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Award-winning financial advisor Joe Cunha smiles with his associates at the Gridley Edward Jones office. Pictured left to right: Tori Mahnke, Joe Cunha, Sammantha Cowan (Schut). Photo by Mickey Mrakuzic

Edward Jones Investments News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Edward Jones Financial Advisor Joe Cunha recently qualified for the Edward Jones recognition conference, Momentum, which celebrates the contributions and achievements of 819 successful financial advisors from the firm's more than 19,000. The event will be held May 20 to May 23 in Orlando, FL, and includes financial advisors from both the U.S. and Canada.

"It's a great honor to be recognized for the success of my practice and the experience my team and I deliver to our clients," Cunha said. "The opportunity to collaborate with the leaders of the firm and with other successful Edward Jones

financial advisors in North America is an incredible resource for us to continue providing value for our clients."

The Momentum conference recognizes high-achieving financial advisors who have embraced the momentum it takes to build and sustain a successful practice through leadership, service, advice and guidance. Attendees will be immersed in learning opportunities and a collaborative environment designed to propel them to even greater heights.

Joe and his client support team professionals can be reached at 530-846-2894. You may also visit Cunha's website at www.edwardjones.com/joe-cunha.

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Live Oak Considers Joining Pioneer Community Energy

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - At the Oct. 2 meeting, the Live Oak City Council heard a presentation about the possibility of joining Pioneer Community Energy, a community choice aggregator (CCA) for electricity services.

In response to the energy crisis, California passed legislation allowing local governments to contract energy purchases from CCAs in place of investor-owned utilities, such as Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). The first community choice aggregator was formed in 2010, and today there are 25 community choice aggregators serving 14 million customers.

Pioneer Community Energy was established in 2018, and their main goal is to save their customers money on electricity costs. Community Outreach Manager Lisa DeLaby said that they have saved their customers \$85 million since they launched, and they expect the savings in 2024 to total \$21 million.

Pioneer purchases electricity directly from power suppliers, which allows them to sell it to their customers at a lower rate than PG&E but they still use PG&E to deliver the electricity and maintain the infrastructure. So, Pioneer customers are still also PG&E customers and will receive just one bill from PG&E with Pioneer Community Energy listed for the energy generation.

As a not-for-profit joint powers authority, Pioneer's board members are elected officials from the various service areas. If Live Oak joins, they would have one seat on the board that the community would elect. The board prioritizes customer savings, community reinvestment, and customer service. When you call the office, DeLaby said you can easily reach a person who can answer your questions.

Currently serving customers in Placer County and El Dorado County, as well as parts of Nevada City and Grass Valley, Pioneer is in the process of working with various local governments on a potential expansion, which would double their power output. The expansion could include Butte County, Nevada County, Tuolumne

Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Rotary Club meeting, members heard from Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening (RYLA) participants Annie Woods and Matthew Miskin described their camp experiences at the Oct. 3 Rotary Club meeting.

In June, they were sponsored by the Gridley club to attend District 5180's Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening Camp at Grizzly Creek Ranch in Portola.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening is a program designed by Rotary to improve communication and problem solving, learn fundamentals and ethics of leadership, emphasize service and citizenship, and have fun in the process.

The big focus is Rotary's motto "Service Above Self." The camp experience is both intense and extremely challenging. Thousands of youths attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening programs worldwide. Usually, attendees are high school juniors



Enthusiastic Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening participants gathered at Grizzly Creek Ranch in Portola. Photo courtesy of Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening

becoming seniors but can be aged 14 to 30.

To begin the week, all participants were asked to give up their phones. Woods said that this was a little daunting but after a few days, "it was one of the best things that could have happened." She enjoyed face-to-face conversations. Miskin said he found it relaxing not having any distractions through the week.

An essential element of the camp is the Rewarding Outdoor Personal Experience (ROPES) obstacle course. This was Woods' favorite activity. She discovered it was less about climbing or balancing on ropes and more about building trust in herself and others.

"The course challenged us physically and mentally, but more importantly,

taught us the value of teamwork and believing in one another," Woods said.

Miskin's favorite part was the service project where each person had the opportunity to interact with a young child between the ages of four and seven. Two members of each group built bicycles for the children that seemed to make them happy.

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The New Pi-Line

Community Shows Gratitude for Dia Del Campesino



By Josh F.W. Cook

A Pi-Line Book Review. In *The Weight of the Mantle*, Chico author Brett Brown crafts a contemporary fantasy that blends humor, adventure, and a touch of romance into a delightful package. At 121,000 words, this young adult (YA) novel strikes a balance between engaging storytelling and uplifting themes, a refreshing combination in today's literary landscape. The story follows Delia, a rebellious teen who juggles her mundane life working at a local pancake house with a surprising twist of magical realism. Her life takes an unexpected turn when she finds herself defending against a sword-wielding attacker using her trusty frying pan, revealing the

device's hidden magical potential. This quirky setup establishes a unique premise and hints at deeper themes of empowerment and self-discovery. Harley, the firstborn heir of a legendary knight, and his twin brother Caleb add layers of complexity to the narrative. Harley's quest to find the pieces of his ancestor's magical armor introduces an intriguing quest element, while Caleb's skepticism offers a comedic counterbalance. Their interactions with Delia create an entertaining and relatable dynamic, echoing the camaraderie found in beloved series like *Percy Jackson* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*. The character development is one of the novel's strengths. Delia's journey from a seemingly ordinary girl to someone with extraordinary abilities is both believable and inspiring. Meanwhile, Harley's ambition and Caleb's cautious nature create an engaging sibling dynamic that adds depth to the story. Lady Rosanna, the antagonist, is compelling in her own right, providing

a formidable challenge that keeps readers on their toes. The light-filled themes of friendship, bravery, and self-acceptance shine throughout the book, making it suitable for a wide range of young readers. The author intended to provide uplifting content, as the story maintains a positive tone without sacrificing excitement or depth. Fans of middle school grades fantasy will find a seamless transition into this engaging literary adventure. The whimsical blend of medieval elements with contemporary settings offers something fresh while still paying homage to classic tropes. Brown's *The Weight of the Mantle* is a heartwarming and action-packed start to the Royal Bloods series. It promises magical escapades and a celebration of the courage found in embracing one's true self. This debut is sure to captivate both young adult readers and those young at heart, making it a worthy addition to any fantasy reader's bookshelf. On the Pi-Line Book Review, this work scores 4.7 out of 5 Stars. ★



Many attendees enjoyed the various vendors.

Story and photos by Mickey Mrakuzic

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Hispanic Resource Council of Northern California hosted the Dia Del Campesino (also known as Farmworker Appreciation Day) on Oct. 6 at Nick Daddow Park in Gridley.

It was a bright and toasty day. The lively event provided food, music and resources to all attendees. A large bustling crowd attended the event, including many families. The lively music filled the air encouraging attendees to have fun and enjoy themselves. Many vendors had free items to give the children.

Agencies provided attendees with information, assistance and services. Services included job assistance, information on healthy eating, companies to ask financial questions, flu, blood and glucose checks and COVID vaccines.

Each vendor donated time and money to make the event possible. Alicia Cardona and Beatrice Ramirez put in a large amount of work and time to make this event happen. Councilman Angel Calderon also put in his time to coordinate the event.

The agencies and businesses there were Ampla Health, Butte County Child Support Services, Butte County Library, Literacy Services, Butte County Public Health-Clinic/Childhood Lead Prevention, Injury/suicide Prevention Program, EPIC-Emergency Services, Gridley Farm Labor Camp, Butte-Glenn Community College Public Health Cal Fresh/SNAP Program, Butte County WIC, CA Department of Financial Protection & Innovation, California Department of Pesticide Regulation, California Health Collaborative SI Se Puede, California Human Development,



The lively music was enjoyed by all.

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Alicia Cardona and Beatrice Ramirez organized the event.

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County, Sutter County, Sonora, Oroville, Paradise, Chico, Yuba City and Live Oak.

Over the summer, an impact assessment study was conducted to analyze the potential for Live Oak and Sutter County to join Pioneer. The study, which was conducted by an independent consultant, looked at two years of consumption pattern data and found that Pioneer would be able to bring in Live Oak without impacting rates for existing customers. Currently, Pioneer says they offer customers approximately 7% in savings over PG&E and they are confident they can extend those savings to Live Oak.

But for the numbers to work out, the launch is slightly delayed from Pioneer’s initial conversations with city staff. The current recommended launch for the expansion is October 2027, which will allow the launch to begin after the summer heat when rates are highest.

Pioneer submitted Request for Proposals (RFPs) last month to find additional energy suppliers and they will be going before their board in December with the official numbers to get final approval for expansion.

Councilmember Bob Woten said, “It’s very exciting to make a step forward like this.”

Councilmember Jeramy Chapdelaine agreed.

“This would be great for our residents. Anything we can do to help out with rates would be awesome,” Chapdelaine said. He did ask for clarification on how the change would affect solar customers, and he was assured that Pioneer has an excellent solar program that will offer savings without changing any of the tiers or rates already established with PG&E.

Councilmember Lakhvir Ghag said with energy costs always increasing, he’s glad there is another option.

Mayor Ashley Hernandez said it would be a wonderful program allowing the city to offer residents a choice.

“Anytime we can provide any kind of savings, we want to do that,” Hernandez said. She said she fully supports moving forward.

Pioneer will come back to Live Oak in January to handle the administrative work, after final board approval for the expansion.

During general Public Comment, resident Dave Carlson said councilmembers should maintain a professional demeanor in their online interactions. But he reported that a councilmember was engaging in rude comments on social media in response to negative comments regarding the dog park. When Carlson was engaging on the post, he said this councilmember responded angrily, telling him to run for

City Council again since he has so many ideas—which he said was not meant sincerely but instead as “taunting remarks.”

The council then heard options to improve existing conditions at the dog park. The city brought in John Suesens of Quadriga Landscaping Architecture and Planning, who visited the site and offered recommendations for resurfacing. Suesens said each option has pros and cons, including longevity and cost, for council to consider.

While full lawn areas are a nice option, Suesens said that is expensive to install, irrigate, and maintain. And the site’s various low areas with poor drainage will destroy lawns over the winter months due to the standing water. But partial lawns on the downslopes in addition to other improvements would be a workable solution.

The areas of poor drainage also create muddy conditions for the dogs, so low areas could be filled with rock base and boulders to keep dogs out of the mud and give them a higher spot to climb.

An additional decomposed granite pathway along the park perimeter could help decrease weed encroachment and give dogs another path to run. While decomposed granite is a stable and long-lasting surface, it is more expensive and can be hard on the dogs’ feet, so it’s only recommended for use in select areas.

Mulch or wood chips are other, less expensive options to combat mud and weeds, but those are not stable surfaces and have to be frequently reapplied.

Parks and Recreation Director Luis Cibrian said another option is to irrigate the entire park, which would keep out the thistles since they like dry conditions. The irrigation would encourage the growth of the natural grasses already there, keeping them green over the spring and summer months. This option would maintain the natural terrain, with seasonal mowing to manage the growth.

Mayor Hernandez said she’d like to see an official cost rundown on the various options.

Interim City Manager Mark Scott said staff should look into running the numbers to get cost estimates and then submit a Request for Proposals.

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for Oct. 16 but that date coincides with the League of California Cities annual conference, which some councilmembers might attend. Scott suggested the possibility of canceling or rescheduling that meeting if there will not be enough councilmembers in attendance. Council decided to wait until closer to the meeting to see whether any pressing matters will be up for discussion and then decide how to proceed. ★

Biggs Housing Battle

By *Connie Voss*

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs City Council meeting this week was well-attended, primarily due to the debate over the proposed development on Sixth Street.

There were a few consent items as per the agenda, as well as some department reports, before launching into the housing issues.

City clerk Roben Benish was appointed city administrator pro tem while Josh Cook is on leave.

Bob Summerville, Biggs city planner, started the discussion of California Housing Laws that led to the idea of the Sixth Street development. He and city attorney Greg Einhorn made it clear that the project has not been submitted and therefore would not be voted on at this meeting. Once that process is started, it can be recommended for approval.

The big question looms, can the state force the City of Biggs to comply with state housing laws? Summerville indicated that the state has hired additional staff to see that the housing mandates are carried out. With new state staff hired to enforce housing stipulations, the state “would definitely want to come after us,” Summerville said.

Einhorn stated several times that the whole discussion was theoretical since the project has not yet been submitted. Therefore, the entire exchange was only informational.

Summerville continued by saying that before the Hamman development was ever suggested, the city was looking for a land parcel that would be adequate to fulfill the state housing mandates. Then, considering the suitability of the Sixth Street property, City Administrator Cook approached Kory Hamman to ask if he would consider upzoning some of his property to satisfy the state. Originally, the idea was to use one acre for apartments.

However, Hamman wanted to add amenities including a playground, dog park and basketball court so he expanded the plan to a two-acre complex.

When the discussion was opened for public comment, tensions grew. The first speaker, Mandy, expressed that in previous council meetings, the project was not “theoretical.” It was being pushed for approval and would be fast-tracked because of Senate Bill 35, legislation that no one had discussed so far in this meeting. Mandy said that once the development becomes subject to SB35, the city and residents will lose all control. Reference was made to CAL FIRE’s inability to fight a fire in a 42-unit apartment complex, in addition to poor roads. Finally, she concluded talking about the project as a “backroom deal.”

Firefighters in attendance were requested for input on whether Station 73 could handle a two-story apartment complex fire.

“That would be difficult,” the fire chief said, but typically any Biggs fires require help from Gridley and Oroville.

Hamman was invited to speak and began by publicly apologizing for

offending anyone on social media. He then spoke to assure all in attendance that his object was to build a quality apartment complex, which was why he added the amenities. The government awards tax credits on a point system. The nicer the complex is, Hamman said, the more tax credits will be given, unlike low-income housing projects in the 1960s.

Hamman said that he “could start a one-acre complex tomorrow” but wanted to build the higher quality complex. Contractors who build ugly apartment complexes stand little to no chance of getting the tax credits, he said. Hamman also referred to comments from prior Biggs leaders about growth and how much it was needed.

As to the question of what would happen if Biggs ignored the mandate, Mayor Brian Bassett cited the example of the Waste Water Treatment plant in Biggs that was built “because the state came after us.” Fines of \$800,000 were assessed. Bassett added that the waste-water facility could easily handle the 42-apartment complex.

School Superintendent Doug Kaelin weighed in, fully in support of the development. Classes are currently small and would easily accommodate the new students that the development would bring, Kaelin said. Career Technology and AP classes are not presently offered, due to low enrollment. He confirmed that enrollment has declined, with students transferring to Gridley where those classes are offered. Kaelin also put in a plug for Measure A, the school bond initiative, and outlined where the funds will be used. A gymnasium for the junior high school is top on the list.

As far as impacts to water, and streets, Public Works Superintendent Paul Pratt indicated that his department is always on the lookout for grants to fund upgrades. That is how the Waste Water Plant was funded. The water pipes have some leaks when it rains but have the capacity to handle the development, according to Pratt. Some water and sewer pipes have been upgraded but further upgrades are needed. The sewer is at half capacity and could accommodate the development, Pratt said.

Pratt discussed possible increased revenue from property taxes with Butte County Treasurer-Tax Collector Troy Kidd. The money brought in from the apartment property tax will be negligible. However, the taxes from the 18 market rate houses and the mini-storage adjacent to the complex will generate some revenue.

Crime was another concern of residents. Mayor Bassett spoke with Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea, asking if crime had spiked in Gridley or Oroville where similar apartment structures were built. He said that Honea had not seen a crime increase in those areas.

Residents continued to express frustration that the project is happening at all, saying that most residents do not want it. The residents’ petition against the project has 200 signatures so far. ★

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Changes Coming to Airport Parking

By Daniel Canfield

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA - Effective Oct. 1 and without much ceremony, the Sacramento International Airport (SMF) hourly parking lot was closed, according to the airport website.

This was the closest parking lot to Terminal B, had more than 600 parking spaces available and was ideal for short visits to the airport to meet or drop off travelers using Terminal B.

Terminal B accommodates the following airlines: Aeromexico, Alaska Airlines, Frontier, Hawaiian Airlines, Horizon, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit and Volaris.

The Sacramento International Airport’s website indicates the hourly lot will be permanently closed to make way for a new parking garage that will boast more than 5,500 spaces when completed. This new development is part of a larger capital improvement project ongoing at the airport. The project, dubbed SMF Foreword, by Sacramento County leaders is expected to cost \$1.3 billion when completed.

According to a September airport news release, project funding is coming from the sale of General Airport Revenue Bonds.

“Increasing close-in garage parking capacity is the number

one opportunity we have to improve the guest experience at SMF,” said Cindy Nichol, director of airports for the Sacramento County Department of Airports, in an April 2024 news release.

Indeed, a day after the hourly lot was closed, airport officials were joined by local dignitaries to break ground on the new Terminal B parking garage.

“Today’s groundbreaking is another important step to realize the SMF Forward vision and deliver tangible improvements for our community,” said Congresswoman Doris Matsui at the groundbreaking event. “This new parking garage will greatly expand capacity while going above and beyond to make the facility convenient and technologically cutting edge. I’m proud to champion the work of our airport and we are only continuing to push the envelope to keep it the national gold standard for years to come.”

According to a Sacramento County news release on the groundbreaking event, the parking garage project will generate 1,000 jobs during its construction phase and will utilize labor under a Community Workforce Training Agreement, creating opportunities for the local workforce.

Sacramento International Airport visitors have recently become accustomed to the



Airport officials, along with local dignitaries, break ground for the new Terminal B parking garage. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Department of Airports

airport’s existing parking lots and parking garages near the terminals being full during busy travel periods, leaving travelers few options except to utilize the remote long-term parking lots and ride the shuttle to the terminals.

The new parking garage, when completed, will be a great asset to Sacramento travelers. In the meantime, the hourly lot closure will put additional pressure on the other airport parking

lots during the new garage’s construction.

Sacramento International Airport’s senior public information officer Scott Johnston provided this guidance, “Travelers are encouraged to check parking availability and track shuttles in real-time before arriving at the airport. We also recommend arriving two-and-a-half hours before a flight and using rideshare options instead of driving.”

“SMF is seeing an average of one million passengers per month and is expected to surpass 13 million in 2024, which would be a record-breaking year for the airport.” Johnston added explaining the need for the expanded parking facilities.

For more information on parking at Sacramento International Airport, visit the Sacramento County website at www.sacramento.aero/smf/to-and-from/parking ★



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A Costly New Knee

Not all things acquired are done so by monetary payment. Think of taking a walk and reaping the benefits of a healthier you. For the healthier you, you didn’t actually pay any money but you paid nonetheless through your time and sweat you expended in doing the walk.

Doing economic radio shows and newscasts for many decades now, I have come to realize there are many ways to pay for things we desire and reap said rewards and many of those transactions do not involve the transfer of money as the above walkabout example illustrate. When I realized that fact, a slew of new topics presented themselves for my Money Matters media.

Today’s musing leads us to the costs, benefits, and the how and why of total knee replacement (TKR). As mankind’s life expectancy is extended through the miracles of science, new expectations arise about how long we can stay active.

One is either a newbie to the world of TKR or a seasoned veteran. And with my second TKR done September 17th, I am now a seasoned TKR veteran.

I was told I needed a TKR on the right knee decades back. Since the knee still worked and was only moderately inconveniencing me as to frequency and pain level, I figured if I waited a few years, technology would improve and better and longer lasting knees would be available. Additionally, although I had pretty good health insurance back then, I would still have a considerable co-payment.

Having been right on both instances, about 30 years ticked off on my old right knee and I found myself, starting around about the age of 55, really feeling the effects of the knee. It was now bone on bone.

Continuing to play a variety of sports, I ground the thing down to the point where running and jumping was almost impossible and the pain was exhausting. Luckily for me, the age of 65 sprung upon me and with it, the financial savior called Medi-Care became available.

I then began to investigate where the new knee technology had progressed to and like I had thought, TKR had become common place. The methodology, medicines and equipment utilized during TKR had vastly progressed.

Turns out that right about that time my left knee began to give up the ghost. This only made my resolve to get the right knee done that more urgent.

Having a large social media presence I

ran a survey two counties wide as to who might be the best doctor to go to and three came to the forefront.

The top doctor was a four hour drive away which, at that time, was a bit of a deal breaker for me.

I then set up appointments with the next two in line which were closer and decided on one of those shortly thereafter.

Medi-Care paid for all of it and since I just had the second one done, Medi-Care paid for that one too. Good thing. I saw the bill and it was something like \$150,000.00 each knee.

Ouch. Although Medi-Care covered the cost, the transaction of my two new knees was not all monetary.

Certainly real money was paid to the doctors and ancillary care facilities and I also did pay a cost.

I had paid into Medi-Care for decades through my paychecks.

Additionally, I also paid by having to take time off from my ongoing business enterprises costing me an untold amount. But the good part is the payoff.

Not that a TKR will solve everyone’s problem 100% of the time. There are degrees of success. And on rare occasion, like with any surgery, they do have their risks and possible complications. All surgeries do.

And although my first TKR is not perfect, I can now run and jump without much if any pain.

And that fact was good enough for me to decide to do the other one.

This current knee replacement is a stark reminder of just how uncomfortable these can be during the lengthy recovery. I can say it is definitely NOT FUN.

However when I start running, jumping and playing sports again, I will be reminded only then why I went through two of these.

I can’t wait.
“Watching the markets so you don’t have to”

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A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

The President of Entertainment at the CW Network, Brad Schwartz, would like us to know that their Fall season is “another leap forward in the transformation” of the network as it continues “building a media brand with broadcast at its core.”

His optimism is to be admired because there are conflicting views on the future of broadcast television. There was a time, in a galaxy long ago, when three major networks, ABC, NBC and CBS, dominated and we mostly watched the same shows, some good and others eminently forgettable.

The Detroit Free Press published an article earlier this year noting that the answer to the question of the future of television was a “one-way ticket down a rabbit hole of potential outcomes.” During the latter part of last century came the rise of cable TV, and now the hot market is streaming.

Mondays will be game show night with two new series based on familiar names. First up is “Trivial Pursuit,” reimagined in a question-packed entertainment format. Gameplay takes place on a giant version of the iconic game board, as contestants fight it out.

Participants battle over a range of play-along question categories to win wedges and beat each other to the center. The victor then takes on a dramatic finale against the clock to claim the jackpot. “Trivial Pursuit” is hosted by Emmy Award-winning actor LeVar Burton.

Hosted by fan-favorite actor and singer Raven-Symone, “Scrabble” is a captivating, fast-paced take on the global board-game phenomenon. In each episode, wordsmiths skirmish over a series of addictive word games of skill and strategy to win points and master a giant Scrabble board.

Ten years ago, TNT debuted “The Librarians” series that featured a diverse group, including a skilled thief and art historian, working below the public library in order to protect mystical artifacts.

“The Librarians: The Next Chapter,” a spinoff of that original series, follows the adventures of the custodians of a magical repository of the world’s most powerful and dangerous supernatural artifacts.

This new series centers on Vikram (Callum McGowan), a “Librarian” from the past, who time-traveled to the present and now finds himself stuck here. When he returns to his castle, which is now a museum, he inadvertently releases magic across the continent.

Vikram is given a new team to help him clean up the mess he made, forming a new team of Librarians. Alongside McGowan, the series stars Jessica Green as Charlie Cornwall, the Guardian; Olivia Morris

as Lys Pascal, the Scientist; and Bluey Robinson as Connor Green, the Historian.

In new series “Joan,” Sophie Turner stars as notorious jewel thief Joan Hannington in this story set against the vibrant backdrop of the 1980s, an era known for its bold fashion trends, iconic music, and cultural shifts.

The series opens with Joan, a fiery and uncompromising woman in her twenties who is deeply scarred and vulnerable. She is a devoted mother to her young daughter, but is trapped in a disastrous marriage with a violent criminal named Gary.

When Gary goes on the run, Joan seizes the opportunity to create a new life for herself and her daughter. She becomes a masterful jewel thief and embarks on a thrilling, high-stakes journey that challenges her every limit.

Through her sharp intelligence, charm and talent for impersonation, we track the twists and turns in Joan’s life, the ups and downs, the heartache and joy that makes this story of “Joan” so compelling to follow.

Frank Dillane is London antiques dealer Boisie. Joan’s older sister and salon worker Nancy is played by Kirsty J. Curtis. Gershwyn Eustache Jr. portrays Albie, an old acquaintance of Boisie who’s made a new life in Spain with his wife Val (Laura Aikman).

Mid-season series on the horizon include “Good Cop/Bad Cop,” a one-hour procedural dramedy centered around Lou (Leighton Meester) and Henry (Luke Cook), an odd couple sister and brother detective team in a small Pacific Northwest police force.

They must contend with colorful residents, a lack of resources, and their very complicated dynamic with each other and their police chief, Big Hank (Clancy Brown), who happens to be their father.

The mystery thriller “Sherlock & Daughter” puts Sherlock Holmes (David Thewlis) out of his comfort zone, mysteriously unable to investigate a sinister case without risking the lives of his closest friends.

Enter young American Amelia (Blu Hart), who learns her missing father may be the legendary detective. The pair must work together to solve a global conspiracy and find out if she’s really related to Sherlock.

Back to the Detroit Free Press by Julie Hinds, the article noted that the “seismic shifts in television platforms over the past decade are pointing toward a brave new world of viewing, but what wil it be?”

Since we don’t want to plunge down a rabbit hole, the answer will not be found here, nor with a network executive. Like the start of a baseball season, it’s good to be hopeful, and the CW may have put together a slate for continued growth. ★



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Homecoming Goes Hollywood!



Gridley High cheerleaders smile and wave as they prepare to grace the Gridley High School Homecoming parade with their high spirits!

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School celebrated Homecoming in typical fashion, holding to time-honored traditions and adding some new twists of their own.

Homecoming week

kicked off with the Junior vs Senior football follies game. Tradition dictates that the boys’ football team coaches the girls as they prepare for the intense, flag football game. The gentlemen of Gridley High School also pep up the crowd filling the roles of cheerleaders for the

match-up, featuring their own choreographed half-time cheer routing and more!

Juniors put forth a valiant effort but the seniors took the win, defeating the juniors 12-8.

Spirit week included dress up days of hippie day, sunglasses day (Elton John day) and pink-out day where everyone wore pink.

Float building started Tuesday, reducing the number of days that each class had to work on their respective projects this year. The theme was “music through the decades” and each class theme centered around a musical artist. Freshman had Prince, sophomores had Elton John, juniors built a Beatles-themed float and the seniors rocked with the “King,” Elvis Presley.

In an upset, the juniors took the win for the floats, seniors placed second, with freshman in third and sophomores bringing up fourth-place.

Friday was a flurry of activity with rallies and the Homecoming parade ending the school day.

A stream of vehicles, including a fire engine



Gridley football teams show their patriotism, waving flags and throwing out candy to the kids that lined the Homecoming Parade route.



Gridley High School Homecoming Queen Karla Barajas and King Gus Stogsdill were crowned at halftime of the homecoming game on Oct. 4.



The freshman reigned with its Prince-inspired “purple rain” themed float.



The sophomores got spacey with an Elton John inspired “Rocket Man” themed float.



Seniors didn't step on anyone's “blue suede shoes” with the Elvis themed float.



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Juniors took the win with their Beatles-inspired “Yellow Submarine” float.

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National Pumpkin Weigh Off Results



Jim Sherwood of Mulino, Oregon, celebrates his win at the National Pumpkin Weigh Off at Bishop's Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland on Sept. 28.

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

WHEATLAND, CA (MPG) - Sheri Retzlaff choked softly as the wheels of her forklift kicked dry brown dust into the air. The day was hot despite it being the end of September, and at 2 p.m. the sun was at its peak. All around her, people dressed in orange crowded into shaded corners patiently waiting for the next Atlantic Giant to be weighed. Retzlaff had been given an important task. One by one, she touted some of the nation's largest

pumpkins to the grand scale to solidify its weight and placement at the National Pumpkin Weigh Off. This event, now hosted at Bishop's Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland, stands as the arbiter of pumpkin culture and offers the world's highest prize pool to participating growers across the United States and Canada. The weigh offs came to Bishop's last year with Dave Chan of Vancouver, Canada taking home \$19,908 for his 2,212-pound pumpkin. The world record, however, is still held by Travis Gienger of Minnesota for a pumpkin that

weighed in at 2,749 pounds. Nevertheless, the stakes were high this year with two Oregon pumpkins vying for both a state record and a shot at the world record. With just a half inch difference in circumference, fans waited with bated breath to see if they would be a part of history in the making. It all came down between Russ Pugh and Jim Sherwood. Ironically, Pugh's previous best was his 2023 pumpkin that weighed in at 2,023 pounds. This year, he beat his own record by 278 pounds. Sherwood, on the other hand, won out at 2,453



Sheri Retzlaff diligently touts pumpkins to and from the official weigh in station during the National Pumpkin Weigh Off at Bishop's Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland on Sept. 28.

pounds, his own personal best. His pumpkin was grown in a greenhouse and periodically injected with CO2. As this year's first-place winner, Sherwood was awarded \$9-per-pound, resulting in a total grand prize of \$22,017. Unfortunately, neither Sherwood nor Pugh's pumpkin weighed enough to beat the current Oregon state record held at 2,469 pounds by Steve Daletas, so it looks like Gienger's world record is safe for another year. Even still, the top five heaviest squashes were left on display for farm goers to enjoy with their

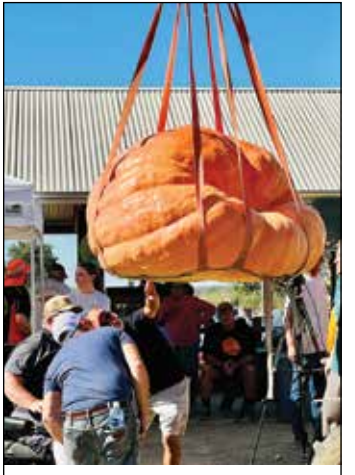
weight and placement as follows: Jim Sherwood of Mulino, Oregon, with a pumpkin that weighed 2,453 pounds and was nicknamed "Hank the Tank." Russ Pugh of Eugene, Oregon, with a pumpkin that weighed 2,301 pounds. Madison Thomson of Penn Valley with a pumpkin that weighed 1,991 pounds. Jake Leonard of Rocklin with a pumpkin that weighed 1,950 pounds. Ruben Castro of American Canyon with a pumpkin that weighed 1,634 pounds. ★




This year's winning pumpkin also earned the prestigious and highly sought-after Howard Dill award. Dill, from Windsor Nova Scotia, is known as the "Father of Giant Pumpkin Growing" and he was said to have a fondness for big, beautiful orange pumpkins. Judging criteria for this award largely comes down to color, symmetry, and size.



Some pumpkins still use their stems to drink and stay hydrated up until weighing. But before being put on the scale their stems must be cut to exactly one inch to ensure fairness and continuity across the board.



Volunteers assist in inspecting the underside of a pumpkin for flaws such as holes, mold, or rotten spots. A crane and heavy-duty straps are needed to lift the fruit and facilitate inspection from all sides. Due to their sheer size and weight, inspection and lifting is a team effort.



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Spooktacular Middle Grade Reads

Spooky season is upon us and these haunting new reads are perfect for the middle grade reader



The Old Willis Place
by Mary Downing Hahn, adapted by Scott Peterson, Meredith Laxton, Sienna Haralson
From the wonderful spooky mind of Mary Downing Hahn is the graphic novel adaptation that will captivate a whole new audience. Diana and her little brother love living in the old Willis place, even though people say it is haunted. They revel in the freedom to run and play, with no bedtime or teeth-brushing rules. The only restriction is they can't leave the grounds. Their excitement peaks when Lissa's father becomes the estate's caretaker, offering the possibility of a new friend. But there's a catch – no friends allowed. But what happens if they do? This is a ghostly, great story, with excellent illustrations and even full-page letters.

The Creepening of Dogwood House
by Eden Royce
Everything in his life changes when Roddie gets sent to live at Dogwood house. The house is creepy and weird, and the Spanish

moss reminds him of his hair, which makes him think of his mom. But one thing his mom didn't teach him is hoodoo, and as he learns more about the secrets hidden within the house-secrets that are reaching out to Roddie.

Exit Nowhere
by Juliana Brandt
When Barret embarks on a group project to research a historical landmark, she suggests the abandoned Raithfield manor. Little did she know that she would soon find herself in the midst of a genuinely haunting situation. As the sun sets, the mansion locks them inside, turning into a thrilling game of childhood games. The only way out is to win the game. Now, the group must learn to work together or risk disappearing in the process!

The October Witches
by Jennifer Claessen
Clemmie has always loved October, but this October will be different. Now that Clemmie is twelve, it might be time to receive her October power like her mom, aunt, and cousin, but magic with her family can get messy. However, some want to try and harness the

magic to last more than just a month, which could put her coven in mortal danger. What would people pay to have magic all year or even to have magic, and what is the ultimate price they will pay? Grab a blanket and a cup of hot cocoa for this fun fall read.

Tales From Cabin 23
The Boo Hag Flex
by Justina Ireland
Everything in Tasha's life has changed. After her mother's death, Tasha is sent to live with her grandmother in the middle of nowhere, Georgia. What makes matters even worse is that one of the neighbors mysteriously passes away. Then, she meets Ellie. Ellie is certain she knows who is responsible for the death- a weird shadow creature that stalks the trailer park at night. It all seems made-believe until Tasha discovers a book filled with old Southern hoodoos. Could Ellie actually be right? Filled with all the bumps in the night, readers will be able to Follow along as Tasha and Ellie try to solve the mystery and their trailer park. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The wait is finally over and once again a frenetic group of nearly 20,000 fans will hear the introduction, “and now running the point for the Sacramento Kings from the Kentucky Wildcats, De’Aaron Fox!”

On Wednesday night for the very first time Sacramento fans will hear the introduction of newcomer DeMar DeRozan out of the University of Southern California. DeRozan, like many of his comrade’s, chose to bolt to the NBA after just one year in college, and the ninth overall pick in the 2009 draft has been an overwhelming success ever since.

Drafted by the Toronto Raptors, DeRozan spent nine years in Canada before a short stint in San Antonio, and then on to Chicago. Traded for Kawhi Leonard, DeRozan had to watch from San Antonio as the Raptors captured the NBA title in 2019.

Many pundits were wildly surprised that of all the destinations and the high interest in his service, DeRozan chose Sacramento as his next home. Since then, he has said all the right things, and like many NBA fans, I believe he will fit in extremely well alongside De’Aaron Fox and Domantas Sabonis. Great players are replete, but great people and great players are a scarce commodity. Mr. DeRozan brings both qualities to a team that is replete with team chemistry, and like most Kings fans, I want to see what Monte McNair’s standout acquisition can do.

It is entirely possible that amid all the hype, Kings fans may have to be patient while the big three learn to play alongside one another, but I firmly believe that this six-time all-star will make the transition quickly.

Able to play guard or small forward, much has been reported about the uptick we are likely to see with regards to better looks for Fox, Sabonis, and three-point shooter Keegan Murray.

Lost to some degree in all the uproar of the signing of DeRozan, is how third year hoopster Murray will use DeRozan’s talents to get better looks, and more opportunities to drive the lane.

I was impressed with Keegan’s introduction of a true mid-range game last

season, and along with some notable shooting inside the three-point line, like former teammate Harrison Barnes, Murray became a threat driving to the basket.

The combination of Murray’s three-point shooting, mid-range game, and ability to go to the hole, will have a positive impact on DeRozan as well, and I expect to see this career 21 points per game player, potentially pad that number in the upcoming season.

Not to be overshadowed, Domantas Sabonis could elevate his game even more with the myriad of scoring ability around him, and a return to the high octane offense that led the NBA two years ago may well be in the offing.

It remains to be seen what the loss of defensive minded Jordi Fernandez will do to the Kings, and without question assistant head coach Jay Triano will have big shoes to fill.

Fitting that Sacramento’s first opponent of the preseason will be archival, The Golden State Warriors, and like the Kings, the Warriors will bring a vaunted offensive into Golden One.

Notably missing Wednesday night will be perennial three-point shooter and other half of the splash brothers, Klay Thompson, who has now donned royal blue colors of the Dallas Mavericks.

Joining all-stars Luka Doncic and Kyrie Irving, Thompson hopes to reignite a career that took a two-and-a-half-year hiatus after suffering back-to-back injuries to his ACL and Achilles.

It’s important to note that Thompson helped the Warriors to an NBA title in his comeback season of 2022, but the past two years have seen Klay a step slower, and his offense not as reliable as it once was. At age 34 the 6’6” Thompson may still have more in the tank, but we won’t witness that until the Mavericks come to town on Dec. 30.

Hitch up your britches Kings fans. We are in for a different look than perhaps this team has ever presented, and it’s going to be a fun ride.

May the Beam shine brighter than ever!
Your thoughts are always welcome at vghar-riskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

California’s Expensive Explosion of Real Estate Fraud Hits Home



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Rana Robillard came very close this year to losing her life’s savings and with it her dream home, when she wired nearly \$400,000 to an internet scammer.

Robillard, ironically, is an experienced veteran of the Bay Area technology industry, but when she received what she thought was a request for her down payment on a home in Orinda, she sent the money, only to learn that she had been tricked.

“That’s when I went into a full panic,” Robillard, 55, told CNBC, the cable channel devoted to financial matters, which chronicled her terrifying experience.

Robillard was not alone in being victimized.

The real estate industry has fully embraced online transactions, thus eliminating the hassle of having buyers, sellers, real estate agents, mortgage lenders and title company employees shuffle through dozens of paper documents that must be signed or initialed to complete transactions.

It’s made the process of buying and selling houses much more convenient, but it’s also given scammers an opening for fraud that has cost home buyers many millions of dollars.

The request for down

payment that Robillard received was virtually identical to the many email messages she had exchanged and, in fact, was the only bogus one, which is why scammers have been so successful.

Cyber crooks have mastered the dark art of mimicking legitimate messages, complete with the real names of title company employees and authentic-looking logos, and artificial intelligence could make their scams even more successful in the future.

FBI data, CNBC reported, reveal that real estate fraud involving bogus emails has risen from less than \$9 million in 2015 to \$446.1 million in 2022.

A study of real estate fraud commissioned by Anidjar and Levine, a Florida law firm, found that California’s 1,583 cases in 2023 far surpassed those of any other state, as did its \$24.8 million in losses.

Robillard is one of the lucky victims. She quickly reported her loss and her \$398,359.5 was tracked through several banks as the thieves shifted it around to avoid detection. Five months later, after CNBC began making inquiries, she received \$150,000 from one bank and then the remaining nearly \$250,000 from another.

Robillard contacted CNBC about her case both to help her recover the money and bring more attention to the real estate fraud explosion.

“This is not what I thought my public representation would look like, which is that I’ve lost all this money,” Robillard told

CNBC. “If it helps other people, I’m happy to do it, even though it’s obviously not my proudest moment.”

I take a particular interest in Robillard’s case not only because it’s important but because I came within a whisker last week of also becoming a victim.

I, too, received a very authentic-looking instruction from the title company handling my purchase of a smaller home for downsizing, seeking down payment and closing costs to complete the purchase. It seemingly came from the title company employee who had been handling my transaction and had all of the appearances of a legitimate communication.

I intended to comply with the request a few hours later, but then received a phone call from my lender about closing the transaction. I told him of the request and he immediately smelled a rat.

That phone call was a lifesaver. A few days later, I presented a valid cashier’s check to the title company employee whose identity had been borrowed by the scammer and signed the legitimate paperwork to finalize the purchase.

One of the documents I signed was a warning about phony payment instructions. Perhaps it should have been one of the first documents I was given, rather than one of the last.

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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Democrats Double Down on End of Session Chaos



Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (R-Yuba City)

Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Democrats are doubling down on their mismanagement and undemocratic tactics during a chaotic end of session. In response to an investigation request from Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (R-Yuba City), Democrats

insisted no rules were violated and everything ran smoothly, despite barring Republican members from participating in discussion and limiting debate to just 30 seconds per member. “Democrats’ refusal to address the chaos on the last day of session is disappointing, but not a surprise,” said Gallagher. “By cutting off debate, Democrats silenced the voices of our constituents

and did a disservice to Californians who deserve a transparent lawmaking process. We’re not done fighting for what’s right, because Democrats’ business as usual is no longer acceptable.” Democrats’ response, where they claim “no rules were violated in the final hours of session,” ignores underlying concerns around limiting debate on important

legislative issues. Instead, Democrats have justified their actions by citing precedent and twisting parliamentary rules to retroactively defend their actions. *Assemblyman James Gallagher represents the 3rd Assembly District, which encompasses all of Glenn, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties as well as portions of Butte and Colusa counties.* ★

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV02859 Petitioner David Emerson Hyde filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: David Emerson Hyde to David Vincent Hyde. 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 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928 Filed on September 5, 2024 Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024 HYDE 10-18-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV02818 Petitioner Sammantha Marie Cowan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Sammantha Marie Cowan to Sammantha Marie Schut. 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 30, 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 September 6, 2024 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024 COWAN 10-18-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHARON LOUGHMILLER
CASE NO. 24PR00401 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Sharon Loughmiller, Sharon Lea Loughmiller. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Robert Charles Wall, in the Superior Court of California,

County of Butte, requesting Robert Charles Wall be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 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 22, 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 a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Amy Byrne, Guth & Changaris, APLC, 474 Century Park Drive, Suite #300, Yuba City, 95991; 530-674-9841 Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024 LOUGHMILLER 10-11-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MAUREEN MCDANNEL
CASE NO. 24PR00414

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Maureen McDannel.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mark D. McDannel, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Mark D. McDannel 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: November 5, 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 a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661 Publish: October 4, 11, 18, 2024 MCDANNEL 10-18-24

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 175229 Title No. DEF-634310 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/24/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 10/30/2024 at 3:30 PM, Prime Recon LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 09/01/2017, as Instrument No. 2017-0030595, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Butte County, State of California, executed by Sebastian Underwood and Rebecca Underwood, husband and wife, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), Main Entrance, Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 009-105-006-000 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7 6 2 Maine St, Gridley, CA 95948 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, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$128,059.02 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is

located. Dated: 9/19/2024 Prime Recon LLC Prime Recon LLC. may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Adriana Durham, Vice President Prime Recon LLC, 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201, Temecula, CA 92590 (888) 725-4142 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 280-2832 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site - www.auction.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 175229. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website www. auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case Ts# 175229 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. A-4825296 Published 10/04/2024, 10/11/2024, 10/18/2024 GRIDLEY HERALD 10-18-24



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENTS TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 20, (SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **October 22, 2024**, at 10:30 am, or shortly thereafter, to consider amendments to Butte County Code, Chapter 20 (Subdivision Ordinance). The hearing will be open to the public and held at the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California.

Summary of Amendments to Butte County Code Chapter 20 (Subdivision Ordinance); Project #: CA23-0001

This is a County-initiated amendment to the Butte County Code, Chapter 20 (Subdivision Ordinance). The amendment will: 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).

The amendment is not considered a "project" and therefore not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The amendment summarized above is 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 project may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above. Members of the public can submit public comments in the following ways: U.S. Mail to 25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, ATTN: Clerk of the Board; voicemail at (530) 552.3303; eComment (<https://buttecounty.granicusideas.com/meetings>), or by email to: ClerkoftheBoard@ButteCounty.net. Please include the agenda item number when submitting public comments. If you have any 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) 552.3300. Notification at least 72 hours before the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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

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California Prepares for Extreme Weather Swings as New Water Year Approaches

California Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) on Sept. 26 previewed the new Water Year, which started on Oct. 1, by highlighting preparations for more extreme weather events this season following a record hot summer across much of California and a looming La Niña pattern.

Over the past decade, climate extremes have posed significant challenges to water managers, especially the extreme hot and dry conditions that frequently persist well past summer months and into the fall. California is seeing that right now with above-average temperatures forecast into October and no rain in the current forecast. At the same time, the water that California does receive will arrive from more powerful storms, and hotter temperatures will mean less winter precipitation falls as snow and more will arrive as rain, increasing flood risk.

“California has experienced the full range of climate challenges in recent years from extreme drought to severe flooding and we will be seeing more of that in the future,” said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. “To meet these dramatic challenges, California is starting this water year with more accurate forecasting and additional investments in flood protection and groundwater recharge.”

The Department of Water Resources and partner agencies are making California more climate resilient, taking actions to protect and boost California’s water supplies by taking an all-of-the-above approach to creating a resilient water supply in the face of a changing climate.

Investments in Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations and improved data collection on hydrological conditions across the state through the Department of Water Resources’ \$7 million California Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP) will allow California



Pictured here is a drone photo of Lake Oroville taken Sept. 5. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Water Resources

to incorporate the best available science and data into its water management decisions.

California is also investing in protecting Californians from extreme weather events. Floodplain restoration and flood infrastructure projects such as the Lookout Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration and Flood Improvement Project and the Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback Project will work with nature to improve wildlife habitat while reducing flood risk to hundreds of thousands of Californians.

California is also starting this water year with significant progress in bringing groundwater basins across the state closer to long-term sustainability, protecting drinking water supplies against the impacts of

climate change. Last winter, the Department of Water Resources launched the Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement Initiative, which supports local groundwater recharge efforts that increase the volume of flood flows diverted from local waterways to recharge areas and expand local capacity to divert and receive future flood flows. The Department of Water Resources has invested over \$100 million in groundwater recharge projects since the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act was signed into law in 2014.

While Lake Oroville, the State Water Project’s largest reservoir, is currently 101 percent of average for this date, the latest outlook from NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center shows a 71 percent chance of La Niña

conditions emerging this fall. While seven of the 10 La Niña events this century resulted in dry years, research also suggests that even as the climate grows hotter and drier overall, the precipitation that California does receive will arrive in stronger storms, increasing the risk from flooding.

“California experienced record heat and dry conditions this summer, drying out the landscape and putting our hydrology behind before the water year even starts,” said State Climatologist Dr. Michael Anderson. “While there is still a lot of uncertainty around how La Niña could impact the state this year, we know we can count on it to include extreme conditions.”

The record dry conditions this summer broke multiple records across the state for consecutive

days of triple digit temperatures. In the critically important Sierra Nevada watersheds, precipitation this fall will be vitally important to ensure the winter snowpack can translate into runoff that fills our reservoirs, which provides a third of the water used in California.

In addition to today’s preview of the new Water Year, the Department of Water Resources released the 2024 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment Summary Report on Monday, Sept. 30. The summary report, which includes water shortage information at the supplier level, as well as regional and statewide analyses of water supply conditions, finds that all suppliers have assessed that they will have adequate supplies to meet demand in the coming year. ★

Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening

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“The unconditional love and joy I received when he was able to make a kid’s day was remarkable,” Miskin said.

Another activity Miskin enjoyed was the first night when he and others in his group were asked to write down what they struggle with on a board. After they read off the list, they chopped their boards with a karate chop, while the group applauded.

Both Woods and Miskin expressed profound gratitude to Gridley Rotary for the opportunity of attending the Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening Camp.

“RYLA wasn’t just a camp, it was an experience that encouraged us to grow as leaders and individuals,” said Woods.

Miskin voiced how he looked forward to applying the leadership principles he learned.

For those interested in attending Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening Camp in 2025, check out the website at <https://camp-ryla.org/> and the Gridley Rotary Club’s Facebook page. ★



Matthew Miskin, second from left, and his Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening group prepares to break their boards. Photo courtesy of Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening



Annie Woods and Matthew Miskin recap their Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening experiences at Rotary. Photo by Connie Voss

State Route 191 Construction Schedule Update for Paradise

Caltrans News Release

PARADISE, CA (MPG) - Caltrans is informing motorists of the update on the ongoing pavement rehabilitation project in Paradise on State Route 191 (SR 191). The project is entering its final stages and the recent schedule adjustments are stated below.

Crews are currently grinding the surface in preparation for the final layer of pavement and striping. While it may appear that the new pavement is being removed, this is a necessary step to ensure a smooth and durable roadway.

Grinding operations were completed on Oct. 4.

Upcoming Schedule

Traffic Control: Having begun Monday, Oct. 7, traffic control with a pilot car will be in effect from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The signal will be relocated to Meadow Song Road to shorten the length of the closure and reduce wait times.

Traffic Control will be in place Monday through Friday until Oct. 25.

Currently no weekend work scheduled at this time.



Project completion is expected in November of this year. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Caltrans and its contractors remain committed to completing the project as quickly and efficiently as possible. The project is in its final stages, with completion anticipated by November 2024.

Caltrans District 3 is responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. Caltrans reminds motorists to “Be Work Zone Alert” and slow in construction zones for the safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements.

The department will issue updates on X @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. ★

LaMalfa, Thompson Introduce Pacific Flyway Habitat Enhancement Act

Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) issued the following statement after introducing the Pacific Flyway Habitat Enhancement Act with Congressman Mike Thompson (CA-04). This bill allows the Secretary of Agriculture to enroll additional agricultural lands in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program as long as it is necessary to address wetland habitat concerns. Additionally, it encourages farmers to manage their working croplands in ways

that support wetland-dependent species by permitting seasonal flooding of these fields.

LaMalfa said: “The next drought is around the corner, and we need to use the water resources we get to the best mutual benefit of farms, people, and the environment. Even this year with better water availability the California Department of Fish and Wildlife estimated that breeding duck populations have dropped by 30 percent, highlighting the ongoing struggles faced by both farmers and wildlife due to poor water management policies. This bill seeks to protect both the farmers and the hundreds of species along the Pacific

Flyway. I'm proud to support this bipartisan solution, bringing waterfowl and agriculture together to protect these habitats and keep land productive.”

Thompson said: “Many wild-life species rely on wetland habitat created by California's farmers, including our rice growers. With the Pacific Flyway Habitat Enhancement Act, we can expand USDA support for our local growers, offering resources so qualified farmers can flood their fields in the off-season to both improve soil conditions and support the Pacific Flyway ecosystem. Thank you to Rep. LaMalfa for his partnership on this legislation.”

“We're happy to see Rep. LaMalfa and Rep. Thompson introduce the Pacific Flyway Enhancement Act,” said Julia Peebles, Ducks Unlimited Director of Agriculture and Sustainability Policy. “This bipartisan legislation will allow producers to enroll more working lands in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, which will benefit producers, waterfowl, and other wildlife who rely on seasonally flooded croplands.”

“We appreciate Rep. LaMalfa and Rep. Thompson's Pacific Flyway Habitat Enhancement Act as an additional tool in the toolbox to reward the stewardship

of producers to conserve and enhance waterfowl habitat on their working lands,” noted John Devney, Chief Policy Officer at Delta Waterfowl. “We look forward to this being part of the conversation as Congress presses forward with continuing work on the Farm Bill and the myriad of ways we can work with private landowners to conserve, restore, and enhance duck habitat.”

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties. ★

Yuba County Sheriff's Department News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Just before midnight on Friday, Oct. 4, Yuba County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested 30-year-old Raymond Gonzales at his Marysville residence.

Gonzales is suspected of threatening his estranged wife on Oct. 4 while she worked her shift at Adventist Health and Rideout

Hospital in Marysville.

In collaboration with the Yuba County Sheriff's Office, Adventist Health and Rideout temporarily restricted visitor access for the safety of patients and staff beginning the afternoon of Oct. 4 and concluding the morning of Oct. 5.

Gonzales was booked at the Yuba County Jail for criminal threats and felon in possession of a firearm. ★

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First Female Hispanic Pilot Shares Her Journey, Suits Up After 40 Years



U.S. Air Force Retired Lt. Col. Olga Custodio steps off of a T-38 Talon with Lt. Col. Michael Kelly, 99th Reconnaissance Squadron pilot, after her final flight at Beale Air Force Base, California, Oct. 2. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Nancy Falcon



By Staff Sgt. Frederick A. Brown, 9th Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA (MPG) - After a career of breaking barriers, Lt. Col. Custodio retired from the Air Force without taking part in one last tradition among pilots: her fini-flight. Team Beale celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with cultural presentations, dancing, food and a visit from the first female Hispanic pilot in the military, retired Lt. Col. Olga Custodio. Originally from Puerto Rico, Custodio served 24 years between the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

“I have over 40 years’ experience as a pilot and aviator, I continue to stay in the profession because I feel it’s important to stay visible and accessible to students,” said Custodio. “You can’t share what you know with them otherwise.”

Custodio spoke for Beale Air Force Base’s Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. She discussed her heritage and career, bringing up the 23-year career of her father in the U.S. Army, serving in World War II and being a member of the-all Hispanic 65th Infantry Division during the Korean War.

Custodio had the privilege of accompanying her father to multiple posts around the world which taught her both respect for other cultures, and an

U.S. Air Force retired Lt. Col. Olga Custodio speaks at the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on Beale Air Force Base, Sept. 3. Custodio is the first Hispanic woman to graduate from U.S. Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training. U.S. Air Force photo by Charles Borsos



U.S. Air Force Retired Lt. Col. Olga Custodio and Lt. Col. Michael Kelly, 99th Reconnaissance Squadron commander, prepare for a flight in a T-38 Talon at Beale Air Force Base, California, Oct. 2. Custodio flew her final flight in a military aircraft to share her accomplishments and promote diversity and inclusion within the armed forces as the first female Hispanic U.S. military pilot. Custodio received her final flight after 40 years. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Nancy Falcon

appreciation for the opportunities provided in the United States. She graduated high school at 16 and went back to Puerto Rico to discover an appreciation and love for her own culture.

While attending the University of Puerto Rico, Custodio was denied entry into the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. It was a decade later when the Air Force began actively seeking

female pilot candidates. This opportunity finally allowed Custodio to pursue her passion and fulfill what she considers to be the best job in the Air Force: becoming a pilot.

“My husband was active duty at the time, and we had a four-year-old,” said Custodio. “He said, if this is what you want to do then I’m here to support, and it’s been a great journey ever

since. I love every second of it.”

Custodio was the first Hispanic woman to graduate from U.S. Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training and went on to become the first female T-38 Talon flight instructor and later an instructor of T-38 flight instructors. She was awarded the Air Education and Training Command (AETC) Aviation Safety Award for superior airmanship after executing

a safe heavy weight landing in weather minimums during an engine failure bird strike emergency.

Custodio left her active-duty commission to fly for American Airlines, however, continued to serve her nation in the Reserves as an Officer Training School instructor.

While her children were growing up, Custodio would regularly visit Puerto Rico so they too could learn about their culture. Custodio learned how to play the cuatro, an instrument similar to a guitar, and started a Puerto Rican folk dance group at home in San Antonio. She spent the last 20 years finding ways for different Latino cultures to contribute to Hispanic Heritage Month.

“Everyone, no matter what your heritage is, you need to be proud of that, you need to understand and learn it, and pass it on,” said Custodio. “That’s a legacy you can share with your family.”

Custodio took a moment to recognize the many different cultures and heritages that make up the Air Force, as well as other cultures of her own heritage. She stressed the importance of respect and appreciation for one’s own heritage as well as the heritage and cultures of others.

Custodio also spoke at Roseville High School, sharing her experiences and lessons with students. Her persistence and commitment served to inspire both service members in the midst of their careers and youth looking to their future.

Custodio is also an active advocate for Project Quesada, an Air Force outreach to engage diverse youth groups in Science, Technology, Engineering, Aviation and Math (STEAM) fields and the availability of being a part of such fields while serving their nation in the Air Force.

Beale had the privilege of bestowing upon Custodio her own fini-flight on a T-38, honoring her remarkable service.

“I got to experience something I haven’t done in many decades and get in the seat of a T-38,” said Custodio. “It was like riding a bike, I got in and it felt just like I had done it yesterday. It was a dream come true; I am so grateful.” ★



Air Force Retired Lt. Col. Olga Custodio poses for a photo with Lt. Col. Michael Kelly, 99th Reconnaissance Squadron commander, after a flight at Beale Air Force Base, California, Oct. 2. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Nancy Falcon



U.S. Air Force Retired Lt. Col. Olga Custodio prepares for a flight in a T-38 Talon at Beale Air Force Base, California, Oct. 2. Custodio received her final flight after 40 years. U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Nancy Falcon

History Within Hall’s Walls

Story and photo
by John Raspanti

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Built in 1885, damaged by fire 20 years later, W.H. Hall's general store has withstood the ravages of time to stand proudly in downtown Gridley.

And yes, it’s still there today.

Located at the south-west corners of Hazel and Kentucky streets, the red clay brick building is warm to the touch and solid as a rock.

Housed inside the store for customers to peruse were top-of-the-line gentlemen's clothing, boots, furnishings, goods and shoes.

William Henry Hall, born into a family of six to English immigrants, was a native of Ohio and migrated to Gridley in 1886 with his wife, Louvisa. Hall opened the store less than two years later.

In June 1888, his son, George, was born.

The store did well from the outset. Hall was well-liked and trusted by his customers. The hours were long. Sometimes, Hall slept at work.

On one of these nights, a cracking sound near the front door awakened him. Grabbing his revolver, he went to investigate. Hall crept closer to the door and spotted a form pushing on the door. The intruder noticed Hall and took off, scampering down Hazel Street toward the nearby railroad tracks.

Hall's second son, Henry Raymond Hall, was born in 1896.

In 1905, a fire devastated the inside of Hall's store. He worked hard to reopen his business in the new



Halls General store still stands today, located on the southeast corner of Hazel and Kentucky streets in downtown Gridley.

year and added the latest fixtures and most modern patterns.

Twelve years later, Hall, 62, suffered a stroke. His illness forced him to sell his beloved store a few months later.

Hall and his wife moved to Oakland in 1918. He died there two years later. Louvisa Hall passed away in 1931.

Son, George, served honorably in the United States Army during World War I. He received his medical degree and began practicing medicine in San Francisco, Colfax and, for several years, Sacramento.

Like his father, Dr. George Hall was liked and skilled at his profession. ★

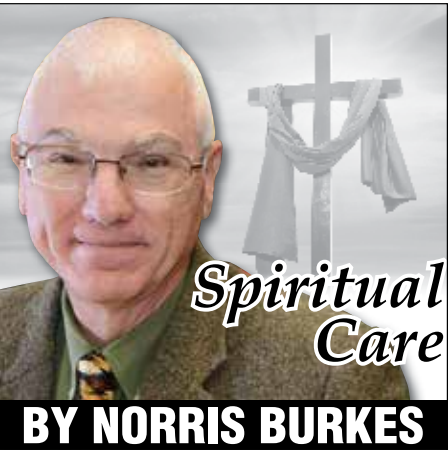
Younger brother, Henry Raymond, called Ray by his family, joined the Navy in 1918. He graduated from Stanford University and began practicing law in Oakland in 1921.

More than 100 years ago, Hall's General Store was one of the busiest and most popular places in the area.

Empty of any memories of Mr. Hall's time there, the building sits quietly on the corner now where more than a 100 years ago, local townspeople visited daily.

Proprietor William Henry Hall was always there to greet them with a smile and a hello. His building stands as a testament to the man who once ran it. ★

Don’t Talk About God Behind his Back



Last Sunday, I admitted to my Nevada City congregation that I sometimes, feel like the man who had had enough with life’s difficulties, so he went to live in a monastery.

The abbot restricted the man’s spoken words to only two words every year.

After his first year, he reported to the abbot to share his first two words – “Bed hard.”

On his second annual opportunity, he pronounced, “Food bad.”

Finally, on his third year, he came to the abbot’s office to proclaim, “I quit.”

“I’m not surprised,” said the abbot. “You’ve done nothing but complain since the day you arrived.”

Well, I don’t want you to think I complain too much, but I once spent a few days fretting over lost keys, car repairs and my daughter’s somewhat risky international travel to Honduras.

On those occasions, “Mrs. Chaplain,” (that’s what I call her when she’s not around) asked, “Have you prayed about it?”

“At this point,” I said, “honestly, my prayers would sound more like complaining.”

“What’s wrong with that?” she asked.

I took a few minutes to think about her challenge when I remembered a guy who did a fair bit of complaining himself: Moses.

You remember Moses. He’s the one who bugged, literally bugged, the Egyptian Pharaoh to free the Jewish people from slavery. Once the people were liberated, Moses ran his egress route through the oppressive heat of the Sinai Desert.

The people quickly forgot their wonderful freedom and started whining about the lack of good Chinese takeout. (OK, maybe they weren’t that picky, but they were a bit famished. Read the complete story in Numbers 11.)

So Moses, also resenting his situation, asked God, “Why are you treating me this

way? What did I ever do to deserve this? Where am I supposed to get meat for all these people?”

He continued. “If this is how you intend to treat me, do me a favor and kill me. I’ve had enough.”

Just an observation here – I don’t recommend daring God to kill you; it’s not a prayer for the faint of heart.

Nevertheless, God threw down a challenge of his own and said to Moses, “Gather together 70 men from among the leaders of Israel, men whom you know to be respected and responsible. . . (and) you won’t have to carry the whole thing alone.”

In the end, Moses wasn’t struck dead for his audacious request. Quite the opposite. God answered the prayer – providing a little help from Moses’ friends.

Now, I don’t pretend to know how prayer works, but I think Moses’ prayer was effective for two reasons.

First, the prayer was simple and direct. It wasn’t a flowery prayer packed with analogies, metaphors or obtuse tangents.

God likes direct words. (He also dislikes dictionary words like “obtuse.”)

Whenever I encounter someone complaining about their raw deal, I’ve always told them: Stop gossiping about God. Talk to God directly, not behind his back.

Go right up to God (wherever you talk to God) and say, “Hey, God! My life stinks!”

Then turn it into the prayers Anne Lamott describes in her book, “Traveling Mercies.”

“Here are the two best prayers I know: ‘Help me, help me, help me’ and ‘Thank you, thank you, thank you.’”

Moses’ simple prayer worked because God heard the heart of the prayer — honesty.

In the midst of the griping, God heard a confession known by anyone in a 12-step recovery process.

It’s a prayer that has various wordings, but the gist is, “I’m powerless to do anything by myself. I need help.”

It was the same kind of prayer my wife was challenging me to pray.

A little later, she asked, “Find your keys yet?”

“No, but I think God’s given me a plan to find them.”

“Really?”

“Yeah. How do you feel about having 70 readers come over and help me look for my keys?”

“Really? After 23 years of column writing, do you still claim to have at least 70 readers?”

I think I’ll start calling her “Mrs. Moses.” ★



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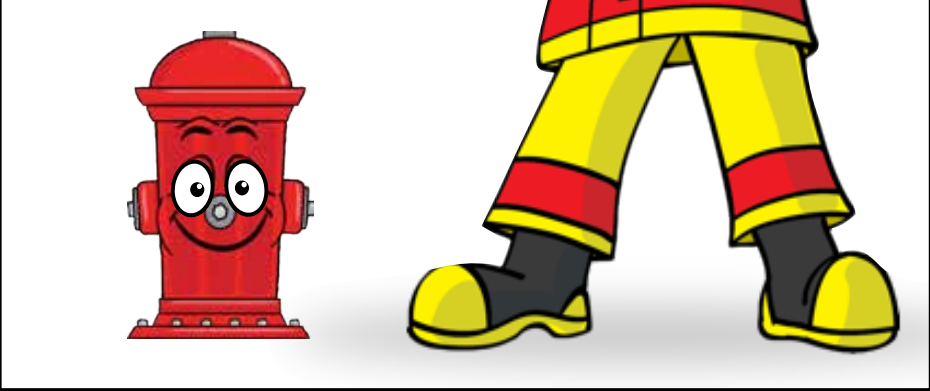
Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

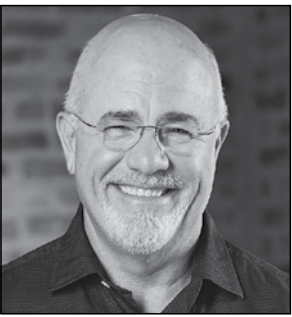
- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
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- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.
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When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin. If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I follow your advice and live on a budget, but it's really hard to save up for a down payment on a house because property is so expensive on the West Coast. My family thinks I should buy a cheaper property back home, fix it up and flip it to get the extra money I need. How do you feel about this?

— Alan

Dear Alan,

When you take on this kind of work, you need to oversee what's happening every step of the way. You're working out details, keeping an eye on the crew and it's all on you to make sure everything's being done right.

It's not unusual for pros who flip houses to look at 100 or more properties to buy just one. It's not an easy way to make money, and it's definitely not something to consider doing from a distance. All that being said, can you guess what my answer's going to be? Fixing and flipping properties in the area where you live is hard

Dave Ramsey Says *Wait and Save Up*

enough work. Trying to do it from hundreds of miles away would be a nightmare. There's no way I'd sign on for something like this.

Keep working on your budget, and start saving as much money as you can. You might even consider getting a part-time job for a little while to bring in some extra cash for your house fund. But waiting and saving up is a lot smarter than trying to fix and flip a house in another state.

— Dave

Eliminate the Confusion

Dear Dave,

I work for a construction company. The closer we get to winter, the more I think about work slowing and my income dropping. I've had couple of winters in the past where things were pretty lean. Do you think I should begin building an emergency fund for the slow times?

— Carl

Dear Carl,

I love that you're thinking about the future. I also think it's great that you've learned from past mistakes and are determined not to repeat those mistakes.

You've got a smart idea, but you're going to have to get on your horse to make something happen for this winter. Also, you might want to think about calling it something other than an emergency fund. How about your "Offseason Fund"? You might think I'm being silly playing with the name, but hear me out. This sort of saving isn't really for emergencies, is it? It's a budget issue, because you're planning and setting aside cash leading up to something you know is coming.

Remember, we're not talking about some random amount of money. It's an exact amount that you can budget for accordingly. This winter you may have to think about picking up a side job, depending on the weather and other circumstances. But after that, it'll be a simple matter of planning ahead for the down time and setting aside something each month to see you through!

— 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. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Eureka! Toad sighting! The first thing found was little piles of poop, on the sidewalk, in the lawn and on the porch. My husband then saw a hopping mouse and realized it was a toad. I am so happy. He is making frowny faces at the poop piles. I told him I would wash them away so he doesn't have to deal with them. Based

on the size of the poops they are getting plenty to eat. I knew there was enough food for them in the yard. It turns out that toads out at night eat a variety of invertebrates including slugs, spiders, worms, aphids and ants. They sneak up on prey and use their sticky tongues to catch it. It is possible for larger toads to eat harvest mice, slow worms, small grass snakes and even younger toads. We shall see what happens. My heart is full of happiness. Now if only they will stay. Breeding season may present problems. They'll need a low pond to lay eggs and have tad poles. I'll figure this out. I already have

terra cotta drain dishes with water. Maybe I'll have to dig a small pond. My "pond" for the fish and turtle is a stock tank, above ground. I wonder if toads would walk up a ramp.

I'm planning on repotting Bonsai and other plants. Usually, I would have done this sooner. This year I didn't want to take the change with disrupting plants in the heat. I have one Bonsai that needs to go into a different pot. I intend to have it in the Bonsai Show at the Chico Home and Garden Show on Oct. 26 & 27. I think I'll be able to get it done a bit closer to the show than desired. Keep your fingers crossed for Autumn temperatures. ★



Ballot Measure Threatens Sonoma County Dairies and Poultry Farms

As voters cast their ballots in the coming weeks, farmers in Sonoma County say the future of the region's dairy and poultry farms is on the line. Measure J, a ballot initiative in Sonoma County, would within three years cap the number of animals each farm can raise, banning larger farms or forcing them to downsize. "If some of the larger farms in our community are no longer able to operate, it may lead to a collapse of the entire sector," said Albert Straus, owner of Petaluma-based Straus Family Creamery.

Irrigation Districts Work to Enhance Tuolumne River Salmon Habitat

Partnering with fisheries agencies, Central Valley irrigation districts, whose water users face flow reductions under the state's Bay-Delta water quality plan, are enhancing habitat along the Tuolumne River to improve conditions for struggling fish. The \$7.8 million habitat restoration project, happening downriver from the La Grange Dam in Stanislaus County, includes a \$5.5 million grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and \$2.3 million invested by Turlock Irrigation District, Modesto Irrigation District and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

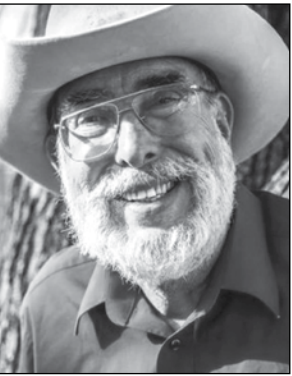
How Bird Flu Spreads Among Dairy Cows Remains a Mystery

With cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in dairy cows rapidly rising in California, animal health officials continue to try to contain the spread, even as they remain flummoxed by how the virus moves among herds. "The truth is that we don't really know how this virus spreads exactly," said Deniece Williams, head clinician at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine. As of Sept. 30, 43 dairy herds in the state—all in the Central Valley—have been confirmed with H5N1.

Input Costs Cut Into Ranching Profits as Beef Prices Hit Record Highs

The Voice of California Agriculture podcast, produced by the California Farm Bureau, discusses conditions that have caused the U.S. cattle inventory to decrease to its lowest levels in more than 70 years. Drought, deteriorating pasture conditions, inflation and high costs for feed and other inputs reduced herd sizes in recent years, causing beef prices to hit record highs, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The episode also covers a rise in bird flu cases in Central Valley dairies, challenges related to new regulations for organic livestock certification and date harvest in the Coachella Valley. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Old Jasper Blankenship went out to hunt deer the other day, the same way he's done for decades now. He's slower than he used to be, of course. Deer season has changed a lot for Jasper over the many years he's been at it. As a kid, he couldn't wait until he was old enough to get a license, because he wanted to bring a buck home to show his family. Not just any buck, either, but a big one.

As a young man, he wanted to see how many hunting seasons he could have in one year: duck, goose, quail, pheasant,

Sometimes it's just nice to go out there and see what happens

deer, about anything that moved.

As a middle-aged man, he turned to the technology of hunting and wanted to learn about the newest gizmo that would make you quiet, make you invisible, make you irresistible to deer.

But things are different these days. Oh, Jasper still enjoys going through all the outdoor magazines and order catalogs, and each year he orders some new gizmo that guarantees to bring home the meat. But he just chuckles at them, even as he orders them. Hunting, to him, means a reattachment to nature, a return to his roots.

It is a time to see if his personal skills are still adequate. It is also a time to sit on a ridge and look around and appreciate what is there. And if what isn't there happens to be a deer, well, that's all right, too.

Venison isn't getting any easier to pack back to camp after all these many seasons, either. But there is something in the hunt, something in being allowed to silently stalk the nameless essence of fall, something in moving in near invisibility.

There is *something*.

Sometimes it's just nice to go out there and see what happens.

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- Iranian monarch
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- Head of family
- Button-up or button-down
- Singles
- Graduates
- Symphony member
- "Number in a baseball lineup"
- Say again
- Brezhnev's country
- PST plus three
- Mouth off
- Brewed beverage
- *Fall _____
- *Two-time World Series MVP winner in 1970s
- Two under on one hole in golf
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- Grind down
- 69.72 Across, in the olden days
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- Plural of #62 Down
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- _____ excellence
- Noise of contempt

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- Polynesian kingdom
- Affirm to be true
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- Comedian Schumer
- Iron setting
- Bora _____
- Any day now, formerly
- Superlative of better
- Not in port
- Loud singer
- Actress _____ Perlman, pl.
- _____ the season!
- Double-decker
- Wilde of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" fame
- Blue or gray swimmer
- Drink like a cat (2 words)
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Gridley Titans Football

Titans 8U

By Randall Huff, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 5, the 8U Gridley Titans faced off against the 8U West Valley Eagles. Both teams entered the game with a 4-2 record. The Gridley Titans played their best game of the year when it mattered most and came out of it with the victory. They won the game by a final score of 12-7. With a big game from running back Morgan Ruggirello who

had more than 100 yards rushing and Adrian Thao who accounted for the two Titan touchdowns. The Titan defense, as a whole, had a great game. In the final three quarters of the game, the defense only allowed four first downs, which really helped the team to the victory. The 8U Titans have another big game Oct. 12 against the Willows Jr Honkers, and they are looking to have another great performance. ★



8UTitans take the field. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

Titans 10U

By Jason Davis Sr., Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 10U Titans traveled to Cottonwood on Saturday Oct. 5 to take on the West Valley Jr Eagles. Things didn't go right from the start for the Titans, they allowed the Jr Eagles to take the opening kickoff back for a touchdown. On the Titans first offensive possession they fumbled, and the Jr Eagles returned it for a touchdown. On the Titans next possession, they fumbled the ball again. It was a 21-0 deficit at half time for Gridley. The Titans came out the second half energized and received the kickoff. Levi Mowles had a great kick-off return of 30 yards. On offense, the Titans drove down and scored on a 15-yard score by Levi Mowles, cutting the lead to 21-6. Gridley's defense held the Eagles on the



10U Titan Madden Jackson with 50-yard touchdown run. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

next possession and again Gridley drove down the field and scored when Deandre Carothers ran it in from 10 yards out. Gridley failed to make the two-point conversion making the score 21-12. Both teams would score again in the fourth quarter,

for Gridley it was Madden Jackson with a 50-yard touchdown run. In the end the mistakes were too much for the Titans to overcome, falling to the Jr Eagles 29-18. The Titans are back home this Saturday, Oct. 12 to take on the Jr Honkers of Willows. ★

Titans 12U

By Brandon Oakley, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 12U Gridley Titans football team took on the West Valley Jr. Eagles on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024. The Titans struggled mightily on both sides of the ball and ultimately lost 35-0. This brings the 12U Titans record to 4 wins and 3 losses. The 12U Titans will look to get back in the win column when they take on the Jr. Honkers of Willows, at home on Saturday, Oct. 12. ★



12U Titans getting coached during the third quarter of the Oct. 5 game. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

Titans 14U



14U Titans pose for a team photo after their win in West Valley on Oct. 5. Photo by Kayla Cornell

By Tony Luquin, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans 14U just sent out a message to their division! On Saturday, Oct. 5, the Titans made their way up to West Valley to face the 14U Eagles who had a record of 6-0. This was a rematch of last year's championship game. The game started off tight with each defense doing their jobs not allowing much movement on offense. The Eagles finally scored right before the half but had their extra point blocked

by Talon Sannar which pumped up the Titans. As the Eagles kicked off after scoring Elijah Broughton returned the kick 50 yards to put the Titans at the Eagle 20-yard line with a chance to score. With 20 seconds left in the half, Alec Luquin threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Hudson Oakley. The Titans missed the extra point kick, which brought the game score to 6-6 at halftime. The Titans players and coaches conferred at halftime on a second half strategy. The halftime coaching

seemed to pump up the Titans and ultimately led to the Titans shutting out the Eagles in the second half. The defense was on fire led by Benny Zumwalt, causing havoc to the Eagle offense so much so that Isaiah Juarez had two interceptions while Hudson Oakley had one interception which he returned for a touchdown. The game ended with a score of 28-6, which puts the Titans in 1st place. On Saturday, Oct. 5, the Titans play at home against Willows, after being on the road for four straight weeks. ★

Titans Cheerleaders Qualify for SYF Championship

By Yolie Davis

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Titans Cheerleaders for all age levels traveled to William Jessup University on Sept. 29 to compete in the Sacramento Youth Football (SYF) cheer qualifiers.

Each level performed in a category selected by their coaches to best showcase their cheer talent. Cheerleading coaches were thrilled that all teams made it to the SYF cheer championships that will be held on Nov. 3, at Oak Ridge High School. The 8U Cheer team is coached by Julia Martinez, the 10U team is coached by Angie Cote and the combo 12U/14U cheer team is coached by Shelby Jackson. The Titans community are proud of all the girls and many thanks go out to the coaches and assistant coaches as well. ★



8UTitans cheer team members pose for a team photo. Photo courtesy of Gridley Titans



10U Titans cheerleaders pose for a team photo. Photo courtesy of Gridley Titans



10U Titans cheerleaders pose for a team photo. Photo courtesy of Gridley Titans

Junior Varsity Under the Lights

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The junior varsity Gridley Bulldogs battled past the junior varsity Willows Honkers under the lights on Friday, Oct. 4.

After a seven-minute delay to start the game, both junior varsity teams didn't let controversy slow them down as they played a thrilling homecoming game.

With the news of the varsity teams not playing coming late in the week, the junior varsity teams did not disappoint as the game would start with the Bulldogs forcing a punt on the Honkers first drive of the game and answering with a touchdown from sophomore running back Manny Sandoval.

The Honkers would then start a long drive where they would tick the clock all the way down to the mid-way point of the second quarter. The drive consisted of mostly running plays and when they did drop back to pass, sophomore quarterback Tavian Bobadilla would take off with the ball. The drive was plagued by penalties from both teams. The long drive ultimately ended up with the Honkers



The Bulldogs on defense. Photo by Dillon Longmire

attempting to convert on fourth down but turning the ball over on downs.

The first half would end with sophomore quarterback Marcus Duncan throwing an interception on an attempted trick play and with a score of 7-0 at halftime.

Halftime homecoming festivities would then kickoff. Each class would drive their music-inspired floats around the track. The homecoming king and queen candidates would then take the field, and it would be revealed through confetti cannons, that Gus Stogsdill and Karla Barajas would be crowned king and queen as voted by the students.

After the halftime homecoming excitement ended, the second half would kick off with the Bulldogs almost losing the onside kick attempt from the Honkers, but marching

down the field with running plays, and scoring a touchdown with a designed quarterback run from Marcus Duncan making the score 14-0 early in the second half.

The rest of the second half would be a defensive battle as the Bulldogs and Honkers would trade punts and turnovers. The Honkers would eventually score a touchdown with a designed running play, but it was not enough to beat the Bulldogs. Gridley would win with a final score of 14-7.

Both schools will look to get their varsity teams back on the field as the Bulldogs have a big test in their first league game against the Orland Trojans in Orland. The Honkers will be at home in their first league game against the Pierce Bears. Both games are scheduled for Oct. 11 after press time. ★



The Bulldogs charge onto the field, ready to take on Willows in a rousing match-up, pitting junior varsity teams against each other under Friday night lights. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter High School Sports Photography



Winning best float, the junior class Beatles inspired float. Photo by Dillon Longmire

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School and Willows High School's junior varsity teams took the field for the main event last Friday, Oct. 4 in place of the schools' varsity football teams that normally

play under the Friday night lights.

The varsity teams could not play due to the visiting Willows Honkers not having enough eligible student athletes to take the field. That's according to Willows High School Assistant Principal John

Calico on Oct. 9. The forfeiture was due to violations of the school's athletic code of conduct by some varsity team members, Calico said.

Questions arose from players, students and fans last week as to why the varsity teams could not take

the field for the Gridley High School homecoming game. The reason for the teams not playing was not publicly announced last week by school officials.

"I can't remember anything like this happening in all of my years of watching high school football"

said a Gridley Bulldog spectator.

The news had come in the week leading up to the homecoming game that the visiting Willows Honkers would not field their varsity team for the Gridley homecoming game.

A high school not

fielding their varsity team is something that is rarely seen.

The Bulldogs varsity team will get back on track in Orland on Oct. 11, after their unplanned bye week.

The Honkers are scheduled to be back in action on Oct. 11 at Pierce High School against the Bears.

Daniel Canfield contributed to this story. ★

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