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Rotary Gathers Funds for Clock



Dick Jones receives the Rotary Major Donor award from District 5180 Governor Desiree Wilson, left, and former Rotary President Lisa Van De Hey in 2022. Photo by Seti Long

By **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY (MPG) - In honor of its centennial, Gridley Rotary Club has plans for a commemorative clock to be placed on the Hazel Street side of the Gridley Museum.

The 10-foot-tall clock will have a plaque in memory of Dick Jones, who died this year.

Gridley City Council has approved the project and has agreed to install the clock. Installation fees were waived at a recent City Council meeting.

Jones was raised in Gridley, attended local schools and graduated from Gridley High School in 1951. He and his wife, Donna, raised five

children here: Richard Jr., Sharon, Cheryl, Patti and Steve.

Jones worked for Wentz Market in the late '50s and then the insurance business for more than 50 years in several Gridley and Colusa locations.

A Gridley Rotary International Club member for 48 years, Jones was also known for his decades of involvement in the Gridley Little League, which resulted in one of the baseball fields at Manuel Vierra Park being named after him.

Jones served as a past president of Rotary, was a Paul Harris Fellow, was recognized as a Rotary Major Donor and has constantly supported Rotary through volunteering his time and serving on multiple subcommittees.

Jones finally retired in 2013 at the age of 80. He loved his baseball and attended games in every Major League Ball Park across the country. In later years, Jones would always be seen in his blue jeans, white T-shirt and red suspenders.

The total cost for the clock will be \$20,000. To order the clock, a deposit of \$10,000 is needed. So far, about \$2,000 has been donated. All who wish to remember Dick Jones can make a tax-deductible donation by contacting Gridley Rotary President Lynne Spencer at 530-870-0563, or Margaret Hughes at 530-693-2528, by mail at Gridley Rotary Club, P.O. Box 454, Gridley, CA 95984 or by Venmo at @RotaryClub-Gridley. ★

Gridley Praised by Mayor Farr

By **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Mayor Mike Farr praised Gridley city staff and referred to the city as a "shining star" at the Nov. 4 City Council meeting.

"We've got some of the best department heads you could possibly want. We've got a good budget and we've got good responsible people taking care of it," the mayor said.

The meeting began with a proclamation promoting Homeless Youth Awareness month.

An update was made to the city Procurement Policy for the city to comply with the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) This action was approved, as well as the Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

Authorization was also given to City Administrator Elisa Arteaga for funding allocation to participate in the Transmission Rate Case Program through an agreement with the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) to help manage and limit Gridley's exposure to rising transmission costs associated with California Independent System Operator (CAISO) and other markets.

Next on the agenda was Fire Chief Chip Fowler to request approval of a Fire Department contract update reducing the current 72-hour workweek for firefighters to 66. The reasons for the change were safety concerns, and the potential loss of employees attracted to other areas with higher salaries and where the workweek has already been changed.

Fowler expressed the need to hire four more employees. Some concerns were voiced by council members about the affordability of the proposal. However, council members unanimously approved of it. City Administrator Arteaga recommended the possibility of Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants that Gridley has had for the last three years. In addition, the chief mentioned the revenue that comes in from assisting with fires around the state.

All councilmembers voted for approval.

A quarterly budget review was presented next by Finance Director Martin Pineda. This was information only with no action required. Pineda and City Administrator Arteaga are considering legal assistance to assist with retirement accounts. The

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American Legion Post 210 Welcomes New Members

By **Seti Long**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Growing in numbers, local American Legion Post 210 has welcomed new members.

Earlier this year, two affiliated groups joined with the post and its auxiliary to form a full contingent: the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) and the American Legion Riders (ALR).

To be in the Sons of American Legion, you simply need to have a father or grandfather who served in the Armed Forces since 1919. The group aims to promote children and youth programs within the American Legion family.

With a rumble and flash, the American Legion Riders brings a fun edge to the American Legion post. American Legion members themselves, they are motorcycle enthusiasts who love to hit the road and do good within our communities.

American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion



On the bottom row from left are Ray Whiteside, Roger Grimes, Tracy Grimes, Michelle Whiteside, Sally Duarte, Claudia Warnock and Lydia Vargas. Standing on the top row, from left are Jon Carter (guest), Josh Zwemke, and Hunter Grimes (SAL), Aaron Burks, Brad McDonal, Barry Warnock, Gene Anderson, Jennifer Cavanaugh and Owen Stiles. Photo by Seti Long

Riders recently joined together to recognize California Boys and Girls State delegates selected by Post 210 to represent them as the delegates. American Legion chooses one junior male and female each year

to send to the event held in June.

This year, Girls State was held at the California State University Sacramento from June 15 to June 22, with Gridley's Annie Woods and Ryan

Taranto representing Post 210.

American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders recognized them at the monthly meeting and

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The Butte County B-Line, operated by the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG), has an annual ridership of approximately 650,000. The system runs 21 routes with a fleet of 29 buses in regular service, serving the various communities within Butte County, California. The ticket price is going up from \$1.75 to \$2.00. I know you have always wondered how many people ride the bus. Now you know.

How many people read the Gridley Herald? Verified adjudicated circulation is around 5000 a week. If Live Oak plays Gridley in football, the number goes up.

How many trains pass through Live Oak and Gridley? Union Pacific does not widely distribute the exact annual figures, but estimates are 15-20 daily trains. The local governments plan to add commuter rail service from Butte County to Sacramento by 2031. That would be more trains passing through and trains stopping at a station with people getting on and off for the first time in a long time. History would be repeating itself.

What is the seating capacity at Sutter Health Park? It's 10,624. What is the seating at Oracle Park where the Giants play? 42,300. The Oakland A's start next season playing in West Sacramento. This will be an excellent opportunity for families with a mix of Giants and A's fans in one home. The Giants and A's will play on Sutter Field on July 4 and 5. April 7, 8 and 9, you can see the Padres, and for the one Minnesota Twins fan in Gridley, Austin Mulleneaux, you can see his favorite team on

June 2, 3, 4 and 5. I believe Minnesota will be an easier ticket to procure than the Giants games. So, the distance to an MLB baseball game is two hours shorter for the next few years as the A's have left Oakland with nowhere to call home. For the coming season, they will be listed as ATH instead of OAK; the owner refuses to let the team be the Sacramento A's or Las Vegas A's as he holds out for a new City to make him a stadium offer while his deal in Las Vegas flounders. It is like a combination of a Mexican Telenovela (soap opera) and sports history unfolding before our eyes. The good news is baseball is closer, an American tradition and an element of social cohesion in a time of great tumult and chaos. No matter the drama, the A's will always be the first big league game my dad took me to when I was a kid and the first big league game I took my kids to. So, no matter where they go, the A's are my team.

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

Butte College Welcomes Imelda Simos-Valdez as New Vice-President for Student Services

Butte-Glenn Community College District News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte College is excited to announce the appointment of Imelda Simos-Valdez as the new vice-president for student services. With a career spanning more than 30 years in higher education, Simos-Valdez brings extensive experience and a student-centered approach to Butte College. She began her role on Nov. 4.

"I'm incredibly excited to assume the role of vice president for student services at Butte College because it presents an opportunity to impact student success and equity at a pivotal time in their educational journeys," said Simos-Valdez. "I look forward to collaborating with a dedicated team to enhance existing programs and initiatives, ensuring that every student has the support they need to thrive academically and personally."

Simos-Valdez comes to Butte College from Bakersfield College, where she recently served as interim vice president for student services, overseeing a comprehensive suite of student support services. Her leadership, which focused on supporting students from enrollment through graduation, helped increase retention rates and graduation numbers through expanded resources and support.

She began her career in student services at California State University, Los Angeles, before moving to lead the Center for



Imelda Simos-Valdez, pictured here, is the new vice-president for student services at Butte College. Photo courtesy of Butte-Glenn Community College District

Student Access and Success at CSU, Bakersfield, securing grants and bolstering outreach efforts aimed at elevating student readiness and retention. She went on to Bakersfield College, where she served as executive director of categorical programs. In addition to her extensive experience, Simos-Valdez holds a master's degree in educational administration from California State University, Bakersfield.

Now, Simos-Valdez sees Butte College as a place where she can expand on her mission to "create an inclusive and empowering atmosphere where every student can achieve their goals." She noted, "I was drawn to Butte College because of its strong commitment to student success, equity and community engagement. The college's reputation for fostering a supportive environment aligns perfectly with my values as an educational leader."

As Butte College's vice president for student services, Simos-Valdez has an overarching goal of creating a supportive environment where all students can thrive. Simos-Valdez's vision for Butte College includes a strong focus on holistic student support driven by data-informed decision-making and collaboration across departments. She aims to create a responsive, student-centered ecosystem, which she describes as "an inclusive and empowering atmosphere where every student can achieve their goals."

"Imelda Simos-Valdez's deep commitment to student equity and her track record of fostering impactful student services make her an exceptional addition to our team," said Butte College President Virginia L. Guleff. "I'm confident her leadership will empower our students to reach their fullest potential." ★

Interacting with Honor



Members of the Gridley High School Interact Club get up early, placing flags throughout town. From left are Alina Vazquez, Jocelyn Ramirez, Ashleigh Sharrock and Summer Meza. Photo courtesy of Liz Ayon

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School's Interact Club, a Rotary-affiliated service club, has joined with the Chamber of Commerce to honor our servicemen, service women and nation on special holidays such as the upcoming Veterans Day. In the past, local Boy and Girl Scout troops have

placed American flags throughout the community on holidays, but since most troops in the area have dissolved, Interact has stepped up.

Advisor Liz Ayon said that "Interact Club students work with the Gridley Chamber of Commerce to line downtown Gridley with American Flags. These holidays include Memorial Day, Flag Day,

Independence Day, Patriot Day and Veterans Day." She continued, "Students wake up early in the morning to set up two dozen flags around town and then put them away before sunset on each holiday."

This year, the Gridley community will see such flags flying proudly through town this coming Monday, Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day. ★



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Annual Veterans Day Musical Tribute Announced

Gridley-Biggs Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley-Biggs Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee, in association with the Gridley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5731, American Legion Post 210, cordially

invite you to join us to honor all our military veterans on Veterans Day at the Annual Veterans Day Musical Tribute.

This free community concert featuring selections performed by the Oroville Community Band will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Gridley High School Guardian Building, 300 E Spruce St., Gridley. ★

Local to Depart on Mission to Argentina

By Libby Tolman

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Elizabeth Eller started at her home Missionary Training Center Nov. 4 and will be leaving for the Mexico Missionary Training Center on Nov. 13.

She will be giving her farewell talk on Nov. 10 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Liberty Building on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10 am. She will be serving in the Tucuman, Argentina Mission and teaching in the Spanish language. ★



Elizabeth Eller poses with the Argentinian flag in preparation of her mission trip. Photo courtesy of Libby Tolman

MEMORIAL

CHRIS RUSSELL EGGERS • 04/13/1970 - 10/18/2024

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Chris Russell Eggers, 54 of Yuba City. Chris passed away October 18, 2024.

Chris was born April 13, 1970, in Hilo, Hawaii, the eldest son born to Ron and Judy Eggers. Chris grew up in Gridley and graduated from Gridley High school in 1988. He attended Butte College and graduated from Chico State, 1992 with a credential in teaching. Chris had a great passion for teaching and the students he taught. He enjoyed baseball, collecting baseball cards, and visited most of the major league baseball stadiums in the country. He also enjoyed traveling, concerts, and valued time with family and friends. He was a member of the Franklin School Teachers



Association and a member of the Gridley First Presbyterian Church. His true loves in life were his sons Will and Wyatt. He was preceded in death by his mother Judy, and paternal grandparents Merle and Violet Eggers.

Chris is survived by his father Ron, and stepmother Suzanne Eggers of Grass Valley, CA; his two sons: Will

Eggers of Ashland, OR, and Wyatt Eggers of Chico, CA; his brothers: Jimmie Eggers (Christy) of Big Creek, CA, and Brian Eggers (Molly) of Durham, CA; Stepsister Rachel Scontriano of Rocklin, CA; his two best friends: Erick Dahl of Yuba City, CA, and Luther Martinez of Yuba City, CA; and his ex-wife Jonell Eggers of Yuba City, CA.

Contributions can be made in his honor to the Franklin Parents Club, 332 N Township Rd, YC, CA 95993. Inurnment will be at the Gridley Biggs Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 2pm at the Gridley Guardian Building.

MEMORIAL

JAMES EDWARD LONG • 3/1/1943 - 10/27/2024

James Edward Long slipped from this world Sunday, October 27, returning to his Lord and Savior.

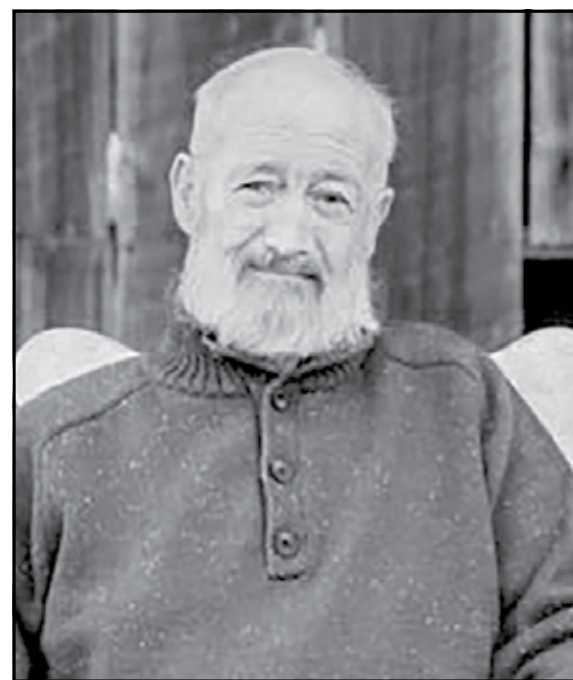
Jim was born in Oroville California to Marie (McKinley) Long and Howard Eugene Long.

He spent the wild days of his youth roaming the hills of Rackerby and Bangor where he grew up. Jim would often recall his adventures lounging in the treetops eating grapes off the vine in the peace of the mountains, accompanied by his dog Booppi and rifle.

Jim would move to Gridley with his family where he would attend Manzanita School. He would meet the love of his life, Laquita Chandler, during his time at Gridley High School. The two would marry young and immediately start a family, welcoming daughter Myrlai and son Sean. 22 years later, Jim and Laquita would be surprised by another addition, daughter Seti.

In his youth Jim spent many years working for Caltrans in the Soda Springs area of California, in rice, and later would transition to truck driving.

His passion for the outdoors never left him and he would frequently answer the call of the mountains, returning to little-to-unknown places to camp, hunt, fish and four-wheel drive. In his younger days he was an avid bowhunter and enjoyed the skill it took to take down a deer. In his later years, he



spent many tranquil hours besides streams fly fishing.

He shared his love of the mountains with his family, often camping under the stars with them, taking them on Jeep off-roading trips, or teaching them the art of fly fishing.

Along with his passion for nature, Jim longed to fly.

He would achieve his life-long dream of becoming a private pilot and would take his children and grandchildren on many memorable flights over the north valley.

In his later years he enjoyed volunteering with the Butte County Sheriff's Stars program and serving the community.

Jim was quite a character and prone to joking with those he knew. He preferred to keep a close circle of friends, but always loved a good conversation with

a stranger. He was also a great storyteller whether it was around a campfire, child's sleep-over, or just shooting the breeze.

He truly had "9-lives" cheating death many times throughout his life.

He leaves behind him a life well-lived. Jim will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him, especially his family. Jim and Laquita would have joyfully celebrated 65 years of marriage this December.

Jim is preceded in death by his mother Marie McKinley (Long, Beales) and Father Howard Long.

Jim is survived by his life-long love Laquita Long (Chandler), son Sean Long, daughters Myrlai Waite (Art) and Seti Long, multiple grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

Financial Management Series for Existing Businesses – 3 Weeks, 3 hours per week Series (Chico)

This 3-weeks, 3 hours per week series, sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank, is designed to teach you how to utilize your financial statements to better manage and understand your business operations, cash flow, and profitability. Focus includes: Interpreting and understanding your financial statements (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet) hands-on exercise and case study; Identifying cash flow cycle and how it impacts your business; Learning how to calculate and use financial ratios to troubleshoot fiscal dangers, and analyzing trends to improve business performance; Using financial tools to make good business decisions for effective spending and break-even analysis; Knowing how to think critically when looking at pricing and costs; and Developing forecasts and budgetary tools and techniques to improve profit.

Date: Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 2024 | **Time:** 8:30am – 11:30am
Cost: Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

ServSafe Food Safety Training and Certification (Chico)

California Uniform Retail Food Facility Law requires re-certification of competence in Food Safety and Sanitation every 5 years. Passing the ServSafe® exam is necessary to renew your certification. Training includes National Restaurant Association ServSafe® Exam, Essentials book, Answer Sheet and Certificate. Training is recognized by the California Health Department and fulfills the State of California certification obligations. Learn the importance of food safety practices and how to implement them. Trainer is State certified. Participants must register and purchase books 3 weeks before training.

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 5:00pm
Cost: \$120 per person (includes book); \$80 per person (book not included)
Location: Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for your Business Marketing (Chico)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become increasingly beneficial to businesses and our communities. However, very few business owners understand how to use AI to help them in their marketing and other business strategies. We will take a deep dive into using AI to develop marketing strategies, and contents, and will take a step-by-step approach to developing an AI generated marketing strategy for your business.

Date: Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 | **Time:** 8:30am – 10:30am
Cost: Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

Introduction to Digital/Online Marketing (Colusa)

This workshop will focus on discussing introductory methods of digital and online marketing. You will learn the basics about Search Engine Optimization (SEO), Search Engine Marketing (SEM), Social Media Marketing (SMM), as well as mobile, affiliate, and online Ad marketing. You will be provided real-world examples of which type of marketing best fit your marketing goals, as well as ideas for your future marketing needs. This training is perfect for individuals who are either first getting started in digital/online marketing, or those who would like a little more information on how to develop their current digital/online marketing.

Date: Thursday, January 9th, 2025 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am
Cost: Free | **Location:** Colusa City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa

To Register for Trainings: CALL: (530) 895-9017
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Public Health Urges Butte County Residents to Protect Against Seasonal Illnesses

Vaccines Continue to Provide Best Protection Against Severe Illness

Butte County Public Health Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte County Public Health (BCPH) urges Butte County residents to protect themselves against respiratory viruses as we enter the fall/winter season. The best way to protect yourself and your family is for everyone, age six months and older, to get vaccinated against the flu and stay updated with the latest COVID-19 vaccine. In addition to staying current on vaccinations, Butte County Public Health urges residents to take additional prevention actions to prevent respiratory illnesses.

Residents can get the annual flu vaccine from their healthcare provider, local pharmacy, or by visiting a community flu vaccination clinic. A list of local flu clinics can be found by visiting www.buttecounty.net/952/Get-Vaccinated. Butte County Public Health recommends that residents talk with their trusted doctor or healthcare provider about preventing respiratory illnesses and the importance of vaccinations.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory

Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the COVID-19 vaccine for everyone aged 6 months and older. The COVID-19 vaccine significantly reduces the risk of developing severe complications, including Long-COVID, hospitalization and death.

Are Flu and COVID-19 Vaccines Free?

For people with health insurance, most plans will cover flu and COVID-19 vaccines at no cost, although residents may need to use an approved, in-network pharmacy or healthcare facility. Check with your insurance provider if you have questions. The Butte County Public Health Clinic in Chico and Oroville provide no-cost flu vaccines to eligible children through the Vaccines for Children Program. COVID-19 vaccines are available at its Oroville Health Clinic for uninsured adults through the CDC's Bridge Access Program (BAP).

County BAP vaccination clinics can also be found by visiting MyTurn.ca.gov.

The flu and COVID-19 vac-

heart disease. Vaccination of pregnant women also helps to protect infants too young to be vaccinated.

In addition to getting a flu and COVID-19 vaccine, Butte County Public Health recommends five tips to protect against winter viruses:

Stay Home if You're Sick, Test for COVID-19 and Get Treatment

Staying home when you're sick slows the spread of flu, COVID-19 and RSV. If you're sick, remember to test for COVID-19 and contact your doctor immediately if you're positive to discuss treatment options. Treatments work best when started right after symptoms begin. Keep sick children home from school according to the school's sick child policy.

Consider Wearing a Mask

Wearing a mask can significantly slow the spread of

respiratory illnesses and protect those who are at risk for severe complications such as babies and young children who do not yet have immunity and are too young to wear a mask themselves, and older adults and people with certain underlying medical conditions. Wearing a mask in public indoor places is a good way to limit the spread of germs.

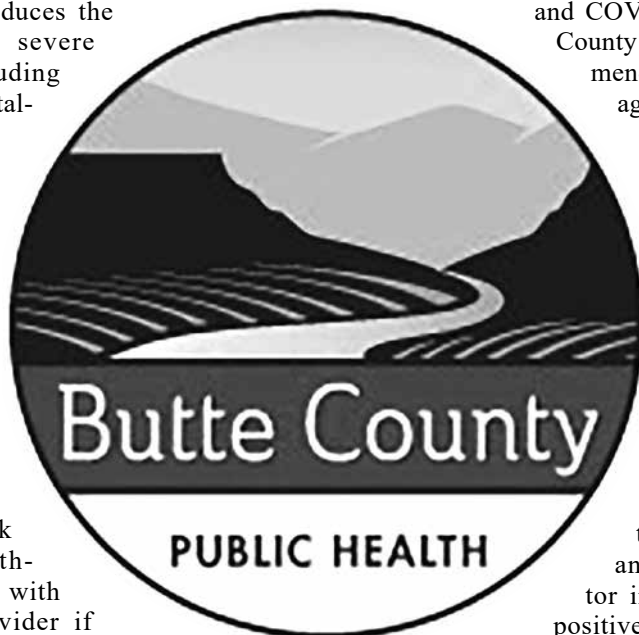
Wash Your Hands

Frequent handwashing with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds - is an easy and effective way to prevent getting sick and spreading germs.

Cover Your Cough or Sneeze

Remember to cough or sneeze into your elbow, your arm, or a disposable tissue to help prevent the spread of winter viruses. Make sure to wash or sanitize your hands and dispose of your tissue after.

Those who have flu-like symptoms should contact their healthcare provider right away. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue. If you are sick, stay home from work or school until your illness is over. ★



inations are particularly important for those at higher risk of severe illness, including pregnant women, children under five years of age, older adults, and people with certain underlying medical conditions such as diabetes, obesity, asthma, and

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Reducing Cal Fair Premiums

As an authorized California Fair Plan (CFP) agent, I hear almost daily about how high CFP premiums are for homeowners who have CFP for their fire coverage. In last week's article, I detailed some of the reasons rates on all types of insurance have skyrocketed and you can obtain a copy of that article by emailing me.

Although it is doubtful insurance rates will come down anytime soon, there may be ways to reduce your premiums from CFP by taking a careful look at the coverages and elected options you currently have on your policy.

Your deductible may warrant a look. The deductible is the amount you will pay on certain coverages of your policy before the insurance pays anything. Higher deductibles will reduce your premiums and sometimes by a lot. Consider that in a wildfire, there will be payments in the many hundreds of thousands and a \$20,000.00 deductible may not be felt by the homeowner in a complete wipe out as it will be a very small percentage of the total payout. The flip side of that is if you have a partial loss like a kitchen fire and the bill to rebuild that part of the house comes in at say \$80,000.00, the insurance will deduct the \$20,000.00 and cut you a check for \$60,000.00. So in a partial fire, you WILL feel the deductible yet in a complete obliteration, you may not even care.

Then I always ask the homeowner if they were completely wiped out in a wildfire, would you move or rebuild?

If they say they would move, a detailed review of coverage amounts may be considered. Seeing as if you are wiped clean and your neighborhood now looks like the moon, if you add up all the coverages you may be paid for, you quite possibly will get more than your house is currently worth on the resale market and perhaps a lot more.

Remember that the insurance will build you a new house with all the fixings yet the house you lost was used. So much like a used car versus a new car, the value of your house as it sits now is much less than if the insurance has to build you a new one.

You can see your homes current approximate value on the website Zillow. Now look at your current insurance policy and add up all the coverages listed and you might find the total is a heck of a lot more than what Zillow says your home is worth. Then keep in mind if you move and take the check instead, you will still own the lot which has its own worth, yet perhaps get much more than your homes current value on the resale

market.

If you answered you would rebuild instead of move, it will probably cost a heck of a lot more to build you a new house than the Zillow estimate. In that case, you better be sure your coverages will cover the cost to build a *new home with all new stuff* and up to the current codes. The actual costs could be more than your current coverages. Hence the "will you move" is a valid question to consider.

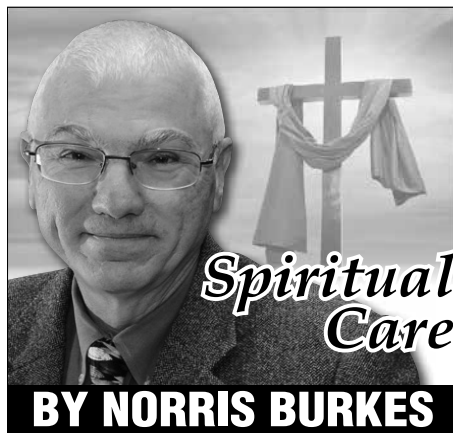
Speaking of coverages, when agents enter your specific amounts in each sector of the policy, there is no standardized method all agents use to arrive at said amounts. In other words, three different agents may arrive at three different amounts in each coverage sector. Remember that the insurance companies and insurance agents have no way of knowing exactly how much it will cost to rebuild YOUR home with all the specific contents and amenities until the day arrives to do so. Nor will they know what the prices of those things will cost at the time you have an event. Simply put, there are many unknowns when it comes to valuing your home and all its contents. Although there are methodologies available to accurately try and determine adequate coverages of your home and agents will always strive to ascertain an accurate valuation, there is no way of knowing for sure if and when you have an event what the costs will be. Also keep in mind the person responsible for accepting the proposed coverages is you and you alone.

In conclusion, it is tantamount both you and your agent should be forthright in obtaining all information required and use due diligence in accessing what your specific needs are as to coverage amounts. Once that is done carefully and with great detail, you might find it is possible to reduce your insurance costs and still be adequately covered as best as can be estimated at the time the policy is written.

"Watching the markets so you don't have to"

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Right to Judge or Judging Right



During the past 23 years of writing this column, I've occasionally used my platform to cast a negative spotlight on scoundrels, rascals and scallywags.

I've even gone so far to name the names of the political pundits, candidates and officials who've used their offices to spew hateful rhetoric on the less fortunate.

And I haven't held back my judgments when it comes to the religious field, I've panned plundering preachers for their judgmental-Jesus, churches who've brought politics into the pew, and chaplains who've pressed their views on the sick.

I've censured meandering athletes for their marital missteps, disparaged depraved entertainers, and even called out commanders who forced their religion on their subordinates.

My ruminations have occasionally inspired a few readers to insist that I apologize for my judgmental stance toward their cute celebrity, their precious preacher, or their nuclear network commentator.

Invariably, there are those who measure my words against Matthew 7:1, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged."

Matthew 7:1-5 is not telling us not to judge, it's telling us HOW to judge, Jesus is saying we can't judge hypocritically. He never suggested that we can't ever judge!

The problem with using the verse against your critics to disqualify their judgments is that the verse loses balance without Jesus' commandment from John 7:24, "Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly." (NIV)

The former verse is an admonition against self-serving judgment; the latter verse allows us to make discerningly helpful judgments.

It's useful to understand that the first verse plays a small, but important part in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. It chastises the hypocrites who use their judgmental pronouncements as a smoke screen to hide their own inequities.

This kind of judging is hypocritical and it's not restorative as it only serves to help the judge feel better about him or herself. Over the years, I've heard the verse grafted into a popular philosophy that professes that any kind of judging attitude is wrong.

This thinking becomes a flippant way of saying "I'll ignore your shortcomings if you'll ignore mine."

To that I respond, "No. I won't give you a free pass from criticism and neither will I expect one in return."

At the end of the day, a world without discerning judgments will become a lawless one. That's why it's important to mix in Jesus's words from the above-mentioned verse.

The verse from John 7:24 is a weighty and difficult pronouncement that finds modern clarity in this paraphrase from The Message, "Don't be nitpickers; use your head — and heart! — to discern what is right, to test what is authentically right."

This admonition coaches a more self-reflective attitude toward judgment. It calls for us to apply our discernment in a humble manner. That humility only comes when we acknowledge our own shortcomings.

In other words, even though we may be right in our judgments, we acknowledge that there is a place inside of us that is not yet right — a place that will only be made right in the sight of God.

Finally, while I have used this column to share my assessments about the actions of others, I will not take God's place in determining someone's eternal spiritual fate.

That verdict belongs to God, whose judgments I would never assume and whose endless love I can only imagine. ★

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Doctors Say Bacterial Pneumonia Increasing, Especially Among Children

UC Davis Health News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Cases of pneumonia caused by the bacteria *Mycoplasma*, also known as “walking pneumonia,” have been on the rise this year in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The agency reports an increase among all age groups across the United States from March 31 to Oct. 5 of this year, with the peak in August, and levels remaining high. The data come from the National Syndromic Surveillance Program and bioMérieux BIOFIRE Syndromic Trends.

Young children, particularly those ages 2 to 4, have been most affected this year, with an increase from 1% to 7.2% among children ages 2 to 4. Children ages 5 to 17 also saw an increase from 3.6% to 7.4%.

Dean Blumberg, chief of pediatric infectious diseases at UC Davis Children’s Hospital, answered some questions about walking pneumonia and what parents and families can do to keep their children healthy. His comments follow below.

What is *Mycoplasma* Pneumonia?

“Pneumonia from *Mycoplasma*, also known by the nonmedical term ‘walking pneumonia,’ is caused by the bacteria *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, which causes a respiratory tract infection. These



Do you have fever, sore throat and cough? It could be “walking pneumonia, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which is on the rise. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Health

can be mild infections which, most often, do not require hospitalization, but for some, they can be severe and require antibiotics to get better. Both children and adults can get pneumonia from *Mycoplasma*.”

What are the Common Symptoms of Pneumonia Caused by *Mycoplasma*?

“Common symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, headache and feeling tired.

It’s often called ‘walking pneumonia’ since some people don’t feel

sick enough to stay home but they are still contagious and can spread the disease to others. Complications can occur that require hospital care, including new or worsening asthma, severe pneumonia and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Children under 5 often have different symptoms, including diarrhea, sneezing, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, vomiting, watery eyes and wheezing. Symptoms typically last for several weeks.

Some infected people

may have no symptoms but it can still damage the lining of the respiratory tract, including the throat, windpipe and lungs.”

How is it Spread?

“It can spread person-to-person through the respiratory route, particularly when people are coughing or sneezing. People who live or work in crowded settings are at an increased risk for outbreaks.

It can take one to four weeks for symptoms to appear after someone has been exposed to the bacteria.”

Who is at Highest Risk for This?

“Anyone is susceptible but those recovering from a respiratory illness are at an increased risk for serious infection. Anyone with a weakened immune system or with preexisting lung conditions such as asthma or reactive airway disease are also at greater risk for serious infection.”

Is there a Vaccine Available for *Mycoplasma* Pneumoniae?

“No, unfortunately there is no vaccine.”

How is it Diagnosed?

“Testing is available through a nose or throat swab PCR test at your doctor’s office.”

How is this Treated?

“Macrolides (such as azithromycin) are a class of antibiotics used commonly to treat bacterial pneumonia including infections caused by *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*. Make sure to take the full course of antibiotics and don’t stop when you start feeling better.”

What are some ways to keep Families Safe?

“I think a lot of families may not have heard of *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* or know that it is going around. I would advise families to follow these common-sense strategies:

Stay home when you are feeling sick. Keep your children away from others if they are not feeling well.

Cover your cough and sneeze and teach your kids to use their batwing to cover their cough or sneeze.

Wear a well-fitted KN95 or N95 mask if you feel sick and need to be out in public or if you are in crowded settings with others. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, children ages 2 and older can safely wear a mask. But the exception is for anyone who cannot easily remove their own mask or who has trouble breathing.

Those who get worsening symptoms, have difficulty breathing or are unable to keep liquids down, should seek medical attention immediately.” ★

SPARKY'S CORNER

Calling 911

1. Do not panic. This is easier said than done. Panic does not help. Instead, begin to plan what you will say to the dispatcher.
2. Find a phone. Preferably a land line unless it’s a fire or burglary. This will help determine your location. If it’s a fire, don’t stay in the building, get out first.
3. Call 911. Pick up the receiver and dial 911. Be aware that, sometimes, it takes time for the phone to route to the correct answering point. Do not hang up if you do not connect immediately!!
4. Know what you will be asked. Make sure that you are aware of each of the following:

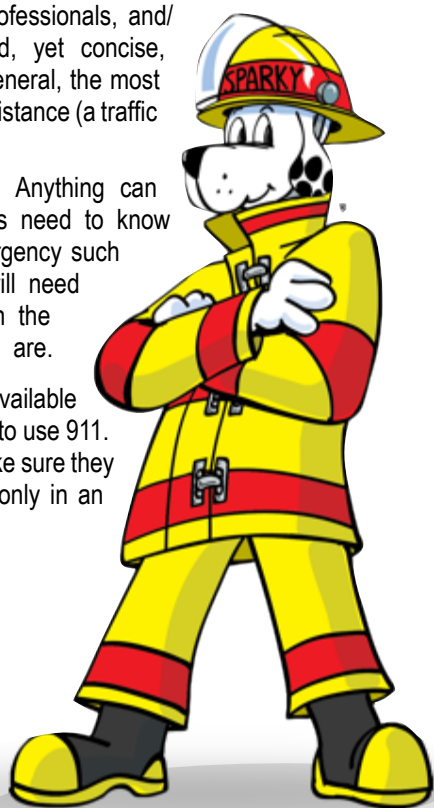
- The phone number of your phone. The dispatcher will need instructions on how to get to where you are, and may need to call back for more information. Know the phone number of your phone.
- Location. Give the dispatcher your address or a detailed description of your location. The emergency is not always located where you are calling from. Always be aware of your surroundings and where you are. Try to keep a watch out for the road signs, business names and intersections whenever you may travel.
- Nature of the emergency: Do you require assistance from law enforcement, medical professionals, and/or fire fighters? Have a detailed, yet concise, description of the emergency. In general, the most important thing is why you need assistance (a traffic accident, for example).

5. Do not hang up until instructed to. Anything can happen, and the emergency services need to know your situation at all times. In an emergency such as a structure fire, the dispatcher will need to know if there are other people in the building and where any safe exits are.

Remember that adults are not always available to call 911, so teach your children how to use 911. Practice with a pretend phone, and make sure they understand it’s important to call 911 only in an emergency.

Thank You,

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Consider these year-end financial moves

Once again, it’s the busy holiday season. Still, try to take the time to consider some financial moves before we turn the calendar to 2025.

First, review your investment portfolio to ensure it is performing as expected and still fits your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Next, if you can afford it, consider adding to your 401(k) and health savings account. And if you have a flexible spending account, you’ll want to spend any unused funds before the year ends, or else risk losing them.

If you have children, consider opening a 529 education savings plan,

which allows for tax-free withdrawals for qualified education expenses.

Here’s another suggestion: Contribute to an emergency fund to help cover six months of living expenses or unexpected costs such as a major home or car repair.

And if you’re 73 or older, make sure you take the required withdrawals from your traditional IRA so you can avoid penalties.

Finally, review your estate plans, especially if you’ve recently experienced changes in your family situation such as marriage, remarriage or the birth of a child.

These moves may prove helpful — not only for 2024 but in the years to come.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



What a difference a week makes. Entering last week, the Sacramento Kings had lost all of their preseason games, and the first two games of the regular season.

Enter the Portland Trailblazers on Oct. 28 and the home crowd was treated to what everyone had envisioned the new and improved Sacramento Kings would look like.

DeMar DeRozan carved up the defensive of the Trailblazers along with point guard DeAaron Fox for 23 and 24 points respectively, but the real key was the way DeRozan got to his spots and made his mid-range game look easy.

Combined with the lightning quickness of Fox, this tandem poses a threat to opposing defenses every night, and other teams had better bring their "A" game when they come to Sac Town.

Finally breaking into the win column and lighting the beam for the first time in the 2024/2025 campaign, lifted a heavy weight off the shoulders of the Kings players and fans alike, but the week was not over. Convincing victories on the road over Utah and the Atlanta Hawks gave the Kings a three-game winning streak and lifted the team over 500.

DeRozan looked like a natural fit as the Kings made victories over the Jazz and Hawks look pedestrian, and had the Kings been able to shoot a little better from the charity stripe, it's entirely possible the overtime loss to the Toronto Raptors could have been the Kings 4th win in a row.

Sacramento will wrap up their road trip Monday night against the formidable Miami Heat (after press time), but it's obvious that some of the swagger has returned to the team.

I'm impressed with DeMar DeRozan in nearly every facet of his game, and like Malik Monk, DeRozan will be an asset and a role model as it relates to free throw shooting. An 84% career free throw shooter, DeMar has proven his reliability at the charity strip, and with the Kings coming off the 2023/2024 campaign in the cellar of the NBA in free throw shooting, adding a 6-time all-star that can shoot free throws at a consistently high level, is just

what the doctor ordered for the Kings.

Big man and double-double king Domantas Sabonis, like Fox, has struggled in the past from the free throw line, but has looked better so far this season, and has raised his average. It's still early, but if both Fox and Sabonis can get to 80% or better at the line consistently, look for Sacramento to be lighting the beam with increased regularity.

At 3-3 the Kings may not have a gawdy win-loss record, but the last four games have given all the fans a positive look at what the season can look like.

Although DeRozan has already shown he can connect from long range when called upon, he consistently passes up 3-point opportunities for mid-range looks, and he is deadly from the 10 to 15-foot range. DeMar looks so comfortable in mid-range, his stroke is almost effortless, and with that kind of confidence, he poses a serious late game option to go along with Fox and Sabonis.

Shout out to Kevin Huerter who after a subpar start in game one, has returned to what fans have expected to see, and once again, Huerter has shown his acumen both beyond the 3-point line, and driving to the hoop.

Huerter's defense has taken a step forward as well, so we'll give some attaboys to coach Brown for putting Huerter back in the starting lineup and sticking with him. If we can keep Kevin off the injury list, the 2024/2025 season could be a breakout year for a popular player with a big upside.

More than anything, the recent wins, particularly on the road, are spurring a higher volume of optimism, and look for an already loud arena to get even louder.

For any naysayers that felt it would take a long time for newcomer DeMar DeRozan to fit in, he is well ahead of schedule, and the way he and Fox are sharing the ball is a pleasure to watch.

Stay tuned Kings fans. This is what you've been waiting for, and the best is yet to come!

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Valero Considering Shutdown of California Refineries



Assemblyman James Gallagher represents California's 3rd Assembly District. Courtesy photo

Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Just days after the announcement by Phillips 66 that it would shut down its Los Angeles area refinery, Valero's CEO told investors the company was considering shutting down its two California facilities in response to Newsom's attacks on the energy industry.

Valero's two refineries, located in Benicia and Wilmington, account for a combined 13.5% of California's refining capacity. If those facilities were to close along with the Phillips 66 refinery, that would reduce California's fuel-production capacity by more than one-fifth.

"Gavin Newsom bragged about trying to end gasoline production – and this is the result: higher gas prices and fewer jobs," said Assemblyman Joe Patterson (R-Rocklin). "As more and more refineries decide it's just not worth it to operate in California, families and workers who depend on cars are paying the price."

Less than a month ago, Newsom's gas price czar Tai Milder dismissed concerns about refinery closures, telling the Legislature "California is part of the most profitable area in the country... There's no reason that these companies cannot operate fairly with a bit more inventory and still make profit and stay in business."

Thanks to Newsom's high taxes and expensive mandates, Californians are paying the highest gas prices in the country. As the governor insists he is deeply concerned about gas prices, his administration is set to approve a policy that could increase gas prices an additional 65 cents per gallon.

On a completely unrelated note, Newsom's approval rating tied its all-time low in a PPIC poll released yesterday, falling five points in the last month.

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. ★

Riley Reviews

LEGAL DRAMA "THE LINCOLN LAWYER" GETS BETTER IN THIRD SEASON



A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"THE LINCOLN LAWYER: Season 3" on NETFLIX

Michael Connelly, the prolific author of crime fiction and detective novels, is arguably at the top ranks of writers whose books are worthy of being adapted as screenplays for television or movies.

His most notable characters are LAPD detective Hieronymus "Harry" Bosch and criminal defense attorney Mickey Haller, the central persons, respectively, for the Amazon series "Bosch" and the Netflix incipient franchise "The Lincoln Lawyer," now streaming for its third season.

Before Netflix launched "The Lincoln Lawyer" series in 2022, Connelly's eponymous 2005 novel was first made into the 2011 film of the same title, starring Matthew McConaughey as the Los Angeles defense lawyer who operates out of the back seat of a Lincoln Town Car.

The Ford Motor Company's Lincoln division produced the 1986 Town Car that was featured in the McConaughey film, whereas the streaming series on Netflix features a classic 1963 four-door Lincoln Convertible as the lawyer's car of choice when he's mostly driving for leisure.

The third season picks up where the previous one left off with Mickey Haller (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo) showing up at the West Hollywood jail for Julian LaCosse (Devon Graye), arrested as the suspect in the murder of sex worker Gloria Dayton (Fiona Rene).

Julian has only known Gloria as Giselle Dallinger, who operates under multiple aliases and could not be identified at the County morgue until Haller showed up, noting that she mostly went by Glory Days.

The evidence against Julian, as happens to be the case for many that Haller represents, may be circumstantial but enough threads connect to his culpability with at least a degree of credibility.

On the night of the homicide, Julian is found on a surveillance camera to have arrived and departed from Gloria's apartment building within the timeframe of the murder and the testimony of a neighbor that a loud argument had ensued gave credence to foul play.

It turns out that Gloria was being serviced by Julian's website that allowed sex workers to have prospective clients vetted for safety reasons, leading to Julian insisting that he's not a pimp but acknowledging that he takes twenty percent off the top as commission.

While a few side issues intrude, the ten-episode season is primarily focused on a single compelling case even though a budding odd couple romance blossoms when Haller gets involved with prosecutor Andrea Freeman (Yaya DaCosta), a

frequent adversary in the courtroom.

In the second episode, Haller is representing a Hispanic male with shaved head and several face tattoos on an armed robbery charge. After testimony proves to be damning, the defendant viciously assaults Haller.

The prosecutor and Haller approach the bench when requested by the judge, who believes the attack has prejudiced the case in the eyes of the jury. The prosecutor asserts that the assault was staged so Haller could manipulate the court to declare a mistrial.

Detractors of the defense attorney, and there are many who pop up here, including the District Attorney's investigator and former LAPD detective Neil Bishop (Holt McCallany) holding a grudge for being destroyed as a witness, would perhaps justifiably take the view that Haller is calculating.

Those who work for Haller are faithfully loyal. His second ex-wife Lorna Crane (Becki Newton), a hard-working assistant, is preparing for the bar exam which understandably causes anxiety at work.

Lorna is now married to former motorcycle gang member Cisco (Angus Sampson), who now works for Haller as an intrepid investigator willing to ride his bike all the way to Las Vegas to track down a potential witness.

Office worker Izzy Letts (Jazz Raycole), who previously chauffeured Haller in his Lincoln Navigator, is busy on the side trying to make a go of her own dance studio that's suddenly threatened by a competitor.

One new member of Haller & Associates is Eddie Rojas (Allyn Moriyan), taking over driving for the boss, after the attorney defended him at trial on a charge of joyriding in an expensive sports car.

On the other side of the ledger, Haller must deal with plenty of unsavory characters. Prison inmate Sly Funaro Sr. (Paul Ben-Victor), a disgraced attorney, and his moron son (Christian Antidormi), are key to Haller connecting with an imprisoned cartel leader (Arturo Del Puerto).

Even sleazier is how shady DEA agent James de Marco (Michael Irby), who has ties to former police officer Neil Bishop, possibly figures into the death of prostitute Glory Days.

For anyone who enjoyed the first two seasons of "The Lincoln Lawyer," the third season exceeds expectations such that the cliffhanger at the last episode will have you hoping no time is wasted for production to start on the next installment.

Without giving away anything that is shocking about the finale, it would be a disservice to the fan base to not have a new chapter, but given the popularity of the series so far, we should feel confident that Mickey Haller is not hanging up his shingle. ★

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Fall for Some Great New Reads



Jump In the Leaf Pile

by Kelly Green, illustrations Kasia Nowowiejska, Little Simon.

It's Fall, which means leaves are falling all around in a rainbow of colors. It's time to scrape and rake the leaves, then run through the pile "crackle, crackle, zap." Then it's time for the best part of all: jumping into the pile of leaves.

Little ones will enjoy looking for all the fall colors while celebrating all the joys of Fall, with sliding surprises hidden within each page. Sturdy board book design sized for small hands, also makes this a great book for little ones.



You're the Pumpkin in my Pie

by Laura Gehl, illustrations Vanessa Port, Little Simon

Fall for this adorable board book, highlighting the perfect pairings and adorable illustrations. From donuts to pumpkins to honey on a tree, each treat has its ideal match, just like you.



Pasta Pasta Lotsa Pasta

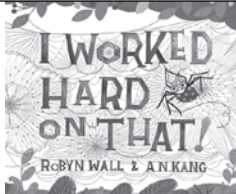
by Aimee Lucido, Mavisu Demirag

November means Thanksgiving, and the holidays are coming soon. However,

family dinners can be tricky when they are picky. As each family rings the doorbell, they arrive with a new pasta request. From lasagna for Nonna to spaghetti for Nonno Titi, but that is not all; Zia Trini Houdini only eats rotini, and Zio Tony only eats ravioli. With all the pasta, how will it ever get done? Follow one giant family and all their pasta drama in this silly rhyming pasta spectacular.

Break out the rolling pin, the flour, and the eggs. It's time to make a whole lot of pasta.

Pasta Pasta Lotsa Pasta will be an instant favorite for any large family that knows how hard it is to cook for everyone, especially pasta.



I Worked Hard on That

by Robyn Wall & A.N. Kang

Kiara used to make her webs to catch food, but one day, she saw a beautiful web and was inspired to make one of her own. At first, they weren't what she expected, but with a bit of work, she started to create beautiful masterpieces. But even though she worked very hard on each piece of artwork, they ended up being destroyed. The harder Kiara worked, the more frustrated she became when each piece fell to ruins. Until the day she meets a new friend who changes the way she views her art.

With gentle echoes of Charlotte's web, I Worked Hard On That, shares the beautiful works of art that a spider web can be. This charming book celebrates artists, the beauty of hard work, and the importance of the creative journey. Beautiful, fun illustrations grace each page, highlighting how intricate and spectacular spider webs can be. The perfect Fall read for budding artists and young nature explorers who would love to either search for the perfect web or create their own. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000768
The following person(s) are doing business as: Hemkunt Sahib Farms, 636 Larkin Road, Gridley, CA 95948
Sukhjitt Kaur Dhillon and Harjit Singh Dhillon, 636 Larkin Road, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: October 4, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 22, 2003
This Business is conducted by: a Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Oct 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 2024)
HEMKUNT 11-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000769
The following person(s) are doing business as: Happy Valley Leasing, 2515 Ceanothus Avenue, Suite #100, Chico, CA 95973
Entwood Property Management, Inc., 2515 Ceanothus Avenue, Suite #100, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: October 4, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: a Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Oct 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 2024)
HAPPY 11-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000787
The following person(s) are doing business as: Los Arcos, 2454 Norte Dame Boulevard, #100, Chico, CA 95928
Antonio Hernandez, 2454 Norte Dame Boulevard, #100, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: October 8, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 8, 2024
This Business is conducted by: an Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, 2024)
ARCOS 11-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000825
The following person(s) are doing business as: Emic Psychological Health Incorporated, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816
Emic Health, 2108 N Street,

Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816
Date filed in Butte County: October 16, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 7, 2024
This Business is conducted by: a Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, 2024)
EMIC 11-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000818
The following person(s) are doing business as: Weird Find, 2163 4th Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Mallina D Grey, 7390 Lincoln Boulevard, Unit 642, Palermo, CA 95968
Date filed in Butte County: October 15, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 11, 2023
This Business is conducted by: an Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, 2024)
WEIRD 11-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000665
The following person(s) are doing business as: Green Clean, 5470 Cabernet Way, Forest Ranch, CA 95942
Chris A Sijstrom, 5470 Cabernet Way, Forest Ranch, CA 95942
Date filed in Butte County: August 29, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: an Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024)
GREEN 11-29-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV02908
Petitioner Salvador Ramirez Arroyo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Salvador Ramirez Arroyo to Salvador Ramirez.
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 December 11, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department

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 December 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed October 11, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, 2024
RAMIREZ 11-15-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV03476
Petitioner Zechariah Elijah Thomas Engdahl filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Zechariah Elijah Thomas Engdahl to Zech Elijah Steggall.
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 December 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on October 18, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
ZECH 11-22-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV03346
Petitioners Nathaniel Jones and Justina Wimberly filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Justina Lynn Wimberly to Justina Lynn Jones.
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 December 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on October 9, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
JUSTINA 11-22-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV03618
Petitioner Cathleen Marie Greenwell filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cathleen Marie Greenwell to Cathleen Marie Poor.
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 December 11, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department

TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on October 28, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
GREENWELL 11-29-24

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Foreclosure No. 7146251 APN# 009-260-026 On November 20, 2024 at 3:30 p.m., Mid Valley Title and Escrow Company, Trustee, or Successor Trustee or Substituted Trustee of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Devin J. Waterbury, an unmarried man, and recorded July 21, 2016 as Instrument No. 2016-0026639, of Official Records of Butte, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default thereunder recorded July 9, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024-0017541, of Official Records of said County, will under and pursuant to said Deed of Trust sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, a cashier's check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse at 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965, all that 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: Parcel 1 as shown on that certain parcel map, which map was filed in the Office of The Recorder of The County of Butte, State of California, on April 16, 2004, in Book 159 of Maps at Page(s) 79. (X)The street address or other common designation of said property: vacant land, Gridley, CA (X)Name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is being conducted: Robertson Trust, 9199 Goodspeed St. #10, Durham, CA 95938 Directions to the above property may be obtained by requesting same in writing from the beneficiary within 10 days from the first publication of this notice. Said sale will be made without covenant

or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed of Trust, plus estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale: \$306,876.64 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED JULY 18, 2016 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. 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 1-916-939-0772 or visit this internet website: [posting.com address for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 7146251. 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 website <http://www.nationwideposting.com>. 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 1-916-939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 7146251 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. The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary declares that the mortgagee or beneficiary has satisfied the requirements of California Civil Code 2923.5. DATED: 10/10/2024 MID VALLEY TITLE AND ESCROW COMPANY Address: 601 Main St., Chico, CA 95928 Phone: \(530\) 893-5644 BY: GREG WOOD, FORECLOSURE OFFICER NPP0466409 To: GRIDLEY HERALD 10/25/2024, 11/01/2024, 11/08/2024
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, via email to csantana@gridley.ca.us or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the Planning Commission for consideration. Remote attendance is available by Zoom.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting will be provided on the Planning Commission agenda available to the public on Friday, November 15, 2024, located on the City of Gridley website.

Elder Estates Tentative Subdivision Map 1-22 Extension: Application to extend the Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 1-22 for an additional 2 years. The approved Tentative Subdivision Map proposes to subdivide an existing 8.49-acres into forty-six (46) parcels. The Subject site has a General Plan land use of Residential and is zoned Single Family Residential (R-1) for a proposed density of 5.41 du/ac located on the west side of Randolph Street. (APN 010-270-016)

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

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Parkland Estates; Final Map 1-21; Application for a Final Map for Tentative Subdivision Map 1-23 to subdivide a 1.48-acre parcel into 19 single-family parcels located on the east side of Haskell Street across from the Manuel Vierra Park zoned as Multi-Family Residential District (MFR (9-15 du/ac)) in the Residential General Plan land use designation. (APN 010-210-043)

SUMMARY:
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Reinstatement of SDP 1-22; Site Development Plan Review No. 1-22 for the development of a mixed-use commercial site consisting of a 5,200 square-foot convenience market with auto fuel pumps, a 4-pump fuel canopy for tractor/trucks/semis, a 1,344 square-foot carwash, and an 824 square-foot coffee kiosk with 2-drive-thru lanes located in the Commercial general Plan land use designation and zoned as General Commercial (C-2) at 1225 Hwy 99. (APN 021-270-043 & -044)

SUMMARY:
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SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, of the County of BUTTE, State of California, will receive up to and no later than December 11, 2024 at 2:00pm sealed bids for the award and contract for the furnishing of all labor, materials, transportation and services required for the construction of the SCIENCE CLASSROOM and such bids shall be received at the office of the Gridley Unified School District, 429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 19, 2024, at 3:30pm Meet at 300 E. Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this invitation and the Contract Documents. Electronic copies may be obtained upon request from the office of the Architect; Nichols, Melburg & Rossetto, 555 Main Street, Suite 300, Chico, CA 95928. Make requests to nimerfrohn@nrmrdesign.com with a subject heading of "Gridley High School Science Classroom Building"

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bid bond made in favor of the Board of Trustees, Gridley Unified School District, executed by the bidder as principal and an admitted surety company as surety. All bonds for this project must be issued by an Admitted Surety, an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of Insurance in the State of California during this business year, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract if it is awarded to them in conformity with the Contract Documents and shall provide the surety bond as specified therein within five (5) days after notification of the award of the contract to bidder.

It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom a contract is awarded, and upon all subcontractors under them, to pay not less than the general prevailing rates of per diem wages to all workers in the execution of the contract. Pursuant to the provisions of the California State Labor Code, and Local Laws thereto applicable, the said Board of Trustees has ascertained the prevailing rate of wages in the locality where this work is to be performed, for each craft and/or type of worker or mechanic needed to perform the work of this contract. General Prevailing Wage Rates shall be those rates pertaining to Butte County as published by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1.

Copies of the Prevailing Wage Schedules may be obtained from the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA 94101, or www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html.

Each contractor and subcontractor must be registered with DIR prior to submitting a bid.

The District has set an overall goal for this Project that Bidders obtain a minimum 3% of their bid amount in participation by certified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises ("DVBE"). The participation may be through work or supply of materials. If a Bidder is unable to obtain the full 3% participation by one or more DVBEs, then the bid may be found responsive only if it establishes "good faith efforts" to meet the goal. The requirements for good faith efforts are set forth in Section 00 48 00 DVBE Requirements in the project specifications.

The bidder awarded this contract may elect to receive 100% of payments due under the contract from time to time without retention of any portion of the payment by the public agency, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the public agency in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The Gridley Unified School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any defect or irregularity in bidding.

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Newsom Issues Executive Order Tackling Rising Electric Bills



California Governor Gavin Newsom. Courtesy photo

Office of Governor Newsom Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 30, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order designed to reduce electric costs for Californians.

The Governor's action encourages electric bill relief while maintaining the state's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality and 100% clean electricity by 2045. The action comes as millions of Californians received an average credit of \$71 on their October electric bills from the California Climate Credit, provided by the state's Cap-and-Trade program.

Tackling rising electricity costs

While California has been successful in keeping electric bills lower than many other states on average thanks to decades of work advancing energy efficiency standards, Californians have seen their electric bills rising in recent years. A major driver has been critical utility wildfire mitigation efforts that have accelerated to match the pace of the climate crisis, as well as several programs added over time.

The Governor's executive order addresses both of these cost drivers by zeroing in on some programs that could be inflating customer bills and evaluating utility wildfire mitigation expenses for potential administrative savings.

The Governor's executive order:

Encourages electric bill relief: The executive order asks the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to identify underperforming programs and return any unused energy program funds back to customers receiving electric and gas service from private utilities as one or more credits on their bills.

Maximizes the California Climate Credit: The executive order directs the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to work with the CPUC to determine ways to maximize the California Climate Credit, which is a twice annual credit that shows up on many Californians' electric and gas bills in the spring and fall and is funded by the state's Cap-and-Trade program.

Manages and reduces electric costs for the long-term: The executive order asks the California Public Utilities Commission to evaluate electric ratepayer supported programs and costs of regulations and make recommendations on additional ways to save consumers money. It also asks the California Public Utilities Commission to pursue any federal funding available to help lower electricity costs for Californians. Additionally, the executive order directs the California Energy Commission (CEC) to evaluate electric ratepayer-funded programs and identify any potential changes that could save Californians money on their bills.

Smarter wildfire mitigation investments:

The executive order directs the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety and requests the California Public Utilities Commission to evaluate utility wildfire safety oversight practices and ensure that utility investments and activities are focused on cost-effective wildfire mitigation measures.

In addition to the Governor's action, earlier this year, the California Public Utilities Commission approved a proposal to reduce the price of residential electricity through a new billing structure authorized by the state Legislature. This follows actions in recent years such as providing direct relief to customers and using state funds, rather than ratepayer monies, to develop a Strategic Reliability Reserve to maintain electric grid reliability during extreme conditions.

The Governor welcomes partnership with the legislature to further additional actions that will address electric bill affordability.

"Californians expect us to take a hard look at their monthly energy and electricity bills and deliver reduced costs and savings for the long-term," said Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Salinas). "I support increased oversight efforts, because regulators must ensure energy programs are implemented effectively and responsibly. The Governor's action today is another step forward to lessen households' total energy burden and lower the cost of living in our state."

"Rising electricity costs are impacting Californians and their quality of life," said Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire (D-North Coast). "The state, including its regulatory agencies, needs to buckle down and blunt the expanding fiscal impacts on ratepayers. This is an important start by Governor Newsom, and the Senate plans to double down on this progress in the months ahead." ★

California's Transition Off Carbon Fuels Could Upset Gasoline Supply, Prices



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California motorists buy and consume a billion gallons of gasoline each month and are very sensitive about pump prices, which are markedly higher than those in other states. Naturally, they are a political football.

Gov. Gavin Newsom has repeatedly characterized refiners as price gougers, even though most of the differences are caused by taxes, fees and regulatory mandates. Recently, he persuaded the Legislature to pass a watered-down version of his proposal requiring refiners to maintain higher reserves to avoid price spikes.

However the gasoline situation is far more complicated than Newsom's approach, and California may be facing a period of volatility on both supply and price as it attempts to wean itself from combustion-powered transportation, its largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions.

The California Air Resources Board is on the verge of expanding its program of reducing the amount of carbon in the current gasoline recipe, regarded as an interim step before completely converting vehicles to electricity or some other non-polluting power.

Last year, CARB published an analysis of the proposed Low Carbon Fuel

Standard to provide "the economic incentives to produce cleaner fuels like electricity, hydrogen and biofuels that are needed to displace fossil fuels and reduce transportation sector emissions."

The report estimated that adoption could immediately increase gas prices by 47 cents a gallon and then, "on average, from 2031 through 2046 the proposed amendments are projected to potentially increase the price of gasoline by \$1.15 per gallon, the price of diesel by \$1.50 per gallon and fossil jet fuel by \$1.21 per gallon."

The cost estimate generated a storm of media and political attention and CARB backed off, continuing the adoption process but refusing to put a number on the potential pump price. Last week, the board's top official conducted an electronic press conference in which he stressed positive impacts, but continued to sidestep questions about consumer impacts.

"It's a win-win," executive officer Steven Cliff insisted. "We get public health benefits, we reduce health costs, we see lower costs of driving and we help turbocharge those investments in clean energy infrastructure that helps drive our zero emissions future."

CARB now intends to act on the policy three days after Election Day, without offering any estimate of consumer costs — a potential signal that those costs will be hefty.

While Newsom wants to be remembered as someone who tried to reduce gasoline prices, his governorship probably will be one that substantially increased them.

The other uncertainty is whether California will have

enough gasoline, even a variety with less carbon, over the next two decades as it transitions away from carbon fuels altogether.

California once had dozens of refineries producing the state's unique fuel blend, but in recent years just nine. After the Legislature gave Newsom the new laws on gasoline reserves, one refiner, Phillips 66, announced that it would shutter its plant in Southern California that's no longer profitable. The company said the closure had nothing to do with politics.

Very quickly, Valero, which has two refineries in the state, hinted that it may follow suit. CEO Lane Riggs said during a conference call that "all options are on the table" for the company's two California refineries, one in Benicia and the other in Wilmington, because of increasing state regulation of operations.

"Clearly the California regulatory environment is putting pressure on operators out there and how they might think about going forward with their operations," Riggs said.

Transitioning transportation to non-carbon power — while maintaining sufficient and reasonably priced supplies for gas-powered cars until they're replaced — was destined to be a fraught process.

If poorly managed, it could be a monumental disaster.

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Cohasset Man Pleads to Possession of Child Pornography

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Michael Patrick Markham, 56, of Cohasset, pleaded no contest Oct. 31 in Butte County Superior Court to possession of more than 600 images of child pornography.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges occurred after Markham took his laptop to be serviced at a computer repair shop on July 18. While servicing the computer, the computer shop found images of child pornography and contacted the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office took custody of the laptop and completed a forensic download pursuant to a search warrant authorized by the district attorney and a local judge. Deputies found approximately 950 still images and 23 videos of child pornography. Some images included children engaging in sexual acts with animals and sexual sadism.

Ramsey said that Markham was charged with possession of child pornography, as well as an additional enhancement for possessing more than 600 images.

Markham is set for sentencing on Jan. 9, and is facing up to five years in state prison for his crime. ★



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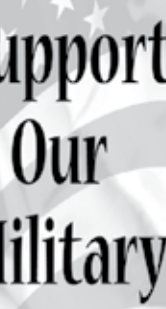
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Wheeler Ranch Celebrates 25 Years



Doug and Kari Wheeler pose with their three children at Wheeler Ranch in 1999. Photo courtesy of Wheeler Ranch

By Connie Voss

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 30, Wheeler Ranch & Feed celebrated 25 years in business by giving a 25% discount off all merchandise.

More than 100 customers turned out for the event, including the first customer from 1999. They loaded up on hay, feed, clothing and shavings. Many were long-time patrons, while others have been coming for just a few months. All have contributed to the growth and success of the store.

"It's just been a fun day because they're happy and we're happy to see them. It's been a wonderful day

to celebrate customers and our relationships," said Kayla Wheeler-Dunlap. She and her husband, Jacob, took over the store on the 20th anniversary in 2019.

Doug and Kari Wheeler, Wheeler-Dunlap's parents, envisioned an agricultural business in Biggs.

"Many had doubts of a small family-owned business becoming successful in a remote location in a very small town but that didn't stop them. For that, as the second-generation owner, I am beyond grateful," Wheeler-Dunlap said.

In 1999, Wheeler Ranch and Feed opened and sold for Nutrena, one of the largest feed companies



Kayla Wheeler-Dunlap and her son, Davis, take a break from the busy day for a picture. Photo courtesy of Wheeler Ranch

in the nation. Next came a horse arena for special events, horse boarding, a ranch-style petting zoo for families, clothing name

brands such as Wrangler and Cinch, tack, vaccines and a women's boutique added later.

The Wheelers have built



Barrel racing was one of the events at a recent Wheeler Ranch Play Day. Photo courtesy of Wheeler Ranch

a reputation for excellent customer service, which is being carried on today. Shipping is available for some items.

The convenience of having a feed and tack store next to a horse boarding cannot be overstated, according to one of the boarders.

Wheeler-Dunlap grew up spending time at the ranch after school. Her son, Davis, is now following in

that tradition, plus a new addition to the family coming in February.

"We're ready for another 25 years. We're curious what it's going to look like but we'll still keep doing what we're doing today to get that right," Wheeler-Dunlap said.

The ranch is located at 3247 Smith Ave. in Biggs. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. ★

Hocks Unlimited Melodrama Theater Announces November Show

By Dell DeMeyer

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Hocks Unlimited Melodrama theater cast of "Males Order Brides or ... Big Harry Deal's Scandalous Scheme" is busily rehearsing for the Nov. 14 through Nov. 17 production.

The play, written by Billy St. John and produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado, is directed by Dell DeMeyer

and will be presented at the Monday Club building, 2385 Montgomery St., Oroville. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Doors will open a half hour prior to curtain time. Linda James will entertain at the piano before and during the play.

Hocks Unlimited was established in 1971 by Jane Jette Hammer, Las Plumas High School teacher, and local Realtor Kelly Jordan.

Hammer directed 26 productions before retiring. Shirley Bugado and Dell DeMeyer re-organized and Bugado directed from 2000 to 2020. This is the fourth play directed by DeMeyer, a veteran Hocks actor.

Tickets are \$20, which include refreshments, and are available at Marcozzi's Jewelers or online at Eventbrite. Donations from the proceeds will go to the Oroville Veterans Memorial Park Fund, the Rotary Bridge Lighting

Fund and the Rotary Monday Club Foundation. The audience can experience true melodrama participation as they enjoy sodas, beer and popcorn and the play is suitable for all ages. Contact Diane Wilkerson, house manager and box office director, for more information at 530-308-1431.

Hocks actors are well known in the area, with the villainous Loren Ott dramatically and effectively finding brides for several

of the old western town bachelors, with assistance from his equally villainous actress sidekick, Barbara Rocchi. The plot thickens with Don Green, (town banker), David Glover, (lumberjack hero), Terry Bartlett, (grubby prospector) and Mike Fisher (saloon owner) being "taken" on a humorous ride to find a bride. Adding to the comedic side is the prospector's daughter, aka Sarah Pierce, saloon girls Sharyl Bacchues,

Ruby Thomas, Christine Williams and Shawna Evans.

Many scene changes will be handled by the stage manager, Shane Overstreet, any necessary prompting will be done by Raedun McGrath and the kitchen, servers and setups will be done by Andrea Green.

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Chico Man Arraigned for Attempted Murder of His Mother

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Chico man was arraigned Nov. 4 in Butte County Superior Court for the stabbing and attempted murder of his mother.

Justin Matthew Stephens, 46, of Chico was arraigned on felony charges of attempted murder, elder abuse, assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that on Oct. 31, at approximately 10:40 a.m., Chico Police received a

911 call of a man yelling at an elderly woman while she lay in the driveway of her residence. When officers arrived on the scene, they said that Stephens stood near his 75-year-old mother, who was lying in a pool of blood. When officers attempted to detain Stephens, according to the District Attorney's Office, he grabbed one officer by the throat. Officers swiftly escorted Stephens to the ground and detained him without further incident.

The mother was taken to Enloe Hospital, where she received immediate

life-saving treatment. Doctors discovered eight different lacerations and puncture wounds to her head and neck. One of the neck wounds cut the mother's artery. She is currently recovering at an out-of-area hospital and is in critical condition.

During their investigation, officers discovered a "punch knife," with what appeared to be blood, sheathed on the defendant's waistband. The knife, sometimes referred to as a "push dagger," is a short-bladed dagger with a "T"-shaped handle that is designed to be held in a closed fist. Officers noted

a trail of blood that led from the driveway, into the front doorway and into the kitchen of the residence that Stephens shared with his mother. The reason for the attack is currently unclear.

Ramsey noted Stephens had previously been charged with elder abuse for an incident in which he shoved his mother to the ground at the same residence in August 2023. During that case, a court-appointed psychologist found that Stephens was incompetent to stand trial due to mental issues and his criminal case was suspended, pending

mental health treatment.

After several months of treatment at the Butte County Jail, a Superior Court judge ruled Stephens had regained competence and reinstated his criminal case. At the request of his mother, Stephens was released by the judge on his own recognizance in February 2024, over the prosecutor's objection.

The abuse case was then continued several times while his then-attorney sought to have his case diverted out of the criminal courts on a "mental health diversion." However, a new

defense attorney took over the case this past August and told the judge it appeared Stephens was again suffering from mental issues that made him incompetent to stand trial. Stephens was due in court for further proceedings on his competency issue on the morning of Aug. 31, the same day as the new alleged attack. He failed to appear in court that day.

Stephens is currently being held on a no-bail status in the jail and will return to court on Nov. 7, after press time, for his further arraignment and entry of plea on his new case. ★

Gridley Praised by Mayor Farr

Continued from page 1
previously approved budget software has been helpful.

The final item was a Contract for Interim Planning Services through retired planner Don Rust, who has 44 years of experience in planning development. He can come in two days a week to provide over-the-counter services and assist with internal processes and evaluations. Rust will also be able to submit task orders and mentor other employees. His services will be under contract through the California Public Retirement System (CalPERS). City Administrator Artega will be able to amend the contract if necessary. ★

This contract was unanimously approved.

Department updates included a report from Finance Director Pineda saying that \$10 million of city funds are being invested by US Bank.

Fire Chief Fowler indicated that some surplus fire equipment is being sent to Gridley's sister city, Comala, Mexico.

Artega concluded the meeting by reporting that Dutch Brothers is planning to open with a ribbon cutting on Nov. 14. Artega is also looking at Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to help with city repairs. ★



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Mayor Farr described the City of Gridley as a shining light. Courtesy photo

A Third Straight Year with No California Salmon Fishing?

Early Fish Counts Suggest It Could Happen

By Alastair Bland
CALMatters.org

Farmers can estimate the size of a harvest months in advance by counting the blossoms on their trees. Similarly, salmon fishers can cast an eye into the future by counting spawning fish in a river. Fishery managers are doing that now in the Sacramento River and its tributaries, and what they're seeing could be a bad sign for next year.

The low count of returning adult salmon, made by the federally operated Coleman National Fish Hatchery, is preliminary, with several weeks left in the natural spawning period for the Sacramento Valley's fall-run Chinook, backbone of the state's salmon fishing economy.

There is even some possible good news in the numbers — a large percentage of immature Chinook, called "jacks." This demographic slice of the salmon population can be a predictive indicator of ocean abundance for the coming season, and it could be a sign there are more fish in the ocean than many expected — though officials say it's too early to tell.

Overall, the unwelcome numbers, mirroring similar figures from last year, are alarming to people who fish, for they portend the possible continuation of the two-year-and-counting statewide ban on salmon fishing, imposed in 2023 following a weak spawning season.

Already, the loss of revenue from the fishery shutdown has devastated the coastal fishing fleet, which is still waiting for \$20 million in federal funds allocated for disaster relief early this year.

R.J. Waldron, who took recreational anglers salmon fishing on his Emeryville charter boat Sundance for more than a decade, recently sold his vessel. The reduced income was too skimpy to pay the overhead costs of owning a boat and renting a slip. He said relief funds, had they been portioned out, would have kept him afloat.

"That would have helped me maintain my boat and



Adult fall-run Chinook salmon congregate near the Nimbus Hatchery Fish Ladder on the American River in Sacramento County on Oct. 15, 2012. Photo by Carl Costas, California Department of Water

basically ride the storm out until we get salmon fishing back — if we get salmon fishing back," he said.

Sarah Bates, owner of the San Francisco-based commercial vessel The Bounty, said she drew about 90% of her income from Chinook salmon sales prior to the closure and has helped make ends meet by fishing for other species, like black cod, shrimp and rockfish. Others, she said, have been targeting halibut.

Bates said the uncertain outlook has been disorienting for the men and women who shape their lives around a calendar year of fishing seasons and regulations.

"A lot of us feel a little untethered," she said.

At least six more months may pass before financial relief arrives. Barry Thom, executive director of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission — which has helped facilitate the grant application process — said in an email that the federal funds could be distributed sometime in May and June of 2025.

The odds of whether

fishers will be returning to work by then still looks like a tossup. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Brett Galyean, project leader at the Coleman hatchery, described "really low" numbers of 3- and 4-year-old adult Chinook. As of Oct. 29, his staff had collected 4 million eggs from female fish — less than one-third the hatchery's target of 14 to 15 million eggs.

The spawning run is drawing toward the end, too, with new arrivals at the hatchery now "slowing down," according to Galyean.

At several other Central Valley hatcheries operated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, facility managers have only just started counting salmon, an official said. This means overall numbers could still mount to promising levels.

The low returns to Coleman, the state's largest fish hatchery, reflect a long-term decline in Chinook salmon numbers nationwide. As many as 2 million adult Chinook historically spawned in the

Central Valley's rivers, and the fish were a keystone feature of marine and inland ecosystems.

The industrialization of the landscape to produce gold, water, cities, and crops has sent salmon runs tumbling. While the Central Valley's fish hatcheries — built last century to augment the wild stocks — release millions of baby Chinook each year, populations have dropped below fishable levels.

In 2022 officials counted just 69,000 adult fall-run Chinook in the entire Sacramento Valley, with a moderate improvement last year. In the mainstem of the Sacramento River alone, a key spawning destination, annual returns have dropped below 4,000 adults — down from an average of almost 60,000 each year from 1990 to 2009.

What ails California's salmon is perennially debated. Water users lean on explanations such as invasive species, reduced floodplain habitat, and climate change. Fishery advocates often stress the importance of water,

especially quantity and temperature.

Bates said the Central Valley needs more aggressive floodplain restoration to provide feeding and refuge habitat for small fish, but that sufficient water is the key.

"It's the water — there's no way around it," Bates said. "The water conditions in the Sacramento River and the Delta no longer support juvenile salmon migrating downstream."

Sometimes, the outflow from Lake Shasta and into the Sacramento River during the spawning season is just a few degrees too warm — conditions that can abort millions of eggs and newly born fish and has become a recurring problem in recent years. Hot weather has played a role, though environmentalists say negligent management of the reservoir — especially failure to keep its water sufficiently deep into the late summer — is just as problematic.

As the young salmon migrate downstream, they face such perils as low flows, high temperatures, water pumps and

predators. Thiamine deficiency, a relatively new and emerging ecological hiccup connected to the marine food web, has also impacted Chinook salmon. Climate change is a long-term threat.

Barry Nelson, policy representative for the Golden State Salmon Association, believes the main reason for the Sacramento's salmon collapse has been inadequate river conditions downstream of Shasta, and low smolt survival.

"We sterilized the Sacramento River," he said. "We killed almost all the fish, and rule number one in fisheries management is, if you kill all the baby salmon, three years later you don't have adult salmon."

Alastair Bland lives in Sonoma County, California. He writes about water, climate, marine research, agriculture and the environment, and his work has appeared at NPR, Time, East Bay Express, Audubon, Hakai, Slate, Smithsonian and other news outlets. ★

Reconstruction of High Glade Fire Lookout

Mendocino National Forest News Release

WILLOWS, CA (MPG) -

On Oct. 11, Mendocino National Forest contractors began reconstruction of the High Glade Lookout, which was destroyed by a wildfire in 2018. The lookout is located near the southern boundary of Mendocino National Forest in Lake County on 16N37 Road or High Glade Road.

Forest officials ask visitors to avoid High Glade Road and to expect increased traffic on 16N30 Road (Sam Alley Road off Pitney Lane). Access to the construction site will be closed to the public.

Prior to the Ranch Fire, High Glade Lookout was in use and staffed seasonally to detect wildfires in the summer and fall months. After the rebuild, the lookout will be staffed again. The location provides 360-degree views of the southern end of the forest as well as communities around Clear Lake in Lake County.

"This is an important milestone to rebuild our critical infrastructure on the forest after the Ranch Fire," said Upper Lake District Ranger Frank Aebly. "Lookout towers serve an important role in wildfire detection but even beyond that, High Glade Lookout provides vital visitor services, education and communication during emergencies."

The lookout was originally built in the 1930s in the Civilian Conservation Corps era when other lookouts on the forest were built. At the time that it burned, the lookout was about 85 years old. The replacement lookout tower will be similar in shape and size to the previous structure, a 10 feet by 10 feet square cabin sitting atop a 35-foot steel tower.

Forest engineers secured funding for the design and rebuild in 2022 through the Disaster Supplemental funding. Construction is expected to take a year to complete, weather permitting. ★



Here is a view of the High Glade Lookout in 2009. The lookout, destroyed in a wildfire in 2018, was originally built in the 1930s and is being rebuilt. USDA Forest Service photo by Mendocino National Forest

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– William

Dear William,

There are people who absolutely love the military. It makes a great career for some folks, and I think that's awesome. God

bless them—and you—for serving their country that way. But whether you're in the military or a civilian, I think you should do what you love doing.

If you were just a few months away from retirement, I'd probably tell you to bear down and tough it out. That way, it wouldn't be too long before you could explore the new opportunities and have a nice pension coming in. But 10 years is a long time to do anything when your heart's not in it.

Long story short? If you love it, stay. If you don't, get out. Serving in the armed forces is voluntary, and in a sense, that makes it a little like other jobs. Regardless, hanging around for a decade in a job where you're miserable just to collect benefits? That's not a good plan.

– 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. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The chill is on. The tree leaves are changing color rapidly. The air is brisk. The harvest is mostly done and the time of preparing for winter is upon us. I was at a large rice farm this week and scored some rice straw. Not a lot but enough to mulch the vegetable garden for the winter. I'm hoping we

put in some winter veges but that hasn't happened so far. The other half is in charge of that part of our lives. It can be frustrating but I honor his wishes which leaves me up in the air in regard to when things in the veg garden are planted. As you know this is a regular complaint of mine. His knee is hurting so we may not have a winter garden other than the permanent things like asparagus and artichokes. My strawberry plants have gone crazy and I might have to actually tend them this year. I once had a large strawberry patch and I ripped it out. It took too much water and the battle with slugs was immense, not to mention

their cousins the snails. From that patch two little plants came up in the spring after the big rip out. So, I put those plants in with my blueberries. That was two winters ago. A few plants grew from those two and I had a few strawberries without extra water because that area is on the drip system and gets whatever the watering system is set to. This last summer all along that drip system the strawberries went crazy. I had a lot more berries which was great. Now the plants are taking over the sidewalk. I've given several away to friends and my daughter is going to take some. I'm hoping the toads will lighten the slug load, we'll see. ★



California Student Elected to National FFA Leadership Position

A Sacramento County student was among six student members selected to guide the National FFA Organization for the coming year. Abigale Jacobsen, a former member of the Elk Grove FFA Chapter, was elected western region vice president. She was elected last week during the 97th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis. Each year, FFA delegates elect a president, a secretary and four vice presidents who will help set policies to guide the future of the youth leadership development organization, which has more than 1 million members.

Livestock Producers React to Wildfire Losses, Impacts

Wildfire is a year-round concern in California. For livestock producers, the threats extend beyond the displacement of people and animals. Tracy Schohr, a University of California Cooperative Extension livestock and natural resources advisor for Butte, Plumas and Sierra counties, highlights several critical issues: burned forage, lost livestock, damaged water systems, pneumonia in sheep and cattle due to smoke inhalation, and extensive loss of fencing.

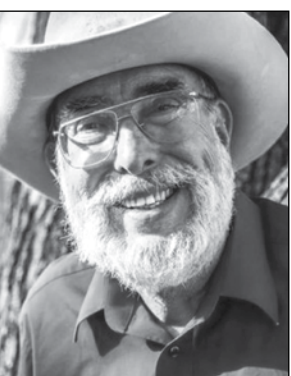
Program Seeks to Boost Consumption of Organic Dairy Products

To boost access to organic dairy products in schools and youth programs, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has allocated \$15 million to launch the Organic Dairy Product Promotion Program. The initiative is aimed at increasing consumption of organic dairy products among children and young adults while creating new opportunities for small and mid-sized organic dairy farmers. Through the program, USDA will enter into cooperative agreements with four lead organizations, including California State University, Fresno.

Podcast Explores How Farmers are Adopting Automation and Robotics

The latest episode of the Voice of California Agriculture podcast highlights key moments from FIRA USA, a three-day showcase of agricultural technology held last week in Woodland. Produced by the California Farm Bureau, this episode explores the adoption of farm automation and robotics. Additionally, it discusses the impacts of Hurricane Milton on Florida agriculture, the ongoing bird flu situation affecting California dairies and the challenges posed by mountain lions to farmers and ranchers. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Now if only Alsace could get along with Lorraine

historical terrors, there are none that reached the pinnacle of pain as quickly and briefly as the dance fever. Yes, friend, the dance fever of 1518 was a month-long plague in Strasbourg, which is today in France. During the dance fever, hundreds of people, for no apparent reason, danced around the clock for a month. A number of them danced themselves to death.

There is no record of which platter was spinning during this Renaissance sock hop, unfortunately. Looking back at the music of that time, a bunch of it was Gregorian chant.

I like that tune, Dick. It has a good beat, you can dance to it. I'll give it a seven.

Strasbourg is in Alsace-Lorraine, and Alsace-Lorraine is today in France. But every so often Germany decides to take it over, and then we have to help get it back into French hands again.

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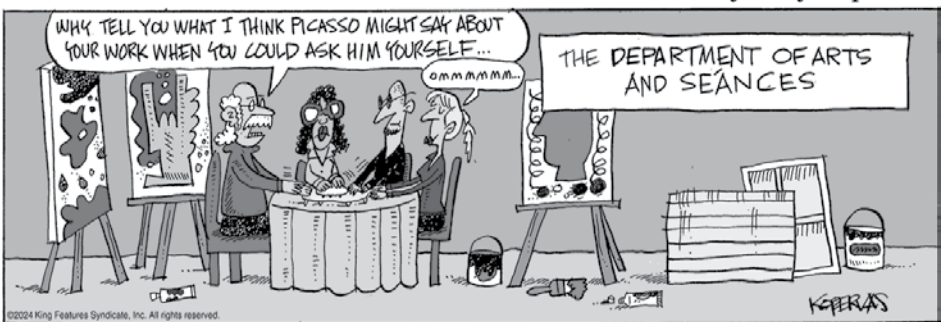
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Gridley Titans Football

14U Wins Division Championship

By Tony Luquin, Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, Nov. 2, the 14U Gridley Titans faced-off against the Central Valley Jr. Falcons at Willows High School, for the Sacramento Youth Football, National Athletic League Division Championship. The Titans prevailed with a final score of 38-20, earning the Titans the division championship.

The game was a battle for all four quarters. The Titans started in unfamiliar territory, being down 14-0 in the first quarter. They battled their way back, starting with a 40-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Alec Luquin, throwing a quick pass to receiver Isaiah Juarez, which he took up the field for a touchdown. From there, the Titans' defense stepped in and was able to stop Central Valley from scoring on their next drive.

As the Titans were driving up the field right before halftime, they had seven seconds left on the clock as they entered the red zone. The Titans were preparing to attempt a field goal when Central Valley decided to call a time out. During the timeout, the Titans' coaches decided to gamble and go for the touchdown rather than a field goal attempt.



The 14U Gridley Titans football and cheer teams after the Titans' victory over Central Valley Falcons on Nov. 2. Photo by Tony Luquin

Alec Luquin subsequently threw a 15-yard touchdown to running back Hudson Oakley in the corner of the end zone, with Jose Briseno adding two successful back-to-back two-point conversions. This resulted in the Titans taking the lead into halftime with a score of 16-14.

To start the second half of the game the Jr. Falcons scored first but were unsuccessful in their two-point conversion attempt. The Titans were then

able to march down the field again and complete a 35-yard pass to Isaiah Juarez, where Juarez made a one-handed catch and ran it in for a touchdown. Following Juarez's touchdown, the Titans and their fans could feel a shift in momentum and the Titans never took their foot off the gas. The defense began dominating the field making big plays. Titans' defensive end Jaiden Bandy forced two fumbles and had one sack, while

Benny Zumwalt had two sacks along with line-backer Carson Cornell, defensive end Aiden Giradot, and tackle Hunter Jacobs, each collecting one sack.

The Gridley Titans added two final touchdowns toward the end of the game which included a 29-yard rushing touchdown from receiver Carson Cornell and a 9-yard rushing touchdown from running back Benny Zumwalt. The Titans finished

the game victoriously, winning their fourth division championship in a row. An amazing feat that shows all the hard work and dedication the players have put in.

This year, Sacramento Youth Football has added a "Super Bowl" game, which will feature the 14U Gridley Titans playing the Pioneer Valley League champions Bradshaw Christian Pride, on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Bear River High School. ★

The 10U Titans Fall Short

By Gridley Youth Football

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, Nov. 2, the 10U Titans battled West Valley Jr. Eagles at Willows High School. It was the Titans' second playoff game of the year and the game was a battle of both teams' will and grit.

The Titans scored first with a run by DeAndre Carothers. However, that lead was cut short with

a score by West Valley on the very next drive. In a close game you cannot have turnovers and unfortunately the Titans did and were unable to recover. The West Valley Jr. Eagles ended up pulling ahead, securing their victory and moving onto the Championship next week at Bear River High.

Coach Jason Davis Sr. said after the game, "It was a great season. The farther you go in a season the

harder the loss feels if it comes. Although we set a goal to win a championship it wasn't our only goal. Making these boys better football players than when the season started is the most important goal and I believe we accomplished that. Each player is at a different point in their football career, and they all have so much football left to play. The future for these kids is so bright and we look forward to the future." ★



The 10U Gridley Titans football team-photo on Nov. 2, at Willows High School. Photo courtesy of Gridley Youth Football

American Legion Post 210 Welcomes New Members

Continued from page 1 gave them an opportunity to report on their experience gaining a better understanding and working knowledge of city, county and state governments.

"It taught me so much about our legal system, how it works and how important it is to understand the structure of the

government that runs us," Woods said. "Overall, California Boys and Girls State wasn't just about the government. It was about teamwork, leadership and developing a deeper understanding of civic responsibility. It is an experience I'll carry with me forever and I'm incredibly grateful."

Both Taranto and Woods were honored with certificates and medals by American Legion Post 210.

For more information on American Legion, Sons of the American Legion or the American Legion Riders, call Commander Owen Stiles at 530-306-4588 or email him at ostiles45@gmail.com. ★



Gridley High School senior Ryan Taranto was selected to attend Boys State as the American Legion Post 210 delegate. Photo courtesy of the American Legion



Gridley High School senior Annie Woods was selected to attend Girls State as the American Legion delegate. She is pictured here with her mother Stacey Gramps (center) and American Legion Commander Owen Stiles. Photo by Seti Long

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Bulldogs Dominate Thunderbirds in the Rain

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs smashed the Las Plumas Thunderbirds in what could've been the last home game of the season for the Bulldogs, on Friday, Nov. 1. The final score was 40-6.

Rain or shine, the Bulldogs will put on a show no matter the weather. In the pouring rain, the Bulldogs pounded the dirt with the run game, and dominating defense and that was the story of the game. The Thunderbirds could not get much going on either side of the ball as they also tried to run the ball but were stopped for short yardage on almost every attempt, and their defense was unable to stop

the Bulldog ground game. The Bulldogs had more than 400 yards of total offense led by senior quarterback, #3 Gus Stogsdill who had four total touchdowns. The Bulldog offense has been dominant pretty much all season long scoring 20 or more points in five of their eight games this season (not including the Willows forfeit). The Bulldog defense has also been impressive all season long and has allowed over 20 points only three times this season (twice in non-league games, once in league games). It's safe to say that this Bulldog team is getting hot right at the perfect time.

The same cannot be said for the Thunderbirds as they have been struggling all season long. Their first

three wins came in the first three games of the season, but they haven't tasted victory since then. They have allowed 20 or more points in five of their last six games and have scored 10 or more points in only two of their last six since that last win.

The Las Plumas Thunderbirds have an opportunity to end the regular season with a win at home against the Oroville Tigers while the Gridley Bulldogs have a big game coming up on the road against the Corning Cardinals. Both games are scheduled to be played on Friday, Nov. 8, after press time. If the Bulldogs play well enough to win that game, it could warrant a first-round home playoff game.



Seniors Gus Stogsdill (3) and Nathan Zumwalt (25) leading the Bulldogs onto the field before a game against the Oroville Tigers on Friday, Oct. 18. Photo by Libby Tolman

GHS Varsity Volleyball Finishes an Impressive Season

By Daniel Canfield

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley High School varsity volleyball team wrapped up their season on Tuesday, Nov. 5. The team fought hard but ultimately succumbed to the Yreka Loggers in the 2024 Northern Section, CIF volleyball playoffs, three sets to one. The match was held at Farmer's Hall in Gridley, and saw the Bulldogs take the first set (25-13) only to drop the next three sets to the Loggers, giving Yreka the three set to one victory.

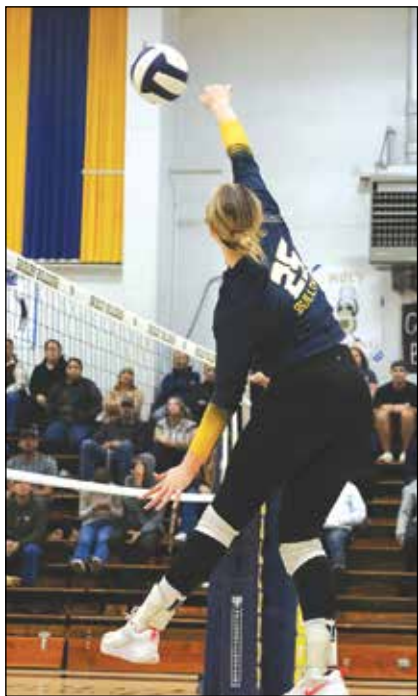
The Bulldogs Volleyball social media account provided a statement on the loss, "We didn't get the win tonight against Yreka,

but we want to give a big thank you and show our gratitude for the support our program has received from our community this season. While our season may have ended tonight, we can't thank our fans enough for showing up for us and packing the stands at every home game this season. It was truly special to be a part of the atmosphere in Farmer's Hall on Tuesday and Thursday nights. To our GHS staff, Dawg Squad, families, GHS Parents Club, and community members THANK YOU! We saw record numbers in the stands, and we are so appreciative that you spent your weeknights with us."

The playoff loss does

not detract from the outstanding season enjoyed by the Bulldogs squad. Gridley finished the season with an overall record of 28-6, and a league record of 9-1. The Bulldogs were crowned BVL league co-champions, Hamilton tournament champions and Red Bluff tournament champions. The Bulldogs had four BVL all-league selections in Charlee Sormano, Iasbel Santillan, Charity Archer and Iris Counihan. With Charlee Sormano taking BVL league co-mvp honors.

Congratulations to the Gridley Bulldogs Volleyball players and coaches on a season well-played. ★



BVL league co-mvp No. 25 Charlee Sormano spiking the ball against Yreka on Nov. 5. Photo by Yuba-Sutter High School Sports



Gridley's #6 Abby Boyan serving the ball against Yreka on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Farmer's Hall. Photo by Yuba-Sutter High School Sports



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