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Gridley and Comala, Mexico New Sister Cities Unite



Butte County Fair goers were able to see a booth with Comala Municipal President Anguiano, his staff and Councilmember Angel Calderon. Photo by the Calderon family

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Aug. 23, Gridley Mayor Mike Farr and the Municipal President Sergio Agustin Morales Anguiano, of Comala, Mexico, signed a Sister City Agreement at a special City Council meeting.

About 10 representatives from Mexico were in attendance. Gridley is home to many who hail from Comala. President Anguiano visited here and was so impressed by Gridley and by the fact that both

communities are agricultural that he suggested the Sister City Agreement.

The Sister Cities document states in part:

“This proclamation marks a historic and momentous occasion, celebrating the spirit of global cooperation, mutual respect, and shared aspirations for a brighter future.” The agreement aims to promote cultural exchange, tourism and improvement of the quality of life for residents in both cities. Additional goals of the agreement are to promote cultural enrichment, education, and financial

prosperity, along with common challenges faced by many communities-- environmental sustainability and urban development. Exchanging ideas and collaborative projects will help achieve these goals.”

Comala is located in the state of Colima, about 31 miles from the west coast of central Mexico. The origin of the name is from the early artisans who made ceramic comales. A comal is a type of skillet used for tortillas. About 42% of Comalans are employed in agriculture growing

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The Magic of Rotary



Magician Duane Zanon, “The Great Zambini,” performs at the Rotary club meeting. Photo by Connie Voss

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Rotary hosted a special guest at the weekly meeting—District Governor Steve Turner.

In honor of the occasion, and in-keeping with the Rotary theme “The Magic of Rotary,” magician Duane Zanon “The Great Zambini” from Oroville, entertained the audience. His antics were enjoyed by all.

Governor Turner, a retired fire chief from Sacramento, then took the podium.

Turner gave a brief history of Rotary International, highlighting some accomplishments. Established in 1905, Rotary International President Paul Harris came up with the very first service project of the organization—a public toilet in the City of Chicago. In 1945, forty-nine Rotarians were involved in the drafting of the United Nations charter in San Francisco, and 17 signed it.

In the late 1970’s, Rotary took on eradicating polio, by supplying the polio vaccine in the Philippines. The project has continued to spread until now, when there are only 24 cases of polio worldwide, in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Continuing with District 5180’s goals, Turner indicated the need to increase Rotary’s value in communities by investing district grants into public projects. He also stressed the need for budget cuts to make the Rotary membership dues lower.

President Lynne Spencer had been asked by Turner who in the Gridley chapter had made special efforts and contributions, for a special recognition called the Rotary Star. Turner announced that Lisa Van de Hey was the winner. Van de Hey has served many years as a Rotarian. In addition, she has made sure there is a speaker

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What a Monster!



Driver Devin Winfield treats local Bo Dake to a treat of a lifetime: a pic with his truck “Velociraptor.”

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Growling, revving engines, flying mud, and screaming audiences filled the arena at the Butte County Fairgrounds last weekend as the Monster Truck Nitro Tour roared into town.

Two packed shows on Saturday, Sept. 7 brought monster trucks and tuff truck action to Gridley.

Five monster trucks were on display before the show, inviting curious adults and wide-eyed children to get up close and personal. Drivers were on hand to chat, sign autographs and answer question after question.

The snarling “Lone Wolf” truck, piloted by Stanley Hernandez, got huge air out on the muddy track, while Devin Winfield maneuvered

the cobalt blue “Velociraptor” into gravity defying headstands. “Boss Gator,” green and grinning with teeth barred, was driven by Taylor Langdon as it chewed through the mud and smoke in the arena.

Fast, high-flying favorites “Wicked Strong,” driven by Brandon Gallie, and “Rockwell Red,” driven by Mason Paul, tore up the arena and

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Redding recorded its hottest day on July 6th - 119°, breaking the previous record hottest day of 118° set in 1978. Redding also broke their record for most rain in one day on August 24th. That place is odd, always has been.

Ruth Colbie came to California from Iowa, and those who knew the woman would tell you that she brought the culture and work ethic that the American Midwest is famous for. She was a leader among women and involved in volunteer civic betterment, especially in supporting and organizing for the Library. As the saying goes, her son Tim Colbie is an apple that did not fall far from that tree. Tim has been involved in almost every impactful civic group and community betterment

effort for many years. Tim is currently the Chairman of the Sheriff's Mounted Posse. The Posse used to be the group of men who had horses and guns and were ready to be sent out to catch bad guys at a moment's notice. The Sheriff would swear them in, throw them each a badge as they sat on their horses, and they would ride out toward the river or the hills to get the bad guy (or gang of bad guys) and bring him back to be hung. Things have changed, and Tim's job is more complex; The Posse nowadays has the duty to help Sheriff Honea raise money for the tools needed by the Deputies - but are never included in the state budget for rural counties. So, Tim's top priority is the Measure H on your ballot this year. The County is asking for a 1-cent increase in the sales tax rate for transactions in the unincorporated areas. No group or organization has come out against the Measure H, probably because if it does not pass, it will mean the libraries get closed, some fire stations get closed in the foothills, and the Sheriff's department runs short of deputies. There are

two systematic problems with the County finance. Sacramento political leaders continue to mandate services the county must provide, and they don't send the money; the second is that our frugal Supervisors in the '60s and '70s did everything they could to lower property tax base rates, and then Proposition 13 locked those rates in, for more or less ever. The County Board of Supervisors only controls 15% of the County budget. Butte County has California's 7th lowest per-person tax revenue; we are a low property tax County. Measure H gives them (us) the ability to fund the services that are most important to people here, such as public safety, not the policy priorities that come from Sacramento. The choice will be yours when you vote. The impacts of the measure passing or failing will probably have more impact on our daily lives than the other 14 things that will be on our vote list put together. Ballots arrive 30 days before Election Day.

Josh F.W. Cook, is an administrator and educator. ★

Gridley and Comala, Mexico New Sister Cities Unite



Gridley Mayor Mike Farr, left, and Municipal President Sergio Agustin Morales Anguiano of Comala, Mexico, sign a Sister City Agreement. Photo courtesy of the City of Gridley

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crops such as corn, tomatoes, sugar cane, coffee and animal feed. Common livestock are cattle, pigs and domestic fowl.

The town has the distinction of being a "Pueblo Mágico" or Magic Town. This title is granted by the Mexican government to cities that offer "cultural richness, historical relevance, cuisine, art crafts and great hospitality."

There are currently 177 designated towns in Mexico. Comala is the only one in the state of Colima. The honorary status is earned by each community. A Pueblo Mágico committee is formed to be in charge of making the application to the government. Plans are made for developing, generating and maintaining tourism. Once the title is achieved, the committee makes sure the commitment to develop tourism is kept.

Several travel videos about Comala can be

found on YouTube.

The town has quaint cobblestone streets and all the buildings are painted white, which adds to the serenity. The Church of Michael the Archangel, first constructed in 1525, stands in the main plaza. A beautiful fountain and a brightly decorated gazebo are in the foreground. Mariachi bands can often be found playing there.

Some of Comala's fame can be attributed to author Juan Rulfo, who wrote a book entitled "Pedro Páramo." It is the story of a man searching for his father in Comala. The book has been translated into more than 30 languages and is being made into a movie for the second time. A bronze sculpture of Rulfo with a plaque can be seen in the city plaza.

Good food is everywhere in Comala. Street vendors offer a variety of traditional foods such as soft tacos. Cafes offer free tapas (appetizers) when

ordering drinks. A popular drink is the mildly alcoholic Ponche, in 14 flavors, as well as Leche Caliente (warm milk), which is basically hot chocolate with a splash of alcohol.

Shops catering to tourists offer locally-made ceramics, sarapes and plenty of other tourist fare.

Comala is home to the active Colima volcano, named after the state of Colima. Smoke plumes billow from it frequently. However, this does not deter hikers and even skiers from enjoying it and the surrounding terrain.

Gridley City Council member Angel Calderon will serve as the liaison between the two cities. He is currently getting an opportunity to see Comala's attractions firsthand, along with Gridley Fire Chief Chip Fowler and his wife.

Gridley residents will look forward to hearing from Calderon and Fowler about this Magic Town. ★

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The Magic of Rotary



Rotary International's first service project was building a public toilet in Chicago in 1907. Photo courtesy of Rotary International.

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every week and sent out meeting reminders. “She’s the glue that holds our club together,” said President Spencer.
Other items of note were the UN International Day of Peace on Sept. 21,

and the International Peace Conference coming up February 20-22 in Istanbul, Turkey—Rotary’s newest peace center. There will also be a District 5130 Conference at Disneyland, May 17, 2025. ★



Rotary District Governor Steve Turner presents the Rotary Star to Lisa Van de Hey. Photo by Connie Voss

Woman Arraigned for Hitting Man in Crosswalk

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A Chico motorist was in Butte County Superior Court Sept. 5 for striking a man in a motorized wheelchair while he was in a crosswalk on July 24.
Jennifer Amy Jackson, 50, of Chico, was arraigned on a felony vehicular manslaughter charge filed Sept. 5 by the Butte County District Attorney. At the request of the DA's Office, Jackson is being held in Butte County Jail on \$60,000 bail pending her next arraignment date on Sept. 11, after press time. She faces up to six years in prison, if convicted.
Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the July 24 collision occurred at approximately 12:45 p.m. at the 12th Street and Park Avenue intersection in Chico.
Chico Police Department's investigation stated that Jackson was driving

northbound on Park Avenue when she veered into the number-one (slow) lane, side-swiped another vehicle before running the red light at 12th Street and striking a pedestrian, 69-year-old Frank Moodie, who was crossing the street on a green light and a walk signal.
Investigators collected video surveillance in the area that showed the collision. At first, Jackson denied using her phone while driving but later admitted holding her phone as she drove. When officers opened her phone right after the collision, the game Solitaire Dash was open on the screen.
Moodie was severely injured because of the collision and was transferred to Enloe Hospital. He succumbed to his injuries on Aug. 14.
The investigation is ongoing. If anyone has information about this case, they are encouraged to call the Chico Police Department at 530-897-4900. ★

VFW Donates to Moose Lodge



Members of the Moose Lodge gather to receive a new American flag donated by the Gridley VFW. Pictured left to right are Kimmy Johnson, James Roberts, Pamela Roberts, Sergio Gonzales, James Pruitt and Larry Waller. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Recently, members of the Gridley Veterans of Foreign Wars post 5731 presented the local Moose Lodge with a token of their appreciation.
Sergio Gonzales, representing Gridley VFW, shared with the Herald that the Gridley Moose Lodge

has donated their facility on multiple occasions to support VFW activities and fundraisers.
The veterans noticed that they needed a new flag, as the one that flew above the establishment was getting a little worn and wasn't the right size. Gridley VFW took the time to get the measurements of the pole and order one

the appropriate size for the flag-to-pole ratio.
Gonzales presented the new flag to members of the moose, accompanied by city council member James Roberts.
James Pruitt of the Moose said that he was happy to support the VFW and honored to receive the flag on behalf of the club. ★

Fatal Accident Occurs on Highway 99 in Gridley



First responders arrive at the scene of the Sept. 11 accident in Gridley. Photo courtesy of CHP

California Highway Patrol News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - At approximately 6:13 a.m. Sept. 11, a tragic accident occurred on State Route 99, north of Gridley.
A silver Honda Civic, carrying three occupants, was traveling northbound on SR-99 toward Biggs. Meanwhile, a silver GMC Sierra pickup was heading eastbound on Curley Lane and attempted to enter SR-99. Unfortunately, the driver of the GMC failed to notice the approaching Civic, which had its headlights off, and pulled directly into its path.
The collision was severe. Preliminary investigations indicate that none of the three occupants in the Civic were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash. The driver of the Civic sustained fatal injuries, and the two passengers suffered major injuries. Both passengers were transported to local hospitals for immediate medical attention. The driver of the GMC Sierra, who was wearing a seatbelt, sustained only minor injuries.

At this time, the identities of those involved are being withheld pending notification of their families. The Butte County Sheriff-Coroner's Office will release the names of the deceased at a later time. CHP asks that the privacy of the victims' families be respected during this difficult time.
It is important to note that neither drugs nor alcohol are said to have been factors in this crash.
Safety Reminder from CHP
Wearing a seatbelt can be the difference between life and death in the event of an accident. Always buckle up, regardless of how short or familiar your journey may be. Additionally, in low-light conditions such as early morning or at dusk, remember to use your headlights for increased visibility to others. This simple action could save lives.
Stay safe, be vigilant, and make responsible choices while on the road.
If you have any information or witnesses to the crash, contact Oroville CHP Dispatch at 530-332-1200. ★

MEMORIAL

LAURO VALENCIA DEL RIO SENIOR • 8/16/1930 - 9/8/2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lauro Valencia Del Rio Senior. While surrounded by his children and grandchildren, he passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 8th in Gridley, California. He lived a full and blessed life of 94 years.

Lauro, lovingly called Abuelo, was a compassionate and kind-hearted man. He held many roles: father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Known for his hard work and greatness, everyone who met him remembers his kindness and the smile he always wore.

A beloved long-time resident of Gridley, he dedicated many years to working on Chambers Ranch. In retirement, he cherished time with his family, hosting barbecues and sharing his gardening expertise.

He never missed a family event, always celebrating milestones, big or small. Every holiday, birthday, wedding or Sunday dinner, he was there.

Passionate about farming and working with his hands, he was known for his green thumb, which he lovingly passed on to his grandchildren.

He can also be remembered for driving his truck around town, even in his final days. When he wasn't out on the road, he was home in his favorite armchair, enjoying the company of his family.

He is survived by his loving

wife Lois Del Rio, his five children: Arturo, Lauro (Linda), Anita (Ignacio), Christina (David), and Eddie (Becky); his eleven grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren. He is also remembered by countless cousins, friends, and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jesus and Jovita Del Rio, his six brothers: Vicente, Antonio, Rocendo, Ignacio, Miguel, and Francisco, as well as his son, Miguel.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 21st at 11:00 am at the Gridley Moose Lodge. If you'd like to send flowers or a memorial gift to the family, you may contact the Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel at (530) 846-2138.

Lauro's memory will forever live on in our hearts. His love, wisdom, and spirit will always be with us, and we are grateful for the time we had with him. Rest in peace, dear Abuelo. You will be missed, but never forgotten and your armchair will always be filled with your grandkids.

Yankee Hill Man Pleads Guilty to Arson in Taxicab Wildland Fire

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Rounding out a week of arson cases, a Yankee Hill man was in Butte County Superior Court Aug. 29 and pleaded guilty to arson after he set his taxicab and a patch of vegetation on fire in the rural and brush-covered area between Yankee Hill and Concow.
Douglas Allen Rowell, 64, was arrested by CAL FIRE arson investigators on Wednesday, July 17 at a makeshift RV

campsite behind the old Rock House Restaurant near the intersection of Highway 70 and Timtam Lane after they were called to a fire there around 7:30 p.m.
Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the investigators were called by CAL FIRE firefighters who had responded to a 50 x 70-foot area of burnt wildland and a taxicab with extensive charring on the driver's side, near the trunk.
Investigators contacted Rowell at his nearby RV, who admitted to trying

to “blow up” the taxicab, by placing a rag in the fuel spout and igniting it. When his car did not explode – “like in the movies” – Rowell said he then soaked a 7-foot tall, wooden bear statue along with a 4 x 15-foot area of vegetation with charcoal lighter fluid and ignited it. His reasons for such actions were unclear.
Rowell faces a maximum sentence of six years in state prison. He will remain in the Butte County Jail on a no-bail hold until his Sept. 26 sentencing. ★

Gallagher Demands Answers on Undemocratic End of Session



James Gallagher
**Assembly Republican
News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Sept. 9, Assembly Republican

Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) demanded answers from the Assembly Rules Committee in the wake of several parliamentary violations that crushed debate and caused chaos at the end of the 2024 legislative session.

In the final hours of the session, Democrats illegally amended the Assembly’s rules to limit debate on bills to just 30 seconds per person and refused to recognize multiple Republican lawmakers attempting to speak on behalf of their constituents.

Additionally, Democrats repeatedly and improperly ignored motions to permanently adjourn the special session convened to take up Gov. Newsom’s gas storage mandate proposal.

“A vital part of a thriving democracy is fair and equitable debate. The people of California didn’t get that this year,” said Gallagher. “Californians deserve an investigation into the unlawful and undemocratic actions taken by the supermajority that silenced Republican voices and

stamped out important discussions. We’re elected to provide a voice for our constituents - if Democrats continue to run the Assembly as chaotically and unfairly as they did, that can’t happen. Our constituents deserve answers.”

On top of Democrats’ actions to silence Republican lawmakers, poor time management and political squabbles led to a frantic rush to consider dozens of bills in the final minutes of the legislative session. Despite spending hours on ceremonies and speeches, adjourning

early the night before, and not convening until 2:30 p.m. on the final day of session, legislators crammed through bills with little to no debate while multiple other proposals failed to meet the midnight deadline for passage.

A copy of Gallagher’s letter to the Assembly Rules Committee calling for an investigation is available <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ysjjs94vcs0bjkg12isc5/Request-to-Investigate-Floor-Actions.pdf?rlkey=5z2fwdk4fgxo-406jflb6f084p&c=1&dl=0> ★



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Riley Reviews

“REAGAN” A POLITICAL LOVE STORY;
“THE SUMMIT” ON CBS PG-13

**A Film and TV Review
by Tim Riley**

“REAGAN” RATED PG-13

Whatever one’s opinion of President Ronald Reagan, he is a consequential figure in America’s history. The Gipper is the hero for the Republicans in the same manner that Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy are his counterparts for the Democrats.

There are many fascinating things about the man who started his career in radio announcing Chicago Cubs games in Iowa before signing a studio contract in Hollywood to become an actor and later a labor leader as the head of the Screen Actors Guild.

The movie “Reagan,” framed in large part through the voice of a former KGB agent (Jon Voight) when the Soviets first noticed his anti-Communist activity in Hollywood, touches on many aspects of his life, including his small-town Illinois roots and family life.

Dennis Quaid, starring as the adult titular character, shines as the Reagan who evolves as a candidate for California governor primarily on the strength of a nationwide televised speech on behalf of the losing presidential campaign of Senator Barry Goldwater.

More than just a political journey, “Reagan” is very much a love story, one that blossoms when the actor first meets future wife Nancy Davis (Penelope Ann Miller), who seeks his help to dispel a mistaken identity of being a Communist sympathizer.

The film opens with the assassination attempt on the President’s life outside a hotel in Washington, D.C. As Reagan ends up in the hospital, he tells Nancy that he “forgot to duck” and asks the doctors who are about to operate on him if they are Republicans.

One problem for the film is that there is too much history to cram into a

running time of two hours plus. As one fascinated by campaigns, I would have liked to have seen more coverage of his insurgent race for GOP nomination in 1976, and greater context on the match with Jimmy Carter in 1980.

However, with the KGB agent calling Reagan “The Crusader” because of his goal to beat Communism without firing a shot, we get to see some serious interactions with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev (Olek Krupa) leading up to the fall of the Soviet Union.

A standout scene is President Reagan’s speech in West Berlin in 1987, when he famously said, “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall,” a phrase that been opposed by the State Department and the National Security Council. The Berlin Wall came down in 1990 and a year later the Soviet Union fell.

Forty years ago, President Reagan won re-election in a landslide of epic proportions, carrying 49 states with the largest share ever of electoral votes. Only one other president managed a sweep of the same number of states.

In today’s divided world, it’s hard to imagine anyone attaining that kind of victory. Speaking of our political divide, it’s interesting that according to Rotten Tomatoes, the audience approval is nearly universal while the disparity of the low-rating by critics surveyed is startling.

“Reagan” is an interesting portrait of a popular commander in chief, and those old enough to have experienced the Reagan era are perfectly capable of formulating their own independent opinions.

“THE SUMMIT” ON CBS

Picture this: you are trekking through the vast and unforgiving landscape of the New Zealand Alps, subjected to terrifying obstacle and cutthroat interactions at every turn. Can you picture it? You only need to watch the

new CBS competition series coming soon.

Sixteen contestants embark on a journey through the alps in an attempt to reach the peak of a towering mountain in just 14 days in order to keep their share of the \$1 million prize they are each carrying in their backpacks.

But not everyone will make it, as these strangers must work together to tackle the dangerous terrain, unforgiving Antarctic winds, heart-pounding challenges and gut-wrenching eliminations on their way to the peak.

Tracking them along this journey is the “Mountain’s Keeper” who will surprise the trekkers with brutal twists and force decisions that complicate an already grueling ascent.

Morals and relationships will be tested when they must decide what to do if sometime falls behind, because if the group fails to reach the summit in time, all the prize money will be lost.

In the premiere episode, a medical emergency occurs just hours into the trek and the climbers face a perilous obstacle crossing a ravine, resulting in fears to rise as the “Mountain’s Keeper,” who is tracking them along the way, forces the group to make their first brutal moral decision.

Things don’t get much better in the second episode. After an unexpected twist reverberates throughout the group, game plans shift as the contestants begin to tackle harder terrain.

While the trekkers are challenged with crossing an extremely rickety bridge, emotions surge as the “Mountain’s Keeper” arrives with a shocking choice for the trekkers to make, leaving one person’s fate hanging by a thread.

As you may imagine, challenges emerge with bad weather and the difficulty of a group adhering to the rules of “The Summit” which result in consequences. ★

The Failure of Price Controls

Last week was a cringe week for me as talk of something akin to “price controls” surfaced on the campaign trail. Pulling from memory now, I don’t recall the actual use of the words price controls, but when a politician talks about addressing corporate price gouging, it rings a familiar bell in my memory dating all the way back to the early 70’S. President Richard Nixon tried price controls when he issued Executive Order 11615, imposing a 90-day freeze on wages and prices in order to counter inflation in 1971.

Such actions by central governments are an affront to free market principals and as being such, fail miserably when tried across a broad front.

This latest claptrap centers on our high grocery bills. Being around half a century of economic study, a journey into the weeds is necessary on just how dangerous price controls are and why implementing such policies will not only fail, but exasperate the very problem the controls are attempting to correct.

Nixon learned this the hard way and since then the U.S. for the most part has avoided such nonsense.

Assuming that current grocery prices are the result of greedy corporate price gouging, we first look at the profit margins that grocers operate on which is a factual 1-2%.

Considering that the United States defense contractors sport a healthy 11-13% profit margin, our woeful grocer struggles along with 1-2% by eking out his living by making it up on volume.

Assume it costs a baker \$2.75 to make a loaf of bread and after going thru the wholesaler supply chains and adding in the shipping costs, it sells at a price of 3 bucks yielding a 25 cent profit split between the wholesalers and retailers.

Along comes the government capping the selling price at \$2.50. Customers love the new lower price and start buying.

The baker however, now loses money on each loaf he makes. Since the baker and wholesalers stand to gain nothing, they untie their aprons and walk away to see about claiming unemployment.

The result is an empty bread aisle.

The happy customer, who was thrilled the government hammered down the price and taught the greedy grocer a lesson, now can’t find any bread.

Then a funny thing happens on the way to the bread aisle (not so funny really). Demand for bread skyrockets as little bread is to be found as many of the bakers suffer a similar fate and can’t make a profit and stop baking.

High demand with lower supply (or no supply as places like Venezuela found out)

leads to even higher prices on what bread there is for sale.

If history is any indication, eventually there will be NO bread for sale as buyers rush to scoop up what bread they can find.

Since the amount of goods transacted decreases and profit margins wane, workers are let go and unemployment spikes.

The avalanche of bad things picks up speed as buyers now look for bread substitutes. That causes higher demand in other things and those prices also go higher.

Along comes that same government and hearing complaints that the substitute prices are going higher, they aim their price controls at more products and services and more shelves empty as the same thing that happened to the baker happens to other suppliers.

Rinse, repeat, rinse, repeat, and what you get are catastrophic results along the supply chain and chaos at the retail level with empty shelves. Prices on other goods not yet controlled skyrocket. Black markets pop up and competitive pricing goes out the proverbial window as black markets have no such price controls nor the protection of quality control.

Although price controls aim to cap prices, much like trying to control a river flowing downhill, free market forces find a way to allocate what remains of the goods for sale by ratcheting up prices through the outlet of black markets. Either that or few goods actually make it to store shelves and if they do, they are quickly scooped up by eager buyers who far outnumber the supply.

In my five decades of economic study, price controls on one area of supply always result in more price controls being needed in other areas, until finally the instigating government realizes the folly in their attempts to control pricing and lift controls because of the resulting market catastrophe. Either that or the situation gets even worse.

In conclusion, although the very whisper of anything even resembling price controls makes me grit my teeth and squint without measure, from an economist’s point of view, in a morbid sort of way, it sure is fun to watch.

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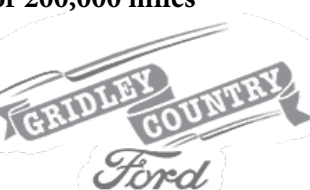
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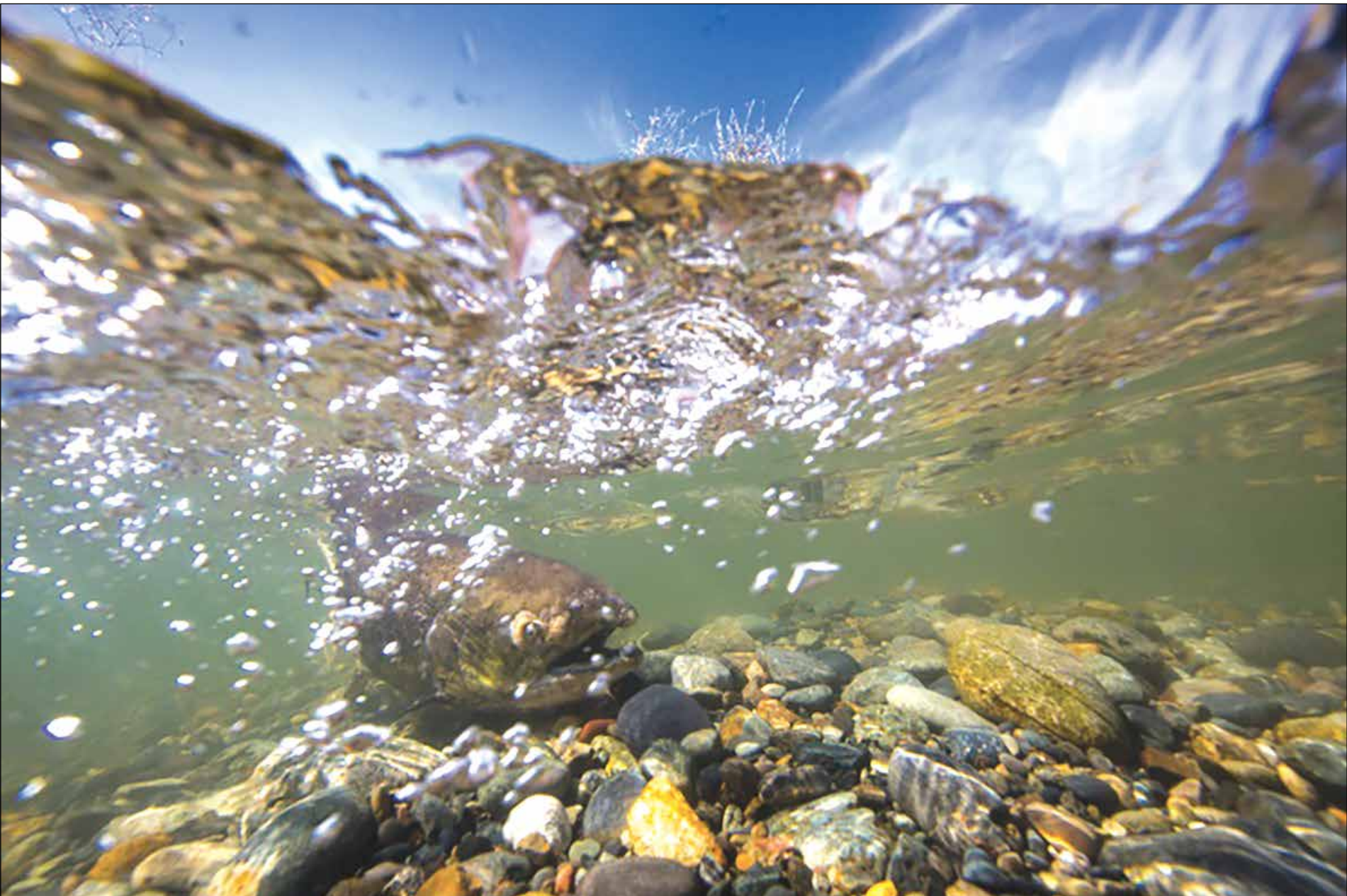


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Feather River Gets TLC



This salmon prefers a clean Feather River for spawning. You can help on Sept. 21 during Coastal Cleanup Day. Photo courtesy California Department of Water Resources

By Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Resource Conservation District (SCRCD) and Yuba City have a standing annual date.

Yuba City City Manager Diane Langley marks the spot on the calendar yearly to remind residents about the event.

“Yuba City is appreciative of the Sutter County Resource Conservation District for coordinating a cleanup activity along the Feather River on Sept. 21 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Coastal Cleanup Day,” Langley said.

Sutter County Resource Conservation District project assistant Estefany Sanchez said the city’s collaborative efforts are essential.

“This partnership is crucial because it combines the resources, expertise and local knowledge of both entities to tackle environmental challenges effectively,” Sanchez said. “By working together, they can enforce regulations, enhance cleanup operations and implement preventive measures more efficiently, which helps protect agricultural lands from pollution and degradation.”

Along with the annual meet-up in the fall, Yuba City and the Sutter County Resource Conservation District get together throughout the year when necessary.



On Sept. 21, there will be a cleanup activity along the Feather River. Photo courtesy of Yuba City

“One significant project is the ongoing initiative to address illegal dumping on agricultural lands,” Sanchez said, adding that the Cal-Recycle illegal dumping project is in its third year. “It involves monitoring and removing waste, educating the public on proper disposal practices, and collaborating with local authorities to enforce anti-dumping regulations.”

Sanchez said that the two also work together in California’s Healthy Soils Program (HSP) and the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP).

While the Healthy Soils Program educates socially disadvantaged farmers, offering visual aid events and

open farmer-to-farmer discussions in Spanish and Punjabi, the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program focuses on outdated and inefficient irrigation methods for local farmers to conserve and reduce water use.

“This work has been instrumental in preserving the quality and usability of farmland in the region,” Sanchez said.

There is also the Feather River Project along 3.5 west bank river miles, beginning at Yuba Boat Launch.

“The project has three objectives: Chinook Salmon, Steelhead and Bank Swallow habitat restoration, maintaining at least the current level of flood protection and providing

opportunities for public access and engagement,” according to the Sutter County Resource Conservation District.

Langley said collecting and removing debris along the Feather River improves the river as a source of drinking water for multiple communities, including Yuba City.

“It improves the environment for fish, birds, and other wildlife and makes the waterway more inviting and enjoyable for residents,” Langley said.

Along with aesthetics, Sanchez said conservation is increasingly urgent as climate change significantly strains water and land resources.

“Changes in climate patterns lead to more frequent and

severe droughts, affecting water availability and agricultural productivity,” Sanchez said. “Similarly, altered weather patterns and extreme events can degrade land quality and disrupt ecosystems.”

The project manager added addressing these challenges through conservation efforts is essential to ensure the sustainability of natural resources, maintain agricultural productivity, and protect the environment for future generations and the partnership between Yuba City and the Sutter County Resource Conservation District “is a model of effective collaboration for environmental stewardship.”

“Community involvement is key to the success of these initiatives,” the project manager said. “Individuals interested in contributing can participate in local conservation projects, volunteer for cleanup events, and stay informed about conservation efforts through local meetings and resources.”

Sanchez added that engaging with these activities not only supports environmental protection but also fosters a sense of community and shared responsibility for preserving natural resources.

To find out more about getting involved with the Sept. 21 event, email scrcdoffice@gmail.com or call 530-844-3364. ★

Governor Newsom’s Executive Order Leads to FAIR Plan Reforms



California Governor Gavin Newsom

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara announced a modernization of the state’s FAIR Plan, also known as the “insurer of last resort,” to strengthen the program for those who depend on

this system for affordable and reliable coverage.

This follows Governor Newsom’s call for swift regulatory action to build a stronger FAIR Plan, strengthen and stabilize California’s marketplace with a focus on creating a better rate approval process, and accelerating the implementation of reforms.

“California’s all-of-the-above strategy is addressing this decades-old crisis to get people the reliable and affordable insurance they need. Strengthening the state’s FAIR Plan has been a key priority, and these upgrades will help stabilize the entire market while providing more stability for those who already depend on it,” said Governor Newsom.

Modernizing the FAIR Plan

The FAIR Plan has agreed in a binding legal stipulation to issue a new Plan of Operation within 30 days that will implement Commissioner Lara’s plan to offer homeowners, consumers, and business owners:

Expanded Coverage:

Establishing a new “high-value” commercial coverage option with limits up to \$20 million per building, along with past increases for residential policies.

Financial Stability: Creating a sound financial formula to protect the market in extreme loss scenarios.

Improved Transparency: Requiring increased public reporting on FAIR Plan activity and customer service metrics.

This is part of the Commissioner’s Sustainable Insurance Strategy, a package of reforms to strengthen California’s marketplace and maintain strong consumer protections.

The California FAIR Plan Association was established in statute in

1968 to meet the needs of California homeowners unable to find insurance in the traditional marketplace. The FAIR Plan is not a state agency, nor is it a public entity. There is no public or taxpayer funding. The FAIR Plan is a syndicated fire insurance pool comprised of all insurers licensed to conduct property/casualty business in California.

How we got here

In September of last year, Governor Newsom signed an executive order urging Insurance Commissioner Lara to take swift action to address issues with the insurance market and expand coverage options for consumers, while maintaining strong consumer protections and

keeping plans affordable.

In May, the Newsom Administration released a proposal to increase the transparency and speed of rate change application approval timelines, while remaining consistent with Proposition 103’s consumer protections from excessive, inadequate, and unfairly discriminatory insurance rates.

Insurance rates nationwide have been on the rise due to the impacts of the climate crisis. California rates have been below the national average and significantly less than some other states, with the average yearly cost for \$300,000 homes at:

California – \$1,405
National – \$2,601
Texas – \$3,851
Florida – \$4,419 ★

California Connects Neighbors to Create Community, Increase Belonging, Prepare for Disasters



California Volunteers' Neighbor-to-Neighbor network partners with numerous cities throughout the state, including the City of Paradise Recreation and Parks District, to support outreach and events that strengthen community connections to better address local needs, including disaster preparedness. Photo courtesy of California Volunteers

California Volunteers News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Sept. 10, First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom and California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday announced the Neighbor-to-Neighbor network to strengthen communities and build social connections to better address the loneliness epidemic, disaster preparedness, climate action and local needs.

“Building strong connections with our neighbors fosters a sense of community and belonging, moving our culture from ME to WE,” said First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom. “It’s through these relationships that we improve our mental health and sense of security.”

California Volunteers, Office of the Governor partnered with numerous cities across the state to create resident-led community events where neighbors can come together to address local needs such as removing invasive plant species in fire prone communities or creating disaster preparedness

kits. Partners are empowering locals to work on neighborhood improvement projects and bringing community members together to build connections.

“When neighbors are connected, we are better prepared for disasters, more economically resilient, less lonely and happier,” said California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday. “When neighbors are connected, communities thrive.”

Neighbor-to-Neighbor partners work to build community connections and increase feelings of belonging to address the epidemic of loneliness public health crisis as declared by U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy after he traveled the U.S. and learned people feel isolated, invisible and insignificant.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor partner cities and organizations include City of Cupertino, City of Richmond, City of San Francisco, City of San Jose, City of Long Beach, City of Riverside, Kern County, Nevada City and Paradise Recreation and

Parks District.

“We are proud to partner with California Volunteers to implement Neighbor-to-Neighbor in Long Beach. Through this program, we will foster a stronger sense of community, connection,

support and resiliency in neighborhoods throughout our city,” said Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson. “By fostering social connections and empowering individuals to address local needs, we can create a more resilient and compassionate Long Beach now and for generations to come.”

In March 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic, California Volunteers called on Californians to check on their vulnerable neighbors who may have needed assistance. The \$10 million Neighbor-to-Neighbor network was funded in the FY 2022-23 to expand California’s existing volunteer infrastructure and bolster the statewide Neighbor-to-Neighbor network to recruit, train, equip and organize neighbors to address community needs. The network builds on the community mobilization and connections that resulted from the pandemic.

“The impact of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor grant in the communities we serve is


immense and will continue to resonate for years to come. As a rural, foothill community recovering from wildfires, there are unique challenges to connect our residents and bringing people together has been both an exciting and rewarding challenge for our staff and partners,” said Dan Efseaff, District Manager of the Paradise Recreation and Parks District. “We are proud to be underway in using this grant and support from California Volunteers, Office of the Governor and to foster stronger connections and a deeper sense of unity.”

In addition to Neighbor-to-Neighbor, California Volunteers offers a Meet Six Neighbors campaign which encourages community members to connect with their neighbors as studies have shown simply knowing six neighbors increases people’s sense of well-being and creates safer and more disaster-ready neighborhoods.

For more information, visit CAnighbors.com. ★



Through the Neighbor-to-Neighbor partnership with California Volunteers, the City of Richmond holds a community event to bring residents together to share information and address issues in their neighborhoods. Photo courtesy of California Volunteers



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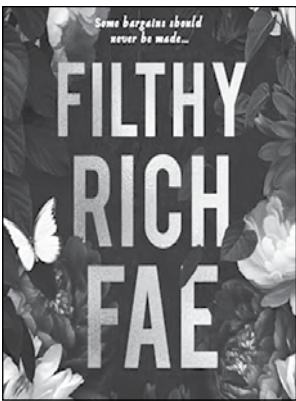
Filthy Rich Fae by Geneva Lee

What would you do to save your brother’s soul?

Cate Holloway was raised with a clear rule: steer clear of the Gage family. They were a lethal crime family, but their beauty was equally devastating. However, when Cate’s brother gets entangled with them, he quickly finds his life is at stake, and owing his soul to the Gage family.

With only one thing left to do, Cate knows she must beg the Prince of New Orleans for her brother’s soul. There are so many problems with this plan. The Gate family is not only a known and feared crime family known for their deceit and trickery; they are fae, and they live by own set of rules.

Binding herself to Prince Lachlan might be



- ◆ Publisher: Entangled
- ◆ Intended Audience: Adult
- ◆ Release Date: June 25, 2024

the only way to save her brother, but it plunges her into a whole new world shrouded in secrets and mystery. Cate, however, has her own tricks up her sleeve and she is not one to go down without a fight. Yet fate has its own plan, and what starts as an insufferable, infuriating

relationship soon turns into one of temptation. But what are Lachlan’s true motives, and what will happen if they allow themselves to fall?

Fall into the lush, fanciful world of the Otherworld. Dark and forbidden the Otherworld, is here to tempt its readers with forbidden lore, nestled within the shadows of the fae world. Geneva Lee once again tempts her readers with a slow, burn, forbidden romance that she is known for, while turning up the heat with quirky banter, and strong likeable characters.

Set in the same world of Filthy Rich Vampires, Filthy Rich Rae is A Touch of Darkness meets A Court of Thorns And Roses waiting to take readers into their dark lush world.

with his own motives, and a heart that can’t be controlled. The only thing for certain is that Death always wins – at any cost. Percy Jackson meets Hunger Games in this Greek mythology-based fantasy that will leave readers on the edge of their seats and wanting more.

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The Games Gods Play by Abigail Owen

Imagine a deadly contest orchestrated by the Gods themselves – a high-stakes game where mortals are mere pawns playing in their favor.

But what if you, a mere mortal, were chosen to fight for a God, not just any God, but the dark and powerful God of the underworld, Hades?

That’s exactly Lyra’s problem. Once just a cursed

office clerk working for the Order of Thieves with Zeus overseeing the city. And now she is stuck fighting in The Crucible for a ruthless God who doesn’t do anything by accident. But what’s even worse, is the way her heart flutters every time Hades calls her. It is enough to make her throw herself willingly into the ring. A deadly game, a God

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Football season has begun, but make no mistake about it, basketball fans are eagerly anticipating the upcoming camp and pre-season for the Sacramento Kings.

This year's team will take on a decidedly offensive look, as they have added a perennial 20 points per game with DeMar DeRozan to their already potent offense.

Last season with the Bulls, DeRozan averaged 24 points per game, but he has exceeded 27 points per game twice in his already legendary career. This bodes well for the hometown team, as three-point shooters like Keegan Murray, Malik Monk, and De'Aaron Fox will undoubtedly get better looks, as defenders try to control the frenetic mid-range game of DeMar DeRozan.

The Kings can actually put 5 scorers on the court at the same time, and although Keon Ellis is known for his ferocious defense, his offensive game has come to life as well. We saw a man among boys in the NBA summer league, as Keon did pretty much what he wanted as he scored at will against the newcomers and younger players in the league.

Keon's experience from last year, particularly as a starter, will in all likelihood lead to a standout year in the upcoming campaign.

Starters for the Kings that we can already pencil in include Domantas Sabonis, De'Aaron Fox, Keegan Murray, and of course the standout offseason acquisition of DeMar DeRozan. That leaves one spot to be filled, and everyone seems to be coming up with their own personal favorite. The leading candidates are Malik Monk, Keon Ellis, and Kevin Huerter who is returning from a shoulder injury that cut short his 2023/2024 season.

Huerter and Ellis are accustomed to starting, but Malik Monk has made it known that he would like to transition from the 6th man position to the starting lineup.

The unknown quotient is coach Mike Brown who has a difficult decision to make. Hopefully he will give each of the three an opportunity to start in preseason games, but the preseason is short, and the body of work will be minimal to make a decision.

There are those for whom it's not who starts but who finishes, but I respond by

saying, starting is a place of pride, and I've yet to meet the player that would rather come off the bench than start a game.

Trey Lyles has never gotten the love from coach Brown that Keon Ellis receives, and I contend that Trey has acquitted himself well, and to the point that his name should be in the conversation. When Trey plays alongside Sabonis the Kings present a much more formidable front line, and Lyles could be the missing ingredient the Kings need to give Domantas the wingman he needs to help clean the boards.

The truth is, whether Huerter, Monk, Ellis, or Lyles, all four of these players represent quality NBA talent, and Brown has some notable ballers to make his final selection.

All that said, the bench will be strong this year, and if Alex Len can take just one more step, I believe this 1st round draft choice from 2013 could finally live up to the potential that so many pundits believed that he had when originally drafted.

I like Len's game, and his effort is unquestionable. He acquits himself well when Sabonis needs a breather, and if he can take that next step, I can see moments when he and Sabonis are on the court together.

If I haven't yet mentioned your favorite player, dark horses like Colby Jones, Jordan McLaughlin, Boogie Ellis, or newcomers Orlando Robinson and Isaiah Crawford are waiting in the wings to make their presence known.

Just as Keon Ellis emerged last season, one of these players is waiting to show the Sacramento Kings fans that they deserve some accolades, and it will surprise me if I'm not surprised by one of the aforementioned candidates.

Let's not forget that we haven't even mentioned Kings' top draft choice Devin Carter, and although he is scheduled to miss the first half of the upcoming season, Devin no doubt will be eagerly awaiting his opportunity to show the Sacramento fans why this 22-year-old was drafted #13 overall.

Get ready Kings fans, for a season that will rival any you've seen so far, and as always if you have comments, please send them to vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.

All the best!



California Has Spent Billions on Homelessness but Lacks Hard Data on Outcomes



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California has allocated more than \$20 billion to alleviate the state's homelessness crisis since Gavin Newsom became governor in 2019, but there's precious little data on how the money was spent and what effect it's had, other than the number of unhoused people has continued to climb.

Despite the absence of hard information, Newsom has been highly critical of what he characterizes as the shortcomings of local governments and has threatened to withhold funds from those deemed to be laggards. Local officials, in turn, say they cannot construct comprehensive, long-term strategies unless Newsom is willing to make multi-year commitments of financial support.

Earlier this year, state Auditor Grant Parks issued a harshly worded audit of the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Newsom administration's tool for coordinating homelessness programs.

"The state lacks current information on the ongoing costs and outcomes of its homelessness programs, because (the council) has not consistently tracked and evaluated the state's efforts to prevent and end homelessness," Parks wrote, adding that its most recent data is three years old.

Moreover, Parks said, the

council "has also not aligned its action plan to end homelessness with its statutory goals to collect financial information and ensure accountability and results. Thus, it lacks assurance that the actions it takes will effectively enable it to achieve those goals."

It's rather cheeky for Newsom to blame local officials if his own agency has been so laggard in gathering information about where billions of dollars have been spent and how effective those expenditures have been.

The footdragging on data, however, is not confined to the state.

Since 2020, David O. Carter, a federal judge in Los Angeles, has been presiding over a lawsuit filed by the LA Alliance for Human Rights, a coalition of persons from businesses, neighborhoods and homeless groups demanding to know how officials in Los Angeles County have spent homelessness funds. He's angry about a lack of response from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

"If there isn't documentation of the work being done, it's not being done. That can be our only conclusion," Carter said during a recent hearing, telling agency officials, "You're not working on your time frame now. You're working on mine."

Matthew Umhofer, an attorney for the LA Alliance for Human Rights, said, "The city and the county have been saying for decades they're trying really hard on homelessness, but we have to see results."

"An audit like this is a tool that helps us try and figure this out, but at the end of the day we need more beds," Umhofer added. "We

need more services. If the city and county don't know where the documentation is that shows beds and services are being provided, we've got a massive problem."

Umhofer said that if the situation doesn't improve, Judge Carter can impose sanctions on the city and county, appoint a receiver or even assume control of homelessness services.

Meanwhile, back in Sacramento, the quest for hard information on homelessness has taken a baby step forward.

Before adjourning its 2024 session, the Legislature approved a bill that would direct state agencies that administer homelessness programs to annually file reports on spending and outcomes to Newsom's interagency council, which then would be required to make the information available to the public.

Assemblyman Josh Hoover, a Folsom Republican, carried Assembly Bill 2903, which implements one of the Parks audit's recommendations.

"Improving accountability over the dollars we are spending is the first step toward real reform," Hoover said in a statement. "Spending billions of taxpayer dollars only to make the crisis worse is the definition of failure."

That should be obvious. Now we'll see if Newsom signs the bill.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends.

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The following person(s) are doing business as: Tangled Oak Retrievers, 58 Tribulation Trail, Oroville, CA 95966.
Tara M Martine, PO Box 650, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: August 21, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 21, 2024
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024
TANGLED 9-20-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000633
The following person(s) are doing business as: Daydreamer Hair Loft, 2211 Saint George Lane, Suite 4, Chico, CA 95928.
Veronica N Evans, 25 Shari Lane, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: August 19, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024
DAYDREAMER 9-20-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000648
The following person(s) are doing business as: Coach Works Collision Center, 2844 Northgate Drive, Suite A, Chico, 95973
Coachworks Collision Center, 2844 Northgate Drive, Suite A, Chico, 95973
Date filed in Butte County: August 22, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024
COACHWORKS 9-20-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000651
The following person(s) are doing business as: Spirit Soul and Body, 1030 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Mikenna C Lavy, P.O. Box 1081, Biggs, CA 95917
Date filed in Butte County: August 23, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 29, 2024
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
SPIRIT 9-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000657
The following person(s) are doing business as: North Family Tree Service, 3155 Bald Rock Road, Berry Creek, CA 95966
Rebeka North and Wesley W North, P.O. Box 874, Berry Creek, CA, 95916
Date filed in Butte County: August 27, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
SPIRIT 9-27-24

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NORTH 9-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000612
The following person(s) are doing business as: KJ3 Designs, 1011 Lattin Road, Biggs, CA 95917
Kadie M Williams, 1011 Lattin Road, Biggs, CA 95917
Date filed in Butte County: August 9, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
KJ3 10-4-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV02403
Petitioner Cody Braxton Earl filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cody Braxton Earl to Cody Braxton Billington-French.
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 October 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on August 14, 2024
Tamara L Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 23, 30, Sept 6, 13, 2024
EARL 9-13-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV02402
Petitioner Brannndon Leland Earl filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Brannndon Leland Earl to Brannndon Leland Billington-French.
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 September 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on July 25, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 23, 30, Sept 6, 13, 2024
FRENCH 9-13-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV02682
Petitioner Sarah Madeline Pladson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Alonzo Alvarado to Alonzo Pladson and Alliah Alvarado to Alliah Pladson and Olivia Alvarado to Olivia Pladson.
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 October 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on August 22, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2024
PLADSON 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV01846
Petitioner Virice Lee Alessio filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Virice Lee Alessio to Vercie Lee Alessio.
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 October 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on August 22, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2024
PLADSON 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NO. 24PR00390
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of John V. Xiong.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Danielle LeClerc Klein, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Danielle LeClerc Klein be appointed as personal representative(s) 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: October 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. 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

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Filed on August 20, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2024
ALESSIO 9-27-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

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JOHN V. XIONG
CASE NO. 24PR00390
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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.

TS No: CA08000457-24-1
APN: 003-055-008-000
TO No: 240199407-CA-VOI
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED November 16, 2015. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on November 20, 2015 as Instrument No. 2015-0007600, and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded May 10, 2019 as Instrument Number 2019-0002040, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by CHRISTINE BERGLUND, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for AMERICAN PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST

The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2051 WARREN HILL RD., LA PORTE, CA 95981
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated 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 obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$201,967.51 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
STEVEN TITO SALGADO AKA
STEVEN T. SALGADO
CASE NO. 24PR00392
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Steven Tito Salgado aka Steven T. Salgado.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sandra Lois Salgado, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Sandra Lois Salgado be appointed as personal representative(s) 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.
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BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENTS TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 20, SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE – ZERO LOT LINE SUBDIVISIONS DEFINITION, NOTICING REQUIREMENTS FOR LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS AND MERGERS, LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS ON NONCONFORMING PARCLES, APPEALS AND ADJACENT PARCELS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 26, 2024, at 9:00 am, or shortly thereafter, in the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Room, County Administration Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California. Public comments will be accepted in-person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to view the meeting remotely.

Link: <https://bccds.net/PlanningCommission>

Event (Meeting) Number: 2554 216 9773

Event Password: Planning

You may also call in: 1-408-418-9388

Summary of Amendments to Butte County Code Chapter 20, Subdivision Ordinance

Project #: CA23-0001: The following County-initiated subdivision ordinance amendments are proposed: 1) Remove Zero Lot Line from Definitions (BCC 20-53.5), 2) Remove noticing requirements for lot line adjustments (BCC 20-95.1(c)) and Mergers (BCC20-180.3(e)), 3) Remove language regarding language for lot line adjustments on nonconforming parcels (BCC20-91.1(d) (2)), 4) Amend the sections on Appeals (BCC20-66 and 20-166), and 5) Remove the section on Adjacent Parcels (BCC20-174).

It is determined that the Subdivision Ordinance amendments are not a project and therefore not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

At this hearing, the Planning Commission will make its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to be heard at a future date.

A full copy of the amendments summarized above are on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online by entering the project number (CA23-0001) at <https://permits.buttecounty.net/eTRAKIT/Search/project.aspx>.

Comments regarding the zoning code amendments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Principal Planner Mark Michelena at mmichelena@buttecounty.net or 530.552.3683.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact us at (530) 552.3662. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

Paula M. Daneluk, AICP, Director, Butte County Department of Development Services

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Oroville Religious Leader Ordered to Stand Trial for Sexual Assaults

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - An Oroville man appeared in Butte County Superior Court to face charges involving multiple sexual assault charges against a child and an adult following an extensive

investigation by the Butte County Sheriff's Office. Sansue Bee Vang, 57, of Oroville, was held to answer after sufficient evidence was presented during a preliminary hearing to convince a judge to hold Vang for trial. The evidence established Vang sexually molested a child under 14 on five

separate occasions and forcibly raped an adult woman on two separate occasions.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the evidence presented at the hearing showed Vang was the founder and leader of a religious community in Oroville. Both the child

victim and adult victim knew Vang through the church, with the child describing Vang as the leader of her family.

Testimony at the preliminary hearing established that Vang molested the child on five separate occasions when the child was between the ages of 8 and 10. Vang

allegedly threatened he would beat the child if she disclosed the repeated molests.

Further testimony established that on two separate occasions, Vang forcibly raped the adult female victim at her home. Vang also threatened the woman that he would harm her and her

family if she told anyone about the assaults.

Vang remains in the custody of the Butte County Jail on a no-bail hold. Vang will next appear in Butte County Superior Court at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 3 for the setting of his jury trial date. He faces 42 years in state prison. ★

Chico Robber Sentenced to Life for Attempted Murder

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Chico man was sentenced Sept. 4 in Butte County Superior Court to nine years to life in prison after pleading guilty last month to attempted first-degree murder during an attempted robbery in September 2023 in which he shot and paralyzed his intended victim.

Jaden Christopher Hollowell, 21, appeared before Judge Jesus Rodriguez in court Sept. 4, where he was formally sentenced to an upper term sentence of seven years to life for attempted murder, as well as an additional two years from a 2021 case in which he was on probation at the time he shot the victim.

Before imposing the sentence, Judge Rodriguez reviewed several written statements from family members of the victim explaining how Hollowell's actions have impacted their family, as well as several letters in support of the defendant.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the robbery occurred in a vehicle in the 1200 block of Notre Dame Boulevard in Chico where the victim, a 25-year-old Yuba City marijuana dealer, was delivering marijuana at Hollowell's request.

Ramsey said the investigation revealed

Hollowell and a 16-year-old juvenile cohort lured the victim dealer to a parking lot of an apartment complex, where they pulled handguns on the victim as he sat in his truck. The victim resisted the robbery attempt and was shot in the face by Hollowell, who claimed he thought the victim was pulling a gun on him. A butane lighter in the shape of a pistol was later found in the victim's truck.

Chico Police officers responded to the parking lot where they found the victim in his vehicle and he was rushed to Enloe Hospital and then life-flighted to UC Davis, due to the severity of his injuries. Ramsey said Hollowell's bullet went through the victim's nasal cavity and into his spine. The victim is now paralyzed from the chest down from his injuries.

Through extensive follow-up, including nearby surveillance videos, Chico Police detectives identified Hollowell and also tentatively his juvenile cohort. The pair had fled the area and disposed of their firearms.

Ramsey said once detectives had identified Hollowell, they obtained an arrest warrant for him and he was charged with attempting to rob the victim and shooting him in the process. The investigation into the juvenile's participation and identification is ongoing. ★

Accused Chico Pallet Shelter Arsonist Pleads Not Guilty

Butte County District Attorney's Office Press Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A Chico man accused of setting fire to two pallet residences at the Chico Genesis Pallet Shelter was in Butte County Superior Court Sept. 5.

Zachary Fitch, 34, was charged by the District Attorney for a felony count of intentional arson of inhabited residences. He pleaded not guilty and was set for a preliminary hearing on Sept. 18.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that on Aug. 5 at approximately 3:15 a.m., the Chico Fire Department,

along with the Chico Police Department, responded to two pallet residences on fire at the Genesis Shelter located at 2280 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.

Fitch was arrested by Chico detectives on Aug. 20 in connection with setting the fire after an extensive investigation. One of the residences belonged to Fitch's girlfriend, who was not home at the time of the incident. The fire spread quickly and damaged an adjacent residence, belonging to another victim unrelated to Fitch. That resident was present at the time of the incident but escaped unharmed.

Surveillance footage at

the shelter showed earlier that morning that Fitch and his girlfriend were having a verbal argument. Later footage showed a masked individual who was wearing the same clothes as Fitch jumping the fence into the shelter area. That same person was seen leaving the area where the fire started as the fire was captured just starting on surveillance.

Fitch is facing up to eight years in prison with an additional two years for allegedly committing the arson while on bail on unrelated charges of grand theft.

Fitch is currently being held in Butte County Jail on \$250,000 bail. ★



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TRUSTEE SALE

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California’s Legislature has Turned on the People

Malfunctioning Legislature now works against good governing and the will of the people

Commentary
by Katy Grimes

Have you ever been stabbed in the back by a friend? You trusted them, supported them, and they turned on you. You never saw it coming. And you ask, “what happened?”

California’s Supermajority Democrat lawmakers now work against governing the state, and work against the will of the people. Did you see it coming, or were you caught off guard?

These are just a few of their most recent policies that no voter ever asked for:

Criminal justice “reforms;” escalating crime, retail theft, sex trafficking, violent crime; hundreds of thousands of homeless drug-addicted vagrants living on California streets; reparations: granting preferential treatment and taxpayer-funded cash payments based on race; overturning the ban on affirmative action policies and practices despite voters reaffirming the ban in 2020; an oil and gas ban; a state proposed takeover of oil and gas industry; price controls of oil and gas industry; California to become the first state to ban natural gas heaters, water heaters, and furnaces by 2030; All-Electric grid, electric appliances,

electric car mandates, “carbon-free buildings” – that means all-electric; Newsom administration saddles rate-payers with another \$300 annually in electricity costs despite California’s highest electricity rates in the country; allow “worst of the worse” criminals serving a sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of parole to apply for early release; ballot measure in November to change the state Constitution to ban the practice of forced labor in jails and prisons,” calling it “slavery;” new categories of grievances: Racial wealth gap, Racial terror, Racial trauma, Race-based traumatic stress; Democrats plan to give “payback optional” \$150,000 loans, funded by California taxpayers, to illegal immigrants for a downpayment on a home purchase; University of California system to hire illegal immigrant students; Employment Development Department to provide illegal immigrants unemployment benefits if they lose their job; prohibit local governments from requiring voters to show ID at polling places; climate change hysterics; and insurance crisis.

These policies are evidence of elected lawmakers working for special interest groups, against governing for the people who actually elected them. This isn’t

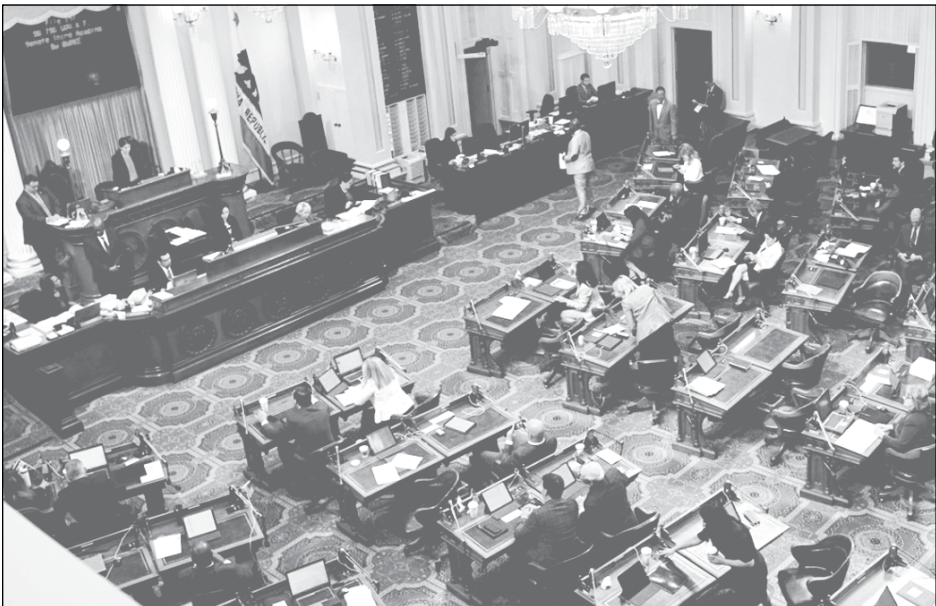
about running a state any longer, this is the willful betrayal of our Democracy.

Probably the most blatant policy issue, aside from Gov. Newsom’s Venezuela-like State proposed takeover of California’s oil and gas industry, is the ballot initiative to amend Prop. 47, California Proposition 36, the Increase Drug and Theft Penalties and Reduce Homelessness Initiative. Prop. 36 will be on the November 2024 ballot, despite Democrats in the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom’s attempts to kill it... and despite the important legal fixes Prop. 36 will make to California’s outrageous crime problems.

The Governor even threatened to place his own competing voter initiative on the ballot, despite the more than 900,000 signatures collected to place the initiative on the November ballot. Newsom recanted that idea under a lot of really bad press.

This is a failure of government when the people have to place so many policy initiatives on the ballot to correct detrimental laws.

Over the weekend the dysfunctional California Legislature met late into Saturday night, passing bills rapid fire. As Assemblyman Bill Essayli (R-Corona) correctly noted, this year’s session began



Pictured here is the California State Assembly Chamber. Photo by Kevin Sanders for California Globe

in January. “There is zero reason Sacramento Dems should have waited until last night’s constitutional deadline to pass hundreds of bills. It’s all by design to rush through terrible bills without public scrutiny. You get it yet?”

But it got worse. As reporters covering the late-night session described, Democrats limited debate on each bill to 30 seconds, which was no actual debate at all. And then, according to a Capitol staffer, the Assembly Speaker cut off their mics even before the 30-seconds was up if they opposed the bill about to be voted on.

The Capitol staffer told the Globe that Democrats

were even violating their own rules, which they had illegally passed that night by making new rules on the spot.

They also cut off Assemblyman Essayli when he made a counter motion pointing out their errors.

“The California Assembly silenced me and the 500k Californians I represent tonight! They would not let me debate or speak. These people are the enemy of democracy!” Essayli Tweeted.

With 62 Democrats and 17 Republicans in the Assembly (one vacant seat), the dangerous imbalance of one-party rule has led to Democrats making up the rules as they go, while

kicking voters to the curb.

This is no laughing matter. This is not representation.

One-party states include North Korea, China, the Soviet Union, Eritrea, Cuba, and the Nazi Party in Germany.

What is happening in California is horrific. And it is deliberate. Just think about what could happen to the rest of the country if California collapses.

Katy Grimes, the Editor in Chief of the California Globe, is a long-time Investigative Journalist covering the California State Capitol, and the co-author of “California’s War Against Donald Trump: Who Wins? Who Loses?” ★

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UC Davis Alumnus Discovers New Species of Praying Mantis

By Kathy Keatley Garvey, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - He never expected to discover a new praying mantis species.

But a juvenile mantis that UC Davis alumnus Lohitashwa “Lohit” Garikipati collected on a 2019 trip to Madera Canyon, Arizona, proved not to be the commonly known California mantis, *Stagmomantis wheeleri*, but a new species.

It all started when Garikipati, now a newly enrolled doctoral student at the Richard Glider Graduate School at the American Museum of Natural History, joined his friends and fellow entomologists to collect specimens on multiple trips to southern Arizona.

“That individual that I collected in 2019 failed to molt to adult,” Garikipati said. “In subsequent years, I went back looking for a similar individual, but with no luck. It wasn’t until Peter Clausen (a citizen scientist in Sonoita, Ariz.) sent me an adult female that I had the inkling it might be a new species.”

Subsequent research, spanning comparative morphology, citizen science contributions, and captive observations, resulted in a mantis researcher’s dream: he’d discovered a new species.

His newly published research, “Description and Total Ontogeny of the Sonoran Tiger Mantis, *Stagmomantis clauseni* sp. nov., and Key to the Subgenus *Nigralora* (Mantodea: Mantidae),” appears in *Zootaxa* at 10.11646/zootaxa.5501.1.4.

He named it *Stagmomantis clauseni*, in honor of Clausen. Its common name, “Sonoran Tiger Mantis,” refers to its locality, aggressiveness and coloring.

“Peter is one of the founders of hobbyist pages like mantidforum.net that I joined as a kid and learned quite a bit about mantises from other hobbyists around the world,” Garikipati said. “He also continues to participate in research in a citizen science capacity by helping researchers by collecting and documenting specimens from Arizona and surrounding areas.” Clausen is on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/bugsincyberspace/>.

The Sonoran Tiger Mantis is “a really aggressive species and will stalk prey from pretty far away!” Garikipati said. “The tiger portion of its name comes from the pretty active nature of this species, as it tends to move around and forage rather than remaining still for large periods of time, compared to other mantises. When threatened, they will readily hold their ground and flash their bright hindwing coloration and abdominal striping, bare their mandibles, and strike at aggressors.”

The coloring? To be specific, “this species has bright orange/gold on the inner margins of the forecoxa and ventral margin of the propleuron and has bright black banding along the posterior margin of the first few tergites (dorsal segments) of the abdomen. All those things immediately made me think of a tiger.”

Garikipati further describes *S. clauseni* as “a low-foliage predator, staying close to the ground in 5 feet or less vegetation.



The new species of praying mantis, *Stagmomantis clauseni*, or the common name, Sonoran Tiger Mantis, that UC Davis alumnus Lohit Garikipati discovered. Photo by Lohit Garikipati

“It’s able to weave within and around tight or dense foliage in the desert and will absolutely chase down prey using its long legs. They’re pretty aggressive, so even insects—and potentially small vertebrates similar or slightly larger in size—would be on the menu!”

Garikipati said the species “tend to lay their oothecae (egg cases) near each other, which is atypical for most mantises. And they usually lay their egg cases under rocks.”

With Garikipati’s discovery, there are now 28 described native species of mantises in the United States. “And more are likely,” he points out. “There has not yet been a comprehensive genomic or even genital comparison of mantises in the United States, so there may be many cryptic (obscure) species, especially since all native species have flightless females and, in some cases, flightless males.”

Globally, the number of described mantis species is estimated at 2500. Mantids inhabit every continent except Antarctica. Carl Linnaeus, the father of modern taxonomy, named the first described mantis as *Mantis religiosa* because the insect appears to be praying when its front legs are resting.

Females of most mantis species live six to 12 months, Garikipati says, while the males have a shorter life span, especially when they lose their head (sexual cannibalism). In the tropics mantises live longer; the female lifespan is an estimated two or three years.

Lohit became fascinated with insects as a child growing up in Pleasanton, Alameda County. At first, lady beetles (aka ladybugs), drew his attention. But mantises soon took over. “They really captured my attention because they were much more interactive compared to other insects—primarily because they are very visual animals—and their predation strategy is just really cool. Add on some great camouflage and behavioral variation with very little research done on this group and the allure of curiosity would probably be hard for many people to ignore!”

Lohit holds a bachelor’s degree in entomology (June 2019) from UC Davis, where he worked as a lab assistant for Professor Jason Bond before and after his

graduation. He helped curate the mantis collection at the Bohart Museum of Entomology and shared his expertise at the Bohart Museum open houses, where he showed his personal collection and fielded questions.

Lohit received his master’s degree from Towson University (TU), Maryland in June 2024, completing his thesis, “Prey Capture in Hidden Predators: Examining the Strike Kinematics of Praying Mantis Ecomorphs.”

Now studying for his doctorate in the comparative biology program at AMNH, he’s a member of the laboratory of major professor Jessica Ware.

Looking back, Garikipati marvels at how it basically took a village to find the new species. “This species “is very special—not just because it’s a new species but also because it involved many friends and colleagues in different facets that helped make it happen. For example, I wouldn’t have collected that specimen in 2019 if Joel Hernandez (UC Davis alumnus) hadn’t invited me to tag along to Arizona, which wouldn’t have happened had I had not started working at the Bohart Museum of

Entomology, and thanks to Lynn Kimsey (UC Davis distinguished professor and then Bohart director) for taking me in! Alex Nguyen (UC Davis alumnus) collected an additional paratype, and other citizen scientists also raised specimens of this species to provide behavioral data and confirm that captive-raised individuals fell within the size range of wild collected individuals, suggesting little to no effect of captive rearing on size.”

“It’s very much a love letter to the capability of citizen scientists and hobbyists to understand animals that are infrequently encountered,” Garikipati said. “This species is very uncommonly seen, despite its relatively expansive range. But thanks to citizen science and hobbyists we can generate far more replicates and collect behavioral and life history information that may take multiple field seasons otherwise!”

Garikipati is one of few academic researchers in the United States who study praying mantises.

“In the U.S., the TU Mantis Lab that I just graduated from is really taking the lead in examining mantis behavior and

physiology,” he said, “and I believe there is just a few active mantis systematists here, though I haven’t seen articles from them as frequently in recent years.”

Garikipati’s field work on mantises extends to Belize, South America and Guyana. “Nowhere else yet but I am aiming to do some field work in South Africa, Australia, Madagascar, and India if opportunities arise!”

Lohit has reared and studied mantises for 16 years. “In the entire time I have probably reared more than 60 species, though I stopped counting, so it could be higher. I presently have around 10 species—the ones I am describing or have other behavioral projects planned for!”

Of the species in his collection, *Choeradodis* sp. is his favorite. “They occupy a niche few invertebrate predators typically do—leaf top mesopredators in the tropics. So, they are occasionally found in the wild with insect remains of course, as well as those of small lizards like anoles.”

His mantises feed on Turkestan cockroaches, *Blatta lateralis*, also known as *Periplaneta lateralis*, that he rears. He does not feed them crickets. “The roaches cannot climb the

plastic containers, and they cannot jump like crickets,” he says.

He photographs the mantises with his Nikon 3200, mounted with a 90mm macro lens, and a Cygnustech Diffuser.

His research on *S. clauseni* is his fourth publication. His partner, Nicole Williamson, now a project scientist at an environmental consulting company, created the distribution map for the manuscript.

Noted science communicator Alie Ward featured him May 22 on her popular podcast, *Ologies*. (See <https://www.alieward.com/ologies/mantodeology>).

“When a mantis expert is quoted in the media, there’s a good chance it’s him,” Ward said, adding that she follows him on Instagram, @Mantodeology. He has nearly 19,000 followers.

“Get your fill of mantid mythology, evolutionary gossip, sexual cannibalism, mantis motherhood, their alien egg cases, huge eyes, pet advice, and why they can show you the way to hell with this delightful entomologist, UC Davis entomology graduate and longtime keeper of mantids,” she teased. “You’ll lose your mind, but not your head.” ★



Lohit Garikipati poses for a photo. Photo courtesy of Lohit Garikipati

What a Monster!



Monster truck lovers got the chance to climb aboard the back of one of the trucks specially outfitted to give rides!

Continued from page 1
seemed to be fan-favorites of the evening show based on the applause.
Filled with enthusiasm, Paul told the Herald before the 7:30 p.m. show that it would be just his fifth show performing after being on the monster truck circuit for three years.
A “super fan” as a kid and with his move up to driving, Paul hoped to

inspire youth to follow their passions.
“It’s a dream come true!” Paul said, and his love for the high-octane action could be seen as he piloted his monster through the air.
Seemingly the group’s headliner, “Wicked Strong” had some wicked moves out of the pit. High speed, 360-spins threw mud into a wild, cheering crowd and brought delight to all ages.

One common thread was that each driver had a “monstrous” love for their sport and were fans themselves. All desired to create an unforgettable experience for the crowd.
After the show, those interested had an opportunity to ride one of the monster trucks.
For more information on the next tour, visit MonsterTruckTour.com. ★



Mason Paul smiles as he signs this little boy’s checkered flag. Paul took the “Rockwell Red” truck out for his fifth show driving and put on an impressive performance.



Monster trucks were on display with drivers ready to answer questions, sign autographs and take pictures with people.



Showstopper “Wicked Strong,” driven by Brandon Gallie, was a favorite both backstage and during the show. Here Gallie smiles as he signs autographs for excited children.



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Fun Facts About Your Local Fire Department


Sparky and his friends at the firehouse would like to inform you of some fun facts about your CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department.

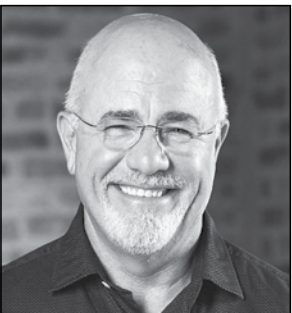
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CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department appreciates your community support and invites you to stop by and meet your local firefighters to better understand YOUR fire department.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74





Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My husband lost his job four months ago, and we're close to losing our home. I'm working three jobs trying to keep our heads above water, while he's "waiting for the right opportunity." I understand his feelings, but at the same time I've been encouraging him to find a job like delivering pizzas to help out. Should we continue this way, or should I quit my really hard job, and just let him take responsibility? I love my husband, and I hate the idea of losing the house, but this is driving me crazy.

– Janet

Dear Janet,

Many guys are task-oriented, and if they're not careful, they can start defining themselves by what they do rather than who they are. So, when a guy, in particular, loses a job it can be a huge deal in his life and a massive blow to his ego.

Dave Ramsey Says Time to Make Something Happen!

When I went broke a few decades ago, I had to re-think who I was in my own mind. I'd lost my business, and in many ways, I looked at that company as who I was. My identity was suddenly gone, and lots of guys go through that very same thing with a job loss.

If he's not willing to listen to you, I think you two need to sit down with a good, objective marriage counselor, because he's confused as to why he works. There are two reasons we work. One is to provide for our families. That's our primary job. The second reason is to exercise our calling—the reason we were put on this planet. But you can't accomplish the second one when you're not doing the first one. You've got to make sure your family has a place to live and food on the table.

Four months of a guy sitting on his butt like this is unacceptable. I don't want to hear about being over-qualified, or anything about a career path. Get a job and take care of your family! I don't care if it's cutting grass, shoveling snow or delivering

pizza. In situations like this, you have to stand up, be a man and take care of your responsibilities.

I'm sorry if that sounds harsh, but it's the truth. Believe me, I get it. Sometimes people go through problems, and they need a break of some kind to work through the pain. I did a little of that when I went broke. But at the end of the day, we didn't lose our home because I was sitting around doing nothing. Even when I'd lost all my self-confidence, I still went out and tried to get things started again.

It's time for your husband to stand up, brush himself off and make something happen!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

I saw something I have never seen, it's making me want to try this new-to-me tree method. British gardener and TV host Monty Don had a post on "step over trees." This is a type of ultimate espalier in miniature form. This is done usually with small dwarf stocks with grafted smaller fruit either apples or pears.

The vertical trunk of the "step over", is no

higher than 18" and 15" is better. This trunk is usually topped with a pair of branches trained horizontally on either side to form a T-shape. The lateral branches of a T-shaped stepover can span up to 10–11 1/2" in total. Fruit is produced on short side-shoots along the horizontal branches. Several trees are often grown in a row, to line a path or edge a bed. These are a type of espalier. One should be able to step over the row. I've never seen the beginning step overs in nurseries here but if you go to the United Kingdom, they are sold in nurseries ready to use and intertwine. I'll have to check the internet for availability.(That would be a mistake!)

I've learned the hard way in life that not all magical, great ideas should be acted upon. This is one of those magic moments that must be resisted. I have two vertical growing apples that will get only about 18" in diameter and I can top them off at about 5-6'. For someone removing rock borders because of possible trip hazards, it would be ridiculous to have step over fruit trees. They would end up being "Trip over" trees. I am shaking this wonderful piece of gardening off. I love that it exists out there, When I mentioned it to my husband he said as he rolled his eyes," The baby bunnies would eat them." He must be the practical one. ★



California Pears Hit Fresh Market as Cannery Demand Plummets

Packinghouses in California's pear-growing districts are running at full tilt as growers box more of their fruit for the fresh market this year and ship less to canneries. The pivot came after one of the state's two pear canneries, with weakened demand and inventory bolstered by last year's bumper crop, slashed its orders. Pear growers said the Walnut Creek-based cannery asked the farmers in the spring to undershoot their contracted tonnage—some by as much as 45%. "They wanted as little as possible," said Ryan Elliot of Stillwater Orchards in Courtland.

Agricultural Officials Say State is Now Free Of Invasive Fruit Flies

State and federal agricultural officials have announced that they have succeeded in eradicating all populations of invasive fruit flies from California. Officials say the state's 2023 invasive fruit fly outbreak was the worst ever recorded. That led to a joint eradication effort by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. APHIS deployed hundreds of employees to join forces with CDFA and the agricultural commissioners for trapping, fruit removal and survey activities.

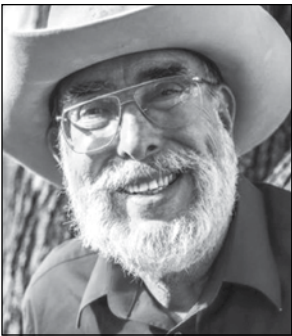
Growers Seek Guidance After Ban on Herbicide used in Vegetable Fields

Reacting to the emergency suspension of an herbicide used to control weeds in vegetable crops, farmers and agricultural representatives are asking for more guidance as the sector considers effective alternatives, disposal of existing inventory and potential liability issues. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency acted on Aug. 6 to immediately restrict the use of Dacthal, which is used by growers as a preplant treatment in crops including broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and onions.

Salinas Valley Research Seeks Answers to New Fusarium Stain Affecting Lettuce

Researchers say an unfolding trial may offer hope that lettuce varieties can soon be bred with resistance to a new variant of Fusarium wilt, which has recently appeared in farm fields in the Central Coast region. At a field belonging to vegetable producer D'Arrigo California, a study team is evaluating lettuce resistance to a new strain of Fusarium. Largely resulting from soil-borne pathogens, Fusarium wilt can cause lettuce plants to stunt and fail to form heads or result in seedlings wilting and dying. Lettuce plants suffering from water stress are most vulnerable. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Bob Milford popped in for a cup the other day at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop. Bob isn't usually seen in town during the day, as he's manager of the big Diamond W spread, and there are lots of daylight things to do out that way.

As we worked our way through the usual topics: women, politics, laundry and welding, Bob said he's planning a spring turkey hunt.

We nodded, silently vowing to check our own camo clothes and slate turkey calls.

"I sure hope this season goes better than last one, though," Bob said, sipping his coffee.

"Bummer"

"Didn't you get a turkey, Bob?" asked Doc.

"Well, yes and no, I guess you could say, Doc. It's just the way it happened that didn't turn out so well. You see, I was driving the stock truck out the highway"

"What happened, Bob?" asked Dud, finally.

"Oh, this stupid turkey flew out of the woods and across the highway. That wasn't bad in itself, but there was this state trooper behind me, you know? I kept watching him to see if he thought I was doing something wrong. You know how it is. I checked my speed, made sure my seat belt was on real good. I kept looking in the rearview mirror at him, but even if I hadn't, I couldn't have stopped it...."

He took another sip and looked up at us.

"You know the headache rack on the stock truck? Well, that dumb turkey pulled up when he saw the truck, but he didn't clear that rack and smacked it hard. He went up and over and came right down through the windshield of that cop car. Smashed it all to pieces."

"Bummer," said Dud, who tried to be a hippie once.

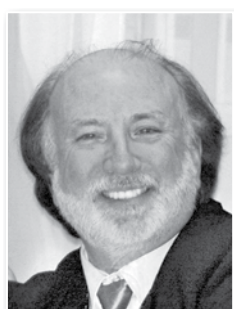
"The worst part was, the trooper gave me a ticket for it!" Bob said.

"A ticket? For what?"

Bob smiled. "Flippin' him the bird."

For a good look at the cover of the new family novel, Whimsy Castle, go to Amazon.com and look for books by Slim Randles. Thank you. ★





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by Dave T. Phipps

OK, SON, I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT FOOTBALL.

NOW GO DEEP AND I'LL CHUCK YOU THE BALL!

THAT'S IT! KEEP GOING! NOW I'LL HIT YOU IN THE HANDS WITH MY SPIRAL!

OK, SO I ACTUALLY DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

I PRETTY MUCH KNEW THE LAST MAN STANDING WOULD PROBABLY BE SITTING.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

HEY, TIGER...

I DARE YOU TO JUMP OVER THE BROOK.

WELL...

I DOUBLE DARE YOU.

I PUNNO.

I TRIPLE DARE YOU.

LEMMIE THINK.

SEE...

WAIT HERE.

HEY, JULIAN, AFTER TRIPLE...

TIGER, I QUADRUPLE DARE YOU TO...

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ALAS, MY CASH FLOW IS NEGATIVE. WHATEVER SHALL I DO?

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I'D DO ANYTHING FOR A HAMBURGER.

ANYTHING?

EVEN SELL YOUR SOUL?

SIGN THIS CONTRACT AND I GUARANTEE YOU WILL NEVER WANT FOR A HAMBURGER AGAIN, MORTAL.

ONE MOMENT, SIR. ALLOW ME TO PERUSE YOUR AGREEMENT.

MY FINE DEMON, THIS CONTRACT IS A MESS. THERE'S NO EXPLANATION OF HOW OFTEN I SHALL RECEIVE MY BURGERS, THEIR FRESHNESS—

AND YOU MISPELLED "SOUL" IN A FEW CLAUSES.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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30. *Pumpkins and squash, e.g.

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37. "_____ Free," movie about lions

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44. Peevish

46. Half a round, in golf

47. _____do-well

48. Battles royale

50. Change for a twenty

52. Banned insecticide, acr.

53. *Back-to-School event

55. Hermey the Dentist

57. *Apple sauce

61. *_____weather

65. Cell phone bill item

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68. Wombs

69. Begin, began, _____

70. Cut grass

71. Romanov rulers

72. Command with "at"

73. Stiff grass bristle

74. "Hobby" animal

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1. Beckham of "Spice Girls"

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4. Look into

5. In the Land of Nod

6. Online conversation

7. *Cushion for certain seasonal ride

8. Naked protozoa

9. Obtuse, as in person

10. _____bowl, frozen dish

11. Largest human organ

12. Precedes Kong

15. Hindi courtesy title, pl.

20. Modern-day aqua-lung, acr.

22. Domain

24. Wood-eating house hazard

25. Involuntary contraction

26. Chef's headgear

27. Phil Collins' "_____Be in My Heart"

29. *Maze plant

31. Upward and onto

32. Wide-_____notebook

33. *Like leaves in fall

34. Stall call

36. *Much-used fall garden tool

38. Not any

42. Extend subscription

45. Unquestioning ones

49. Fraternity house

51. Miss Marple, e.g.

54. "Is Your Mama a _____?"

56. Dom DeLuise in 1980 role

57. Rubik's puzzle

58. Away from port

59. The state before riches?

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GRIDLEY TITANS

Titans 8U

By Randall Huff, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -The 8U Titans took on the Durham Jr. Trojans this week, Saturday, Sept 7. The 8U Titans came out with a victory, the final score 35-0.

Team captains were Jax Terrell #19, Bennett Tuttle #22, Emmitt Burns #55, and Mateo Thao #21.

Five kids scored touchdowns this weekend - #87 Adrian Thao, #19 Jax Terrell, #16 Morgan Ruggirello, #7 Ryker Huff, and #22 Bennett Tuttle. It was a good game, and every kid was part of this victory.



★ Titans 8U team charges onto the field! Photo by Rhonda Andoe



Tyler Smith, #11, runs to the end zone. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

Titans 10U

By Jason Davis Sr., Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Titans 10U came into Saturday's matchup vs Durham Jr. Trojans without allowing a single point scored against their defense this season.

That streak continued on Saturday with a 40-0 win over Durham. The 10U Titans scored 6 touchdowns.

There were five offensive touchdowns with scores by Deandre Carothers (3) Tyler Smith (1) Casen

Gruber (1). The defense also had the touchdown of the day when defensive end Israel Hernandez stepped in the middle of the quarterback pitch to the running back and took the ball 47 yards for a score.

Damon Reeder also came up big for Gridley's defense with an interception late in the game - the first of his career.

Gridley heads to Corning for a battle against a good Corning 10U team. Both Teams are headed into the matchup 3-0.



★ Crash Davis, #58, makes a tackle on a Durham player. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

Titans 12U

By Brandon Oakley, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans 12U football team shut out the 12U Durham Jr. Trojans 30 - 0 on Saturday, Sept. 7.

The team captains included #3-William Tolman, #73 Anthony Flores-Hernandez, #89-Nickolas Kent, and #2-Knox Buzzard.

Durhams' Jr. Trojans were unable to stop the Titans' offense which was led by quarterbacks Cannon Sanner (#15) and Nickolas Kent (#89).

On the defensive side of the ball, Durham struggled to gain yardage due to multiple sacks and interceptions by Gridley.

The aggressive Gridley defense was led by #71-Mason Sisk, #89-Nickolas Kent, #22-Yoshimar Martinez, and #42-Adrian Fuentes. The Gridley Titans 12U football team remains undefeated with a record of 3-0.



★ Titan Knox Buzzard, #2, carries the ball up field for the 12U team during their game Saturday. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

Titans 14U

By Tony Luquin, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans 14U team went into Saturday's home game after experiencing their first loss in three years.

The Gridley Titans arrived at that game with a chip on their shoulder,

but they were facing a 2-0 Durham Junior Trojan's team who have not allowed a point to be scored on them.

The Titans' offense played a great game, scoring two rushing touchdowns by Benjamin Zumwalt and Hudson Oakley. Alec Luquin threw three

touchdowns to three separate receivers, Isaiah Juarez, Carson Cornell, and Talan Sannar.

Gridley 14U Titans defense had a great show as well, not allowing a first down, with Hudson Oakley capping off the final defensive play with an interception.



The 14U Titans get their heads together, planning their next run. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

Gridley HS Swim Plans to Win Big



The Gridley High School Swim Team is all smiles at one of their practices. Photo courtesy of GHS Swim

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School (GHS) swim is already partway through their season and it's going swimmingly.

This year, GHS Swim is led by first year coach, Shannon Job, who is no stranger to swimming.

"I swam seasonally for 10 years and in high school for four years," Job said. "Our city pool went out of commission my senior year so we had to work with what we had and would practice in the Sacramento River. We would sprint from dock to dock and

tread water while holding levee rocks over our heads. When we didn't practice in the river, we would drive out of town to use the closest lap pool."

Job has incorporated "dryland practice" to training routines of the GHS team.

"The kids (swim team) showed up in force and put in work. They had dryland practice twice a week all of August and the last half of July," she added.

Job continues to tout the dedication of her swimmers, who often train in colder weather months in the unheated Gridley Public Pool.

"These kids talk about practicing in wetsuits in the colder months and that type of dedication is hard to find. These kids show how they are better for the obstacles they have overcome, and it really is inspiring," Job said.

Assistant Coach Gordon LaBuff, who has been coaching for three years, said that the team is a great mix of old and new faces. He believes this will be a strong season.

"We've already had over 10 individual qualifications for various events in just this first meet," said LaBuff.

This year, GHS Swim boasts a varying roster of about 20 swimmers, currently 13 ladies and seven gentlemen.

Senior swimmers include Annie Woods and Tori Williams for the females, and Jace Lewellen and Ryan Taranto for the males.

As for leading the team and goals for the season, Coach Job said, "We want to win our heats, win overall, win meets, win masters, but also, we want to win by dropping time, trying new events and learning and improving our swim skills. We want



On the starting block of their race is Billy and Jack Routon, who scored first and second place at this meet. Photo courtesy of GHS Swim

to push ourselves and others to improve individually and as a team."

GHS Swim Team's next home meet is at 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 19. A snack bar at the meet will serve as a fundraiser for the team and go directly into the program.

Live Oak Festival is Super!

Farm Stand Tour a Hit!



Local organizations dressed as superheroes flooded Broadway Street in Live Oak with "super" community spirit during the Live Oak Fall Festival.

Story and photos
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LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Temperatures and spirits were high last Saturday but triple digit heat didn't keep the community of Live Oak from coming together for their annual Fall Festival and Parade!

The City of Live Oak Parks and Recreation has taken over the event from the Live Oak Lions that organized the event in years past.

To increase community participation, Live Oak Parks and Recreation asked both "Superheroes" and "Villains" to unite for this year's theme. Adults and children were encouraged to wear their favorite heroic costume to prove that Live Oak was filled with heroes.

The traditional parade route down Broadway Street saw a host of "super" entries make its way through downtown Live Oak, with comic-book themed floats, superheroes waving and throwing candy, community organizations and more.

Both the parade and its attendees ended up at Memorial Park where a

host of games, vendors, and activities awaited.

As in past years, classic cars of all models were on display at the car show and food, crafts, jewelry, toys and crystals were available to those wanting to shop.

Live Oak Councilmember Lakhvir Ghag told the Herald that the event promoted

inclusion in the community and the timing allowed residents that would be tied up in harvesting the plethora of local ag commodities the ability to participate, as it fell between crop harvest cycles.

The turnout was healthy and the mood was that of a relaxed, fall day filled with family friendly fun. ★



The Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Live Oak women serve tri-tip sandwiches at Live Oak Fall Fest to raise funds for camp.



Local little ones watch the parade roll by and keep an excited eye open for candy being tossed!



Fresh lavender bunches, sachets, flowers and fruits were available at Windmill Farms stand during the Farmstand Tour last week. Photo contributed by Paula Carli

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Farm Stand Tour, brought to the community last weekend by six lovely ladies, was a wild success.

The tour included six locations, including The Cackleberry Hut, Aldrich Family Stand, Reis Ranch Produce and Windmill Flower Farms.

Lavender infused syrup, fresh juicy pluots, lime-honey butter, fresh sourdough boles, garden flower bouquets, ripe tomatoes and freeze-dried honey candies were just a small sampling of the farm stand offerings for sale.

Nicole Allard of The Cackleberry Hut reported that she sold out of 16 loaves of bread and 32 cinnamon rolls 19 minutes after opening her stand for the tour, Saturday, Sept. 7.

The Sheldon Self-Serve Stand was wiped out of freeze-dried watermelon and pushed the last of their dried treats out, while the Aldrich Family stand sold out of its lavender syrups, tomatoes and more.

The organizers of the tour told the Herald that Saturday was the busier of the two days of the sale. Overall, Allard and the others report an incredibly successful event with overwhelming support from the community.

After such a great event, the ladies are evaluating their next move, taking into

account the harvest season is winding down.

In the meantime, they encourage the community to continue to stop by their stands as they will continue to have various goods out for sale. ★



This couple took the time to visit The Cackleberry Hut during Saturday's Farmstand Tour. Photo by Seti Long

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