

The Upper El Times

Gratitude to Front Line Workers Shown All Around the County

By Amaia

All around the world, people are showing appreciation for frontline workers like nurses and doctors, police, and firefighters, during quarantine.

People are showing their gratitude to frontline workers by making signs and placing them on their windows, or putting a sign on their garbage can. If you see these little acts of kindness I encourage you to try and show some gratitude to the workers that come to your house to do the trash or drop off mail.

All this gratitude is making people aware of the situation that is going on and how people are risking their lives to keep other people safe everyday.

All this appreciation for frontline workers has been going on since quarantine started in mid-April. Everywhere you go and everywhere you look no matter where u are you will see this kindness and gratitude no matter what. Here are some ways you can show gratitude; wear a mask, write signs, social distance, make art and leave it around your neighborhood saying thank you and more.

Blooming Season is Here! The Best Garden Tips.

By Ruby

In this article, we will be telling you about how to plant flowers and care for them in the middle of planting season, so you can have a beautiful garden.

Picking your plants.

When you want to start a garden or add something to your yard, first you want to pick your packet! There are many plants and flowers to choose from, but in this article, we are going with beets.

Reading your seed packet.

When you are planting plants, you first want to know how to plant them, how long they will take to grow, and when to plant them. This is a very important part of planting your seeds. You want to follow the instructions on the packet because your plants will grow best if you do.

Did you know? One of the top ten largest flowers smells like rotting meat?

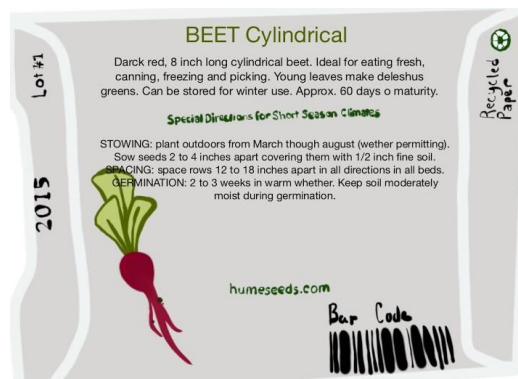
Planting your seeds.

When planting seeds, you need to remember to look at the seed packet (as I already told you) and say you are planting these seeds:

Well, let's see, you need to plant the seeds 12 to 18 inches apart. Then you want to keep them growing for at least 2 to 3 weeks in warm weather, and keep the soil sort of moist.

Greenhouses.

When plants are young, they sometimes need to have a warm area to grow up and thrive. More up north, the weather is cooler and wet. So I can imagine it's hard to keep gardeners plants happy and warm. Well, they find greenhouses an awesome helper! Greenhouses are little sheds that have windows on all sides that let sunlight stream in and keep the area warm. *Cont. on page 2*



U.S. CHINA TRADE WAR

By Sophia

The United States of America and China are currently in a trade war. We rely on China for lots of goods. They were the people who gave us toys, lots of bug's, and household material. Unfortunately President Trump didn't really understand that, because he made it worse by saying coronavirus is a Chinese virus which offended China.

This trade war has been going on for a while. It's been happening since July 6, 2018 and it is now 2020. President Trump and President Xi had agreed that on March 1, 2019 the trade war would end. It was later extended. Know it's still happening. It might last for a few more years because it's lasted a while but nothing can last forever.

The trade war is affecting other places. In Singapore the trade of electronics died by 31.9%. It's not good for them but in India they have benefited. India trades with China more than the United States of America and China's imports with India have grown by 25.6% while the

The United States of America has grown by 9.46% so India has benefited from the trade war. Malaysia is being affected too. Malaysia can't trade as much with the United States of America because we are shifting our investments away from China to avoid the tariffs.

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HOME & GARDEN

BAKING IN QUARANTINE

By Bijou

My family likes to bake peanut butter cookies, and now because of quarantine we have more time to do so! Baking these cookies is important because it brings my family together.

Baking is a family tradition. In addition to baking, we listen to songs. We love dancing to some of our favorite songs while we bake. Me and my mom love listening to Lizzo and my dad loves country music and sometimes rock or metal.

Some of my earliest childhood memories are baking. Baking is a great way to connect with your family. Baking is also a fun activity to do during quarantine! The most important thing about baking is that it is a time spent with your family. A time to connect. And make memories. Baking is one of my family's favorite activities!

Another important thing to consider is your recipe. When baking you always want to have a good recipe. My family has many of our own made up recipes, but we also love to use the "The Betty Crocker Complete Cookbook". Other good cookbooks include, "How to Cook Everything", and "Vegetarian Times". The internet is also a good resource. There are many great recipes that can be found online. Just make sure you have a recipe that suits you!

My family loves baking because it brings us together and we make amazing memories. Thanks to quarantine, now we can bake together more often!

Whenever we bake peanut butter cookies we use our special recipe:

½ cup granulated sugar
 ½ packed brown sugar
 ½ cup peanut butter
 ½ cup softened butter
 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
 ¾ teaspoon baking soda
 ½ teaspoon baking powder
 ¼ teaspoon salt

Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 mins.
 I always get to make the criss-cross pattern with the fork. We dip the fork in sugar as well!

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GROWING SEASON CONT. FROM PAGE 1

Caring for your young plants.

According to the seed packet we saw up there, we need to keep them in warm weather. A good way to do that is to put them in your greenhouse, and water them normally. But, if you don't have a greenhouse, then you can find a sunny spot in your front or back yard that can substitute.

Harvesting.

When you are harvesting these beets, you need to remember to . . . Look at the packet! As I have told you many times, follow the packet instructions. Sadly, this packet does not say how to harvest, but I presume you pull them out of the ground. But for some plants you don't need to harvest them. Like flowers, for example. They just add pizzazz to your garden. Also some edible plants are not harvested the same way as beets. Like mint leaves, some parts of some plants are harvested. Not the whole thing. Remember to keep that in mind.

Keeping your garden happy.

Now that you understand how to harvest and care for your garden but now you want to keep your garden happy. To do that, remember to:

- Read seed packets carefully
- Look up how to plant and care for plants and flowers
- Don't throw away packets
- Water every day (Unless the plants don't need it)

WELCOME

To Camp Kakapo!
 We are delighted to be hosting you at our one and only Camp Kakapo! We can't wait to get started with the activities; below you will find the list of our week's schedule, our weekly cafeteria menu, a map of Camp Kakapo and directions, and some fun facts about the Kakapo!

Monday:
 Breakfast : Pancakes & Eggs
 Lunch : Sandwiches & Salad
 Dinner : Tacos & Sherbet

Tuesday:
 Breakfast : Cereal Bar & Fruit
 Lunch : Grilled Cheese & Chips/Salsa
 Dinner : Noodles & Salad & Pie

Wednesday
 Breakfast : Waffles & Yogurt
 Lunch : Hamburgers & Fries
 Dinner : Fried Chicken & Chips & Cookies

Thursday :
 Breakfast : Fruit & Cereal & Pancakes
 Lunch : Sushi
 Dinner : Soup & Garlic Bread & Ice-cream

Friday :
 Breakfast : Cereal, Eggs, Waffles, Yogurt
 Lunch : Hamburgers, Grilled Cheese, Sandwiches, Salad, Fries
 Dinner : Hotdogs, Homemade Pizzas, Tater Tots, Corn on the Cob, S'mores

This is the Kakapo. The Kakapo lives in New Zealand, and there are only 211 of them left!

8:00 - Breakfast
9:00 - Organized games
10:00 - Archery
11:00 - Art projects
12:00 - Lunch
1:00 - Hike and group activities in the woods
3:00 - Swimming or boating
4:30 - Free-time or hanging out in cabins
5:15 - Indoor games
6:00 - Dinner
7:00 - Outdoor games
8:00 - Story time
9:00 - Cabin Time
10:00 - Lights Out

CAMP KAKAPO

CABINS
 MESS HALL AND INSTRUCTION CENTER
 ARCHERY RANGE
 GRASS FIELD
 LAKE
 BOAT SHED
 Campfire Site
 Obstacle course
 Hiking trail

SPORTS & LEISURE

MARBLE SPORTS

By Canyon

As most people know we are in the middle of a coronavirus pandemic. But there's a youtuber out there who was not going to have Covid-19 ruin his love for sports. The name of this youtuber's channel is Jelle's Marble Runs. He started making videos before the pandemic began. He made the marblelympics from 2016-2019 but after the pandemic started he made marbula 1 racing.

The Marblelympics is basically the real olympics but instead of countries there are teams. There are the summer and the winter olympics. The teams have to qualify to make it into the Marblelympics and there are always sixteen teams in it and there are 15 different events. There are also marbles in the stands watching. A few of the team names are; The Raspberry Racers, The Green Ducks, The Savage Speeders and The Hazers. The Marblelympics are very entertaining and if you are missing sports I recommend watching them.

Marbula 1 racing also involves a qualifier and it has most of the same teams. This is based off of Formula 1 racing. There are different tracks that the marbles race on and depending on which teams track there is there are some special obstacles. There is a points system and whoever has the most points at the end of the season wins Marbula 1 racing. It has more than 250,000 views and it would be worth a watch.

Jelle's Marble Runs made these videos to entertain people and if you ask me he did a good job. (WARNING: these videos are addicting) If you want some good entertainment watch these videos.

USA's SOLUTION FOR BASEBALL IN CORONAVIRUS TIMES

By Henry

Major League players are looking for a new way to play baseball because of the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020. Major League players and staff still don't know how this season will look.

People in America have had to think of new ways to play baseball due to Covid-19. Major League players and baseball staff have had to come up with new ways to play baseball.

People in the USA are looking at Korea for ideas because Korea already has up and running baseball games.

Fans will not be at the baseball stadiums until this virus is over. The players should always put on hand sanitizer between innings. Players do not wear a mask because it is hard for them to breathe while playing.

Players have their temperature checked while walking into the stadium. If a player is sick there will be no baseball for 2 weeks. Umpires wear latex gloves and a mask.

We still don't really know how this season will go but we have some ideas for what the rules will be.

GET READY TO ENJOY BOATING SEASON

By Owen

Recreational Boating season is where you can go out on your boat and have a great time. It opens on May 1, 2020. You can't go out and about because of the virus, but you can still enjoy it because Owen and his dad did it. but things are different right now. At the time they couldn't go stay overnight at any state parks like Matia or Sucia because they were closed because of the stay at home order from the Governor. They didn't think it was a good idea to go out on the water if they couldn't stay some place, so they decided to stay in their backyard. Then they started to gather supplies to get ready. *CONT. on page 5*

Marblelympics Videos Available at:

<https://youtu.be/6wH6AuAZiDs>

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Spotlight: Shohei Ohtani

By Ezra

Shohei Ohtani is a baseball player for the Angels. He has an E.R.A (earned run average) of 1.86. The Los Angeles Angels signed him in 2018. He is not only good at pitching but is also good at batting and that is special because most pitchers are just good at pitching. He bats when he's not pitching by playing the position of designated hitter. The day after and before he pitches he rests and doesn't play designated batter. His AVG is 2.85 (most pitchers are at 1.00) in 2018 he hit 22 home runs. In 2019 he hit 18 home runs. He was born in Oshu, Iwate, Japan in 1994. This is a quote from Noe Ramirez: "You always hear his funny laugh, just all over the place," Ramirez said. "Everybody has a joke with him, and he remembers it.". He has been playing in the M.L.B for two years and the Angels signed him for a six-year contract.



Their boat

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

BOOK REVIEWS OF THE WEEK:

All American Muslim Girl

by Nadine Jolie Courtney

Review by Phoebe

Racism and prejudice still happen in the USA and we need to talk about it. *All American Muslim Girl* by Nadine Jolie Courtney, is for book lovers and people struggling between two worlds. Avid readers will love this novel because the language and the plot are easy to follow. People struggling to live in two very different worlds will be able to relate to the characters. Allie, the main character, hides who she really is to the world. Her family is Muslim, and she does not tell any of her friends or school mates. Eventually she tells people who she really is: a proud, strong, brave Muslim girl. The book takes place in modern day Michigan in the USA.

This novel matters because it's important to understand other people's life and perspectives. Non-Muslim people need to know about this book because there is a lot of hatred and misunderstanding about Islam. For Muslim people this is a valuable book because it's important to see your self as strong, smart, intelligent, and brave. As I read, I could feel myself learning about how racist America can be. It's tough to be non-white and non-Christian in this country. When Allie stands up for herself, she shows that it's important for everyone to know and accept who you really are. As Americans, this book helps us understand how our country treats people who are seen as different and inspires us to embrace all Americans.

Other Words for Home

by Jasmine Warga

Review by Lola

This story is about 12 year old Jude who moves from Syria to America with her mom.

There are lots of important things and events in this book. But one of the most important things is how Jude travels to America all the way from Syria across the Atlantic Ocean.

She sees lots of differences between Syria and America, some are good and some are not. This story tells a lot about immigration, growing up, changing, friendship, and quite a lot of adjusting. And finding, "Other Words for Home".

At first "Other Words For Home" takes place in Syria where Jude used to live. But for the majority of the book it takes place in America. This book takes place pretty much in the present day.

This story is very important because it shows a lot about how strong friendship and love are even through times of war. This story shows people being brave and following their dreams. This book is based on real things in the world. This lovely heartwarming story has lots of lessons in it, and it is written in little sections kind of like poetry. I highly recommend this excellent book written by Jasmine Warga.

Pirates of the Caribbean Movie Review

By Griffin

"I think the movie is actually quite good." says Griffin. "There is good action and a bit of romance. It starts out with the pirates raiding the British fort. The pirates capture Elizabeth Swan and take her to an island. Then the plot is set out. There is a battle scene in the first part of the movie when the pirates go raiding. But the real main battle is on the British ship near the island where the curse of the Black Pearl is lifted, meaning the pirates can die, and the British win the battle. Because without that, there would be no battle scene with the Black Pearl zombie crew, and a short battle scene at the end where Jack Sparrow and William Turner knockout British Soldiers so that Jack Sparrow can escape. The location is in the Caribbean Ocean. "She says that she is Elizabeth Turner, When she is really Elizabeth Swan, and they get her blood and figure out that she is really a Swan, not a Turner."

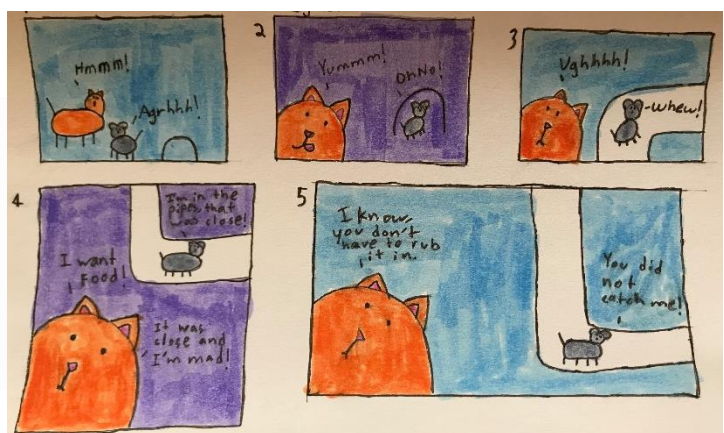
"The movie is mostly about William Turner rescuing Elizabeth Swan, the lead female role in the movie, which gets sidetracked a bit." says Griffin. "I liked the tangent plots and the scenery on the island where Elizabeth and Jack Sparrow get stranded. I really like the character William Turner. He makes good action and is the actor for Legolas." "The story is very violent, so do not let your younger kids watch it. Also, the Black Pearl crew are zombies, and that is a little creepy for everyone." says Griffin. "There are a few more, which I intend to watch as soon as I can. I encourage you to watch this movie, but beware of the violence and creepy scenes."

Cat and Mouse

Comic by Lola



VILLAGE BOOKS
AND
PAPER DREAMS
BUILDING COMMUNITY SINCE 1980



Science & Technology

SPACE EXPLORATION

By Jovan.

Do you like to know about space and what is happening with the launches to space?

Did you hear about the next Mars rover launch? NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) is launching a rocket that will be carrying a new Mars rover.

Kristiana, Katie Morgan, Moogega Stricker, Eric Aguilar and Diana Trujillo are some of the people that are working with the Mars rover. Each of them have their own way of helping with the launch. Some keep the Mars rover super clean. Some help navigate where it should land. Some manage the rover to help get it to Mars safely. And some help build the Mars rover.

A rover is a robot that goes on other planets and explores them with different instruments. It can be remote controlled, or it can move on its own. The rover drills a hole in rocks and picks up a sample to see if there is fossil or if minerals look like there was life on Mars. There is a camera, computer, lights on the rover. People are controlling it from earth and it also controls itself.

The launch will happen sometime between 17th of July and 5th of August **2020**. It will take about 7 months for the Mars rover to get to Mars. It will launch at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, by the ocean on a concrete platform.

Scientists want to know more about Mars. They want to know if there was life on Mars or not.

When everything is ready and NASA has all the right tools and the rocket has been put together, then NASA can launch the rocket. You can go watch the launch when it launches, or you can watch it in a video. When the rover runs out of energy, it will sit there, and the rock samples that it recovered will be launched back here by a rocket.

SPORTS AND LEISURE, CONT...

THE STEROID MYSTERY OF 1998

Originally Published in 1998

By Jasper

You will want to read this because of the mystery of Mgwire taking Andro. Andro is a drug that is supposedly performance enhancing, which would be cheating. Mark Mgwire said "the drug just makes me more healthy". Commissioner Bud Seileige is skeptical of this. We know MgWire is taking some kind of drug but we do not know if it is performance enhancing.

MgWire is not very fast, but he is really strong and he hit 70 homeruns this year. Mgwire and most Cardinals fans say, "Andro- did nothing to the home run king," but Cubs fans are not as quick to say this. They love Sammy Sosa the most. Sosa hit 66 homeruns. He was close to MgWire the whole year for the homerun race, and he is not taking any drugs.

The president of the United States started getting after Bud Seileige about this whole steroid thing. So the commissioner was forced to put some sort of stop to it. He did this by suspending you for 10 games if you are caught once taking steroids, 80 games if you are caught twice, and you are abolished from major league baseball if you are caught three times. The commissioner calls this the age of steroids.

BOATING SEASON, CONT. FROM PAGE 3

They got tons of stuff "But better tons than not enough" Owen said. Then finally they were ready to go. They packed up their supplies for the trip then they got aboard and cooked dinner and settled down for the night. But if you want to do it here's how...

You can get everything ready like your pillow or your sleeping bag or just some cozy things from home and also bring a game like cards or dominos or any fun games that you can think of. You should also bring food from your house and always be prepared. You don't have to bring all of the safety stuff like PFD "Personal flotation devices" but you can. You should probably bring easy cookable food like Mac and Cheese.

I hope you will have a fun time on your own BOATING BACKYARD SLEEPOVER!

