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ON THE COVER

ETNA TO HOLLYWOOD

Anita Loos, who stood an inch short of five feet and weighed in at 90 pounds, was a giant in early 20th century Hollywood and Broadway. In a career spanning 60 years, she wrote some 200 screenplays and played a key role in advancing the acting careers of Douglas Fairbanks, Jean Harlow and Audrey Hepburn. See page 12

Q&A ON VOTING IN SHASTA COUNTY

Cathy Darling Allen, Shasta County Clerk and Registrar of Voters, answers questions about voting in the Nov. 3, 2020, presidential election in Shasta County, including voting by mail and how there are five ways counties are allowed to conduct the election.

Read the question and answer exchange on page 8.

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

Pops Performing Arts & Culture Center is hoping for good weather in October as they attempt to bring back live music outside at their venue in Dunsmuir, including music by Tom Scott and Leslie Tift, Emma and Shane Duo, Noise Lifters, and the Allison and Victor Quartet. See page 2.



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Second Weaverville Witches Brigade takes flight on bikes (or feet) Oct. 17

Here's a way to get outdoors, keep a safe distance from others, and still have some pre-Halloween fun. The glorious Weaverville Witches will once again bring enchantment and fun to the Trinity County town when the second annual Weaverville Witches Brigade is held on Saturday, Oct. 17. Everyone is invited to take part in their witch costume while riding their bike through town. Walkers are welcome as well. Last year's event, with little publicity, attracted well over 100 bike riders. Meet at the library parking lot at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 17, for Witchy shenanigans before taking flight at 2 p.m. Many businesses will be offering tricks and treats just for the witches, so you're asked to be sure to patronize them before and after flying. For more information, check out their Facebook event page at: <https://fb.me/e/cv1qnLeYd>



Noise Lifters

Dunsmuir venue looking to hold outdoor concerts

Pops Performing Arts & Culture Center is hoping for good weather in October as they attempt to bring back live music - outside with people physically-distant - at their venue at 5819 Sacramento Ave., Dunsmuir.

Things get underway at 6 p.m. on **Oct. 2** with **Tom Scott and Leslie Tift** playing their mix of folk, Americana and indie music, along with some original songs. Tickets are \$12 in advance online, \$15 at the door.

Next up will be **Emma & Shane Duo** at 4 p.m. on **Oct. 4**. Vocalist Emma Reynolds grew up in Mount Shasta, moved to the Central Coast for three years, and finished her BA with an emphasis in jazz performance at Bob Cole Conservatory of Music in 2016. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Following that at 6 p.m. on **Oct. 9** is the **Noise Lifters** (photo above). They'll perform music from the 1960s and '70s (Buffalo Springfield, Rolling Stones) to more contemporary tunes (Tom Petty, Radiohead, Ben Harper) along with original music described as Americana/rockabilly/folk rock. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

At 3 p.m., **Oct. 10**, as part of Second Saturday in Dunsmuir, it will be the **Allison and Victor Quartet** with Mike Harris (percussion) and Bruce Calin (standup bass). A \$15 donation at the gate is requested.

Other music includes **Rusty Miller** on Oct. 11 and **Dark Eyes** on Oct. 23. For more information on these and other events, visit popsdunsmuir.com, find their Facebook page, or call 235-2809.



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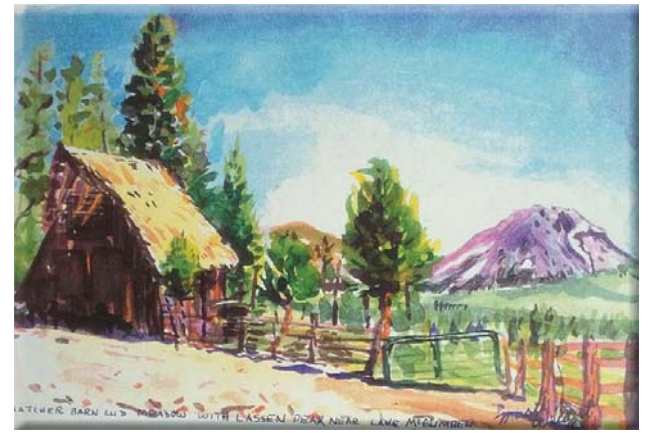
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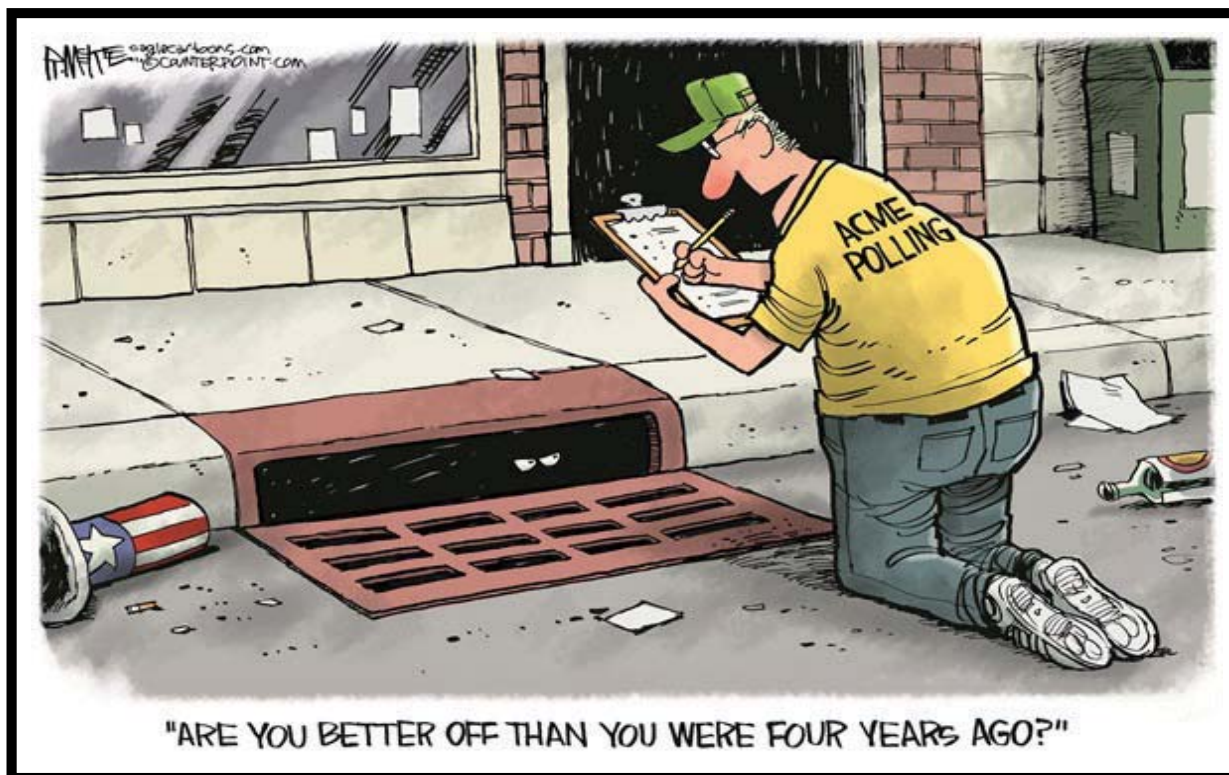
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Art show & sale slated to be held Oct. 3 and Oct. 10 in Shingletown

Original paintings by Marti Weidert depicting local and Northern California landscapes (including the one above), along with drawings and prints, will be on display at an outdoor painting show and sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both Oct. 3 and Oct. 10 at Weidert's studio in Shingletown, 7577 Sparky Lohr Lane. Oct. 17 is a rain date. Adults only. For more information, including directions and COVID-19 restrictions that will be in place, visit martiweidert.com, email martiweidert@gmail.com, or call 474.4300.



SCAC open again, features art exhibit

Shasta County Arts Council is once again open at Old City Hall, 1313 Market St., Redding. This month they are featuring The Art of Elizabeth McClellan and Rose Cudaback. The exhibit runs through Oct. 23.

Old City Hall is open noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. For more information, visit their website shastaartscouncil.org or call 241-7320.

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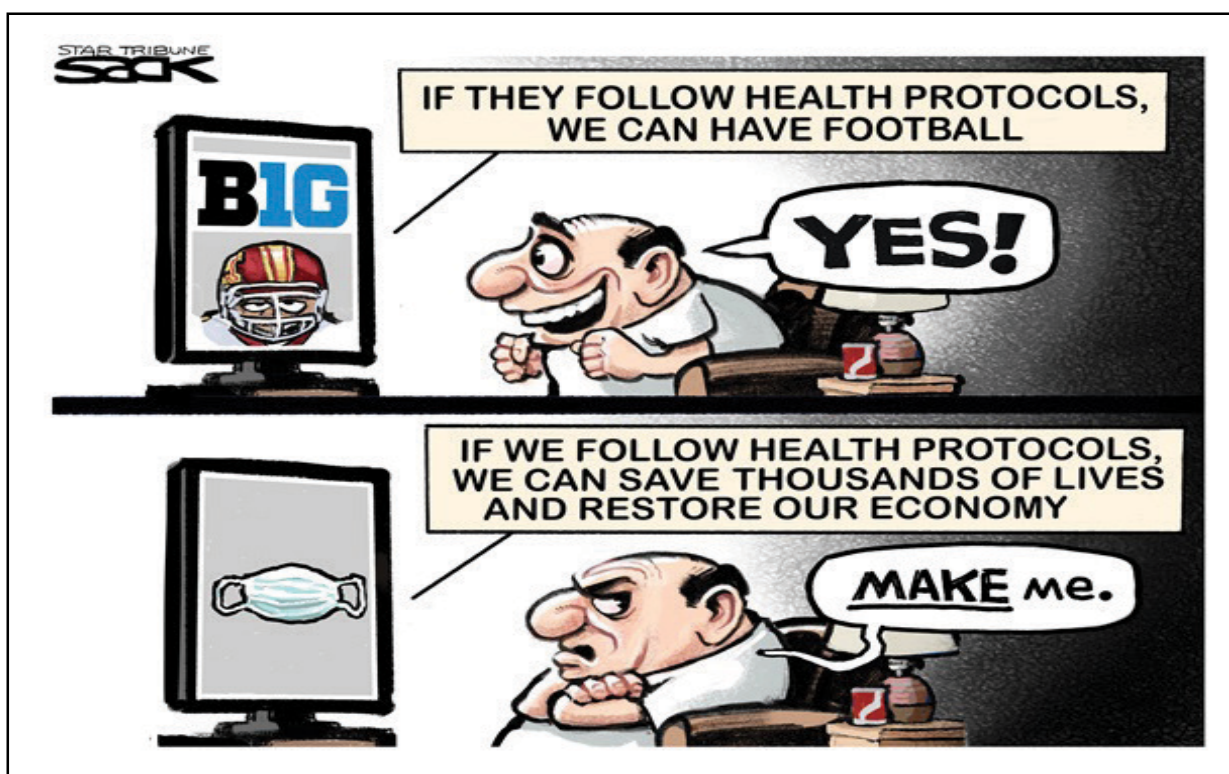


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Helping seniors recognize fake news and propaganda

Dear Savvy Senior,
Are there any resources that you know of that can help seniors detect fake news? My 75-year-old mother shares a lot of misinformation with her family and friends that she sees on Facebook. I've talked to her about it, but for some reason she has a difficult time deciphering real news from fake news and propaganda.

- Frustrated Daughter



By Jim Miller

Dear Frustrated,
Unfortunately, the digital misinformation problem your mom is experiencing is not uncommon. According to researchers from Princeton and New York University, people aged 65 and older are up to seven times more likely to share fake news and dubious links on social media than their younger counterparts.

Why?

There are several theories. The first is that many seniors started using social media sites like Facebook only within the past five or six years and may lack the digital literacy skills to identify false or misleading content.

Some other possible theories are that most seniors experience some cognitive decline as they age, making them more likely to fall for hoaxes. Many older Americans also suffer from chronic loneliness which can cause them to share misinformation as an

attempt to make connections with other people. And studies have shown that older people are generally more trusting than younger generations, which can make them more gullible.

All this is particularly concerning now as we sit in the midst of a global health pandemic and a 2020 election season, both of which are ripe with misinformation, rumors and conspiracy theories. And seniors are prime targets of this false/misleading information because they are much more likely to vote than their younger cohorts and are much more vulnerable to getting sick and dying if they contract COVID-19.

Where to Get Help

To help your mom detect and combat online misinformation there are several great resources she can turn to

that offer free courses and tips.

One is MediaWise for Seniors, a project of the Poynter Institute, which offers two free online courses to help seniors detect and combat online misinformation – see Poynter.org/mediawise-for-seniors.

The first four-week course has already filled up, but your mom can still enroll in a self-directed course called "Hands-On Lessons to Separate Fact and Fiction Online." It is hosted by Christiane Amanpour and Joan Lunden, and was scheduled to begin Sept. 24, but she can take the course anytime.

In addition, Poynter has worked with AARP to produce Fact Tracker interactive videos and a webinar on spotting and filtering misinformation at AARP.org/facttracker.

Some other free course options you

should look into include Senior Planet, which is offering a one-hour online course on "How to Spot Fake News" at SeniorPlanet.org.

The News Literacy Project that provides the Checkology virtual classroom, which was initially created for middle and high school students, is now offering an independent learners option that is ideal for older adults – see Get.Checkology.org. Their lessons will help your mom detect the difference between news, opinion and propaganda.

And there's also Coursera, a free world-wide online learning platform, which offers an in-depth six-week course called "Making Sense of the News: News Literacy Lessons for Digital Citizens," which she can access at Coursera.org/learn/news-literacy.

There are also many good websites, like PolitiFact.com, Snopes.com and FactCheck.org that will let your mom fact check a story to help her identify fact versus fiction. These sites have most likely already fact-checked the latest viral claim to pop up in her news feed.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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BEING BLUE

By CARRIE CLASSON

Blue had been through a rough patch. He was adopted from the shelter and then returned for unspecified reasons. That's when Bill met him.

Blue is an Italian mastiff — which means he is massive, just not quite as massive as an ordinary mastiff. I don't know exactly what attracted Bill to Blue, but it's not hard to understand. Blue is a very sweet boy. But he'd been through a lot.

Bill is still working from home most days, but he's been going in on Wednesdays and that's what Bill did the Wednesday before last, the first Wednesday after he adopted Blue.

That's when Blue ate the door frame.

"Well, it stands to reason," I told my husband, Peter.

"A small dog chews up your socks when he's anxious. A big dog eats the door frame."

Bill asked if we could babysit Blue the next Wednesday and I was delighted. He brought Blue over and Blue watched Bill's car drive off. That's when Blue got a little anxious.

"It's okay, Blue," I said.

"Bill is coming back."

Peter distracted Blue

by tossing goldfish crackers to him. Blue was a terrible catch. Every goldfish hit the ground, but Blue was happy to eat them once they did. He kept looking for Bill's car.

"Let's go inside, Blue!" I said, and Blue came upstairs to my writing room while Peter got ready for his hike. Blue nervously watched me and then Peter and then me again.

When Peter went on his walk, Blue began to cry. Peter was back a few minutes later because he forgot his phone. Blue greeted him like he'd been gone a month. After Peter left the second time, Blue relaxed a little. It appeared that people left this place and then they came back. It was worrisome, but maybe it would be okay.

Blue lay down on his bed, and he spent most of the morning watching me, making sure I didn't go anywhere.

Every so often, I'd reach down and pet his worried forehead. "It's okay, Blue," I said. "Peter is coming back and then Bill is coming back and everything is going to be okay."

But I wasn't sure if I was the best person to be reassuring him — because I've been Blue.

I've been anxious and worried and told myself that everything is going to be okay. Then I've replied, "That's what you say. But how do I know for sure?"

When I think back on times I've been anxious, it's hard to remember exactly what I was worried about because that is never the point. I'm just worried. Things don't seem right. Things might not work out. I might have done something wrong. Maybe people will be unhappy with me. I know exactly what it feels like to be Blue.

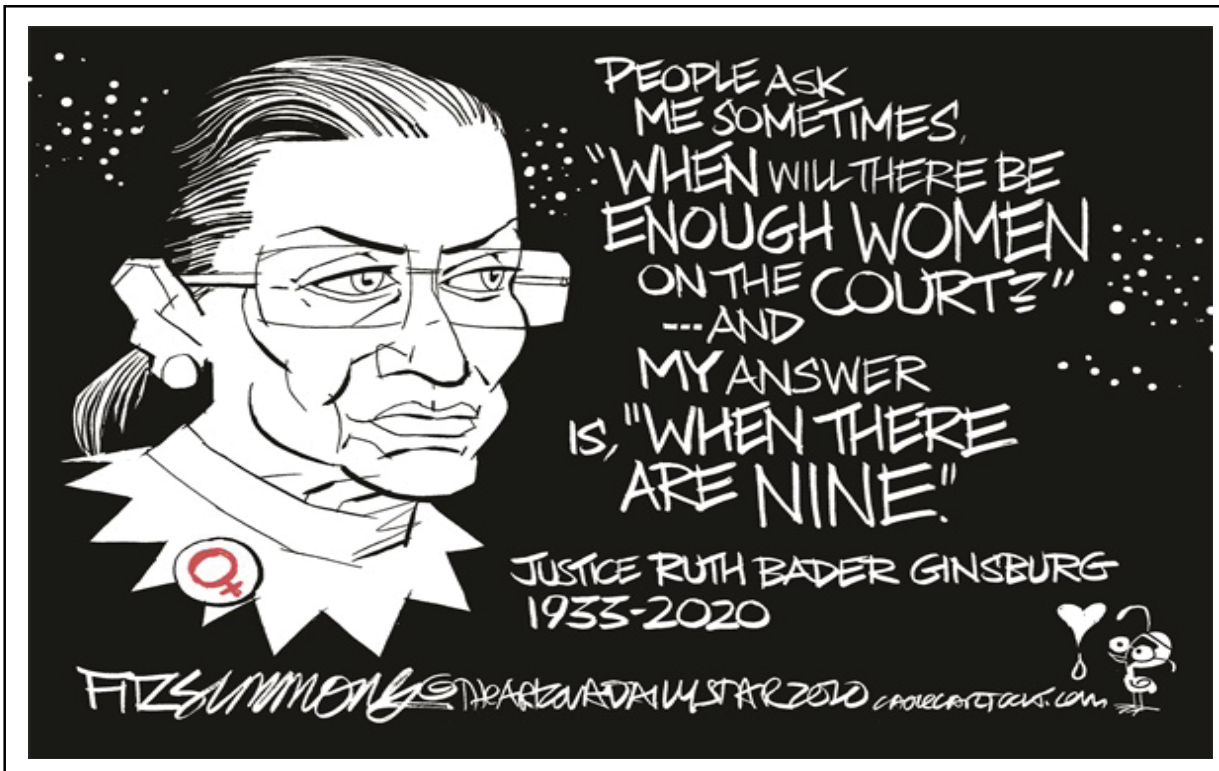
But the next time I feel anxious, I have a new trick I'm going to try. I'm going to picture that big worried dog — who has reason to worry, who has been through some worrisome things — and say, "It's okay this time. This time you are going to be fine."

When Bill returned, Blue ran over to him and leaned his big head against him and wagged his tail.

"You see, Blue?" I said, "I told you everything was going to be fine."

Then Blue did something I didn't expect. He came over to me and leaned his head against me for a long moment. He wagged his tail. Then he returned to Bill.

You can think whatever you like. I'm going to believe that's how Blue says, "Thank you."



Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released in 2019. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com

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Weaverville and Trinity County



WEAVERVILLE WITCHES BRIGADE



Second Annual - Saturday, Oct. 17th

Meet at 1:30pm at library parking lot. Witches on Bikes take flight at 2:00pm. All are invited to participate. Walking Witches are welcome as well. Many businesses will be offering tricks and treats just for the witches, so be sure to patronize them before and after flying. For more info, visit the Facebook event page.

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 - Oct. 3...HISTORIC WEAVERVILLE ART CRUISE 5 to 9pm. Many shops open.
 - Oct. 17...WITCHES BRIGADE - Starts at library, 1:30pm
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Q&A with the Shasta County Registrar of Voters

With the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with concerns from some surrounding vote-by-mail, After Five Magazine asked Cathy Darling Allen, Shasta County Clerk and Registrar of Voters at the Shasta County Elections Department, to help bring some clarity to voting in Shasta County in the Nov. 3, 2020 presidential election. First, some introductory comments from Allen about November's election.

"This year California's primary election came right at the beginning of the COVID-19 health crisis. As presidential primaries began rolling out, and the health crisis was increasing, it became clear that something new needed to happen for November's presidential election.

"California's answer to the health crisis and voting was to mail every active, registered voter a ballot. In-person voting will be available in some way in every county, but it will vary. "There are five ways counties are allowed to conduct the election on Nov. 3. In Shasta County, we decided to keep all our precincts open, and follow the law by mailing a ballot to all voters.

"Our goal is twofold: keep folks safe by having all our locations open, thereby causing fewer numbers of people to gather in a polling place. Secondly, changing the way we conduct the election for this extraordinary circumstance seemed inadvisable; we much prefer to test new procedures in smaller elections, not the "big show" of the presidential election.

"All the polling places in Shasta County that were open in March will be open in November (with three changes); in-person voting is available in the elections office (1643 Market St., Redding), beginning Oct. 5, every day, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Nov. 3. We will also be open the two Saturdays before election day, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

"One further clarification about 'vote by mail' – mail is the way I deliver the ballot to the voter, but a voted ballot can be returned in many different ways, as we'll describe below.

"Those outside of Shasta County should contact their local election official to find out more information. You can find contact information at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices."

- Cathy Darling Allen

After Five: You are the Shasta County Clerk and Registrar of Voters for Shasta County. Would the same way of voting here apply for all counties throughout California for the Nov. 3 election?

Allen: In short, no. Here's a link that describes the five ways counties are conducting the election this November. <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2020-general/methods-for-november.pdf>

Shasta County is using option No. 4 on the list, "Traditional Polling Place."



This information is for Shasta County

Counties across the state were given one of five options to conduct their voting procedures for the Nov. 3, 2020 Presidential Election. Shasta County will be following No. 4: "Traditional Polling Place" where the county will maintain the same number of polling places and locations (with three changes) as there were in the March 2020 Primary. Ballot drop-off locations are determined by the county.

We will mail a ballot to every active, registered voter. In-person voting will also be available. All the polling places that were open in March will be open in November (with three changes); in-person voting is also available in the elections office weekdays beginning Oct. 5 through Nov. 3. We will also be open the two Saturdays before election day, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31.

Also, the Secretary of State has another list that details how each county is conducting the election: <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2020-general/county-survey-july.pdf>.

After Five: When can voters expect to receive their ballots?

Allen: Ballots will be mailed no later than Oct. 5 in every county.

After Five: Is there any reason for anyone to request an absentee ballot? What if a registered voter didn't receive a ballot in the mail?

Allen: No voter in California needs to request a ballot. However, if for some reason a voter does not receive a ballot, they can request a replacement. We are asking voters to call us if they do not receive their ballot by Oct. 15. Voters can also come into the elections office in person and vote.

After Five: Everyone must include a signature before returning their ballot by mail. What do you have on file to match signatures?

Allen: Every voter must sign their return envelope that contains

their voted ballot. This signature is one of the security measures of the ballot. Signatures are compared to the signature the voter made on their voter registration card, or the signature they have on file at the DMV if they registered to vote online.

After Five: Is postage required for voters to return their completed ballot through the mail?

Allen: Postage is paid for all returned ballots in California, per state law. If your county has a drop box program like Shasta does, it will help save tax dollars by dropping off your ballot at a drop box or tallying it yourself before or on election day.

After Five: Voters who choose to mail their ballot don't necessarily have to go to the post office or find a mailbox to mail their ballot. They don't even have to deal with the post office in any way if they don't want to, right?

Allen: Voters can also give their ballots to their mail carrier, but, yes, they can also use an official drop box, they can deliver it back to the county elections office anytime, or to a polling place on election day.

After Five: If a person deposits their ballot at a post office at, say, 9 p.m. on Nov. 3, and it is not postmarked until Nov. 4, will it be counted?

Allen: No. Ballots must have a postmark of Nov. 3 or earlier to be counted. We generally advise voters to mail their ballot back no later than one week prior to the election if they want to

Election Calendar

September 24-October 13, 2020

State Voter Information Guides and County Voter Information Guides are mailed directly to registered voters.

October 5

Ballot drop-off locations open.

October 19

Deadline. Last day to register to vote in the general election.

October 20-November 3

Conditional Voter Registration Period.

During this period 14 days before an Election Day, and including Election Day, an individual can go to the office of his or her county elections official to conditionally register to vote and to vote a provisional ballot. You can also vote a CVR ballot at a polling place.

November 3

Election Day. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

November 3

Deadline for the Registrar of Voters to receive a vote-by-mail ballot in person is November 3, 2020, at 8 p.m. A mailed, voted ballot will count only if the identification envelope is signed, dated and postmarked by no later than Election Day, November 3, and it is received no later than three days after Election Day, November 6, at 8 p.m.

December 3

Deadline. County election officials must complete the canvass of official returns, certify the results, and submit a report of these results to the Board of Supervisors no later than this date.

use USPS to return their ballot.

After Five: What is the time frame for people to deposit their ballots in those drop boxes?

Allen: We have two kinds of drop boxes in Shasta County: permanently installed and staffed. Permanently installed boxes are open 24/7 beginning Oct. 5. Staffed drop boxes are located in local grocery stores and are available during the business hours at that location.

After Five: How do voters find out where those drop boxes are located in their county?

Allen: For Shasta County, locations are listed on the instructions that come in the envelope with their ballot, and on our website. Of course, voters can also call us anytime (530) 225-5730.

- Please see Voting, page 15

A New Voice for Redding City Council



Mark B. Mezzano

If you don't know me, I'm originally from Chicago. I moved to California in 1982 and joined the California Highway Patrol in 1983. I transferred to Mt. Shasta in 2000 and to Redding in 2005. I worked in the Budget Office and as a lifeguard on Lake Michigan while attending Northeastern Illinois University in the 1970s. I worked as a flight attendant for United Airlines before joining the CHP. I produced a Smooth Jazz concert featuring Craig Chaquico from the rock bands Jefferson Starship/Starship that took place in Mt. Shasta and was for the benefit of Mercy Medical Center promoting it as the smallest town in America with its own cancer center.

I am a certified scuba instructor. I co-coached Redding Christian High School's golf team for four undefeated seasons. Upon my retirement from the CHP I became a golf coach at Simpson University and led both the men's and woman's teams to the NCCAA Nationals in Florida during my first year as head coach.

I worked as a volunteer coach with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes during three separate weeklong summer camps in Santa Barbara and Monterey for at-risk youth from the Los Angeles area. I currently volunteer with the Shasta Lake Kiwanis in the cities of Shasta Lake and Redding.

My wife Kathy and I will celebrate 30 years of marriage this October. We enjoy hiking local mountains, boating, playing golf, and cooking for family and friends. We have two grown children, Marcus, 27, Kristine, 25, soon to be son-in-law, Joshua Plummer, and two Yorkies, Lucy and Lola.

I have the drive, passion, and - being retired - the time to serve as a full-time councilmember. I will be the voice of the people, giving our citizens and local businesses unprecedented transparent access to local government. I want people to be candid with me and tell me what they think I need to be doing. I value their advice and support. With their honest, strong, straightforward advice I will make better decisions in the best interest of the citizens and businesses of Redding.

For more information on my background, including my extensive experience in law enforcement, please visit my website: Mezzano4Redding.com

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Public Safety

As a retired sergeant from the California Highway Patrol with 28 years on the streets fighting crime, I am the most qualified to represent the citizens of Redding on our City Council. I have the skills required to work hand in hand with our local law enforcement.

During my tenure at the CHP, I worked with both local and county agencies on multiple programs. I participated in grant funding projects at the state level resulting in programs directed at reducing crime at the local level. I will work to equip our police department with the necessary tools to effectively provide the highest level of police services we deserve in Redding. I will focus on increasing uniformed staff levels in order to develop pro-active opportunities focusing on the root causes of crime within our city.

Economic Recovery/ Responsible Development

COVID-19 has created an unprecedented time of economic loss for the business community. Helping our local businesses recover from this nightmare is without question a priority. As your councilmember I will seek out the leaders within our business community in order to identify their needs and how best to assist them in their recovery.

Recruiting new and emerging businesses who will provide better paying jobs for the citizens of Redding is essential. We must embrace entrepreneurial individuals willing to startup new ventures within our city. As your councilmember, I believe Responsible Development means protecting the rural way of life we know and love in Redding. Becoming a major metropolitan city is not a concept I envision. Did you know the average daily commute is just over 17 minutes? I have no interest in sitting in traffic for hours during my daily commute to and from work.

Homelessness

The homeless crisis in Shasta County continues to grow. I believe the number is actually much higher because we only conduct a one day census in January. When I ask the question, “What’s your most important issue?” the response is overwhelmingly “The homeless.” Redding is not alone. Cities across the nation are dealing with it in a variety of ways. I don’t want to reinvent the wheel. I want to take the best ideas and bring them to Redding.

I disagree with Councilwoman Winter when she related the homeless problem was beyond the scope of city government at last year’s State of the City address. I was also genuinely disappointed Mayor McElvain failed to mention anything about the homeless crisis in Redding at this year’s State of the City address. It is our crisis and we must deal with it. The federal and state government isn’t going to fix it for us.

We must create programs targeting the basic cause and then ask for help, **not** with more taxes, but in the form of grants from both Sacramento and Washington. As a councilmember I will work toward establishing a task force comprised of local leaders within the city and county including representatives from the homeless community. Our goal will be to identify the best practices for dealing with our homeless crisis.

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NEWS of the WEIRD

In Chesterfield County (Virginia) court, prosecutors and the defense attorney for 55-year-old Robert Raff floated a dubious agreement in Raff's grisly murder case.

Raff is accused of killing his father and his mother in the same home, during the same two-day period in 2019.

Two psychologists agreed that at the time of the killings, Raff was insane. But the lawyers want to hold him culpable for his mother's death, but not guilty by reason of insanity for his father's death.

"Explain to me how he can be guilty of one and not guilty of the other?" asked Circuit Judge David E. Johnson, according to the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Raff, who has a long history of mental health issues, admitted to killing both parents.

The lawyers' unusual plea agreement is designed to produce a suspended 40-year sentence for the killing of his mother that would compel Raff to adhere to treatment at the Central State Hospital for the murder of his father.

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Daniel Albert Neja, 39, is a homeless man who resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

For nearly two weeks, however, Neja lived in relative luxury, the Tampa Bay Times reported.

Neja was arrested after a cleaning crew found razors, shaving cream containers and blankets in a seldom-cleaned suite at Al Lang Stadium, where the Tampa Bay Rowdies soccer team plays.

Neja had been helping himself to food and Rowdies clothing valued at more than \$1,000. He had also consumed \$250 worth of drinks.

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Pal Onnen of Hastings, Minnesota, just wanted to put her "nwt" on the "pam," United Press International reported.

And indeed, she did just "taht."

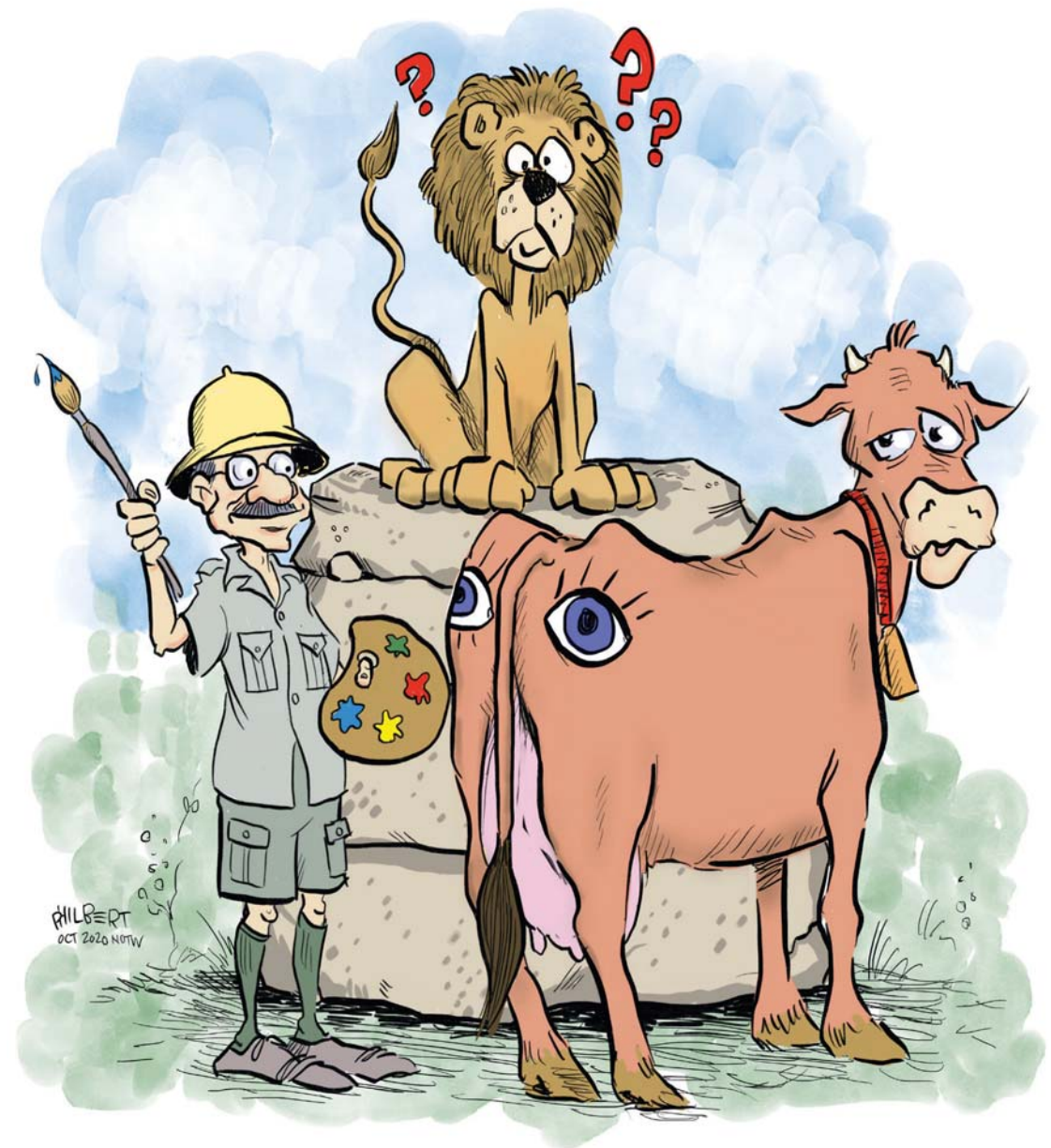
Onnen set the Guinness World Record for spelling words backward: 56 words in one "etunim."

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Rev. Eileen Harrop of the Church of England is taking social distancing seriously as houses of worship reopen, Sky News reported.

During holy communion, the church has decreed that communicants should be offered only bread, not wine from a "common cup."

But Harrop is going a step



In Botswana, cattle are left to graze and roam during the day, but that makes them vulnerable to attacks by lions, leopards and other carnivores, so two conservation biologists from the University of New South Wales in Australia have come up with an idea to allow both cattle and cats to co-exist, NPR reported. Because big cats hunt using the element of surprise, the biologists came up with a way to make the predators believe they'd been seen by their prey and then abandon the hunt. "We tested this by painting one-third of a cattle herd with artificial eye spots (on their backsides)," explained Cameron Radford, and over four years, "none of the cows that we painted with artificial eye spots were killed by ambush predators." Village chiefs and native farmers "look forward to us coming back and painting more eyes on bums," Radford said.

further, using extra-long chopsticks to deliver bread.

"I thought, 'Why can't I use a long pair of chopsticks, real bread rather than wafers, and drop it into the communicants' hands?'" she said.

She's using the method at both churches where she serves. "This is ... perhaps a first in any parish church in the diocese," she continued.

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Brian Duffy, 40, was charged with felony battery following an incident at a Pinnellas Park, Florida, 7-Eleven.

Around 9:20 that morning, Duffy allegedly complained about the price of his Slurpee, knocking the drink out of the worker's hands and causing the frozen treat to fly "onto the victim's person," the police report said, according to The Smoking Gun.

Duffy left the store but was later identified by the 7-Eleven employee, although he said he didn't recall knocking the drink out of her hands.

A judge ordered him to have no contact with the victim and to stay away from that

particular 7-Eleven.

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A headline in the Ken-Ton Bee in Kenmore, New York, caught the attention of The Buffalo News: "Leprechaun spotted looting cars on Hamilton Boulevard."

Kenmore Police Capt. A.J. Kiefer told The News a white male with orange hair and wearing a green shirt (and "possibly plaid pants") was reported to be looting vehicles on the street.

Police arrested the 36-year-old, who measured 5 feet 11

inches and had someone else's debit card, but no pot of gold, according to Kiefer. He was charged with petit larceny.

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About 176 Rhode Island taxpayers waiting for their refund checks got a surprise when the checks they received in late July arrived bearing the signatures of "Mickey Mouse" and "Walt Disney" instead of state officials.

State Department of Revenue chief of staff Jade Borgeason told WPRI that the division of taxation uses the signatures on dummy checks for internal testing, and the test image files were mistakenly added to real checks.

"Corrected checks will be reissued to impacted taxpayers within one week," Borgeason said.

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Domino's pizza restaurants in New Zealand were forced to end a promotion to give free pizza to women named Karen "that aren't, well, Karens," the promotion announcement read.

United Press International reported that customers named Karen were invited to fill out an application for one of 100 free pizzas, but people objected online, suggesting the chain offer food to minorities or people who have been impacted by COVID-19.

"We wanted to bring a smile to customers who are doing the right thing - Karen the nurse, Karen the teacher," the company posted on Facebook, but "people interpreted this in a different way."

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Edward Thomas Schinzing, 32, was charged with arson for allegedly setting fires inside the Justice Center in Portland, Oregon, beginning two months of protest in that city.

The Oregonian reported the shirtless Schinzing stood out among about 30 people who broke into the building around 10:59 p.m., vandalizing offices and setting fires, because of the large tattoo of his last name clearly visible across his shoulders on surveillance images, according to court documents.

Schinzing, who was on probation at the time for domestic violence assault, is being held at the Justice Center.

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Pueblo, Colorado, police were intrigued to find a young man sleeping in a car parked behind a motel, "since motels have rooms, with beds, that you can sleep in," said Capt. Tom Rummel in a tweet.

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Anita Loos: A Hollywood legend with roots in the small Siskiyou County town of Etna

By Jon Lewis

The gravestone is rather unassuming, as is its location in the Etna Cemetery. What's not unassuming, however, is the story of the diminutive woman whose final resting place is in Siskiyou County's Scott Valley.

Anita Loos, who stood an inch short of five feet and weighed in at 90 pounds, was a giant in early 20th-century Hollywood and Broadway. In a career spanning 60 years, she wrote some 200 screenplays and played a key role in advancing the acting careers of Douglas Fairbanks, Jean Harlow and Audrey Hepburn.

She's best known for "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," a best-selling comic novel published in 1925 that introduced the world to Lorelei Lee, a gold-digging flapper. The first edition of the book sold out overnight and it was ultimately printed in 13 different languages in some 85 editions. It garnered praise from literary stalwarts William Faulkner and Aldous Huxley while Edith Horton called it "the great American novel."

The influential director D.W. Griffith dubbed Loos "the most brilliant young woman in the world." Helen Gurley Brown, editor-in-chief of Cosmopolitan magazine, would later remark that the prescient and pioneering Loos had managed the twin goals of "being sexy and having a fantastic career at the same time before anybody."

Loos's roots in Siskiyou County can be traced to her mother's side of the family. Loos's maternal grandparents, George and Cleopatra "Cleo" Smith were among Etna's early pioneers, having arrived in the area in 1849.



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Anita Loos, right, and Jean Harlow in a publicity still for the 1932 movie "Red-Headed Woman," which Loos wrote the screenplay for and Harlow starred, in one of the more famous pre-code era films.

Loos's mother, Minerva Ellen "Minnie" Smith, was born in Etna in 1869. Her father was Richard Beers Loos, a newspaperman and theatre manager who was described in the

New York Times as a "charming, feckless person, often away from home with pretty women and often short of money."

Richard and Cleo were married in 1881 and Anita Loos was born in 1889 in Sisson (now Mount Shasta). Richard Loos, who was publisher of the Sisson Mascot newspaper, apparently developed some wanderlust and by Anita's third year, the family had relocated to San Francisco where Richard Loos purchased The Dramatic Event, a tabloid that focused on theater doings.

A curious sort, Loos would accompany her father to San Francisco's pier where she had her first brushes with the city's underbelly and some of its more unsavory characters. Those associations are credited with sparking her "lifelong fascination with lowlifes and loose women," according to the Times.

Theater was ever-present in Loos's life, and even as a young girl her father had Loos and her sister, Gladys, performing on stage in San Francisco. (Gladys died at age 8 from appendicitis, an attack that

occurred while her father was away on business.)

Loos continued performing after her father moved the family to San Diego in 1903. Richard Loos had taken a job managing a theater company and had his daughter on stage there as well. The precocious Loos soon became the family breadwinner. It also was in San Diego, and later in Los Angeles, that Loos began to expand her writing.

Loos's foray into writing was a natural progression, suggested Jennifer Bryan, a Yreka native and a board member of the Siskiyou County Historical Society.

"Her father was involved in theater and writing throughout her childhood," she said. "It was all around her."

"The Ink Well" was one of Loos's first published plays, after which she turned her attention to screenplays. Her third effort, "The New York Hat," starred Mary Pickford and Lionel Barrymore and became a hit for director D.W. Griffith in 1911. The script showcased what the Times described as "the Anita Loos aesthetic: sharp, wit-driven, female-



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Loos, right, and her friend, actress Helen Hayes, left, co-wrote the 1972 book "Twice Over Lightly: New York Then and Now."



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Loos started her career writing for silent films, including as one of the co-writers for D.W. Griffith's 1916 movie "Intolerance."

centric plots, with barbs pointed at Puritanical humorlessness and hypocrisy. From the beginning, she embodied the modern woman to millions of readers — a work-driven, glamorous female success story in a man's world."

Between 1912 and 1915, Loos wrote 105 scripts and only four of them went unproduced. She became the first-ever female staff scriptwriter when Griffith hired her at his Triangle Film Corporation. Loos went on to write for Paramount, United Artists and MGM, easily making the transition from silent to sound films.

Loos joined director John Emerson for a series of successful Douglas Fairbanks swashbuckling adventure films and later married Emerson (her second husband), who was 15 years her senior.

Loos would later complain that the bulk of the pair's successful scripts were primarily her own work. Emerson's infidelity and jealousy over his wife's accomplishments strained the marriage, while also providing Loos with the opportunity to mingle with fellow writers like Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Toklas, Elisabeth Marbury and Elsie De Wolfe.

William Randolph Hearst contracted with Loos to write a film for his mistress, Marion Davies, and the resulting "Getting Mary Married" became one of the few Marion Davies films that didn't lose money.

Loos and Emerson collaborated on two well-received industry books, "How to Write Photoplays" and "Breaking Into the Movies." The films "Red-Headed Woman" and "The Women" were two examples of Loos's success in the sound era. Loos also adapted "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" for a successful Broadway production that starred Carol Channing. That production would later be adapted by screenwriter Charles Lederer for the popular 1953 film starring Marilyn



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John Emerson and Anita Loos in a photo taken one minute after their wedding in Bayside Long Island in 1919.



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The 1953 film "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell, with the screenplay by Charles Lederer, was adapted from the Broadway musical written by Loos and Joseph Fields, which was based on the novel by Loos.

Monroe and Jane Russell.

A young Audrey Hepburn performed the lead in Colette's "Gigi," another successful show Loos adapted for Broadway.

In her later years, Loos began a volume of memoirs starting with "A Girl Like I," in 1966. Her 1972 book, "Twice Over Lightly: New York Then and Now," was written in collaboration with friend and actress Helen Hayes, while "Kiss Hollywood Goodbye" from 1974 was a Hollywood memoir about her MGM years.

Famous relatives

Loos's older brother, H. Clifford Loos, also was born in Mount Shasta and grew up in the Scott Valley. He attended medical school at Stanford University and practiced medicine and surgery in San Diego from 1906 to 1917.

In 1929, with fellow physician Don Ross, Clifford Loos formed the Ross-Loos Medical Group and became the first group to collect monthly payments from its members (initially Los Angeles County employees) in exchange for health care with small or

zero copayments. The group became the country's first health maintenance organization (HMO) in the United States. The HMO concept has since been used by Anthem Blue Cross and other large insurers.

Clifford's daughter Mary became a writer who published under the name Anita Loos. She married Richard Sale, a screenwriter and novelist, and together they wrote 17 films, including "Gentlemen Marry Brunettes," "The Wackiest Ship in the Army" and "Please Don't Eat the Daisies."

Clifford Loos and his sister Gladys, along with his parents, are buried alongside Loos at the Etna Cemetery.

"I kind of think the land and the family roots drew them," said Bryan, who also does research for the Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County. "They felt at home here. My current generation, even though they left to make a living, they still come back to be buried with the family."

Jennifer Bryan of the Siskiyou County Historical Society provided a significant amount of help for this article.

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Upon running the car's license plate, he continued, the officers found it had been stolen in an armed carjacking, and "there on the front seat was a sawed-off shotgun, just like the victim said was used yesterday!"

KKTV reported the sleepy thief, a juvenile, was taken into custody and the car was returned to its owner.

A 26-year-old man in Plymouth, England, was detained after officers working nearby heard a commotion and looked up to see the man struggling with a seagull and biting it.

"He sunk his teeth into it before throwing it to the floor," a police spokesperson told Plymouth Live.

The man told police the seagull had attacked him, trying to get his McDonald's meal, and also "volunteered ... that he was under the influence of drugs ... The seagull was clearly injured by the incident but flew off before we were able to check on its welfare," police said.

The man was taken to a hospital for treatment.

After pub owner Steve Cotten jokingly announced that the beer garden at the Poltimore Arms in Devon, England, would become the Yarde Down International Airport for the summer, offering sightseeing flights, he was surprised to receive an official letter from Exmoor National Park Authority's planning officer expressing concern about the change: "We have a duty to look into such matters to understand if there is a breach, and if so, whether any action is necessary."

Devon Live reported Cotten responded promptly in a social media post, saying, "All long-haul flights have been suspended forthwith ... We apologize for any delays and remind you that the departure lounge facilities are still open."

The park authority replied with good humor, and the taps remain open.

For her birthday, 5-year-old Macey Clemens of Parker, Colorado, went on her first horseback ride and was hooked, so she wrote her wish for a pet horse on a balloon, signed her name and let it soar.

Jennifer Houghton, who owns seven horses and lives about an hour away, found the balloon stuck in a fence, and it wasn't long before the two found each other through social media.

"I feel like every little girl should get to enjoy the horse world," Houghton told KOAA. "I couldn't get her a pet horse, but at least try and help her ride and make somewhat of a dream come true."

She's working with Macey's family to find a horse close to home that the family can lease. "Hopefully, one day we'll be able to meet up and go for a ride together."

Father's Day in Taiwan is celebrated on Aug. 8, and EVA Air wanted to make it special, so working around global travel restrictions, it announced a Hello Kitty flight to nowhere, Travel & Leisure reported.

The anime character-decorated airplane is scheduled to take off from Taipei Taoyuan Airport and fly over the coasts of Taiwan for three hours at 25,000 feet, then land again at the same airport.

Guests will receive a special goody bag, enjoy a seafood feast created by a Michelin three-star chef and be given the opportunity to purchase Hello Kitty duty-free products at a big discount.

Tickets cost \$180 for economy seats and \$215 for business class.

An unnamed man in Cairns, North Queensland, Australia, posted notices offering a \$100 prize to the person able to best impersonate Chewbacca from "Star Wars," but the contest turned out to be a hoax designed to harass the woman who dumped him.

The posters listed the woman's phone number and invited contestants to call and deliver their best Chewbacca roar. The woman, identified only as Jessica, told 9News: "I'm getting phone calls at really strange hours of the night. ... I thought it was quite funny, actually, a good joke."

However, she drew the line when the ex abandoned his car, without tires, in the driveway of her home, blocking her in. "The police ... are going to do something about it," she said.

An Amazon delivery driver in Nuthall, Nottingham, England, is out of a job after Sharon Smith, 53, discovered him defecating in her back garden.

Smith said she saw the man run toward her garden and went to investigate. "I asked what the heck he was doing," Smith told Metro News, "and he just remained pooping whilst asking me what my problem was - the cheek of it."

The driver told police he wasn't feeling well and was desperate, and he didn't realize he was in a private garden. Smith agreed to not press charges as long as he cleaned up the mess and his employer was informed; Amazon promised a gift voucher as a goodwill gesture.

After Christian Meyer of Berlin, Germany, lost his running shoes to a thief, he posted a notice on a community sharing platform and learned other residents had also lost shoes that were left outside.

Meyer soon discovered the culprit, telling local media that he caught a fox "red-handed" with a pair of blue flip-flops in its mouth and eventually found its stash of more than 100 multicolored shoes, according to Fox News.

Meyer's shoes, however, were not among them.

Voting

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After Five: If voters choose to drop off their ballot at a precinct the day of the election, can they drop it off at any precinct in the state, maybe because they happen to be out of town on Nov. 3? Or does it have to be dropped off at a precinct in their county. Also, can a voter have someone else drop off their complete ballot for them?

Allen: Voters can drop off a voted ballot at any voting location (precinct or polling place, vote center or elections office) in the state on election day, and counties will send ballots back to the home county for the voter. If a voter in Shasta County wants to vote in person on election day, they can take their ballot with them to their assigned precinct and run it through the ballot scanner. You are allowed to ask another person to deliver your ballot for you; there are instructions about designating that person on the return envelope (for all counties).

After Five: For those voting in person on Nov. 3, how does a voter find out where their precinct is located or if it has been changed?

Allen: In Shasta County, we are opening all the same locations that were open in March (with three changes). The precinct for each voter is printed on the back cover of the county voter information guide. Also, we'll have a list of locations available on our website (www.ShastaVotes.org).

After Five: Fifteen counties in the state, including Butte County, are doing option No. 1 - Voters Choice Act - in which they have vote centers where voters will be able to cast their ballot in person before election day. That's not happening in Shasta County, right?

Allen: Shasta County is not using vote centers for this election. Voters (however) can vote in person at the election's office as mentioned earlier.

After Five: Can you tell us about the way people can track their ballot once they have voted?

Allen: Shasta County piloted ballot tracking for the state in our special election in November 2019. Voters can go to ShastaVotes.com to sign up for ballot tracking. Voters will get a text, email or voicemail (voter's choice) when the ballot is mailed to them, and when we've approved the ballot for counting.

After Five: Voting by mail continues to increase every year. With the number of voters who cast their ballot from home expected to increase by an even greater



Don't want to use USPS to mail in your voted ballot? You don't have to. There are other options available in Shasta County, including depositing it in a permanently installed drop box (like the one above in Shasta Lake) which are available 24/7 beginning Oct. 5. There are also staffed drop boxes located in various local grocery stores that are available during the business hours at those locations. You can also drop off your ballot at the county elections office anytime, or at any precinct the day of the election.

number this year, are county election offices being given any additional help?

Allen: Vote by mail in Shasta County has experienced a gradual increase over the past two decades. In 2000 we had about 1,000 voters who chose to vote from home every election. That number is now over 80,000. So instead of mailing out 80,000 plus ballots, we will be mailing out over 107,000. More voters have voted at home than in a polling place in every Shasta County election since 2005. We have received additional funding from both the state and the federal government which is a great help.

After Five: When is the final day to register to vote for the Nov. 3 election?

Allen: The voter registration deadline is 15 days before the election, Oct. 19, 2020. After that day, voters can come into our office and vote a CVR provisional ballot (conditional voter registration). This law allows us to count ballots for those who miss the deadline, including those who wait until election day to appear. Voters can vote a CVR ballot at their precinct on election day, or at the elections office beginning Oct. 20.

After Five: By what date must voting be certified?

Allen: All counties must provide the final total of votes for the office of President to the Secretary of State no later than Dec. 1, 2020.

After Five: Please explain about poll watchers, who can or cannot be a poll watcher and what they are allowed and not allowed to do on Election Day.

Allen: Poll watchers, or observers, are present in polling places and in election offices for every election. Any person can observe election processes either in the elections office or in polling places on election day. For this election, we will be asking observers to follow the same health protocols as everyone else in the election process: stay home if you are sick, wash your hands, wear a face covering and social distance.

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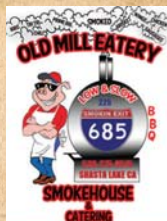
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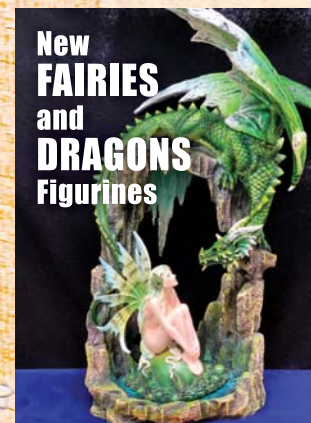


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