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## There's a New Crown in Town



Ms. Agriculture America Butte County Teen Queen, Isabella Bastiani (left) and Ms. Agriculture America Butte County Jr Teen Queen, Ali Kahn (right) at Patrick Ranch, participating in an AG educational event. Photo courtesy of Hilary Bastiani

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Recently, Gridley got two new queens as part of the Miss Agriculture America Community Service Pageant.

Miss Agriculture America system, according to its website, "was born out of the very rich history of its founders, the Lolmaugh Family." The program married over 125 years of family farming in the Northern California Valley, over 50 years of Agribusiness and Engineering, with three decades of pageantry to become a nation-wide program that educates on the role of Agriculture in America. "Our ultimate goal is to use our experience and presence in communities to educate society on the importance of quality Agriculture and its role in the world."

The program is open to men and women of all ages, ranging from young children to adults that play



Ms. Agriculture America Butte County Teen Queen, Isabella Bastiani (left) and Ms. Agriculture America Butte County Jr Teen Queen, Ali Kahn (right) show their love for all things AG. Photo courtesy of Hilary Bastiani

a role and advocate for agriculture nation-wide, although the program was founded in here in the north state.

That said, two local young ladies applied and were selected to hold

Ms. Agriculture American titles here in Butte County – Miss Agriculture America Butte County Teen Queen, Isabella Bastiani and Butte County Jr Teen Queen, Ali Kahn.

Since receiving their Crowns and sashes, Bastiani and Kahn have thrown themselves into the community service aspect, first reading to children at Manzanita School and addressing the topics of bullying, gaining further insight and education on Ag processes at the Patrick Ranch demonstration garden and museum, and observing local rice harvest procedures. These events have already given them opportunity to further educate themselves and the community on Ag methods and processes.

The queens have the flexibility to choose their community service events and have the freedom to structure their service hours around topics and areas of agriculture that are of

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## Caltrans Replaces Dry Creek Bridge on Hwy 20 in Yuba County

Caltrans News Release

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Caltrans and its partners on October 6 marked the completion of a bridge replacement and other major roadway improvements on State Route 20 in eastern Yuba County. The \$65.5 million project includes \$4.9 million in funding from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

"We're excited to wrap up another SB 1 project that fixes our aging roadways and bridges and improves safety and mobility for motorists," said Caltrans District 3 Director Amarjeet S. Benipal. "State Route 20 is an important artery and economic link in the Yuba-Sutter region. It was vital that we improve this highway for the safety of motorists and residents."

State Route 20 serves as a critical interregional economic link in Northern California – extending from U.S. Highway 1 on the Pacific Coast to Interstate 80 in the Sierra. Every day, more than 8,000 vehicles, including 500 trucks, travel through the eastern Yuba County area.

During a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Browns Valley today, local and state officials hailed the construction of the new Dry Creek Bridge, upgraded pavement, and major safety and drainage improvements along a five-mile stretch of State Route 20 between Marysville Road and the Parks Bar Bridge.

The project provides a longer-lasting, smoother roadway with new pavement and improves safety by creating standard eight-foot-wide shoulders, truck climbing lanes, and uniform 12-foot-wide lanes, a wildlife undercrossing and increasing sight distances for motorists.

The Browns Valley project is the last of five major highway projects totaling more than \$184 million, including \$10.3 million from SB 1 funding, that have been constructed in the past three years on the State Route 20 corridor between Marysville and the Yuba-Nevada County line. These improvements included the construction of standard lane and shoulder widths on the entire corridor and new bridges in Browns Valley, Timbuctoo, and Smartsville.

Caltrans District 3 maintains more than 4,385 lanes miles of state highway in

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## Pampered in Pink

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - In honor of Breast Cancer Month and Breast Cancer Survivors in our area, Orchard Hospital hosted its annual 'Pampered In Pink' event.

The event invites survivors and even those still battling cancer to come enjoy themselves in a relaxed setting, taking advantage of information, listening to the stories of other survivors, and enjoying pampering sessions, such as eyebrow threading, massage, manicures and more.

This year's event was a brunch held at the Purple Line Winery in Oroville. Speakers Margaret Hughes and local business owner, Cindy Stowe, shared their personal stories about their battle with breast cancer, while



Guests were welcomed to the 'Pampered in Pink' event, by Orchard Hospital. Pictured Left to right: Raman Dallar and Julie Bunn. Photo courtesy of Orchard Hospital

Radiology Technologists Michelle Dearmore and Ashley Dedecker spoke on the importance of getting regular mammograms.

It is never too early to get checked. If it has

been one year or longer since your last mammogram screening, you may call the Medical Specialty Center directly to schedule and appointment. A diagnostic mammogram would

require an order from your provider. Please contact the Medical Specialty Center at 530-846-9079 to schedule your appointment or for any other questions. ★

# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Upon receipt of the Butte County Elections voter Information Guide for the statewide General Election, I immediately went to the 13 pages describing the Gridley School District Bond Measure, Measure J. School Trustee Eric Waterbury extolled the virtues of the School Bond in the "Statement of Support," and no one offered a statement of opposition. You should read the list of projects in the guide. The most informative part of the various required disclosures was the section entitled "tax information statement." The \$16 million bond would be paid off through 2052, and the best estimate of total debt service, including the principal and interest required to repay the \$16,300,000 bond, is \$30,400,000. The pamphlet's best estimated "cost to property owners" would be \$40 a year for every \$100,000 of their assessed value until 2051. It requires 55% of the people to vote to pass the bond – and collect and process the increased tax levies.

applies to everyone in the county who registers a car, would continue the abandoned vehicle abatement program, funded by a one-dollar fee on every vehicle registered to an address in Butte County. The money goes toward cleaning up abandoned or wrecked cars left in the county. The question of Measure K is would you like to extend that one-dollar-per-car fee for another ten years? The fee generates \$200,000 in revenue, according to the pamphlet. Measure K requires 66% of the votes cast to pass.

Ever since Ralph Newton packed up and left town, I've been looking for a new barbershop with that local hometown feel. I got my first haircut at Ralph's barbershop in downtown Gridley as a boy, and since the closure of Ralph's, I go to whatever barber is convenient and fits into my schedule. I felt nostalgic for Ralphs, so I went to Eva's barbershop on Spruce Street across from King Wah. The place was packed. Three barber chairs were going at maximum capacity. I was the lucky one who got a haircut from the woman in charge, Eva. Eva has been cutting hair for more than 24 years, so she's an expert. Eva's is the winner of the best barber in Gridley award for 2022. It helps to speak Spanish, but no matter what language you speak,

Eva will make you look fantastic.

The Almond Fed Beef Store on HWY 99 in Gridley sells jerky. The honey-glazed jerky is absolutely fabulous, an epicurean delight. It is the Pi-Line winner of the Best Jerky for 2022.

For those of you who send your children to the nationally ranked elite private preparatory High School just south of Chico – called Durham High; the Pi-Line urges you to vote for H. "Buzz" Landon, the Beekeeper for School Board. If he were a cannabis farmer named "Buzz," I would not recommend him, but almost everyone knows that Mr. Landon has the best honey in all of Butte County. He is a very astute businessman, a person of high character, and he will ensure Durham schools remain at the top of the charts.

"Bo" Sheppard running for Biggs City Council, has the 2nd most interesting name of anyone running for office, and he deserves to be re-elected. Bo is a sincere listener and a problem solver. He has done a good job, and his skill will be needed as that Council breaks in a new City Manager.

Josh F.W. Cook is the father of Frank W. Cook, a graduate of Durham High School.

# What is Measure J?

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Unified School District is preparing to have a series of community meetings about Measure J, a \$16.3 million bond that would benefit the schools in our areas, primarily the high school.

Hosted by GUSD Superintendent Justin Kern and Gridley High School Principal, Rikki-Lee Buresch, two informational meetings will be held at the high school library on Monday, October 17th and October 24th, both starting at 5:30 pm.

The purpose of these meetings is to

provide greater details on the 30-year bond the district is pursuing to enhance and upgrade existing facilities, with the potential addition of much needed classrooms, an indoor PE facility and multi-purpose room.

Residents with or without children in the school district are encouraged to attend and learn more about the initiative, how the bond will be dispersed, what areas of Gridley and Manzanita would be affected by this measure and further details on what the funds would be used for.

Measure J will be on the November ballot – come educate yourself on the measure before you vote! ★

# Caltrans Replaces Dry Creek Bridge on Hwy 20 in Yuba County



The new Dry Creek Bridge. Courtesy photo

11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties, including the new Dry Creek Bridge.

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation in annual funding shared equally between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds. For more

information about transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit [RebuildingCA.ca.gov](http://RebuildingCA.ca.gov).

The department issues updates about road conditions on Twitter and on Facebook. For real-time traffic information, go to <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> or download the free Caltrans QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★

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# There's a New Crown in Town Vets, Checks and Many Thanks

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particular interest to them. They have also taken the initiative of posting to social media Agricultural Learning Recaps to Facebook and media sites that shares what they learned or did during their service or educational opportunities, what their favorite take-away was and why they felt that it was of importance to our community and society.

Butte County Jr Teen Queen, Ali Kahn says that she was drawn to the program because of her interests in agriculture, showing animals as part of 4-H and the opportunity to further engage in the local agriculture community. She says her favorite event so far was learning how a rice harvester works and that she is excited to be able to speak with more people and be a role model for others interested in the program and ag.

Of her experience in the program so

far, Butte County Teen Queen, Isabella Bastiani says that she has enjoyed the flexibility to choose the events she participates in, is excited to be able to do more within the ag community and provide more service to her community than participating in local parades or events as representatives of the program. The ability to incorporate more community service, get down and dirty out in the fields and orchards learning Ag processes, and be able to structure her own program within the framework of the Ms. Agriculture America program was a huge draw.

The Ag America Queens next public event will be this Friday, October 14th as they participate in the Gridley High School Homecoming Parade.

For more information on the Ms. Agriculture America Community National Service Pageant, please visit [tinyurl.com/2nbbds4f](http://tinyurl.com/2nbbds4f). ★



Members of the Gridley VFW Post 5731 receive a substantial donation from the organizers of the Gridley Truck Show. Organizers and volunteers in center (black) from left to right: Cheryl Simpsons, Diego Ramos, Tom Simpson and Commander Ed Kawasaki, surrounded by current members of the Gridley VFW post. Photo by Seti Long

## Story and photo by Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - At its first meeting of the month, Gridley VFW Post 5731 got a nice surprise from the organizers of the first inaugural Gridley Truck Show.

After a massive effort to organize and host the first Gridley Truck Show, the men and women behind the event tallied proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets, door entrance fees and more to prepare a substantial donation to the Gridley VFW.

The driving force behind the conception of the event, Diego Ramos, along with Cheryl and Tom Simpson, met to present a check in the amount of \$3050 to our local VFW post.

On behalf of the group, Commander of the VFW, Ed Kawasaki shared their appreciation for the donation and work to support local veterans.

The Gridley Truck Show and Gridley

VFW Post 5731 would like to thank the following sponsors for the event (in no particular order): North Valley Transport LLC., Nor Cal Diesel, Gridley Country Ford, RT's Autobody, Mac's Market, East Biggs Mini Storage, Rudy's Auto Repair, Saul's Smog & Auto Repair, Classic Golf Car, INC., Juarez Automotive Repair, Papé Machinery, Primos Detailz, United Tires & Wheels, Casa Lupe, Bigg Valley Ag Services, Napa Auto Parts, Les Schwab Tires, Century 21, Waldo's Auto Works, VFW, Gridley Honda, Yuba City Tire & Wheel, Angels Diesel Auto, Donaldson Equipment, Martin's Smog & Auto, Copy Center, Stohman's 76 Station, and Tiger Jones of Jones Flying Services.

The Gridley VFW Post has recently taken an active role in the reinvigoration of the group and recruitment of new members. If you would like to join the Gridley VFW Post, please contact Commander Kawasaki at 530-514-1805. ★

# That's One Giant Pumpkin!



The man behind the Giant Pumpkin, Brian Werner, stands next to his prize-winning behemoth! Photo courtesy of Kayla Dunlap



These cuties got into the pumpkin-picking action early! Pictured left to right: Parker Evans, Grant Evans and Davis Dunlap. Photo courtesy of Kayla Dunlap

## By Seti Long, Gridley editor

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - A pumpkin so large it could rival Cinderella's Coach sits outside Wheelers Ranch and Feed in Biggs, not to mention a host of tiny to larger carvers, colorful Cinderella pumpkins and fall harvest gourds.

Wheelers Ranch and Feed invites the community out to the store and ranch to take pictures with the Giant Pumpkin, grown by local Brian Werner. The white beauty won 3rd place in a giant pumpkin contest and weighs in at a whopping 1679 pounds! The seed which it was grown from appropriately

came from last year's giant pumpkin, also grown by Werner and featured outside the feed store.

This year, owner and operator of Wheelers, Kayla Dunlap is keeping it simple and allowing the natural flow of the Ranch to draw in visitors. The regulars are available for the kiddos' petting fun - baby calves, the mini-donkey, horses, goats, chickens and more. A 'mini pumpkin field' has been made from rings of hay-bales for those who want the feel of field picking, but for those who want to pluck their favorite pumpkin quickly, there are bins organized by size, shape and color.

All the pumpkins at Wheeler Ranch and Feed were grown locally by Werner and prices range from \$1.50 to \$12 depending on the size and style of the pumpkins chosen. Dunlap invites all to come out and enjoy this free opportunity to support local growers, entertain the kiddos, and take part in family-friendly fun while enjoying the authentic ranch atmosphere. She even suggests bringing a picnic lunch and setting under one of their shade trees to wrap up the fun on the ranch!

Wheelers Ranch and Feed & Boutique is located at 3247 Smith Avenue in Biggs. Visit them online at [wheelerranchandfeed.com](http://wheelerranchandfeed.com) or on their Facebook page. ★

# It's Yard Sale Time!

## By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce's fall favorite, the 14-mile yard sale, starts this weekend!

Beginning at 8:00 am on Saturday, October 15th, over 40 locations throughout the Biggs, Gridley and Live Oak areas will

be selling all sorts of wares and treasures.

Maps of the yard sale locations will be available outside the Chamber Office after 6:00 pm on Friday, October 14th, so that you can plan your shopping experience.

The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce is located at 890 Hazel St., Gridley and can be reached at 530-846-3142. ★



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MEMORIAL

MICKEY HAWES • 11/4/1927 – 9/30/2022



Mickey Hawes went home to be with the Lord at 6:51 AM, Friday September 30, 2022. Her husband, Robert, was by her side at Orchard Hospital when she passed.

Mickey was born in Kobe, Japan, on November 4, 1927.

Robert met Mickey while serving in the U.S. Army, Japan. Mickey was employed with the Base Housing Section at the U.S. Naval Base, Yokosuka, Japan.

Mickey and Robert were married at the U.S. Consulate, Yokohama, Japan, in July 1961.

In 1967, after leaving military service, Mickey and Robert left Fort

Leonardwood, Missouri, and moved to Gridley.

Mickey worked in the former Libby's/TVG Cannery located on Kentucky Street, Gridley. She worked 34 years, starting as a belt worker and the last 29 years as a machinist oiler before retiring.

Mickey was laid to rest at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery on Friday, October 7, 2022. A family graveside service was given.

Mickey will be deeply missed by her husband, Robert, of nearly 62 years, and her many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Rest in peace, Mickey. You are home now.



MEMORIAL

NANCY SAMPLE

NOVEMBER 26, 1943 • SEPTEMBER 24, 2022



Nancy was an avid bookkeeper. Her family got quite the tickle mocking her tenacity for perfectionism. She enjoyed raising and exhibiting nationally acclaimed English Bulldogs in the '80s, her male Samples' lil' Abner began his career as the GHS's mascot.

Nancy had a passion for animals. She couldn't wait to see those newly dropped calves stand up to take their first wobbly steps. She also didn't mind getting sprayed by a baby skunk if that meant she got to hold it for a few minutes. Doyle once surprised her with rescued raccoon babies, one of which she had for many years - Chatter.

In later years, Nancy spent most of her days enjoying her grandsons. There wasn't a ballgame or livestock show she would miss. Nancy relished the spring season so her and La Shel could make their annual trips to Home Depot seeking the perfect plants before they got picked over. She had quite the green thumb.

Nancy was a timeless, classy, respectable lady with a heart of gold and generous to a fault. Most of all, she was the epitome a loving wife, mother, and "Nana." In the words of Pastor Greg Mansur (Adventure Church) "Let us be reminded of Nancy's humble and kind ways and be that person to someone else."

A graveside service was held Tuesday, October 4th at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery.

A graduate of Gridley High School, Nancy continued her education at Sacramento State, where she discovered her passion for numbers. She lived a short time in Sacramento where Allstate Insurance was lucky to have her.



Mrs. Nancy A. Sample, 78, passed away peacefully Saturday, September 24, 2022, in the comfort of her home surrounded by loved ones.

A lifelong native of rural Gridley, she was born November 26, 1943, the daughter of area cattleman and rice farmer Ben E. and Myrtle (Justeson) Fairlee.

Nancy married the love of her life, Doyle L. Sample, Jr., April 1, 1969. She is survived by her daughter La Shel (Richard) Sanders of Gridley, and grandsons Jayden Vallejo of Gridley, and Jessie Vallejo of Great Bend, Kansas. She was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather Larry Lind, son Doyle 'Skip' Sample III, husband Doyle Sample, Jr., and sister Jean Davis.

Nancy eagerly awaited Doyle's arrival back from Vietnam, so they could start their lives together in San Pedro, CA. The couple later returned to Gridley. Nancy went to work for Wilbur Mills Construction as an administrative assistant in accounts receivable, where she worked for 7 years. She was an active affiliate of Butte County Cattlewomen's and West Gridley 4-H, before managing Fairlee (with sister Jean) and 6F ranches.

MEMORIAL

OLIVER DOUGLAS EIDSON

FEBRUARY 4, 1944 • OCTOBER 1, 2022

Beloved husband, father and grandfather, Doug Eidson, passed away on October 1, 2022 after short illness.

Doug was born February 4, 1944 in Yuba City, CA to George and Ann Eidson. An only child, Doug grew up in Gridley, graduating from Gridley High School in 1961. He



School. The first Lady Bulldogs team stepped onto the dirt in 1982 coached by Doug, Charlie, Dick Erickson & Bob Bird. Doug spent 10 years coaching the varsity softball team. In that time, Gridley won 8 Westside League Titles and made 10 playoff appearances. In 1988, when the high

school was unable to fill the vacancy, he stepped in to coach the varsity baseball team to ensure the boys would be able to play that season.

In retirement, Doug enjoyed playing golf. He was a member of the Table Mountain Golf Club, winning the Club Championship in 2003. He got the most joy, however, watching his grandchildren play sports. "Papa" and "Nana" trekked to high school gyms for basketball and volleyball, to softball and baseball diamonds, golf courses and soccer pitches. He had a ball cap for every team his grandkids played on.

Doug is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sharon; four children: Elisa Lotti (George) of San Jose; Linda Bagelmann (Kurt) of Antelope; Dean Eidson (Dori) of Susanville; Debbie Lackie (Matt) of Mission Viejo; and 9 grandchildren: Kelsey, Kasey, Ally, Maddy, Kylie, Karson, Tyler, Riley & Landry.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 11:00 – 2:00 at the Gridley Moose Lodge. In lieu of flowers, donations to Gridley High School Athletics in memory of Doug are suggested by the family.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

played in the inaugural season of Gridley Little League before moving on to the Babe Ruth Youth Baseball League. He was a youth member of the Gridley Roping Club, transitioning to adult membership after high school and serving as their Secretary/Treasurer. He later calf roped as a member of the California Cowboys Association until 1977.

Doug was introduced to the love of his life, Sharon Young, by his father in 1964. They were married on November 24, 1965 in Reno, Nevada. That same year they opened the Bronze Cue, along with Doug's parents. After selling the Bronze Cue in 1968, they opened the Tack Room in downtown Gridley. Along the way Doug and Sharon raised their four kids in Gridley.

Doug worked at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery, Bridge Street Elementary School in Yuba City and the Butte County Fairgrounds. He was a volunteer coach for the Tri-Cities Girls Softball League from 1976 through 1984, served as a board member for the local league, and was a representative to Nor Cal Softball.

In 1981, Doug, along with Charlie Pfister, advocated for the development of a girls' softball team at Gridley High

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# Man Charged with Felony Threats Intended Another Las Vegas Shooting

**Butte County News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Butte County man, who allegedly threatened to kill several Butte County residents before he planned to travel to Las Vegas and commit a mass shooting, has been charged in court with various felony counts.

Dallas James Marsh, 37, was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court on September 28, 2022, on felony complaint charging counts of criminal threats and resisting arrest.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the felony complaint arose from an investigation that began on Monday, September 19, 2022, when the Chico Police Department received calls from a police chief in Tennessee.

The chief reported that an officer from his department had received concerning texts from Marsh threatening mass shooting incidents. That police officer was Marsh's former commanding officer when both men were in the U.S. Army over a decade ago.

The former commander provided screen shots of his text conversations with Marsh. Ramsey said the text messages included a "hit list" of specific people that Marsh intended to kill. The hit list included Marsh's father, a former Chico neighbor of Marsh, two local police officers and several persons the police were not able to positively identify.

Ramsey said Chico police detectives contacted the identified persons on the hit list, including Marsh's father. During an interview with Marsh's parents, the parents disclosed that Marsh had recently stopped taking psychiatric medication and had made detailed and graphic threats toward his father.

Ramsey said the former neighbor

threatened by Marsh was also threatened in 2019. Those threats caused Marsh to be convicted and sent to state prison for three years, eight months.

Chico Police detectives also learned Marsh had expressed an abnormal interest in the October 1, 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas. Detectives learned that Marsh had expressed a plan to kill the persons on his hit list and then travel to Las Vegas with the intent of carrying out a mass shooting on Friday, September 30, 2022, on the eve of the 5th anniversary of the Las Vegas mass shooting incident.

On Sunday, September 25, 2022, the Chico Police SWAT team located and arrested Marsh at a Chico motel. During the arrest, Marsh made several threats to kill the arresting officers and when detectives attempted to interview Marsh in an interview room at the Chico Police Department, Marsh violently shoved a table into the detectives and fought with them. Ramsey said the detectives were able to subdue Marsh without significant injury to Marsh or themselves.

Ramsey said Marsh was a former soldier in the United States Army from 2004 to 2009 and that he was wounded in combat in Iraq. In 2019, Marsh was convicted of making criminal threats to a neighbor and also convicted of evading a peace officer after leading officers on a high-speed pursuit. Marsh was sentenced to state prison. In 2021, instead of being paroled from state prison, Marsh was designated as a "Mentally Disordered Parolee" and transferred to Atascadero State Hospital. It is unknown when Marsh was released from Atascadero State Hospital.

In court, Marsh was arraigned, appointed a public defender and was remanded without bail due to public safety concerns. ★



**New sensor technology helps tree-crop growers make improved irrigation decisions**

New technology, which allows farmers to detect how thirsty their trees are, can help them make better irrigation decisions and get greater yields. Researchers at the University of California, Davis, have been testing sensors in different commercial orchards as part of a four-year study funded by the Almond Board of California. The sensors measure a tree's stem water potential, which refers to the amount of energy a plant needs to draw water from the soil. Two sensors tested by the research team have made market debuts in recent years.

**State officials approve hike in water program fees**

The State Water Resources Control Board is raising fees for water-quality and water-rights programs. The state's Waste Discharge Permit Fund fee is going up 0.84% and fees for the Water Rights Fund are going up 7.2%. The increases are intended to meet budget shortfalls for programs that require participation by farmers and ranchers. With farmers already facing soaring costs for fertilizer and fuel, California Farm Bureau is advocating using state general fund dollars to offset the fee increases.

**Newsom signs farm labor legislation opposed by California Farm Bureau**

Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed legislation that will allow unions to collect signed ballots or authorization cards to organize farm employees in lieu of holding secret-ballot elections for union certification. Agricultural groups say the governor's signing of Assembly Bill 2183 represents a dramatic departure from rules protecting farm employees from coercion in union votes. The California Farm Bureau and other agricultural groups strongly opposed the legislation.

**Farmers request help with H-2A visa costs, as government solicits input on labor shortages**

The federal government is seeking input on a grant program intended to help address labor shortages and legal migration pathways and improve the resiliency of the food and agricultural supply chain. Farm employers from different states have urged that the grant program include incentives to help agricultural employers curb their travel costs for employees with H-2A visas. They're also requesting a streamlined process to extend program contracts beyond 10 months. ★



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## Dear Dietitian

### Kava



**Commentary by Leanne McCrate**

Dear Dietitian,

I know everyone has stress in their lives, but mine seems to be piling up! I've had financial worries and family problems. I read about a supplement called kava that's supposed to help with stress. I'd rather take an herbal supplement than a drug. What is your opinion?

Meredith

Dear Meredith,

We all deal with some level of stress at times. It's normal, but when it affects your everyday life and interferes with your sleeping or eating patterns, it's time to do something about it.

It is wise to seek professional advice before purchasing a supplement, as products often vary in quality, effectiveness, and cost. Kava Kava, or just kava, is a member of the pepper family and is native to the South Pacific. South Pacific islanders have used it in ceremonies to produce relaxation. Its effect is similar to that of alcohol, creating a calm, happy feeling. Proponents claim that kava provides many benefits of alcoholic beverages without worrying about a hangover.

Traditionally, the root of the plant is used to make a drink. Today it can be purchased in powder, capsule form, or tea. It is craftily marketed as a 'chill pill' or 'quality, affordable relaxation.' The kava drink contains about 30 calories per serving and reportedly has an earthy taste that must be acquired. There are approximately 100

kava bars in the US, where people enjoy the drink while relaxing and socializing. Kavalactones are the active ingredients found in the kava plant. They interact with the limbic system, the part of the brain that deals with emotions. More specifically, kavalactones act on the amygdala, the part of the brain that regulates fear and anxiety.

Studies on kava are mixed, but overall, it is believed to have a small impact on reducing anxiety. Scientists think it is safe for short-term use, but as with any supplement, there are risks. Prolonged use of kava has been associated with dry, scaly skin. It has also been associated with severe liver damage. Kava may also impact other medications, so always talk to your doctor before beginning any herbal remedy.

To ensure quality when purchasing kava or any dietary supplement, be sure it has USP on the label. The United States Pharmacopeia (USP) tests products to verify their contents, purity, quality, and strength. The following websites will also help you make a sound decision:

*Until next time, be healthy!*  
 Dear Dietitian

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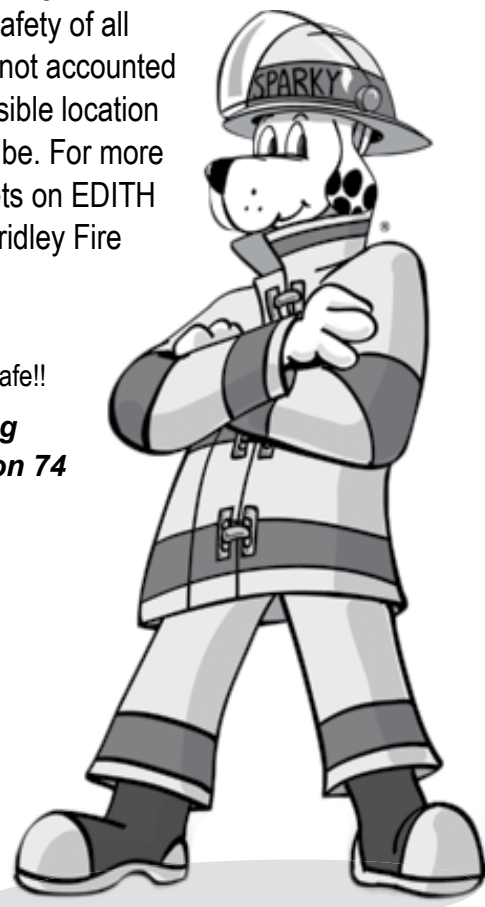
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## SPARKY'S CORNER

### Exit Drills in the Home

On behalf of CALFIRE / Gridley Fire Department Sparky would like everyone to remember the importance of Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH). Everyone should know at least two ways out of their home and know how to operate the necessary locks and latches. All family members should practice EDITH once a year, make it a fun family project. When your family knows what to do and where to go in an emergency it will help keep everyone safe. Have pre-designated locations to meet outside the house like the mailbox or the neighbor's house. Let arriving firefighters know that your family is all together, this helps us account for the safety of all occupants. If someone is not accounted for tell firefighters the possible location that family member could be. For more information and worksheets on EDITH please visit CAL FIRE / Gridley Fire Department Station 74.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!  
**Sparky the Dog**  
 Gridley Fire Station 74



# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

How many of us plant seeds for the Lord? Yes, plant seeds for the Good News. We are asked to plant seeds as others water and fertilize them; but only God will harvest them. The greatest job is getting those seeds out in the soil.

As we plant it is not our job to see which seeds survive. That is in God's hands. When we plant we never know when, or if, these seeds will sprout and grow. We should not worry about the sprouting but only the planting. In fact, it might take years for the final growth and harvest.

Leave an act of kindness. Leave an encouraging word. Plant an idea of peace, love, and joy. Offer Living Water, they pray for God's hand and power.

If we plant an acorn it will take many years for a tall tree to surface. So, it is with the Word of God. Never give up. Just keep planting those seeds of salvation. In time they will return with benefits.

Jesus gave us an example of planting seeds and the results. Some fell on rocks,

some fell on thin soil, and some fell on soil. Others were choked out by weeds (life). But the seeds (the Word) that fell on good soil were watered, fertilized, and grew. So, it is with the Good News. Some people reject God and His existence. Some believe but then let go when life gets too tough. But those who truly believe and follow God's Word grow and produce good fruit.

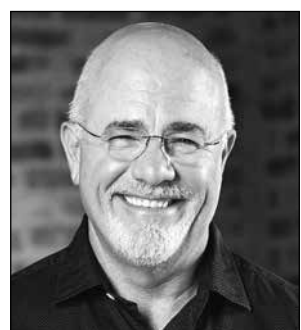
Even when seeds produce and thrive, weeds appear and try to crowd out the goodness of the sun, soil, and rain. It is then that the seeds must cast down strong roots and hold on tight. We too must be firmly rooted in God.

To bloom where we are planted, we must first cast out strong roots. We need a good foundation for growth and that is in the Lord.

*The Gridley United Methodist Church meets Sundays at 10 am. We can build our strong foundation in God together. A church is where the seeds can flourish in a garden fed by the word of God.* ★



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## It'll take lots of Discussion and Planning

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are in our late-twenties, and we have a full emergency fund saved up. Our only debt is our home. We have talked about having a child sometime next year, but I am on the road three weeks a month for my job. I don't want to be gone so much once we have a child, and I am thinking about opening my own business, so I can eliminate the travel and control my hours better. Do you have any thoughts on this situation?

—Mike

Dear Mike,

An entrepreneur is the person I know who can go from sheer terror to sheer exhilaration and back every few hours. You've got to have a strong mind and a strong heart to be successful, plus there's a good chance your idea won't last long if you don't love what you're doing. Remember,

## Dave Ramsey Says

too, you're basically on straight commission as an entrepreneur, and there probably wouldn't be a regular paycheck you could count on for a while.

Okay, that was a quick dose of reality. Now, if time and money weren't considerations, what would you rather do—stay at your current job or run your own business?

My advice to anyone, entrepreneur or not, is to make sure your work falls in line with the passions, skills and talents you were born with. You don't need to work in the construction business if you don't like being outdoors and working with your hands, just like you don't want to be stuck in a call center if you hate talking on the phone and being cooped up inside all day.

Everyone wants to be successful in their job, enjoy what they do and make lots of money. But personal happiness is just as important. If you wake up excited about what you're facing every day, chances are you'll be successful and happy. If you wake up dreading the day and your job, I can almost guarantee you won't be successful or happy.

You've got a lot more

thinking and research to do, Mike. There's nothing wrong with wanting to change jobs or be an entrepreneur. Being able to spend more time with your family is a noble and worthwhile thing, too. But I'm not hearing a lot of direction in what you're saying right now. Maybe work with a career coach, and spend some time tossing ideas around with your wife. I know you both want great things for your child, but you're not going to make the best possible decisions for yourself—and your family—without a lot more planning and thoughtful discussion.

—Dave

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# New Laws Trade One Gerrymander for Another



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California once had a history of epic political and legal battles over redrawing legislative and congressional districts after each decennial census.

The Legislature, dominated then as now by Democrats, would create maps that enhanced the party's prospects of gaining, or at least holding, power and if the governor was a Democrat, the gerrymandered districts would become law.

That happened after the 1980 census when then-Gov. Jerry Brown signed redistricting bills that were especially one-sided. The late Congressman Phil Burton, who largely drew weirdly shaped, but highly partisan, congressional maps called them "my contribution to modern art."

The initial set of maps was challenged by Republicans via referendum and voters rejected them, but Democratic legislators and Brown simply passed slightly amended versions.

However, if the governor happened to be a Republican, he would veto the Democrats' maps and the state Supreme Court would step into the impasse and appoint a special master to draw replacement maps that tended to favor neither party. It happened under Republican Gov. Ronald Reagan after the 1970 census

and 20 years later under GOP Gov. Pete Wilson.

A twist on the process occurred after the 2000 census. Although a Democrat, Gray Davis, was governor, leaders of both parties agreed on what amounted to a bipartisan gerrymander, freezing in place the partisan status quo in the Legislature and congressional delegation. An indirect threat that the Republican-led U.S. Justice Department would thwart a Democratic gerrymander forced the compromise.

The obvious self-interest of Capitol politicians dictating the shape of legislative and congressional districts ultimately sparked a backlash — a 2008 ballot measure to shift legislative redistricting to a 14-member commission of five Democrats, five Republicans and four declined-to-state independents. Two years later, voters extended the commission's authority to congressional districts.

The professional politicians in both parties didn't like losing their authority. Democrats were particularly unhappy since they had legislative majorities and the national party tried to thwart having the commission change congressional districts.

Nevertheless, the commission drew new districts after the 2010 and 2020 censuses and while their maps may have been imperfect, they more fairly captured the population's very diverse makeup.

So if it's a good idea at the state level, why not for local governments, such as city councils, county boards of supervisors and school boards, which are just as prone to self-interested redistricting?

In 2016, the Legislature

decreed that a 14-member commission would redraw districts of Los Angeles County's five-member Board of Supervisors. A year later, virtually identical legislation was passed for San Diego County and this year, clones were enacted that affect Fresno, Riverside and Kern counties.

All five measures, however, deviate significantly from the state model of even-handed party representation. They require that county redistricting commissioners reflect the partisan makeup of each county's registered voters.

That means Democrats dominate the Los Angeles and San Diego commissions and will do so in Fresno and Riverside counties as well. Republicans have a slight voter registration edge in Kern County, however.

In effect, therefore, these county redistricting commissions are being stacked to enhance the power of the dominant local party — exactly contrary to the party-neutral intent of the state commission.

Sponsors of the local bills said they were needed to prevent county supervisors from gerrymandering their own districts. But as constituted, the local commissions will be empowered to create gerrymanders of a different kind.

Institutionalizing party control of local redistricting also further undermines California's historic commitment to non-partisan local government. That's not progress.

*Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers.* ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



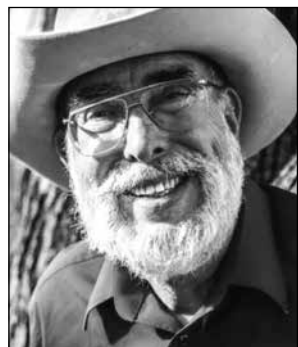
By Barbara Ott

The weather guessing apps tell me that it will be dropping into the high 70s. I know that meteorology is a science. It seems like a science full of sorta-certain facts. It does not accurately narrow down to every place people live. There is a range of temperature and it can change with the shift in the airstream. Humans

like more certainty than that. If we exam this need, we have to be honest that everything is in flux. While thinking about all of this, it reminds me of micro-climates in the garden. I think you can gain general information from meteorology and from plant information indexes. IF you read about heat tolerance of a plant, it will say things like "full sun." You then have to ask after many mistakes, where is the full sun that it can take... not in a Gridley summer. Heat areas in the garden are a type of micro-climate. A micro-climate for fuchsias does not want any micro-heat nearby. Dahlias are OK with a bit of heat micro-climate. Succulents might like some heat, but

need a shaded time along with the heat. While cactus (not all), like agave and aloe can take a lot of heat along with sun. I have success with long blooming lavender in the heat of the summer. The lavender plants whose flowers that don't like the heat, are usually bloomed out when it gets hot. Their leaves are fine in the extreme heat if they get water. Japanese maples will tolerate a lot of heat if they are well watered and in filtered shade. I have several dry climate plants that have silver foliage in full west sun that do well with little water. They all have micro-hairs that give tiny shade to the leaves. As is taught in the Master Gardener program... it all depends. ★

# Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Just having a cup of coffee with Windy Wilson can sometimes be educational. Today?

Well...

Alphonse Wilson here, just celebratin' a nice day with poetry.

So you're proly askin' yourself, how do you go about writin' a poem Windy? See, you just gotta sling yerself into a artistic mood. You know, like them Dutch masters used to do before they died and got made into cigars. You start out kinda easy, and think about lilies and daffodils and leetle fluffy cloudlets that might grow into

## 'Circulational Quandary'

a storm someday. Then you throw in a look that a puppy gives you ... one a-them looks of love like just before he throws up on the rug. That's how you do it. Then you just get a pencil and a piece of paper and rip 'n snort.

So here's my poem today. I call it "Circulational Quandary" by Alphonse Wilson.

I wandered lonely as a heart

That sends my corpuscles through waiting veins

And all the might of pumping blood

Couldn't hold onto them reins.

Bold rider, never, never canst thou smooch

Lady Fair upon the mouth.

Nay I say to you naysayers

Or just keep ridin' south

Oh beats my heart with laughing

At corporational cruds, I right now feel like quaffing

A six pack of good suds And though you come out bleedin'

And need a tranfusional fix

It sure beats hell out of weedin'

The garden out here in the sticks.

Well, there it is ... do you feel transformnational? Boy howdy I sure do.

Nothin' like a poem to get a cowboy's mind right, you know. And you can tell 'em I said so.

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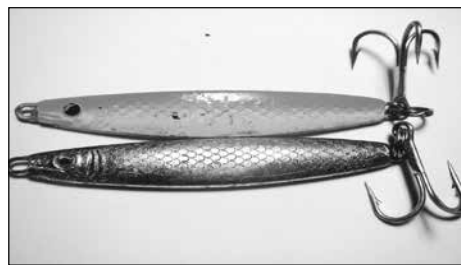
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Gibbs Minnows

### RIVERS

Sacramento River system. Mouth of American River, illegal salmon flossing going on. Ord Bend; No salmon caught this week. Barge Hole; No salmon caught this week? Fisherman's Comment: The dramatic decline of striped bass, I blame on the massive export of Delta water by state and federal water projects. Signed. Disgusted. Feather River Striper fisherman. Brownie reply: Dear Disgusted. The vast majority of striped bass attempting access to the Sacramento River, only to return downriver to the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta to spawn. Striped bass fishermen in the Delta all caught limits of stripers, including many 20-30 pounders. Try the Delta.

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## The Market And Its Investors Seemingly Don't Know Which Way To Turn

The news wires is alight with economic news jerking markets and investors to and fro in an almost bipolar like fashion. Up hundreds of points one day and down just as much the next, the market and its investors seemingly don't know which way to turn.

With the Federal Reserve on inflation watch, reading the economic tea leaves as statistics hit the news wires almost daily, investor's heads are spinning round and round trying to catch their breath as markets jump around like the proverbial Mexican jumping bean.

The financial news is mixed and contradictory to say the least. ADP reported the economy added 208,000 jobs in September fueling speculation the economy is still healthy and growing. Either that or the free money showered upon the consumer during CoVid is running out and people are starting to get off the couch and go back to work.

Meanwhile, to the chagrin of consumers, OPEC just announced it is cutting oil production by two million barrels a day to shore up prices. I had to scratch my head at that one. As if gas prices aren't high enough. Oil stocks have been on the move lately after a brutal hammering from mid-June to mid-July. Not a recommendation to buy or sell mind you, but oil is one of the few bright spots in an otherwise bleak summer in the stock market.

Speaking of the stock market, after a brutal 6 weeks of selling starting mid-August and through most of the month of September after Jerome Powell, the head of the Federal Reserve (the FED), gave a short but sobering speech on his continuing plans to address inflation, the start of October brought some welcome relief rallies in the indexes.

Now with signs the economy is indeed slowing, another bout of hope that a Fed pivot is in the cards is fueling the current market enthusiasm. The pivot refers to the FED perhaps backing off its recent

seemingly relentless increases in the FED overnight interest rate. With an historic three .75% increases in a row now in the books, some analysts think the FED will back off further increases for now to let the past increases work their way through the system. Others argue the inflation will only worsen from here and the recent statistics are just economic noise.

Adding to the drama, Tesla founder and corporate maverick Elon Musk has flopped once again on his decision to buy social media giant Twitter. The purchase, first announced in early April after buying a chunk of Twitter stock a month earlier, in July he then backed out of the deal and a lawsuit filed by Twitter soon followed. Last week, to the surprise of many, Musk announced his intention to go through with the purchase after all. No doubt more craziness will follow.

The war in Ukraine unfortunately rages on, crimping supply lines and commodity sources, adding to our economic woes and current consumer shortages.

With the world seemingly in a topsy-turvy reality which never seems to end, investors can maintain a portion of the investment envelope in cash or cash equivalents to reduce volatility and diversify the rest in stocks, bonds and other securities according to one's particular situation and level of risk tolerance. A financial advisor can also be consulted to better assist the investor.

**"Watching the markets so you don't have to"**

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## Flood Insurance Industry Undergoing Massive Regulatory Change

### Commentary by Mac Armstrong

In this age of extreme weather and worsening natural disasters, it is crucial that we refresh and modernize our approach to disaster mitigation and recovery. A good place to start would be floods, which cost our nation approximately \$17 billion in damages each year.

Californians who live in a 'mandatory' flood zone as defined by FEMA are required by lenders to obtain flood insurance before purchasing their home. Residents in such zones must acquire flood insurance as a condition of the home purchase, and they have historically purchased insurance from the federal government through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Pending regulatory changes would allow private insurers to better compete with government insurance, but for the moment the NFIP enjoys an effective monopoly in mandatory zones. However, it's important to understand that damaging floods occur outside these 'mandatory' zones every year. Approximately 20% of NFIP claims, for example, come from flood events in FEMA's 'moderate' and 'low' risk zones, where residents are not required to purchase flood insurance. According to the NFIP's own flood calculator, just one inch of standing water due to flooding can cause \$25,000 dollars of damage to a home.

Consumers deserve choice, especially considering government-mandated changes to NFIP that will dramatically increase the cost of government flood insurance to cover program losses. How big a change? According to analysis by Redfin, 81% of the NFIP flood policyholders are seeing an increase in their premium as of April 1 of this year. In California, 79% of NFIP policyholders are now paying more for their government insurance. The NFIP price hike impacts all types of communities but is most pronounced in majority-Hispanic neighborhoods, where 84% of residents have seen their premiums increase.

The combination of under-insurance and price hikes raises troubling questions about our collective resilience to flood damage. According to the First

Street Foundation, our country's annual losses from flood – currently at \$17 billion – could grow to \$32 billion by the year 2051. Of course, this figure does not include the cumulative cost of tornadoes, hurricanes and other wind events, fires, and earthquakes. Over the past five years, the average annual cost for all natural disasters in the United States was \$51 billion. If policyholders facing premium hikes discontinue NFIP coverage, the costs of uninsured losses will be borne by American communities and threaten the ability of government entities at all levels to finance needed repairs and recovery efforts.

In short, we need to stop depending solely on government to restore our communities after disaster strikes. We envision a chain of community resilience where government, NGOs, community leaders and insurers work seamlessly to maximize available resources in support of Americans in need. A property that lacks adequate protection against flood or other events creates costs that are shifted to other links in the chain of resilience – government aid, or NGOs and philanthropies. In an era of tightening budgets and worsening weather, this is not sustainable.

The urgent order of business is to ensure that Californians are aware of their risk from flood damage and have multiple affordable options to protect their families. Private flood insurance is now an even more attractive alternative for California families and businesses, especially in an age of higher prices for everything from gasoline to housing. It's crucial that Californians educate themselves about their options and potential alternatives to the NFIP. Above all, it's crucial that vulnerable homes and businesses obtain coverage so that costs of recovery are not transferred to the federal government or to NGOs. The time to update our approach to disaster response is here, and we must seize the moment.

Mac Armstrong is Chairman and CEO of Palomar Holdings, a specialty insurer active in metro Sacramento and throughout California. For more information please visit [Plmr.com](http://Plmr.com) ★

## Woman Arrested for Vehicular Manslaughter in Vehicle Collision

### SCSD News Release

**SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On September 17th, 2022, at approximately 4:24 pm, the Sutter County Sheriff's Office responded to the intersection of Highway 99 and Ivy Street, in the City of Live Oak regarding a two-vehicle collision. Upon arrival, Deputies found a red Jeep Cherokee and a brown Toyota Camry with major damages and blocking the roadway. Sutter County Fire Department and medical personnel arrived on scene and attended to the drivers of each vehicle who were the only occupants involved.

The driver of the brown Toyota was identified as Beatriz Curiel and was pronounced

deceased on scene. The driver of the red Jeep was identified as Esmeralda Perez and was transported to a local hospital by ambulance for non-life-threatening injuries.

Sutter County Sheriff Detectives were assigned this case and through investigation, witness statements, and surveillance footage, it was determined Perez was driving recklessly over double the speed limit when she collided with the victim's vehicle. There were other determining factors and evidence indicating Perez was driving in a negligent and unlawful manner. Alcohol or drugs were not a factor.

On October 6th, 2022, Perez was arrested and booked into the Sutter County Jail for Vehicular Manslaughter. ★

## Oroville Man Held to Answer after Stabbing Two People

### Butte County DA News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Butte County judge on October 11, 2022, found sufficient evidence during a preliminary hearing to hold a man to answer for stabbing two different people over a 52-hour crime spree last month in Oroville and Chico.

Chance Andre Vincent, 27, homeless of Oroville, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon for a stabbing that occurred in Oroville at about 1:00 a.m. on September 2, 2022, and another count for a stabbing that occurred in Chico at about 5:00 a.m. on September 4, 2022.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the September 2 incident occurred when Vincent and another 33-year-old homeless man were walking from a convenience store in Oroville back to the homeless encampment where the man was living. The 33-year-old testified before the judge that the attack came without warning when Vincent stabbed him several times in the back. The victim explained to the judge that his injuries were so severe that he suffered from a collapsed lung and almost died. Fortunately, for the victim, a CALFIRE crew was in the area fighting a fire when the attack occurred, so paramedics responded in less than a minute.

The 33-year-old victim testified that prior to the attack he knew Vincent from around town, but only knew his first name. The victim only became aware of Vincent's full name on September 4, when local news outlets reported on the stabbing in Chico. The victim's fiancée testified she saw an article regarding the Chico attack on the "Breaking News" app on her smartphone. She showed the picture to her victim boyfriend, who confirmed it was Vincent who stabbed him.

Two Chico Police officers testified that, on September 4 at about 5:00 a.m., they were dispatched to the Chico train and bus depot where they found a 53-year-old Chico homeless man lying in a pool of blood. That victim told the officers the man who stabbed him ran off and was wearing a white t-shirt. An ambulance took the man to the hospital where it was discovered that he, like the Oroville victim, suffered a collapsed lung.

A Chico police officer testified on October 11, 2022, that he located Vincent in a tent in nearby Depot Park. Vincent was sitting bare-chested in a chair next to a white t-shirt with a bloody knife under it.

Ramsey said Vincent is facing up to 11 years in state prison on the charges.

Judge Corrie Caraway set the case for arraignment on the information and jury trial setting on October 20, 2022. ★

# Live Oak Loses 3rd Straight with Shutout Loss to Winters



Live Oak junior running back Eben Jones rushes into a wall of defenders during a 27-13 win at Biggs on August 27. Photo by Christopher Pedigo

By Steven Bryla

**WINTERS, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak Lions were shut out on the road Friday in the opening week of Sacramento Valley League play by the Winters Warriors, 41-0.

Live Oak (3-3, 0-1 SVL) was short-handed due to injuries on their offensive line, Lions head coach Robert Tilton told The Gridley Herald.

He added that on the opening drive of the second half, senior quarterback Tony Herrera exited the game with an injury as well. Herrera had one completion for 19

yards with an interception before he left the game. Tilton told The Herald that most of his lineman and Herrera should be back against Pierce this coming Friday.

In its last three games, which have all been losses, Live Oak has given up an average of 42 points a game. The Lions gave up an average of 4.3 points a game in their first three games, which were all wins.

Tilton said his team focused on the secondary defensively against Winters because when they played Hamilton on September 23, they were able to get through the

secondary easily.

He added that his defense was able to apply pressure in the backfield to where they converted some fourth down stops and added tackles for loss.

The Lions had a total of five sacks in the loss to Winters.

“We want to implement physicality this week,” Tilton said.

Live Oak senior running back Raul Romero rushed the ball 16 times for a team-high 62 yards in the loss. Romero is the Lions current rushing leader with 455 yards and four rushing touchdowns on the season.

“We want to get back to where we were at the beginning of the year where we were chunking away with three and four yards at a time,” Tilton explained.

Tilton told The Herald that despite the three-game losing skid, that his team has a better morale about them compared to last season when the team finished 1-8 overall and 0-6 in SVL play. Last season, when Live Oak would begin to lose, the players would typically drop their heads and get discouraged... but not this year.

“We’re gonna play hard for the

entire time,” Tilton said.

The Lions host the Pierce Bears from Arbuckle this Friday night. According to Tilton, Pierce is a hungry team with a young coaching staff that participated in the same football camp as Sutter High School during the summer.

The Bears are currently ranked 18th in the CIF Northern Section, and they are coming off a 14-13 loss to Colusa on Friday night.

Pierce is a run-heavy team that has over 1500 yards on the ground this season through six games. The Bears defeated Live Oak 48-0 last season. ★

## GHS Seniors Dominate Football Follies



The Gridley High School cheerleaders coached the senior boys as they switched roles for the GHS Homecoming football follies game. Pictured here are all the senior cheerleaders and the football follies cheerleaders, the senior boys.

Story and photos by Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Kicking-off Homecoming activities for Gridley High School Homecoming week, the senior ladies took on the juniors in the long-standing tradition of the football follies flag game, also known as powder puff.

Senior girls wore black with their graduation year 23’ as the number on each of their jerseys, while the juniors followed suit, wearing number 24’ in white.

According to Principal Rikki-Lee Burresch, a lot of hard work and training went into this game. Both seniors and juniors put in serious hours of practice, led by their coaches, the boys football team. Burresch shared that both the senior and junior girls had been practicing relentlessly for the last two weeks in preparation for the game.

With that said, the seniors got off to a dominating start, with Gracie Dunning running in a



Later in the game, the seniors set up for another shot downfield, as the junior defense prepares to stop them in their tracks.

touchdown and putting the first numbers up on the scoreboard early in the game. The seniors would continue to control the field and possession, giving the juniors’ offense very little opportunities.

The seniors went into halftime with a 14-0 lead over the juniors. The highly entertaining halftime show was provided by the junior and senior boys cheerleading squads, under the direction of the ladies cheerleading squad.

Flips, high flying stunts and some questionable dance moves had the audience and ladies’ teams rolling with laughter from

their hilarious antics. As the flag football game continued and the stakes were raised, the ladies got increasingly more physical, especially between the defensive lines. For a non-contact sport, a decent amount was made throughout the game.

With five minutes left on the scoreboard, the seniors brought the score to 22-0 with another touchdown. The juniors would put forward a valiant effort, but the seniors would get the ball once more, clinching the win with another score to ultimately win 28-0. ★

## Wolverines Battle it out in Annual Powder Puff Game

Story and photos by Seti Long

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - As the ladies of Biggs High School prepared to take the field in another long-standing Homecoming tradition, the Powder Puff game, it became apparent that the seniors didn’t come to mess around.

Due to the school’s size, the teams were comprised of seniors and freshmen in black and green and sophomores and juniors in white and green.

Educator Adam Sharrock announced the team rosters as the seniors/freshmen team stormed the field through a blow-up tunnel in their endzone. The junior/sophomore team would run onto the field wielding Wolverine green flags in a cloud of smoke for dramatic flair.

The game got off to a quick start with a senior player drawing first blood with a touchdown five minutes into the game. They would score only six points though as the conversion



Two brave young men, Russell and Ryan, cheered the ladies on from the sidelines!

attempt was no good.

The ladies would continue to battle it out on the field, going into halftime with a 6-0 score. Ready to go to work, the teams took the field and the action got more intense as the clock ticked down.

Ultimately, the senior/freshmen team would put the game away in exciting action, as the final play of the game was yet another touchdown for the seniors/freshmen. The senior/freshmen team was victorious 12-0. ★

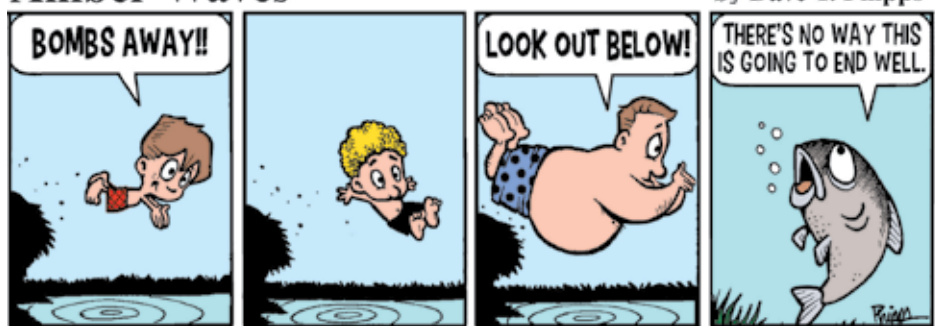


Both teams don their flags for the upcoming flag football game that kicked off homecoming week!

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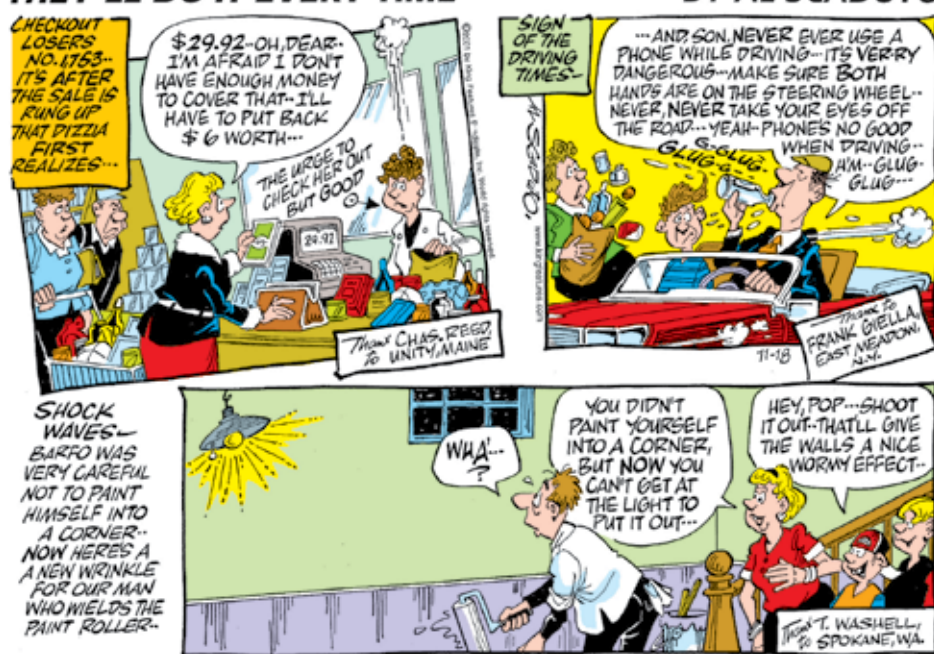
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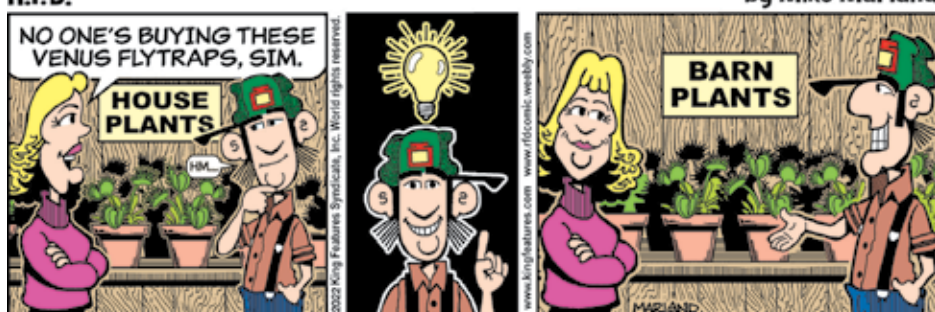
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# The Drakes Come to Marysville



**Pecos League News Release**

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs is proud to announce its newest team in Marysville, California. The team will be named the Marysville Drakes. Marysville will begin play at Bryant

Field beginning in May of 2023.

The team's website can be viewed at <http://www.MarysvilleDrakes.com>.

The Drakes will don black uniforms with colors of green, yellow and red. The team will play in the Pacific Division in the 2023 season with the following teams: San Rafael Pacifics, Santa

Cruz Seaweed, Santa Rosa Scuba Divers, Martinez Sturgeon, Bakersfield Train Robbers, Lancaster Sound Breakers and Monterey Amberjacks.

"We are excited to play the 2023 season in Marysville," said Pecos League Commissioner

and Owner Andrew Dunn. "The ballpark will plug right into our league. It allows us to have an entire division of eight

California teams."

The Marysville Drakes will finalize their coaching staff and game day operation staff soon.

For more information about the Pecos League visit <http://www.PecosLeague.com> or call 575-680-2212. ★



The Marysville Drakes will begin play at Bryant Field beginning in May of 2023. Photo courtesy Pecos League



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