

She said she continued to sit on her grandfather's lap when he asked her to because, "sometimes nothing happened."

The trial was slated to continue today in Superior Court Judge Rodney Merville's courtroom.

Nipomo says no to state water

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Also disappointing is that the vote may have been a misplaced attempt to prevent growth, Manriquez said. He maintains that growth should be controlled by zoning laws and not water availability.

Manriquez said the vote means

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that the district now will have to milk groundwater sources and that it will have to deny future requests for annexation.

He added that he hoped the vote against state water wouldn't block the emergency annexation of Summit Station.

"That one has to go through because those folks are out of water," Manriquez said. "If not, then I believe the district has really dropped its responsibility to the people of Nipomo."

Granting that the vote was partly an effort to control growth, Gulyash said it showed a major change in Nipomo residents' mindset.

"I'm encouraged that Nipomo may now be saying, 'Look Ruth (Brackett), we don't want state water. We don't want to be another Los Angeles,'" Gulyash said.

"We don't want to be the dumping grounds for the county's population."

Fourth District Sup. Ruth Brackett supports bringing state water to the county, but has said she will bow to the wishes of the individual communities.

The battle now, Gulyash said, is to lobby the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors against purchasing the unallocated portion of the county's 25,000 acre-foot entitlement.

"I don't think the county should stick it to their residences with property taxes (to pay for the unallocated portion) when some residents clearly said they don't want to participate in the project," Gulyash said.

The Nipomo Community Services District Directors will pass a resolution withdrawing from the state water project at the CSD meeting today.



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Election Clerk Valmere Fischer deposits the vote of one Nipomo voter early Tuesday evening at the office of the Nipomo Community Services District. Approximately 40 percent of the eligible voters turned out for this election.

Groups oil polic

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SAN LUIS OBISPO shore oil projects ever off the San Luis Obispo coast, county officials policy guide in hand t it.

On Tuesday, the counvisors approved such a 4-0 vote. However, officials and environm protested the languag guide, one saying it p negative image of offsh ing, the other that it ina ly describes the marine could be impacted.

The guide is intende pare the county for rec develop offshore oil so describing potential mental impacts and p for leasing offshore oil t

While the supervisors ed the guide and told officials to begin incor it into the county's gene they restated their oppo offshore drilling.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO — S Obispo County Supervi Tuesday approved the tra a 20-acre strip to Santa l County.

But Fifth District Sup Blakely protested that t could be an attempt to ir oil pipeline just outside Luis Obispo County's jur

The 20-acre strip, wh about 60 feet south of th Maria River and just nor city of Santa Maria's proposed for a road th run along the northern b of the Hidden Pines rei area, which is now und struction, Urban Planni

Study finds vasectomies safe despite doubts

By The Associated Press

A major new study concludes that vasectomies are a safe means of birth control, despite lingering concerns that they might increase the risk of heart disease and cancer.

The follow up of almost 30,000

Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Some earlier studies have hinted that men with vasectomies might be at higher than usual risk of heart disease or cancer of the prostate gland or testicles. The new work found no sign of these problems.

Among men who had their vasectomies more than 20 years earlier, 69 had died of cancer. Based on the comparison group of men without vasectomies, 48 cancer deaths would have been expected.

Lung cancer accounted for 30 of the cancer deaths.