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# Water Shortages Coming

Why some Californians are running out and others aren't



How long will it be before the drought grips the rest of the north state? Photo file MPG/Dreamstime

#### By Rachel Becker, CALMatters.org

In Los Angeles, people have been times. hearing about the dangers of drought for decades. But in this land of infinity pools and backyard putting greens better suited for rattlesnakes and scrub – water never seems to run out.

Yet little Redwood Valley in bountiful 38 inches of rain in an average year and sits near the headwaters of the Russian River, has been devastated by this year's drought. Each

than 55 gallons per day – enough to fill a bathtub and flush a toilet six

When it comes to the impact of drought, location is key. Rain and snow vary greatly across California's myriad microclimates, leaving some towns, mostly in the north, accustomed to yearly refills of their rivers, Mendocino County, which gets a reservoirs and aquifers. Others farther south have fewer natural supplies of Valley, the drought never really left.

But drought resilience is

resident has been told to use no more manufactured, too. Decades of planning and extraordinary engineering and technology keep the water flowing to arid places.

'There is, of course, no single Northern California or Southern California when it comes to water," said Peter Gleick, founder of the Pacific Institute, a global water think tank. "Water is a very local phenomenon. And every region and every water district has a different mix their own, and in parts of the Central of water supply options and water

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# Superstar in the Making

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY. CA (MPG) - A local youth has a shot at the stars, and he's taking it!

Ahmani Jones has been selected from a national pool of 2,000 aspiring actors, models, and performers to attend a prestigious and life-changing event, the International Presentation of Performers, or iPOP.

The convention iPOP calls itself, the "Superbowl" of modeling/acting and promises upcoming talent the chance to hone their skills, make serious connections and ultimately, launch their acting, singing, dancing and modeling careers.

Working with NYLA Talent, Ahmani will have the unique and career launching experience of traveling to Florida to attend the iPOP convention, at the Orlando World Center Marriot July 5-9th of this year. The immersive program will put talented individuals like Ahmani through a celebrity bootcamp, where performers will fine tune their skills with acting, modeling,



Remember this face, you might just see him on the big screen! Soon to be 15 years old Ahmani Jones from Gridley is about to have the experience of a lifetime at the iPOP acting, singing and modeling convention! Visions by Janessa photography captured this stunning head shot and others that helped Jones on his journey. Photo: Visions by Janessa

singing and dancing coaches. Performers will be judged during the competitions and be scouted by industry leading agents, managers, and casting directors. The week culminates with a gala where all performers, models, etc. are

featured and have a chance to win a TV spot, sign with major agencies and more!

According to his family, Ahmani is destined for iPOP. His mother, Aaliyah promise from an early age at and "He's just a natural...

They picked him off his looks at first, but yes, he just got in" on his natural talents. After that, he worked with various agencies and his aptitude for acting and performing brought him to this threshold. It is his and his family's hope that big doors are about to open for the young man.

Ahmani says, "I'm very excited, you know, just to know the experience and what I could be doing in the future...."

There is just one more hurdle to cross. Ahmani is attempting to raise \$4,500 so that he can pay for his attendance to the convention.

The family is incredibly proud of their son and hopes to be able to reach their fundraising goals before it is too late. "It means the world to our family for an opportunity like this. We will be representing Gridley and California and it's just wonderful!" says Aaliyah.

To help launch this Jones says he has shown superstar, please donate https://gofund. me/2a5410b6.

## SAV-MOR **Excited to** Offer More

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Lately, SAV•MOR Foods has been a hot topic in Gridley.

Prior to taking their request to the Gridley Planning Commission, SAV•MOR foods on Washington Street allegedly put out a community notice/meeting to gain feedback and address concerns of regular shoppers of the store's potential move across the Highway. Many of their shoppers are from the west side of town, elderly, or prefer not to cross the busy highway.

At the May 19th Gridley Planning Commission, "Agenda Item #3: Site Development Plan Review 3 -21" was examined by the commission. Item # 3 proposed the development of 2 parcels, totaling 2.33 acres to develop a single story 32,351 sq.ft. grocery store with approximately 108 parking spaces.

The agenda notes read, "Planner Donna Decker addressed the Commission providing a thorough review of the project including traffic flow, ingress and egress and loading and unloading areas. She stated the project is consistent with the City's General Plan land use designation and the landscape and parking plans were reviewed."

Other community concerns questioned traffic flow, pedestrian safety (especially so close to the high school) and the fact that alcohol would be sold in somewhat proximity to Gridlev High School. Currently AM/PM, which would be the store's close neighbor, sells alcohol, along with Fastrip Gas station to the north.

The motion passed 5-0 with added conditions regarding hours of delivery and pedestrian traffic made to the motion before approving the new SAV•MOR location. Construction on the much larger store is planned to begin in September. President of the North State Grocery Inc., Richard Morgan, told Action News Now, "the location we had really doesn't represent the grocery store experience we can offer, so being able to do that now. It's exciting."



### The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

A recent Politico (news site) article lined out the growing number of Mayors who have quit. Mayor Grover Robinson, of Pensacola Florida, decried the divisiveness and politicization when he announced he wouldn't run for reelection. Dodge City, Kan., Mayor Joyce Warshaw quit out of concern for her safety. Nearly a fifth of the mayors in Massachusetts are on their way out of the office or have already left, according to a recent analysis from CommonWealth Magazine. Now Live Oak can be added to the list of quitting Mayor Cities. After Mayor Hernandez's resignation, the search is on for a person in town willing to donate hundreds of hours to a governing body that deadlocks 2-2 on issues like who gets to be Mayor for three weeks. So inevitably, the two sides will each get a friend to apply and bring them to the meeting to get voted in, and then what? 2-2 tie and drawing names from a

hat? Rock-Paper-Scissors

for a council seat? Unless someone compromises, the issue will trigger a special election, which costs money and leaves the vacancy unfilled for longer. I wonder if any of these Councilmembers in Gridley and Live Oak ever consider what message they are sending when they take the path of sewing division over unity and togetherness? Especially when the idea is to invite someone to either work for you - or with you?

The graduation photos were beautiful in the last edition of the historic Gridley Herald. Biggs, Gridley, and Live Oak ceremonies had many happy people posing for the paper with huge smiles. The happy faces radiate the joy of being out from under the quarantine.

of 2021.

Good luck to the graduates

July 21-August 8, we will have the Olympic Games. The Tokyo Olympic Committee will implement COVID-19 countermeasures. That description from their website gives you insight into how they view the virus. Here we take preventative measures, and we have Covid prevention- there; it's much more strategic; they take "countermeasures.

Yes, it is amazing that

Tyler Little has made it to a Division I football program after having played no football in high school. The more impressive part of the story is the goodhearted coaches at Butte College who saw his talent and helped him leave their program and go somewhere else. That is a unique, selfless act. They could have kept him for a year and then helped him along. Instead, they did what was best for Tyler, the student-athlete; he will go to BYU with four full years of NCAA play eligibility which significantly increases his chance to make it to the NFL. Specifically, Butte Coaches Rob Snellings, Jon Hays, and Jacob Vasquez should be commended for doing the right thing. I know I am more proud than ever to be a Roadrunner. Butte College is a treasure in our community. If I were an athlete or a parent of an athlete, Butte College Athletics has a great record of winning and doing right by students. As far as Football, the only other Division I scholarship players I could recall from this area are Joe and Timmy Hughes - Wyoming and Northwestern and Jason Soares, who went to

Oregon to be a Duck.

Josh F.W. Cook column appears weekly in the *Gridley Herald.* 

## Water Shortages Coming



This satellite image shows how full Lake Oroville, which supplies much of the state's drinking water, was in June 2019 and how shallow and dry it is in June 2021. It's currently holding only 41% of its historic average for this time of year. Credit: NASA Credit: NASA

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During the last drought, in 2015, Californians were ordered to cut their water use by an average of 25% statewide. This time, there is no statewide emergency, no universal mandate and no standardized water waste rules.

facing a patchwork of restrictions. Bracing for a crisis, towns relying on and released into the the hard-hit Russian River Russian River. have imposed stringent mandates on residents and coastal communities may have to truck in water to make it through the year. At the same time, most of California's urban hubs are prepared to weather the summer with only voluntary cuts and limited restrictions that in many

previous droughts. the state's 10 largest water agencies found only one – in San Jose – has issued new limits on watering including Sacramento, on the books. And four, July 5. including water agencies in have asked people to voluntarily cut back between 10% and 25%.

The grip of drought even varies within single counties. For instance, one Mendocino County town is flush with recycled water and groundwater stores, ordered to reduce use.

This year, California regulators announced that they would deliver only 5% of the State Water Project's supplies because of extreme drought conditions

But water experts cau-

more dry days ahead, exacerbated by climate change, so a gallon of water used now is one less saved for

Water is much more precarious in Mendocino County, which is isolated from state and federal aqueducts. Instead, res-Instead, residents are idents rely on patchy aquifers and water that's stored in Lake Mendocino

Known for its wine, weed and wild coast, Mendocino County was one of the first places where California Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a drought emergency.

This year's drought is the most dire situation they've faced in decades. At the end of May, Lake cases are holdovers from Mendocino hit a record low of just 40% capac-A CalMatters survey of ity. Earlier this month, the county faced projections that the reservoir could be dry by the end of the year. In response, the state yards, washing cars and adopted emergency regulaother outdoor uses. Eight, tions that could stop 2,400 Clara, are looking for water right holders from already had rules curbing diverting water from the emergencies that could irrigation and water waste Russian River as early as

But at this point, there's the East Bay and Riverside, no surplus. Agricultural connections have been shut off in Redwood Valley and residents are limited to 55 gallons per person per day – enough for just a 22-minute shower and nothing

Farther out along the coast, in the town of but in another, residents are Mendocino, residents depend on private wells pumping from rain-fed groundwater stores. The town declared a stage 4 water shortage emergency in May requiring residents to use 40% less water than

tion about the potential for from hard-hit Redwood in scientific research.

Valley, is weathering the drought much better because of steps taken after the last dry spell. Today the city is facing extremely dry conditions in the Russian River, which typically makes up about half of the supply for its 16,000 residents.

Ukiah will lean more heavily on groundwater, bolstered after the last drought with a state grant that helped pay for three new wells. The city also built a \$34 million recycled water plant that pumps out irrigation water, making up a third of its supply.

Marin County's largest water provider, too, has been hit hard by shortages in its own reservoirs and those in Mendocino and Sonoma counties. Marin Water, which aims to cut use across the county by 40%, has banned watering plants during the day and limited sprinklers to two days a week, among other mandatory restrictions,

Some areas, like Santa Newsom to expand drought unleash greater enforcement powers and reduce regulations to speed construction products and ease pricey purchases of emergency water supplies.

The Pacific Institute's Gleick calls for urgent collective action throughout the West.

"The speed with which the western drought is accelerating and worsening makes it urgent that the governors of the western states declare water conservation mandates and targets and provide resources to help cities and farms cut water use," Gleick said.

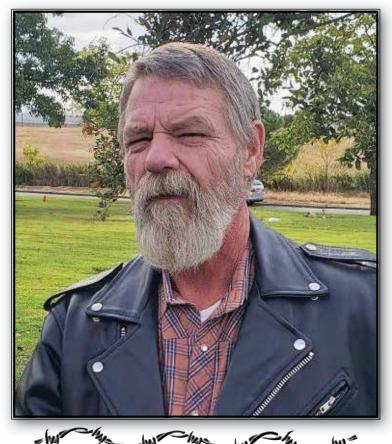
Rachel Becker is a Ukiah, just ten miles reporter with a background



### MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Douglas Paul Brock

September 3, 1958 to June 5, 2021



Doug "The Heathen" Brock was born to Charles Odell Brock and Carol Frances Brock (Hinkle) in Oakland California, on September 3rd, 1958. He was the youngest of three sons. He and his family moved to Gridley when he was just 4 or 5 years of age and he grew up attending school in Gridley.

At 18 he met the love of his life, Barbara Melton, and they were married June 23rd of 1977. Their 44th anniversary would have been this week. Together they raised three children - two boys and a girl.

He worked for multiple farmers in the north valley, driving tractors and loading crop dusters. He was a nurse's aide at Valley Oaks, the care home associated with Gridley-Biggs Hospital (now Orchard). Eventually, Doug moved into maintenance and central supply at Valley Oaks. Later in life he worked at Lomo Crossing, Nel Mar Construction and the City of Oroville.

Doug loved to travel with his family and spent a great deal of time in San Diego, Los Angeles, Fort Bragg and Reno, Nevada. Fort Bragg held a special place in his and his

Doug loved anything fast: fast cars, fast motorcycles, ATV's you name it. He owned and worked on many classic cars, including his favorite, a 1968 Fastback Ford Mustang. He spent hours at the pits riding quads with his kids and grandchildren and enjoyed taking his 10 grandkids to the park to play. He was a die-hard 49er fan, but never forgot

his Oakland roots with a secret love for the Raiders. Doug loved tattoo's and had an elaborate family tree with the names of all his children and grandchildren.

He loved to spend time with his family and his friends. He could always be found helping others. To his family, friends and neighbors he was superman, he was a legend, he was everything.

Doug was loved unconditionally by his wife and as a rule, the pair never left the house or went to sleep without saying "I love you" and giving each other a hug and kiss. Doug was a champion for his family, his wife, and made sure to put his loved ones on

He is now resting peacefully in Heaven. He is preceded in death by his parents Charles Odell Brock Sr. and Carol Frances Brock, brothers Charles Brock, Jr. and Phillip Brock. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara Brock, Daughter Bobbie Chandler, Sons Derek Brock (Morgan) and Dylan Brock (Lexi), and grandchildren Lacie Chandler, Jaiecob Brock, Mason Brock, Hayden Brock, Baielee Brock, Myles Brock, Orren Brock, Maddox Brock, Ocien Brock, Madilyn Brock.

Please join us for a celebration of life, Saturday June 26th at 11:00 a.m. at Vierra

Until we meet again know that you will be Always Loved and Never Forgotten Beloved Husband, Father, and Papa.



## Kaleidoscope Scholarships and Awards to GHS Students

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) Kaleidoscope is Gridley's own arts council, focused on promoting the arts in Gridley, especially among our youth. At the end of each school year, Kaleidoscope awards scholarships and art awards to several talented GHS students.

Kayllen Barnette and Ciah Moran received this year's generous scholarships. Barnette participated in GHS Modern Dance, Choir, One Act Plays, and musical theater, where she performed the role of Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz." Moran participated in GHS Modern Dance, Choir, One Act Plays, musical theater, and the Renaissance Festival. Both young women will begin college this fall, working toward careers in the medical field.

received the Kaleidoscope Art Awards: Kirk Cunha Photo/Mixed Media, Alondra Perez – Creative



Kayllen Barnette (L) and Ciah Moran received this year's generous Kaleidoscope scholarships, funded by their "Swing into Spring" golf tournament. Photo by Jennifer Barnette

Writing, Marysa Taylor these students. - Instrumental Music, Collette Hansen- Vocal Music, Tyler Owens

– Visual Art, Johnny Eight GHS students Burks - Drama, Saydie Price – Dance, Madeline Hamman--Floral Art. Teachers and advisors in each artistic area selected

Kaleidoscope recognizes our community's many artistically talented youth with funds from their annual "Swing Into Spring" golf tournament and other fundraisers. These youth will strengthen the vital role the arts play in Gridley. ★

## **Covid-Split Mission Completed** by Live Oak Young Man

By Cindy Scott

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Alex Goodman was able to serve several months in the Dominican Republic Santo Domingo East Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints before the pandemic required he return home to Live Oak. After four months at home, he was reassigned to the Colorado Denver South Mission, and served 10 months there. Goodman served with companions from Central and South America and from the United States.

His service included helping people move, feeding cows on a livestock farm, and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A highlight for him was playing the piano for a special all-area missionary



Ryan Doughty (L) and Alex Goodman, of Live Oak, served pre-Covid as full-time missionaries in the Dominican Republic. Photo provided by Goodman family

Republic, with approximately 1,000 missionaries in attendance.

Goodman said, "Being a missionary during a global pandemic has been an interesting experience. Many restrictions forced me to

conference in the Dominican rethink how I serve others. During this time, I have been able to see the blessings the Lord has for his children when they humble themselves and come unto him." His parents are Clayton and Stephanie Goodman.

## Fourth of July Happenings

MPG Staff

**CHICO:** 4th of July Races & Fireworks – Silver Dollar Fairgrounds at 2357 Fair Street, Chico, Calif., on Sunday, July 4th. Visit silverdollarspeedway.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

**OROVILLE:** Fourth of July Fireworks Show at Oroville Municipal Airport – 75 Yeager Way, Oroville, Calif., Sunday, July 4th from 8:00 am - 9:00 pm. Festivities begin in the morning with the Oroville Airport Days 4th of July Fly-In. Cars, Coffee, flybys and more will entertain the whole family! Fireworks can be watched after dark from multiple locations around the airport,

**BIGGS:** Biggs 4th of July Hometown Celebration! - The celebration begins Saturday, July 3rd with a patriotic parade in downtown Biggs. Sunday, 4th of July celebrations are held at the Biggs High School Football Field from 6:00 pm dark. Guests are treated to live music, food

golf course, and more.

and an amazing fireworks show.

COLUSA: Colusa 4th of July Watermelon Festival – Main Street, Downtown Colusa, Calif., Sunday, July 4th from 4:00 pm -10:00 pm. Come join the lovely town of Colusa for daytime Watermelon Festivities, featuring great food, music, and entertainment- all for FREE! At 9:00pm a Fireworks show will light up the sky above the Sacramento River!

MARYSVILLE: Fourth of July Spectacular! - Beckwourth Riverfront Park, Marysville, Calif., Sunday, July 4th from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Gates to the Beckwourth Riverfront Park will open at 4:30 and guests are welcome to use the soccer fields for picnics, BBQ's or family games prior to the main event. Fireworks are expected to begin around 9:30, the show is set to last about 20-25 minutes. There is a VIP parking section reserved and entrance will require a designated parking pass. The City of Marysville says, "We hope you can join us for a phenomenal 4th of July Celebration!"

## Red, White and YOU! Biggs Independence Day Parade

By Seti Long

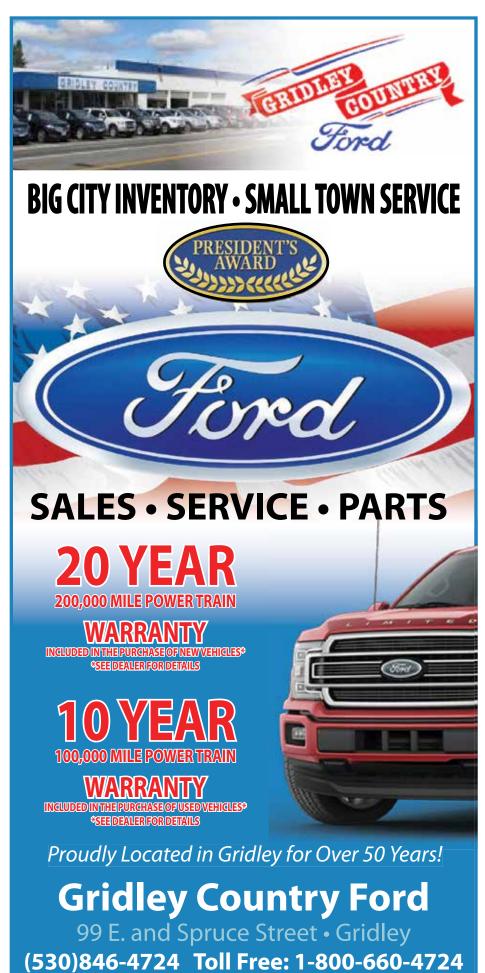
BIGGS, CA (MPG) - For years now, the idyllic town of Biggs has celebrated our nation's birthday in style with assorted festivities, including a parade and fireworks show courtesy of Project Biggs. And unlike last year, COVID won't be putting a damper on USA's party!

Project Biggs is officially holding the Facebook page.

Independence Day Parade, Saturday, July 3rd, at 10:30 a.m. down Biggs' B Street. And in true American form, Project Biggs says, "we are celebrating our freedom this year by having FREE entry for everyone!" Project Biggs urges everyone to participate and is actively accepting parade entries. For more information and for how to enter, visit the Project Biggs







## Warding off the Financial Abuse of the Elderly

By Jaclyn Pogoloff, AIG Life & Retirement

NEW YORK, NY (MPG) - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was launched on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations.

The purpose of WEAAD is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect.

According to research from AIG Life & Retirement, almost half (47%) of seniors 65 or older manage their finances - from paying bills to handling investments – entirely on their own. As a result, many seniors leave themselves at risk to financial abuse, whether through financial scams perpetrated by strangers or financial exploitation conducted by family or friends. With 10,000 Americans turning 65 every day, the number of people living with cognitive decline is reaching unprecedented heights, leaving many vulnerable to manipulation, deceit, and abuse.

"Fear is a powerful motivator. Seniors have adopted valuable defense mechanisms to shield themselves from strangers looking to take their hard-earned savings," said Michele Kryger, head of AIG's Elder and Vulnerable Client Care unit, among the first of its kind in the financial services industry.

"But when the financial abuser is someone who knows you – a friend, caretaker or even a family member - then you need an additional line of defense: a financial professional who can help safeguard your interests."

Given the difficult reality of cognitive decline, financial isolation comes with real risks. Through building a system of checks and balances, seniors (together with



Families should consider having conversations as early as possible. Image by Sabine van Erp from Pixabay

their families and financial advisors) can more effectively protect their finances from exploitation, manipulation, or financial imprudence. Kryger recommends:

Families should consider having conversations as early as possible and involve several parties to build an infrastructure of protection; Financial professionals can serve as an added line of defense, by acting as an impartial third party, staying alert for red flags, facilitating family conversations, and using protective tools like trusted contact and power of attorney; Employers can educate employees and retirees to protect against the threat.

Some common types of elder financial exploitation to look out for include:

IRS Impersonation Scams: calls from the IRS claiming that you will be arrested if you don't pay up on missing taxes. Keep in mind that government agencies rarely call people. If they do it will be only after sending you a letter first or calling you back. If the alleged government agency calls and asks for sensitive personal information or a wire transfer, it's a scam. Also remember not to trust caller ID – scammers can disguise their number:

Robocalls and Unsolicited Phone Calls: According to the Federal Communications Commission, there are nearly 2.4 billion robocalls made every month. Today, phone calls can be digitized and routed from anywhere in the world. Don't give out personal information unless you initiated the call;

Lottery/Sweepstakes Scams: Seniors are made to believe that they have won a lottery and need to pay a fee to collect their winnings. After seniors send the money via prepaid debit card, electronic wire transfer, money order or cash, they get 50-100 phone calls a day demanding more money;

**Grandparent Scams:** Imposters pretend to be your grandchild or an authority figure holding your grandchild. They claim the grandchild is in trouble and needs money to help with an emergency, tricking grandparents to wire them money. Scammers say not to alert the grandchild's parents. Ask some simple questions that only your grandchild would know the answer to:

**COVID-19 Scams:** The Federal Trade Commission has sounded the alarm on products falsely claiming to treat or prevent the novel coronavirus, as well as fake charities. Be wary of alleged government calls to set up COVID-19 tests and avoid phishing emails touting vaccinations and home test kits.

Kryger adds, "Whether a family lives close together or is scattered across the country, staying in touch can be found at www.aig.com

with an aging loved one can help prevent senior isolation, reassure the senior that they can rely on family if they become victimized by fraudsters, and help family members spot signs of cognitive decline that can lead to financial abuse."

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Additional information about AIG

## **Woman Pleads to Elder Embezzlement Abuse**



**Brenda Rose Asbury** 

Special Release from Butte County Sheriff's Office

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - As jurors waited to be selected for her trial this morning, (June 21, 2021) a 31-year-old woman changed her not-guilty plea and pleaded no contest to embezzling over \$63,000 of Camp Fire insurance money from an elderly Camp Fire victim, who had raised her from

the age of eleven. District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the 75-yearold Camp Fire victim had received insurance payments totaling over \$127,000 for the loss of her home in the November 2018 fire. After relocating due to the Camp Fire, the victim had taken the defendant, Brenda Rose Asbury, into her new residence to help the defendant escape a bad relationship in Oklahoma. The victim had paid travel costs so that the defendant, whom she called her "daughter", could make it to California.

Ramsey said the victim received the insurance payments starting in December 2018 through June 2019 and placed them into a separate bank account she created for the settlements. The victim's husband's health deteriorated after the fire and he was placed in a care home. In May 2019, Asbury convinced the victim that placing Asbury's name onto the account would protect the money from any attempt by the state to recoup money for the husband's care. Still distressed from the Camp Fire, the victim agreed to Asbury's plan and put Asbury on the account, in name only, so that nothing would happen to the money, which was supposed to help the victim rebuild her life.

Ramsey said at no point was Asbury given permission to access the account or use any of the money in the account. However, unbeknownst to the victim, shortly after being added on to the victim's bank account, Asbury created a new, separate, secret account and transferred over \$63,000 into that account. Asbury then packed up all of her property and secretly moved out of the victim's home while the victim was out for the evening. Asbury disconnected her cell phone and cut all ties from the woman she called "mom", fleeing back to

Within a few weeks, Asbury's secret bank

Oklahoma.

account was completely empty through cash withdrawals and further transfers to different accounts. Bank records show Asbury spent thousands paying off credit card debt and making various purchases including from Best Buy, Lowe's, Costco, Victoria's Secret,

and Amazon. Ramsey said the victim was doubly traumatized. not only by the Camp Fire, but by the betrayal of her trust by the woman she helped raise as her "daughter." Because of the theft, the victim did not have sufficient resources to rebuild her home and had to move into a small travel trailer.

Ramsey said detectives from the Butte County Sheriff's Office used search warrants, cell phone location pings, and various interviews to eventually locate Asbury in Oklahoma. She subsequently turned herself in to the local sheriff's office in November of 2019 and was booked into the Butte County Jail where she stayed for three weeks before being released by a local judge pending today's (June 21, 2021) jury trial.

During today's hearing, Asbury stipulated that she stole a total of \$63,100, which will be ordered as restitution for the victim when Asbury is sentenced on October 7, 2021. She faced upwards of four years in county jail for embezzlement from an







## **Gridley Thumbs and Roots**



By Barbara Ott

Microclimates in the yard are fascinating. I have a planter in the front of my house. It keeps fuchsias and begonias alive all winter long without added protection added by me. It then helps these same plants survive the heat of summer. We have red clover in our lawn. These help favorite plants thrive. clumps of clover have created interesting microclimates. On very hot days little toadstools survive

under the shade cast by the clover. It is fun to see little toadstools sheltering and surviving instead of being crispy critters.

What is a microclimate? It is a small area within a vard that is slightly different than the rest of the yard. These microclimates have a definite difference in temperature. It might be only a few degrees but those degrees are the difference between something living and something dying or something thriving and something struggling. The other main environmental conditions that contribute to a microclimate are light, water and shade.

As a gardener you can develop microclimates to The use of rocks placed in strategic spots can absorb release the heat at night for favorite plant.

plants that need that one or two-degree difference to grow more successfully. The rocks might also protect something tender from the wind or create a bit of shade. Maybe a rock wall will make a big difference for the health of particular plants. Trees of course can really form interesting microclimates. My big shade tree was trimmed and more light got into an area where a geranium was growing and struggling to bloom. Now that geranium is blooming very well with that microclimate change.

By understanding the idea of microclimates, you can be aware of plant needs and decide to plant them in spots where success is guaranteed. Have fun and figure out how to heat during the day and create a microclimate for a



Clean 'em Out, and Move Ahead!

Dear Dave.

I'm 22, and I just recently graduated from college. I'm lucky enough to be walking into a job making \$60,000 a year with a company I interned with during school, and I'll be living with parents for the next few months. I have about \$50,000 in student loan debt, but I also have \$25,000 in savings, along with an E-Trade account with two single stocks that was given to me a couple of years ago. Those stocks are now worth about \$13,000 combined. Should I ing until that debt is all

### sell the stocks to help pay off

debt, or put the money from their sale into mutual funds?

- Tyler Dear Tyler

In situations like yours, I teach folks to pull out any money they have that's not in retirement plans, and use it to pay off debt. The shortest distance between where you are now, and wealth, isn't a couple of stocks in an E-Trade account. The shortest distance between you and wealth is becoming debt-free and taking control of your largest wealth-building tool – your

income. If I'm you, I'm going to clean out everything, including my savings down to \$1,000 – and throw it at debt. After that, I'm living on a strict budget with no unnecessary spendgone. Man, with the money you'll make right out of college you can be debt-free, and on your way to building a fully-funded emergency fund and wealth, so fast it'll make your head spin.

Get this done, Tyler. Today!

-Dave

**Dave Ramsey Says** 

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance

## **Thoughts to Ponder**

### by Kathy Neal



Facing big problems difficult problems – seems to be the way of life for today's people. But our ancestors faced problems and, with God's help, solved them.

Noah faced the reality of building a boat in the middle of a dry area where all around him, people poked fun at him. Abraham faced the reality that he might lose his only son because God asked for a sacrifice. Moses faced the biggest moving problem of all, how to take a million people and all their belongings from a hostile land across sea and desert.

David as a young shepherd, faced a giant in full battle gear. Solomon deciding who the correct parent was in a child court case. Daniel faced huncity. The Pilgrims faced hunger, harsh winters, and

death to settle our land. How much worse can our problems be? Medical bills, Covid-19, homelessness, corrupt government, wars, bombings, killings, gang shootings, and gun-toting citizens. Cheating, stealing, murder, and a total destruction

of the family structure are thou shalt say, I have destroying our world's no pleasure in them." structure.

If children can't have a certain pair of shoes or a problems because they designer coat, pull out a believed in the promgun! Or if you are asked ises of a living God, to wear a mask, pull out who promised not matea gun! If parents need money, just sell drugs, steal a car, or rob a busi-If government officials need to wind, sling a little mud. Sound familiar? It should, it's all over the news every day.

Money buys favors. Power brings control. Getting to the top of the ladder is the ultimate goal. Many of the problems we face each day would be He provides and knows solved easily if each of us would practice the golden even ask. rule. Even those things that exist in the world such as hunger, crime, war, and racial prejudice could be solved if people were able to get along. It begins with me, and it begins with you.

faced the problem of of the Living Word, the Facing our problems Bible, presented the face of the creator, The Father guiding His Children, many block us out of gry lions. Joshua had to the laws to set a world bring down the walls of a in motion. The New Testament presents the answers to questions asked for centuries. Why should I follow God? What happens to me when my earthly life is over? What if I sin, what and guiding you through next? "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when

(Ecclesiastes 12:1)

Ancient man conquered rial things, but a life filled with riches beyond earth. Noah didn't need designer jeans. Abraham didn't need a team jacket. Moses led the people with a shepherd's staff and never needed a BMW to ride forth as a leader. So often, we want what we don't really need. We only need to know that God is in control and that what we need before we

There is nothing wrong with property, or business, or things. When we let these things get in the way of our duty to God, then the trouble starts – we sin. Jesus' teachings show us there is more to success The Old Testament and life than possessions. often means realizing that our desire to have things God's will. Our problems will diminish when we put God and Jesus first and our greed last.

> The Gridley United Methodist Church can help you find God's way to solving your problems this earthly life. We meet Sundays at 10 am. We are on the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets.

### Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Mrs. Doc brought them some ice cream, but Doc and Charles weren't that interested. Charles is Doc's six-year-old grandson, and both Doc and Mrs. Doc have found it fascinating to view the world, after having been around so many years, through the fresh eyes youngster.

But turning down ice cream? Doc had to while, Grandpa?"

### Heard it on the News

chuckle, because he didn't even know that was possible. But the remotecontrolled toy wouldn't be

denied. As Doc watched, Charles turned switches and pushed buttons and the mysterious machine changed form. It became a monster instead of a race car and walked over to scare the sleeping cat. When the laughter finally died down, they

both agreed it was worth it. Then the monster became a race car once again and shot across the floor and had a headon collision with the leg and wonderment of a of the couch. Charles expertly backed it away.

"You want to drive it a

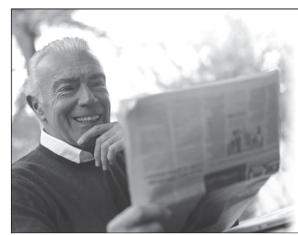
"No thanks," Doc said. "I couldn't drive it as good as you can."

And Doc knew that was true, even though Doc had been driving a car since the invention of stop signs, and Charles couldn't do that yet. But Charles, a coming first grader, held power in his hands. Someday he'd be driving a car, and Doc hoped the remote car's lessons for safety and fun would carry on through the years to come. A guy needs to be in charge every now and then.

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## Dear Dietitian

### **Prediabetes**



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

My husband was just diagnosed with prediabetes. We were given a sheet of paper with information on this, but it left us with many questions. Does he need a special diet? Will he have full-blown diabetes in a few years? We need more information, please.

Suzanne

Dear Suzanne,

A new diagnosis can be overwhelming and often leaves us with many questions. You are wise to seek information. Prediabetes is a condition in which your blood sugars are high but not high enough to be considered type 2 diabetes. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), about 84 million American adults have prediabetes, and of these, 90% don't know they have it.

The good news is you can prevent prediabetes from becoming type 2 diabetes by making lifestyle changes. Some estimate you can reduce the likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes by as much as 40-70%!

According to the American Diabetes Association, prediabetes is defined by one or more of the following criteria:

- An A1C level of 5.7% to 6.4%. Your A1C is a 3-month average of blood sugar levels.
- Fasting glucose level of 100 125mg/dl. Fasting means you haven't eaten for at least 8 hours before the
- Two-hour oral glucose tolerance test of 140-199 mg/dl. This test is used to

diagnose gestational diabetes.

Your risk factors for prediabetes are:

- Family history
- · Being overweight
- · Age 45 or older
- Being physically active less than 30 minutes per week
- · Having had gestational diabetes
- Having polycystic ovary syndrome
- · Ethnicity- Prediabetes rates are higher in African American, Hispanic, and Native American nationalities.

Of these risk factors, there are two things you can change: weight and physical activity. If you need to lose weight, do it. Losing weight can seem overwhelming, so commit to a new health plan for thirty days. By the end of thirty days, you will see the fruits of your labor, and hopefully, it will motivate you to carry on.

When choosing a weight loss plan, beware of diets that are too restrictive, both in calories and food groups. A program that is too restrictive only makes us feel deprived, which sets us up for failure.

Exercise is as important as eating healthy when it comes to prediabetes. Physical activity moves blood sugar from your extremities to your core, where it can be utilized. Again, don't overdo it. Begin with a half-mile walk three times a week, then gradually increase time to 150 minutes per week. You may also enjoy a better mood and improved sleep from physical activity.

Remember, what you do makes a difference. Taking care of yourself is one of life's greatest privileges. No one else can do it for you.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

Leanne McCrate, RDN, LD, CNSC, aka Dear Dietitian, is an award-winning dietitian based in Missouri. Do you have a nutrition question? Email her at DearDietitian411@gmail.com. Dear Dietitian does not endorse any products, health programs, or diet

## **CLG NEWS UPDATES**

Provided by Citizens for Legitimate Government (CLG) See legitgov.org

Moderna Sent Coronavirus Vaccine to North Carolina University Weeks Before Pandemic, Secret Documents Reveal | 20 June 2021 | A confidentiality agreement shows potential coronavirus vaccine candidates were transferred from Moderna to the University of North Carolina in 2019, nineteen days prior to the official emergence of Covid-19 pandemic. The confidentially agreement states that providers 'Moderna' alongside the 'National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' (NIAID) agreed to transfer 'mRNA coronavirus vaccine candidates' developed and jointly-owned by NIAID and Moderna to recipients 'The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill' on the 12

Hawaii military base mysteriously launched three F-22s in response to unknown incident – The incident came less than a week after another unspecified incident prompted the base to issue a lockdown order for several hours. | 20 June 2021 | Three F-22 fighter jets were launched from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii by an apparent request from the Federal Aviation Administration, but the details are shrouded in mystery. The military has remained tight-lipped about what prompted the patrol but did confirm it was not a training exercise and came at the request of the Federal Aviation Administration. Two F-22 Raptors took off from JBPHH around 4 p.m., followed by a third F-22 about an hour later, Hawaii News Now reported.

Joe Biden is not physically or cognitively fit to be our president': Ex-White House doc Ronny Jackson and 13 GOP reps. send president a letter urging him to take mental test - | 18 June 2021 | Texas Republican Rep. Ronny Jackson, who served as Donald Trump's White House physician, on Thursday night called on Joe Biden to take a cognitive test to prove that he was capable of leading the country. 'We can't sit on this any longer, Jackson told Fox News host Sean Hannity. He said Biden's performance overseas this week with world leaders was 'embarrassing'. Jackson told Hannity: 'He's not physically or cognitively fit to be our president right now.' Jackson said he had been saying this for years... It was addressed to the president [sic], his physician Dr. Kevin O'Connor and Chief Medical Advisor Dr. Anthony Fauci, and called on the Biden to share the results with the country 'The American people deserve to have absolute confidence in their pres-

Biden Administration Asks Americans to Report 'Potentially' Radicalized Friends and Family | 15 June 2021 | Joe Biden's administration announced its plans to create ways for Americans to report radicalized friends and family to the government, in an effort to fight domestic terrorism. In a conversation with reporters, one senior administration official explained the importance of stopping politically fueled violence before it started. The Biden administration said it would also work with large technology companies on "increased information sharing" to help combat radicalization.

Media hushes up report suggesting FBI involvement in Capitol riot as White House turns anti-terrorism efforts on American people | 17 June 2021 | Court filings suggest that FBI operatives were among the mob who stormed the US Capitol in January and may have set up the riot. With the riot used as justification for new terrorism policy, the media is downplaying the story. Fox News broadcast possibly the most consequential report in recent cable news history on Tuesday night. Fox host Tucker Carlson alleged that the Capitol Hill riot on January 6 - dubbed an "insurrection," an "assault on our democracy," and "domestic terrorism" - may have been, at least partly, an inside job.

Supreme Court sides with Catholic foster agency that excludes same-sex couples in **9-0 ruling** | 18 June 2021 | The Supreme Court sided unanimously with a Catholic foster agency in a dispute against the city of Philadelphia over whether it should be banned from participating in the city's foster program because it excludes same-sex couples. The group, Catholic Social Services (CSS), claimed that "Philadelphia's attempts to exclude the Catholic Church from foster care" violated the First Amendment. Lawyers for the city, meanwhile, said that CSS "lacks a constitutional right to demand that DHS offer it a contract that omits the same nondiscrimination requirement every other FFCA must follow when performing services for the City." In a 9-0 ruling, the justices sided with Catholic Social Services.

## **How Should California Confront Wildfire Threat?**



By Dan Walters **CALMatters** 

Physicist Albert Einstein is widely, albeit erroneously, thought to have said that "insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results," but regardless of its source, the aphorism accurately reflects California's attitude about wildfires.

Year after year, destructive fires whip through communities in the "wildland-urban interface," often killing those who cannot or will not leave their homes and causing untold billions of dollars in property losses.

The frequency and severity of wildfires appear to be increasing as our climate changes, droughts persist and greenery dries and becomes explosive fuel. What was once a relatively brief fire season in late summer and early fall has morphed into a year-around peril.

And yet, more often than not, burned-over land soon sprouts new housing whose owners and tenants once again place themselves in mends that the wildfire risk harm's way.

A new study by UC Berkeley's Center for Community Innovation, commissioned by the think tank Next 10, attributes this seemingly loony practice to misguided state and local policies that incentivize reconstruction in

fire-prone areas.

"Wildfire threatens the lives and homes of more than one-quarter of California's population," F. Noel Perry, the founder of Next 10, said in a statement that accompanied the report. "We must overhaul local and state policies and planning procedures to ensure that we are not incentivizing actions that elevate wildfire risks."

The study found that replacing current homes in high-risk areas would cost at least \$610 billion and that huge number scares insurers. As they pay out huge sums to burned-out policyholders and the danger of future catastrophic losses increases, insurers either shun coverage altogether or impose steep

hikes on premiums. "With climate-fueled wildfires scorching hundreds of thousands of acres, causing the loss of life and property, wildfire insurance availability has shrunk while the premiums charged have increased," a commission appointed by Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara declared

Insurance is required by mortgage lenders and many property owners, unable to purchase coverage in the private market, have turned to a statewide insurance pool of last resort that has high premiums and limited coverage.

The Next 10 study recombe approached by overhauling land use policies that lack "incentives to avoid building in fire-prone areas" and thus are "contributing to the persistent and increasing risk of significant economic and human costs associated with

wildfires."

largely controlled by state and county governments through zoning and construction permitting. The state's housing crisis has demonstrated that those governments are often reluctant to approve highdensity housing, especially that meant for low- and moderate-income renters, within urban areas.

However, as the Next 10 study points out, they tend to be more supportive of housing, especially single-family homes, in urban peripheries, which also tend to be the areas of the highest wildfire risk.

The report proposes "moving homes out of the WUI (Wildlands-Urban Interface), incorporating greenbelts and wildfire buffers, increasing density in existing commercial cores, adding gentle density in the form of 'missing middle' housing and accessory dwelling units to areas not in the WUI, and embracing manufactured housing as an affordable-bydesign approach."

Lara's commission, meanwhile, suggests insurance premiums based on forecasts of future peril, rather than past experience, blanket policies that spread risk, rewards for making homes more resistant to damage and other steps that can mitigate not only wildfire impacts but the less obvious risk of destructive flooding.

Both studies underscore a fact we ignore at our existential peril: Despite its many attributes, living in California means living with constant threat of catastrophe.

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

# SPARKY'S **Fireworks Safety**

The Fire Fighters from Gridley Fire Department/CAL FIRE would like to offer these tips for the safe and responsible use of fireworks:

- Purchase only "Safe and Sane" fireworks approved by the State Fire Marshal and use them ONLY in areas where it is legal to do so. In Butte County those areas are within the city limits of Gridley and
- Remember, most fireworks injuries occur to children always have an adult present.
- Most fireworks caused injuries are to hands and eyes and can be very serious - resulting in the loss of one of more fingers, a hand, or your eyesight. Light one at a time and keep a safe distance away.
- NEVER point fireworks at another person.
- NEVER use near dry grass or other flammable materials.

NEVER attempt to re-light or modify

Have a bucket of water, sand or garden

hose available at firing sites. The following professional displays are offered

in Butte County:

· City of Biggs 4th of July Fireworks

 Silver Dollar Speedway 4th of July Fireworks

 Lake Oroville Fireworks Display. View from Spillway Launch Ramp and top of Dam.

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



### **Plumas National Forest Fire Use Restrictions**

Forest Service Press Release

QUINCY, CA (MPG) - Fire use restrictions are effective as of June 15, 2021, within the Plumas National Forest (public land), according to Chris Carlton, Forest Supervisor.

#### **Fire Use Restrictions**

1. You may not build, maintain, attend, or use a fire, campfire or stove fire except in the designated recreation sites noted in Exhibit A of the PNF Forest Order #05-11-00-21-09. Note: campfires must be built within agency installed & approved fire pits within the designated recreation sites.

However, lanterns and portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed outside of designated recreation sites as long as the forest visitor has a valid California Campfire Permit, available online at: www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit/.

- 2. No smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, designated recreation site (Exhibit A), or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- No welding or operating acetylene or other torch with an open flame.

Some people may be exempt from these restrictions if they have been specifically allowed by the Forest Service via a permit or approved plan of operations or if they are a member of any Federal, State, local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of official duty.

Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for a recreation residence on the PNF are exempt from #1 & 2 above, while they are at their recreation residence.

Information about fire restrictions on private land (regulated by the CA Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)) may be found at: http://www.calfire.ca.gov

#### Woodcutting

Woodcutting is currently allowed within the Plumas National Forest (public land) if the daily fire indices permit. To determine if woodcutting is permitted on a given day, call (800) 847-7766 prior to cutting wood. A recorded message will notify woodcutters if the next day is hoot-owl (no cutting after 1 pm), open all day (no restrictions), or no woodcutting allowed that day.

Note: call before 4:30 pm on the day you plan to cut as the message is updated for the following day at about that time.

## Brownie's Fishing rating scale: (b) Excellent • (a)

#### **LOCAL FISHING**

Feather River; Shanghai Bend to the Rock Dam. Low water. No boating. Fish from the banks for shad. Use: Red Head Shad Darts. or Chartreuse Grubs on Jig Hooks. (a) Some striped bass still being caught, Verona to Nicholas. Wading at nighttime. Use: Red/ White Cotton Cordell topwater plug. (g) Sat, June 19, 2021. Marysville City Officials and approximately 60 concerned citizens met at Ellis Lake to discuss the "Enhancement of Ellis Lake". Nine areas of concern from exercise stations to maintenance and cleaning were discussed. Not one mention of planting catfish for local kids?



**Marysville City Officials** 

#### SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Berkeley Flats; some small stripers being caught. Use: Anchovy Cut Bait. (g) Bodega Bay; No wind. Vermillion rock fish, lingcods and Dungeness crabs (2 1/2lbs). Use: Sardine/Anchovy Cut Bait. (b) Delta; a few shaker stripers being caught at various locations. Use: Curly Tails. (g) Black bass; Mokelumne River to Hog Slough, on outgoing tide. Use: Blade Poppers. (a)

#### **COASTAL WATERS**

North Coast salmon season opens; Sat, June 26, 2021. San Francisco Coast; 20lb California halibut and North Coast; 50lb Pacific halibuts. Plenty of rock fish and lingcods. Use: Anchovy Cut Bait for both. (a)

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#### LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Pyramid Lake, Nev. Lahontan cutthroats. Hells Kitchen, troll at 2.5 MPH, 25-30ft deep. Use: Lime Green Dragon Plug. (a) American River; shad fishing is slowing down. Use: Pink Grubs on Jigs. (a) Eagle Lake; limits of small Eagle Lake strain trout. Trolling downriggers w/ planer boards. Use: Nightcrawlers, or Needle Fish Spoon. (a) New Melones Lake; shad bait fish are spawning. Post spawn black bass up to 3lbs are hitting... Use: Tubes of 3/8oz. (a) Fall River; loaded with 16"-20"



Hexagenia (Hex)

rainbows (5000 fish to 1 1/2 miles). Hexagenia (Hex) hatch peaks July 15th. Use: Hex Nymphs and Adults. (b) Sacramento River; Wards to Colusa Bridge. Night trolling...Use: Rapallas (floating style) (g) Pit River; Lake Britton Dam to power house #4. (reach #3 to PH #4 ). Use: #8 Salmon Fly, Golden Stone Nymphs, or PMD's. (b)

#### **EASTERN SIERRA WATERS**

Crowley Lake; trout biting on... Use: Blood Midges. (g East Walker River below Bridgeport; Use: Mayfly Nymphs. (a) Fisherman's Comment: CDF&W new regulation insane { Barbed hook okay}

Bridgeport Reservoir; troll 10-feet deep for 6.5 lb. rainbows. Use: Rooster Tail Spinner. (a)

"A bad penny always turns up." ~ Brownie

### **Oroville Resident Arrested**

**BCSO Press Release** 

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On June 15, 2021, around 4:00 a.m., the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) received a call from a resident who advised they located a victim suffering from a gunshot wound in their driveway. BCSO deputies responded to the 100 block of Thompson Flat Cemetery Road and located a victim with a gunshot wound. Medical personnel arrived and the victim was transported to a local hospital. The victim is currently in stable condition.

BCSO deputies and detectives immediately began conducting an investigation. During the subsequent investigation, detectives gathered evidence and information showing Javy Martin, age 59, of Oroville, was the individual who shot the victim. Deputies determined Martin was residing in a transient camp located near the 100 block of Thompson Flat Cemetery Road.

Deputies and detectives contacted Martin in the transient camp. During the contact detectives located ammunition and a firearm. Detectives conducted multiple interviews and determined the victim and Martin were both residing in the aforementioned transient camp. On June 15, the victim and Martin were involved in an altercation and Martin shot the victim during the altercation.

Martin was booked into the Butte County Jail for a felony charge of being a prohibited person in possession of ammunition. This investigation is ongoing and will be forwarded to the Butte County District Attorney's Office for review upon completion. If anyone has information about this investigation they are encouraged to call detectives at 530-538-7671.

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### Please see full posting at www.biggs-ca.gov.

The City of Biggs is an equal opportunity employer. Employment applications for this position can be obtained at the Biggs City Hall, 465 C Street Biggs, CA. or online www.biggs-ca.gov. Applications will be accepted at City Hall until July 23, 2021, at 4 p.m.



#### **Drought Brings New Focus** on Water Facilities

Canals that stay dry due to drought may be more prone to cracking, intensifying calls for federal and state investment in water facilities. Water district officials say the drought and resulting water shortages have further exposed weaknesses in water systems. A national coalition has urged U.S. Senate leaders to boost funding for water facilities in any infrastructure package, while the state Legislature also considers water investments.

#### Dry Pastures, Wage Rule Threaten Sheep Ranchers

Pastures have dried out much earlier than usual, leaving California sheep ranchers having to decide how to sustain their operations. Many have thinned flocks by selling lambs early. Ranchers who offer targetedgrazing services to reduce wildfire fuel say demand for their services has surged. But all ranchers say an impending state overtime rule for sheepherders threatens to undermine the entire sheep business.

#### Analysts Expect Strong Beef Demand This Summer

The economic reopening of the country appears to be contributing to strong demand for beef. An American Farm Bureau economist says restaurants and other food-service establishments have been trying to secure beef supplies in anticipation of pent-up demand. Grocery stores are also competing for beef supplies, because as more people cooked at home during the pandemic, they may have become more comfortable in preparing different cuts of meat.

#### Almond Sales Establish New Record

Despite disruptions caused by the pandemic, trade disputes and port slowdowns, sales of California almonds have reached record levels. The Almond Board of California reports annual sales establishing new highs with two months remaining in the crop's marketing year. The board attributes the increase to people's interest in plant proteins and the almond's versatility in a range of products and cuisines.

## Crime Reports



### **Gridley- Biggs Police Report** June 13 - June 20

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6-13-21: At 2:58 am on California and Cedar Streets, Gridley CA, Paul Michael Branch III, 26, was arrested for driving under the influence (23152 (a) VC), having a blood alcohol level of .08% (23152 (b) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**6-13-21:** At 3:05 am on California and Cedar Streets, Gridley CA, Taylor Logan Storm, 28, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

6-13-21: At 5:54 am on Hwy 99 and Ord Ranch Rd., Cesar Alejandro Navarro, 37, was arrested on a local misdemeanor bench warrant, for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364(a) H&S) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**6-13-21:** At 9:44 on the 100 block of E. Spruce St., Gridley, David Bowen Farwell, 35, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and booked into Butte County Jail.

**6-15-21:** At 2:17 am on the 1300 block of SR-99, Gridley, Christopher Todd Criswell, 52, was arrested on an outside agency felony warrant, an outside agency misdemeanor warrant, for public intoxication (647 (F) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**6-15-21:** At 9:28 pm on Virginia and Magnolia Streets, Gridley, Charles Scott Potteiger, 65, was arrested for dui (23152 (a) VC), having a blood alcohol level of %.08 (23152 (B) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**6-16-21:** At 11:49 pm on the 9900 block of Live Oak Blvd, Sean Patrick Cowper, 56, was arrested for violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC), driving with a suspended license (14601.2 (A) vc), DUI (23152 (a) VC), having a blood alcohol level of %.08 percent or higher (23152 (b)VC), operating a vehicle with .01% alcohol in system/DUI probation (23154 VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

6-17-21: At 1:45 am on the 100 block of Washington St., Gridley, Jennifer Ryann Melton, 38, was arrested for trespassing (602 (m) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**6-18-21:** At 11:11 pm on Cedar and California Streets, Gridley, Miguel Chaparro, 29, was arrested for DUI (23152 (a) VC), having a blood alcohol level of .08% or higher (23152 (b) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**6-20-21:** At 3:00 pm on the 600 block of Vermont Street, Gridley, Johnny Ram Singh Janda, 34, was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant, for carrying a concealed dirk/dagger (21310 PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

6-20-21: At 5:55 pm on the 300 block of Park St., Gridley, Kenith Morey, 29, was arrested for DUI (23152 (a) VC), having a blood alcohol level of .08% or higher (23152 (b) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

get more info at www.crimegraphics.com

## Paradise Resident Arrested for Possession of Child Pornography

**BCSO Press Release** 

PARADISE, CA (MPG) - In 2020, Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) detectives began investigating Terry Rogers, age 68, of Paradise. During the investigation, detectives located of Royal Point Drive, Paradise. evidence indicating Rogers was

downloading child pornography. On June 11, 2021, detectives conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle driven by Rogers, and subsequently served a search warrant at Rogers' residence, which is located in the 5000 block

During the service of the search

warrant, detectives seized multiple electronic devices that belonged to Rogers. Detectives later conducted forensic searches of the electronic devices and located multiple images of child pornography. Detectives also located evidence indicating Rogers was the individual who downloaded

the child pornography.

On June 14, detectives placed Rogers under arrest for a felony count of possessing over 600 images of child pornography, and for a felony count of possession of child pornography portraying sexual masochism. Rogers was booked into the Butte County 530-538-7671.

Jail. Rogers later posted bail and is scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on September 3, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact Detective Mary Barker at

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- ACROSS 1. Steps to the river, in India
- 5. Hot springs resort 8. Meal in a shell 12. Driver's misbehavior?
- 13. \*Grilling technique Medal of Honor descriptor
- 15. Cracked open 16. What Knave of Hearts stole from Queen of Hearts,
- 17. Raise one's rank 18. \*July 4th pyrotechnic
- display 20. Hubble Space Telescope
- operator, acr. 21. Chip dip
- 22. i toppei 23. \*Main Street tradition on
- the 4th 26. Superlative of fumy
- 30. Ribonucleic acid 31. Store as fodder
- 34 Moonfish 35. Rose oil
- 37. Number cruncher
- 38. Fairytale garden dweller 39. Indian Lilac tree
- 40. Extinct type of zebra 42. Steampunk decoration
- 43. Did 2 + 2 (2 words) 45. Crocheted blanket 47. Swedish shaq rug 48. Ancient port city in Israel
- 50 Smiley face 52. \*First President to hold July 4th celebration at the

White House

- 56. Snoop Dogg's "Gin and 57. Medicinal succulent 58. Hit the bottle
- 59. Earthenware pots 60. View from a high-speed
- 61. Observer 62. "Glengarry\_ 63. G. in solfa 64. "The Fountainhead"
- **DOWN** 1. Former tennis pro Steffi 2. One who's made the pilgrimage
- to Mecca 3. Petri dish filler 4. Mother of Calcutta 5. Roebuck's partner 6. a.k.a. anorak
- 7. A in B.A. 8. \*"No without representation" 9. Unfortunately, exclamation
- 10. \*Drink to wash down burgers and hot dogs? 11. Table scrap 13. Steal, past participle 14. What haters spew?
- 19. Crane or heron 22. Expecting woman's date 23. Life force in Sanskrit 24. Chipped in
- 25. What Motion Picture Association of America did 26. \*Most popular July 4th
- 27. Notable period 28. Polynesian island country 29. Feudal lord

32. Fish a.k.a. porgy

33. Beer acronym 36. \*Lee Greenwood's "Proud to Be

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- 46. Wedding tossable 48. Jiggly dessert 49. Run \_ 50. Type of sea bird 51. Agitate
- 52. Kickboxing moves 53. Miso bean 54. U.S.
- in golf or tennis 55. Egghead 56. Leisurely run



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The following persons are doing business as: MP FARMS 2491 Highway 70, Oroville, CA 95965 Carole A Sillick, 671 Sierra Point Road, Brisbane, CA 94005
Date Filed in Butte County: May 24, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 12, 2000

This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV01309

1. Petitioner Mildred Charlene Palmer (Married name and on my driver's license) filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Proposed name Present name Mildred Charlene Egan Mildred Charlene Wright

(This is on my Birth Certificate now) (Only want to change on my Birth Certificate no 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this cour at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written object tion that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing July 14, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Superior Cour of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928 Publish: June 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2021 (The Gridley Herald)

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000706

The following persons are doing business as: BROOKLYN BRIDGE BAGEL WORKS 117 W 2nd Street, Unit A, Chico, CA 95928

DC SA Bagels LLC, 93 Tuscan Drive, Paradise, CA 95969
Date Filed in Butte County: June 2, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 1, 2021

117 A West 2nd Street, Chico, CA 95928

8858 Troxel Road, Chico, CA 95928 Date Filed in Butte County: June 2, 2021

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470 B Street, Biggs, CA 95917

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME- STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FILE NO. 2020-0000854

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: BROOKLYN BRIDGE BAGEL WORKS

Peter J. Horyley, 3228 Red Sky Lane, Paradise, CA 95969 & Scott Lawrence Schulman,

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 7, 1995 This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME- STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FILE NO. 2019-0001180

South Yuba Investors LLC, 470 B Street, Biggs, CA 95917 & Verdant Solutions LLC, 648

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2021-0000674

The following persons are doing business as: GALLAWAY CONSULTING / GDA CONSULTING / NORTH-

ring persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: NORCAL HEMP HANDLERS

State Street, Redding, CA 96001
Date Filed in Butte County: June 9, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership

111 Mission Ranch Boulevard, Suite 100, Chico, CA 95926

MAP Associates, Inc., 111 Mission Ranch Boulevard, Suite 100, Chico, CA 95926

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000714

The following persons are doing business as: S M LANDSCAPING AND LAWN SERVICES 2775 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA 95966

Deanna Ritchie & Samuel Martinez De La Cruz, 2775 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA 95966 Date Filed in Butte County: June 4, 2021

Date Fried in Butte County: Julie 4, 2021 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 4, 2021 This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME- STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2019-0001185

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: HEMP LOGIC

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State Street, Redding, CA 96001

Date Filed in Butte County: June 9, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 1, 2019
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000704

The following persons are doing business as: NO LIMITS 3093 Dos Rios Road, Biggs, CA 95917

Michael Rudd, 3093 Dos Rios Road, Biggs, CA 95917
Date Filed in Butte County: June 1, 2021
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This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000746

The following persons are doing business as: CANTRELL ARABIANS 300 State Hwy 99, Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: June 14, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000715

The following persons are doing business as: IRISS ROSE 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95965

Iriss Rose Delgadillo, 1335 Broderick Street, Oroville, CA 95965

Date Filed in Butte County: June 4, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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4068 Hilldale Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

Jonathon C Jordan-Orr, 4068 Hilldale Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

Date Filed in Butte County: June 15, 2021

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The following persons are doing business as: ORR FAMILY TRUCKING

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is Conducted by: Individual

Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code.

MAP Associates, Inc., 111 Mission Ranch Boulevard, Suite 100, Chico, CA 95926
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This Business is Conducted by: Corporation
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The following persons are doing business as: MAX'S DIESEL SERVICE 2917 West Biggs Gridley Road, Biggs CA 95917

Max George Walters, 3101 Tenth Street, Biggs, CA 95917 Date Filed in Butte County: June 17, 2021 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000760

The following persons are doing business as: JO CONSTRUCTION

395 Obrien Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948 LB Septic Incorporated, 395 Obrien Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: June 16, 2021

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

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#### Summons

(FAMILY LAW) CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso):

21FL00597 NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVI-SO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Glenn W.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. Read the informa tion below and on the next page. PETITION ER'S NAME IS: (NOMBRE DEL DEMAN-

DANTE): Amber L. Edington
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The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Butte County Superior Court North Butte County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: (Él nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es:) Amber L. Edington 655 Gardella Avenue Oroville, CA 95965

Date: (Fecha) 5/04/2021 By Clerk of Court Deputy STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS

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> (FAMILY LAW) CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 21FL00584

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVI-SO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Wallace L.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. Read the information below and on the next page. PETITION-ER'S NAME IS: (NOMBRÉ DEL DEMAN-DANTE): Shawna L. Vaughan

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Shawna L. Vaughan 338 Biggs East Hwy Biggs, CA 95917 Date: (Fecha) 5/04/2021 By Clerk of Court Deputy

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday July 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Biggs City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the following: Approval of the Report of Delinquent Fees (Report) related to utility charges and nuisance abatement fines for collection on the property tax roll prepared by the Butte County Tax Collector. A list of addresses potentially affected by this action is on file with

City Council shall make its determination upon each charge as described in the Report. Their final determination shall cause the Report to be filed with the County of Butte. The Tax Collector shall include said delinquent fees and charges for taxes levied against the respective lots and parcels of land.

Property owners and any other interested persons may contact, Billing and Collections, at 868-5493, or submit written comments to City Hall prior to 4 p.m. on July 13, 2021, or by internet or telephone at the Public Hearing.

and will be accepted until 4 p.m. on July 13, 2021, by emailing the City Clerk at cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov or via the drop box at 465 C Street. Comments will be conveyed to the Council for consideration. Pursuant to California Governor Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March

17, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings in response to the

Public comments on agenda items are welcomed and encouraged in advance

COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Biggs will be closing the July 13, 2021, City Council Meeting to members of the public and nonessential staff. Additionally, members of the Council are allowed to attend the meeting via teleconference and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present.

You may attend the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76616679511

You can also dial in using your telephone: 720-707-2699 or 253-215-8782. Webinar ID: 766 1667 9511

To provide comment during the meeting, you will need to use the raise hand function in Zoom. For those accessing the meeting from a computer or smartphone, that raise hand feature can be selected by clicking or tapping it. For members of the public utilizing a telephone (audio only) to access the meeting, you can use the raise hand feature when the item for which you desire to provide comment is called by pressing \*9 on your keypad to raise your hand. When it is your turn to speak, you will be called upon by the last 4 digits of your phone number, if available.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Billings and Collections, at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

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property presumption to be written into the recorded title to the property. Publish: June 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2021 VAUGHAN 6-25-21

Newspaper Notice Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Board Workshop: Proposed Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide and

**Draft Environmental Impact Report** 

The State Water Resources Control Board (Board) is accepting comments on the proposed Order for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide and the draft Environmental Impact Report. The proposed General Order would establish a permit authorization process for specific types of restoration activities statewide. The draft EIR identifies potential significant impacts to agriculture and forestry resources; air quality and greenhouse gas emissions; biological resources (terrestrial); biological resources (aquatic); cultural resources; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; land use and planning; noise; transportation, traffic, and circulation; tribal cultural resources; and utility and public services. Comments must be received by the Board Clerk (commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov) no later than 12:00 noon on August 13, 2021. The Board will also accept comments at a public workshop on

Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 9:00 a.m. The workshop is scheduled to take place virtually via video and teleconference only but the format may be changed in future to allow for in-person attendance. The agenda with instructions for meeting access are available at the State Water Board Calendar page: https://www. waterboards.ca.gov/board\_info/ calendar/. The documents and details on how to submit comments will be available on the following program webpage: https://www.waterboards. ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/ cwa401/ on or before June 30, 2021. Interested persons should sign up for e-mail notification of any notice changes at: https://www.waterboards. ca.gov/resources/email\_subscriptions/ swrcb\_subscribe.html Select the box for 'CWA401 - Certification and Wetlands Program' located within the 'Water Quality' section. Staff Contact: Jessica Nadolski, Jessica.Nadolski@ waterboards.ca.gov, or (916) 341-5290. 6/25/21 CNS-3483995#

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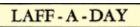








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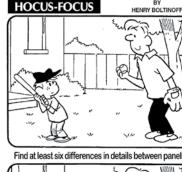


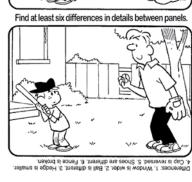
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### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

It has come to my attention that the pandemic regulations are being lifted on June 15 statewide. With lifting all the restrictions comes a higher risk of Covid- 19 spreading. Not only do I have concerns, Butte County Public Health has expressed concerns for the virus to spike. BCPH says only 40% of Butte County have received the vaccines. With more than half of Butte county unvaccinated begs the question. Would it be safe to lift regulations locally?

Recently, there has been the first case of the Gamma variant of Covid-19 which is more contagious and is also known as P.1 and easily spread. It was discovered within county lines earlier this month. Was it

taken into consideration when lifting local regulations?

The pandemic has been taking a toll on the emotional wellbeing of individuals. It has been a difficult year for everyone impacted by Covid-19. I understand we all want to feel "normal" again and pick up where we left off. With schools opening comes responsibility for students' wellbeing. Masks and social distancing have proven to decrease the risk of being infected with Covid-19. It would be irresponsible to allow students to return to schools with no restrictions.

Maria Tinoco

## Vitalant Seeks Blood Donors to Address Critical Shortage

By Cindy Scott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - There's a critical blood shortage and blood donations are being distributed to hospital patients faster than donors are giving. Vitalant currently has less than a four-day supply of most blood types available, and less than a two-day supply of type O blood. They strive to always keep a four-day supply on hand to meet the needs of patients every day and be prepared for emergencies that would require significant volumes of donated blood products. In an emergency, it's the blood already on hospital shelves that saves lives.

Blood drives are hosted each fifth Tuesday by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the



Fallon Squires donated during a blood drive in March 2021. Blood supplies are at critically low levels. Photo by Cindy Scott

at 400 Spruce Street in call Kathy Sannar at on the day of donation. ★

Gridley. Donors 16 and 530-570-8144 to make 17 can donate with par- an appointment. Eat well gym at the meetinghouse ent permission. Please and drink plenty of fluids

## Farm-Fresh Fun! Gridley's **Farmers Market is Back!**

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) Gridley's Farmers Market is the hot place to be in town – literally!

Those who brave the scorching heat the first Tuesday of every month will get rewarded with some really sweet treats. The Light House Church kept the kiddos chilled-out last time with free snow cones, and a waterslide bounce house, courtesy of Espinosa Jumpers, helping kids work off the sugar energy. Families enjoyed crafting with the Gridley LDS Church making bird feeders and the Seventhday Adventists planting flowers. Bill Koehler even provided a cooking demonstration.

Taquiza Rosales made dinner easy with tasty tamales and tacos for sale. by the way! There was something for



Day Adventist Church help youngsters plant flowers at their **booth.** Photo by Seti Long

everyone as they browsed farm fresh produce by Dhillon Farms, got crafty with Ginnie's Creations, picked up some extra sparkle at Paparazzi or had a fragrant experience at the Scentsy booth – they don't just do wax melts anymore the Gridley Area Chamber

Remember to shop local 846-3142.

and support your local farmer at the next market! Gridley Farmers Markets is set to be held the first Tuesday of the month at Daddow Park, or as otherwise noted. For information on becoming a vendor call of Commerce at (530)

## Nielsen: 'This is a Fake Budget'



Jim Nielsen

From the Office of Senator Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Senator Jim Nielsen, R-Red Bluff, today issued the following statement on the passage of the Democrats' Budget Act of 2021:

This is a fake budget and the Democrat-controlled budget process, with no public input or transparency, is a sham.

Over the years, there have been a number of challenging budget bills with deficits. This year, California has a substantial surplus. The temptation is to spend it and that's exactly what the Democrats

The Democrats' irresponsible budget is funding long-term spending using short-term dollars, which might further burden future budgets and get the state, as it has before, into financial trouble.

Following the Budget Act will be dozens of socalled budget trailer bills. Many will contain major policy provisions that will circumvent the normal deliberative legislative

Today, I argued for caution and a 'No' vote.

## Tips for 2021 Graduates to Prepare for a Fiercely Competitive Job Market

Commentary by Krista Wignall

Colleges may return to normalcy in a few months as the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines continues. Meanwhile, in sharp contrast to that positive news, millions of college students will graduate this spring facing bleak employment

prospects. The COVID-19 pandemic caused unemployment to soar in 2020 and is expected to affect the job market for graduates again this year. Some labor analysts see the pandemic perhaps having this ripple effect on graduates for years to come. These sobering trends are why students should expand their preparation for the job market and know what action steps they need to take, says Vince Thompson (www. meltatl.com), founder and CEO of the marketing agency MELT and author of Building Brand You: How To Use Your College Experience To Find And Win Your First Job.

"Thanks to COVID-19, if you're in college right process." now or recently graduated, you're facing the toughest job market in our lifetime," Thompson says. "With so many people unemployed and displaced, people will be willing to take a lesser job for a lesser salary just to get back in the market.

"To use a fishing analogy, it's going to take a lot of casts to get a few bites for interviews and ultimately land the job. But don't let that discourage you. Instead, let it inspire you to grow and learn what you need to know to set yourself apart from other candidates. It's all about positioning yourself by building your resume, brand, and your network. And being

Thompson suggests the

following tips for soon-

to-be graduates as they

prepare for a fiercely com-

petitive job market:

Build your brand. The job market is so competitive that companies are looking for far more than candidates with a high GPA. "Hiring managers often seek wellrounded young people who can communicate, collaborate and create," Thompson says. "They're looking for people who have been active outside the classroom as well – in clubs, the community, volunteer work, etc. All of these aspects are part of your brand. Also, the new litmus test in the job market

will be, 'What did you do to

enthusiastic about the improve yourself and others target list of people to conduring COVID? Or did you do nothing and feel sorry for yourself?' Employers are going to be looking for those intangibles." Organize your marketing playbook. "Utilizing a complete marketing playbook means leveraging your abilities and interests on social media platforms," Thompson says. "This is where you display your public brand. Your profile, posts, photos, and videos reflect what you're about. It's key that your presentation and message are consistent on each platform that you use."

Expand your networking. "Today, about 75 percent of new hires happen through networking," tact at companies that are hiring. Join discussion groups on LinkedIn that can expand your contacts and your knowledge. Connect with thought leaders and ask them questions to gain insight."

Upskill. "Companies want young people who are versatile and able to learn new skills quickly," Thompson says. "Research skills required in fields that you're pursuing and get credentialed through online training programs. If opportunities are far fewer in your chosen field, research where your best skills apply in other industries."

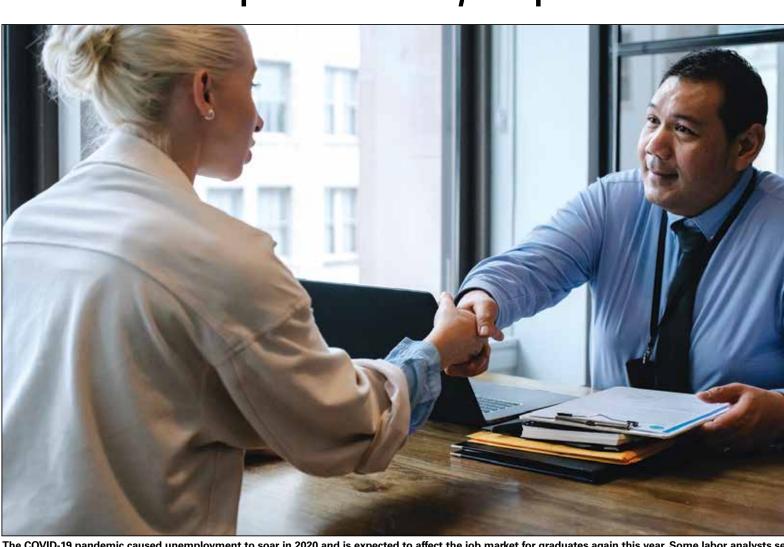
Prepare for virtual inter-Thompson says. "Build a interview in person, your most successful sports

body language, enthusiasm, handshake and small talk help build a connection with the interviewer," Thompson says. "Being interviewed on a screen demands that you be fully engaged, establish a rapport, have continual eye contact and express yourself clearly."

"How you stand out from the crowd has always been the differentiator in hiring," Thompson says. "It's much a bigger crowd now for fewer jobs, so the importance of preparation in all facets has never been more important."

Vince Thompson (www. meltatl.com) is the founder, chairman and CEO of viewing. "When you MELT, one of America's

marketing and branding agencies, and author of Build Brand You. An award-winning brand builder and sports marketer, Thompson has worked on brand strategies for some of the most famous brands in the world, including The Coca-Cola Company and Aflac. Thompson has been named one of Atlanta Business Chronicle's "Most Admired CEOs," among the "500 Most Influential Atlantans" by Atlanta Magazine, the American Diabetes Association's "Father of the Year," one of Sports Business Journal's "Power Players," and was listed by BizBash as one of the top 1,000 people in the event industry.



The COVID-19 pandemic caused unemployment to soar in 2020 and is expected to affect the job market for graduates again this year. Some labor analysts see the pandemic perhaps having this ripple effect on graduates for years to come. Photo by Sora Shimazaki from Pexels

# Get the Most Bang For Your Buck!

By David Dickstein

Fireworks are a symbol of America's independence, but with so many state and local limitations placed on them it's hard for Californians to feel all that liberated when celebrating Independence Day.

Reasons for that generally pertain to safety concerns. Authorities contend that injuries and fires are minimized by allowing the sale and use of only safe and sane fireworks in certain communities and for no

more than seven days a year. Not helping matters is the fact that our founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence during one of the hottest months of the year.

"With California entering warmer weather with drought conditions in place, it is important to remember that fireworks are illegal in certain areas of California," State Fire Marshal Mike Richwine told Messenger Publishing Group. "Each year serious injuries and millions of dollars in property loss occur

from wildfires sparked by fireworks."

Adding to this season's challenges, the domestic fireworks industry is dealing with another type of drought – as in the potential lack of product due to unprecedented delays in receiving ordered products from suppliers in China, maker of nearly 100 percent of product for the U.S. market.

As a result, according to Linda Hass, Sacramento-based Phantom Fireworks West Coast operations manager, "Our industry shipping costs have dramatically increased

from a year ago. In addition, space on the container ships is limited, and we are experiencing delays and backlogs in the Western U.S. ports."

Phantom and its largest California competitor, TNT Fireworks, which also owns most Discount Fireworks Superstore stands in the state, are expecting product to arrive much later than usual at their distribution centers.

"This is a very challenging year for the entire industry," Hass said. "Fingers crossed! Shop early!"

Prices, promotions and product new for the 2021 season will likely not be determined until right up to when non-profits kick off their fundraisers where fireworks are allowed. Due to all the uncertainty and lack of new product to test by press time, our 20th annual buyer's guide covers the highest-rated fountains likely to return this season at Fireworks Superstore locations in this region. Listed alphabetically by recommended show order are state-approved fireworks that have earned at least 4 1/2 stars on a 5-star scale judged on performance, duration, distinctiveness and value.

#### **Opening Acts**

- Crickets (DFS) If hearing crickets indicates silence, this colorful little powerhouse is sorely misnamed. Has more snap, crackle and pop than a milky bowl of Rice Krispies. 42 seconds.
- Flaring Stars Fountain (Phantom) - Virtually noiseless beauty featuring swarming fish effect in red, gold and green. 54 seconds.
- Kool Kat (TNT) Pintsized dynamo is packed with crackle, color and longevity

for the price. 43 seconds.

- Luck of the Irish (TNT) -Performance of gold and silver spray, red and green balls, crackles and four super-loud whistles. 75
- Main Squeeze (TNT) -Rookie sensation from last season sports insane sparks at the 1-minute mark. 83 seconds
- Phantom Dragon Slayer TNT, Phantom and Discount (Phantom) — Solid pick with white, blue and lemon chrysanthemums, rowdy crackles and red stars. 66 seconds.
  - Retro (DFS) Former "Best in Show" and "Best New Fountain" winner is perhaps the most exciting one minute in fountains ever. 58 seconds.
  - Serenity (Phantom) Noiseless fountain opens with lovely lava lamp-like lumps and peacefully pleases with seven colors and white chrysanthemums. 59 seconds.
  - Toxic Barrel (TNT) Green toxic sludge blobs and loud crackles make this pretty poison despite the fleeting

#### Middle Acts

seconds.



- duration. 45 seconds.
- Crazy Bug Fountain (TNT) Amazes with triple swarm

284 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948





Fiery Meadow is a wise buy if your legally lit fireworks show needs a solid fountain-novelty hybrid item; photo courtesy Phantom Fireworks. TNT Torch is one of the best fountains being sold this season along with Kool Kat, a pint-sized dynamo for the price at TNT Fireworks stands; photos courtesy TNT Fireworks.

effect. Great crackles, reds, greens and palms. Was 2020's "Best New Fountain" runner-up. 95 seconds.

- Flower Pot Fountain (Phantom) - Low-noise fountain enthralls with multicolored droplets against a near-constant shower of silver glitter. Use of blob-producing nitrocellulose reduces burn time, but worth it. 52 seconds.
- Illuminati Triangle (Phantom) – Long-lasting fountain features multi-color pearls, sprays, flying stars and titanium crackle. 184 seconds.
- Moondance Premier (Phantom) - Super-sized version of Phantom's little Moondance Fountain. 100 seconds.
- Power On (TNT) Former

"Best New Fountain" electrifies with towering crackling sparks and unique fusing that moves from end to end. 85 seconds.

- Psychedelic (DFS) Nonstop crackle, ice-white palms, multi-colored showers - crowd-pleasing fan fountain. 96 seconds.
- Quiet Riot (DFS) This oldie but goodie features a rainbow of colors, crackles and boisterous finish. Long lasting and 500 grams, but not enough comph for finale status. 180 seconds.
- Red White & Blue Jubilee (Phantom) - Patriotically pleasing with white chrysanthemums, and red and bluish fish and pearls. 110 seconds.

• Tasmanian Cyclone (TNT) Crackling sparks, lots of reds, greens, blues and yellows, fish effect, smokeless

globs and wide and wild fin-

ish. 106 seconds.

- TNT Torch (TNT) Shimmering golden stars are reminiscent of cones from the early 1970s. Earned "Best New Firework" honors last season. 72 seconds.
- War Fountain (Phantom) Colors change with each stage of fiery crackles. Great duration and intensity. 82 seconds
- Wild Side (TNT) Like watching the super-charged final half-minute of TNT's Opening Show for a full minute. No climax because it's all climax. 60 seconds.
- Whimsy (DFS) Identical to TNT's Power On.
- Wicked Wizard (DFS) - Love the height, purple droplets and titanium added for sharper crackles and a brighter white. 74 seconds.

#### **Finales**

- Brew Haha (Phantom) - Let's toast to this beer stein-shaped fountain with vibrant colors, wide spread and loud opening whistle. 145 seconds.
- Coral Reef (Phantom)

- Must-buy 500-gram fan emits radiant colors and clamorous whistles and crackles. 105 seconds.
- Delirium (TNT) Granddaddy of California's fan fountains, it's the must-buy senior identical cousin of Phantom's Coral Reef.
- Fiery Meadow Flower Fountain (Phantom) - Proving that hybrid fireworks often make for big crowd pleasers is this combo fountain-wheel featuring titanium crackles and spinning finale. 68 seconds.
- Living the Dream (TNT) Like ordering TNT's exquisitely named Wild Side (see above) and saying, "make it a double." Super-charged crackles give punch to this 500-gram winner. 120 seconds.
- Opening Show (TNT) Budget permitting, this envy-inducing finale is a 500-gram must-have. Back up a few feet at the minute-40 mark. Trust us. 130 seconds.
- Pyrotastic (DFS) Fivehundred grams are brilliantly distributed among 12 tubes bearing diverse effects and memorable performance. 181 seconds.

For stand locations and additional product information, visit the retailers' websites: tntfireworks.com (Phantom); and dfsfireworks.com (Discount Fireworks Superstore). Check local laws and take all safety measures before buying and lighting.

