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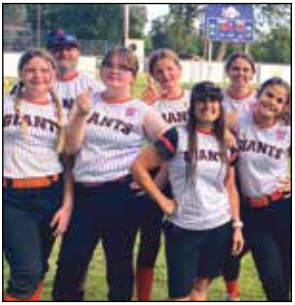
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Grand Jury Report Focuses on Gridley



The Butte County Grand Jury (BCGJ) investigation found an accumulation of cash and cash equivalents of over 17 million dollars from the 2019 Audited Financial Statement. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On June 24, 2022, the Butte County Grand Jury (BCGJ) released its Annual Report 2021-2022 to the public. An 11-page portion of the BCGJ report focuses directly on the City of Gridley and is titled, "City of Gridley Electric Utility Turns a Profit."

According to the summary section of the BCGJ report, "The City of Gridley has been furnishing residents with electricity since 1910. As a Publicly Owned Utility (POU), the Gridley Electric Utility (GEU) is

not-for-profit and operates under different rules than other electric utilities in the state. The GEU rates are governed by the California Constitution and California law and must reflect cost-of-service. In addition to oversight by local officials, POU's coordinate with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on energy planning issues and report to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Energy Commission (CEC). The rates are set by the Gridley City Council at public meetings."

"Local officials and staff have been

unable to provide requested documentation on how the current rates were computed. There is a lack of transparency over the computation and justification for the electric rates.

"Every year over one million dollars is transferred from the GEU Enterprise Fund into the City of Gridley General Fund. These transfers have over time contributed to an accumulation of cash and cash equivalents on the balance sheet of over 17 million dollars as reflected in the 2019 Audited Financial Statement.

"The Butte County Grand Jury
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Fireworks Warnings for Butte County and Live Oak



Reminder all residents that all fireworks, that are not certified "Safe and Sane," are illegal within the City of Live Oak. Photo courtesy of Johnhill118 | Dreamstime.com

City of Live Oak News Release

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Attention Live Oak Residents:

The City of Live Oak, along with Sutter County Sheriff's Department, would like to remind all residents that all fireworks, that are not certified "Safe and Sane," are illegal within the City of Live Oak (MC 9.44).

Any person who violates any provision of this code will be subject to a \$1,000 fine (MC 9.44.040).

If you observe any illegal fireworks activity, please contact Sutter County Sheriff's Department at (530) 822-7307.

Butte County DA News Release

District Attorney Mike Ramsey reminded the public today that any possession of fireworks, even those designated as "safe and sane," within the unincorporated portions of Butte County is illegal and strictly prohibited. Ramsey noted that only the cities of Oroville and Gridley allow for the sales of "safe and sane" fireworks within their city limits.

Ramsey noted that any lighting or even possession of any fireworks outside those city limits is illegal and subject to fines upwards of a \$1,000 and six months in county jail. Fire danger is high and any possession in the county area will be vigorously prosecuted.

"Do not buy fireworks within the city and believe just because they are designated as 'safe and sane' that they can be taken out of the city. No fireworks can leave the city limits," Ramsey said.

Ramsey also warned that any fire either intentionally or negligently set by fireworks would be prosecuted as a felony. ★

Joy and Fun at Vierra Park



3-year-old Max Leishman's smile is huge thanks to his blue dinosaur balloon hat! Photo courtesy of Trina Leishman

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In place of the annual Grey Lodge "fish-out" the Gridley Recreation Department under the leadership of

Trina Leishman held a Picnic in the Park free to everyone in Gridley.

The fire department was well represented and interacted with the children by having a water bucket



Dilly Dally the Clown delighted children with creative balloon animals and hats! Photo courtesy of Trina Leishman

brigade at the park's water feature. There was a bounce house and the usual wonderful play equipment that is at Vierra Park.

This equipment was part of a project between

the Gridley Recreation Department and the Aaron Rogers Foundation. Free lunches of hot dogs cooked by the Gridley Lions Club and chips along with drinks

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The Primary election results are in, and the number one highest vote-getter in the County was Sheriff K. Honea. This result runs contrary to those who opined he would never get re-elected after rousting 280,000 people from their homes when the Department of Water Resources staff, who, after miscalculating the overflow spillway capacity of Oroville Dam, all stared at the Sheriff like those three teenage boys in the hamburger advertisement asking over and over - "I don't know what do you wanna do?"

Also of note is the displacement of an incumbent County Supervisor for the newly crafted (some say well

crafted) district north of Chico. It is not often that incumbents get thrown out of office, indeed, 90% of the time, they are re-elected, so news of her early political demise is undoubtedly intriguing. She lost despite the local major daily Chico newspaper urging the enfranchised to keep her in office. Unmoved by the editorial promptings, the people chose a Chico Police officer and former professional baseball umpire, Peter Durfee, to represent them. Durfee is a Sergeant in the Chico Police Department. He is the guy the other police officers call when a particularly unruly potential criminal demands to talk to someone in charge. This seems to be the skillset the voters north of Chico were looking for to represent them at the County seat of power. More puzzling is that the defeated Supervisor let her opponent get over 50% when the level of voter turnout was at a historic low. Wild post-election accusations that Sutter area Republican political operative Curtis "Pie

Stand" Grima somehow orchestrated or manipulated the takeover of the Board of Supervisors and the flipping of the Chico City Council from one party to another seem far-fetched and like sour grapes. To this columnist, it seems clear that the voters wanted a change in direction.

Durfee will be doing what is commonly called in political circles - "the Kimmelshue" which is - he has been elected in the Primary election, skips the General election, but does not take office for seven months.

So, for those of you reading this and feeling you missed out on much gripping political intrigue and excitement because you did not cast your ballots, start warming up - another ballot will be sent to your home in October. It will be interesting to see if more incumbents break the historical trend and get thrown out of office - again - in Gridley.

Josh F.W. Cook is a public administrator and Life Scout.

Gridley Police Officer Charged with Domestic Violence

Butte County DA News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - After a month-long investigation, a 29-year-old Gridley Police Officer was arrested on June 21 and charged the following day in a criminal complaint alleging felony counts of domestic violence and animal cruelty.

Devin William Pasley, 29, of Chico, was arrested at the Gridley Police Department by Butte County District Attorney investigators and transported to the Butte County Jail where he was booked. He later posted a bail bond of \$70,000 and was released pending his appearance in Butte County Superior Court tomorrow.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Pasley was arrested on an arrest warrant issued by a local judge in which it was alleged Pasley, a four-year Gridley officer, had physically abused his significant other and the mother of his child, over the past year of a tumultuous relationship. Ramsey said Pasley was accused of physically pinning the victim down in their shared home and choking her dog throughout the course of their year-long relationship.

Ramsey said investigators from his office and detectives from Chico Police conducted the criminal investigation into the case. Their investigation paralleled an internal affairs investigation begun by the Gridley Police after the domestic abuse was reported. Ramsey said Pasley was taken off duty and placed on administrative leave at the beginning of the Gridley Police investigation.

Ramsey said Pasley was summoned to the Gridley police station where he was arrested and also served with a gun violence restraining order. Pasley's home was searched pursuant to a search warrant and several personal firearms were taken into protective custody by the Chico police.

Ramsey said domestic violence is a serious crime that often goes unreported for a variety of reasons, but his office is dedicated to combating domestic violence and aiding victims of domestic violence. Locally the Catalyst Domestic Violence Services organization is available to help at (800) 895-8476.

No one is above the law, Ramsey said, not even those charged with enforcing the law.

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Biggs 4th of July Parade!



B Street in Biggs is a red, white and blue delight on the 4th of July! Pictured here is the color guard leading the way from past years of the Biggs 4th of July Parade. Photo courtesy of Marci Shadd

11:00 am on Monday, July 4th in Downtown Biggs, with B Street being the main drag of this hometown patriotic parade. Free personal sized American Flags will be given out, along with free snow cones - while supplies last.

Last minute entries are still being accepted. Families and children are encouraged to decorate their bikes in patriotic colors to be part of the parade - No entry forms needed. If you would like to be part of the 4th of July Bike Group in the parade, simply arrive a little early and bring your red, white, and blue bedazzled rides! Parade organizers will direct you on where to gather.

For more information or questions, please contact Kari Wheeler at 530-693-1777. ★

By Seti Long

celebrate Independence Day with the Biggs 4th of July Parade!

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Come on out this 4th of July and

The parade will begin at

Joy and Fun



Our local CALFIRE/Butte County Fire Department bucket brigade provided tons of fun for kiddo's at the Gridley Community Picnic. Pictured left to right: Casey Dietle, Zach Downing, and Mike Conaty. Photo courtesy of Trina Leishman

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and cookies were given to everyone 17 and under. The lunch could be purchased by those over 17.

warm summer weather, the beautiful shade of Vierra Park and the many activities, such as the zip line and swings but especially the water play. The

children ran around with joy and enthusiasm making a happy noise. It is estimated that about 200 adults and children attended this event. ★

Families enjoyed the

Support Local Fundraisers This 4th!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 4th of July holiday not only celebrates our great Nations birthday, but also affords local organizations and non-profits the ability to fundraise by selling fireworks.

These local groups and non-profits will be fundraising at the following locations:

- Gridley Titans Football and Cheer - Phantom Fireworks @ Napa Butte Auto
- Gridley Knights of Columbus - Phantom Fireworks @ Casa Lupe Market
- Gridley Lions Club - TNT Fireworks @ AutoZone
- Biggs Football Team - Phantom Fireworks @ Spin and Sport
- Barbarian Rugby - TNT Fireworks @ Gridley AM/PM ★

When July 4th Began

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In 1941 July 4th, Independence Day became an official federal holiday.

The celebration of Independence Day started in 1776. in honor of July 2, 1776, the day the Continental Congress voted to pass Virginia representative Richard Henry Lee's resolution to become independent of England. A committee of five representatives, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston had taken Lee's resolution and turned it into what we know today as the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence was

approved two days later, July 4, 1776. History.com states that John Adams felt strongly that the July 2nd action was far more important as a historical day than July 4th. He was reported to have refused to go to the celebrations on July 4th.

According to History.com, "John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

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(BCGJ) investigation found that the audits the city had posted were not current. The audit posted on their website at the beginning of the investigation was for the fiscal year (FY) ended 6-30-18. When the BCGJ notified the City Administrator's office that the website did not have the most current financial statement posted, the website was quickly updated, with a posting of the FY 2019 financials. However, the FY 20 and FY 21 financials are still being audited by the city's CPA firm. The city staff has indicated that the audited financials for FY 20 and FY 21 are still pending; a situation that is not in compliance with good governance or established financial protocols.

"California State Code 25250 and 25253 requires Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) be completed within 6 months of the close of the fiscal year."

The report continues to provide a glossary of terms, background, methodology, documents and websites referenced, definitions of terms, a discussion portion with tables and graphs for reference, and finally, it's findings and recommendations.

The BDGJ report lists 6 findings, outlined below:

F1. The City of Gridley has not posted its audited financial reports dated 6-30-20 and 6-30-21.

F2. A portion of the funds in excess of the Electric Enterprise Operating Expenses are transferred annually into the City of Gridley General Fund.

F3. The City of Gridley audits show an accumulation of cash over the Fiscal Years 2016-2019.

F4. City officials have not identified the goal number of accumulated cash/investments.

F5. The City of Gridley has not provided the method or basis for the computation of the GEU rates.

F6: The GEU rates per kWh are comparable to other northern California cities.

The BCGJ Recommendations listed on the BCGJ report are:

R1. City of Gridley to produce audited and approved financial reports for FYs ending 6/30/20 and 6/30/21 by 9/30/22.

R2. City of Gridley to produce audited and approved financial reports no later than 6 months after the close of each fiscal year starting with the audit dated 6/30/22.

R3. City of Gridley to provide a detailed plan for the allocation of unrestricted cash/investment accumulations in the cash and investment fund accounts. The plan shall itemize to which category(ies) the accumulation is allocated by 12/31/22.

R4. City of Gridley City Council and Gridley City Administrators to make public the basis and methodology for calculating the electric rates in a clear, understandable manner by 12/21/22.

The BCGJ Report requires responses to items F1-F6 and R1-R4 pursuant to Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05 from the Gridley City Council within 90 days. The BCGJ Report invites responses to the same items, F1-F6 and R1-R4, from the Gridley City Administrator and Gridley Finance Director within 60 days.


To read the full report, please visit the Butte County Grand Jury's (BCGJ) website at: https://www.butte.courts.ca.gov/sites/default/files/butte/default/2022-06/2021-2022_Grand_Jury_Final_Report.pdf. The section focusing on the City of Gridley begins on page 65 and is titled "City of Gridley Electric Utility Turns a Profit." ★

MEMORIAL

JACOB LANE ROLES • 1/8/2001 – 6/20/2022

Jacob Lane Roles, 21 of Gridley, passed away on Monday, June 20, 2022 in Oroville, CA. He was born January 8, 2001, in Yuba City, CA. He is the son of Danny Roles, Jr. and Starr (Kelly) Roles. He attended Manzanita Elementary School and graduated from Live Oak High School in 2019, where he was a member of the baseball and the basketball teams. He was currently enrolled at Butte Community College with plans on becoming an engineer or geologist.

Jacob was a member of the Royal Rangers, a biblically based boys scouting program, Outpost 187 in Gridley, CA. He loved baseball and played every year starting with t-ball and through his entire high school years. Jacob also enjoyed playing basketball for the Live Oak Lions high school team. Jacob enjoyed fishing and was passionate about his music. Jacob played the guitar, ukulele, piano, and was working on mastering the violin. For several years he played the piano for Sunday service at his church. He attended Christian Life Church in Gridley.



Jacob is survived by his father, Danny Roles Jr., and stepmother Kelly Roles, of Biggs, mother, Starr (Kelly) Roles of Oroville, brother Billy Roles of Biggs, stepbrother, Domenic Winfrey of Bordeaux, France, and stepsister, Sydney Sizelove of Biggs. He also leaves behind his maternal grandmother, Dorothy Kelly of Chico, paternal grandfather, Dan Roles, Sr. of Biggs, and great-grandmother, Vi Miland, of Paradise. He is also survived by uncles, Brad Roles of Stockton, Brian (Chrissy) Roles of Biggs, Paul (Shana) Roles of Richvale, Perry (Jessica) Roles of

Richvale, Kent Kelly of Chico, Chuck (Amy) Kelly of Woodland, and an aunt, Candy Reger of MI as well as numerous cousins and friends. Jacob is preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Rita (Smalley) Roles, step grandmother Doris Roles, maternal grandfather, Charles Kelly and an uncle, Kit Kelly.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 29th at 10:00 a.m. at Christian Life Church, 1526 Humble Road, Gridley. Interment in the Gridley Biggs cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel. Jacob will be greatly missed.



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MARTIN GUERRERO SANTANA • 1/9/1964 – 6/9/2022

Martin Guerrero Santana passed away on June 9, 2022 in Gridley, California. He is survived by his wife, Ana Carrillo; their daughter, Bianca; their sons, Eric, Emedel, and Eden. He was born to Jose Guerrero and Maria Santana on January 9, 1964 in the city of Colima, Mexico.

He grew up in a town known as Pueblo Mágico (Town of Magic) in Comala, Colima, Mexico. He came to California where he met his wife of 26 years.

He enjoyed challenges of all kinds, worked hard to meet his goals, built his own home with the help from family and friends, loved to garden, prepared carne asada on Sundays



of Life on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at Newton-Bracewell Funeral Home at 680 Camellia Way, Chico, CA. This will be followed by a Rosary in Spanish at 7:00 p.m.

Mass will be held on Sunday, July 3, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Church of The Sacred Heart at 1560 Hazel St. Gridley, CA. Burial will be followed at Glen Oaks Memorial Park, 11115 Midway Chico, CA at 3 p.m.

A special thanks all the families and friends of the family for the support and contributions during this difficult time.

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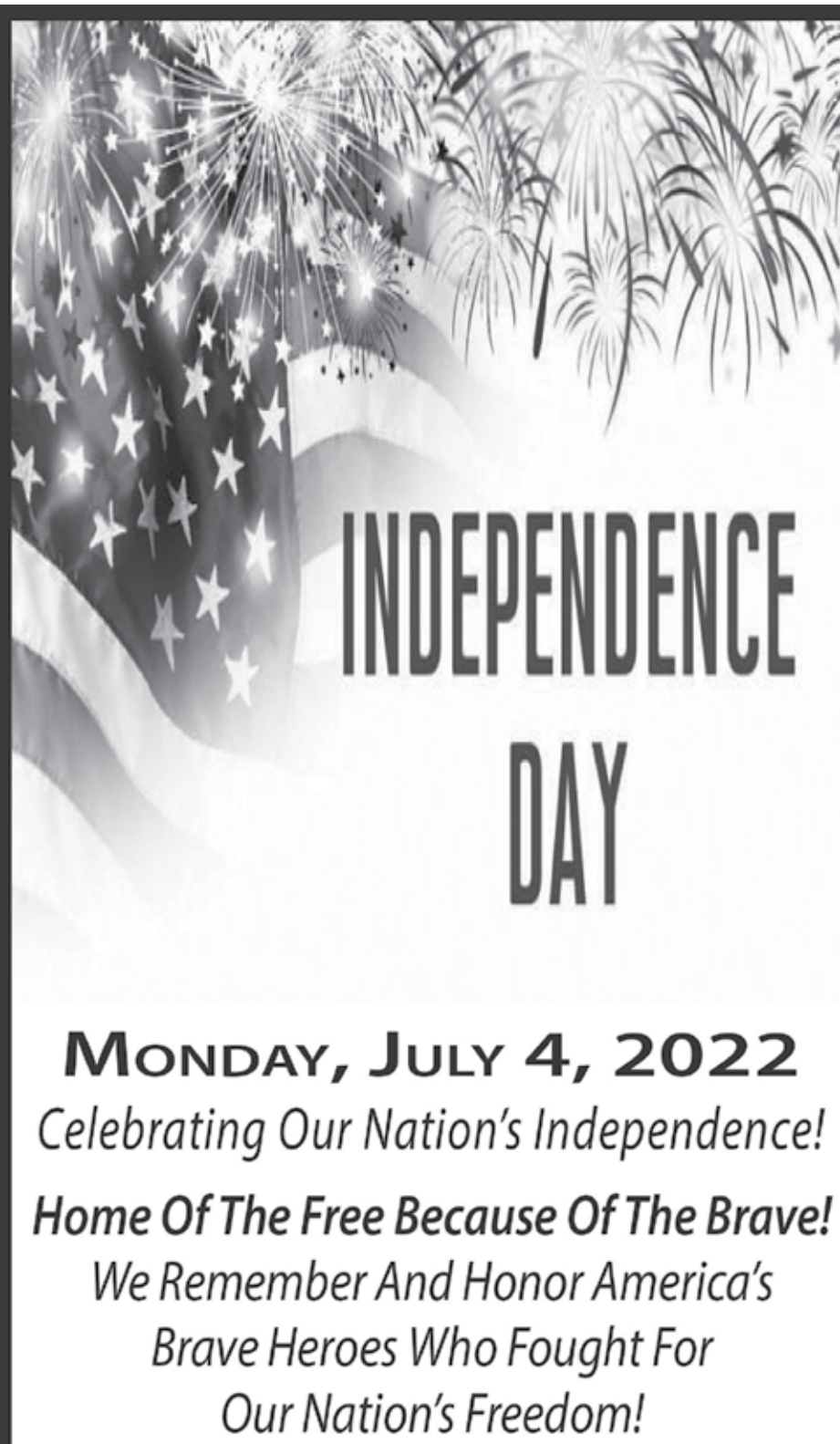
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Supreme Court Gives Business a 'Tort Wars' Win



By Dan Walters
CALMatters.org

"Tort wars" is the term Capitol insiders apply to the perennial political conflict over the rules governing personal injury lawsuits.

Lawyers who file such suits seek to expand opportunities for litigation, often in concert with other interests, such as unions and environmental activists.

Business and employer groups and their insurers resist such expansion and occasionally propose ways to reduce exposure.

The conflict plays out in the Legislature, in the courts and in ballot measures with countless billions of dollars at stake in outcomes. Earlier this year, a 44-year-long dispute over medical malpractice compensation was resolved in a compromise that averted a ballot measure battle.

However, there are many other fronts in tort wars, including one that resulted in a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last week.

In 2003, just four days after California voters decided to remove him from office, then-Gov. Gray Davis handed personal injury lawyers and unions a major victory by signing legislation called the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA). It enabled workers who had disputes

with their employers to file class action lawsuits even if they had signed pre-employment agreements to submit such disputes to arbitration.

Advocates said it was needed to protect workers' rights and make up for the state labor department's inability to keep up with disputes over wages and other working conditions. Business and employer groups said it gave greedy lawyers a license to demand big settlements of cases and earn big contingency fees.

Ultimately, business interests spent millions of dollars to qualify a ballot measure that would gut PAGA. The initiative petitions have been submitted for signature-counting, but probably too late for the 2022 ballot. Most likely it will go to voters in 2024.

Meanwhile, a case challenging PAGA's provisions has been winding through state and federal courts and the U.S. Supreme Court last week declared that some important features are void because they conflict with the Federal Arbitration Act, which encourages civil disputes to be arbitrated rather than litigated.

The case involved Viking River Cruises and one of its employees, former sales representative Angie Moriana. Essentially, the Supreme Court declared that California's Supreme Court had erred in a previous PAGA case and state courts had applied that erroneous decision, involving the division of individual and class action complaints, to Moriana's case.

The decision was not unexpected, given the tenor

of oral arguments, but surprisingly did not reflect the court's much-discussed 6-3 ideological split. The vote was 8-1 with only the court's most conservative member, Clarence Thomas, fully dissenting, saying state issues should be left to state legislatures and courts.

Predictably, even a Supreme Court decision does not end the battle over PAGA because it was decided on technical legal points rather than the broader issue.

Unions, lawyers and their political allies immediately pledged to write new legislation to get around the Supreme Court decree. Sen. Dave Cortese, a San Jose Democrat who chairs the state Senate's labor committee, said the ruling "has provided a roadmap as to how we can create for employees a new pathway to legal standing as well as safeguard the protections that state law puts in place for our workers."

Because the Supreme Court did not strike down all of PAGA, the business coalition backing the ballot measure, dubbed the California Fair Pay and Employer Accountability Act, pledged to continue its campaign. "Even with the SCOTUS ruling on Viking River Cruises, PAGA will still be an avenue for shakedown claims against businesses where trial attorneys take a huge portion of the recovery, leaving employees with a reduced amount," it said.

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

Gridley Giants Softball Team's Amazing Run Falls Short in TOC



The 2022 Gridley Giants Softball team pictured left to right; Front row: Chevie Crislip, Maddison De La Fuentes, Coach Tiffany Andes, Addison Andes, Keira Holcomb (on the ground), Millicent Dent, Coach Bunnie Terry, and Melina Jurardo. Back row: Coach Lance Andes, Charlee Laviolette, Molly Nichols, Gaveena Kalkat, and Isabella Gutierrez. Photo courtesy of Tiffany Andes

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Giants from the Gridley Little League concluded their season with a 13-3 overall record and a trip to the 2022 Softball Tournament of Champions in Durham, CA.

The Giants defeated the Gridley Pirates to advance into the tournament. In their first game of the TOC on June 4, the Giants defeat Durham 14-11. The next day, Gridley was victorious over Palermo 13-6. The Giants then moved on to the championship game on June 7 against Chico. Unfortunately for Gridley, Chico won 9-2.

The TOC officials hand out "player of the game" awards to one player from each team after every matchup. Melina Jurardo earned the award for her performance against Durham, following an amazing game pitching on the mound with some clutch hits at the plate.

Keira Holcomb was given the

recognition for her play against Palermo where she made a stellar catch, had timely hits and an impressive steal of home plate. Charlee Laviolette received the achievement for her production against Chico as she recorded a home run and plated the Giants' other run in the loss while holding it down behind home plate as the catcher.

After advancing to the TOC, Giants head coach Tiffany Andes led the all-star softball team which began play on June 18.

The following is the roster from the 13-3 Gridley Giants that advanced to the championship game of the 2022 Tournament of Champions: Addison Andes, Chevie Crislip, Maddison De La Fuente, Millicent Dent, Isabella Gutierrez, Keira Holcomb, Melina Jurardo, Gaveena Kalkat, Charlee Laviolette, Molly Nichols, head coach Tiffany Andes, assistant coach Lance Andes and assistant coach Bunnie Terry. ★



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Dear Dietitian

Vitamin D



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

I recently read an article that said vitamin D will protect against heart attacks. However, I have read several other articles that said the opposite. Would you guys make up your minds already?

Sincerely, Sam

Dear Sam,

Let me begin by saying I understand your frustration when it comes to contradictory nutrition studies. It can be confusing for consumers as well as health care professionals. The science of nutrition is still in its infancy, and especially with nutrition and disease prevention, we are still finding our way. New discoveries are being revealed, but remember, one study is not definitive.

Vitamin D is found in two forms: vitamin D2 (ergocalciferol) and D3 (cholecalciferol). Vitamin D2 is found in mushrooms and is used to fortify foods like milk, yogurt, and cereals. Vitamin D3 is found in fatty fish, such as salmon and rainbow trout, egg yolks, and fish oils. It is possible to get too much vitamin D since it is stored in body fat, but this is rare unless taking supplements. The Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) for vitamin D is 600 IU (international units) if you are seventy years or younger, and 800 IU daily for people over seventy. Talk to your doctor before beginning any dietary supplement.

The main function of vitamin D is to lay calcium to the bones, thereby strengthening them. Our bodies can manufacture this vitamin through sunlight exposure, but the amount produced varies. Those with darker skin do not absorb as much sunlight as people with lighter skin, and sun exposure is vital for the production of vitamin D.

Several observational studies have linked vitamin D deficiency to an increased risk of heart disease. Therefore, it is logical to think that increasing vitamin D levels through supplementation would correct the problem. However, studies failed to prove this link. Vitamin D supplementation has shown only a modest or neutral effect on the risk of heart disease.

A recent study published in the Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics found a positive link between vitamin D-containing foods and reduced risk of heart disease. They discovered that men with the highest vitamin D intake from food had a reduced risk of heart disease. Interestingly, the same results were not found in women (1). This study was observational, which does not show cause and effect; however, it may point researchers in the right direction as to what to study further.

When digesting nutrients, your body doesn't know if you are getting nutrition from food or a pill. That said, why would a study on vitamin D-containing foods show a preventive effect on heart disease when studies on supplements failed to do so? First, it could be what I like to call the x-factor, which is simply something yet to be revealed. It is possible that vitamin D + the x-factor combined have a protective effect. Second, it is important to realize that when most of the research reveals one result, and one study reveals the opposite, go with the majority. Therefore, it is likely, although not certain, that further studies on vitamin D-containing foods will show a modest or neutral effect on the risk of heart disease. But remember that eating fatty fish twice a week and drinking milk every day have many other positive health benefits.

Until next time, be healthy!
Dear Dietitian

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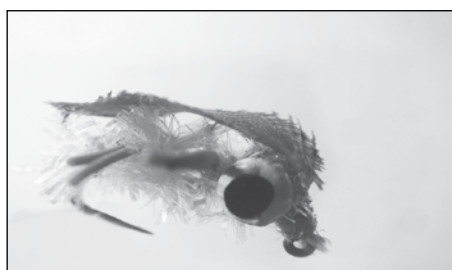


LOCAL FISHING

Englebright Reservoir (The Narrows). Launch at Joe Miller boat ramp. Motor to upper Boston Beach (no water skiing here). Camp on beach above the S.F. Yuba River inlet. Fish the N.F. Yuba River at Rice Crossing to the Colgate powerhouse outflow. Big rainbows. USE: Rapala. (a)

EIGHT DAY ODYSSEY Surf Fishing Series 4 of 7

#4 Navarro River; a great beach for surf fishing, plus, a very small camping area. This nice beach is inhabited by lots of Rainbow Surf Perch. Fly fish the troughs. USE: Mole Crab (b)



Mole Crab

Baby Simon, Copper/Flame. (b) Bank anglers...USE: Earth Worms, or Power Bait. (b) Don Pedro Lake; limits of rainbows. USE: Speedy Shiner (b) Limits of kokanees. USE: Hoochie behind Sling Blade. (b) Bullards Bar Reservoir; 12"- 13" kokes. Launch at Dark Day, motor to Madrone Cove and boat camp here. Trolling...USE; Hoochie w/ White Corn, behind Spinners. (b) Englebright Reservoir; Yep! 12" kokanee salmon are here. Trolling...USE: Hoochie w/ White Corn behind Dodgers. (a) Rainbows; 12"- 14"...USE: Nightcrawlers behind Dodgers. (a) Milton Reservoir; fish the inlet of the M.F. Feather River. Dirt boat



Flying Ant

ramp. Primitive camps, no fees. Planted German Brown trout. USE: #18-20 Midges, or #10 Flying Ants, if on the water. (a)

RIVER FISHING

Pit River; reach #3. Flows 300CFS. Golden Stone flies and Salmon flies hatching. I spent 1-hour on site completing a "Pit River Fishing Survey". Surveyor #TLH was not happy with my answers to some questions. USE: Golden Stone adult fly. (g)

EASTERN SIERRAS

Alpine Lake; Ice out. Elev. 7388 ft. 180 acres formed by snow melt. Big rainbows and Brook Trout. Trolling...USE: Rebel Shad (b)

"That son-of-a-gun gave me a bad time." (British Naval term...woman on board gives birth to son, of which father is unknown) ~ Brownie

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COASTAL WATERS

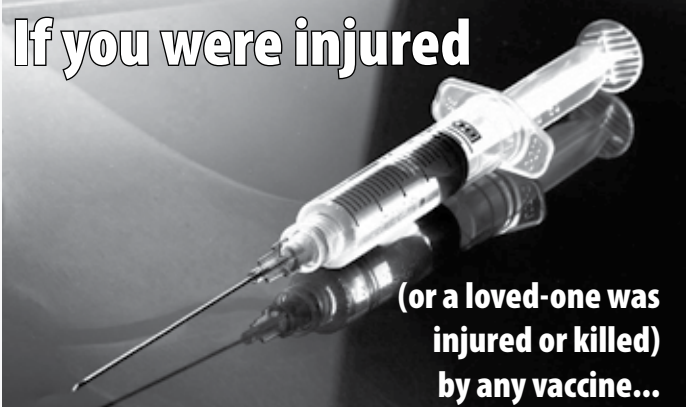
Outside the Golden Gate; salmon on the bite. Small skiffs deep rolling 51'-75' deep. NO wind. USE: Live Anchovy. (b)

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Davis Lake; trollers latch on to big browns of 17"- 23". Try 12' deep. USE:



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Nothing in our Constitution (or other laws) authorizes our State legislators to prescribe drugs, or to preemptively strip us of any rights by conditioning the free exercise thereof upon proof we've been injected with the legislature's criminally prescribed drugs.

It now appears nothing short of criminal prosecution will stop these demons. Criminal complaints are now being compiled. Victims must make complaints. We will guide you through this process. Injuries from ANY vaccine injection (not just the covid jabs) must be reported to law enforcement and criminally prosecuted. Please help us bring these criminals to justice. YOU can help protect others. No fees or other costs.

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Please Contact: Joy Garner at 530-210-1001 | Or write me at: joy@thecontrolgroup.org

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Thinking about hard scape in the garden. I'm rearranging some cement pieces that were the planter section of the old turtle enclosure. The wood rotted and I tore it all down including the soil filled cement pieces planter. I've moved most of the soil and raked the remainder to make a bed for a cement

block "patio" around the smaller turtle tank. It's slow going because I can no longer lift a lot of stuff over and over for long periods of time. It is looking good and doing what I wanted it to do which is to look neat and clean. I will move a chair onto this patio and put some of my large planted pots there for a fresh green feel. The plus to hard scape whether it be cement pieces, bricks, pavers, or gravel is that you don't have to water it and it makes the design of the flowerbeds and trees look nice. A bit of a sweet place to rest and relax. Thinking in terms of rain catchment I could have put down several inches of sand and made the area a winter water

saver where the water drains slowly into the ground. This will still happen without the sand just not as well. There will be more puddling and possible muckiness. Sometimes I simply want to get things done with what I have and not think about getting something else. In regard to hard scape there are now water permeable surfaces instead of cement that can be laid down and the water drains through it instead of around it. This all is following the idea of keeping rain water on your property instead of having it go into the sewer. Whether we get rain or not, hard scape adds another dimension to your garden experience. ★

Gallagher Responds to Democrat's Budget Announcement

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On June 27, Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) issued a statement in response to the announcement of a new Democrat budget agreement: "Capitol Democrats have come up a day late and a dollar short on their promise to address California's skyrocketing cost of living," said Gallagher. "How convenient of them to

send out taxpayer rebates just ahead of Election Day."

"If they want to provide immediate relief, they should join Republicans and support a 51-cent gas tax suspension. At the very least, Democrats should stop the \$500 million gas tax increase slated for this Friday July 1st. Enough waiting, talking and investigating. People need relief now," said Gallagher.

An online calculator to determine potential gas price savings is available on the NBC Los Angeles website. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

As a United States citizen, you have certain freedoms other countries do not believe in. Women can have jobs, go to school, or drive a car. In Afghanistan, not so much. Women there are low on the totem pole of people with freedoms.

Some of us as women have created jobs that have lasted for years. We have become teachers in schools, and yes even driven race cars. Wow! Now that is freedom.

Men have great freedoms as well. They can be a stay-at-home dad while their wife works. They can even build a business in their garage that becomes a billion-dollar adventure.

Children can ride down their street on bicycles and visit neighbors and friends. They can set up a lemonade stand to earn money for a special project.

Great freedoms, but what about freedom and liberty to worship, government, and just living? We have seen how China treats people that disagree with them in religions and government. People lose freedom, even their lives, if they speak out, disagree with, or oppose the leaders. They do not have the freedoms we have here.

But Jesus, the Lord Almighty, the

Holy Spirit offer freedoms granted nowhere else. Knowledge of the truth comes from knowing God, His plans, and His ways. This kind of truth and freedoms will set us free.

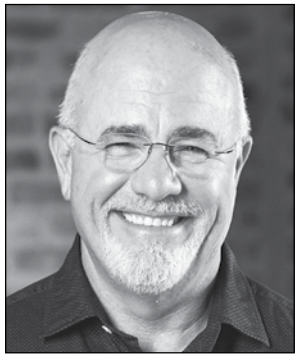
Free from worry. Free from hurt and pain. God offers to walk the walk with us day by day so that one can be free from what the world throws at us.

The USA is known as the land of the free where all, yes all, can worship in peace, work where you want and create what is calling to us. No one is beheaded for being a

Christian. No one is put in camps where people are brain washed and crushed to break their spirit.

This Fourth of July give thanks that you live here. You need to find ways to protect your country so the freedoms you have cannot be taken away. Pray and lift up holy hands to praise and give thanks to our God who gives us truth and freedom.

Exercise your freedom of worship and join us this Sunday as share our freedom together. We meet at 9:30 am every Sunday. The Gridley United Methodist Church is at 285 Magnolia Street. Have a great Fourth of July! ★



Dave Ramsey Says

about someone winning big money in a casino, but that almost never happens. Think, too, about how much cash those folks flushed down the toilet previously while gambling. In reality, there's a strong chance they didn't really "win" anything. They probably just recouped a small portion of their previous, substantial losses.

I know, all this probably makes me sound old and out of touch. But I just don't get the concept of gambling "for fun." I don't find it thrilling or exciting to lose money I've worked hard to earn, even if there are flashing lights and a party going on. Don't get me wrong, my wife and I include "fun money" in our budget every month and do things we enjoy. But, to each his own, I guess.

Still, my advice would be don't waste your time and money on that stuff. One way or another, the house always wins. It's your

money, and you can what you want with it, Carson. But think about this: Why do most of the folks sitting at slot machines and card tables look like they can't afford to lose money? The majority look desperate, some even angry, and that's sad. I don't know, maybe it's the lighting or some other strange coincidence.

Yeah, I don't think so.

- Dave

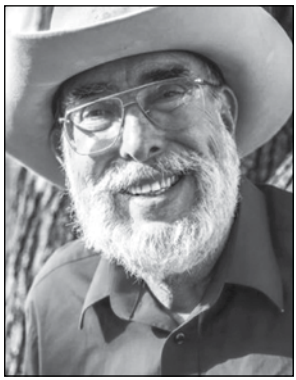
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Doesn't Sound Like Fun to Me!

Dear Dave, Sometimes on vacation trips I like to check out casinos. I always account for the money I wager in my budget, and I never spend more than I've allotted. How do you feel about gambling at a casino, as long as you limit your spending this way?

- Carson
Dear Carson, Ok, I'm going to be honest about this. When someone tells me they gamble for fun or recreation, my first thought is they're crazy - crazy enough to think they'll actually come out ahead. I mean, you might see a news story once in a while

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"From the cow to the plow, Dewey," Windy said, leaning on a shovel. Windy Wilson was on another of his "helper days" and today it was Dewey Decker's turn to be helped.

"What do you mean, Windy?"

"You know ... a slogan for the business. From the cow to the plow. Fertilizer. Farming."

He was helping Dewey spread some product around at Mrs. Simmons yard, helping her anticipate a greener lawn this summer. Besides enriching the English language at every possible moment, Alphonse "Windy" Wilson devotes one day each week to helping someone, for free, here in the valley. He usually calls it his

From the Cow to the Plow

"enriching experience."

Windy went back to Dewey's pickup for the steel rake. "What you're doing here," Windy tossed back over his shoulder, "is plowing backly into our community the veritable seedlets of hope and change for the future. Yes, if I can coagulate some ideas for assistitating your business, I'm delightful. We need ya, boy!"

"Thanks, Windy. Everyone's been so nice. You know Emily's coming up with new ways of using cow manure so we can ... well, spread out a bit more."

"Absotively. I heard that sweet little chickadee of yours was masticating some ideas that are ultra noo voe and knife bladelly sharp. She's a honey."

"She sure is. She thinks we might get a steel tank and pour manure in it, then fill it with water. She says

they call it 'fertilizer tea' or something and it's good to spray on crops."

"No foolin'? Won't you have to buy one a them sprayer thingies to drag behind a tractor?"

Dewey stopped shovel-ing and thought. "Now that you mention it, we'd have to have some way to get it on the field. But you know about me and machinery ..."

Dewey's being monumentally self-destructive around anything valuable, movable or sharp was certainly no secret.

"Why son," Windy said, "you just worry about getting that tractor ignited, and I'll drive 'er for you."

"You'd do that?"

Windy put his hand on his heart. "Dewey, my word is my blonde." **Pick up "Home Country: Drama, dreams and laughter from the American heartland" www.lpdpress.com. ★**

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Thank You, and Be Safe!!

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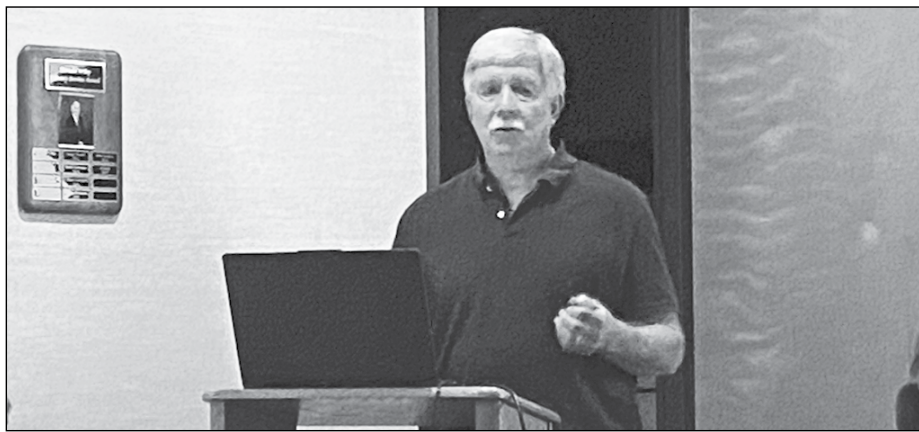
Game Wardens, Poached Ducks and Mystery in Gridley

Story and photo by Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The mystery starts when a fictional game warden, Norman Bettis who lives in Gridley disappears with his state vehicle while investigating a gang of commercial duck poachers.

13 years later a new game warden Henry Glance works at solving the disappearance. Butte County, Glenn County, nature conservation, love and coming of age help develop this story. Steven T. Callan the author of three books, two non-fiction and the latest one a mystery fiction gave a lively presentation by including stories from the audience of interacting with game wardens.

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the Library and the Gridley Library to present his mystery fiction book, *The Case of the Missing Game Warden*, on June 23, 2022. Steven grew up in Orland

where his father was a California Fish and Game Warden.

He followed in his father's footsteps and had a long and successful career as a California Fish and Game Warden. All his experiences growing up in nature and then as an adult who worked in the natural environment have contributed to his new career as a published and award-winning author.

He graduated from CSU, Chico and did his graduate work at CSU, Sacramento in 1974. He went to work for California Fish and Game from that time on until his retirement thirty years later. Steven T. Callan's books can be purchased at online and at brick-and-mortar bookstores. Learn more about him at <https://steventcallan.com>. ★

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Comanche Creek Stabber Convicted of Murder

Butte County DA News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A jury on June 3 convicted a homeless man of the August 2021 stabbing of another homeless man in their Comanche Creek homeless encampment.

Jedidiah James Wright, 30, was found guilty of a single count of second-degree murder following a six-day jury trial, and two full days of deliberations. The charge stemmed from an incident at Comanche Creek in Chico, where Wright fatally stabbed the victim, John Snoberger, 47, on August 1, 2021.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that during the trial, evidence was presented that in the summer of 2021, both Wright and Snoberger were living at the homeless encampment in the Comanche Creek Greenway near the intersection of E. Park Avenue and the Midway. Snoberger had a camp near the front north entrance, while Wright had a camp near the south back of the camp.

Witnesses from the

encampment testified during the trial that Snoberger had just returned from a convenience store down the street and was at his camp when Wright approached and asked his name. Snoberger identified himself and was almost immediately stabbed directly in the chest by Wright with a two-inch long knife he had concealed in his back pocket. A later autopsy showed the knife pierced Snoberger's heart leading to his rapid death. Evidence was also presented that the attack was unprovoked, and Wright stabbed Snoberger without warning.

At the trial, Wright took the stand on his own behalf and claimed Snoberger had swung at him first during their encounter. However, Wright also admitted on the stand he lied to Chico police detectives during his initial interview with them and admitted that though he thought Snoberger might have had something in his hand, it did not appear to be a blade or a firearm.

Ramsey said his trial attorneys, deputy district attorneys Jessica Miller and

Stephanie Roose, argued to the jury that even if Snoberger swung on Wright prior to the stab, self-defense was not applicable as Wright used much more force than was necessary to defend himself against the older and smaller Snoberger. In addition, evidence was presented at trial that Wright was friends with a man that Snoberger had bested in a fight the day before. The prosecutors proposed the attack on Snoberger was in retaliation for that earlier fight and that Wright had been seen earlier on the day of the stabbing "scoping out" Snoberger's camp.

Drone footage, provided by Chico police, also showed how far Wright had to walk to get to Snoberger's camp - some 14 minutes - as well as other paths of travel he could have taken to avoid Snoberger's camp.

Wright remains in custody at the Butte County Jail with no bail. He is currently scheduled for sentencing on June 30, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. where he faces a 16-year to life term in state prison. ★

Gearhead Barber Rapist Sentenced

Butte County DA News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The owner of the Gearhead Barbershops in Chico and Reno, Anthony Eidem, 51, was sentenced on June 8 in Butte County Superior Court for the Forcible Rape and Disruption of Computer Services he committed in 2019.

Judge Jesus Rodriguez sentenced Eidem to the upper term of eight years for the Rape conviction and imposed a consecutive eight months for the Disruption of Computer Services conviction. Eidem will also be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life and will be on parole for 20 years once released from prison.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the convictions stem from October 25, 2019 when Eidem took a 27-year-old former employee to several Chico bars and then drove her to his house where he raped her and strangled her to unconsciousness. Eidem's DNA was recovered in multiple critical areas, including the victim's throat where several bruises revealed clear evidence of the strangulation. After assaulting the victim, Eidem stole her cellular phone and went through the contents, keeping it for three months before law enforcement discovered he had the phone. A jury made up of six women and six men unanimously found him guilty on

the charges and five aggravating factors on April 26, 2022.

Ramsey said Eidem read a lengthy statement in court today at his sentencing where he attempted to place blame on everyone but himself, including the investigating officer and Eidem's young roommate who helped the victim escape on the night of the rape. The trial prosecutor, Supervising Deputy District Attorney Leah Sears, responded to the judge that Eidem's statement revealed precisely "who he is and always has been - a delusional narcissist who refuses to take responsibility for the brutal rape he committed."

The prosecutor also informed the court of Eidem's recorded jail calls where he repeatedly discussed moving and hiding his assets, including his barbershop businesses, to attempt to avoid paying any restitution to the victim in the case. Ramsey said despite objections by Eidem and his attorney, the court ordered restitution be paid to the victim in the amount of \$36,516 which included the victim's lost income, moving and security expenses, and cell phone replacement.

Ramsey also said Eidem and his attorney requested that the judge allow him to post bail while he appeals the case, but that request was denied and Eidem was taken from the courtroom to be transported to state prison. ★

Man Sentenced to Life for Killing His Daughters and Brother-in-Law

Butte County DA News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Sacramento man, who drove his truck into a local canal on Easter 2020, killing his two infant daughters and brother-in-law, was sentenced to a life term on June 16 in Butte County Superior Court.

Judge Corie Caraway sentenced Colby Brookman, 29, to the maximum term of 37 years to life in state prison for felony Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated. Brookman also admitted that this was his fourth "strike", which resulted in the life sentence.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said on April 12, 2020, Brookman drove his truck into the canal at the end of Grand Avenue in Oroville. Brookman's wife,

J'lynn Stothers, was a passenger in the front seat and their two infants - Arianna, 17 months; Ava, 7 months; and Smothers' autistic brother, Matthew Stothers, age 32 - were passengers in the rear of the quad cab truck.

Ramsey said Brookman was drinking numerous beers throughout the day and had been told multiple times not to drive. A blood test taken two hours after the crash showed his blood-alcohol level to be 0.12 percent.

California Highway Patrol's Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) investigated the incident. The MAIT team was able to determine through the truck's internal "black box" computer that Brookman was driving at over 80 mph just before the road ended at the canal. The truck

launched over the canal's levee into the waters below. The children were strapped in their car seats in the rear seat with Matthew Stothers between them.

Brookman and his wife got out of the truck and swam to shore. Ramsey said Matthew was also able to get out of the truck but struggled to swim. Family members said Matthew did not know how to swim and was deathly afraid of water. A witness saw Matthew treading water next to Brookman. The witness, who was standing on a levee overlooking the water, told Brookman to help Matthew, but Brookman refused. The witness said he then saw Matthew struggle and sink below the water's surface. Ramsey said the evidence showed Brookman also never made any attempt to save Arianna or Ava.

Butte County Search and Rescue later recovered the bodies of Matthew, Arianna, and Ava from the canal waters.

Ramsey said the courtroom was filled with family and members of the law enforcement community. Matthew's sisters, aunts to Arianna and Ava, read victim impact statements in court. They described Matthew as the "type of person that would light up the room." They shared stories of his goofiness and his love for his family. The family described the innocence of Arianna and Ava and their disappointment that the girls never got a chance at life.

Ramsey said Brookman read a statement to the judge but showed no emotion. After the family spoke, the assigned prosecutor, Ashley Furry, provided a statement to the court

outlining Brookman's lack of remorse. Brookman interrupted her at one point and yelled "were you there, b***h!"

Furry continued that "Brookman lacks insight, empathy, and accountability. He cannot be fixed. The only person who has ever mattered to him - is himself. The only way to protect the community and prevent him from committing more atrocious acts is to incapacitate him."

Before ultimately handing down the sentence, Judge Caraway told Brookman, "I share Ms. Furry and the family's concern that you don't have remorse. That is on you."

Brookman will be housed in the Butte County Jail until he is transported to the California Department of Corrections to begin serving his life sentence. ★

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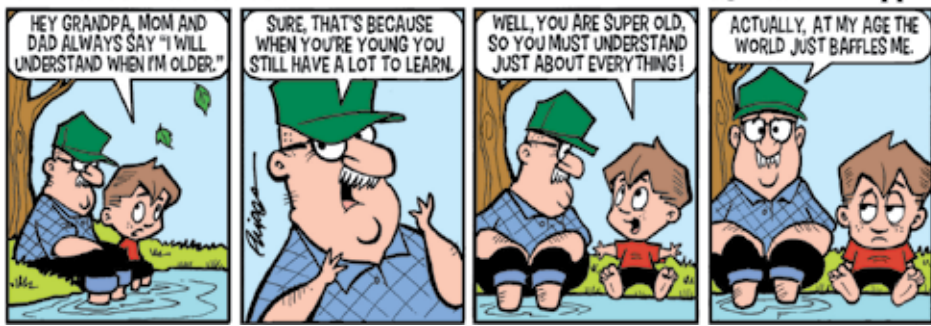
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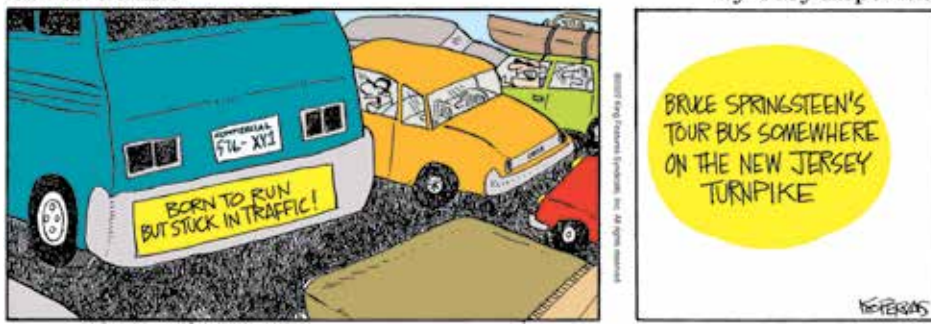
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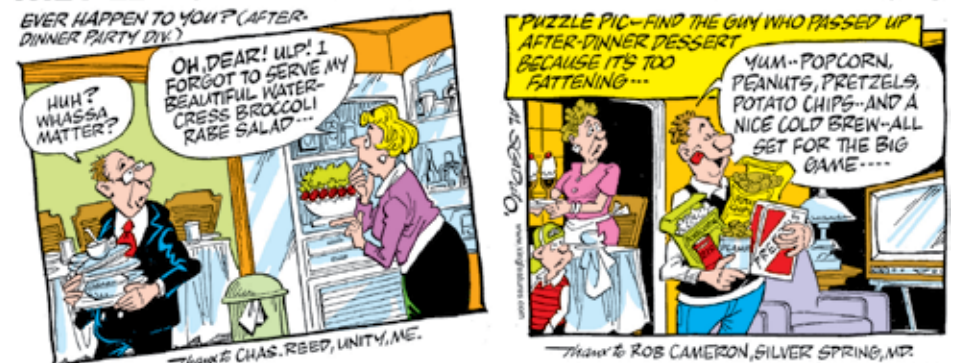
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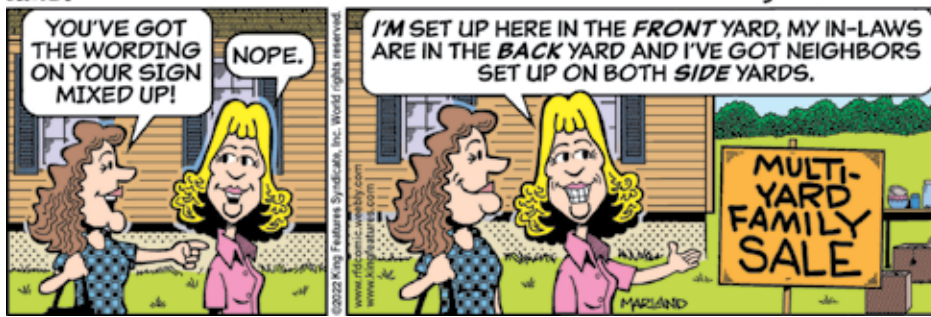
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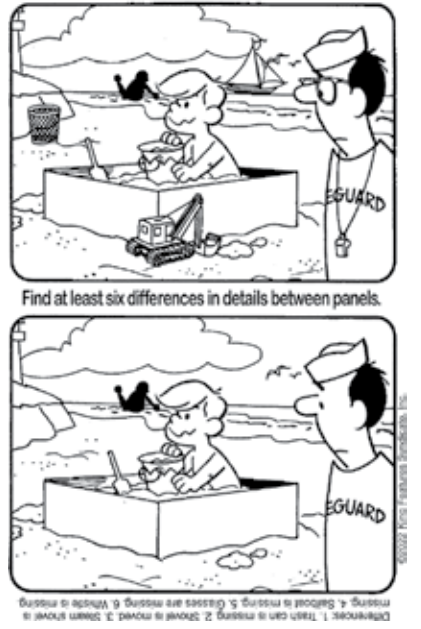
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It's on Fire, Again

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -The large open field north of town and south of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery has been plagued by fires recently.

Wednesday, June 22, 2022, another fire broke out in the acreage just south of Deniz Brother Ln, the point of origin believed to be south of a tree line in the field full of dry brush. The tall weeds and southern winds fueled the quick moving wildfire that broke out around noon, according to the CALFIRE/Butte County Fire Department incident report.

Response by CALFIRE and support agencies was immediate, with the brush fire spreading rapidly in the north and westward direction paralleling the Union Pacific Railroad. The fire shut down the railways for hours and allegedly was the reason that Heron Landing and homes west of the railroad tracks lost power. It is believed that PG&E, which was on scene during the blaze, shut power down for safety reasons.

The heart of blaze moved northward, but spot fires jumped the tracks and lit areas west of the tracks on fire. These "jackpots", small spot fires that popped up in the orchards west of the tracks and in other areas, were tackled by multiple units prepositioned to contain any fires that could potentially ignite. A small spot fire west of the railroad tracks of about 4 acres was contained by said units.

According to CALFIRE's public information officer, Jacob Gilliam, responding

units included 4 water tenders, 12 engines, 5 overhead personnel, a dozer and later, a CALFIRE helicopter to drop water where the engines and trucks could not gain access.

The CALFIRE/Butte County Fire Department incident report lists responding, cooperating agencies as: Sutter County Fire Department, Gridley Police Department, Butte County Fire Department Volunteers, PG&E, Butte County Sheriff's Office, Union Pacific Railroad and Yuba County Fire Department. According to Gilliam, the helicopter and dozer, which are state resources, were pulled in due to the threat the fire posed to the City of Gridley and its citizens.

Overall, 65.7 acres were burned, and according to the CALFIRE/Butte County incident report, "three travel trailers and six vehicles were destroyed in the fire. No injuries were reported, and the cause is under investigation." The fire was 100% contained later that evening at 8:01 pm.

This wildfire, being called the Hwy 99 Fire, is just one of multiple fires that have broken out in the area over the last few weeks. According to observations by the grounds keepers at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery, they believe that this was potentially the 6th substantial fire requiring the attention of fire crews that has occurred in the area within the last 6 months. Sources allege that smaller fires are observed in the acreage that the Hwy 99 fire originated in almost weekly. ★



Top: The Hwy 99 Fire burned some 65.7 acres of land just outside of Gridley. Photo by Gridley Media Group
Above: A CALFIRE helicopter was called to the scene of the fire because fire trucks were unable to adequately contain the fire near Gridley. Photo by Seti Long



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