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Gridley Gets Glowing



Chamber volunteers spent their weekend spreading holiday cheer by decorating the downtown corridor. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Downtown Gridley got some special treatment this weekend in the form of holiday glitz and glamour.

With the official Christmas Tree lighting, the Winter Wonderland Festival and Parade of Lights cancelled by COVID-19 this year, the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce knew the community was in desperate need of holiday cheer. Armed with boxes of decorations, over half-a-dozen Christmas trees, an army of snowmen, a crew of over 7 Chamber volunteers took to the downtown corridor on Saturday and Sunday to deck the halls, or at least Hazel street. Chamber President Lynne Spencer said, "I feel this year is more important than ever... We need to show our Christmas spirit. Thanks... we put so much effort into decorating downtown."

A trip downtown will now show snowmen and lit trees standing guard over the four corners of Hazel and Kentucky and decorative ornaments hanging overhead from the awnings of the Historic Hazel Hotel and along the sidewalks. Spencer says that, "We want families to be able to walk or drive downtown and enjoy the beautiful lights. Just last night as I was putting up more lights, a photographer showed up taking pictures of a young couple in front of our many Christmas trees and my heart smiles - this is why we do what we do."

Downtown businesses have gotten into the spirit and have put up their glittering and blinking holiday displays, no doubt vying for a chance at winning the Chamber's decorating contest for Businesses. In a recent announcement, the Chamber has made the decision to extend the Holiday Light & Decoration

Contest to the whole community and not just Hazel Street businesses and residents. The Chamber hopes the entire town of Gridley will be ablaze with lights this holiday season and is enticing those who need extra motivation to participate with cash prizes. The contest deadline is December 12th and first place for Hazel Street residential best use of lights/decorations \$200, 2nd place takes home \$100 and first place for best Hazel street business display is dinner for two from Gridley Grill and Crab Shack. Best Lights in Town, residential winner (open to houses throughout the Gridley) will also have a shot at a \$200 prize.

Winners will be announced by the Chamber of Commerce after the December 12th deadline on the Chamber's Facebook page and in print and online versions of the Gridley Herald. Help Gridley shine this year and get your lights up early! ★

Recognition of our Vietnam Era Veterans

By Alma Roots

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Feather River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (Oroville) are proud partners with the 50th Anniversary United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

The intent of this Commemoration is to offer the thanks of our nation to as many as possible of the 7 million living Vietnam veterans and the 9 million families of those who served from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

Across the country, thousands of local, state and federal organizations, along with non-profit organizations just like ours have become Commemorative Partners. Since this Commemoration began, more than 1.4 million have been welcomed home in ceremonies.

In November 2019, with assistance from Owen Stiles, Commander of American Legion Post #210 in Gridley, plans were formulated to honor our Butte County Vietnam War veterans. Invitation letters were distributed by Commanders of the American Legion and VFW Posts throughout the county. The date of March 29, 2020 (Vietnam Veterans Day) was set and the Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall was secured for the presentation. There were to be 61 veterans in attendance along with 41 family members.

After months of preparation, our event had to be canceled due to COVID-19. With the virus continuing to surge, it was decided that the pins would be mailed to the veterans. Below are the names of those who would have received a pin if our presentation had gone forward. This will be the only public recognition they receive.

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Make the Pledge

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A local family whose roots run deep in the communities of Biggs, Live Oak and Gridley has taken it on themselves to rally their neighbors' help to support small businesses, especially restaurants.

April Walton started "Make the Pledge Biggs, Gridley and Live Oak" Facebook page as the second round of heavy COVID restrictions came down on already hard-hit restaurants. April says that she was inspired to take action by witnessing a friend's struggle to keep their small business afloat after COVID became the cherry on-top of a few tough years. She questions, now that they "are just starting to get their feet underneath them again" being hit with this "latest hurdle" imposed by the Governor and the Blueprint For a Safer Economy's operational



Gridley business Big Valley Ag Services made the pledge to support our local restaurants. The crew enjoyed lunches from Big Momma's BBQ! Photo provided by Jed Walton

restrictions, "how many more situations can these small businesses survive?"

The answer is, sadly, not many. That's why April enlisted the help of husband Jed Walton and together they are urging businesses and residents of the communities of Biggs, Gridley and Live Oak to pledge to

purchase 1 meal a week from a local small business each week. The "Make the Pledge: Biggs, Gridley and Live Oak" was designed to be a fun way to show businesses community support and April urges those who make the pledge to share photos of them and their families enjoying their

meals on the page, a newly discovered favorite on the menu, etc. The Waltons visited small restaurants in our area explaining what their goal was and asking them to post mini-business bios, COVID adaptations like delivery or curbside pick-up options, mini-menus

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Missing Gridley Boy Safely Located



A missing 3 year-old boy was safely located near the Feather River following an almost hour-long search. Photo by Butte County Sheriff's Office

BCSO Press Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On November 25, 2020, shortly before 2:30 p.m., a missing 3 year-old boy was safely located near the Feather River following an almost hour-long search in the area of Hutchins Drive and East Gridley Road in Gridley. At approximately 1:50 p.m., the BCSO Dispatch Center received a 911 call from the juvenile's family reporting that their son had wandered off from their location and hadn't been seen for around 20 minutes. They described him as adventurous with no fear, and believed he may have wandered down to the water. Family members were actively searching

the area on ATVs with no sightings. Due to the time sensitive nature of the call, all available BCSO units were requested to respond, including the Designated Area Deputy (DAD) team, North and South County Patrol, Marine Unit, Detectives, Alternative Custody Supervisors, Aviation Unit (BCSO Helicopter H2), and Search and Rescue Team, as well as the Gridley Police Department. The BCSO DAD team was first on scene. Deputy Sandquist was able to track the juvenile's footprints from the location he was last seen down to the river, where the child was spotted by his cousin, 19 year-old Lacie Chandler. Deputy

Sandquist made his way across to the bank where the juvenile was standing through knee deep water, and successfully carried him safely to shore. He was reunited with his family, and though he was wet up to his shoulders, he did not suffer any injuries. BCSO is grateful for the positive outcome of this search. We would like to remind citizens to stay together with their group, and always exercise extreme caution around waterways. During this time of year, water is flowing very quickly, and temperatures can be frigid. On this Thanksgiving, we want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday with their families. ★

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Barry Warnock, Leslie Webb, Larry Willis, Ron Wolfe and Douglas Wright.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.
Alma Roots
Commemorative Chair
Feather River Chapter NSDAR

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Sandra Grace Mulliner

February 28, 1950 to November 20, 2020



Sandra Grace Mulliner was born February 28, 1950, and passed away on Friday, November 20, 2020 in Gridley, CA.


She is survived by her son, Mark Mulliner; daughter, Shelby Mulliner Imus; four grandchildren, Evan Mulliner, Avree Fontenot, Aysa Mulliner, Adisyn Mulliner; great-granddaughter, Savannah Mulliner; two sisters, Pamela Morrison, Amber Wilson Sevison; brother, James Wilson, and niece and nephews.

A graveside service will be held in the gazebo at Gridley Biggs Cemetery at 2pm on December 4, 2020. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Stephen Arthur "Steve" Moffitt

September 7,1945 to November 17, 2020



Stephen Arthur "Steve" Moffitt was born September 7,1945, in Modesto, CA and passed away November 17, 2020 in Gridley, CA, of natural causes.

In 1948, at age 3, Steve moved with his parents, Dorothy & Warren Moffitt, to Biggs, where they began farming with his grandparents Art and Thelma Bryan, and uncle James Bryan. The family raised beans and alfalfa before establishing walnut orchards. Steve attended Rio Bonito Elementary School in East Biggs, and graduated from Biggs High School in 1963, where he was student body president. He went on to Chico State University where he graduated with a degree in Agriculture. After college, Steve worked as a field representative for the Holly Sugar Corporation in Tracy, CA and was transferred to Sidney, Montana, where he met his wife of 51 years, Teresa Suckstorff.

Steve and Teresa were married in November of 1969 and settled in Fairview, Montana while raising their four children. Steve began farming on his own and raised sugar beets and cattle. He was active in local Jaycees and investment clubs. In 1982, Steve & Teresa moved their family to California, where he built their home in East Biggs and farmed walnuts with his

father Warren, brother Clint and more recently, with his son Derek. While farming was his true calling in life, Steve was always actively involved in the Biggs Community. He served on the Biggs Unified School District Board of Trustees, was an active supporter of the Biggs Booster Club, and active 4-H club volunteer. Steve was an incredible husband and father. He loved his family, country music, classic cars, his dogs, traveling, hunting, watching Oakland A's baseball and striking up conversations with everyone along the way.

Steve is survived by his wife of 51 years, Teresa; their four children; Todd (Katie) Moffitt, Hillary Moffitt, Derek (Sandi) Moffitt, and Leslie (Oskar) Eichler. Just this year Steve & Teresa celebrated the marriage of their oldest grandson, Cody to his wife Alli. Steve absolutely loved his eight grandchildren, Cody (Alli) and Ryan Moffitt, Halle Moffitt, Case and Paige Moffitt, Mateo, Elena & Adrian Eichler. Steve is also survived by his brother, Clint (Gail) Moffitt of Biggs & his son Blain (Jenna).

The family suggests contributions be made to the Butte County 4-H Youth Development Program or the California FFA Foundation. Arrangements are under the direction of Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

COVID Outbreak at Orchard Hospital

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Orchard Hospital is currently responding to an outbreak of COVID-19 cases in both staff and patients. On November 25th, 2020, regular weekly testing of staff began showing higher than normal positivity rates. The number of positive results warranted the testing of all patients admitted in Orchard Hospital as well as its skilled nursing facility, also known as Hovlid Community Care Center (HCCC). In total, 16 staff, including some agency staffing, and 32 patients, tested positive for COVID-19.

“Just like every hospital in the country right now, we are caring for COVID-19 patients within our hospital. We were successful for many months of maintaining an almost zero infection rate, but despite our best efforts, COVID-19 has found its way into our hospital,” Steve Stark, Orchard Hospital’s CEO, says.

Orchard Hospital is a 24-bed general acute critical access hospital with

an 82-bed distinct part skilled nursing facility. Orchard Hospital provides emergency, inpatient, and outpatient services to many communities in and around Butte County.

“We are praying for quick recoveries for our staff and patients,” Stark concludes.

About Orchard Hospital For over seventy years and with the highest standards of excellence and integrity, Orchard Hospital has been serving the Biggs, Gridley, and Richvale areas of Butte County, and Live Oak in Sutter County, to provide closer-to-home health care for the region. The hospital currently has 24 General Acute Care beds. It operates two Medical Specialty Centers; one in Gridley and one in Oroville, as well as the 82-bed Hovlid Community Care Center (Skilled Nursing Facility). Orchard Hospital’s Mission is Improving the Health and Well-Being of Our Community in an environment of compassion, humanity, and care for the communities that are served. ★

New Name and Location, Same Great Services!



Cindy Stowe invites you to check out her new location loaded with unique gifts for your shopping pleasure. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - New to downtown Gridley, Cindy’s & Co. held their grand opening Black Friday, November 29th. Formerly Cindy’s Country & More, the boutique owned by Cindy Stowe has moved twice in the last year but has found a permanent spot and new name at 860 Hazel Street.

Stowe’s boutique is open and ready for business, featuring blouses and sweaters, western style leather purses, jewelry, jeans and more. While the store has been centered around country western styles in the

past, there truly is something for everyone. “I like color” says Stowe, and her pieces reflect that in boho styles, embroidery and animal prints in regular and plus sizes.

Cindy’s & Co. combines Stowe’s colorful boutique with the beauty and wellness power of the salon and its specialists: Stylist - Jill Speer, Massage Therapist - Sarah Kelly, Aesthetician -Emily Evans and Manicurist -Jenelle Pinoin.

Drop in and check out Stowe’s newest pieces in stock and pick up a gift certificate for pampering that special someone this Holiday shopping season. ★

Gridley Titans Cancel Season

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Three weeks after the official start of Titans football and cheer, the Gridley Titans Youth Football and Cheer Board of Directors announced the cancellation of the 2020 season.

“It is with the heaviest of hearts that we have decided to cancel our 2020 season. We have hoped and tried to move forward to have a season in this unprecedented

time. Unfortunately, with Butte County being put back on the purple tier we know the aspect of a season is not feasible,” the public announcement reads, “Above all the athletes’ health is our number one concern. With the winter here, we will be battling with colds, the flu and Covid-19.”

The club decided to cancel the season instead of pushing it back so that it did not risk reaching a point where refunds to families would not be possible. Refunds will be issued for “any fees you paid minus the costs we put out” by December 15th. The fees can also be applied to the 2021 season, along with fundraising and sponsorship credits. Cash refunds cannot be issued for sponsorships/fundraising.

For more information, please email GridleyTitans@yahoo.com or visit the Gridley Titans Facebook page. ★

Gridley Tree Lighting is Cancelled

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)- The traditional tree lighting of the giant cedar outside Orchard Hospital has been cancelled due to the State’s current battle with rising COVID19 cases.

Orchard staff who typically help arrange the tree-lighting ceremonies in coordination with local community groups such as the Lions International Club, Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Hospital Board and more toyed with the idea of having a virtual ceremony this year. Instead, the entire event has been cancelled.

But do not despair, the brightly colored lights will still shine above our community. Gridley’s Station 74 Firefighters in cooperation with Gridley City Electric Department has been hanging lights throughout the downtown corridor and on the town tree in preparation for the holiday season. Downtown Gridley will still shine brightly through the holidays and the community can expect to see the grand tree in front of Orchard burst into light beginning on Thursday, December 3rd. ★



Traditional tree lighting of the giant cedar outside Orchard Hospital has been cancelled due to the rising COVID19 cases. Image by Gerd Altmann from Pixabay

Make the Pledge

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and specials on the “Pledge” Facebook page so that the community is aware of all available services. April is planning incentives for pledgers, such as weekly raffles for gift certificates to local restaurants.

When you take a close look, many small businesses in our community give back in a big way. Big Momma’s BBQ has donated food to disaster survivors or those that have fallen on hard times. Esteban’s Tacos, Burgers and Brews in Live Oak has donated gift cards to students that have worked hard to achieve good grades and have opened their doors and offered free food to families evacuated by flood and fire. Casa Lupe in Gridley is constantly supporting the

community, helping behind the scenes providing food goods for fundraisers and much more. Pizza Factory in Live Oak provides free pizza to High School and community/church groups.

These businesses give back so much but do it without asking for acknowledgment or praise. Run by families in our communities, these restaurants become part of our community family. April says, “it felt like it was an opportunity to have a community comeback and show some love for the people that love on us really well” the small businesses that support our community.

To make the pledge, or if you are a small business interested in participating, visit “Make the Pledge Biggs, Gridley, Live Oak” Facebook page. ★

Area Evacuated after Propane Truck Crashes

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On the morning of November 30th, sirens wailed through Gridley as emergency personnel responded to an accident involving a propane tanker truck.

The tanker truck carrying 2,000 gallons of propane was in flames and actively leaking propane when CAL FIRE crews arrived on scene shortly after 10:00 am. The truck crashed west of Pennington Rd on Colusa Highway near Hatch Rd. The fire spread from the truck to a nearby rice field while firefighters worked to prevent the breach of the tank and evacuated residents in a mile-radius. To complicate


things, reports say that along with the blaze, several power lines were down, creating a level 3 hazard for emergency responders.

Resources from CAL FIRE, Gridley Fire Department, Gridley Police Department, Chico Fire Department, Butte County Sheriff’s Office, California Highway Patrol and more responded to the scene. The blaze was contained and what could have been a large explosion prevented. The driver of the truck escaped the burning truck and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

CAL FIRE expects to be on scene for hours for containment and HAZMAT crews will follow to verify the area is safe to re-enter. ★

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Leonard Earl Morgan
September 9, 1935 to November 27, 2020





Private services will be held for Leonard Earl Morgan, 85 of Biggs. Leonard passed away on Friday, November 27, 2020 at his residence. He was born on September 9, 1935 in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, one of 10 children born to Alfred and Oleta Morgan.

As a young boy, the family moved to Live Oak, CA, where he graduated from Live Oak High School. He served in the Army National Guard, and worked as a plumber for Frank M. Booth Inc. in Marysville, until his retirement in June 1992. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, hunting at the cabin in Callahan, fishing and gardening. He was known for his ability to fix anything and everything. He was a member of the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Union.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 6 siblings, and one son, Lonnie Morgan.

Leonard is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Gerri Morgan of Biggs; 3 daughters, Dannie (Eddie) Davis of Live Oak, Jacki (Leif) Fields, and Kelly (Jake) Stowe all of Gridley; 2 sons, Leonard Jr. (Shana) Morgan of Richvale, and Lance (Ruth) Morgan of Gridley; 2 grandsons, Jordan Stowe, and Aaron Morgan; 6 granddaughters, Jayme Oakley, Morgan Brock, Andrea Morgan, Emily Morgan, Alyssa Morgan, and Lilly Morgan; 4 great-grandchildren, Hudson Oakley, Kamryn Oakley, Hayden Brock, and Orren Brock; his 2 brothers Gene Morgan, and Alec Morgan and his sister Molly Ponders.

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Recent Yuba City Homicide

By Sam Escherman,
Yuba City Police Dept

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - On 11-25-2020 at approximately 10:20 pm, Yuba City Police Officers responded to the 700 block of Orange Street for a report of a fight involving several people in the street and one subject with a knife. When Officer's arrived, they located one victim in the street with suspected stab wounds. Medical attention was immediately provided; however, the individual was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim is a 26-year-old male from Yuba City. His identity is not being released pending notification of next of kin. The Sutter County Corner will release this information

when this is completed.

During the initial investigation, a second victim who was also suspected of being stabbed was transported to Adventist/Rideout Hospital by some unknown subjects. This victim is a 24 year old male from Yuba City who received non-life threatening injuries. This victim's identity is being withheld due to the sensitive nature of the investigation and his safety.

The Yuba City Police Investigation Unit responded to the scene and took over the investigation. It was determined there was a fight between several people, and a single suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed the two victim's. The suspect was identified as Anthony Teglia, a 27-year-old male

from Sparks, Nevada. Mr. Teglia fled the scene prior to officer's arriving. Detectives, with the assistance of the Sacramento Police Department were able to locate Mr. Teglia, on 11/26/2020 at approximately 3:00am in the Sacramento area. Mr. Teglia was arrested and transported to the Sutter County Jail where he was booked for murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

This is considered an isolated incident between individuals who were considered acquaintances. This investigation is ongoing and anyone who might have witnessed this incident is strong urged to contact the Yuba City Police Investigation Unit at 530-822-4660. ★

Two Arrested for Infant Endangerment

Sutter County Sheriff's Office
Press Release

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On November 21, 2020 at approximately 9:16 am, the Sutter County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to Lovey's Landing in Meridian regarding an infant inside a running vehicle alone. Deputies responded and located an infant child alone inside a vehicle, while the vehicle was still running and the heater was running. The child was sweating and crying, but appeared to be unharmed. Deputies located the mother of the child, who

was identified as 34 year old Amanda Nicole Lookingbill. Also located, was 29 year old Nicolaus Wentworth Voter. Lookingbill and Voter were sleeping inside a trailer near where the infant was located. Lookingbill and Voter were both arrested on charges of child endangerment. Voter is on parole and was booked into the Sutter County Jail with a \$50,000 bail and a court date of 11/24/2020. Due to medical issues, Lookingbill was cited and released with a future court date. Child Protective Services was called out and took possession of the infant. ★

Oroville Resident Arrested for Continuous Sexual Abuse Of A Child

By Butte County
Sheriff's Office

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - In September of 2020, Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) detectives were contacted by a victim who reported he had been molested by his babysitter several years ago. Detectives conducted an investigation and identified the babysitter as Lance Rogers, age 34, of Oroville. Rogers is

required to register with law enforcement pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act.

During the investigation detectives interviewed multiple witnesses. Based on evidence located during the investigation, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Rogers. On November 17, detectives contacted Rogers and placed him under arrest for a felony count of continuous sexual abuse of a

child, and a felony count of oral copulation of a minor under the age of 14.

Rogers was booked into the Butte County Jail on the afternoon of November 17. Rogers is scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on Friday, November 20, at 3 PM. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact Detective Mary Barker at 530-538-7671. ★

Appointment of Judge Caraway

By Amber Bravo,
Superior Court of California,
County of Butte

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On November 13, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of Corie J. Caraway as Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Barbara L. Roberts. Hon. Corie J. Caraway was sworn in as a Superior Court Judge on Friday, November 20, 2020.

Judge Caraway earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Western State University College of Law, Fullerton and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from California State University, Chico.

She began her legal career as a Law Clerk for Bollington, Roberts, Hunkins & McDonald in Long Beach and then at the Law Office of Jeffery Boykin in Santa Monica, California. Shortly thereafter, she became an attorney in private practice at

Schumann, Rallo & Rosenberg, LLP in Costa Mesa, California.

Judge Caraway returned home and served as a Deputy District Attorney for Butte County from 2004 to 2012, before opening her own practice; the Caraway Law Firm in Chico, California. Ms. Caraway also served as a public defender for Butte County from 2013 to 2018.

On November 5, 2018, she began her career at the Court after taking the oath of office as Court Commissioner. Her assignments over the last two years include presiding over all Butte County Department of Child Support Services matters; Penal Code § 270 and §166.4 matters related to child support; small claims matters; and criminal misdemeanors, traffic, family law, unlawful detainer, civil harassment and other matters as assigned.

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Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

November 23rd - November 29th

11-23-20: At 11:54 am on the 1200 block of Bridgeford Ave, Gridley CA, Michael A Libby, 52, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

11-25-20: At the Bungalow Bar, Gridley CA, Andrew Joseph Pfister McCracken, 25, was arrested for violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC), obstruction of a police officer/resisting arrest (148 (a)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

11-26-20: At 3:01 am on the 200 block of Spruce St., Gridley CA, Rachelle Renee Powell, 36, was cited on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant.

11-26-20: At 4:55 pm on the 1400 block of SR-99, Gridley CA, Anne Brouillard, 70, was arrested for obstruction of a police officer/resisting arrest (148 (a)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

11-29-20: At 10:12 am on SR-99 and Sheldon Ave., Gridley CA, Dan Charles Messick, 58, was cited on a local misdemeanor bench warrant.

11-29-20: At 2:27 pm on the 200 block of Nevada St., Gridley CA, Richard Paul Ruggirello, 65, was cited on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant.

11-29-20: At 2:35 pm on the 200 block of Nevada St., Gridley CA, Joan Louise Ruggirello, 64, was arrested for battery (243 (e)(1) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

get more info at www.crimegraphics.com

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

New Bladder Control Pill Sales May Surpass Adult Diapers By 2021

Drug-free discovery works, say doctors. Many adults ditching diapers and pads for clinical strength pill that triggers day and night bladder support. Guaranteed results or DOUBLE your money back.

Over 150,000 doses have shipped to bladder sufferers so far, and sales continue to climb every day for the ‘diaper replacing’ new pill called BladderMax.

“We knew we had a great product, but it’s even exceeded our expectations,” said Keith Graham, Manager of Call Center Operations for BladderMax.

“People just keep placing orders, it’s pretty amazing,” he said.

But a closer look at this new bladder control sensation suggests that maybe the company shouldn’t have been caught off guard by its success.

There are very good reasons for BladderMax’s surging popularity.

To begin with, clinical studies show BladderMax not only reduces embarrassing bladder leakages quickly, but also works to strengthen and calm the bladder for lasting relief.

Plus, at just \$2 per daily dose, it’s very affordable.

This may be another reason why American diaper companies are starting to panic over its’ release.

“With daily use, BladderMax offers day and night bladder control relief without side effects,” says Diane Lewis, Chief Researcher for BladderMax.

“And seniors in clinical studies reported a higher quality of life in just days as a result of needing less diapers. That’s why so many doctors nationwide are now recommending it to patients,” added Lewis.

WHAT SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED

BladderMax contains a proprietary compound with a known ability to reduce stress, urgency, and overflow leakages in seniors suffering from overactive bladder.

This compound is not a drug. It is the active ingredient in BladderMax.

Studies show it naturally strengthens the bladder’s muscle tone while relaxing the urination muscles resulting in a decrease in sudden urgency.

Many sufferers enjoy a reduction in bathroom trips both day and night. Others are able to get back to doing the things they love without worrying about embarrassing leakages.

“I couldn’t sit through a movie without having to go to the bathroom 3-4 times,” says Theresa Johnson of Duluth, GA. “but since using BladderMax I can not only sit through a movie, but I can drive on the freeway to another city without having to immediately go to the bathroom.”

With so much positive feedback, it’s easy to see why sales for this newly approved bladder pill continue to climb every day.

SLASHES EMBARRASSING LEAKAGES BY 79%

The 6 week clinical study was carried out by scientists in Japan. The results were published in the *Journal of Medicine and Pharmaceutical Science* in 2001.



As new pill gains popularity, products like these will become unnecessary.

The study involved seniors who suffered from frequent and embarrassing bladder leakages. They were not instructed to change their daily routines. They were only told to take BladderMax’s active ingredient every day.

The results were incredible.

Taking BladderMax’s active ingredient significantly reduced both sudden urges to go and embarrassing urine leakages compared to the placebo.

In fact, many experienced a 79% reduction in embarrassing accidents when coughing, sneezing, laughing or physical activity at 6 weeks.

They also enjoyed a 39% decrease in daytime trips to the bathroom, and a 68% decrease in nighttime trips.

With these studies medical doctors and researchers have now proven BladderMax to be a clinically effective treatment for reducing embarrassing bladder leakages and incontinence.

The findings are impressive, no doubt, but results will vary.

But with results like these it’s easy to see why thousands of callers are jamming the phone lines trying to get their hands on BladderMax.

HOW IT WORKS IS INCREDIBLE

Studies show that as many as one in six adults over age 40 suffers from an overactive bladder and embarrassing leakages.

“Losing control of when and how we go to the bathroom is just an indication of a weakening of the pelvic muscles caused by age-related hormonal changes,” says Lewis.

“It happens in both men and women, and it is actually quite common.”

The natural compound found in BladderMax contains the necessary ingredients needed to help strengthen bladder muscles to relieve urgency, while reducing frequency.

Plus, it helps relax bladder muscles allowing for complete emptying of the bladder.

This proprietary compound is known as ‘FLA940’.

And with over 17 years of medical use there have been no adverse side effects reported.

This is a bonus for incontinence sufferers who have

been taking prescription and over the counter medications that can cause dry mouth and constipation.

This seems to be another reason why BladderMax’s release has triggered such a frenzy of sales.

RECOMMENDED BY U.S. MEDICAL DOCTORS

“Many of my patients used to complain that coughing, sneezing or even getting up quickly from a chair results in wetting themselves and they fear becoming a social outcast,” reports Dr. Clifford James M.D. “But BladderMax changes all that.”

“BladderMax effectively treats urinary disorders, specifically overactive bladder,” said Dr. Christie Wilkins, board certified doctor of natural medicine.

“I use BladderMax every day for my overactive bladder. I also have my sister and mother taking it regularly as well,” said Dr. Jennifer Freeman, G.P. from NY.

DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

Users of BladderMax report incredible results. That’s why it comes with an equally incredible guarantee.

“There’s only one reason why we can offer such a guarantee,” said Kyle Harris, Founder of BladderMax. “It works for those who use it. It’s as simple as that,” he added.

Here’s how it works: Take the pill exactly as directed. Then follow the simple instructions. You must be thrilled and amazed as your bladder control greatly improves.

Otherwise, return the product as directed and you’ll receive double your money back!

GRIDLEY HERALD READERS GET SPECIAL DISCOUNT SUPPLY

This is the official release of BladderMax in California. And so, the company is offering a special discount supply to any person who calls within the next 48 hours.

A Regional Order Hotline has been set up for local readers to call. This gives everyone an equal chance to try BladderMax.

Starting at 7:00 am today, the order hotline will be open for 48-hours. All you have to do is call TOLL FREE **1-800-853-3851**. The company will do the rest

IMPORTANT: Due to BladderMax’s recent media exposure, phone lines are often busy. If you call, and do not immediately get through, please be patient and call back.

Current supplies of BladderMax are limited. So consumers that don’t get through to the order hotline within the next 48-hours will have to wait until more inventory is produced. This could take as long as six weeks.

School Closures May be Killing our Kids



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Throughout California, academic grades for children forced into makeshift learn-at-home arrangements rather than receiving classroom instruction have plummeted – and that’s among kids who are actually signing on via computer.

Too many public school students still lack the necessary equipment and internet access, but even when they have them, they may be left on their own as parents, unable to work from home, go to their service jobs. Thus, what used to be called truancy, just not participating, is also rampant.

What’s been happening, or not happening, in the huge Los Angeles Unified School District typifies a statewide syndrome.

“The drop in grades, which also is affecting other school systems, was disclosed Monday when LA Unified released a chart based on 10-week interim assessments,” the Los Angeles Times reported.

“Poor grades surged in the district’s lower-income communities, which also is where student attendance rates are lower and where the COVID-19 pandemic has hit especially hard.”

“The attendance figures, and interim assessments don’t reflect the desire or capability of students,”

District Superintendent Austin Beutner said in broadcast remarks. “They’re eager to learn and every bit as capable as they were before school facilities closed. But the struggle to cope with COVID-19 and online learning for children and their families is very real.”

As the Los Angeles experience underscores, this catastrophe mostly affects children in low-income families, just as COVID-19 has a disproportionately heavy health impact on those same families. And even before the pandemic struck, those children were already, as a group, falling behind their more privileged peers – a syndrome dubbed the “achievement gap.”

The long-term effects of truncated educations are obvious. The achievement gap, already yawning, will widen even further, dooming more children to lives of economic struggle, and the state will be deprived of the well-educated workforce it needs for 21st century prosperity.

It may be even worse. An academic team examined the potential effects of interrupting classroom learning and reported last week that it will mean a greater loss of life in the long run.

The study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, estimates that 24.2 million children aged 5 to 11 each lost a median of 54 days in school last spring. That, the researchers said, translates into 5.53 million fewer years of life due to lower educational achievement, nearly four times the estimated 1.47 million years of life that would be lost had

schools remained open. “In this ... model of years of life potentially lost under differing conditions of school closure, the analysis favored schools remaining open,” the study concluded. “Future decisions regarding school closures during the pandemic should consider the association between educational disruption and decreased expected lifespan and give greater weight to the potential outcomes of school closure on children’s health.”

Most schools remain closed because local education officials and their unions are at odds on the conditions of reopening. The latter are seeking virtually impossible guarantees of protection before returning to the classroom.

It’s nothing short of educational apartheid, not fundamentally different from the separate-but-unequal segregation in the South during the pre-civil rights era.

Gov. Gavin Newsom has been unwilling to intervene – apparently not wanting to confront school unions. However, he’s insisted that his management of the COVID-19 pandemic is driven by science and equity, not politics, and in this case, now we have a scientific conclusion that continuing to keep children out of school could shorten their lives.

Newsom and other decision-making adults must get all kids back in the classroom ASAP. It’s a matter of life-and-death.

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

CLG NEWS UPDATES

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Poll Watcher Describes Pennsylvania Election Irregularities, Including 47 Missing USB Cards | 26 Nov 2020 | A Republican poll observer from Pennsylvania’s Delaware County, told a Senate GOP Policy Committee hearing in Gettysburg on Wednesday, that he witnessed a range of Election Day irregularities, including 47 USB cards that went missing. Greg Stenstrom, who, besides being a poll watcher, said he is an expert in security fraud, told the hearing that he witnessed a number of chain-of-custody violations, including around mail-in ballots, the balance of votes from drop boxes, and the handling of USB card flash drives—all of which he said broke rules defined by the Delaware County Board of Elections and the election process review. “They didn’t follow one,” Stenstrom said. “It shocked me that this could happen,” he added.

GOP Poll Observer: Hundreds of Thousands of Votes Counted With No ‘Oversight’ in Pennsylvania | 26 Nov 2020 | Several witnesses who spoke during a Republican state Senate-held event in Pennsylvania said that hundreds of thousands of votes were allegedly counted with no “civilian oversight.” Justin C. Kweder, a certified canvass observer and lawyer, said he served as an observer at the Philadelphia Convention Center. GOP observers, he said Wednesday, were kept between 10 and 200 feet away from the vote-tabulating process. Because of the distance, “it was impossible for me or any observer to see what the workers were doing with any type of specificity.” “The observers were not able to challenge any decision or determination being made about the processing of these mail-in ballots,” Kweder also said.

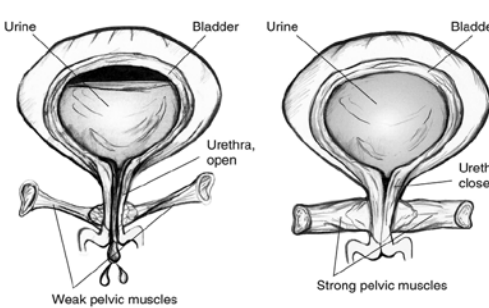
Ballot Count Upload Error in Arizona - Over 6,000 False Votes Discovered | 24 Nov 2020 | Joe Biden’s lead in Arizona dropped from 10,377 votes to 4,202 after a machine error was discovered on Tuesday. The error was from a faulty upload from Greenlee County, which showed 22,110 votes – but should have been 3,723. State officials say that it was temporary and has now been corrected. Biden’s lead is now back to being listed as 10,377.

‘One kind of fraud’: Biden won thousands of illegal votes by non-citizens, study shows | 22-Nov 2020 | A new study estimates that presumptive President-elect Joseph R. Biden benefited from thousands of illegal votes by non-citizens, providing President Trump’s backers with another potential argument for a fraud-tainted election. The study comes from the non-profit research institute Just Facts, and its president, James D. Agresti, who looked at election returns from seven battleground states: Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. He compared U.S. Census numbers on noncitizens (a total of 21.7 million) with each battleground state’s demographics and election results. He then applied previous election polling of non-citizens.

Group files emergency petition in Wisconsin after finding 150,000 potentially fraudulent ballots | 24 Nov 2020 | The national conservative group Amistad Project filed an emergency petition Tuesday with the Wisconsin Supreme Court challenging the state’s unofficial results in the 2020 presidential election, saying it has identified over 150,000 potentially fraudulent ballots. Results from the Nov. 3 balloting in the state show Democratic candidate Joe Biden defeated President Trump by a roughly 20,000-vote margin. Phill Kline, director of the Amistad Project of the Thomas More Society, said the number of potentially fraudulent ballots identified are “more than enough to call into question the validity of the state’s reported election results.” “Moreover, these discrepancies were a direct result of Wisconsin election officials’ willful violation of state law,” he also said.

Thousands in Georgia Registered at Postal, Commercial Addresses, Portraying Them as Residences, Researcher Says | 24 Nov 2020 | Thousands of people registered and voted in Georgia using addresses of postal facilities or businesses, but making it look like they were residential addresses, according to a former Trump campaign official whose team analyzed the states’ voter data. The addresses listed on the voter rolls included information that didn’t make sense for the actual locations, but on paper made the addresses look like residential ones, according to information published by Matt Braynard, former data and strategy director for President Donald Trump’s 2016 election campaign. “Georgia: We have identified over a thousand early/abs votes cast by individuals whose registered addresses are in fact at post offices, UPS, and FedEx locations, willfully disguising the box numbers as ‘Apt,’ ‘Unit,’ etc.,” he said in a Nov. 22 tweet. He published a sample of 15 such address entries in a Nov. 24 tweet... Nearly all those “who disguised a postal facility as their residential address” used an absentee ballot to vote, he said. ★

HOW IT WORKS



BEFORE: Weak pelvic muscles due to age related hormonal changes. **AFTER:** BladderMax helps strengthen pelvic muscles stopping unwanted leakages.

These Statements Have Not Been Evaluated By The Food And Drug Administration. This Product Is Not Intended To Diagnose, Treat, Cure Or Prevent Any Disease. All Clinical Studies On BladderMax’s Active Ingredient Were Independently Conducted And Were Not Sponsored By The Makers Of BladderMax.

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The colors of autumn seem so intense this year. There were those crispy freezes that encouraged a lot of red to shine forth. On a corner of Vermont and Spruce where you look down the street there are three trees lined up with red then yellow then green leaves, picture perfect. I love leaves in every form.

I never get tired of looking at them and marveling at their structure and elegance. Photosynthesis is a phenomenal process: it gives us our very breath. Without them we cannot live. Seeing them in great bunches on the ground, returns me to childhood while I shuffle through their crunchy brightness. If you wish to walk on a rainbow that experience is available to you every autumn in great mounds of rainbowness.

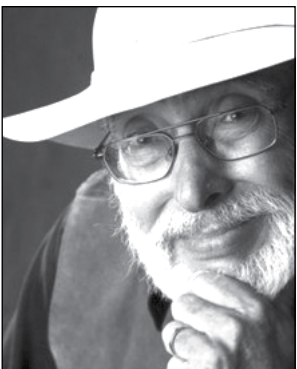
Gridley is a great autumn tree color town. It is so beautiful that it seems that alone could be a sales point for tourists. So many drive frantically by on 99 who don't know they could take a few minutes to enter the town on Hazel and come into a autumn wonderland

of brilliant color. Even the browns are rich and enticing.

Another fall delight with leaves that I always enjoy are the leaf prints. As I walk around town after it rains there are great leaf prints on the sidewalks. They are precise to each type of leaf. You can identify which tree the fallen ones came from if you have that ability. I can recognize some leaves and their trees but not all. Each time I see these leaf prints I stop and examine them; it makes for slow going on a walk. But worth every pause.

This town has done a great job of deciding which trees are to be planted and it shows every autumn when the leaves color up and come down. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Wouldn't it be nice to come and go like gentle snow? Not the hard, wind-driven kind, but the soft kind ... the kind that's nice to kids and dogs. The kind of snow that builds up slowly on the porch railing until it is about six inches deep and bereft of bird tracks.

Then we can scoop some into big cups and pour some syrup or honey on it and once again taste our way back to childhood. We

It's Magic

can do it even when our beards are as gray as mine is these days.

I'm told a lot of folks hate seeing those black and gray clouds moving in. For them, it means a cessation of warmth, a lack of green. It means the swimming hole down on Lewis Creek will belong to the muskrats and the huge trout we call The Lunker. For a few months, anyway.

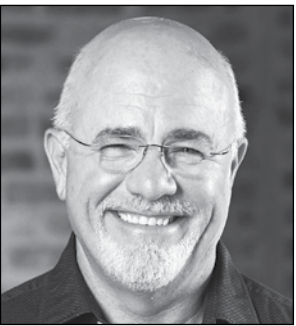
But children have a grand time in gentle snow. It's the time of snowmen, and snowball fights, of sliding down the hill on your sled. We'll go down a steeper hill this year so we can be really fast. It gets dark early these days, of course, but somehow that's not really a problem.

Through the vagaries of the mysterious onset of winter, we discover that darkness shuts down our outdoor fun at about the same time Mom has supper ready. It's a blending of times. It's a magical mix that makes us jump out of bed each morning to see if there's new snow outside. We can handle it, you know. We don't even talk about it. Somehow that would be profaning the experience.

Because soft, gentle snow tucks us in for the winter and makes us feel loved. It is a gift ... just for us.

It's magic.

Brought to you by Dogsled, A True Tale of the North, by Slim Randles. Find it at www.amazon.com. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Thaddeus

Well, if you're serious about following the plan, you don't really have a choice right now. But you're bringing home a nice paycheck, man. You ought to be able to buy a better \$1,500 to \$2,000 car with cash in a month or so, just to give you some relief. Then, stick some money aside each month until spring and get something that's a big step up in the \$5,000 to \$6,000 range.

Listen, I don't want anyone driving around in a rust bucket longer than they have to. And it sounds like you really need to get up out of the junk. But if you do some research and buy wisely, you can get a good year or two out of a \$1,500 car. The car may not look like much, but you're not trying to catch a girl's eye. You've already got a fiancée. If you find an old Honda or Toyota that's still mechanically sound – and yes, they're out there – it'll get you by while you save up for something a lot better.

But remember, you and your fiancée don't need to own anything together until you're married. The kind of arrangement you have now can cause real problems. If you guys get married and combine your resources and dreams, it'll be better for everyone relationally and financially. You're playing house already, so you might as well go ahead and get married and combine your lives on every level.

It's time to paint or get off the ladder, dude! – Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 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 their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Save Up to Get Out of the Rust Bucket?

Dear Dave,

I let my fiancée use my car to get back and forth to work, and it has a lot of miles on it and a few mechanical issues. The money we've put into the car to fix the issues is about the same or more than the car is actually worth. We just started your plan a couple of months ago, and we've almost got a beginner emergency fund saved up. We also have very little consumer debt to pay off. I'm afraid, though, if we get into a second \$1,000 to \$2,000 car, we'll just experience the same kinds of issues and it will turn into another money pit. I bring home about \$5,000 a month, and she works part-time and goes to school. How do you think we should handle things?

– Thaddeus

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



If God asks you, would you say yes? God has asked many different people to carry out His plans. Abraham was asked to go to a land far away and unknown to a special family. God promised great blessings and Abraham went.

God asked 80-year-old Moses to go back to Egypt where he grew up and was wanted for murder so God could release His people from 400 years of bondage. God promised to get with Moses, so Moses went.

God called on Jonah to go tell Nineveh to repent and God won't destroy the people; but Jonah had other plans. It took three days in a "big fish" to change

Jonah's mind, but he went.

But the biggest request went to a teenage Hebrew girl who was asked outside a marriage (a big no no in Jewish culture) to carry a child know only to her and God. An angel, no less, delivered the message to this young girl and she replied, "as you desire!"

What a great deal of faith and knowledge, and of prophesy did it take to say, "Yes"? Not only would she be banned from society, but her betrothed, Joseph would have to accept this request and say yes. Together they would have to walk through history as a poor family, a carpenter by trade, to an event that would change the world forever.

God picked the perfect pair; for, they had faith in a merciful God who kept His promises. Never once did God promise Mary or Joseph riches, glory, or

fame only the job of caring for and raising His only Son.

Saying yes opened them both up to false accusations, fear of death by religious leaders, and years of making sure this child grew up to be the best example of God's love.

Joseph didn't live until Jesus became a 30-year-old preacher; but Mary did. She watched Him create miracles out of water and life out of death. Here es brought her to the foot of a cross upon which her Son hung to die.

When we say "yes" to God's call we never know what it will bring. We do know God will walk the walk with us and provide for know what it will bring. We do know God will walk the walk with us and provide for our needs to fulfill His call. Listen! Do you hear Him calling out to you? ★

A November Remembrance



By Irene Gonzales-Nordstrom

Dear Readers, you may not remember what you were doing Tuesday, November twenty-eight in 1972. I will never forget it!

The place was Robert B. Green County Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. I had not expected to be in the hospital on this day.

As I remember it, this hospital was for people who could not afford a private doctor. We were pretty poor. I was thirty years old, pregnant and unemployed due to my condition. My husband

was a student in college at that time. My two beautiful young daughters were at home with their father.

But here I was, ungrateful me, stuck in a hospital!

It seemed that I laid on that stretcher for hours, moaning and groaning eager to get the process over with!

At long last, three young interns walked in discussing the football game between the Texas Tech Red Raiders and my team The Texas Longhorns. They checked me out and declared "You're fine! "Don't push." "You have at least a good fifteen minutes to go!"

The interns still discussing the football game, had barely reached the door to exit when I screamed out, "He's coming!!" The interns ran to my bed and caught a seven-pound, beautiful howling baby still attached to

my tummy! I couldn't believe how quickly it all happened!

This was the days before sonograms and it still remains a mystery to me why I screamed "He's coming." In fact, I was certain I was going to have another girl. I was ambivalent about wanting a boy. I was afraid that if it was a boy, he would not do well with two older sisters bossing him around. On the other hand, I couldn't help but remember how my father was constantly teased by his brothers for having four girls and no boys. I wanted a boy for my dad.

Well, here he was! I was overjoyed!

It turns out that his sisters did boss him around but they get along fine now and love each other a lot and I feel very blessed to finally have a son and two daughters! ★

\$2 Million Now Available in Sutter County COVID-19 Relief Grants

Sutter County Press Release

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sutter County's community support program has resulted in grants totaling almost \$2 million to 104 small businesses and 31 non-profit agencies impacted by COVID-19.

The Sutter County Board of Supervisors authorized the Small Business Economic Resiliency Grant program in response to the financial losses encountered by businesses during the pandemic. The program was possible because of federal funding authorized in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Recovery Act signed by President Trump in the summer after bi-partisan approval in Congress. The Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation administered the program.

"We're very proud of this program and our partnership with Yuba Sutter

Economic Development Corporation to get money into the hands of our local businesses and nonprofits who were impacted as a result of COVID-19," – said Ron Sullenger, chair, Sutter County Board of Supervisors.

Altogether, Sutter County has authorized up to \$4 million to go toward community support programs to help our County recover. In addition to the small business and nonprofit programs, Sutter County has given \$145,875 to the Yuba Sutter Food Bank to help with home food delivery for vulnerable people and to respond the greater need for food distribution due to COVID-19's impact on the local economy. The Sutter County Superintendent of Schools is administering an \$800,000 program to provide support to families who have increased child care costs due to school closures. ★

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SPARKY'S CORNER

9 Volt Battery Safety

9-volt batteries power our smoke alarms, household items, and toys. They can be found in most homes, but these batteries can be a fire hazard if not stored safely or disposed of with care.

THE PROBLEM:

- 9-volt batteries can be dangerous. The positive and negative posts are close together. If a metal object touches the two posts of a 9-volt battery, it can cause a short circuit. This can make enough heat to start a fire.
- It is unsafe to store 9-volt batteries in a drawer near paper clips, coins, pens, or other batteries. Do not store common household items such as steel wool, aluminum foil, and keys near 9-volt batteries. If these items touch the two posts, there is a greater risk of a fire starting.
- Weak batteries may have enough charge to cause a fire. Some fires have started in trash when 9-volt batteries were thrown away with other metal items.

STORING 9-VOLT BATTERIES:

- Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects.
- Keep them someplace safe where they won't be tossed around.
- Store batteries standing up:
- 9-volt batteries should not be stored loose in a drawer.
- Do not store them in containers with other batteries.

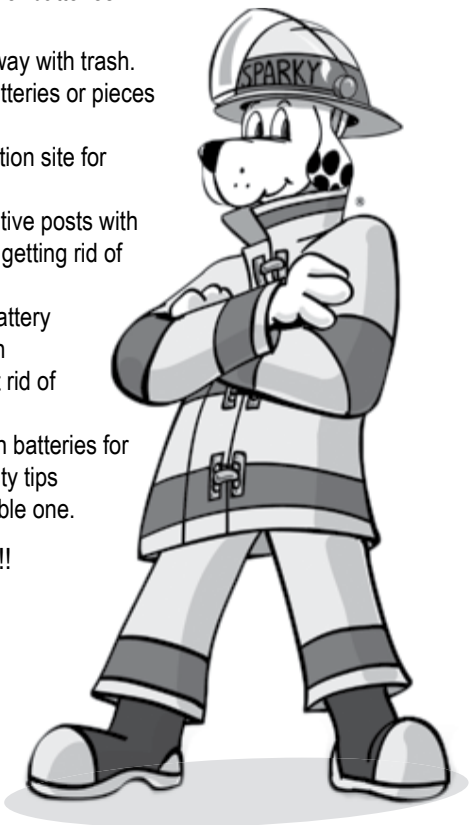
DISPOSAL:

- 9-volt batteries should not be thrown away with trash. They can come in contact with other batteries or pieces of metal.
- 9-volt batteries can be taken to a collection site for household hazardous waste.
- To be safe, cover the positive and negative posts with masking, duct, or electrical tape before getting rid of batteries.
- Some states do not allow any type of battery to be disposed of with trash. Check with your city or town for the best way to get rid of batteries.

So, when you are preparing to stock up on batteries for the holidays, remember these simple safety tips to keep your holidays a safe and memorable one.

Thank You, and Happy Holidays!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74



Dear Dietitian

Coffee



Commentary
by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers:

Many of us start our day with a hot cup of coffee. In my opinion, the best part of the day is over when the alarm clock goes off, so coffee is needed to come alive. Coffee is a good source of caffeine, which increases alertness, and antioxidants, which may help prevent several diseases.

Finland tops the world in coffee consumption, where they consume 23 pounds of the brew per person each year. In the US, 64% of adult Americans drink java, with the average coffee drinker taking in about 10 pounds of coffee every year (1).

What does your cup of java say about you? While these findings may not be strictly scientific, they are interesting and fun.

People who order black coffee are no-nonsense. They are the ones who get to a meeting five minutes early and leave promptly when it's over. There's no time to socialize. They like to keep things simple, and they work efficiently. Some of the drawbacks of their personality are that they can be abrupt and sometimes moody. Black coffee drinkers tend to be set in their ways and resist change.

Many people seek comfort in coffee by adding cream and sugar. They are often people pleasers and will go out of their way to help someone. They are giving, but they may get overextended while volunteering for too many charities. Since they often put others' needs above their own, they may need improvement in self-care.

Those who make instant coffee are said to be procrastinators and don't mind waiting until the last minute to make their brew before dashing out the door. They are laid back and take life as it comes. Sometimes they can be too laid back and neglect health issues. Instant coffee drinks are not good planners.

People who order decaffeinated coffee like to be in control and may be perfectionistic. They tend to their health needs and make good choices. On the downside, decaf drinkers tend to be worriers and can be overly sensitive.

Iced coffee drinks are popular now. Folks who order these brews are spontaneous and like to try new things. They are outgoing and consider themselves to be trendsetters. On the dark side, they may fall for gimmicks and don't always think things through before acting.

If you haven't tried a flavored coffee, I suggest doing so. There are many flavors on the market, including hazelnut, pumpkin spice, and salted caramel. Flavored coffee drinkers are risk-takers.

They like variety and aren't afraid of change. Some less favorable characteristics of this group include impulsivity and being highly sensitive (2).

Now that you know what your coffee says about you, see if you can mix it up next time and dare to be different.

Be safe and be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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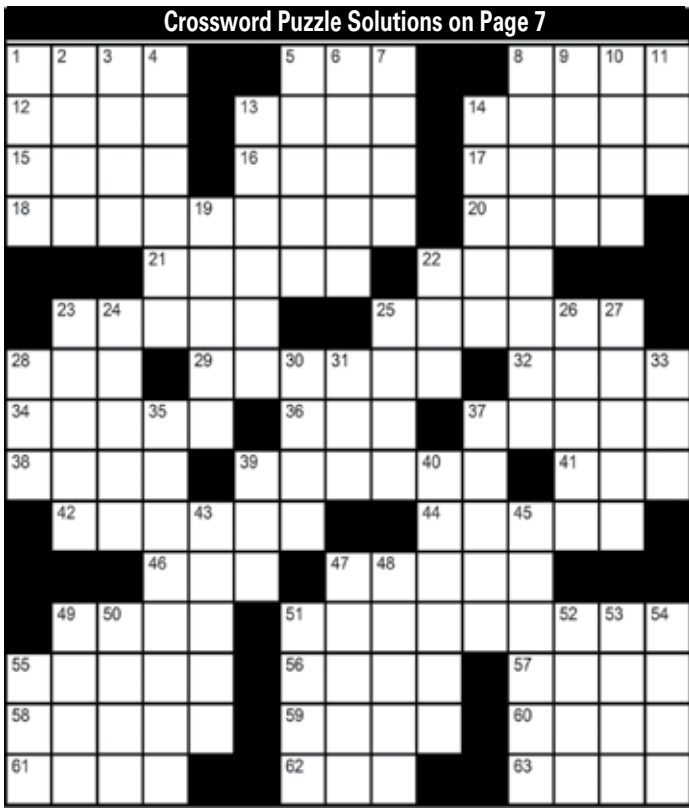
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 5. "Don't have a ___!"
 8. Can of worms
 12. Pathetic
 13. Spanish sparkling wine
 14. Pico de gallo
 15. WWII side
 16. Like word of mouth
 17. Church song
 18. *Victoria in Zimbabwe or Horseshoe in Canada
 20. *Home to Rock of Cashel and Blarney Castle
 21. Massachusetts university
 22. "___ Be Home For Christmas"
 23. Olympic torch, e.g.
 25. On the move
 28. Menu words
 29. *Golden Gate or Mackinac
 32. Goodbye, to bambino
 34. Ruling in Islamic law
 36. Variable, abbr.
 37. Can, with thou
 38. South American monkey
 39. *Versailles or Buckingham
 41. Thus far
 42. Yoko's John
 44. Collectively
 46. Party bowlful
 47. Memory failure
 49. Goals
 51. *St. Basil's or Canterbury
 55. Independent, slang
 56. Initial stake
 57. Field of Dreams state
 58. More than one stylus
 59. Barnes and Noble or Barnum and Bailey
 60. Jaunty rhythm in music
 61. Don Quixote's enemy
 62. Urge Spot to attack
 63. Besides

- DOWN**
1. BBQ side
 2. Taxon, pl.
 3. Fail to mention
 4. Bygone Spanish money
 5. Jeweler's unit
 6. Egg-like curves
 7. *The Western one in Israel or the Great one in China
 8. *La Sagrada Familia or St. Peter's
 9. Having wings
 10. ___ of Man
 11. Scottish cap
 13. Ceiling panel in the Pantheon
 14. Type of wheat
 19. Cuban dance
 22. Glacier matter
 23. Medieval knight's spiky weapon
 24. Coffee shop order
 25. *Home to Taj Mahal
 26. Phonograph record
 27. Artist's support
 28. Back, at sea
 30. Director Reitman
 31. Indian restaurant staple
 33. Giant Hall-of-Famer
 35. *Moulin Rouge or Netherland's landmark
 37. Incense without prefix
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CASE No. 20PR00391
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of KareN Roene Wing Duncan, deceased
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Brett W Duncan, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Brett W Duncan, 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 January 19, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept Civil 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 ap-

pear 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:
Brett W Duncan
2109 Fort Jones Road
Yreka, CA 96097
530-340-1262
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the projects described below. The hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend or submit comments in writing.

Tentative Parcel Map 4-20; Sandeep Dhami, Applicant; Application for a proposed Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide a 0.24-acre parcel into two 0.12-acre parcels located at 1480 Pecan Street. The property is zoned R-1 Single-Family Residential District and a General Plan land use designation of Residential, Low Density. (009-053-002)

SUMMARY:
In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the Planning Commission on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Donna Decker, Planning Department, at (530) 768-5090 or email at planningdept@gridley.ca.us.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000997

The following persons are doing business as: MIKES PRODUCE
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Michael Louis Alvarez, 1190 Indiana Street Gridley, CA 95948
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0001098

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Jeremy Dunn, 2455 McClellan Avenue Oroville, CA 95966
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Consideration of alternatives for a General Plan Amendment GPA 2-20, Pre-zone RZ 2-20, and Tentative Parcel Map 2-20; Annexation 2-20; Mitigated Negative Declaration 2-20; Darryl & Sue Bernard, Applicant; Application for a proposed General Plan Amendment, Pre-zone, Tentative Map, Annexation and Mitigated Negative Declaration of approximately 40.0 acres. The applicant proposes to annex the property into the City of Gridley and amend the General Plan land use designation of Residential, Low Density, to General Plan Medium Density and pre-zoned for Single Family Residential District(R-1). The property is located on the east side of West Biggs Gridley Road, north and contiguous to the Heron Landing Subdivision. (022-210-092)

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In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the Planning Commission on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Donna Decker, Planning Department, at (530) 768-5090 or email at planningdept@gridley.ca.us.

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Theresa Aflague, 15299 Forest Ranch Way Forest Ranch, CA 95942
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0001123

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #20CV01862

1. Petitioner Rosalie Roberta Leaird filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name Rosalie Roberta Leaird	Proposed name Rosalie Roberta Harland
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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 January 13, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
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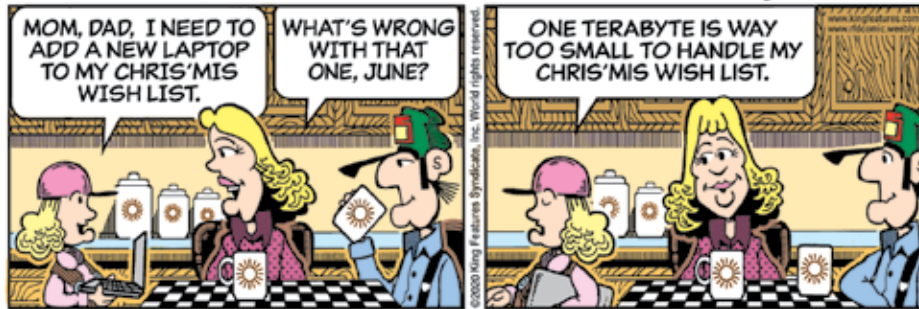
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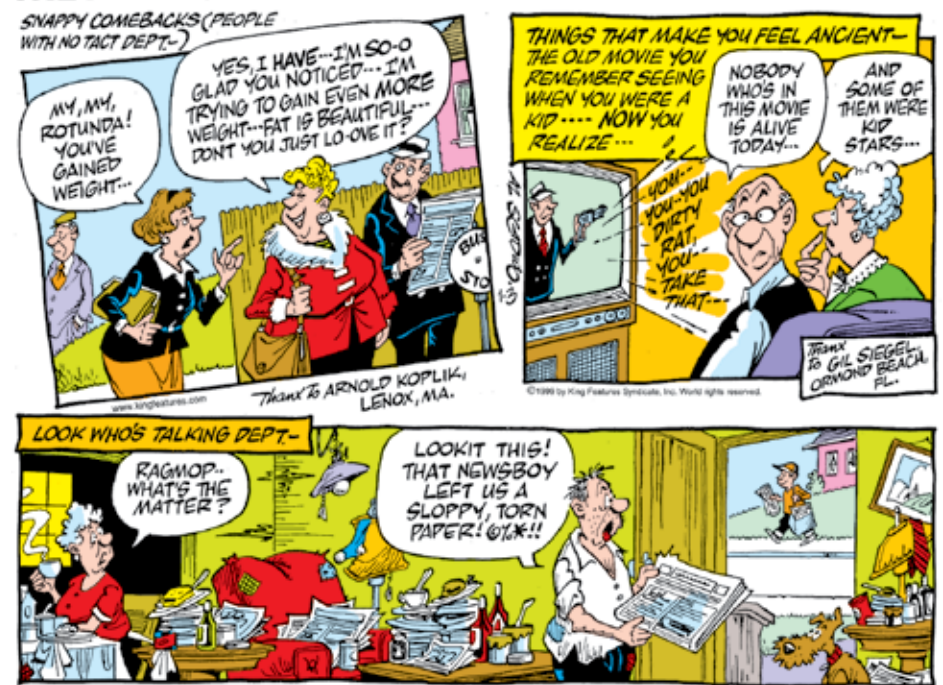
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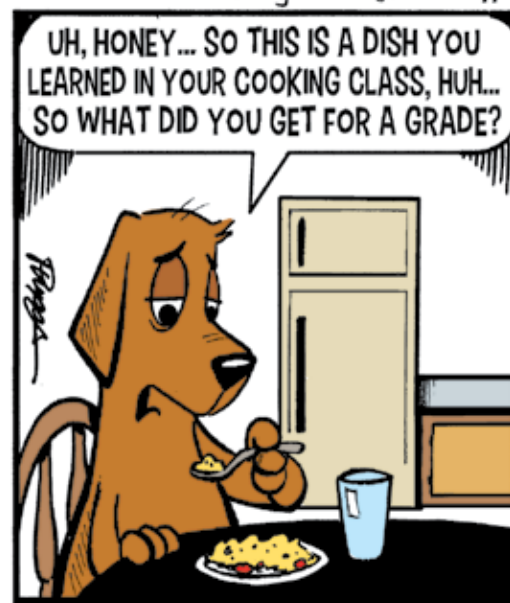
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Tier 1 Broad Review Program Title: Gridley Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program

On or about December 14, 2020 the City of Gridley will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended, to undertake a program known as Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program (OOR Program) for the purpose of providing financing for income-eligible single-family households to rehabilitate homes, within the city limits of Gridley, CA. During the program period of December, 2020 through November, 2025 the OOR Program will utilize HOME grant funds, HOME Program Income and Recaptured Funds, and any other source of federal, State and local funds as they may become available during the program term. The approximate amount of these funds may potentially reach \$850,000 of which the amount of HOME funds may be an estimated maximum of \$700,000 to provide loans of up to \$100,000 per unit to rehabilitate a maximum of fifteen homes/units. The Area of Consideration for this program is the city limits of Gridley, CA and excludes Special Flood Hazard Areas and reconstruction projects.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the area of consideration that documents the environmental determinations for this program is on file at the City of Gridley, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The City of Gridley will perform Tier 2 site-specific reviews, which will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management and Historic Preservation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to City of Gridley, Attn: Rodney Harr, Interim City Administrator, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948. All comments received by December 13, 2020 will be considered by the City of Gridley prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Gridley certifies to HCD that Rodney Harr in his capacity as Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Gridley to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HCD will accept objections to the City of Gridley's Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Gridley; (b) the City of Gridley has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58 Sec. 58.76) and for the HOME Program shall be addressed to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Grants Management Section, HOME Program, P.O. Box 952054, Sacramento, CA 94252-2054. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Rodney Harr
Interim City Administrator
City of Gridley

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EDD Unemployment Scandal



In a sharply worded letter, the district attorneys asked Gov. Gavin Newsom to get personally involved and immediately implement changes at the state unemployment department. Courtesy EDD

By Emily Hoeven,
CALMatters.org

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California may have paid up to \$1 billion in fraudulent unemployment claims filed on behalf of prison and jail inmates in what prosecutors are calling “the most significant fraud on taxpayer funds in California history.”

The state paid more than 35,000 claims under state prisoners’ names, with one inmate collecting nearly \$49,000, a group of district attorneys and a federal prosecutor said at a Tuesday press conference. California also paid more than \$421,000 to 133 Death Row inmates – including Scott Peterson, a San Quentin prisoner convicted of killing his wife and unborn child. Some of the claimants used pseudonyms like “Poopy Britches” or “John Doe,”

and most targeted federal benefits distributed by the state.

In a sharply worded letter, the district attorneys asked Gov. Gavin Newsom to get personally involved and immediately implement changes at the state unemployment department – including a system to cross-check prison and jail rosters against unemployment claimants. California is one of 15 states that doesn’t have such a system, according to the letter.

Anne Marie Schubert, Sacramento County district attorney stated “We are paying hundreds of millions of dollars in the name of serial killers, rapists and child molesters. We need to turn the spigot off.”

Governor Gavin Newsom claimed “I have directed the Office of Emergency Services to stand up a task force to coordinate state efforts and

support investigations by local district attorneys.”

It’s just the latest task force Newsom has launched in response to persistent problems at the Employment Development Department, where 590,000 claims remain backlogged. A task force in September shut down EDD for two weeks in order to implement a tool to speed up processing times and mitigate fraud. But in October, the agency froze around 358,000 debit cards amid investigations into widespread fraud – and a state report released last week found EDD continues to leave millions at risk of identity fraud.

EDD’s director is retiring Dec. 31, leaving Newsom to appoint her successor at a critical moment for the agency and hundreds of thousands of Californians awaiting benefits. ★



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