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Camp Builds Interfaith Friendships



Middle schoolers compete in a game of Disc Bash as part of the 'Mission: Possible' youth camp, an event fostering interfaith friendships before the start of the school year. Photo provided by Calvary Chapel Gridley

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Middle schoolers can sometimes be the forgotten age group as church activities are planned. Adult leaders and high schoolers at Calvary Chapel Gridley set out to change that. First Baptist Church of Gridley joined them to plan a two-day, community-wide, interfaith camp that brought together 48 area middle schoolers for new friendships and engaging activities.

A treasure hunt took students bicycling to eight stops around Gridley, including the fire department, Veterans Hall, Orchard Hospital, and the Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel. At each stop, they learned important

Christian principles or clues which would help them find the missing Cobra man, kidnapped Friday evening by evil doers.

At Veterans Hall, local veterans talked about their military service, and how sometimes other soldiers put themselves in harm's way to protect their battle brothers. These sacrifices were compared to Christ's sacrifice. At the funeral chapel, youth learned about death and resurrection. Grace Emerson, 7th grader, shared that, "The fun, fun thing was biking around town."

Both days were filled with games, encouraging the students to develop friendships before the school year begins. Nine-square, frisbee golf,

water fights, rock painting, knock-out basketball, and much more kept the fun going. Saturday, students gathered for a picture at the park, while, unbeknownst to them, the fire department prepared to spray them from behind with a fire hose. Once the pictures were taken, the firefighters surprised the youth with a nice cool-down from the afternoon heat.

Luke Widener gave a special presentation on building a relationship with God that demonstrates how our perspective of God changes as we understand His love for us. Youth pastor Bill Gallagher said, "Luke taught that, as we come to know God, we realize he knows we're sinners"

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Long-time Live Oak Teacher Bids Adieu



Even after retiring, teacher David Anderson, will always remain a Lion at heart.

Story and photo
by Seti Long,
Gridley editor

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - As announced at commencement ceremonies earlier this year, a long-time Live Oak Lion will not be returning to campus this school year.

After 32 years of teaching at Live Oak High School, David Anderson has retired.

Anderson received his teaching degree from Chico State University, completed his student teaching in Paradise and then started his career in Delano, California. Two years later he found himself in Live Oak and would remain there for the remainder of his 34-year career in education.

Anderson taught various subjects including advanced placement (AP) history, government, economics and advancement via independent determination (AVID), a program to help first generation students get to and succeed in college. He also coached junior varsity and varsity football for Live Oak, as well as girls basketball at the J.V. and varsity levels.

Later, Anderson became instrumental as an advisor for the senior project program, launched originally by a former Live Oak teacher and current English teacher at Live Oak, Mike Fredericks. Together, Anderson and Fredericks grew the program into a large part of Live Oak seniors' final year of high school. Senior's projects would be put on display by its creators after dedicating hours of hard work into a topic of interest, usually a career interest, and hours dedicated to community service.

Of his years as an educator, Anderson says simply, "I enjoyed it." He goes on to add, "I think I've learned over the years that your relationships are more important than your subject."

He explains that his belief has come from an understanding that "people remember how you make them feel, not necessarily

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Biggs Football Under New Leadership



The Biggs High School football program's coaching staff pictured in the front row from left to right: junior varsity coaches David Espinoza and Eddie Del Rio; varsity head coach Brian Harrison; and varsity assistant coaches Hoku-Lani Wickard, Miguel Aguirre and John Smith.

Story and photos
by Seti Long,
Gridley editor

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - With the start of the season right around the corner, the Biggs High School football teams have spent the summer training under the direction of a new varsity head coach, Brian Harrison.

Harrison's roots are in Biggs, a Wolverine through and through, as

he graduated from BHS in 1986. During his time on the Biggs football team, he played in All-Star games, was one of the team captains and won "Mr. Wolverine." Back in 1979, he even served as water boy for the team!

After graduation, at the young age of 18, he took his skills to Mt. Shasta High School where he coached under Bill Callaway Jr. as his defensive coordinator.

Harrison took an extended break from coaching but was called back to the gridiron in 2004. He began coaching locally for the junior pee-wee team, the youth football team in the Gridley-Biggs area that would eventually be known as the Titans. He credits Larry Woodward, president of the organization at the time, with getting his coaching career started.

From then on, Harrison actively coached football at each level. Eventually he would transition to coaching at BHS with the junior varsity program, progressing to varsity where he would again become defensive coordinator for what he calls a "really successful football program under Ronnie Carr."

As someone who has coached football and other youth sports consistently

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

August is National Dog Month, Black Business Month, Children’s Eye Health and Safety Month, Back to School Month, National Eye Exam Month, National Immunization Awareness Month, and Student Loan Debt Awareness Month. Now that you have the list, please plan your observances of these declared interests accordingly.

Arnold Stewart and Diana Stewart marked 60 years of marital bliss this month. Their youngest son Evan made sure to host a celebration fit for such an achievement in fidelity. Congratulations to them

- 60 years is indeed an accomplishment, and their children who live far away needed a reason to return to Gridley.

How do you say I love you to that special person in your life? American Almond Beef would be a great way to start, and true eternal love would lead one to buy an American Almond Beef Filet Minion. If your first thought is, “how much does one of those cost” then you don’t understand true love, and you might as well stop reading this column now and prepare yourself for a life of lonely isolation, sadness, and other health maladies associated with vegetarianism. American Almond Beef is the product of cattle fed a unique secret proprietary blend of almond hulls and other feed grains. This is genuinely a Gridley thing because we have both Almonds and Cattle, and the results are getting the attention of those who understand fine meats and fine dining. In Parma, Italy, the

best Prosciutto comes from pigs that eat the by-product of Parmesan Cheese production. American Almond Beef is like that — a regional culinary delight. There is no longer a need for ordering frozen Nebraska Steaks by email and UPS to get a prime world-class steak. Indeed the Almond Beef is better than the Kobe-certified meats people fly in from Japan. In the world of buying a great steak, the Byrne Family Farm Almond Beef beats out California’s famous Harris Ranch. The Almond Beef store is located on Highway 99, next to Starbucks. If you plan on being married sixty years or more, you should understand that at a certain point in life, a quality cut of super prime beef is better received and more appreciated than flowers. Shop local and treat yourself to a truly incredible steak made right here in Butte County.

Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley and writes exclusively for the Gridley Herald.

Gridley City Council in Review

By Seti Long, Gridley editor

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley City Council moved quickly through its first meeting for the month of August, after previously discussing some of the agenda items in greater depth during July meetings.

First item of action was the second reading of Ordinance 838-2022, which would adopt a “Military Equipment Use Policy” and amend “Title 2 Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2, of The Gridley Municipal Code by Adding Section 2.25 ‘Military Equipment Use Policy’ in Compliance with Assembly Bill 481.” Under AB 481 certain types of equipment are considered “Military”, including drones used both by the Gridley Police Department and Electric Department and specific guns/weapons/ammunition also used by GPD. The second reading of the Ordinance furthered the process of the City of Gridley becoming compliant with AB 481. The reading was followed by council vote, which was 5-0 in its favor.

Moving on, Council reviewed upgrades to the Gridley Museum windows. The City of Gridley owns the building that houses the majority of the museum. As it is a historical building, the windows currently in place need repair. Issues include dry rot in the frames, loose glass or window frames that want to fall apart when handled, and the issue of older glass that could become a hazard. City Staff reached out to local companies for bids on replacements, but only one provided the City with a bid – Miller Glass, for a total of \$33,688.61. Council voted to move forward with replacing the windows 5-0.

In July of 2021, the IRS contacted the City of Gridley requesting information on their employee records. The City provided the records as requested, and after an audit, the only finding was the matter of a retired employee. According to finance Director, Elisa Arteaga, employees that retired before 1985 were exempt from Medicare. One employee that retired before 1985 was hired back on as a

consultant, and the IRS found that at that time, Medicare should have been reinstated for that employee which it was not. The recommendation was to authorize the proposed employment tax assessment of \$2,813.44 to remedy the situation. Council voted 5-0 to repair the issue.

Council then reviewed and approved their fire safety contract with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, through June 2023, Resolution No 2022-R-027. “Our fire department provides excellent, cost-effective services to our community,” said City Administrator, Cliff Wagner. The Resolution would allow the Mayor, Bruce Johnson, to sign the contract for services, for the amount, not to exceed, \$1,300,639.00.

Moving forward, the city reviewed Resolution No. 2022-R-028, the “Attestation to the Veracity of the 2021 Power Source Disclosure Report and Submission of the Report to the California Energy Commission.” According to Administrator Wagner, the report provides official information to the public about the city’s sources of electric power. Council voted to approve the 2021 Power Source Disclosure report and submit it to the California Energy Commission in a 5-0 vote.

The last item on the agenda focused on Gridley City Council’s response to the Butte County Grand Jury Findings, made public on June 24th 2022. The Grand Jury Report listed 6 findings, requiring the City to respond within 90 days of the publication of the report.

Council reviewed and approved a draft of the City Council’s Response to the Grand Jury Findings by vote of 5-0. The Grand Jury Findings, followed by the City of Gridley’s response, along with City’s answer to recommendations of the Butte County Grand Jury can be found on the City of Gridley’s website on page 86 of the 88-page agenda packet. This can be viewed at http://gridley.ca.us/public/uploads/pdfs/8-1-22_Agenda_Packet_-_Copy1.pdf.

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what you taught them. And I think that is not just in education, that’s in life.”

That foundation also lays the groundwork for students to be more accepting and open to curriculum.

The sheer number of students that approached Anderson for hugs after receiving their diplomas in 2022 and the heartfelt

“goodbye” message from school principal Tony Walton, showed that it is safe to say that David Anderson will be greatly missed by both students and staff at Live Oak HS.

Of his career, Anderson says he couldn’t have done it without the support of his wife, Mary. As for retirement, the couple have a few trips planned but Anderson said, “We’ll see where the wind blows.” ★

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Expect Delays for Grinding and Paving Work on State Highway 20

Caltrans News Release

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Caltrans is alerting motorists to expect daytime traffic throughout August on State Highway 20 in the Browns Valley area for final roadway grinding, paving and striping work.

Construction crews will be conducting reversing, one-way traffic control during daylight hours at various times and locations between Marysville Road and the Parks Bar Bridge at the Yuba River. Motorists may expect **15- to 20-minute delays.**

The construction and one-way traffic control schedules are as follows: **Monday, Aug. 1 to Wednesday, Aug. 3 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.** for pavement grinding. **During the weeks of August 8, 15 and 22,** motorists may expect one-way traffic control from **6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, with possible roadwork on Saturdays.** Crews will be performing paving, striping and miscellaneous roadwork during those weeks.

Flaggers at each end of the construction zone will be used along with a



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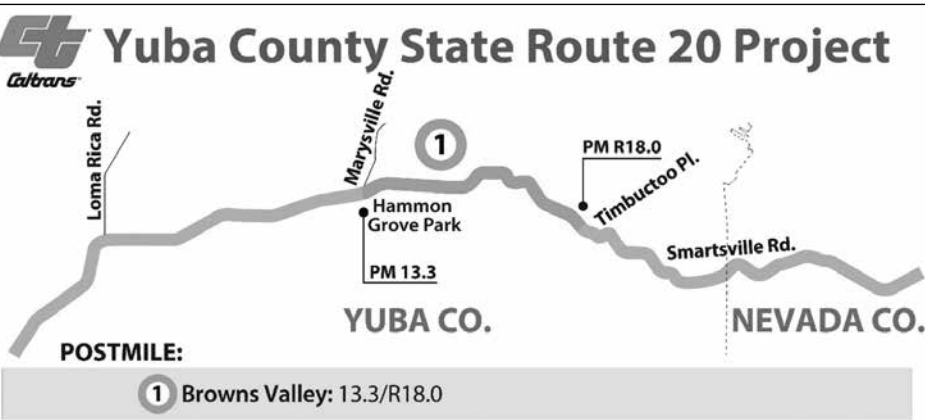
pilot vehicle. Motorists are reminded that pilot vehicles are to be followed at all times within the project zone for the safety of construction crews and travelers. Failure to follow pilot vehicles may result in a **\$220 citation with traffic fees doubled** in construction zones.

The construction schedule is subject to change due to weather, equipment or material availability or other unexpected events.

The work is part of a \$61.5 million project funded in part by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, to straighten and

flatten roadway curves and slopes, widen shoulders, construct a new bridge and rehabilitate a 4.7-mile section of roadway in the Browns Valley area. Construction is expected to be completed by early fall.

Caltrans advises motorists to “Be Work Zone Alert.” The department will issue construction updates on Twitter @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic, click on Caltrans’ QuickMap quickmap.dot.ca.gov/ or download the QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★



Caltrans is alerting motorists to expect daytime traffic throughout August on State Highway 20 in the Browns Valley area for final roadway grinding, paving and striping work. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Tow Chain Covers for Fire Safety

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - With recent and past fires in the north valley area, more people are contributing to fire safety in the local area.

Gridley Lions members, Tim and Julie Casalong have developed a fire safety project by making tow chain guards from recycled fire hoses. They gather old used fire hose, cut them into 18-inch pieces, put the pieces into pairs. They then distribute them with a flyer on how to put the hoses onto the trailer chains. These hoses are free to whoever wants them and are sponsored by the Gridley Lions Club.

Tow chain safety covers had been put to use during the Yuba Water Shed project, and the idea made its way throughout northern California after past district governor of District 4-1 C Karen Crooks recognized its importance and shared it with Lions Clubs.

Butte County is a center of recreation, camping, hunting and fishing. Many visitors and county residents take advantage of the beautiful and rich diversity of the natural environment.



Gridley Lion Tim Casalong hands out a pair of free tow chain covers to a customer at National Night Out. Photo by Linda Presley

One of the causes of roadside fires is the inappropriate road dragging of chains on trailers and boats. From 2012 to 2018, 393 wildfires and spot fires were started by vehicles in Butte County. Some were started by car accidents with leaking fuel, others with sparks from blown out tires, and the dragging of chains that spark roadside vegetation.

Help your family and friends prevent potential fires by giving them a gift of tow chain covers. These covers are a free community service. Contact Gridley Lions Tim Casalong at 530-680-7757, and Julie Casalong at 530-519-0683 to get set up with covers for all the trailers and boats your loved ones might be towing on the local roadways. ★

First Human West Nile Virus Infection Confirmed in Butte County

BCPH News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte County Public Health (BCPH) has confirmed this year’s first human West Nile Virus (WNV) infection in Butte County. As of July 29, 2022, seven human WNV infections have been reported in California. WNV is active June through October, with August typically being the peak month in Butte County. BCPH would like to remind residents to protect themselves from WNV by reducing mosquitoes on their property and preventing mosquito bites.

The infected person is over 65 years of age and is experiencing a severe WNV illness.

People infected with WNV generally fall into three categories:

- Asymptomatic (8 in 10 people);
- Mild to moderate fever illness with fatigue and body aches (1 in 5 people);
- Severe illness with neurologic symptoms such as encephalitis or meningitis (less than 1 in 150 people).

For those who develop a severe WNV illness, symptoms may last several weeks



BCPH would like to remind residents to protect themselves from WNV by reducing mosquitoes on their property and preventing mosquito bites.

and some symptoms may be permanent.

People 50 years of age and older, and individuals with diabetes or hypertension, have a higher chance of getting sick and are more likely to develop complications.

WNV is transmitted to humans and animals by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Residents can reduce the risk of infection by practicing the “Three Ds”:

- DEET** – Use a proven insect repellent like DEET. Other recommended repellents include: picaradin, lemon eucalyptus oil, para-menthane-diol, IR3535 or 2-undecanone. Always use

according to label instructions. DEET can be used safely on infants and children 2 months of age and older.

DAWN AND DUSK – Mosquitoes that transmit WNV bite in the early morning and evening. Wear proper clothing and repellent if outside during these times. Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep mosquitoes out. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.

DRAIN – Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate or drain all sources of standing water on your property, including flower pots, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls. For standing water that cannot be drained such as fountains, ponds, etc., consider adding “Mosquito Dunks” or mosquito fish, which feed on mosquito larvae. Report unmaintained swimming pools to the local Mosquito and Vector Control District at (530) 342-7350 or (530) 533-6038.

For more information about WNV, visit Butte County’s West Nile Virus website. ★

Camp Builds Interfaith Friendships

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and loves us in spite of ourselves.” Emerson said Widener taught, “Our perspectives change about God the more you learn.” A worship team led music, followed by a drama, a highlight reel of the event starring the kids, and an inspirational

message completed the evening.

Many adults came together from the local Calvary Chapel and First Baptist churches, providing meals, organizing games, and bicycling with the students as they gathered clues around town.

Our Town Pizzeria and Ice Burgie also helped with food and prizes.

Pastor Brad Roberts, Calvary Chapel, noted that only 15 of the youth attend the two churches who sponsored the camp. He called the interfaith experience “powerful and engaging.” ★

MEMORIAL

JOHN HENRY UPTON

A graveside service will be held for John Henry Upton on Friday, August 12, 2022, at noon at Gridley Biggs Cemetery. John passed away Friday, August 5, 2022, in Williams, California.

He was preceded in death by his youngest son.

John is survived by his wife of 68 years, Joyce, two sons, two daughters, 8 grandsons, 22 great-grandchildren,

two great-great-grandchildren with another on the way.

He loved camping, fishing, hunting, and taking vacation trips with his family. He worked at John Deere Tractor in Colusa for 20 years. He loved playing the harmonica and teaching his grandkids how to blow like a train whistle.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL

JOSEPH MICHAEL GARCIA • 9/22/1966 – 7/27/2022

Joseph Michael Garcia was born September 22, 1966, to John Michael “Mike” & Loeva “Elaine” (Ward) Garcia, in Willows, CA. Joe grew up in Bayliss, CA. He attended school in Willows, CA. After graduating Willows High School in 1984. Joe made his way to Biggs, CA where he helped his grandparents John and Mary Garcia farm rice. He eventually purchased his grandparents farm and continued the family legacy to this day in Biggs, CA. Joe was an active member of the community in Biggs and Gridley. He volunteered with the Biggs Fire Department for 12 years, he was an active member of the Gridley Moose Lodge and spent his Monday nights during the past 20+ years of football season with his buddies at the Monday Night Football Club.

Joe was married to the love of his life Teresa “Teri” Ann Garcia for the past 16 years. Together they spent most of their weekends in LaPorte, CA which was their “Happy Place”, where Joe was a volunteer at the LaPorte Fire Department, a past Snowmobile Club President and he operated the snow groomer in the winter

Garcia, Jacob Garcia both of Gridley, CA, Nick (Tanya) Becci of Biggs, Michelle (Brad) Royle of Reno, NV, Michael Becci of Gridley. Brothers Ryan Garcia of Oroville, CA and Mathew (Cherie) Garcia of Bayliss, CA. Nieces Courtney Garcia, Katie (Justin) Hamilton and Kendyl Garcia and nephew Colby Garcia. Joe was the best Papa to 3 beautiful granddaughters that he loved so much, and they just adored him. Adela & Abrielle Becci & Jillian Bench. These little girls meant the world to him. Joe is proceeded in death by his grandparents John and Mary Garcia, James “Red” and Loeva Ward, his father John Michael “Mike” Garcia.

He entered heaven on July 27, 2022. The funeral will take place on Thursday, August 11, 2022. Viewing will be at 9am with services at 10am at the Willows First Baptist Church located at 154 N Lassen Street. A celebration of his life will be at the Gridley Moose Lodge starting at 12pm on Hwy 99.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the LaPorte Volunteer Fire Department PO Box 180, Clipper Mills, CA 95930 in Joe’s memory.



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Rates are not so Boring Anymore

With the market continuing to jerk investors to and fro, even with the recent increase in market up days compared to the first half of the year, many are looking for safe havens until the market becomes more stable.

U.S. Government "I-Bonds" from Treasurydirect.gov are paying an annual yield of close to ten percent right now and was covered in a previous Money Matters article so I won't cover them again here.

Regular treasuries and CD's can be bought at your local bank, credit union or brokerage house, although the interest rates are still anemic even with the Federal Reserve on an interest rate increase binge of late.

In searching for higher yielding yet safe investment vehicles from our brokerage house where we handle our accounts, the fixed income department gives direct access to CD and U.S. treasury screeners where I can view current rates and different quantity solicitations directly from such dealers.

For instance, when I go to my U.S. Treasury screener, I can see a variety of dealers offering up their treasury quantities and rates. Each dealers offering can be slightly different than the next.

Surprisingly, three, six and nine month Treasuries were offering yields north of 2%. The longer out one went, the higher the yield. The Cd's offered on this dealer screener were equally surprising in their yields.

I, like many investors, have become used to the near zero rates banks will pay on short term savings accounts, U.S. debt like Treasury bills, bonds or notes, and money market funds. We may just assume the returns on such short term monetary commitment vehicles are paying next to nothing, and for years we may have been right.

Surprisingly, and refreshingly, by accessing direct into my brokerage firm's dealer screen, those perceived "non-existent" or paltry rates from banking institutions are becoming somewhat of a mirage. They aren't so paltry anymore.

Rates are actually becoming palatable, at least to this analyst, and even on short term financial instruments like Treasuries and Cds, and on instant access accounts like savings or checking, rates are rising.

Will miracles never cease...

In checking www.bankrate.com, one of my favorite comparative websites for bank rates on all sorts of financial

products like Cds, Treasuries, savings and checking accounts, at first glance, the rates appear to be lower than what I can access through my dealer screener at my advisory broker.

Although financial service companies like advisors and brokers are usually sought out for stocks and bonds, I was pleasantly surprised to see not only could I buy these "bank" type products mentioned above, the rates I was seeing were comparatively very attractive.

Thank goodness I looked right? The whole point of today's musing is to illustrate interest rates have likely risen at your local bank and credit union, like they have at most all financial institutions. This is because of the Fed's recent war on inflation. To help combat it, they are increasing interest rates.

These ongoing rate increases by the Fed have also helped increase bank product rates. That means savings and checking accounts, along with a whole slew of other typical bank offerings are likely paying higher rates than we remember.

Making a good thing even better, inquiring at your local financial advisor office about such investments that are typically bought at a bank might mean even higher rates are available there.

I was surprised to see the dealer markets our brokerage firm had access to might be offering what appeared to be even higher rates than I found elsewhere.

Only goes to show that, in these crazy times, continually circling back to what was thought to be once stale financial fishing grounds might surprise to the upside if we take the time to inquire.

Revisiting what we once thought was the mundane may not be so boring after all.

And Lord knows our pocket books could all use a little more stuffing in them.

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

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Destructive Bugs Wreak Havoc in far Northern California, Western States

An infestation of grasshoppers and Mormon crickets is feeding on rangelands and crops in several counties in far Northern California. Farmers and ranchers are suffering impacts as populations of the destructive bugs surge in numerous western states. The challenge is worsening amid continued drought. In rural Modoc County, agricultural officials say grasshopper damage has affected 400,000 to 500,000 acres, with particularly devastating impacts on hay crops.

Farmers, Researchers Seek Ways to Transition Followed Lands to New Uses

Hundreds of thousands of acres of irrigated farmland in the San Joaquin Valley are expected to come out of production this year due to water shortages. Now farmers, researchers and government officials are looking to transition followed grounds to other uses and to address worries over dust. At a recent forum by the Public Policy Institute of California, farmers and water policy experts discussed repurposing toppled almond orchards to low-water production of winter grains.

State Water Officials Release Report on New Delta Tunnel Plan

The California Department of Water Resources has released a draft environmental impact report for the Delta Conveyance Project. Proponents of the proposal say it would modernize the aging State Water Project water delivery infrastructure in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Gov. Gavin Newsom has embraced a new single-tunnel plan to route water around the delta. That's a downsized version of the dual-tunnel plan backed by former Gov. Jerry Brown.

Legacy Family Farms, Historic Farm Bureaus Honored by Heritage Club

Seven legacy family farms and ranches have been honored for their historic – and continuing – service to agriculture. Three inductees recognized by the California Agricultural Heritage Club were honored for 150 years or more of farming. They include the Steamboat Acres farm in Courtland, established in 1848, the Dudley Ranch in Tulare County, started in 1871, and the Hindley Ranch in Humboldt County, founded in 1872. Other honorees included Solano and Merced County Farm Bureaus, established in 1915 and 1917. ★



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Will Taxpayers be Robbed (Again) in 2022?

Commentary by Ted Gaines

Historic budget revenues present historic opportunities for Sacramento politicians to shortchange taxpayers.

And "historic" is the right word for California's staggering tax windfall. Governor Newsom recently announced he expects the state to be sitting on a budget surplus of nearly \$100 billion this year. That spare mountain of money equals the entire budget from the year 2000. It's a barely fathomable number unique in California or any other state's experience.

What is to become of this colossa cash pile?

The money should, by law, go back to taxpayers. The "Gann Limit," passed overwhelmingly by California voters in 1979, put an appropriations cap in place for our state that forbids government spending from increasing beyond certain growth factor calculations. The formulas are not well understood by most taxpayers but the concept behind the law is simple: Government spending can't grow unchecked.

The spending cap dictates that revenues above the Gann Limit should be spent in certain, specific ways, including those rebates to taxpayers. In 1987, Governor Deukmejian refunded more than \$1.1 billion to happy citizens because of this rule.

Not to belabor the point, but in today's California, couldn't taxpayers use a little break, especially since it's mandated by law? Would a tax rebate help pay for six-dollar-a-gallon gas? What about electricity that's 80-percent more expensive than the national average? Could families use a hand buying groceries in the worst inflationary period in decades, or maybe some help buying an \$849,000 median priced home?

California families are suffering an affordability crisis, but government is flush with cash.

Although that may sound like a good arrangement to Sacramento, where they believe they know best how to spend other people's money, it's a disaster for people trying to get by in our state.

Sacramento should live up to the Gann Limit and issue the largest legal rebates to all taxpayers. Then the legislature and Governor should enact meaningful, permanent tax reductions so these surpluses, which come directly out of family budgets disappear.

Will this happen? Deukmejian proved it's possible to follow the law, but recent history doesn't bode well. In last year's budget, the legislature misclassified billions in spending, moving it out of Gann Limit calculations and robbing taxpayers of refunds. This budget trickery was simply illegal and wrong, and it set an ugly precedent I hope is not followed this year.

But big-spending politicians and their Progressive allies are aiming their sights at the Gann Limit, wanting not just to ignore it but repeal it altogether and go on a spending spree unmatched in the annals of state government.

California spends too much even with the appropriations limit. Giving free rein to the legislature and a Governor such as Newsom would be disastrous to our fiscal health. It would lock in unsustainable spending and guarantee a budget crisis at the next economic slowdown.

From crime to homelessness to wildfires to gas prices and housing costs, California government has failed the people in too many ways, all while growing larger and larger and getting more and more expensive. That's not much of a bargain hard working families propping it up with their tax dollars.

Like Prop. 13, the Gann Limit protects taxpayers. That's too rare in our state. This year, the legislature and Governor have a \$100-billion chance to honor the will of the voters and do right by struggling citizens. Let's hope they take it.

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Gallagher Reacts to the Latest Inflation Numbers and Failing Economy

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) issued a statement regarding the latest inflation numbers that were released this morning.

"As 8.5% inflation continues to hurt Californians by affecting costs for everything from groceries to renting a home,

people are still footing the bill for poor governing.

"Capitol Democrats seem committed to making people's lives harder when they enact policies that drive up health premiums every year or support tax increases ahead of an incoming recession.


"Governor Newsom and the Democrat supermajority seem to live in some sort of alternate reality where inflation doesn't exist, or they simply don't care." ★

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Crime Reports

Gridley Police Report

July 28 - August 4, 2022

7-28-22: At 2:05 am on Hollis Lane, Gridley CA, Denise Dominguez, 58, was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended license (14601.5 (a) VC), DUI (23152 (a) VC), and driving with a blood alcohol level of .08% or higher (23152 (b) VC).

7-30-22: At 9:29 pm on the 500 block of California St., Gridley CA, Brandon Edward Fryer, 43, was arrested on charges of reckless driving (23103 (a) VC), DUI with a blood alcohol level of .08% or higher (23152 (b) VC) and driving with a suspended license (14601.1 (a) VC).

8-2-22: At 7:54 pm on the 100 block of Archer Ave., Gridley CA, Cayden Jody Flanagan, 19, was arrested on charges of assault on a person (240 PC), fighting in a public place (415 (1) PC), and threatening a crime with the intent to terrorize (422 PC).

8-2-22: At 10:46 pm on the 100 block of Nevada St., Gridley CA, Manuel Zuniga Medina, 53 was arrested on charges of resisting arrest/obstruction of justice (148 (a)(1) PC) and for an outside agency misdemeanor warrant.

8-4-22: At 11:23 pm on the 100 block of Ford Ave., Gridley CA, John George Lara, 52, was arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC).

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Dear Dietitian

Food Addiction



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

Many of us know someone who has struggled with addiction. Perhaps a loved one has tried to quit smoking, or a friend is addicted to heroin or methamphetamine. The American Psychiatric Association defines addiction as a complex condition, a brain disease manifested by compulsive substance use despite harmful consequences. (1). Although food addiction is not included in the DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders), it is estimated that as many as twenty percent of Americans struggle with some type of food compulsion (2).

One may automatically assume that food addiction only affects overweight individuals; however, the scientific literature shows otherwise. While some individuals with obesity may display behaviors similar to individuals addicted to drugs [3], estimates suggest that only 24.9% of overweight/obese individuals report clinically-significant symptoms of food addiction, and 11.1% of healthy-weight individuals also report these symptoms [2].

Studies have found parallels between food addiction and other substance abuse disorders, such as opioid addiction. Some of these include:

1. Changes in brain chemistry in response to the substance – For example, dopamine is released in response to certain foods. Dopamine is a chemical that plays a role in the reward center in our brain and allows us to feel pleasure. If we experience pleasure and reward, we are likely to repeat the behavior, even to the

point that it is no longer healthy for us.

2. Preoccupation with the substance – One may obsess about a particular food, feel deprived of happiness in the absence of this food, or experience cravings.

3. Impaired control – Once the substance or food is taken in, it is difficult to maintain control of how much is consumed.

4. Social impairments – This includes changes in your social activities for the sake of the addiction. For example, a person binges on a certain food, then spends hours exercising to burn off those calories rather than spending time with family and friends.

How do you deal with a food addiction? If you can completely abstain from the problem food, that is your best defense. It may be difficult to completely abstain from sugar since it is in so many foods. You can abstain from sweets or avoid foods with 5 grams of sugar or more per serving.

Another solution is a 12-step program, Overeaters Anonymous, which helps those with food addictions and eating disorders. Theirs is a spiritual – (not religious) program similar to that of Alcoholics Anonymous. Go to oa.org or call (505) 891-2664 to find a meeting near you.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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LOCAL FISHING

American River stripers; the prodigal fly fisherman tried wading in a 4200 CFS river current, and ended up with a huge striper dragging him into a deep pool.



Clouser Minnow

USE: Clouser Minnow. (g) **Fisherman's Comment:** No doubt the elite fly fisherman was prodigal. Signed. The Observer. Bullards Bar Reservoir; 12"-14" kokes. Try the North Arm, at 60'-80' deep. USE: Dodger trailing a Pink Fly. (a) Englebright Reservoir; rainbows at 40'-50' deep, above the old Rice Crossing. USE: Worms behind Dodgers. (a)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

S.F. Bay; 48" Leopard shark... fun. USE: Salmon Roe. (b) Berkeley Flats; halibuts still biting, USE: Tray Baits. (b) Delta; 7 stripers bottom of Lo-Tide. Broad Slough. USE: Rattletrap. (a) Disappointment Slough; large and small mouth bass. Hi-Tide and start of Lo-Tide. USE: Zara Spook. (a)

COASTAL WATERS

N. Coast; Duxbury Reef, or Muscle Rock. Salmon boats limits. USE: Live Anchovy. (b) Lots of Coho caught at 50 fathoms. {released} all on...Live Anchovy. (b) Bodega Bay; limits of 12-13lb. salmon, some up to 32-40lbs. USE: Live Anchovy (b) Rock fish limits. USE: Cut Bait. (b) S. Coast; Half Moon Bay; nice salmon to 15lbs. USE: Live Anchovy. (b) Monterey Bay; Rock fish limits. USE: Tray Baits. (b) Halibut limits; USE: Glow Hoochie. (b) Lots of Humpback whales and two Blue whales to watch.

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Fallen Leaf glacial lake; South of Lake

Tahoe. Rent a “Yurt” for two nights. Cutthroats and mackinaws. USE: Dodger w/ Silver Spinner. (b) Lake Berryessa; N. side of Big Island. Bait balls at 30ft. Small mouths like...USE: Spoon. (g) Note: ongoing Kokanee Power Derby. Results next week. Lake Almanor; thunder storms, .08" of rain in one hour. Mouth of the Hamilton



Pond Smelt

Branch; rainbows of 2 lbs. USE: Pond Smelt Lure. (b) Clear Lake; large mouths...6:13 AM-10:32 AM. Caught and released 14, 3 ½ lb. bass. USE: Drop-shot rigs w/ Shakey Head. (b) Channel catfish USE: Sardine Cut Bait. (b) Davis Lake; trolling for rainbows at 6ft. USE: Tube Fly. (a) Bank anglers at Catfish Cove. Brown bullhead catfish. USE: Night Crawlers w/ Doughballs. (a)

RIVER FISHING

Sacramento River; Mouth of American River. Lots of boats. Marking many salmon. 13-23 lb. netted. USE: K-16 Kwikfish. (a) Ord Bend; water temp. 72 degrees warm. Few salmon rolling. No boats here. Mouth of Feather River; Verona Marina/boat ramp closed. Local Indian tribe bought it. {Possible Casino site?} American River; flow 4055 CFS. Strippers of 1- 3 lbs. Fly fish...25' Sink-tip line. USE: Clouser. (a) Lure fishermen... USE: Blade Runner Spoons, or 5" Paddle Tail Swim Bait. (a) Yurok Tribe Report: Klamath River at Happy Camp. McKinney fire, heavy rain and flash flooding causes massive 20 mile debris flow. Kills all salmon, steelhead, trout and suckers.

The “Fibo nacci Code”. {The Code Formula} Numbers in sequence is the sum of the preceding two. 0-1, 1-2, 3-5, 8-13, 13-21, 21-34, 34-55, 55-89, 89-144. Ans: Annually I have caught.....trout.

You solve the Code ~ Brownie

6 Plumas National Forest Roads Reopen as Fire Recovery Continues

Plumas National Forest News Release

QUINCY, CA (MPG) - The Plumas National Forest has modified and updated Forest Closure Order 05-11-03-21-04 to reopen six roads affected by the 2020 North Complex wildfires on the Feather River Ranger District. Four roads and all of the trails within the closure order remain closed.

District employees are continuing to work on multiple Forest Service Roads (FSR) and trails to restore access to the public.

The following roads are now open:

FSR 22N39 between FSR22N33 and FSR 22N01Y • FSR 23N00 between FSR 22N34 and FSR 23N28 • FSR 22N24 between FSR 22N27 and FSR 20N09 • FSR 22N24 between FSR 22N25 and FSR 22N94 • FSR 22N25 between FSR 22N24 and FSR 22N50X • FSR 22N94 between FSR 22N24 and FSR 22N27

The following roads remain closed:

FSR 22N89 between FSR 119 and FSR 22N12X • FSR 22N12X between FSR 22N89 and FSR 22N01Y • FSR 22N62 between Milsap Bar Campground and FSR 22N94 • FSR 21N35Y between Butte County Road 27672 (Lumpkin Road) and Forest Trail 6E33 (Feather Falls National Recreation Trail)

Eleven trails remain closed, including Mountain House, Dome, Big Bald Rock, Feather Falls National Recreation, Little North Fork, Trials West, Sky High, South Hartman to North Hartman, Hansen Bar, Stag Point and Cleghorn Bar Trails.

The roads reopening has restored access to Golden Trout Campground on the Feather River Ranger District.

The current closure is referenced as Order Number 05-11-03-22-02 and is in place until conditions allow or July 31,

2023, whichever occurs first. There will be public notifications when the closure order is lifted or modified further.

The closure order is for public and employee safety as assessments and work continues to repair and restore access to roads and recreation sites affected by the fire.

Feather River Ranger District employees are working on repairs, reconstruction and risk-mitigation projects associated with the fire damage. Work in the area has taken longer than expected due to analysis needs, acquiring funding and a shorter season to implement repairs due to elevation, which limits construction activities to summer and fall months.

“We are continuing to make progress on road and recreation sites after wildfires and are working to restore access to the public,” said Feather River District Ranger Dave Brillenz. “We will continue to reopen sites as we can.”

Area residents and visitors planning to recreate in the area are asked to use caution. There are still hazards in the burn area, including dead trees that can fall with little to no notice, unstable slopes and potential rock fall, especially during storms.

“We want everyone to have a safe and positive recreation experience on the Plumas National Forest and recognize the risks of recreating in areas that have burned over the past few years, especially in our scenic canyons,” said Plumas National Forest Supervisor Chris Carlton.

Violations of the closure order are punishable of a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.

For more information on the Plumas National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/plumas. ★

WM News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - All Butte County residents can now dispose of up to 5 mattresses and/or box springs a day for free at the Ord Ranch Transfer Station at 119 Ord Ranch Road.

County residents, including those not serviced by WM, can bring mattresses and box springs to the transfer station Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The transfer station is closed for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to Noon. It is also closed to the public on weekdays.

“We’re thrilled to provide this convenient program to all county residents and hope it helps to reduce the number of illegally dumped mattresses and box springs in our communities,” said Barry Skolnick, Area Vice President for WM Northern California – Nevada. “Between this program and WM’s bulky collection offerings, getting rid of an old mattresses and box spring is easier than ever and free.”

Free disposal of mattresses is made possible through the Mattress Recycling Council’s Bye Bye Mattress program. Mattresses disposed through this program are disassembled and recycled. The steel, foam, fiber and wood recovered from mattresses and box springs are sent to manufactures to make hundreds of new products such as carpet padding, construction rebar, insulation, filters and mulch.

The program is funded through a \$10.50 recycling fee that is collected when a mattress or box spring is purchased in California. The fee is used to establish free drop-off locations and collection events throughout the state, transport collected units from these sites to companies that dismantle the discarded products and recycle the materials. Other portions of the fee are dedicated to combating illegal dumping and research efforts that improve

recycling process and recyclability of the component material.

“We’re thankful to each of the solid waste facilities, local businesses and nonprofit organizations that join our collection network and help us make recycling used mattresses easier for residents,” said Mike

O’Donnell, MRC’s Managing Director. “Together, this impressive network is collecting more than 1.5 million mattresses each year that are recycled right here in California.”

While mattress and box spring disposal is free, customers seeking to dispose of other materials at the Ord Ranch Transfer Station or seeking to dispose of more than five mattresses and box springs combined in one day, will be charged standard disposal rates.

Mattresses not covered by this program include severely damaged, wet, twisted, frozen or spoiled mattresses or box springs, any mattress or box spring infested with beg bugs, mattress pads or toppers, sleeping bags, pillows, car beds, crib mattresses, air mattresses, and sofa bed mattresses.

WM customers living in unincorporated Butte County and in Chico also have access to WM’s curbside bulky collection program.

WM, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive environmental services in North America, providing services throughout the United States and Canada. Through its subsidiaries, the Company provides collection, transfer, disposal services, and recycling and resource recovery. It is also a leading developer, operator, and owner of landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The Company’s customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about WM, visit www.wm.com. ★

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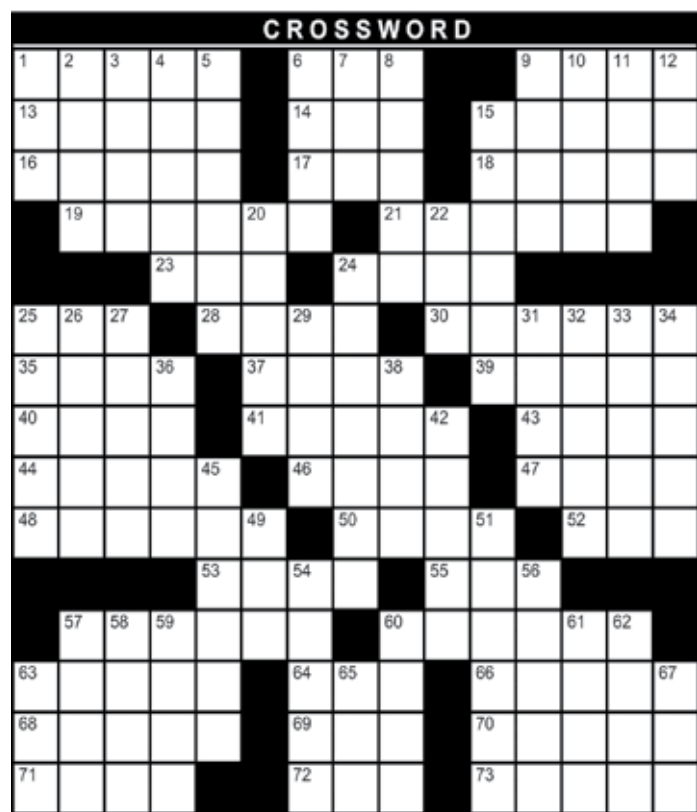
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17. Acronym, abbr.
18. Movie "____ Day Care"
19. "End of a pencil, sometimes"
21. "Back to School" star
23. Asian restaurant frying pan
24. Anne ____ of gothic fiction fame
25. ____ Beesty of "The Office"
28. Cote d'Azur city
30. Opposite of comic
35. Major mountain chain in Russia
37. It launched Columbus, acr.
39. Walk through slush
40. Lindsey Vonn's prop
41. "Geography class prop
43. Bear in the sky
44. Idealized imaged of someone
46. Reflect deeply
47. Stake driver
48. Dismiss (2 words)
50. Not want
52. Albanian money
53. "Cafeteria ware
55. Rare find
57. "Paper holder
60. "Fictional high school in "Grease"
63. Pope's court
64. Barley brew
66. Run-of-the-mill
68. Boat contents
69. Little bit
70. Tale, in France
71. Small island
72. I, to Claudius
73. Terminated

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2. Sometimes it's enough
3. Wild ox of India
4. On spouse's side
5. Infamous Baby Face
6. A long way off
7. Network at 30 Rock
8. Wispy clouds
9. Yemen's neighbor
10. ____ receiver
11. The Tramp's spaghetti-slurping companion
12. Limit, to some
15. Bovine milk dispensers
20. Increasing
22. Month X
24. Reverberate
25. "Student
26. Scent, usually pleasant
27. Malaysia native
29. "Keep ____ and Carry On"
31. "One at high school reunion
32. Small Asian ungulate
33. September edition, e.g.
34. "Dry-erase marker predecessor
36. Toy construction set
38. Having the know-how
42. Lament for the dead

45. When one is not oneself (2 words)
49. Joker to Batman, e.g.
51. *Do this in Math class
54. *Do this in Speech class
56. Subatomic particle
57. Sable and beaver, e.g.
58. *Type of exam
59. Like SNL
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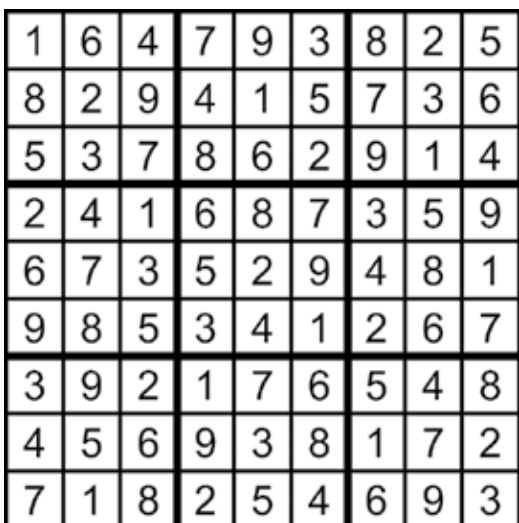


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that time. The filing of this state-
ment does not of itself authorize
the use in this state of a fic-
titious business name in violation
of the rights of another under
federal, state, or common law
(see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,
Business and Professions Code.
Publish: July 22, 29, August 5 & 12, 2022
FLOR 8-12-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0000685
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: WELTY
MANDARINS, 966 Palermo
Road, Oroville, CA 95965

Dingchun Hsieh and Minjing
Hsieh, 1320 Crossgates Lane,
San Jose, CA 95120

Date Filed in Butte County: July
13, 2022. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: 1/1/2022

This Business is conducted by:
A Married Couple. NOTICE: This
fictitious name statement expires
five years from the date it was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk. A new fictitious business
statement must be filed before
that time. The filing of this state-
ment does not of itself authorize
the use in this state of a fic-
titious business name in violation
of the rights of another under
federal, state, or common law
(see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,
Business and Professions Code.
Publish: July 29, August 5, 12 & 19, 2022
WELTY 8-19-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0000698
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: KC TOWING
AND RECOVERY, 1157 CA 99,
Gridley, CA 95948

Brakes Tires and More
Incorporated, 1492 Bridge
Street, Yuba City, CA 95993
Date Filed in Butte County: July
19, 2022. The Registrant com-

menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A

This Business is conducted by:
A Corporation. NOTICE: This
fictitious name statement expires
five years from the date it was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk. A new fictitious business
statement must be filed before
that time. The filing of this state-
ment does not of itself authorize
the use in this state of a fic-
titious business name in violation
of the rights of another under
federal, state, or common law
(see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,
Business and Professions Code.
Publish: July 29, August 5, 12 & 19, 2022
KC 8-19-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0000692
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: LEGACY
WELDING AND FABRICATION,
340 Plumas Drive, Oroville, CA
95966

Logan Pickering, 340 Plumas
Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Date Filed in Butte County: July
18, 2022. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A

This Business is conducted by:
Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
titious name statement expires
five years from the date it was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk. A new fictitious business
statement must be filed before
that time. The filing of this state-
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the use in this state of a fic-
titious business name in violation
of the rights of another under
federal, state, or common law
(see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,
Business and Professions Code.
Publish: July 29, August 5, 12 & 19, 2022
LEGACY 8-19-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0000684
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: S AND P JUNK
REMOVAL, 1860 Sycamore
Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Christian Michael Vanosten,
1860 Sycamore Street, Gridley,
CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: July
12, 2022. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A

This Business is conducted by:
Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
titious name statement expires
five years from the date it was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk. A new fictitious business
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that time. The filing of this state-
ment does not of itself authorize
the use in this state of a fic-
titious business name in violation
of the rights of another under
federal, state, or common law
(see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,
Business and Professions Code.
Publish: August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2022
S&P 8-26-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0000722
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: EMOCHICKEN
Entertainment, 13 Arbor Drive,
Chico, CA 95926

David Wayne Martin, 13 Arbor
Drive, Chico, CA 95926
Date Filed in Butte County: July
27, 2022. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A

This Business is conducted by:
Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
titious name statement expires
five years from the date it was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk. A new fictitious business
statement must be filed before
that time. The filing of this state-
ment does not of itself authorize
the use in this state of a fic-
titious business name in violation
of the rights of another under
federal, state, or common law
(see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,
Business and Professions Code.
Publish: August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2022
EMO 8-26-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0000701
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as Chico 32 AM
PM, 1101 Bruce Road, Chico,
CA 95928

Woodcreek Oaks Petroleum
Inc., 135 Blue Ravine Road,
#135, Folsom, CA 95630
Date Filed in Butte County: July
19, 2022. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A

This Business is conducted by:
Corporation. NOTICE: This fic-
titious name statement expires
five years from the date it was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk. A new fictitious business
statement must be filed before
that time. The filing of this state-
ment does not of itself authorize
the use in this state of a fic-
titious business name in violation
of the rights of another under
federal, state, or common law
(see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,
Business and Professions Code.
Publish: August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2022
CHICO 8-26-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0000599
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: LASTING
ESSENTIALS, 43 Rockridge
Court, Oroville, CA 95966

Rhonda Madsen, 43 Rockridge
Court, Oroville, CA 95966
Date Filed in Butte County: June
13, 2022. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A

This Business is conducted by:
Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
titious name statement expires
five years from the date it was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk. A new fictitious business
statement must be filed before

that time. The filing of this state-
ment does not of itself authorize
the use in this state of a fic-
titious business name in violation
of the rights of another under
federal, state, or common law
(see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,
Business and Professions Code.
Publish: August 12, 19, 26 & Sept. 2,
2022
LASTING 9-2-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0000724
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: LYNN'S
GLUTEN-FREE BAKERY, 466
Panama Avenue, Chico, CA
95973

Lynn Marie Tosello, 466 Panama
Avenue, Chico, CA 95973
Date Filed in Butte County: July
28, 2022. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A

This Business is conducted by:
Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
titious name statement expires
five years from the date it was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk. A new fictitious business
statement must be filed before
that time. The filing of this state-
ment does not of itself authorize
the use in this state of a fic-
titious business name in violation
of the rights of another under
federal, state, or common law
(see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,
Business and Professions Code.
Publish: August 12, 19, 26 & Sept. 2,
2022
LYNN'S 9-2-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0000709
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: ASSIST U 2 IN-
VESTIGATE, 44 Westview Way,
Oroville, CA 95966

David McIntyre, 44 Westview
Way, Oroville, CA 95966

Date Filed in Butte County: July
25, 2022. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A

This Business is conducted by:
Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
titious name statement expires
five years from the date it was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk. A new fictitious business
statement must be filed before
that time. The filing of this state-
ment does not of itself authorize
the use in this state of a fic-
titious business name in violation
of the rights of another under
federal, state, or common law
(see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,
Business and Professions Code.
Publish: August 12, 19, 26 & Sept. 2,
2022
ASSIST 9-2-22

**ORDER TO SHOW FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #22CV01525

Petitioner Trish Stilwell filed a
petition with this court for a de-
cree changing names as follows:
Trish Stilwell to Tricia Stilwell.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter shall
appear before this court at the hearing in-
dicated below to show cause, if any, why
the petition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person object-
ing to the name changes described above
must file written objection that includes
the reasons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is sched-
uled to be heard and must appear at
the hearing August 24, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior
Court of California, County of Butte,
North County Courthouse 1775 Concord
Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on July 15, 2022
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 29, August 5, 12 & 19, 2022
TRISH 8-19-22

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #22CV01459

Petitioner Kapua Fiefla Sewell
filed a petition with this court for a
decree changing names as
follows: Kapua Fiefla Sewell to
Kapua Fiefla Holmes.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter shall
appear before this court at the hearing in-
dicated below to show cause, if any, why
the petition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person object-
ing to the name changes described above
must file written objection that includes
the reasons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is sched-
uled to be heard and must appear at
the hearing September 14, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior
Court of California, County of Butte,
North County Courthouse 1775 Concord
Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on July 13, 2022
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2022
KAPUA 8-26-22

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #22CV01433

Petitioner Ruth Anne May filed
a petition with this court for a de-
cree changing names as follows:
Ruth Anne Cutler aka Ruth Anne
May-Gottenbos to Ruth Anne
May.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter shall
appear before this court at the hearing in-
dicated below to show cause, if any, why
the petition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person object-
ing to the name changes described above
must file written objection that includes
the reasons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is sched-
uled to be heard and must appear at
the hearing August 31, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior
Court of California, County of Butte,
North County Courthouse 1775 Concord
Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on July 14, 2022
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2022

RUTH 8-26-22

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #22CV01720

Petitioner Kimmy Sue Tilley
filed a petition with this court for
a decree changing names as
follows: Kimmy Sue Tilley to
Kimberly Sue Tilley.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter shall
appear before this court at the hearing in-
dicated below to show cause, if any, why
the petition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person object-
ing to the name changes described above
must file written objection that includes
the reasons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is sched-
uled to be heard and must appear at
the hearing September 28, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior
Court of California, County of Butte,
North County Courthouse 1775 Concord
Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on August 4, 2022
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: August 12, 19, 26 & Sept. 2,
2022
KIMMY 9-2-22

LIEN SALE

East Biggs Mini Storage will hold
a lien sale for the following ve-
hicles on Thursday, August 25,
2022, at 1:00 p.m. at 428 Biggs
East Hwy., Biggs, CA.

2000 Ford PU
Lic.# 6E12515 Ca.,
Vin # 1FTRX07L0YKA13298
2000 GMC Van,
Lic# 4KSP664 Ca.

Vin# 1GKDM19W3YB523830
BIGGS 8-12-22

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KRISTINA
LYNN CLARK, AKA KRISTINA CLARK,
AKA K.L. CLARK
CASE NO. 22PR00401

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be other-
wise interested in the will or es-
tate of Kristina Lynn Clark, aka
Kristina Clark, aka K. L. Clark,
deceased.

A Petition for Probate has been
filed by David A. Stratton, in the
Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting
David A. Stratton be appoint-
ed as personal representatives to
administer the estate of the
decendent.

The petition requests the deced-
ent's will and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for ex-
amination in the file kept by the
court.

The petition requests authority
to administer the estate under
the Independent Administration
of Estates Act. (This authority will
allow the executor to take many
actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain
very important actions, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The independ-
ent administration authority will
be granted unless an interested
person files an objection to the
petition and shows good cause
why the court should not grant
the authority.

A hearing on the petition will
be held in this court as follows
August 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m. in
Dept 1, 1775 Concord Avenue,
Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-
ing of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may
be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy
to the personal representative
appointed by the court within
the later of either (1) four months
from the date of first issuance of
letters to a general personal rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal de-
livery to you of a notice under
section 9052 of the California
Probate Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may
affect your rights as a creditor.
You may want to consult with
an attorney knowledgeable in
California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file
kept by the court. If you are in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney for
Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc,
P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA
95965; 530-533-5661
Publish: July 29, August 5 & 12, 2022
CLARK 8-12-22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICK
MICHAEL O'CONNOR AKA PATRICK
O'CONNOR
CASE NO. 22PR00423

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors
of and persons who may be
otherwise interested in the will
or estate of Patrick Michael
O'Connor, aka Patrick O'Connor,
deceased.

A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Candi O'Connor, in the
Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting
Candi O'Connor be appointed as
personal representatives to ad-
minister the estate of the deced-
ent.

The petition requests authority
to administer the estate under
the Independent Administration
of Estates Act. (This authority will
allow the executor to take many
actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain
very important actions, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The independ-
ent administration authority will
be granted unless an interested
person files an objection to the
petition and shows good cause
why the court should not grant
the authority.

A hearing on the petition will
be held in this court as follows
August 30, 2022, 9:00 a.m. in
Dept TBA; Room TBA, Superior
Court of California, County of
Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue,
Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-
ing of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may
be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy
to the personal representative
appointed by the court within
the later of either (1) four months
from the date of first issuance of
letters to a general personal rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal de-
livery to you of a notice under
section 9052 of the California
Probate Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may
affect your rights as a creditor.
You may want to consult with
an attorney knowledgeable in
California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file
kept by the court. If you are in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney
for Petitioner is: Robert L. Hewitt,
2980 Stormes Avenue, Oroville,
CA 95966
Publish: August 12, 19 & 26, 2022
O'CONNOR 8-26-22

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
FORECLOSURE NO. 6824425 APN#
126-043-004

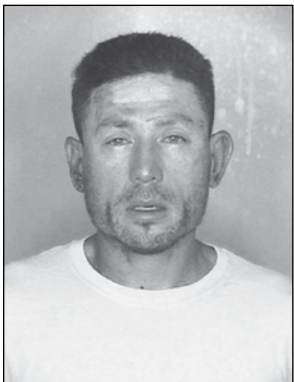
On August 23, 2022 at 11:00
a.m., Mid Valley Title and Escrow
Company, Trustee, or Successor
Trustee or Substituted Trustee of
that certain Deed of Trust exe-
cuted by Lyle William Shepherd
and Sharon A. Shepherd, hus-
band and wife, and recorded
October 2, 2006 as Instrument
No. 2006-0008754, of Official
Records of Plumas County,
California, and pursuant to that
certain Notice of Default there-
under recorded April 20, 2022 as
Instrument No. 2022- 0002551,
of Official Records of said
County, will under and pursuant
to said Deed of Trust sell at pub-
lic auction for cash, lawful money
of the United States of America,
a cashier's check payable to said
Trustee drawn on a state or na-
tional bank, a check drawn by a
state or federal credit union, or a
check drawn by a state or federal
savings and loan association, or
savings bank specified in Section
5102 of the Financial Code and
authorized to do business in this
state, at the main entrance to
the County Courthouse located
at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA
95971, all that right, title and in-
terest conveyed to and now held
by it under said Deed of Trust
in the property situated in said
County and State described as:
shown on said deed of trust (X)
The street address or other com-
mon designation of said prop-
erty: 5658 Iron Horse Dr.,Portola,
CA 96122 (X)Name and address
of the beneficiary at whose re-
quest the sale is being conduct-
ed: Ira Adams, c/o Bob Lindquist,
181 E Sierra Ave, Portola, CA
96122 Directions to the above
property may be obtained by re-
questing same in writing from the

beneficiary within 10 days from
the first publication of this notice.
Said sale will be made without
covenant or warranty, express
or implied, as to title, possession
or encumbrances to satisfy the
unpaid balance due on the note
or notes secured by said Deed
of Trust, plus estimated costs,
expenses and advances at the
time of the initial publication of
this Notice of Sale: \$130,782.40

NOTICE TO PROPERTY
OWNER YOU ARE IN
DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF
TRUST, DATED SEPTEMBER
18, 2006 UNLESS YOU TAKE
ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR
PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD
AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU
NEED AN EXPLANATION
OF THE NATURE OF THE
PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU,
YOU SHOULD CONTACT
A LAWYER. NOTICE TO
POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you
are considering bidding on this
property lien, you should un-
derstand that there are risks
involved in bidding at a trustee
auction. You will be bidding on
a lien, not on the property itself.
Placing the highest bid at a trust-
ee auction does not automati-
cally entitle you to free and clear
ownership of the property. You
should also be aware that the
lien being auctioned off may be
a junior lien. If you are the high-
est bidder at the auction, you
are or may be responsible for
paying off all liens senior to the
lien being auctioned off, before
you can receive clear title to the
property. You are encouraged to
investigate the existence, priority,
and size of outstanding liens
that may exist on this property by
contacting the county recorder's
office or a title insurance com-
pany, either of which may charge
you a fee for this information. If
you consult either of these re-
sources, you should be aware
that the same lender may hold
more than one mortgage or deed
of trust on the property. NOTICE
TO PROPERTY OWNER: The
sale date shown on this notice
of sale may be postponed one
or more times by the mortgagee,
beneficiary, trustee, or a court,
pursuant to Section 2924g of the
California Civil Code. The law
requires that information about
trustee sale postponements be
made available to you and to the
public, as a courtesy to those
not present at the sale. If you
wish to learn whether your sale
date has been postponed, and,
if applicable, the rescheduled
time and date for the sale of this
property, you may call 1-916-
939-0772 or visit this internet
website: <http://www.nationwide-posting.com> address for in-
formation regarding the sale of this
property, using the file number
assigned to this case 6824425.
Information about postpone-
ments that are very short in du-
ration or that occur close in time
to the scheduled sale may not
immediately be reflected in the
telephone information or on the
internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com>. The best
way to verify postponement infor-
mation is to attend the scheduled
sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You
may have a right to purchase this
property after the trustee auction
pursuant to Section 2924m of the
California Civil Code. If you are
an "eligible tenant buyer," you
can purchase the property if you
match the last and highest bid
placed at the trustee auction. If
you are an "eligible bidder," you
may be able to purchase the
property if you exceed the last
and highest bid placed at the
trustee auction. There are three
steps to exercising this right of
purchase. First, 48 hours after
the date of the trustee sale, you
can call 1- 916-939-0772, or visit
this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com>, using
the file number assigned to this
case 6824425 to find the date
on which the trustee's sale was
held, the amount of the last and
highest bid, and the address of
the trustee. Second, you must
send a written notice of intent to
place a bid so that the trustee
receives it no more than 15 days
after the trustee's sale. Third,
you must submit a bid so that the
trustee receives it no more than
45 days after the trustee's sale. If
you think you may qualify as an
"eligible tenant buyer" or bidder,"
you should consider contacting
an attorney or appropriate real
estate professional immediately
for advice regarding this potential
right to purchase. The under-
signed mortgagee, beneficiary
or authorized agent for the mort-
gagee or beneficiary declares
that the mortgagee or beneficiary
has satisfied the requirements
of California Civil Code 2923.5.
DATED: 07/20/2022 MID
VALLEY TITLE AND ESCROW
COMPANY Address: 601 Main
Street Chico, California 95928
Phone: (530) 893-5644 BY:
Greg Wood, Foreclosure Officer
NPP0414110
To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS
07/29/2022, 08/05/2022, 08/12/2022
NPP_4110 8-12-22

**Gridley City Council
ORDINANCE 838-2**

Butte/Tehama Serial Killer Sentenced to 3 Life Terms



Ryan Scott Blinston
**Butte County DA
News Release**

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In the Butte County Superior Court on August 4, a serial killer who operated in Butte and Tehama Counties was sentenced to three life terms without the possibility of parole for murdering three people plus two more life terms for attempting to murder two others.

Ryan Scott Blinston, 38, of Oroville, was previously found guilty on May 17, 2022, after a jury trial. Blinston committed the crimes in both Tehama and Butte Counties over about three weeks in May and June 2021.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said he and Tehama County District Attorney Matt Rogers had agreed to combine the Butte and Tehama charges to be heard by a Butte County jury. The trial verdict came after an almost three-week-long trial.

The evidence at trial established Blinston worked for a local tree-trimming service and was part of a work crew at the Los Molinos home of Loreen Severs, 88, and Homer Severs, 91, on May 18, 2020. After the job was over, later cellphone GPS evidence showed that Blinston returned on an apparent “scouting trip” to Severs’ home on the evening of May 22, 2020, before returning to Oroville. The following morning May 23, 2020, Blinston went back to Los Molinos, killed Loreen and attempted to kill Homer after a forced entry into their home. Both had their throats cut. Homer survived the attack but later died of an unrelated illness in December of 2020.

Prosecutors showed Blinston was again part of a tree-trimming work

crew that serviced the home of Sandra George, 82, in Oroville on June 4, 2020. The prosecutors proved after the work was completed and the crew left, Blinston returned alone to George’s home and killed her. As with the Severs, her throat was slashed while inside her home.

The tree-trimming company that employed Blinston was cooperative in the investigation and prosecution of Blinston.

The jury was further shown that on June 6, 2020, Vicky Cline, 57, an acquaintance of Blinston, was last seen alive with him in downtown Oroville. An arson fire destroyed Cline’s car later that night. Blood and DNA evidence on and in Blinston’s car was forensically matched back to Cline. Her body was later discovered by a fisherman and his son in the Feather River near Belden on June 21, 2020. Damage to her throat was consistent with the other murder victims.

In the final counts, Blinston was convicted of attempting to murder a 50-year-old man in the man’s remote and isolated Brush Creek motorhome on June 14, 2020, while a Butte County Sheriff’s SWAT team was approaching to arrest Blinston for the Cline arson. Blinston fled from the team but was taken into custody after a brief but violent struggle.

Blinston was then held in Butte County Jail as investigators put together the other Butte and Tehama murder cases.

At the August 4 sentencing hearing, Homer and Loreen Severs’ nephew, Frank Severs addressed the court through a victim advocate who read his statement to the sentencing Judge Corie Caraway. He described Homer and Loreen Severs’ as being the “friendliest people in the world” and he loved them dearly. He stated he will never understand why Blinston killed his aunt and uncle.

Sandra George’s niece, Trina Knarr-Basse also addressed the court through a written statement read by the victim advocate. Trina wrote that Sandra George “was

a fiercely independent person who loved living in her home. What happened to her, should never happen to anyone. How someone could do this is beyond my comprehension.”

Vicky Cline’s next of kin addressed the court by thanking all those involved in helping their family seek justice. Cline’s children, Samantha Clark and Shandella Clark described Cline as a loving mother with whom they were particularly close. Samantha Clark stated Blinston made her realize “evil and monsters actually do exist.” She asked Judge Caraway to assure her and her family that this monster will never have the ability to walk the street as a free man ever again. Shandella said, “While there’s a part of me that wants to deny Ryan the satisfaction of knowing all the pain he’s inflicted, there’s another part of me that needs him to know the magnitude of the suffering he has inflicted on an entire family.” Cline’s sister, Jeanne Rushing, said, “There are no words to explain the pain this evil person has inflicted on my family.”

Robert Smith, the only victim of Blinston to still be alive, addressed the court as well. He described it as a “devastating experience” that has affected him greatly. He asked Judge Caraway to hand the maximum sentence.

In sentencing Blinston, Judge Caraway called him a predator and hoped this sentence would provide some closure to the victims’ families. Because of the multiple murders, Blinston was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Ramsey noted Blinston never stated to anyone why he killed and attempted to kill his victims. Ramsey said Blinston is being held without bail in the Butte County jail while he waits to be transported to the California Department of Corrections where “he will spend the remainder of his unnatural life, unable to harm another citizen of Butte or Tehama Counties again.” ★

YCPD Arrests Suspect for Child Pornography and Using Juvenile Victim

**Yuba City Police
Department
News Release**

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba City Police Investigation Unit received a cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children of a possible resident of Yuba City who was downloading child pornography. The Investigation Unit followed up on the information and identified 40-year-old Scott Thomas Wilkerson of Yuba City as the suspect.

Based on the investigation, a search warrant was issued and served at his residence. Several electronic devices were seized, and the contents were examined by Detectives. During the examination of the electronics, Detectives located hundreds of images of child pornography. In addition, they located a local juvenile female victim who Mr. Wilkerson contacted and obtained photos of her. After locating the images, an arrest warrant was requested and issued

for Mr. Wilkerson.

On August 8, 2022, Yuba City Police Detectives arrested Mr. Wilkerson at his residence for possession of child pornography and using an underage person to produce obscene matter. He was booked into the Sutter County jail.

The investigation is still ongoing and the Investigation Unit is requesting anyone with additional information regarding this case, or any unreported case involving Mr. Wilkerson, to contact them at 530-822-4661. ★

Convicted Child Molester Sentenced to 28 Years in Prison

Butte County DA News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Butte County Superior Court Judge on August 3 sentenced a multiple-victim child molester to the upper term of 28 years in state prison.

Jason Ashby, 40, of Palermo, plead guilty to multiple felony counts including molestation of three children, child endangerment to two other children caused by his manufacturing of methamphetamine and butane honey oil, and possession of illegal firearms.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the case came to light when one of his victims came forward, which

led to a search warrant of Ashby’s house, where both a meth lab and a butane honey oil lab were located. The other victims were also contacted during the investigation. Ramsey said the investigation resulted in a dangerous predator being removed from the streets.

Ramsey said despite Ashby’s sentence of 28 years, the California Legislature’s new “Elder Parole Program” will allow Ashby to seek parole after only twenty years of custody. However, the district attorney said that when Ashby is eligible for parole he will be evaluated as a sexually violent predator, and if found to so, would spend up to the rest of his life in a state hospital. ★

Starting a New Business? Secretary of State Unveils an Easy-to-Use Online Business Portal



Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
**CA Secretary of State
News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. and Business Programs Division Chief (BPD) Betsy Bogart were joined by the California Chamber of Commerce, the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, the Franchise Tax Board, and members of the business community for the unveiling of the new easy-to-use bizfile Online business portal.

The bizfile Online portal

provides easy online business and trademark filing, a convenient business search function, and a helpful step-by-step guide for new businesses.

“Last year, 425,684 new corporations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships, were filed with the Secretary of State’s office, comprising a 23.8 percent increase over 2020. “With so much new business activity in the state, I am proud that the bizfile Online portal makes it easier, faster and more secure for businesses to file documents and search businesses entities.”

“bizfile Online is the final module in our California Business Connect project, the Secretary of State’s digital initiative to automate the Business Programs Division,” said Business Programs Division Chief

Betsy Bogart. “Our aim is to continue to make it easier to do business in California.”

“California’s Business Connect Project has added a tremendous amount of new online filing options and has brought back expedited service options,” said Alan Stachura, the Senior Manager of Government Relations for the CT Corporation. “These new offerings, coupled with recent fee reductions, have made starting a business in California much easier, faster, and cheaper than before. The new system also helps existing California businesses manage their compliance needs effortlessly through the online platform.”

Video of the press event and practical demonstration can be found at: <https://youtu.be/Og1RWiFP9MU>. ★



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No Unemployment Check?



Unemployment benefits have become more difficult for workers to access, due to the program’s design and decisions made by California’s embattled Employment Development Department. Photo courtesy of Manuel Alvarez | Pixabay

By Grace Gedy,
CALMatters.org

If you get laid off, there’s a system that’s supposed to help you get by: unemployment benefits. Whenever California stares down a pandemic or a possible recession, the partial wage-replacement program is one of the most important economic safeguards for workers.

But the benefits have become more difficult for workers to access, due to the program’s design and decisions made by California’s embattled Employment Development Department. That’s according to an in-depth report released from the Legislative Analyst’s Office, a non-partisan agency that provides advice to the Legislature.

The report found that the benefits program’s orientation toward businesses – which fund the benefits and have an incentive to keep costs down – led the department to emphasize holding down costs. Pressure from the federal government to avoid errors led the department to try, however successfully, to minimize fraud.

The result: the department pursued lowering costs and hindering fraud over making it easy for workers to access benefits.

“Looked at individually, one of these policies might seem totally reasonable, either to limit fraud or minimize business costs,” said Chas Alamo, the report’s author and principle fiscal and policy analyst with the Legislative Analyst’s office. “But when you look at them, and kind of step back and look at the suite of policies that have been made over several decades, it becomes clear that there’s a sort of imbalance in the system,” said Alamo.

Early in the COVID pandemic as joblessness rates soared, the department struggled to keep up with a surge of benefits claims – leaving some Californians repeatedly calling the department in frustration and waiting weeks or months for the money to arrive.

Then came sensational reports that the department had paid out as much as \$20 billion in fraudulent benefits.

Last December, the department froze 345,000 disability insurance claims due to suspected fraud. As

it tried to root out disability benefits fraud, calls to the department with questions surged, and many went unanswered.

Despite an increase in fraud during the pandemic, fraud has historically been uncommon in California’s unemployment benefits, likely “representing less than 1 percent of claims,” the report found. The vast majority of fraud that occurred during the pandemic was concentrated in a temporary federal program that has now ended.

The report lays out evidence that unemployment benefits have become too difficult for workers to access.

When workers are denied benefits, for example, they’re allowed to file appeals. The report found that more than half of denials are overturned on appeal, meaning those workers should have gotten the benefits in the first place. By contrast, “less than one-quarter are overturned in the rest of the country,” the report found.

Also slowing the process: extensive, and sometimes confusing, steps to prove eligibility for California unemployment benefits.

The department’s actions during the pandemic suggest that getting payments to workers is not its highest priority, the report said. For example, the department disqualified about 1 in 4 unemployment benefits claims during the pandemic for failing to respond to the department’s requests for additional information – or because the department was not able to process the additional information provided in the allotted time frame.

Meanwhile, a September 2020 report written by a team assembled by Gov. Gavin Newsom, found that during the same period, each department field office “had an estimated 450 pounds of unopened mail and had no system for processing unopened mail. Further, at the state’s call centers, less than 1 percent of callers reached an EDD staff member.”

The Legislative Analyst Office’s report makes over a dozen suggestions to remedy the issues it identifies, including recommendations for how to limit improper claim denials, minimize delays and simplify benefits applications.

The Legislature is

investing in modernizing the system and bolstering cybersecurity resilience, Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris, a Democrat from Costa Mesa who chairs the Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review, said in a statement. She added that she hoped that would lead to “major advances in how quickly the department can assess threats and resolve claims.”

Making sure unemployment benefits work effectively isn’t just important for workers who have been laid off – it’s important for the whole economy, said Irena Asmundson, a research scholar at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research and former chief economist for California’s Department of Finance.

If people who lose their jobs in an economic downturn don’t have unemployment benefits, she said, then they have to pull back on their spending – making a bad situation worse. So unemployment benefits are meant to act as a stabilizer, giving laid-off workers some money to spend and blunting a downward spiral for the whole economy.

The report “misunderstands EDD’s recent activities to improve the process, and the deeper problems with (unemployment insurance) that go beyond the issues referenced in the report,” said former department director Michael Bernick, who is now special counsel with Duane Morris, a law firm. Bernick, who has also worked as a volunteer helping people who are trying to get benefits over the past two years, agrees that the process is too complex.

Yet many of the anti-fraud measures that the report blames for slowing down payments are required by federal protocols, Bernick wrote in an email.

“The truth is that EDD must balance rapid payout and anti-fraud – a process that has become increasingly difficult with the heightened sophistication of identity theft rings, and the amount of money going through the system,” Bernick said. He added that newer measures to combat identity theft, including the addition of online verification tool ID.me, are on the right path. ★

Does University of California undercut academic freedom?



By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

Administrations and faculties at University of California campuses are embroiled in a searing controversy over requirements that applicants for faculty positions and candidates for promotion prove their active support, without reservation, of what’s called “diversity, equity and inclusion.”

Candidates must submit “DEI statements” that, under UC’s policies, determine whether they will be considered for employment or promotions, regardless of their academic credentials.

While different campuses use slightly different “rubrics” for judging candidates on their DEI statements, they generally use a 1-to-5 scale to determine whether they should be allowed to advance.

One, at UC-Davis, provides the lowest score to candidates who seem to be unaware or uninterested in the need to promote diversity, while the highest score would be given to someone who “discusses diversity, equity, and inclusion as core values that every faculty member should actively contribute to advancing.”

Another version, according to a recent history of UC’s Advancing Faculty Diversity Initiative, establishes a 1-to-5 scoring system to judge whether the applicant should be rejected out of hand or allowed to advance. If he or she refuses to discuss gender or ethnicity issues, or contends that such issues are “antithetical to

academic freedom or the university’s research mission,” they will automatically receive a low score. In contrast, someone who embraces DEI as “core values that every faculty member should actively contribute to advancing” should get the highest score.

One UC Merced professor, Tanya Golash-Boza, even published a guide in the professional publication Inside Higher Ed, to help applicants frame their DEI statements in language that would pass muster with the authorities.

The use of DEI statements began at UCLA four years ago and has become virtually universal since, sparking an intense debate in academic and legal circles over whether the UC system is, in effect, elevating political correctness over academic achievement and in doing so damaging the concept of academic freedom.

To its supporters, DEI statements and other evaluations are necessary tools to ensure that the university system overcomes its historic imbalance in students and faculty that favors whites and Asians over Blacks and Latinos.

But detractors see DEI statements as violating in spirit, if not in letter, university policies that prohibit using politics as a litmus test — policies that were introduced to counter Cold War-era efforts to weed out faculty members with leftist tendencies by forcing them to take loyalty oaths.

In 1950, the Legislature passed the Levering Act, requiring all state employees to sign such oaths — a move obviously directed at the UC faculty. In fact, 31 tenured professors were fired for refusing to sign it.

After years of legal and political wrangling, the state Supreme Court, by a 6-1 vote, declared the Levering Act to be unconstitutional in 1967. Meanwhile, the UC Board of

Regents adopted a policy that “No political test shall ever be considered in the appointment and promotion of any faculty member or employee.”

The DEI statements were mandated campus by campus because the UC system’s administrators are under intense pressure from the Legislature, the Board of Regents and activist organizations to overcome ethnic imbalances in spite of voter approval of a ballot measure, Proposition 209, in 1996 that outlaws racial or gender preferences in public employment.

Moreover, in 2020 the state’s voters, by a substantial margin, refused to repeal Proposition 209.

The history of how DEI statements became a powerful tool to weed out faculty applicants who don’t conform is explored in a recently published and somewhat critical but remarkably objective monograph by two academic researchers affiliated with UC’s Riverside campus. They are Steven Brint, a professor of sociology and public policy, and Komi T. German, who earned her doctorate at UC Riverside.

“We find ourselves with a university in flux,” the two conclude. “Its commitment to the representational mission, and the progressive political demands that accompany it, is gaining traction as many find themselves disillusioned with the traditional mission of dispassionately searching for truth.”

The irony — and perhaps tragedy — of the DEI statement mandate is that while it might, at least in theory, make UC’s faculty more diverse in ethnicity, its conformism will make it even less diverse intellectually.

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

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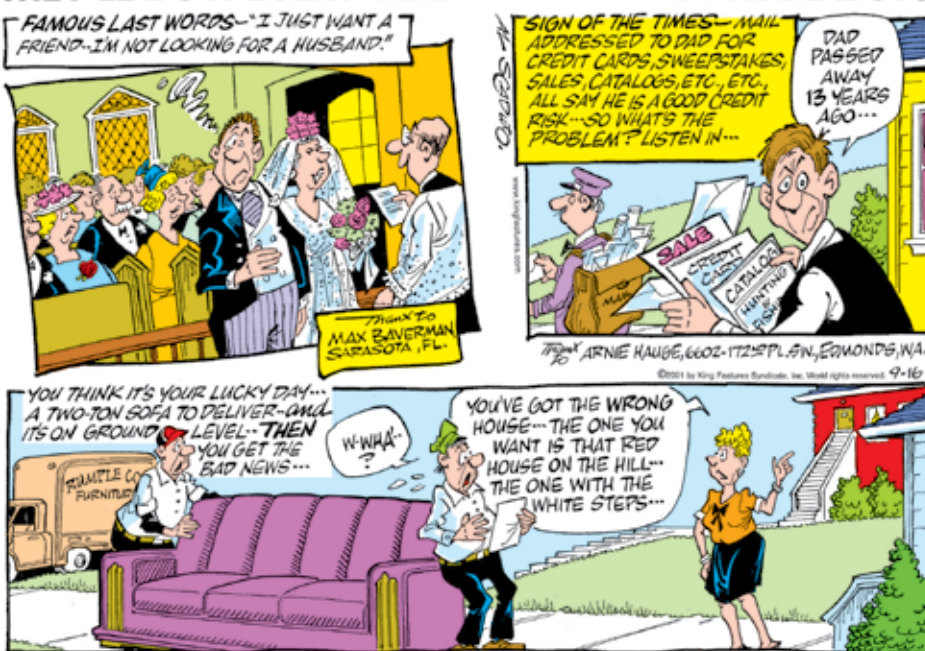
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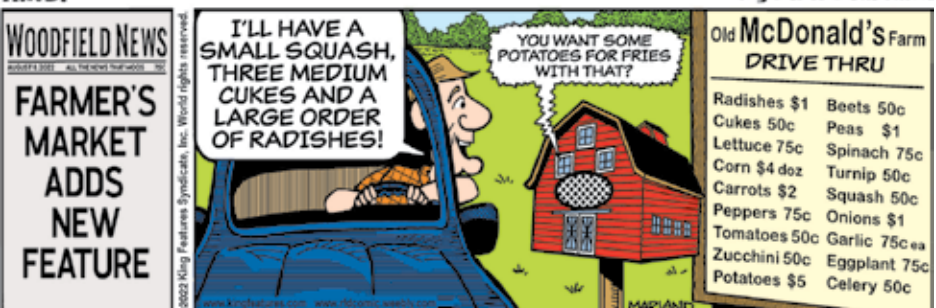
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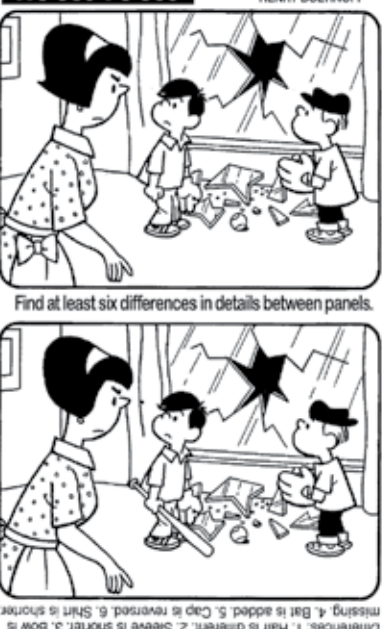
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Gun Owners of California Director to Speak at FRTPP Meeting



Sam Paredes, Gun Owners of California Executive Director

FRTPP News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - On August 3, the Feather River Tea Party Patriots announced Sam Paredes, Executive Director, Gun Owners of California, will be the Special Guest Speaker for their meeting, August 15, 2022.

Sam Paredes has been with Gun Owners of California for over 37 years, currently serving as Executive Director, a position he has held since 1998. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Gun Owners of America and Treasurer of Gun Owners Foundation.

Gun Owners of California is a non-profit lobbying organization formed to protect and preserve our Second Amendment rights in California. Paredes is a registered lobbyist, has testified in hundreds of legislative committee hearings and has advocated on behalf of the gun community before the California Fish and Game Commission,

the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Justice.

When the State Legislature sought to ban all handguns in California in 1975, the move generated strong support from elected officials and the main-stream media. Senator H.L. Richardson knew the liberals had thrown down the gauntlet, so he immediately went to work mobilizing enraged citizens from throughout the state – and Gun Owners of California was born. A direct mail attack was unleashed and the legislation was defeated.

Thus, began Gun Owners long-standing and distinctive work in the state. Not only are they the oldest but they are the hardest hitting, toughest fighting pro-gun organization in California. GOC was the first gun group in the nation to produce a video for television that revealed the truth about semi-automatic firearms. And they were also the first to do television spots alerting the citizens to the anti-gun legislation in Sacramento.

The November 2016 election was the most important election in our history. America was given a chance to recover from eight years of the destruction of the U.S. Constitution, specifically the 2nd Amendment.

However, California was not as fortunate as the forces of evil were reelected and gained more power with a super-majority. Sam will review the new firearm and ammunition restriction legislation passed by the Democrat-controlled legislature and show how the new laws impact our 2nd Amendment rights and what we can do to assist the GOC. He will also update us on the status of California Attorney General Rob Bonta’s release of non-public information which includes names, dates of birth, addresses, employment information of CCW permit holders, and the information on the DROS (Dealer Record of Sale).

Prior to the documentary, Dr. Laverne Denyer will present another episode of her “Constitutional Moments.”

There is no membership requirement to attend and everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 pm; meeting begins promptly at 6:30 pm. Come early to register, socialize with like-minded patriots, and get a good seat.

The meeting will be Monday, August 15, 2022, at Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City. Contact Larry or Carla at (530) 755-4409. Visit Feather Tea Party Patriots online at: www.frtpp.org ★

Biggs Football Under New Leadership



Biggs High School head varsity football coach Brian Harrison joins his players on the practice field as they warm up and run drills at a preseason practice before the start of the 2022-23 football season, which kicks off on August 19.

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since 2004, Harrison saw a golden opportunity present itself. The head football coach position at Biggs became vacant last year when Tyler Rutledge left the position. Harrison couldn’t let the opportunity pass him by, so he took it.

As Biggs’ head varsity football coach, Harrison oversees the entire football program. Excited and honored to be in the position, he has surrounded himself with other great football minds. On J.V. the coaches are Eddie Del Rio and David Espinoza. On varsity, the coaches are John Smith, Cameron Knipe, Hoku-Lani Wickard and Miguel Aguirre.

Harrison hopes to reinforce certain foundational elements with his coaching, mainly the importance of working together as a team.

“A coach can go in and he can concentrate on scheme,” Harrison said. “He can concentrate on strength training in the off-season, weightlifting and running some dynamic offense. Our focus is on being a good teammate and learning how to put others before yourself.”

Regardless, that does not mean that Biggs football players have not been putting in the work! According to Harrison, the Biggs has about 45 players, and during the summer months, 30-35 players would show up nightly to “O.T.I.”

O.T.I. stands for “Opportunity to Improve,” and the program is voluntary. “The commitment and the buy in” of his

players has not been lost on Harrison and he has noted that many of his players have set and are working towards individual goals, both in the weight room and on the field.

Harrison has the honor of being the eighth head football coach in the history of BHS. Many of his predecessors contributed to his experience by either coaching him as a player or showing him the ropes when Harrison was an assistant.

“I have learned from all of those guys,” Harrison said with humility. “I hope to bring the dos and don’ts that I’ve learned over the years (to our team). I want to challenge (the players).”

Harrison told The Gridley Herald that he wants to challenge his team in a way that makes men out of the teenage boys. Settling in for the long haul, Harrison’s goal is to leave behind a legacy of respect, as former BHS coaches have done.

The Biggs High School football teams will be playing in a new division this year, the Mid-Valley conference. The other five times in the division include Harrison’s former school Mt. Shasta, Hamilton (Hamilton City), Trinity (Weaverville), Williams and Willows.

The Wolverines’ first game of the season will be on the road at Delta High School on Friday, August 19 at 7 p.m. The first home game played at Biggs will be the following Saturday on August 27 at 7:30 p.m. against the Live Oak Lions. ★



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