 2018.

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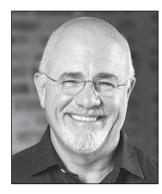
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### Invest Now?

Dear Dave.

I'm almost debt-free, and I'll be finishing my master's degree soon. I'm not from this country, so I'll be returning home in the next three to five years. Considering my situation, would investing in the stock market be a good idea? I've been reading that the market is about to crash, so I wanted to get your advice before doing anything.

-Rahm

#### Dear Rahm,

If someone could accurately predict the stock market with certainty, that person would be a multibazillionaire. Right now, there are also articles out there that say the market is about to boom. There my home, and I have a are always "glass half-full" and "glass half-empty" articles floating around. I wouldn't avoid stock market investing based on one ridiculous article you read.

However, in your situ-

Dave Ramsey Says to invest in the stock mar- some equipment. At what ket right now. History says point do I put back a little you stand a fair chance of coming out with less than a little less, to make this you put in if you don't leave the money invested -Luke in the stock market alone

for at least five years. The market cycles up, and the market cycles down. This really isn't a big problem if you're going to put your money in there, and leave it alone for 20 years or more. But three to five years? The historical data says you've got a reasonable chance of actually losing money.

So, I probably wouldn't invest if you're going to be gone in five years or less. Instead, when you're settled and have a career in your home country, I'd advise looking into how you can invest there. You might even want to do some research, and find out if you can begin investing there now.

-Dave

#### Designate a percentage

Dear Dave,

I'm debt-free except for small business with revenues of around \$100,000 annually. About half of that is profit, and I typically pay myself 40 percent of the bi-weekly revenue. I'm in the media busiation you may not want ness, and I need to upgrade

more money, or pay myself happen?

#### Dear Luke,

I know what you mean, man. We're in the media business, too, and around my office it seems like we buy more and newer technology every day. Really, it's like a black hole. You could throw money into it the rest of your life, because practically the very moment you open the box it's obsolete.

Commentary by

Leanne McCrate

A few months ago,

I wrote about the 2018

Escherichia Coli (E.

Coli) outbreaks related

to Romaine lettuce. The

contaminated lettuce

was eventually traced to

farms in California and

Arizona. Due to these

outbreaks, 272 people

became ill, 121 were hos-

pitalized, and 5 people

died. Recently, there have

been voluntary recalls

for possible E. Coli con-

tamination, but this time

with cauliflower, red leaf

lettuce, and green leaf let-

tuce. None of the recalled

produce tested positive

According to the

Centers for Disease

Control (CDC), nearly

half of foodborne

illnesses come from pro-

duce. Foodborne illness,

such as E. Coli contam-

ination, is often spread

when someone comes

into physical contact

for E. Coli.

We finally decided to designate a percentage of our revenues to equipment replacement. Something is always being replaced, but this way we've got a limit and we've got something set aside to make our technology needs happen. It's like the envelope system. If the envelope's empty, we have to stop buying and put off whatever it is until the cash is available again.

I hope this helps!

—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 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @ DaveRamsey.

# **Dear Dietician**

### Cauliflower

with the bacteria, often through feces, does not wash their hands, then handles food, thereby contaminating it. It is also spread when bacteria-infested feces makes its way into the water systems used to irrigate these crops.

We live in a First World country with the best technology available, and no one should die from foodborne illness. What is being done to prevent E. Coli and other bacterial contamination of food? Some say there is an inherent risk with eating raw fruits and vegetables because there is no cooking in the preparation process to kill the bacteria. While that may be partially true, I believe "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) plans to require mandatory testing of the water used to irrigate these crops. If contamination is found in the water. the food will not make it to market. The date for compliance of this regulation was originally set for 2018; unfortunately, it has been pushed back to 2022-2024.

Another process is underway that would make tracking a contaminated food much easier.

This process is known as digitalization, which would allow professionals to trace food through the supply chain. For example, someone buys lettuce at their usual grocery store and becomes sick after eating it. That person contacts the store, who can then scan the code (similar to UPC code) of that particular shipment of lettuce. The grocer can then identify the supplier of the food, as well as the grower. Digitalization will get tainted food off the shelves much sooner, but at this time it is not required.

It is imperative that the American public be provided with a safe food supply. No one should ever lose a loved one to foodborne illness. You may contact your US senator, congress person, or the FDA concerning these matters. The FDA may be reached at fda.gov or call 1-888-463-6332. I plan to.

#### Sincerely, Dear Dietitian

Leanne McCrate. RD, LD, CNSC, aka Dear Dietitian, is an award-winning dietitian with seventeen years of experience. Do you have a nutrition question? Email (a)deardietitian411(a) gmail.com.

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

#### 25 Years Ago (1994) "Gridley Student Arrested with Pistol on Campus'

A 16-year-old boy was arrested at Gridley High School for carrying a concealed and loaded pistol at school, according to a police report. Gridley High School athletic director Doug Kaelin, who also works as a probation officer for Butte County, was questioning the student after the final bell at 3:20 p.m. because he had heard the student was carrying a "beeper". Thats when he noticed hand gun tucked in the students waist band. Kaelin reportedly relieved the student of the .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol and then called Gridley police. Police arrested the boy who was booked at juvenile hall around 4:00 p.m. on charges of carrying a concealed weapon on school grounds and possession of a weapon with altered serial numbers. Kaelin said that two other Gridley youths were recently arrested for their alleged involvement in a driveby shooting in Marysville, continuing on to say "the reality is that this is the third kid in less than a month from Gridley that is in juvenile hall on gun charges."

#### 50 Years Ago (1969) "Local Theft"

The thefts of more than 100 gallons of gasoline and over 30 gallons of milk and dairy products are being investigated by the Butte County Sheriff's deputies from the Gridley sub-station. The gas thefts of 5-10 gallons at at time, were reported by Hal Gardner of Richins Ave. His neighbor, Norman Hartman, also reported that he was missing several gallons of gasoline. Local McColl's Diary distributor David G. Joplin said he had loaded his truck Sunday night and when he went to start his delivery route early Monday morning, the following items were missing: 32 half-gallons, 30 quarts of non-fat milk, 10 lbs. of butter, 3 lbs. of margarine, 12 lbs. of cottage cheese and 15 dozen eggs. Local deputies are also investigating the theft of several guns and some ammunition from hunters in the vicinity of Gray Lodge.

#### 75 Years Ago (1944) "Teacher Shortage"

Although all Butte County schools are open at the present time, there is still a distinct shortage of teachers according to Jay E. Partridge, county superintendent of schools. It has been difficult to fill emergency positions that have arisen and when teachers have been absent due to illness, no qualified substitutes have been available.

Unemployed teachers are urged to bring in their credentials and file them with the office of the county superintendent. By doing so, they can render a real patriotic service during this time of emergency, says Patridge.

#### 100 Years Ago (1919) "News Print Shortage"

The situation regarding news print paper is dire and will be of interest to every publisher in the country. Word from New York states that supply is short -"taking the latest available statistics, there appears to be about six weeks supply in the country." Of that supply, twothirds is in the hands of the consumers. It is speculated that a large number of Newspaper proprietors may face closing their plants because they cannot get newsprint supplies at any price, not to mention the other factors that have greatly increased the cost of production, forcing a raise in selling price and increase in advertising rates. While raising rates may help with production, they could not add any more to the product, as newsprint supplies have fallen so low there is not enough to go around.

#### 125 Years Ago (1894) "Rains in Butte"

Rain in Butte County has been bountiful, the last storm adding 2.83 inches to the total of 9.59 inches for the season. Snow melt coupled with the rain has caused area streams to overflow, with the Cherokee canal northwest of Biggs full to the top of the levee and the approach to the canal bridge was washed away. No damage has been done to area crops.  $\star$ 

# Influenza Activity is Increasing throughout California

#### By Corey Egel, CDPH

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today announced that influenza activity is increasing throughout California. of flu." Health officials encourage Californians to get throughout every region vaccinated.

vaccinated now if you have time of year. Although the not done so already," said

Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith. "I encourage everyone six months of age and older to be vaccinated to help protect themselves reaches its peak January and others from the dangers

Flu activity is occurring of the state and above "It is important to get expected levels for this

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CDPH Director and State cannot yet be determined, Californians should take precautions, including vaccination.

"Flu activity usually and February, but typically continues to spread through the spring," said Dr. Smith. "With most of the flu season still to come, it's not too late to get vaccinated."

Each year, the flu causes severity of the flu season millions of illnesses,

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may also have nausea, and mouth. vomiting or diarrhea.

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hospitalizations and thou- nesses, CDPH recommends sands or sometimes tens of these steps: Stay home thousands of deaths in the when sick; Cover a cough or sneeze with an elbow or Common symptoms of tissue and throw the tissue the flu include fever or feel- in the trash; Wash hands ing feverish, a cough and/ thoroughly with soap and or sore throat, a runny or warm water or an alcoholstuffy nose, chills, fatigue based hand sanitizer; Avoid and body aches. Children touching your eyes, nose

Californians should To stop the spread of flu contact their health care

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### **ORDINANCE NO. 416**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY **COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS ADDING CHAPTER 14.430 TO THE BIGGS** MUNICIPAL CODE **REGARDING DISASTER RECOVERY** STRUCTURES AND USES (SUMMARIZED)

At its regular meeting on January 8, 2019, the City Council of the City of Biggs adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 416, amending Title 14 of the Biggs Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter: 14.430 (Disaster Recovery Structures and Uses).

Chapter 14.430 authorizes the City Administrator or designee to permit installation and use of temporary dwelling structures and temporary nonresidential structures (such as temporary private school classrooms, temporary commercial buildings) for use by Camp Fire evacuees, and establishes permitting authority and regulations for such installation and use of such structures.

The City Council members voting for the Ordinance were Mayor Nathan Wilkinson, Vice Mayor James "Bo" Sheppard, Councilmembers Brian Bassett, Roger Frith and Angela Thompson. There were no votes against the ordinance. The full text of the Ordinance is posted in City Hall at 465 C Street, Biggs, California 95917, and is available for public review during regular hours.

Chapter 14.430 is an urgency ordinance and was therefore effective on January 8, 2019.

ROBEN BENISH, CITY CLERK

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2018-0001496

The following persons are doing business as: LUCKY'S FOOD AND GAS 2 2301 ORO DAM BOULEVARD E OROVILLE, CA 95966 RUPINDER KAUR, 1507 Travis Court Yuba City, CA 95993 and CHARANVIR SINGH, 1507 Travis Court Yuba City, CA 95993 Date Filed in Butte County: December 12, 2018 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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#### FILE NO. 2019-0000033

#### The following persons are doing business as: DA CAPO STYLE HOUSE 1925 Market Place Chico, CA 95928

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#### FILE NO. 2018-0001494

The following persons are doing business as: WISE STORAGE 6102 Lincoln Boulevard Oroville, CA 95966

Kathy Louise Campbell, 6102 Lincoln Boulevard Oroville, CA 95966, and Nicholas Glen Campbell 13657 Garner Lane Chico, CA 95973 Date Filed in Butte County: December 11, 2018

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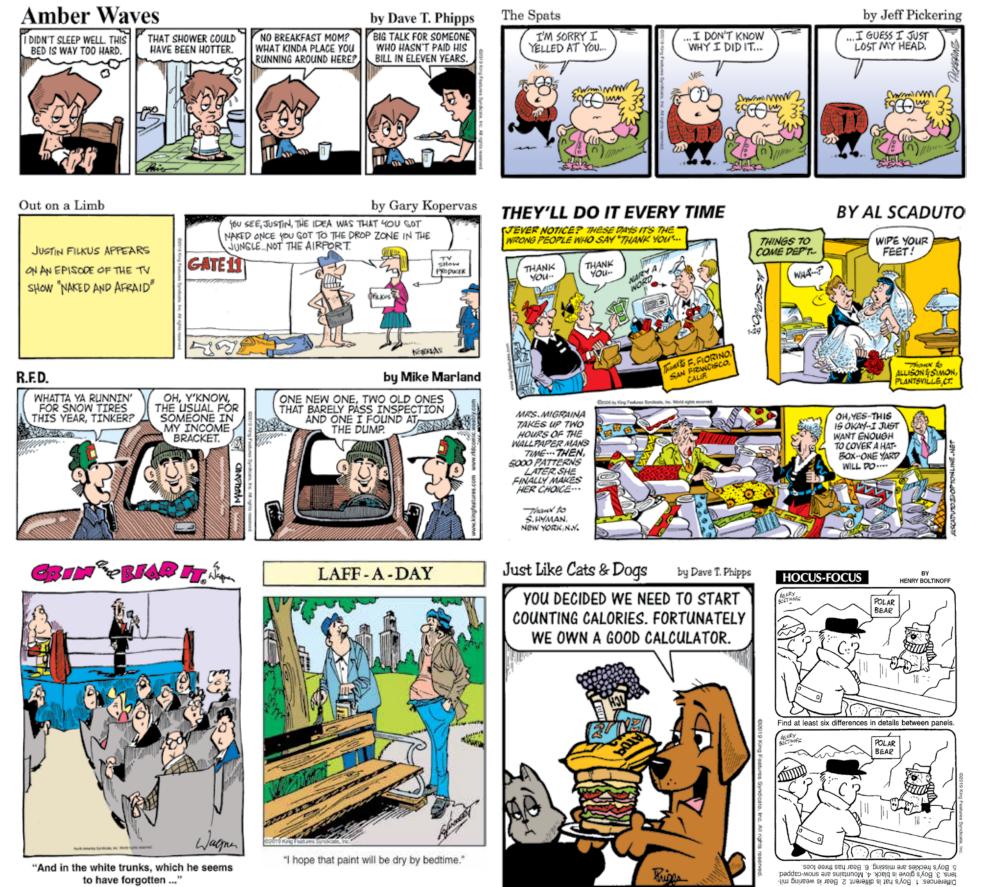


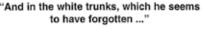


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on a body-swapping bad-

Superman (Tyler Hoechlin)

and more humor than ever.

Who knew Oliver Queen

(Stephen Amell) was so

**Cheers to Megan** 

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Awards. She's fierce,

funny and so far hasn't

for hosting the SAG

overlooked.

#### by Damian Holbrook

#### Jeers to a 90210 Reboot

that is just the (peach) pits. Instead of reviving the classic Fox soap, the proposed update currently being considered is a mockumentary featuring most of original cast playing fictionalized versions of themselves trying to get a reboot started. It's like Donna Martin's graduation doesn't even matter anymore!

#### Jeers to ignoring one of the faces of Eve.

Yes, BBC America's Killing Eve scored Emmy, Golden Globe and SAG nominations for the awesome Sandra Oh, but she wasn't the only powerhouse putting in 100 percent. Jodie Comer (pictured) totally deserves



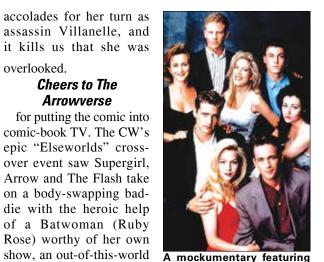
funny?

#### Are Netflix Shows **Too Short?**

Question: Is The Passage worth watching? I could see it done well on HBO or Netflix, who are good at turning books into good TV, but Fox? -Warren

Matt Roush: I can only report on the first three episodes, and they're solid. I've read the first two books in Justin Cronin's epic horror trilogy, so I have an idea of the incredible scope of the story,

which spans many years. My understanding from last summer's Television Critics Association session is that the first season will deal primarily with the sinister doings in the labs of Project NOAH, which bring about the vampire apocalypse. And what I've seen so far has stayed tightly focused on NOAH's search for young Amy (Saniyya Sidney) and her protector, Agent Brad Wolgast (Mark-Paul Gosselaar), with subplots



A mockumentary featuring most of original cast playing fictionalized versions of themselves trying to get a reboot started.

tweeted anything offensive enough to get her booted. Finally, a reason to watch two hours of famous people telling other famous people how great they are

involving various NOAH scientists and test subjects. I understand there's skepticism when it comes to network TV's commitment to stories this big-there's a reason Game of Thrones ended up on HBO-and if Fox drops the ball before The Passage goes to the next level, it would seem a very hot prospect for a streaming service. But for now, I'll give Fox the benefit of the doubt. Network TV ought to be tackling more ambitious projects, and we should encourage them instead of letting all the best stuff go to cable and Netflix

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

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# **Secretary of State Offers 2018 Year in Review**

#### By Alex Padilla, CA Secretary of State

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our entire agency staff, 2018 was another milestone year at the California Secretary of State's office. We registered more voters than ever to our elections evolve, before, allowed entrepreneurs to form their LLCs online, launched six new digital archive exhibits, are revamping our Cal-Access website, upgraded our IT infrastructure, and conducted an election with the largest turnout for a midterm in over 35 years!

Cyber threats to our elections has become the new normal. This year, to combat these threats, our office worked with the State Legislature and the Governor to secure funding to strengthen our IT infrastructure and election security. The 2018-2019 state budget allocated \$134.3 million for counties to replace aging voting systems. Fully leveraged by a dollar-for-dollar match from counties, this will result in \$268.6 million towards improvements for election equipment, marking the first significant funding towards voting systems in California in 15 years. California also received \$34 million from the US Elections Assistance Commission through the the statewide turnout rate Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

Thanks to an additional \$3 million in the State Budget, we established the new offices of Election Cybersecurity and Enterprise Risk a record number of voter

Management. In addition, we enacted new efforts to combat election misinformation online and launched VoteSure<sup>™</sup>, a first-ever public education campaign urging voters to be vigilant about election misinformation online. As threats so will we — and we are already preparing for the 2020 Presidential Election.

Through the Secretary of State's Democracy at Work Program, businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations partnered with our office to promote voter registration and participation. Whether Californians were requesting a ride with Uber or buying a cup of coffee at Starbucks, the successful partnerships reached millions of Californians ahead of the Primary and General Elections

Five California counties-Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento, and San Mateo—implemented the Voter's Choice Act for the first time in 2018. In these counties, every registered voter was mailed a ballot, and voters had the option of returning their ballot by mail, at a ballot drop box, or any vote center open in their county. Voters took advantage of expanded access, with all five counties exceeding in both the Primary and General Election. Every California county is eligible to adopt this new model for conducting elections beginning in 2020.

In 2018, California saw



**Alex Padilla** 

pre-registrations across the state. 290,000 16- and 17-year-olds have pre-registered to vote since the launch of the program in late 2016. This was a part of the Secretary of State's priority to engage young people across California in the electoral process. The California Students Vote Project expanded, partnering with the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) to register students to vote. This expansion led to the launch of the first ever California University and Ballot Bowl Competition, with the aim of increasing civic engagement and voter participation among the students attending the major institutions of higher learning in California. To encourage students to become active voters when they are old enough to cast a ballot, the Secretary of State's office facilitated the California Student Mock Election in October of this year. The California Student Mock Election had on the November 6, 2018 General Election ballot.

Our Business Programs Division continued to make it easier to do business in California by expanding online filing options through bizfile California. For the first time, Californians can form LLCs and file trademarks online.

The Secretary of State's office is the first state-level Department or Agency to utilize Microsoft's Artificial Intelligence to vey. We also launched

launch the Eureka Chatbot to assist customers with basic business filing questions. This showcases how public-private partnerships can benefit and modernize the state's capacity to serve customers. This innovation was recognized by the Center for Digital Media, which awarded the Secretary of State's Eureka with the Best of California Award, for Best Application Serving the Public.

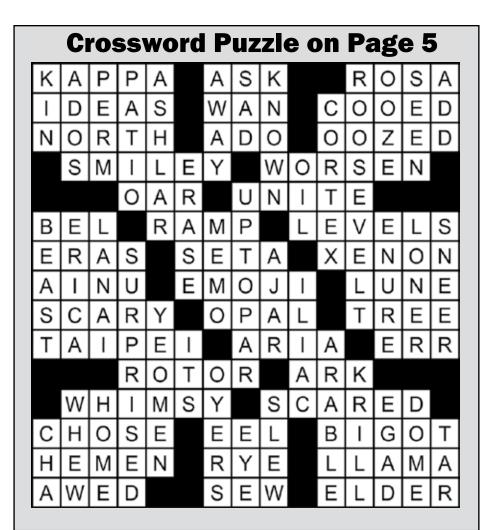
In the past year, the California State Archives has made great strides in digitizing their collections. In partnership with Google Arts and Culture, the California Digital Archives released 5 new exhibits covering: Voting by Mail during the Civil War (in English and Spanish), the Incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of Robert 477 participating schools F. Kennedy, and the Art cast over 55,000 ballots for and Architecture of Alfred Governor, United States Eichler. The California Senator, and eleven state- Digital Archives was recwide measures that were ognized by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) with the 2018 Innovation, Dedication, Excellence & Achievement in Service (IDEAS) Award.

The federal government is considering the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census which has the potential to intimidate millions of California residents from participating. California is suing to prevent the question from being added to the sur"All Californians Count," a Census 2020 initiative to ensure a fair and accurate count in line with the United States Constitution.

The Safe at Home program is California's confidential mail program, which was expanded this year to include victims of human trafficking. Now victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking, and reproductive health care workers all have access to safety and security in their own homes. This program provides participants with a substitute mailing address, which is accepted by California state, county, and city government agencies in lieu of a residential or other mailing address where the victim can be personally tracked down. keeping the residence address confidential and out of the hands of abusers. The Safe at Home program website was also revamped, providing easier access to apply for the program, and for participants to contact the program.

The California Automated Lobbyist and Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Search System, or CAL-ACCESS, is a vital tool to track money in politics. Our Political Reform Division is working on updating and improving the tool. We launched a new web portal to keep the public informed about the important changes coming soon.





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### the Digital West

Game Plots

Approaching "Fun" in

#### By Noah Howard

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Red Dead Redemption 2 has been universally considered the best game of the year, if not one of the best of all time. Its sweeping vision of the Old West in 1899 is as visually impressive as it is rich with stories, wrapping the player in a Spaghetti Western straight from the mind of Sergio Leone. It is undoubtedly one of the most ambitious and fully realized games ever created, and despite its near perfection, it isn't very much fun.

I've been playing through Red Dead Redemption 2 at the same time as another bigbudget rural-America open-world: Ubisoft's Far Cry 5, released earlier this year. While the former is a complete artistic vision, Far Cry 5 is an utter mess, sometimes deathly serious, sometimes ridiculously goofy (my two in-game companions are a grim hunter who speaks of how the villains gruesomely murder innocents and a diabetic grizzly bear named "Cheeseburger"), and always cowardly stepping back from any sort of commentary or message. Nevertheless, Far Cry 5, though inferior as a piece of art, is unarguably the better "game," delivering thrill after thrill, fun moment after fun moment, and, despite its juvenile nature, consistently treating the player like an adult capable of creativity and improvisation.

Red Dead Redemption

2 does none of the above. It has been so lovingly crafted that the developers are clearly paranoid about ensuring that the player experiences it in the "right" way. Story missions keep tight control over the player. Small instructions on the bottom of the screen micromanage every move; while Far Cry 5 might tell you to "Get to X" and allow you to do so by any means possible, Red Dead Redemption 2 will individually tell you to "Get on your horse," "Ride with Y to X," "Get off your horse," "Hitch your horse," and "Enter the building." Attempts at improvisation or creativity are most often met with instant mission failure.

Even while randomly exploring the open world, the two games take vastly different approaches. While Far Cry 5 has only a few simple repeating scenarios that can be approached in dozens of ways, Red Dead Redemption 2 uses its vast landscapes like a canvas on which to tell numerous structured short stories, all well-written, but all of which are experienced in the exact same way for every player.

These differences aren't a criticism of Red Dead Redemption 2; the idea that a game must be "fun" is one of the primary restrictions that has held back the medium of video games from developing artistically. The two games, released only a year apart, are simply a case study in

Bethesda and Electronic Arts/DICE have underestimated how qualitydiscerning their fanbase is, and even if Battlefield V and Fallout 76 earned enough from pre-release orders to cover their costs the stain on both companies' reputations could prevent that from happening again down the road.

how attitudes towards games have evolved and changed. Far Cry 5 couldn't care less about immersion or realism, shooting only towards a simple, stupid, repetitive, but incredibly entertaining and player-driven, concept of fun. Red Dead Redemption 2 does precisely the opposite, telling poignant, beautifully realized stories, but stories where the player feels almost like an unwanted chaotic variable in this otherwise perfect world. It seems to ask the player to simply be the projec-

tionist on its set-in-stone film reel. "Fun" was considered such an integral concept to video games because, as the only truly interactive medium, games are uniquely equipped to create it, even if they sacrifice artistic quality in the process. The fact that Red Dead Redemption 2 and Far Cry 5 were released so close together shows that the market still has room for both types of experiences, but also tha both should take lessons from the other. To respond to noah's articles email him at digitalartsnoah@yahoo.Com \*

# SPORIS **Bulldog Boys, Girls Stay Unbeaten in BVL Play**



David Vantress **Gridley Herald** Sports Reporter

Story and photos by **David Vantress** 

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley High School boys basketball team has been playing pretty well as of late.

Last Friday night at Farmer's Hall, the Bulldogs stayed perfect in Butte View League play as they pulled away from Orland for a 53-38 win.

With the victory, the Bulldogs evened their season mark at 9-9 overall (2-0 BVL).

Gridley coach Chay Dake said he had to make a few lineup changes in the second half, and that enabled the Bulldogs to pull away for the win.

"We went with a smaller lineup, because we weren't



Gridley's Jorge Moran looks to pass the ball to a teammate last Friday night at Farmer's Hall against Orland.

able to use our bigs," Dake Trojans 19-4 in the period. said.

The Bulldogs led just 27-25 at halftime, and Orland was able to rally to take a 36-34 lead at the end of the third.

But Dake's lineup in the final frame, as the

Gridley kept Orland off the scoreboard for the first six minutes of the fourth.

Sophomore Grant Till led all scorers with 21 points for the Bulldogs.

Gridley was set to travel changes took their toll to Sutter on Tuesday of this week before hitting the Bulldogs outscored the road for Corning on Friday.

The Bulldog girls, meanwhile, also stayed at the top play.

Gridley defeated Orland on the road last Friday night, 61-37. The Bulldogs also beat Wheatland at home on Tuesday night in the 2018-19 BVL opener, 64-50.

Last Tuesday night against Wheatland, the with 2-0 mark in early BVL Bulldogs were led by Maddyson Tull, who had 21 points. Kennedy Tull added 20. Emma Little had 11 and Ally Mardesich chipped in with seven.

Gridley coach Becca McCray is just carrying seven players on the varsity roster at the moment, so conditioning is critical, she said. So far, so good, McCray added.

The Bulldogs were set to host Sutter Tuesday night and then travel to Corning Friday night.

Meanwhile, in other prep basketball action last week, the Biggs girls continued to roll, going to 12-1 on the 2018-19 with a 71-47 win over Portola.

The Wolverines were scheduled to travel to Colusa Monday night, host Quincy Wednesday night, and entertain CORE Butte Friday night. All three games were slated to be part of varsity doubleheaders.

The Biggs boys, meanwhile, are 1-0 in MVL play after defeating Portola, 64-46 last week. The Wolverines are 5-9 overall on the season under new coach Buster Callaway.

Live Oak's boys are 6-10 after a 70-34 loss to Pierce last Tuesday. The Lions were scheduled to host Colusa on Tuesday and travel to Willows on Friday.

The Lion girls fell to 3-10 last week with a 50-24 loss to Pierce. Live Oak was scheduled to travel to Colusa on Tuesday and hit the road for Willows on Friday.

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#### By Daniel Emmons, **River Cats**

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento River Cats will be hosting their annual job fairs on Saturday, January 26 and on Saturday, February 9 at Raley Field in West Sacramento. Those interested in working for the River Cats during the 2019 season are encouraged to attend these free events. Hiring managers will conduct interviews during each event and will be prepared to

extend job offers on the spot. The River Cats have some 400 part-time and seasonal positions available for the upcoming 2019 baseball season. Some of the available

positions include bartenders, concessions, parking attendants, stadium operations, Cat Crew, On Deck Shop sales clerks, and more. A full list of available positions is available at rivercats.com.

All applicants must be at least 16 years of age. For positions that serve alcohol, applicants must be at least 21 years old.

The two events are to be held on the suite level at Raley Field on Saturday,

January 26 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 9 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Interested applicants must submit an on-line application prior to attending the job fair by visiting rivercats.com/ employment.

For questions and inquiries, please call (916) 376-4722.

The Sacramento River Cats are the Triple-A affiliate of the three-time World Champion San Francisco Giants. The team plays at Raley Field in West Sacramento, consistently voted one of the top ballparks in America. For more information about the River Cats, visit www.rivercats.com. \*



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# **Gridley Thumbs and Roots**



By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The last nip of cold temperatures brought a small freeze. It froze the bud on the sunflower that was trying so hard to go through its' life cycle. Interestingly, the leaves are still green. It looks like the banana flower bud is OK but the leaves look nipped. It wasn't a hard enough or long enough freeze to encourage the remaining leaves on our oriental pear tree to drop the rest of its leaves. The flower buds on that tree are waiting for one really warm day and they will burst forth.

The backyard is complete. Fruit trees are pruned. Perennials are cut back. I'm still gambling with the showy penstemon. It is blooming so beautifully I could not cut it back. Hopefully it will not freeze. It is always interesting to see which perennials have new growth starting this time of year. The asters have little baby leaves coming up. The salvias have little leaves on their shortened branches.

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Doc hadn't even finished loading his coffee with fake sugar before Steve piped up.

"I think it's disgusting and weird and unnatural and it should be outlawed!" The tall cowboy said, coming to rest at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop.

"Aw Steve," said Doc, "the coffee isn't that bad."

"Coffee? Nay, I say unto you, Doc. It ain't the coffee ... it's them Academy Awards on the television. You see them? All them good-looking women Scotch-taping themselves into those dresses so they almost stay on? Those weird guys they're with who only shave on Tuesdays?"

"Give us a twirl there, cowboy." "And this makes you angry?"

"Sure does, Doc. Those folks make a lot more money than I do and all they have to do is dress up and talk to those red carpet cameras."

"Well, Steve," said Dud, "we can do just as good as they can. Stand up."

Steve looked around and then stood slowly. Dud picked up a bottle of Tabasco sauce and, using it as a microphone, turned to the breakfast crowd in the Mule Barn.

"Good morning, folks, and we're so happy you could join us here on KRUD this morning to welcome our list of celebrities. Oh, look, it's Steve, the pride of farrie life and heavy anvils. Steve, wherever did you get that outfit?"

"Well," said Steve, grinning, "it's a creation of Levi Strauss, and please note the genuine brass rivets."

"Give us a twirl there, great applause.

"And your headwear today, Steve, that would be what ... Stetson?"

narcissus reminds me of why I want to plant more of them.

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ter iris have been blooming

down low in their nest of

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prise as I pass by. One of the

reblooming white iris is try-

ing to open. The others might

not bloom because they were

On to finishing the front yard.

The two types of flowering

maples are blooming away.

The larger variegated leaf

one is getting big and looking

glorious. I plan on pruning it

to be no taller than three feet,

we'll see how it goes. The

cutting back of the front yard

will happen on

future sunny days.

dug up and divided.

"Yessir. A genuine John B. Stetson original. Five ex beaver fur felt.'

"The sweat stains?"

"Those were added later, actually, Dudley. A genuine cow pen fillip to offset the otherwise stunning look of my entire ensemble."

"So as not to overwhelm the onlookers, I suppose?"

"Precisely. We don't want ordinary people to think they'll never achieve this look, you see." "An admirable pursuit," Dud

said. "Noblesse oblige, I believe," said Steve.

"Not until lunch, Hon," said Loretta, topping off the coffee mugs. "Breakfast special is bacon and a short stack."

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