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Students Roar at Gridley Lions Speech Contest



Recent Gridley Lions contest participants, from left to right: Cali Navarro from Biggs High, Harjot Gakhal, Evelyn Haro, and Kayllen Barnette, all from Gridley High. Photo provided by Lions Club

By Mike Dahl

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Lions Club recently held their annual Speech Contest at their clubhouse on Washington Street. Each year a topic is selected by the 15 District Governors of the Lions Clubs of California that is of general interest to the public as a whole, and also of significance to the students themselves. The purpose of such a speech is to encourage and support development of public speaking as

a critically important life skill. The students who speak will also have an opportunity to participate in a contest that will reward a total of over \$103,000 in scholarships to the participants as they compete at each of the six levels.

This year Gridley High School and Biggs High School students spoke on the subject of "Distance and Online Learning, Pros and Cons". Winning the contest and qualifying her to go to the next level, was Harjot Gakhal. Harjot

will be giving her speech again at the Lions Zone Contest to be held at the Gridley Lion's Den in Gridley on Wednesday, March 24th, at 7:00 p.m. Unfortunately, because of the Covid 19 protocol, the public will not be allowed to attend without an invitation from the Gridley Lions.

Participants in the 2021 Gridley Lions speech contest included Cali Navarro from Biggs High School, and Evelyn Haro, Kayllen Barnette, and winner Harjot Gakhal from Gridley High. ★

Butte County Moves to Less Restrictive Red Tier 2

**Butte County
Department
of Public Health**

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte County has qualified to move from Tier 1 (purple) to a less-restrictive Tier 2 (red) of the State's COVID-19 Blueprint for a Safer Economy, a shift that allows more businesses to reopen at reduced capacity and allows certain youth and adult recreational sports to resume with modifications. This change in tiers is effective as of 12:00 am on Wednesday, March 10.

The data requirements to qualify for Tier 2 include a case rate of 4-7 cases per 100,000 residents with a test positivity rate of 5-8%. The current Butte County COVID-19 case rate is 7.3 cases per 100,000 residents with a 3.6% test positivity rate.

While this is an encouraging move in the right direction, the more contagious B117 variant of the Coronavirus has been identified in Butte County. There is evidence that this variant may be more severe. It is vital that we all continue to follow guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and all its variants, including: wearing a mask, washing your hands, keeping distance from others, staying home if you are sick, and getting vaccinated when it is your turn.

What business sectors can open in Tier 2?

To understand which business sectors and activities may open indoors with modifications at reduced capacity in Tier 2 (red), the public can visit the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy: covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/

Businesses should review the State's COVID-19 industry guidance to ensure that all modifications and mitigation measures are in place to prevent the spread of the virus: covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/

What youth and adult recreational sports can resume in Tier 2?

To understand which outdoor and indoor youth and recreational adult sports may resume with modifications in Tier 2 (red), the public can view the State's guidance published on February 19, 2021: [http://www.cdph.ca.gov/.../outdoor-indoor-recreational...](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/.../outdoor-indoor-recreational...)

For more information about COVID-19 in Butte County, visit: www.butte-county.net/COVID-19 ★

City of Gridley Sued

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On the first day of March 2021, a lawsuit was filed by McNeil Law Offices with the Butte County Superior Court against the City of Gridley.

The Walter P. McNeil, McNeil Law Offices are representing plaintiffs, Scott McMillan, Michael McMillan, Allison Woolbert and Tyrell Ford, all four of whom are, and have been, residents of Gridley throughout the time in question and are behind the initial filing of the complaint.

The language of the lawsuit lists 4 main complaints, which are outlined as follows:

1. PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE – Adoption and Imposition of Taxes in Violation of California Constitution Article XIII 1 and 2 (b)(d), and Government Code 50076, 53722 and 53723 (CCP 1085).
2. COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES - Unconstitutional "Taking" and Confiscation of Money/Property For Public Use Without Just Compensation in Violation of the 5th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and Art I 19 of the Ca. Constitution.
3. COMPLAINT FOR UNJUST ENRICHMENT AND REFUNDS, With Ancillary Equitable Remedies.
4. COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF (Code Civ. Pro. 1060, 526).

The complaint attempts to establish as fact the following information in paragraphs 1-21. The language of the complaint states that City of Gridley, as electric utility provider, is constrained by the state of California Constitution Article XIII C to set rates that shall "not exceed the reasonable costs to the local government of providing the service." (paragraph 13). Following paragraph 13, the complaint attempts to establish the City's electric rate is "designed and levied in whole or in part 'for general revenue purposes'" and not strictly electric services, causing the complaint to "have found unequivocally that fees 'levied for general revenue purposes' are 'taxes' (paragraph

14). With that, the complaint reminds that "In California a 'tax' must be approved by a vote of the electorate," continuing, "The imposition of an illegal tax that hasn't been approved by the voters, through excessive electric rates greater than the reasonable cost of electric service, or designed merely to extract funds for unrelated general revenue purposes, is an illegal tax and an unconstitutional condition placed on the receipt of electric services that residential customers simply can't do without."

Included as supporting evidence are minutes from past City Council Meetings, slides from a power point presentation made at a City Council Meeting in December 2 of 2019, and confirmation of transfer amounts from City Budget and financial records from the last 5 fiscal years.

Paragraph 19 alleges that "Plaintiffs estimate (without the benefit of discovery that will make the numbers more precise) that at a minimum the residential customers are paying what amounts to a 'General Fund Tax' that is in a range of 15% to 20% of the electric rates charged in their monthly bills." The complaint goes on to allege that percentage could be higher, with, "data from the City would indicate the Electric Program is over-collecting beyond the Total Electric Program Costs in amount that roughly average at 30%" plus or minus.

The complaint reads "the persons in the class are so numerous, consisting of approximately 2,250 household accounts, that the joinder of all such persons is impracticable and that the disposition of their claims in a class action rather than in individual actions will benefit the parties and the court." "Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the damage to each Plaintiff is relatively small [annualized damages to individual Plaintiffs estimates to be in a range of \$500 to \$1,000 per household account] making it economically unfeasible to pursue remedies other than a class action."

Mayor Bruce Johnson has said that he and his fellow Councilmembers cannot comment on the suit now due to that it has been officially filed with the Butte County Superior Court. At the time of this article, a hearing date had not been set. ★

**WE SUPPORT
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The New Pi-Line Biggs is Back!



By Josh F.W. Cook

Judy and Bob Scott had the 51st-anniversary celebration this week. They would have had the 50th last year but it was interrupted. They were a bit shocked as their out-of-state children all mysteriously showed up in an act of surprise - unannounced - but not unplanned.

We note with great sadness the passing of Dolores Slagle, her obituary appearing on page 2 last week. I would like to add a line to her obituary - She was hilarious. When I reflect on my interactions with her over the years she was always funny, quick-witted, and never without a comeback. The show the Office (which has been the most successful show in television history) is based on a funny set of characters in an office. If someone were to make a new Gridley Medical Center office from the 80's - the Dolores Slagle character would be the star of the show. Steve Jones, Dr. Nielsen, and Jerry Henry would be the sidekick characters - and it would be great entertainment. I loved that woman. She was such a joy.

Biggs City Council led by "old reliable" John Busch

(he is reliable because he refuses to move out of state) is building a new million-plus gallon water tank. Clearly, the council has been reading this column and they are transitioning their infrastructure to ensure their iconic and historically significant water tower is preserved for future tourism and economic development activities. Biggs has also taken steps toward expanding its boundaries toward the east. Someday soon Biggs will be on Hwy. 99 - like the rest of us. Some locals would appreciate Biggs annexing all of California so we could live in prosperity, freedom, and limited (yet high quality) government. That would also be a sneaky way of replacing the Highway Patrol and National Guard with Butte County Sheriff Deputies - Biggs Police Department is the County Sheriff. So Biggs has squared away their electricity rates, sewer capacity, water capacity, their police services, and are expanding their boundaries while balancing their budget - I told you they are up to something.

After a short review of conversations last week it is clear that no amount of talking will determine which local High School mascot would prevail in a real battle (Wolverine, Bulldog, or Lion). So we will need more Tri-Town sports rivalry matches on the fields, tracks, courts, and pitches to settle the issue. Good to see more school and more school activities. Kudos to the local school administrators who pushed to get open.

Outstanding over achiever Gridley High Alumni of the week is Ryan Quist - the Director of Behavioral Health for Sacramento County. It has not been an easy job the last few years. He was just elected Vice President of his association and will be testifying in front of the legislature next week.

In 2019, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency began disinterring (digging up) 652 sets of unknown Korean War remains at Honolulu's National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific to attempt identifications. The remains of Emil J. Kapaun, the Catholic priest and Korean War POW who was given the Medal of Honor have been identified. In 1993, Pope John Paul II declared him a Servant of God, the first stage on the path to canonization (that means being declared a Saint). In 2013, Kapaun posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Korea. He is the ninth American military chaplain Medal of Honor. What an amazing man and how wonderful it is that he can be laid to rest in a way that we may be reminded of his sacrifice and the sacrifice of all of the Korean Era War veterans. There is such a shortage of Catholic Chaplains in the Army, I hope his life inspires new priests to consider serving. God Bless the Memory of Captain Chaplain Father Kapaun.

Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley. ★

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - On March 3rd, Biggs Unified School District Superintendent Doug Kaelin announced the re-opening of all BUSD schools and a return to full time in-person instruction by next week, March 15th.

Biggs Unified School District has been very diligent in adhering to Butte County Department of Public Health and Board of Education guidelines and has taken a cautious approach to re-opening classrooms. BUSD has slowly been bringing back various grades of instruction since it reopened, using hybrid schedules of distance learning and classroom instruction. Biggs Elementary is the last of the schools to complete the move to full-time in-person instruction.

Superintendent Kaelin says in a written notice to the public, families and students, "Although it is very exciting to think about students being on campus full-time, it also comes with a caution that we need to be very deliberate about returning students

to full-time in-person learning. Your child's safety remains the primary objective of the Biggs Board of Trustees' and Administrations of Biggs Unified School District. The number one priority for me is returning everyone to school safely so that we do not have to close again. I know that school closure can happen, but I'm going to do everything in my power to make sure that there will be very little disruption to the school day once we get going!"

He continues, "The district will provide transportation, but we encourage as many families as possible to bring students to school. Students from the same families may sit together, while others will need to be separated. All students will be temperature checked before being allowed on the bus and will be required to wear face coverings."

As of next week, Biggs Unified School District will join the ranks of the few districts in California that are open for in-person instruction. Students may finally feel a sense of normalcy as they return to their pre-COVID education schedules. ★

Sorority Sisters Check In

By Dell DeMeyer

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Members of Beta Omega Master chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met at the Victorian Rose in Biggs for their March 8th meeting with president Dell DeMeyer conducting the business portion. A typical St. Patrick's Day luncheon by Wanda Nevens was enjoyed, and hostess, Ada Christensen, presented an informative and interesting program on an authentic Navajo wool hand-loomed blanket she displayed that had been willed to her by a relative. The blanket was made in the 1950's by a Navajo woman and the colors of the patterns in earth colors and is 9' long and 5' 1/2" wide, and is considered to be a valuable piece of Navajo history. In the photograph it is being displayed by Bonnie Bayles-Stier and Ada Christensen.

The members have been meeting once a month the entire year and meetings include correspondence, any information from the International sorority headquarters and treasury reports. There is not much active sorority statewide or in the Far Northern California Council that the chapter belongs to because of the Covid but members have filled meetings with holiday celebrations and socials to keep the tempo going. Recently six members attended dinner at Pasquini's Restaurant in Live Oak. A Pledge Ritual



This hand-loomed Navajo blanket circa 1950 is considered to be a valuable piece of Navajo history. Sorority sisters Bonnie Bayles-Stier and Ada Christensen display the beautiful earth-toned piece at the last meeting of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Photo provided by Dell DeMeyer

was held in January for Laurie Cassidy, bringing the chapter membership up to fifteen members. Chapter contributions to the FNCC Philanthropic projects are still budgeted and those will go in April for Cystic Fibrosis, the Stanford Kidney Research Fund, Lupus and Scleroderma Foundations. Smaller contributions are collected at each of the ten monthly meetings and local charities are also recipients each year, such as a scholarship to a high school female student, rotating yearly between Biggs and Gridley high schools.

Officers elected for the coming year are Mrs. DeMeyer, President; Mrs. Christensen, Vice President; Ernie Chambers, Recording Secretary; Kathy Adams, Corresponding Secretary; and Bonnie Bayles-Stier, Treasurer. The chapter theme this year has been "Birds of a Feather, Flock Together" using flamingos.

The traditional Founders Day Celebration will be held April 26th and will be a luncheon at the Victorian Rose and will be highlighted by announcing the chapter Woman of the Year by last year's winner, Virginia Faulk. ★

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Kathleen Joyce Waterbury

Private services will be held for Kathleen Joyce Waterbury, 72 of Gridley. She passed away on Sunday March 7, 2021 in Gridley. She was born and raised in Reno, Nevada. After High School she went to Yuba College, where she met and fell in love with her future husband Stanley Waterbury. Gridley was where they came to grow their life together. Later in life their kids Joseph, Kelly, and dog "Daisy" came and it completed Kathy. They were the light of her life. Kathy took thousands of movies and pictures, and you could tell just how happy and joyful she was, spending time with her family. Kathy's sense of humor was well known as much as her love. Her laugh was nothing short of contagious. She went to great lengths to help other people and cared genuinely about everyone in her life. If you knew her you were family.

In later years Kathy was a devoted grandmother "Nana" to her 6 beautiful grandchildren. She was very passionate in always making time to play and babysit her



grandkids. Her other passions consisted of being a swim team mom, gardener, painter, house cleaner, and amazing shop mom to their employees. The amount of memories and stories of this woman could never be encompassed in a short summary. To those that shared memories with her will always cherish those moments. From throwing mop buckets, to laughing hysterically with family, or just giving you a hug, Kathy will always be known to being a great woman to those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ellery and Margaret Hansen, and her sister Gail Robinson.

She is survived by her loving husband, Stanley Waterbury, son Joseph (Kelly) and their children, Joseph, Madison, Grace, Fiona, and Theodore Waterbury all of Gridley, daughter Kelly (Oscar) Rodriguez and their children Lola, and Oliver Rodriguez, also of Gridley.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Ava Lee Justeson

October 31, 1925 to March 5, 2021

Ava Lee Justeson of Gridley, California passed away peacefully on March 5, 2021 with her grandsons Eric, his wife Corina, and Devin by her side, at the age of 95. Born Ave Lee Sheets to George and Clara Sheets on October 31, 1925 in Bates, Arkansas. Ava Lee spent her childhood growing up with her siblings on her parent's farm on the borders of Oklahoma and Arkansas where the family farm resided in both states. In her younger years her parents sold their farm in 1937 and moved west through Arizona ending up in Gridley, California where Ava finished school graduating from Gridley High School. Ava Lee then went on to marry Clayton "Sonny" Waterbury, together they had one son, Glen "Butch" Waterbury. Sadly Sonny died in an accident. In 1957 Ava Lee married Doyle Justeson and together they farmed rice until Doyle passed in 1991.

Ava Lee enjoyed bowling and played with her sisters and friends in several leagues for many years where she was quite successful winning many trophies over the years. She really enjoyed fishing, whether it was cat fishing out west in the drain canals, crappie fishing in Stony Gorge, or ocean fishing for salmon. She loved to entertain guests at her home and all who visited always felt welcomed and had a great time. Ava traveled



all over the world and loved to go and see new places. In her later years she spent a lot of time in Fort Bragg and Lake Madrone at the cabin. Church picnics where hotdogs were her favorite and visiting with all of her church family. Family gatherings were always a must and everyone was family.

Ava Lee was the last living sibling, having all eight of her brothers and sisters already passing away along with both parents and her only son

Glen "Butch."

She is survived by her two grandsons, Eric (Corina) Waterbury and Devin Waterbury (Rich Nunes), great-grandchildren Chase (Whitney) Waterbury, Haiden (Savana) Waterbury and Samantha Waterbury, great-grandson Huxley Waterbury and several nieces and nephews who are all going to miss her greatly. As she always said when leaving, I'm sure glad you got to see me. So are we.

Services will be held on Friday March 12, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Calvary Chapel Gridley, where all who wish to attend are invited. Following the church service there will be a private graveside service for family and relatives only at Gridley Biggs Cemetery at 2 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

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Celebrate the Bok Kai Parade



The Marysville Bok Kai Parade Committee will celebrate 141 years of history. Photo: Marysville Bok Kai Parade Committee

**Submitted
by Marysville
Bok Kai Parade
Committee**

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Marysville Bok Kai Parade Committee presents the 141st Marysville Bok Kai Parade, Year of the Ox, taking place on C Street between 1st and 3rd Streets on March 13, 2021, and featuring our 175 foot dragon known as, Fook Lung.

The Bok Kai parade celebrates the legacy of Marysville's Chinese community which began forming during the California Gold Rush years. The rich culture, traditions and world religions of East Asia were introduced by these communities to North America. In Marysville, Chinatown has been a continuous center of cultural influence, sharing Chinese folklore, and the spiritual values enshrined in Buddhism and Taoism. The annual parade displays in vivid color what makes this community thrive.

The Marysville Bok Kai Parade Committee is proud to continue the annual Marysville Bok Kai Parade in Historic Chinatown for the 141st Annual celebration. The 141st Marysville Bok Kai Parade will take place in

a 'reverse' fashion or a drive-thru if will!

More details about the event:

Starting at 11am at 3rd and C Streets on March 13, 2021, concluding at 12pm; Featuring our Gong Meister, Al Wong, local government officials, Leung's White Crane Lion Dance, parade dragon – Fook Lung; Cost is free

A limited amount of parade shirts and posters will be available for purchase on the day of the event, at various locations in Downtown Marysville, please check Facebook for those locations. PreOrders can be sent to bokkaiparde@gmail.com

Individuals wanting to see the parade must remain in their vehicles at all times during the drive thru event. Vehicles will enter the event at 3rd and C Street, traveling south towards 1st to view the event, and will exit at 1st and C Streets. Vehicles will not be allowed to stop along the route.

Please come with an open mind as we celebrate 141 years of history in a different and fun way – keeping our community safe.

For more information: bokkaiparde@gmail.com or 530.603.1880.

Source: Marysville Bok Kai Parade Committee ★

Pennies for Patients Movie Night!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School Leadership Class wants to invite you and the family to enjoy a night at the Movies while supporting a great cause.

This Friday night, March 12th, GHS Leadership is hosting their 4th Drive-in Movie Night on the High School Campus. The event is FREE to the community and will be held on the lawn behind the weight room. The film for the evening is none-other than family favorite, The Sandlot.

The GHS Drive-In movie nights began as a safe and fun way to get together during COVID-19, but this coming Friday's event will help the Leadership Class kick off their newest fundraising campaign. These future leaders have set a goal for themselves of raising \$2,000 to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma



GHS Leadership's Cameron Erickson doesn't think you'll want to miss this! Photo provided by Jennifer Davidson

Society. Students will be selling popcorn, water and hot chocolate with all proceeds going to that very worthy cause.

Leadership Advisor Jennifer Davidson says, "As the weather warms up this even will be a great way for families to enjoy a classic movie and donate to a deserving organization. The leadership class

is always trying to come up with ways to engage the students and community in a safe manner and we're hoping this movie night will bring both of those groups together for a really fun evening!"

Do not miss The Sandlot on the big screen Friday, March 12th beginning at 6:30 pm at the Gridley High School campus. ★

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Bulldogs Girl's See Personal Record Bills Increase Wildfire Prevention Efforts



Gridley Bulldogs compete at River Bend Park, Oroville during Cross Country season. Photo by Duffy Villalobos

By Steve Allard

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - She didn't know it, but Janessa Delgado (9) set a personal record on a warm winter day at River Bend Park, Oroville. "I'm really nervous," were the few words just moments before the start of the varsity race hosted by the Tigers of Oroville. Delgado crossed the finish 1st for the Varsity Girls' team and 4th overall. "Just keep up with the boys," was the encouragement by Coach Steve Allard. And she did just that.

Overall, the first-place finisher for the boys' varsity was Damian Mendoza Jr (12) at 20:47, 2nd was Gordon LaBuff (11) with 21:39, and Oroville's Wyatt Stanhope (10). All three had Janessa at their heels for most of the race. Her time of 21:55 was 36 seconds faster than her previous run at home against Sutter. Cesar Zepeda Martinez (11) was 5th at 22:12, while Emmanuel Martinez Hernandez (11) and Tyler Owens (11) rounded out the Bulldog's



The Oroville Tigers and Gridley Bulldogs are at it again this season! Photo by Duffy Villalobos

top 5. Emmanuel had 22:48 and Tyler had 25:25. Geovannie Gutierrez finished 27:36 over the 5K run. Giselle Fuentes (9) finished 3rd, just behind Kimberly Navarrete (10) of Oroville. Each had 22:59 and 25:26. The Gridley Varsity boys were the only team to field a full squad.

JV Boys: Franco Castillo (aka Kiko) (9) finished the 2.1-mile course with 24:53 and Marques Guzman (10)

from Oroville had 27:59. JV Girls: Gisela Cardenas (9) took first by 0.34 seconds in front of Oroville's freshman, Ariana Diaz. Cardenas had 18:17.62 and Diaz had 18:17.96. It was an exciting sprint finish! Angela Gutierrez (10) took 5th while Estrella Favian Mora (9) took 6th with 21:32 and 21:45 respectively. Official results at Athletic.net

Office of Assemblymember Frank Bigelow

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblymember Frank Bigelow introduced two wildfire related bills, AB 910 and AB 912, to help prevent future catastrophic wildfires.

"Last year, California faced its most destructive wildfire season," says Assemblymember Bigelow. "The Creek fire in my district alone burned over 300,000 acres. California cannot keep putting off the wildfire problem, it is time to start taking a wildfire prevention approach to legislation."

AB 910 would increase the Small Landowner Exemption from 100 acres to 300 and remove the restriction for usage while also authorizing the construction for temporary roads when needed. AB 912 would expand the Working Forest Management Plan from 10,000 acres to

its original 15,000. AB 910 and AB 912 would create more accessibility to the programs and provide a better opportunity to conduct wildfire prevention efforts. Assemblymember Bigelow states, "These programs have existed for a few years now, but they are rarely used because of all of the restrictions on them. With all of the restrictions, people aren't able to conduct the necessary wildfire prevention efforts that they need to, making them more susceptible to catastrophic wildfires. These two bills are the solution as they provide a gateway for people to use them to the full extent the programs were created for."

Lifelong rancher Frank Bigelow proudly represents the 5th Assembly District, which encompasses Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Placer, and Tuolumne counties and includes Lake Tahoe and Yosemite National Park. ★

BCSO Applying for Grant Funding Through the California State Parks

Butte County Sheriff's Office Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is in the process of applying for grant funding through the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) program. Funds from the OHMVR grant support the efforts of the Sheriff's Office in patrolling the Jonesville Snow Park, the Plumas National Forest and the Lassen National Forest. These duties include enforcement of state laws, federal regulations, and Butte County

ordinances. If awarded, BCSO deputies will use patrol vehicles and snowmobiles to patrol in an around these areas year-round. Deputies will assist with visitor safety, education, enforcement, and search and rescue efforts.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office will provide information and education regarding environmental issues and conservation concerns regarding off-highway vehicle use. The Sheriff's Office, along with Butte County Sheriff Search and Rescue will respond to emergency calls for service in and around

these areas as needed. Beginning Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021, through Monday, May 3rd, 2021, a draft of the grant application will be available for viewing and public comment at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov. From that website, the public will be directed to the Grants/On-line Grant Application (OLGA) public review feature for instructions on how to submit their comments. Written public comments can also be mailed to Sergeant Dave Ennes at the Butte County Sheriff's Office, 5 Gillick Way, Oroville CA, 95965. ★



Survey Confirms Erosion of Sierra Snowpack

Recording a fifth straight dry month, state surveyors report the Sierra snowpack has slipped further below average. Survey results released Tuesday showed the statewide snowpack at 61% of average, compared to 70% at the time of last month's survey. Farmers have been warned to expect low water supplies, and say they will have to leave land idle as one response to the dry conditions.

Farmers Look To Accelerate Wood-Disposal Alternatives

With a final decision having been made to phase out agricultural burning in the San Joaquin Valley by 2025, farmers seek alternatives for disposing of vineyard and orchard prunings. The state Air Resources Board voted last week to end the practice. Farmers can grind discarded wood and incorporate it into the soil, but that's not now possible in all cases. Farmers asked the board for help in developing alternatives for wood disposal.

Pandemic Takes Toll On County Fairs

County fairgrounds face a cash crunch, as the pandemic forces ongoing cancellations of events. A number of county fair boards have already voted to cancel their 2021 fairs. Some fairs have made accommodations for junior livestock sales, so students can still market their animals. In other locations, fairs have pushed back their traditional start dates, in hope pandemic restrictions will ease in time.

U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Will Come From North Coast

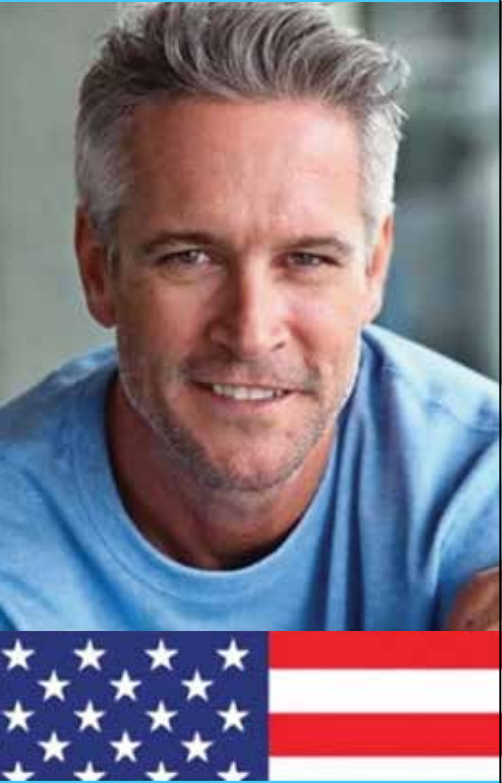
A tree from the North Coast of California will serve as the official U.S. Capitol Christmas tree. The Six Rivers National Forest, based in Eureka, announced it had been chosen to provide the tree, which will be placed on the west lawn of the Capitol in early December. It's the first time a tree from the Six Rivers forest has been selected, and the fifth time a tree from California will serve as the Capitol Christmas tree. ★

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Another Chance to Act on Housing



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

When he was running for governor three years ago, Gavin Newsom promised, rather absurdly, that he would spearhead a drive to build 3.5 million new housing units by 2025.

It was absurd because it would require California to escalate new construction from about 100,000 units a year to 500,000, which would be financially and physically impossible.

Once elected, Newsom backed away from that pledge, calling it “aspirational,” but he did attempt, a year ago, to once again focus attention on the state’s housing crisis by devoting nearly all of his State of the State address to it and the closely related homelessness issue.

Within weeks, however, his attention shifted to the COVID-19 pandemic and housing went on the Capitol’s back burner.

Meanwhile, California’s housing shortage has gotten significantly worse. This month, Newsom’s Department of Finance revealed that just 102,800 residential building permits were issued in 2020, down 8.8% from 2019’s total, which itself was a 3.8% drop from 2018.

Not only is overall construction headed the wrong

way, but all of last year’s decline was in apartments and other forms of multi-family housing where shortages are the worst. Moreover, when housing lost to fires, old age and other causes is included in the equation, the net gain last year was only about 75,000 units, under half of the state’s official yearly goal.

The cold fact that housing construction is headed the wrong way, and that housing shortages and high housing costs are feeding a high poverty rate and pushing employers and workers out of the state doesn’t seem to be having much effect on the Capitol.

Newsom and other politicians talk a good game, but don’t back up their words with action. What happened, or didn’t happen, to last year’s major housing bill is a telling example.

The measure, carried by Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, was a modest stab at the housing issue’s biggest roadblock – the not-in-my-backyard attitudes in local communities. The bill would have made it easier to build duplexes and other low-impact multi-family projects on lots zoned for single-family homes.

Atkins’ measure cleared the Senate easily and had enough votes to pass the Assembly. However, due to conflict between Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon over legislative procedures, it was held in the Assembly on the last night of the session until just minutes before the midnight deadline, leaving too little time for a final Senate vote.

Newsom could have intervened in the petty squabble to get the bill to his desk, but didn’t, for reasons best known to himself.

The Legislature is back in session and its leaders and Newsom have another opportunity to match their words on the housing shortage with action – or not.

Atkins has introduced a new version of her failed bill, now known as Senate Bill 9, and others have proposed measures to speed up construction, most notably a four-bill package by Sen. Scott Wiener. The San Francisco Democrat has emerged as the Legislature’s leading housing advocate with a willingness to challenge the reluctance of many cities to build their fair share of low- and moderate-income housing.

The most important of the four is Senate Bill 478, which would neutralize local ordinances that effectively prevent construction of multi-family projects on land zoned for them by imposing unworkable land-to-building ratios.

The Atkins and Wiener bills challenge local governments’ much-cherished powers over land use, which is the most contentious but most important piece of the housing conundrum. They also will test the willingness of California’s political leadership to do something more than talk about the crisis.

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

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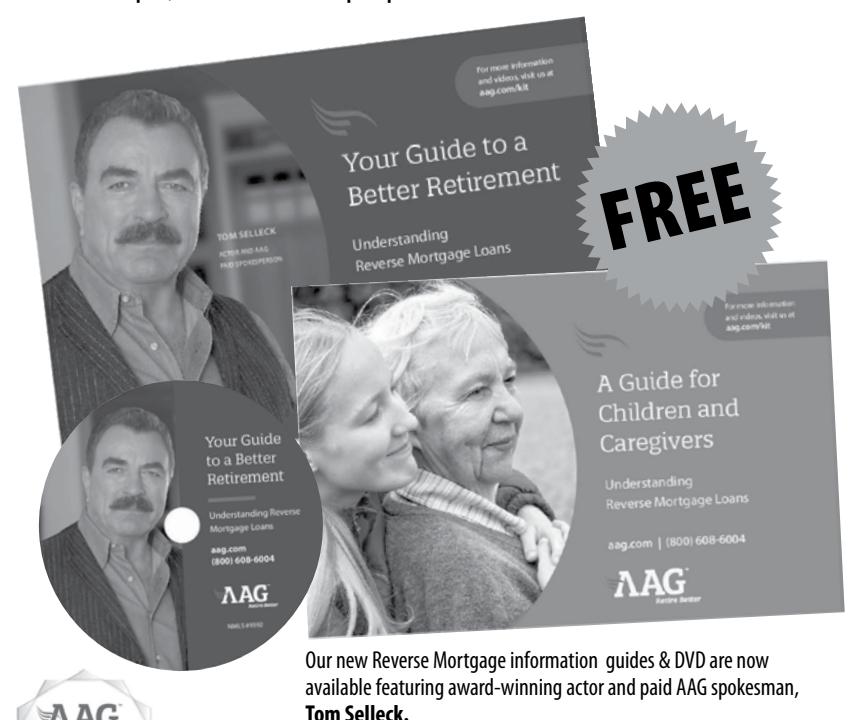
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Gridley Thumbs and Roots Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



By Barbara Ott

House plants seem to be making a comeback. I wonder if with so many people at home more for the last year that the care of house plants doesn't seem as difficult right now. The first inkling that this was going on happened in Grange Co-op. All of a sudden, the house plant section was four times as large as before. Then I found

out there was a store for house plants in Chico. I'm feeling a flashback to the seventies to see that there are actual house plant stores again. Five years ago, I went to a houseplant store in San Francisco and it felt so nostalgic (very expensive). The Chico store which I went to has a variety of tried and true, plants as well as plants that have been hard to find for a while, like the Piggy Back plant.

They had an entire section of Hoyas. I've been in love with Hoyas for years. They show up in hardware stores on occasion. This house plant store has varieties I've never seen before. The Hoyas are a bit pricy but when they are plants that cannot be found

anywhere else this can be forgiven. Needless to say, I bought another Hoya. If you don't know this plant, look it up. The flowers are magical. They look like bunches of small wax flowers. Light is important for this plant to bloom. It takes a while and they like to be root bound. Once they do start blooming, they keep going on and on. Over all they are bug resistant and are hardy if kept warm and not overwatered. One exception is one called Hindu Rope. Its leaves are tightly curled and mealy bugs like to live on them. A Q-tip and diluted rubbing alcohol helps with that problem. Enjoy the resurgence of house plants. ★



Slim Randles

Windy Wilson actually had to go into the Rest of Your Life retirement home to find enough folks for an audience. He knew an important date in history was coming, and he had obligations.

"Called it The Ideas of March, you know," Windy said to those whose wheelchairs weren't quick enough to make the hallway.

"Now the object of their evilness on the Ideas of March was none other than Julius Caesar himself. You know. He was so famous his face is on gold coins in old dead boats on the bottom of the ocean. And a-course you know they

Et tu Buffet?

named a food after him, don't ya? Thass right. We all heard of Orange Julius.

"Well, on this particular Ideas of March, Ol' Julius was s'posed to give a speech there in Rome to all them senators and tell 'em what a great guy he was, and how great his ecumenicals was workin' out for the middle classers and who he thought they should conquer next. But that wasn't gonna happen, nossir, 'cuz them senators who didn't like him was waitin' for him at the front door of the farm ... called this here buildin' the farm, for some reason ... and they flat sicced a temper tyrannus on him, which meant they stuck daggers in him, right through his bathrobe, and he fell down.

"And while he was busy a-dyin' he noticed one of them stabbers was his ol' trail pard, name of Brutal.

And with his dyin' breath, Julius managed to say, "Brutal ol' boy, don't tell me you was in on this deal, too? But a-course he said it in Roman, so it come out more like "Et tu Buffet?"

"They used to talk like that. But anyway, that was the Ideas of March for that year, anyhow, and ol' Julius Caesar went on to orange juice fame and havin' movies and plays wrote about him.

"But I still think "Et tu Buffet" would be a pretty good ol' name for a Roman coffee shop, and you can tell 'em I said so."

They'd all made it to safety by that time except for one old lady whose aluminum walker had broken its leg and had to be put down.

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Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



Why do you believe in God – Jesus? Think about it. What has happened in your life that causes you to believe in a Higher, Greater power?

We have been called to defend our hope, our faith, our God. We should not be afraid to give an answer. We should give an account of our belief in God, in His presence.

Here are a few steps to use to give that answer:

1. Stand boldly in your faith.
2. Be in His Word. Read it, keep it close.
3. Keep notice of how He has been there for you.
4. Pray for courage and strength to speak out
5. Live so people can see that God walks with you daily.

6. Be not afraid.
7. Move when you feel nudges from the Holy Spirit.
8. Remember Jesus walks the walk with you.
9. Do all things in love.

Has God had His hand on me and my life? Oh, yea! It took me a time to realize that over and over He saved me so I would tell you and others what He did so I could give an answer.

Let me give you three times my Lord had a hand in saving me from death itself.

When I was young maybe four or five I loved westerns. One day I suppose after watching a western, I decided to tie a rope on my swing – sit on a barrel – and hang by a noose. Yep! Stupid? Yep! But I felt the need to move off just as the barrel rolled. I live for another day by the grace of God.

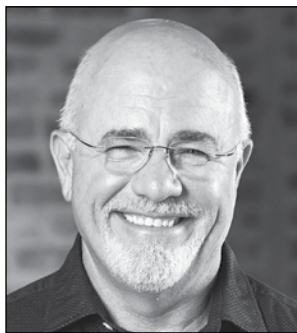
Later as a teenager and a member of the 4-H club, my mom and I were

coming back from a meeting when we came to a train crossing so close to a building you couldn't the train coming. Just go to the track and on it, there was a southbound engine right there. My mom heard, "Floor it!". Just in the nick of time we moved off the track as the engine crossed right behind us. Praise the Lord, saved by the power of God again.

But the one time I really was saved was when I was in college. As a member of the gymnastic team, I had dived over a large box and landed on my head. Unknow to me, I fractured by neck. For the next 50 years I lived and worked with this injury. It could have been my last day on earth – but God had other plans. He wanted me to be able to give answers to you about God and faith.

Be prepared to give an answer – Do you believe in God? ★

Dave Ramsey Says



It's Just Not Worth It

Dear Dave,

Do you think I should get a new hybrid car to save money on gas? A lot of my friends have done this, and with the rise in gas and oil prices lately, they're telling me I should, too. According to them, I'll save a ton of money, especially since I have a bigger car and a longer drive to work. What are your thoughts?

–Daneen

Dear Daneen,

I get lots of questions about these kinds of scenarios, and how it plays into people's budgets. Many folks wonder if it would be better to go out and get a new vehicle with better gas mileage. Well, do you really want to lose more money?

Let's say you currently drive a vehicle worth \$10,000 that gets 15 miles per gallon. There's a \$25,000

hybrid you're thinking about buying that gets 25 miles per gallon. That's a \$15,000 price difference just to get 10 more miles a gallon. If you drive 100 miles a week, that's about a \$10 difference a week. That would be about \$40 extra you're spending a month in gas if you stuck with the current car. A monthly car payment is a whole lot more than that! In short, the math doesn't work. You'd have to drive to the moon and back to make it worthwhile.

There are a lot smarter things you can do to cut down on your fuel bill. Have you thought about trading for something smaller? If you're driving a gas guzzler, trade it in on another car worth no more than your current car's selling price. This means better fuel efficiency without a car payment. Carpooling is an option, too, even if you split the driving just a few days a week.

If you want to get a little more radical with the money-saving ideas, you could think about moving closer to work. Spend some time doing the calculations and looking at the specifics to see if it makes sense in your case. Finally, and this may be a last ditch effort, you could consider changing jobs. No one's forcing you to work where you do, especially if you're spending a lot of time and money on the road just getting to and from your job. If you're really spending a ridiculous amount on gas each month, it might even be time to look into ideas you may have once had to start your own business.

But don't use better gas mileage, or bad advice from your friends, as a rationalization for buying a new car. It's just not worth it!

–Dave

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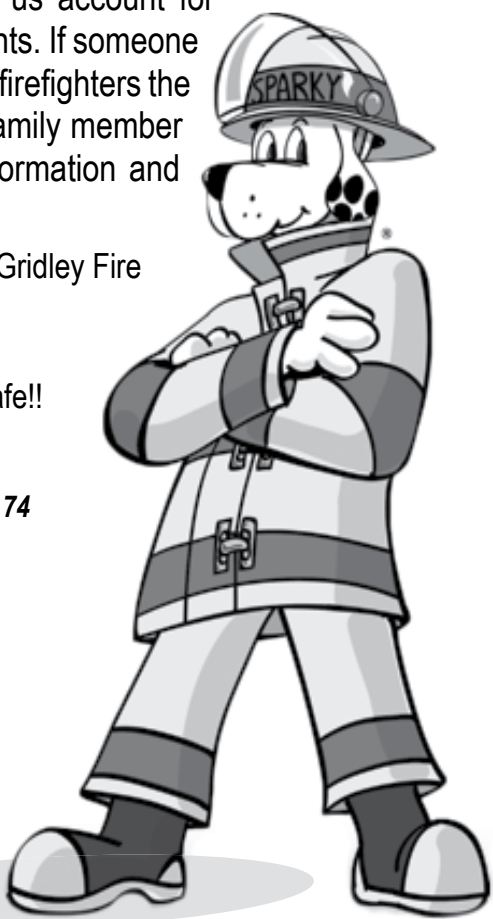
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Dear Dietitian

Plateau



Commentary
by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

I've been doing a very clean keto/Mediterranean diet for a year and have lost 105 lbs. I'm 11 pounds away from my goal and cannot seem to get there. I do intermittent fasting five days a week and cardio workouts 45-60 minutes a day. My carbs stay at 23 grams or less a day, 90 grams of protein, and I drink 65-80 oz of water. Any suggestions?

~ Rita

Dear Rita,

Wow! That's a fantastic weight loss! Congratulations! Just about everyone on a weight loss journey has experienced the frustration of a plateau. It's so hard to be patient, but you've come this far, so hang on a little longer. You will see results.

Although it sounds like you keep track of your food intake, write down everything you eat. You may find places where food is creeping in or times when you haven't made the best food choices. Also, take the time to calculate your caloric intake for at least three days. Aim for about 1400 calories a day. Of course, a caloric deficit is needed to produce weight

loss, but being too restrictive can also result in muscle loss.

While cardiovascular exercise is a vital part of weight loss, consider replacing some cardio with strength training. Lifting free weights offers the most muscle-building potential, but using weight machines is fine, too. Muscle burns more calories than fat, so when muscle mass increases, the body burns more calories, even at rest. Muscle weighs more than fat but takes up less space, so your clothes fit better. Building muscle won't produce instant results in overcoming a plateau, so try to be patient.

Get plenty of sleep. Experts recommend getting at least seven to eight hours of continuous sleep each night. One theory is that ghrelin levels rise with inadequate sleep. Ghrelin has been dubbed the "hunger hormone" because it stimulates appetite and promotes fat storage. Hence, higher ghrelin levels may hamper weight loss efforts.

Finally, weigh yourself less frequently. Try not to focus so much on the scale. Being healthy isn't dictated by a certain number. It's about feeling better, reducing the risks of weight-related diseases, and feeling good about your appearance. Be proud of yourself! Yours is already a success story!

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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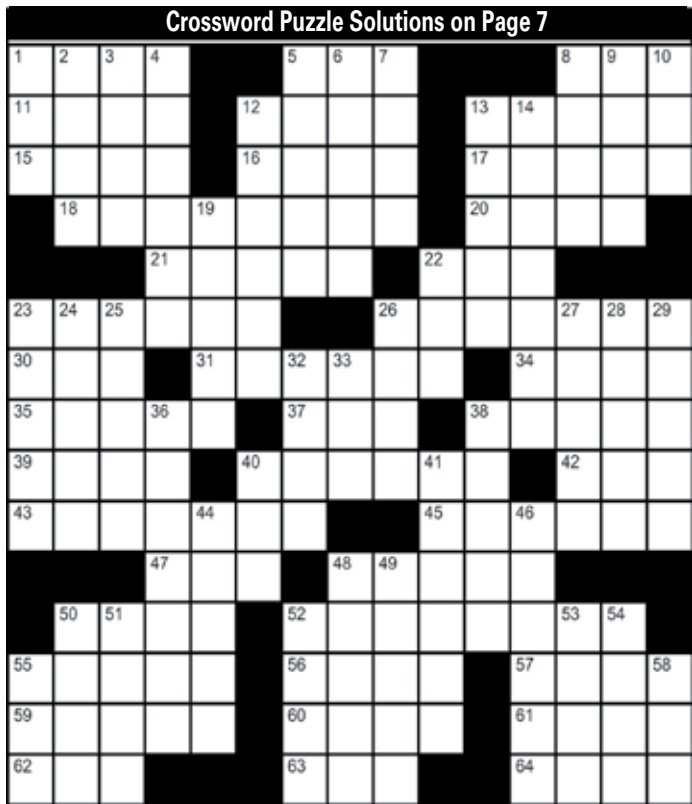
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 - Enormous ones
 - *Annual exam
 - Largest city of Norway
 - Like a romantic movie?
 - *Anatomical pouch
 - Work over with fists (2 words)
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 - Not cooked
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 - Wide open
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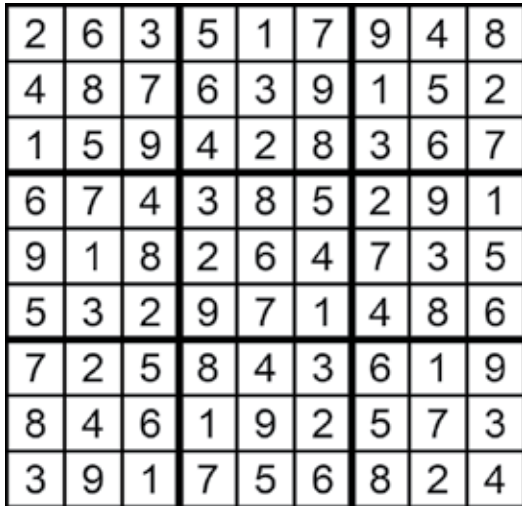
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000181

The following persons are doing business as: W C IRVINE FRUIT AND PRODUCE
370 Obrien Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
Ellena Waller, 949 Keith Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 4, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 6/1/2020
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000203

The following persons are doing business as: PASHA HANDCRAFT RUG
212 Main Street Chico, CA 95928
Hasan Safak, 1550 Springfield Drive Apt #76 Chico, CA 95928
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 10, 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. 2021-0000153

The following persons are doing business as: FOODMART
555 Oro Dam Boulevard Oroville, CA 95965
V Petroleum LLC, 6060 7st Street Sacramento, CA 95824
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 1, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 2/1/2021
 This Business is Conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000189

The following persons are doing business as: BIRDY LEARNING LLC
56 Hanover Lane Suite 100 Chico, CA 95973
Birdy Learning LLC, 56 Hanover Lane Suite 100 Chico, CA 95973
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 5, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/27/2021
 This Business is Conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000170

The following persons are doing business as: FOOTHILL MILL AND LUMBER COMPANY
6633 Pentz Road Paradise, CA 95969
Foothill Mill and Lumber Company Incorporated, 3575 Ayres Holmes Lane Auburn, CA 95602
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 3, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 11/1/1985
 This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000198

The following persons are doing business as: SHASTAN HOMES
1823 Wisteria Lane Chico, CA 95926
Valley View Builders, 1823 Wisteria Lane Chico, CA 95926
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 9, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/1/1977
 This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000276

The following persons are doing business as: VAN FARM
357 W Liberty Road Gridley, CA 95948
Van Sa Ho, 357 W Liberty Road Gridley, CA 95948
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 26, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 2/22/2021
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000212

The following persons are doing business as: VALADEZ BEE SERVICE
110 Turner Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
Perfecto Valadez Gonzalez, 164 Turner Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 12, 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. 2021-0000236

The following persons are doing business as: IRON SHARPENS IRON K9 CLINIC
1158 Wonder Lane Oroville, CA 95965
Ryan Walker Clark, and Dawn Michelle White, 1158 Wonder Lane Oroville, CA 95965
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 17, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is Conducted by: A Married Couple

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000225

The following persons are doing business as: BODY WORKS TOTAL RELAXATION MASSAGE
2300 Lincoln Street Oroville, CA 95966
Tracey Armster, 2279 A Street Oroville, CA 95966
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 16, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 2/16/2021
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000269

The following persons are doing business as: RC CASTLE CONSTRUCTION
1019 Normal Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Gary Charlesworth and Shawna Ralston, 1019 Normal Avenue Chico, CA 95928
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 24, 2021
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
 This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV00439

1. Petitioner Cynthia Faye Brandt filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name	Proposed name
Cynthia Faye Brant	Cynthia Faye Hill

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court 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 objection 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 April 21, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
 Publish: March 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 2021 (The Gridley Herald)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV00367

1. Petitioner Beverly Anne Lewis filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name	Proposed name
Beverly Anne Lewis	Beverly Anne Murray
Gabriel Zaine Lewis	Gabriel Zaine Murray
Clinton River Lewis	Clinton River Murray

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court 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 objection 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 April 7, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
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Senator Shannon Grove

**By Larry S. Virga,
Father River Tea Party Patriots**

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Feather River Tea Party Patriots announced state Senator Shannon Grove will be the Special Guest Speaker at their next meeting, Monday, March 15, 2021.

Senator Grove was elected to represent the 16th Senate District in November 2018, which includes portions of Kern, Tulare, and San Bernardino counties. In January 2019, she was elected Leader of the Senate Republican Caucus where she served in that capacity for two years. As the Republican Leader-Emeritus, Grove remains a committed representative working with legislators to advance policies that benefit the constituents, businesses, and communities within Senate District 16.

Prior to her election to the California State Senate, Shannon Grove was the first woman veteran elected to the California Legislature as she served the 34th Assembly District from 2010 to 2016. Due to term limits, she was not eligible to run for a fourth

term in 2016. In the Assembly, Grove was vice chair (i.e., ranking Republican member) of the Elections and Redistricting Committee, and also sat on the Agriculture, Insurance, and Budget Committees.

Shannon Grove was born and grew up in Kern County, California. She attended Nueva Continuation High School in Lamont, California, and graduated from Arvin High School in Arvin. After graduating from high school, Senator Grove served in the United States Army. While stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, she witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Following her service to our nation, she established a staffing company with her sister-in-law called Continental Labor and

Staffing Resources. Senator Grove currently serves as the CEO.

Senator Grove is an advocate for small business, school choice, the developmentally disabled, farmers, and families. She currently lives in Kern County with her husband, Rick. They are the proud parents of five children and eight grandchildren.

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

The meeting will be Monday, March 15, 2021, at Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City. Contact Larry or Carla at (530) 755-4409 for more information. ★

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T.S.No.: 2019-01443-C A A.P.N.:066-270-050-000 Property Address: 13661 FRITZ COURT, MAGALIA, CA 95954 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/14/2002. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Trustor: Wesley Kawagishi and Julie Camacho-Kawagishi, Husband and wife as Joint Tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 08/22/2002 as Instrument No. 2002-0043440 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Record-

er of Butte County, California, Date of Sale: 04/19/2021 at 03:30 PM Place of Sale: ON THE STEPS OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE NUMBER 1 COURT STREET, OROVILLE, CA 95965 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 61,787.23. THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 13661 FRITZ COURT, MAGALIA, CA 95954 A.P.N.: 066-270-050-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 61,787.23. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.altsource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2019-01443-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. TS#2019-01443-CA 3-26-21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHAEL A. SILAPAN AKA MICHAEL ALAN SILAPAN CASE No. 21PR00064

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Michael A. Silapan aka Michael Alan Silapan deceased

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Josephine L. Son, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Josephine L. Son be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows March 23, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 1. at Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc P.O. Drawer 111 Oroville, CA 95965 530-533-5661 Publish: February 26, March 5, and 12, 2021 SILAPAN 170622 3-12-21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JACQUELINE WARD-WILLIAMS CASE No. 21PR00083

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Jacqueline Ward-Williams aka Jacqueline Ward Williams deceased

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kenneth Marble, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Kenneth Marble be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important

actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows March 30, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 1. at Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc P.O. Drawer 111 Oroville, CA 95965 530-533-5661 Publish: March 5, 12, and 19, 2021 WILLIAMS 170622 3-19-21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICK FRANCIS GATZ CASE No. 21PR00079

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Patrick Francis Gatz, deceased

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Donna J. Gatz, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Donna J Gatz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows March 23, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD at Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is avail-

able from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the Petitioner is: Desiree J. Vance P.O. Box 1081 Oroville, CA 95965 530-965-5672 Publish: March 5, 12, and 19, 2021 GATZ 170622 3-19-21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA EARLINE DWELLO CASE No. 21PR00075

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Patricia Earline Dwello deceased

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kimberley Robin Henriksen, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Kimberley Robin Henriksen be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 06, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. at Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Kimberly Henriksen 150 Haskelle Street #38 Gridley, CA 95948 530-434-0370 Publish: March 5, 12, and 19, 2021 HENRIKSON 70622 3-19-21

Notice of Water Rate Increase

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Biggs-West Gridley Water District approved an increase in rates for agricultural water service at its noticed regular meeting on February 24, 2021. The rate increase totals 2.0%. The rate tables showing the actual amount of the new rates by class of water service are available by contacting the District office at (530) 846-3317, or by emailing bcedillo@bwgwater.com. Consistent with Proposition 218 and Resolution No. 2018-02, the rates will take effect 30 days from approval and will be imposed for the 2021 irrigation season.

The Gridley Herald 3-26-2021

Berry Creek Man Sentenced to 20+ Years for Sexual Acts on Minors



Andrew Thomas Hrenko

Butte County Press Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Following his jury trial in Butte County Superior Court, Andrew Thomas Hrenko, 42, of Berry Creek, was sentenced to 20 years and 6 months in state prison

for the several sex offenses he committed on young females in his care from 2017 to 2019. Judge Jesus Rodriguez imposed the maximum sentence under the law. The judge noted Hrenko took advantage of the people who trusted him and abused his position of trust and authority over the victims to sexual assault them. Judge Rodriguez also commented on how impressive children are and the ways Hrenko violated his role in the vulnerable victims’ lives, which impacted them greatly.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said a jury convicted Hrenko in February of Attempted Forcible Rape of a Minor, Forcible Rape

of a Minor, Lewd Acts on a Minor, and Annoying or Molesting a Child, for offenses he committed in Berry Creek against three different girls – ages six, eleven, and fourteen.

Hrenko had been previously acquitted by an Alameda County jury for lewd acts on a different victim in 2014. Ramsey said that victim bravely testified before the Butte County jury to convince the jury of Hrenko’s predatory nature.

Ramsey said under the current state of the law, Hrenko will not be eligible for release until he is 58 years old, at which time he may be evaluated as a sexually violent predator requiring indefinite commitment in a state hospital. ★

Chico Man Arrested for Kicking/Killing Dog

Butte County Superior Court

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A 23-year-old Chico man was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court this afternoon for kicking and killing the pet dog of a girlfriend last week.

Brandon Samdara Chin was charged with one count of felony CRUELTY TO AN ANIMAL. He was assigned a public defender and his case was continued to enter a plea.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the cruelty charge resulted from an

incident on February 23, 2021, when Chin’s girlfriend reported to have been seen him on her home’s doorbell camera carrying the limp body of one-year-old Ginger, a male Chihuahua-Maltese mix of 14.4 pounds. She reported that Chin was seen carrying Ginger to the back patio of their residence where he rinsed the dog and the patio with water. Blood was seen in the water. A witness summoned by the girlfriend reported running into Chin in his vehicle and seeing Ginger inside a dog crate.

The witness saw Ginger had severe head injuries and Chin admitted to her he had kicked Ginger in the face. Lifesaving efforts were given to Ginger by a veterinarian, however, due to his extensive injuries, it was determined the best course of action was to euthanize him.

Ramsey said Chin faces up to six years in state prison, which includes an enhancement for a previous strike conviction for Kidnapping in 2019. He is being held in Butte County Jail in lieu of \$115,000 bail. ★

Sheriff’s Office Investigating in Custody Death



Michael Borgman

Butte County Sheriff’s Office Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On the evening of March 6, Michael Borgman, age 23, of Chico was arrested by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for misdemeanor DUI charges. On the evening of March 6, Sherman Silva, age 43, of Oroville was arrested by the Chico Police Department (CPD) for a felony arrest warrant. CHP and CPD subsequently booked Borgman and Silva at the Butte County Jail. Borgman was under the influence of alcohol

and Silva was under the influence of drugs. Based on the aforementioned they were both housed in a sobering cell located within the Butte County Jail booking area.

While housed in the cell, correctional deputies and jail medical staff conducted frequent checks on Borgman and Silva. During the early morning hours on March 7, correctional deputies conducted a check on Borgman and Silva. Approximately two minutes after conducting the check, correctional deputies were summoned by an inmate about a possible altercation inside the cell housing Borgman and Silva. Correctional deputies immediately responded and observed Silva and Borgman involved in an altercation. Correctional deputies immediately separated Borgman and Silva. Correctional deputies and jail medical staff noted Silva was not responsive, and they immediately began providing Silva

with emergency medical treatment. Paramedics responded and provided additional emergency medical treatment. Despite the life-saving measures that were administered, jail medical staff and paramedics were not able to revive Silva.

Butte County District Attorney’s Office Investigators and Butte County Sheriff’s Office detectives responded to the jail and began conducting an investigation. During the investigation personnel located evidence indicating Borgman and Silva were involved in a brief altercation and Silva expired during the altercation. Based on the evidence obtained during the initial investigation, Borgman was placed under arrest for a felony count of murder. This is an ongoing investigation. Butte County District Attorney’s Office Investigators and Sheriff’s Office detectives are actively investigating this incident. ★

Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report February 26th - March 5th

2-26-21: At 2:50 am on the 1600 block of SR-99, Gridley CA, Russel Laverne Blair, 61, was cited for driving with a suspended license due to DUI (14601.2 (a) VC), arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

2-27-21: At 10:49 on the 1400 block of SR-99, Gridley CA, Paul Edwardo Menchaca, 40, was arrested on three local misdemeanor bench warrants and was booked into Butte County Jail.

2-27-21: At 10:49 on the 1400 block of SR-99, Gridley CA, Rebecca Gwyn Davenport, 47, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

2-28-21: At 12:34 pm on the 100 block of Reed Drive, Mark Edward Dew, 64, was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

3-1-21: At 11:29 am on the 1500 block of SR-99, Gridley CA, Krystal Lynn Birge, 23, was arrested for providing false identification to law enforcement (148.9 (a) PC), possession of burglary tools (466 PC), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S), an outside agency felony warrant, an outside agency misdemeanor warrant, and was booked into Butte County Jail.

3-1-21: At 11:29 am on the 1500 block of SR-99, Gridley CA, Aaron Victor Barnes, 34, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sale (11375 (b) H&S), possession of a controlled substance- misdemeanor (1377 (a) H&S), possession of a narcotic controlled substance – misdemeanor (11350 (a) H&S), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

3-2-21: At 4:12 pm on W. Liberty Rd and Independence Place, Gridley CA, Lucas James Crosby, 36, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S), driving without a license (12500 (a) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

3-3-21: At 4:54 pm on the 100 block of Virginia St., Gridley CA, Jennifer Ryann Melton, 38, was arrested on two local misdemeanor bench warrants, one felony local bench warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

3-3-21: At 4:54 pm on the 100 block of Virginia St., Gridley CA, Casey Benjamin Dowler, 39, was arrested for violation of a protective order (273.6 pc) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

3-5-21: At 7:20 am on E. Gridley Rd and Gilstrap Ave., Gridley CA, Andrew Joseph Pfister McCracken, 26, was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant, a local misdemeanor bench warrant, a local felony bench warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

CAL FIRE Officers Arrest Multiple Suspects for Arson

CAL FIRE Butte County

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In the early hours on January 11th, 2020, an occupied residence in Oroville, CA was set on fire in an intentional act of arson. During the same time frame, approximately 9 miles away in Gridley, CA, a vehicle was set on fire in another intentional act of arson.

Over the course of a year-long investigation CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers learned that Ember Lee Bert, Levy Dylan Williams, and Andrew Joseph Tune were allegedly responsible for the planning and commission of the crimes.

Arrest warrants were issued out of Butte County for Bert, Williams, and Tune for one count of Penal Code 451(b) arson to an inhabited structure and one count of 451(d) arson to property. Over the course of the last week all three have been taken into custody by CAL FIRE law enforcement officers. Tune and Williams have been booked into Butte County Jail and are being held on \$300,000.00 bail. Bert has been released pending future charges.

Anyone with information regarding either one of these incidents is encourages to contact CAL FIRE law enforcement at (530) 538-7888. ★

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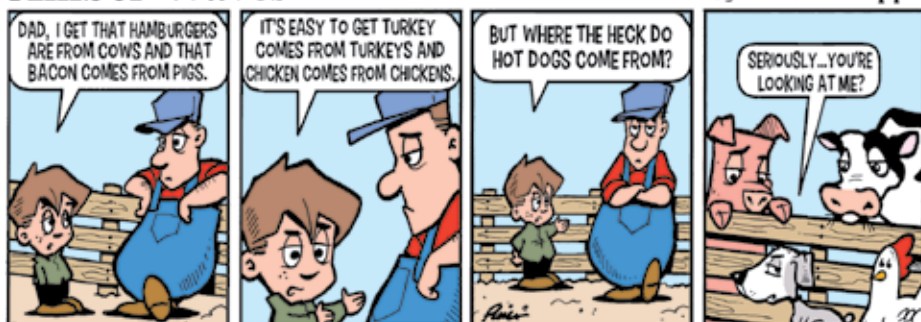
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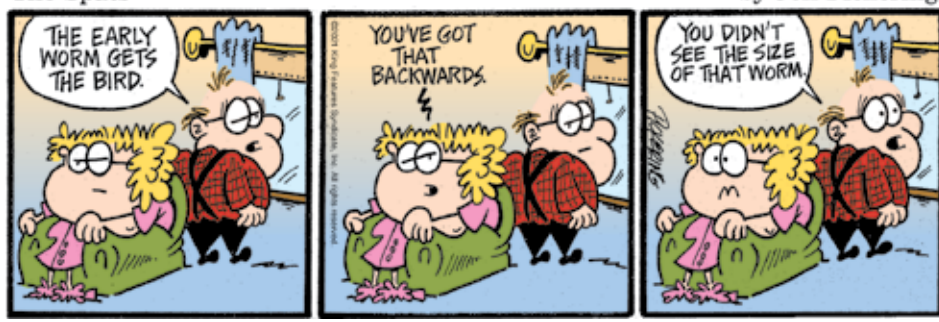
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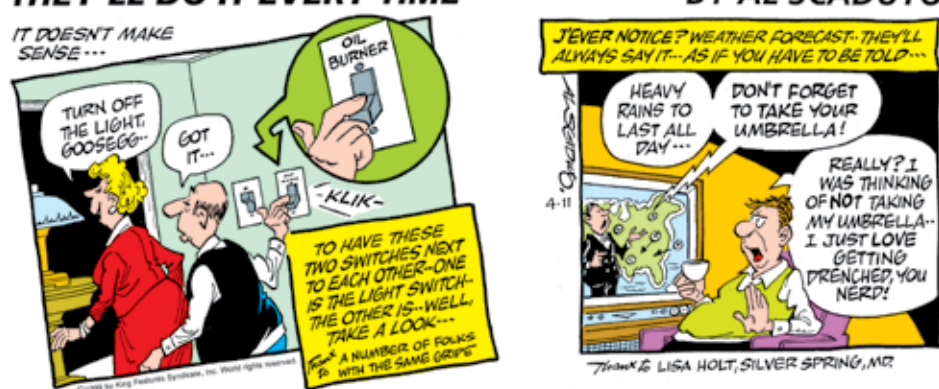
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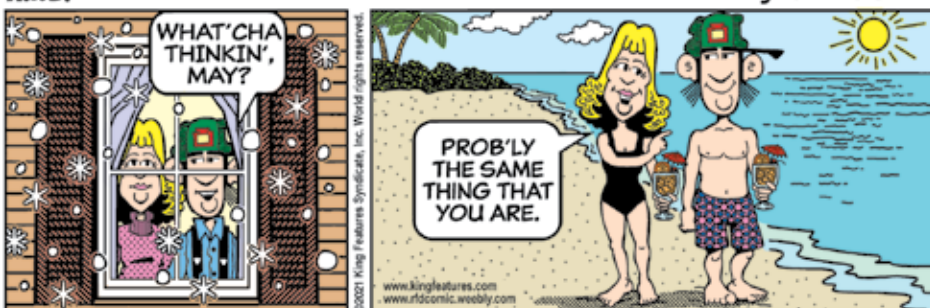
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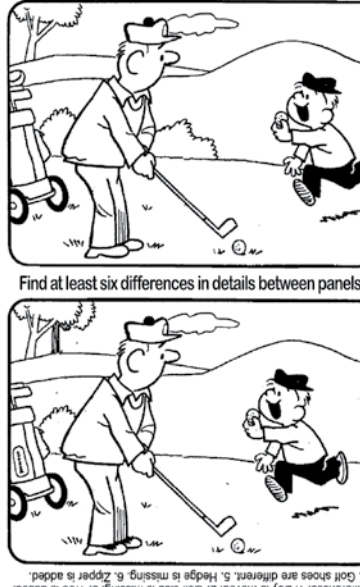
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