



# Stealing is Stealing

PAGE 12

# Bulldogs Strike Late to Stay Undefeated

PAGE 10



# THE GRIDLEY HERALD

PROUDLY SERVING OUR AREA SINCE 1879



FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 3, 2023 • VOL. 143 NO. 5

## SEE INSIDE

## TEA PARTY TO HOST GUEST SPEAKER



PAGE 2

## LOCO IN SPANISH MEANS CRAZY

By Josh F.W. Cook



PAGE 2

## ADD ANOTHER TO LIST OF BOTCHED PROJECTS



PAGE 7

PRSRD STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
GRIDLEY, CA  
PERMIT 245

OR CURRENT  
POSTAL CUSTOMER



# Lions Help with Point in Time



Lion Mike Dahl, Lion Barbara Ott, Gridley Police Lt Todd Farr, Butte County Lupe Santos, Gridley Srg. Adam Reusse, Housing Tools Jessica Candel, Lion Vern Hartman, John Bentzel and Lion Dr. Jim Brown.

Story and photo by Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Lions Den was the command center for The Point in Time (PIT) survey in the Gridley area. This survey happened in California and the United States on January 25, 2023. Every county, city and town participate. The completed surveys are used to decide how to distribute federal funding directed at helping the homeless. In Gridley the survey was conducted by volunteers from the Lions Club, Gridley Police Officers, Butte County organizers and Housing Tools representatives.

The PIT survey requires those administering to go out in pairs in cars and ATV's to various locations

since the homeless in the Gridley area are generally on the outskirts of town. This approach helps the count with accuracy.

Once a survey is completed the homeless person received a \$10.00 MacDonald's or Burger King card. At the Gridley Command Center at the Lions Den, those who came there also received a meal of chili and hot dogs donated by the Lions Club. There were also bags of food and care items given out to the homeless contacted in the Gridley area.

The survey is done every odd year but in 2021 due to Covid the count did not happen so the count was done last year in 2022 and again this year in 2023. In 2022 the PIT data gave a number of 1,156 homeless in

Butte County. This was lower than previous years but it is thought that many were not found due to fewer volunteers. The results of this year's count will be available in March.

The survey consists of 18 question required by HUD (The Department of Housing and Urban Development) and an additional 16 questions required by Butte County. General information is collected, as well as, questions about what contributed to their homelessness and if they would like available services. These services can be housing, food and transportation.

Butte County has seen an increase in homelessness due to the Oroville Dam spillway evacuation, the Camp Fire and the Bear Fire. ★

# California Loses Population Again

Commentary by Ted Gaines

California reigned for decades as the unmatched destination for people around the country. Now people can't leave fast enough. Recently released numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that between July 2021 and July 2022, California lost roughly 343,000 residents to other states. This number is a "domestic net migration" figure, meaning that 343,000 more Americans moved out of California over those 12 months than moved here from other states.

Where are they going? The number-one net migration winner over that period was Florida, which gained around 319,000 residents from other states.

It's too easy to say exclusively that Newsom is driving people out of state and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is attracting them, but to the extent the two governors symbolize different approaches to taxation, regulation, and liberty, it holds true. People are leaving Newsom-like states and flocking to DeSantis-like states. If you want to handicap the 2024 presidential election, this is a good place to start.

The states shedding domestic population are progressive strongholds, with extensive regulatory regimens, strong public employee unions and other Democrat policy priorities. They are, simply, big government states. High tax, high cost of living states. Joining California in the top five net losers are New York, Illinois, New Jersey, and Massachusetts.

States attracting Americans are lower-cost, lower-tax, Republican strongholds. Trailing Florida in the top five net gainers are Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

And even if your individual tax burden is not too bad in California, big government, supported by high taxes (regardless of who pays them) indicates a mindset that the state should always be doing more and additional money for government is inherently good.

This bigger-is-better approach leads to government solutions in search of problems.

It's why California government seeps into every crack of your life, blocking the exercise of what you can eat, what house you build, what car you drive, how much you keep of the

Continued on page 2

# Detective Michael Aguilar Named VFW Officer of the Year



The Aguilars were joined by members of the Sheriff's Department for the special occasion.

Story and photos by Brenna Bontrager

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Gridley Post 5731 honored a police detective on Wednesday, January 25. Ed Kawasaki, David Yadon, and Noris Anderson presented Michael Aguilar with the year award. This is an annual award that is given to local law enforcement officers who demonstrate

dedication and valor in the line of duty. The award was given in a small private ceremony at the Sutter County Sheriff's Office.

Aguilar grew up locally and is a graduate of Lindhurst High School as well as a Yuba College alumni. He has worked for the Sutter County Sheriff's Department for 14 years. He lives with his wife Daisy and their 13-year-old son. A new baby will soon be welcomed to the family.

He is a graduate of the Police Academy at Yuba College. His credentials include being a member of the SWAT team, Special Enforcement Detail Team, and being a certified active shooter trainer. He was promoted to detective in 2021.

In addition to these credentials, Aguilar has stood out in several recent cases. One was solving a high profile vehicular manslaughter case. He was

also noted for his speedy responses in providing first aid to a traffic victim and saving another person from choking by using CPR.

The VFW recognizes a law enforcement officer every year and this year Aguilar was nominated by Sheriff Brandon Barnes. "Michael takes every opportunity to collaborate with community members and Sheriff's Office personnel to assist and

Continued on page 2



# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

It is a good news week if the paper does not have any stories involving a locomotive and someone having a conflict near the railroad tracks in Gridley. The number of people who have left the Bungalow Bar and had a life-altering or ending experience at the railroad tracks is troubling. There is much history there. As a child growing up in our house on Hazel Street, I was always aware that the previous owner had died getting hit by a train. For the Spanish-speaking people of Gridley,

it has been less of a problem. It could be that loco in Spanish means crazy, and motive means motive. So there is a built-in awareness that the train is something to be monitored and concerned about.

I met a woman last week who said she was from Gridley and her last name was Rocha. Sure enough, she knew right where the Portuguese Hall was and that it had been condemned and is no longer usable. Then like everyone who knows anything about it - she started talking about “Mary” and the food and the great smells of the kitchen.

I remembered one of my favorite sports stories as the 49ers were looking for a fifth-string quarterback, because their starting third and fourth-string quarter-backs got hurt, and they

had run out of people who play the position. I started hoping that they would do like the NHL and just grab somebody out of the stands. In February 2020 the Carolina Hurricanes lost their goalie, and then their backup goalie. So they got the 42-year-old Zamboni driver, suited him up and he became the oldest goalie to record a win in the history of the national hockey association. David Ayers played in one game, allowed the first two shots on goal to go in - and then blocked six more - as his team, the Carolina Hurricanes, defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-2. He was paid \$500 for the game. He got to keep his jersey, number 90. The 49er’s story did not end so well.

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

# Reward for Information Leading to an Arrest for the Murder of Tyler Dickson

## BCSO News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On July 3, 2021, Butte County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO) deputies were dispatched to the Bidwell Canyon Campground, which is owned and operated by California State Parks, to assist with a homicide investigation. During the initial response, State Parks Peace Officers requested BCSO assume jurisdiction over the investigation.

Detectives responded and determined that 20-year-old Tyler Dickson, of San Pablo, was fatally shot while sleeping inside a tent. Detectives initiated a homicide investigation. Over the past 18 months, detectives have actively and zealously investigated this case, however it has remained unsolved.

In 2021, BCSO requested Governor Gavin Newsom’s Office issue a reward

through the Governor’s Reward Program to encourage those with pertinent information to come forward. After reviewing the circumstances of the case, Governor Newsom’s Office issued a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction for the murder of Tyler Dickson.

The Sheriff’s Office is committed to solving this case. We very much want to bring closure to Tyler’s family and friends and see to it that the person(s) responsible for Tyler’s murder are held accountable. Our hearts go out to Tyler’s family and we are hopeful that this reward will renew public interest in the case and ultimately result in justice for Tyler.

BCSO encourages those with pertinent information to come forward. Anyone with information is requested to contact Detective Zach Price at 530-538-7671. ★

# Manzanita 4H Donates to Gridley Shelter

By Christy Santillan

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Manzanita 4H recently donated blankets, food and litter to the Gridley Animal Shelter.

Leonardo Donati noticed a need in the community and jumped into action. He reached out to the Gridley Animal Shelter to find out what their specific needs were. He brought the list to our monthly Club meeting, asking for donations. Leo collected all the donations, and our Club delivered them to Officer Cooley at the Gridley Animal Shelter on Friday, January 20th. ★



Back row: Alianna Santillan, Officer Cooley, Leonardo Donati, Antonio Santillan, Niellie Warfield, Naryah Warfield, Julian Connolly. Front Row: Armando Santillan’s and Leland Warfield. Photo by Christy Santillan

# Aguilar Named VFW Officer of the Year

Continued from page 1

volunteer his time for non-profit organizations. Michael has recently volunteered for a Shady Creek fundraiser, Shop with a Cop, Kiwanis Club events, and several school engagements with children,” read the Sheriff’s recommendation letter.

These accomplishments have stood out and Aguilar has also been selected for the VFW Peace Officer of the Year Award which he will receive in March. Still, Aguilar is focused on the main reason he chose the career that he has. “We get into law enforcement not for the recognition, but for what



Michael and Daisy Aguilar stand proud of the honor bestowed upon the officer.

we do for the community,” said Aguilar. “A Really big thank you to everyone on

the department LT Mann, Lt. Gill and Sheriff Barnes for all the work that they do.”★

# California Loses Population Again

Continued from page 1

money you earn, down to such trivialities as what drinking straws you can get in a restaurant. Do you feel as though you personally need government monitoring your straw usage, or is that a decision you are competent to make as an adult? Florida trusts you to choose your own straw, California does not.

The California government mindset drives up costs in every area of living. Looking at taxes alone doesn’t tell a complete story of government-imposed costs. How many taxes would have to move lower to make up for policy-driven expenses in California? Would a one-percent decrease make up for gas that’s two-dollars-a-gallon higher than the national average? Would slightly lower sales taxes offset electricity costs 80-percent higher than the national average? Exactly what tax would offset the cost of an \$800,000 starter home, driven in part by extraordinary regulatory costs in our state?

California will always be desirable for

the wealthy. I defy another state to produce a Yosemite, a Golden Gate, giant redwoods, Lake Tahoe, Big Sur, Santa Monica beach...the list of our wonders is long, if you can afford to enjoy them. But our unmatched beauty is apparently overwhelmed by policy failures of colossal dimension. People are voting with their feet and moving.

It says so much about our government’s misguided agenda that hundreds of thousands of people last year abandoned everything this state has to offer because of everything this state takes away. It’s time for an affordability revolution in California to turn us once again into a destination state.

Senator Ted Gaines (Ret.) was elected to represent the Board of Equalization’s First District. He is a leading taxpayer advocate, defender of Prop. 13, and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly ten million constituents in 34 counties of northern, eastern, and southern California. For more information, visit [www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines](http://www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines). ★

# Tea Party Patriots to Host Guest Speaker James Gallagher



Assemblyman James M. Gallagher

## FRTPP News Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - On January 23, 2023 the Feather River Tea Party Patriots announced Assemblyman James M. Gallagher will be the Guest Speaker for their next meeting, Monday, February 6, 2023.

Gallagher is currently serving in the California State Assembly. He

represents the Assembly District #3, located in the northern Sacramento Valley. As of February 8, 2022, he was voted by the Assembly Republican Caucus as the Minority Leader of the California State Assembly.

Assemblyman Gallagher will share his views and insight on the current California state legislature super majority and the impact it may have on the citizens of the Sutter-Yuba area. He will also share his views on sanctuary cities, Biden’s immigration policies and the invasion at our southern border, the plethora of anti-Second Amendment laws streaming out of Sacramento, the homeless issues, inflation, the daily shredding of our constitution under

the tyrant Newsom and the state’s march towards Communism.

Prior to the Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Laverne Denyer will present another episode of her “Constitutional Moments.”

The Feather River Tea Party Patriots meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. at Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City.

Everyone is welcome. There is no membership requirement and no cost to attend. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Come early to socialize with like-minded patriots and get a good seat.

Contact Larry or Carla (530) 755-4409.

Visit our website <https://frtpp.org> ★

**BIG CITY INVENTORY • SMALL TOWN SERVICE**

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

**Ford**

**SALES • SERVICE • PARTS**

**20 YEAR**  
200,000 MILE POWER TRAIN WARRANTY  
INCLUDED IN THE PURCHASE OF NEW VEHICLES\*  
\*SEE DEALER FOR DETAILS

**10 YEAR**  
100,000 MILE POWER TRAIN WARRANTY  
INCLUDED IN THE PURCHASE OF USED VEHICLES\*  
\*SEE DEALER FOR DETAILS

*Proudly Located in Gridley for Over 50 Years!*

**Gridley Country Ford**  
99 E. and Spruce Street • Gridley  
**(530)846-4724 Toll Free: 1-800-660-4724**



As soon as you feel  
COVID-19 symptoms:

TEST  
IT.

TREAT  
IT.

YOU  
CAN  
BEAT  
IT.

Now there's medication to treat COVID-19. Taken within the first 5–7 days of symptoms, these medications can stop the illness from getting serious and help you test negative sooner. Early evidence also suggests medication can help lower the risk of long COVID symptoms.

Visit **YouCanBeatIt.org** or call **(833) 422-4255** to ask for COVID-19 medication.



© 2023 California Department of Public Health



# Book Release Event Celebrates the Pioneer Punjabi Immigrants



Assemblyman James Gallagher co-hosted the Punjabi American Heritage Society for their book release “California’s Pioneer Punjabi’s: An American Story” reception at The California State Library and Courts building. Photo courtesy of the Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher

## Assembly Republican Caucus Press Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On January 23, 2023, the Punjabi American Heritage Society held a book release reception for “California’s Pioneer Punjabi’s: An American Story” at The California State Library and Courts building. The event was co-hosted by Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City), who was joined by several other Assemblymember’s including Dr. Jasmeet Bains (D-Delano), Ash Kalra (D-San Jose), and Jim Patterson (R-Fresno).

Assemblyman Gallagher and other members of the California State Assembly praised the book for shedding light on the important contributions of Punjabi Sikh immigrants in California’s history and present-day society.

Gallagher said, “I feel a personal connection to the Punjabi Sikh community in the Yuba-Sutter area and this book truly resonates with me. It highlights the contributions and sacrifices made by the Punjabi immigrant community in

California. It was an honor to be a part of this event and celebrate their legacy.”

Dr. Bains stated, “The importance of sharing Punjabi Sikh stories cannot be understated. The history of Sikhs in California is one of sacrifice, determination, and perseverance that resonates to this day. I am incredibly proud to be the first Sikh American elected to the State Legislature and thank the Punjabi American Heritage Society for their work in amplifying our stories.”

The book, written by Lea Terhune, recounts the struggles and achievements of the Punjabi immigrants who arrived in California at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. These immigrants labored in farms, fields, and orchards, facing low wages and racial discrimination, but still managed to put down roots in their new home.

The book also highlights the current contributions of ethnic South Asians in every trade and profession in the United States. Descendants of the first Punjabi Sikh immigrants from Yuba City to the Imperial Valley continue to farm and add to the rich tapestry of the Central Valley. ★

# California Invests Nearly \$1 Billion for Transportation Improvements

## Caltrans News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated over \$988 million to repair and improve transportation infrastructure throughout the state. This funding includes more than \$450 million from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) and more than \$250 million from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

“The CTC’s investments will help rebuild California’s transportation infrastructure while increasing transit and active transportation options. These projects reflect the CTC and Caltrans’ commitment to safety and meeting future challenges,” said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares.

Projects the CTC approved include:

**City of Sacramento:** \$5 million in federal IIJA funding for the city’s Broadway Complete Streets Project between 16th Street/Land Park Drive and 24th Street. The project includes reducing a segment of roadway from four lanes to two, constructing 6,100 feet of new buffered bicycle lanes, adding new marked pedestrian crossings and refuge islands, and making multi-modal improvements at two intersections.

**State Route 65 in Wheatland, Yuba County:** \$9.8 million in State Highway Operation and Protection Program funding, including \$680,000 in SB 1 funds, to rehabilitate the pavement from State Street to 0.3 mile north of Evergreen Drive. The City of Wheatland is contributing \$100,000 toward construction,

which includes adding bike lanes, improving drainage facilities, building a multi-use path, upgrading facilities to current Americans with Disabilities standards, and adding a traffic signal at the intersection with McDevitt Drive.

**State Route 32 in Chico:** \$462,000 for Caltrans to develop a safety project for traffic signal and intersection improvements at Main Street and Oroville Avenue.

**State Route 20 in Colusa County:** \$730,000 for Caltrans to develop a safety project to upgrade roadside signs, add flashing beacons, improve the pavement, and upgrade guardrail from east of the Lake County line to about 0.6 mile east of the State Route 16 junction.

**Interstate 80 near Floriston, Nevada County:** \$550,000 for Caltrans to develop a safety project to improve the pavement, repair drainage systems, upgrade guardrail and replace a damaged concrete barrier.

**Interstate 80 in Sacramento County:** \$210,000 for Caltrans to develop a project to replace current roadside vegetation and upgrade irrigation system from the State Route 51 (Capital City Freeway) junction to 0.6 mile east of Madison Avenue.

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually that is shared equally between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1. For more information about transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit [RebuildingCA.ca.gov](http://RebuildingCA.ca.gov). ★



## MEMORIAL

### RICHARD D. TEESDALE • 1959-2023

Richard D. Teesdale, known as “Ricky T” by everyone around, was taken from us on January 6, 2023, by cancer. He unwillingly passed away at his home in Bangor, CA, with his wife, Ashley, and his cherished daughter “Lil Bit” by his side.

Ricky lived every minute of his 63 years to the fullest, and left the doctors baffled by the amazing strength he showed while fighting his disease. Those of us who knew him well know it was his “No Quit” attitude and “Give ‘em hell Reverend” motto that kept him hunting and enjoying every moment until the end.

He made his final hunt on Christmas morning, and spent the afternoon surrounded by those he loved most. In his own words, it was “a perfect end.”

He will forever be remembered and always loved. His little one, Kendall, said it best when she said, “He made our world a better place. No one could love us as much as him.”

Ricky was preceded in death by his son, Shawn. He is survived by his wife, Ashley; daughter Kendall; son Hunter; daughter Amanda and her much-loved children, Frannie, Emily, Shawnie and Timber; his parents, Jo Anne and Dick, along with his three brothers, Mark, Ron and Ray.

A Celebration of Life – Ricky style – will be held at the Gridley Moose Lodge at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2023.

## Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

### Understanding Food Costs and Pricing (Paradise)

Join Butte College SBDC for a 2-hour workshop on understanding food costs and pricing. This training is for both existing and startup restaurants and food businesses. Topics will include: Understanding profit and loss statements; Industry benchmarks for food costs; How to work from a budget; Industry techniques for calculating plate costs; How to price for profitability; and Best practices for managing inventory.

Date: Wednesday, **January 18, 2023**, Time: 9:00am - 11:00am  
Location: Paradise Chamber of Commerce, 6161 Clark Road, #1, Paradise

### How to Start a Successful Food Truck Business (Colusa)

You will learn about the nuts and bolts of starting a food truck business. Topics include the differences in purchasing or leasing a truck, how commissaries work, health permit and requirements, financing, and what your financial and time investment will be.

Date: Thursday, **January 26, 2023**, Time: 9:00am - 11:00am  
Location: Colusa City Hall, 425 Webster St, Colusa

### New Venture Series for New and Startup Businesses (Orland)

This 4-part training series provides essential information to individuals thinking about starting a business and new business owners (in business one year or less). Topics include: Legal Requirements, Market Analysis, Cost Analysis, Funding Your Business, and Overview of the Business Plan - bringing it all together. You will learn the legal requirements for starting your business, how to assess your market and plan for direction, how to obtain funding, types of funding available, calculate start-up costs, and best practice for completing a business plan.

Date: Wednesdays, **February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2023**, Time: 9:00am - 11:00am  
Location: Butte College Glenn County Center, 1366 Cortina, Orland. Room 127.

### Financial Management Series for Existing Businesses (Chico)

This 4-weeks series 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, **February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2023**, Time: 8:30am - 10:30am  
Location: Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

To Register for Trainings CALL: (530) 895-9017

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.buttecollegesbdc.com/events/>

Funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). All opinions, conclusions or recommendations expressed are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the SBA or HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation.

SBDC programs are nondiscriminatory and available to individuals with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact Sophie Konuwa, director, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico, CA 95928, [konuwaso@butte.edu](mailto:konuwaso@butte.edu), (530) 895-9017.

## WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS

# Do You Need Your Legal Ads Published?

## We can help.

Call us now to place your legal advertising!

# 916-773-1111

All legal ads published by Messenger Publishing Group.



# Farm Bureau President Re-Elected to National Leadership Post

California Farm Bureau Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson has been re-elected to a two-year term as one of six executive board members for the American Farm Bureau Federation. Johansson, who will represent 13 western U.S. states on the executive board for the national agricultural organization, was elected during the AFBF's 104th Convention in Puerto Rico this month. "It is an honor to continue to serve during this critical chapter for America's farmers and ranchers," Johansson said. "We are working to pass a new Farm Bill in Congress to secure our food supply and to help our family farmers at a

time when more than 50% are reporting negative earnings. I am also committed to ensuring that construction begins on long-overdue federal and state water storage and conveyance projects. "For too long, our farmers have endured devastating water supply cuts during dry years. And now, after historic storms in California, we are watching uncaptured water simply flow into the ocean due to our state's lack of resolve for completing projects voters approved years ago. We can no longer accept inaction." The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 29,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.3 million Farm Bureau members. ★

# Hate Crime Defendant Found Incompetent

Butte County District Attorney Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Butte County Superior Court judge yesterday found the Chico man accused of committing recent hate crimes in Chico to be mentally incompetent to stand trial. Thomas David Bona, 37, is presently in custody without bail facing vandalism, arson, and hate crime charges involving the burning and defacing of the sign of a Chico synagogue and a Chico mural. On November 16, 2022, his public defender expressed a doubt as to Bona's ability to understand the nature of the criminal proceedings against him. Bona was then evaluated by a court-appointed psychologist who opined Bona could not presently understand the nature of the criminal proceedings or assist his counsel in the conduct of a defense in a rational manner. Based on the psychologist's report, the judge found Bona incompetent to stand trial. Bona's vandalism charge stems from an October 7, 2022, incident where Bona was captured on surveillance video throwing a large rock through a window of a local Chico restaurant. Then, on November 2, 2022, a local synagogue's sign was found to be burned and marked with numerous swastikas. After Bona's arrest, Chico police determined Bona was also responsible for damage to a Chico tribute mural to missing or murdered indigenous women. Similar to the synagogue's sign, the mural was marked with swastikas and hate messages.

The Butte County District Attorney's Office filed a felony count of vandalism, and two counts of felony arson each including a hate crime allegation. At the time of the current alleged offenses, Bona was on supervised release from state prison where he had been sentenced to six years for previous hate crimes. If convicted of all counts and allegations on his current cases, Bona could receive up to nine years in state prison. The next hearing is set for February 15, 2022, when the court will determine where Bona will be placed for treatment to regain competency to stand trial. Bona remains in custody on a no-bail hold for violating the terms of his previous prison release and \$150,000 bail for his new charges. ★

# Twitter File Tweets Confess Rigging 2020 Election



Commentary by Harold Pease, Ph.D.

They thought Twitter secure, a place where government (Department of Homeland Security DHS, and FBI agents in particular), Big Tech, Big Media, Democrats, and the Deep State, could speak freely to coconspirators to overthrow the government of the United States, more specifically its popularly serving and elected president. They succeeded in removing Donald J. Trump from the White House—a coup. America would never know, and all future elections could be rigged in the same manner preserving Deep State power. Twitter conversations would never be revealed. This is what the Twitter Files, from which this column is taken, document. One miracle of 2022 was Twitter being bought by an OUTSIDER Elon Musk for \$44 billion—an offer too big to turn down. A second miracle, Musk, not a coconspirator, was strong enough to reveal to the world the secret combinations coup plans he found in Twitter. He did not have to do so. There was no profit for him in revealing these tweets. This made him the number one enemy of the Deep State (Combination). The coup had already been accomplished November 3, 2020. He could have remained silent with it and remained rich and favored by them forever. The Combination (Deep State) upon realizing Musk was opposed to what they did and willing to reveal it, went into overdrive to first discredit him, then next to remove his advertising base for Twitter which would bankrupt him. He still chose to reveal their communications to each other facilitating the overthrow and making himself physically a target. What follows are the Twitter Files documenting Twitter's 2020 election rigging. These are best assembled by KanekoatheGreat of Kaneko News. He synthesized their election interference in 34 Twitter tweets. Column space

limitation allows only highlights of his synthesis which follow. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) housed a censorship branch, the Cybersecurity, and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), geared to identify what they considered mis or disinformation in the public sector defined as any information outside the narrative of the federal government. Lacking constitutional authority to censor the American public themselves, CISA (the government) was more than happy to team-up with like-minded private sector organizations notably the Election Integrity Partnership (EIP) and social media outlets, notably Twitter, to outsource actual censorship—the dirty work—for them. The EIP formed in 2020 “comprised of four organizations: Stanford Internet Observatory, the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public, Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab, and Graphika.” Together the secret combination of government and private sector Deep Staters had about “120 analysts to censor millions of social media posts on elections.... [working] 20 hours a day, [enabling their] forwarding tickets of misinformation to be censored” to the obliging social media platforms. These “monitored 15 tech platforms •22 million tweets [were] labeled ‘misinformation’ •Entire ‘misinformation narratives’ [were] targeted for platform-wide throttling.” Every repeat spreader of misinformation, the EIP acknowledged, “was on the right side of the political spectrum.” They also “flagged popular populist-right YouTube channels, including: @scrowder, @BlazeTV, @JudicialWatch, and even the @GOP War Room, as ‘mis- and disinformation’ spreaders,”—basically the Republican Party. These were/are considered domestic terrorists by the Deep State Joe Biden government. This gave them the win. Enter Mike Benz, the Foundation for Freedom online @FFO\_Freedom. founder who “comprehensively details the US government's role in outsourcing censorship to this public-private network,” the EIP. Benz “extensively documented the individuals involved and the flow of taxpayer funds (\$40M) to domestic censorship” (@MikeBenzCyber). The DHS quietly corrupted CISA's mission when it designated domestic disinformation as cyber attacks on "critical

cognitive infrastructure” (information outside the government narrative). As noted, the “US government cannot sandblast millions of voters off the Internet because of their speech about elections.” But the EIP, their private sector partners, could and did it for them. So “who are these unelected bureaucrats who get to play judge, jury, and executioner and control the thoughts of millions of Americans?” Two main names are identified, business partners Chris Krebs and Alex Stamos. Stamos was “founder of the EIP censorship network,” a CFR member and “the director of the of the Stanford Internet Observatory,” one of the four organizations making up the EIP and today leads the organization. Other standouts include Kate Starbird, Graham Brookie, and Ben Nimmo. Details of their collusion in the censorship of anything right on the political spectrum by Twitter is given in the Twitter thread presented. Essentially the EIP rigged the 2020 presidential election and 2022 mid-terms in three decisive ways: The “EIP defined ‘delegitimization’ as speech that ‘casts doubt’ on the election process or outcome. This accounted for 72% of the censorship tickets and targeted over 99% of the post throttled by narrative, focusing on voting machines and vote-by-mail (@MikeBenzCyber).” The EIP allowed the left “to discuss the vulnerabilities of voting machines after the 2016 election” while banning the right from “discussing those very same vulnerabilities after the 2020 election.” Finally, the EIP “collaborated with its Big Tech partners to systematically censor any delegitimization of vote-by-mail as disinformation. In effect, they sided with the left and pre-banned criticism of vote-by-mail at the narrative level five months before the 2020 election.” The Deep State used the COVID-19 “crisis to push for nationwide mail-in voting, which increased the number of ballots cast by mail from 28.8 million in 2016 to 66.4 million in 2020, a massive 131% increase.” Thus the “percentage of Democrats voting by mail rose from 26% in 2016 to 60% in 2020, while Republican voters only saw a rise from 21% to 32%. In short, the extra 37 million ballots cast by mail during the 2020 election swung the election to the EIP's preferred candidate” Joe Biden. Thus, Twitter confesses rigging 2020 election. ★

# \$200K in PG&E Scholarships Available; Deadline is February 24

PG&E News Release

OAKLAND, CA (MPG) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) announced that scholarship applications are now being accepted for college-bound high schoolers as well as current college and continuing education students with a primary residence in Northern and Central California. More than 150 awards totaling more than \$200,000 are being made available through scholarships created by PG&E's 11 employee resource groups (ERG) and two engineering network groups (ENG). These groups support and advance diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging within PG&E and the hometowns it serves. These scholarships are awarded annually to help offset the cost of higher education. ERG and ENG scholarship winners will receive awards ranging from \$500 to \$6,000 for exemplary scholastic achievement and community leadership. PG&E ERG and ENG scholarship information, including criteria and applications, is available on PG&E's website. To be considered for a scholarship, all applications must be submitted by Feb. 24, 2023. “Many recipients of our ERG and ENG scholarships are the first in their families to attend college. These awards help develop our future leaders and breakthrough thinkers and are part of how we're living our purpose at PG&E—delivering for our hometowns, serving our planet, and leading with love,” said Marie Waugh, PG&E Vice President, Chief Talent, Culture and Inclusion Officer. “I do not have enough words to express

my gratitude for the award, especially as a first-generation college student. I'm excited to see where my future education and experiences will take me. I couldn't be more thankful for your kindness in supporting my future,” said Alexis Renihan, a 2022 Women's Network ERG scholarship recipient, who's majoring in dietetics at Point Loma Nazarene University. Since 1989, PG&E's ERGs and ENG's have awarded more than \$5 million in scholarships to thousands of recipients. The funds are raised totally through employee donations, employee fundraising events and Campaign for the Community, the company's employee giving program. More than 10,000 PG&E coworkers belong to ERGs and ENG's. Each group helps further the company's commitment to serving its hometowns and growing coworker engagement. PG&E's ERG and ENG scholarships are available through these 13 groups: Access Network (individuals with disabilities), Asian, Black, Latino, Legacy (tenured coworkers), MEENA (Middle East, Europe, and North Africa), National Society of Black Engineers (STEM career coworkers), NuEnergy (newer coworkers), PrideNetwork (LGBTQ+ coworkers), Samahan (Filipino), Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers (STEM career coworkers), Veterans, Women's Network. In addition to the PG&E scholarships, the Pacific Service Employees Association (PSEA), a nonprofit mutual benefit organization serving PG&E coworkers and retirees, also provides scholarships for dependents of company coworkers. ★

# New Referendum Qualified for California's November 2024 Ballot

California Secretary of State Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. announced today that a referendum has qualified for the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot. In order to qualify for the ballot, the referendum needed 623,212 valid petition signatures, which is equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2018 General Election. The Attorney General's official title and summary of the referendum is as follows: Referendum challenging 2022 law authorizing creation of council to set minimum wage and working standards for fast-food workers.

If the required number of registered voters sign this petition and it is timely filed, a 2022 law will not take effect unless approved at the next statewide general or special election after November 8, 2022. The challenged law: Authorizes creation of Fast-Food Council (upon submission of 10,000 fast-food worker signatures) to set working standards and minimum wage (up to \$22/hour in 2023, with capped annual increases) at fast-food restaurants with 100+ nationwide locations. Prohibits retaliation against fast-food workers for making certain workplace complaints. For more information about how a referendum qualifies for the ballot in California, visit <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/referendum/> ★

Be a part of something important

## Local Writers Wanted

We are looking for local Freelance Writers to provide great coverage.

**MPG**

Call us today at 916-773-1111





# MoneyManagementRadio.com

(( ( BECAUSE MONEY MATTERS! )) )

Marc Cuniberti hosts "Money Matters" on KVMR 89.5 FM Thursdays at Noon.  
Visit his website at [www.moneymanagementradio.com](http://www.moneymanagementradio.com)

## The Dance of the National Debt Limit

On occasion here on Money Matters, I include the statement that I have covered a certain topic before and that the article may be one in long line of articles that I may have penned in the past.

Once again, I can comfortably say I have covered today’s topic many times before and will likely cover it again sometime in the future.

Today’s topic?

The Federal Debt limit, and yes, we have reached it again.

Put simply, the debt limit is the total amount of money that the United States government is authorized to borrow to meet its existing legal obligations and subsequently pay its bills.

Once the legal limit is reached, one could say the government can’t spend anymore, but we all know that ain’t gonna happen. Unlike my house and probably yours too however, the government’s house doesn’t run out of money and therefore run into trouble.

The government instead wrings its proverbial hands, begins the party infighting and blame game, then the two sides of the aisle start the ever so familiar dance we’ve seen so many times before. Like 100 times before since the mid 1940’s.

The dance is the national two-step, negotiating to raise the limit while having its bank, the Federal Reserve (the Fed), dip into the money pits that exist throughout the government’s financial conduits to carry them along until an agreement is reached.

While they do this dance, they ask the Fed and the U.S. comptroller (the CPA of the government sort of speak) to do some fancy bookkeeping magic, which they call “*extraordinary measures*,” and conjure up some more money from somewhere legal so they can keep borrowing, and therefore keep spending.

This goes on until both parties agree to some sort of budget. Please note, I use that word “budget” rather loosely.

The federal debt ceiling was raised in December of 2021 by \$2.5 trillion to \$31.381 trillion, and they are expected to have completely spent all of that right about now. When they can’t seem to agree right away on a new budget, don’t you fret. They have another trick up their sleeve. They can just suspend the debt limit, and they’ve done that seven times since 2013.

Don’t you wish you could do that?

Keep in mind, this whole fiasco is not a spending limit. It’s a *borrowing limit* in order for the government to keep spending. Take note, there is no spending limit.

Should the debt limit not be raised, as we have been told (some say threatened) so

many times before, the government could be forced to default on its debt obligations. Such an event, if it were to occur, would roil financial markets and cause chaos around the globe.

But don’t start unlocking the apocalypse bunker just yet. I would say the chance of that happening is when the proverbial pigs starting flying.

Although the Dems and Republicans threaten each other, and us in the process, that one side or the other has to give way and give up, it’s more a like a grand game of chicken that both sides know neither side wants to actually reach a checkmate conclusion.

In other words, a default aint gonna happen, anyhow, anytime.

It’s more like how much political damage can be inflicted on the other using the blame game before the conclusion of the game results in the proverbial “deal”.

So now we’re in the midst of it. The borrowing limit approaches with every check written, and if not deal is reached, they’ll probably suspend the limit until a deal is reached.

Many moons ago, starting in October of 2013, the government infighting over Obamacare among other reasons, caused a partial government shut down and soon thereafter the national parks were closed along with other non-essential government services and locations. 800,000 government employees were sent home without pay only to find it was a paid vacation as furloughed employees were eventually paid by congressional action even though they sat home while the two parties duked it out.

God Bless Uncle Sam right?

I could go on but you get the picture. It’s made out to be a serious issue, but the way they have always handled it in the past turns it into a reoccurring bunch of hooley. Which is to say don’t worry about it.

And if you don’t understand all of it, don’t worry. I’ll cover what I missed this time around, next time around.

**“Watching the markets so you don’t have to”**

*This article expresses the opinion of Marc Cuniberti and is not meant as investment advice, or a recommendation to buy or sell any securities, nor represents the opinion of any bank, investment firm or RIA, nor this media outlet, its staff, members or underwriters. Mr. Cuniberti holds a B.A. in Economics with honors, 1979, and California Insurance License #0L34249. His website is [moneymanagementradio.com](http://moneymanagementradio.com), and was recently voted Best Financial Advisor in Nevada County. 530-559-1214.* ★



## Help Wanted - Trucking Newspapers

**MESSENGER PUBLISHING GROUP**

is seeking a delivery driver to haul our newspapers every Thursday morning from our offices in Carmichael to our locations in Marysville and Gridley.

Newspapers must be loaded in Carmichael at 8:30 Thursday mornings. Delivery then drops to Marysville by 11:30 am and then drops to Gridley by 1:00 pm.

Round trip is approximately 120 miles. Total time for the delivery is approximately 6 hours.

This is an independent contractor position. You must have a very reliable cargo van to be able to handle the volume of newspapers being delivered. You must have current DMV, drivers license, proper insurance and must be a resident of the State of California.

The delivery includes loading and unloading the product. You must be able to lift and move the newspapers without any assistance.

To apply contact us via email at [Publisher@MPG8.com](mailto:Publisher@MPG8.com). You can also call us during regular business hours at 916-773-1111.



## Be a part of something important

# Local Writers Wanted

We are looking for local Freelance Writers to provide great coverage.



Call us today at 916-773-1111

Legal Advertising Hotline  
916-483-2299  
Legal Advertising Fax  
916-773-2999

## LEGAL ADVERTISING

The Gridley Herald Adjudicated For and By the County of Butte, Adjudication No. 27207-October 29, 1951

Legal Advertising  
300 Spruce Street, Ste C  
Gridley, CA 95948

### TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Foreclosure No. 6859840 APN# 122-100-023 & 024 On February 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., Mid Valley Title and Escrow Company, Trustee, or Successor Trustee or Substituted Trustee of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Jon Valdez, a single man, and recorded July 30, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0006154, of Official Records of Plumas County, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default thereunder recorded June 17, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-0003719, 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 located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, 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: shown on said deed of trust (X)The street address or other common designation of said property: 57485 and 57501 State Highway 70, Gramberg, CA 96103 (X)Name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is being conducted: Plumas Bank, PO Box 210, Quincy, CA 95971 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: \$153,845.42 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER YOU

ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED JULY 26, 2007 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: <http://www.nationwideposting.com> address for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this

case 6859840. 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. 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 6859840 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: 01/18/2023 MID VALLEY TITLE AND ESCROW COMPANY Address: 601 Main St., Chico, CA 95928 Phone: (530) 893-5644 BY: Greg Wood, Foreclosure Officer NPP0420386 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 01/27/2023, 02/03/2023, 02/10/2023 NPP\_386 2-10-23

# SPARKY'S CORNER

## Scald Emergencies

With National Burn Awareness Week being in the month of February, here is some basic information on pediatric scalding emergencies.

### WHAT TO DO

- Set water heater temperature to no higher than 120°F/48°C, or just below the medium setting
- Create a "no kid zone" in the kitchen around stoves, ovens and hot items
- Keep hot drinks away from the edge of tables and counters
- Use a travel mug with a tight fitting lid for all hot drinks
- Place pots and pans on the back burner with handles turned away from the edge of the stove

### WHAT NOT TO DO

- Leave a child unattended in the bathtub; if you must leave, take the children with you
- Allow young children to adjust the water temperature or sit near faucet handles
- Set anything hot on tabletops within reach of young children who can pull them down
- Allow appliance cords (slow cookers, deep fryers, coffeemakers) to dangle over the counter edge

### THE FACTS


The average annual cost of scald injuries is \$44 million. Over 136,000 children were seen in emergency rooms for burn injuries in 2011. 1,100 children die each year from fire and burns.

### THE FIX

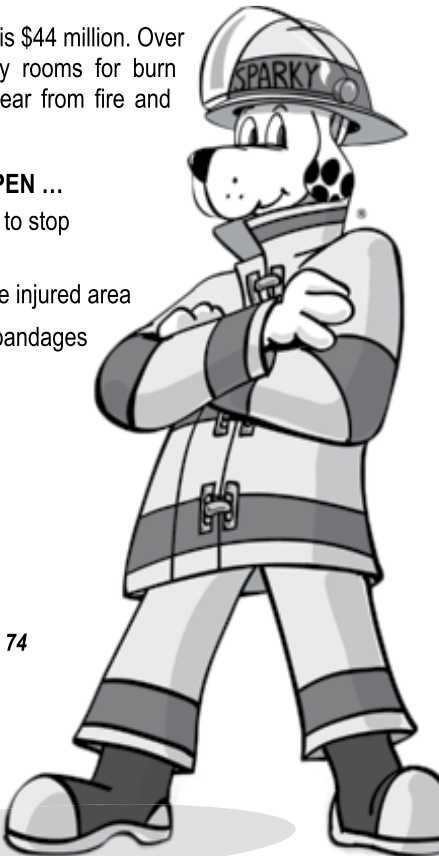
The average annual cost of scald injuries is \$44 million. Over 136,000 children were seen in emergency rooms for burn injuries in 2011. 1,100 children die each year from fire and burns.

### IF A BURN INJURY DOES HAPPEN ...

- 1) Cool the burn with COOL (not cold) water to stop the burning process
- 2) Remove all clothing and/or diaper from the injured area
- 3) Cover the area with a clean dry sheet or bandages
- 4) Seek medical attention and call 911



Thank You,  
**Sparky the Dog**  
Gridley Fire Station 74





# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

What if Jesus had never been born? What would our world look like, act like, or feel like? Just imagine this!

No churches. No Christmas. No Easter. No governments built on Christian-Judeo principles. Probably, no charities. No preachers. No forgiveness of sins. No stories of salvation. No New Testament in the Bible.

There would be fewer people helping others. Fewer organizations living and working in a Christian way. No disciples spreading the Word to the people of the world. No people put in the arenas to lions, bulls, and gladiators.

No beautiful music lifting up hope, faith, and love. Our world would be darker and more rooted in crime and hate than it is now.

But most of all no hope for life after death. Only Christ Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God, could and did bring the broken world a chance of death ending eternity. But most of all, God's promise of a deliverer would not come true.

The world would still be waiting on the final ruling King of all. Prophecies

would not have been fulfilled, as over twenty-five prophecies were when Jesus was born.



The United Methodist Church

Those who don't believe in Jesus today wouldn't have to face a battle of wits. People who were waiting for rescue Jesus brings, would still be waiting. Would believers be able to keep living out their lives?

BUT, without the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God, our world would be so out of

whack. The homeless and others would face day after day of living in hopelessness. Orphans would roam the streets without food, shelter, or people who care.

So many of us have pushed God and His Son out of our lives, our schools, and our government have caused the world to suffer when it shouldn't.

Jesus was born, Jesus did die, Jesus rose again, and Jesus is coming back. Don't leave Him out of your life because He offers peace, love, joy, and eternal life.

*Come celebrate the life Christ offers to us all at the Gridley United Methodist Church. We meet to celebrate every Sunday at 10 am. We are at the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets.* ★



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Gov. Gavin Newsom often boasts that California is a "nation state" that is – or should be – a model for the nation.

However, when it comes to implementing large-scale projects and programs, California is more a model of bumbling incompetence.

The list of failures to deliver what was promised on time and on budget is endless, but here are a few obvious examples:

—A bullet train was supposed to be whisking passengers up and down the state by now, but the state is still building an initial stretch in the San Joaquin Valley that is probably a decade away from working, if ever, while cost estimates have nearly tripled.

—The reconstruction of one-third of the earthquake-damaged San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge took a quarter-century to complete and cost 25 times as much as the original estimate.

—The Oroville Dam on the Feather River nearly collapsed in 2017 when sections of its main spillway gave way and an emergency spillway eroded the base of the dam. In seeking re-licensing of the dam 12 years earlier, state officials dismissed concerns about the emergency spillway's

integrity. Later it also was determined that the main spillway had been poorly engineered.

—When the COVID-19 pandemic erased the jobs of two-plus million California workers, the Employment Development Department suffered an operational meltdown in handling legitimate claims for unemployment insurance, but gave as much as \$30 billion in cash to fraudulent claimants.

—Although California is the global center of information technology, the state has run up an almost perfect record of botched projects to use it, with long delays in implementation and immense cost overruns.

Again, this is only a partial list. A book could be written about how state and local governments have spent untold billions of dollars on homelessness without making any visible headway. Another could be written about how California reduced its prison population by dumping more felons into overcrowded county jails and/or releasing them to prey upon the public.

One massive failure that developed largely under the media radar deserves a place on the list – a completely bollixed program to provide long-term care insurance to California's public employees and retirees.

In 1995, the California Public Employees Retirement System received legislative approval to provide such insurance. Thousands of public workers signed up on promises that premiums would remain affordable.

However, when the program proved to be

actuarially unsound, CalPERS began sharply increasing premiums, finally leading to a class action lawsuit alleging that promises were broken.

"These people were completely, completely misled," Michael Bidart, an attorney representing the plaintiffs, told the Sacramento Bee in 2019, just before a trial was to begin.

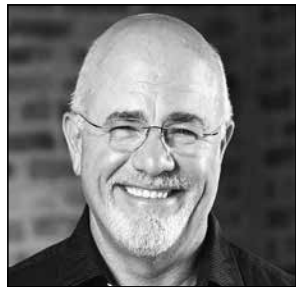
"We raised rates to sustain the plan and we believe they were properly increased in accordance with our contract," CalPERS General Counsel Matt Jacobs told the Bee, the only media outlet that has followed the case.

Negotiations led to a tentative settlement of \$2.7 billion in payments to the plaintiffs. However, last spring CalPERS pulled out because too many individual plaintiffs rejected the deal and a new trial is scheduled later this year.

Clearly, CalPERS didn't know what it was doing. Were it a private insurer, the Department of Insurance would have probably cracked down, but CalPERS is exempt from such oversight.

Many managerial debacles have been ignored by the Legislature and the long-term care insurance is one of them. But the affected workers and retirees are now pressing the Legislature to order an investigation by the state auditor and it's sorely needed to get the bottom of a multi-billion dollar mess.

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



## Remember, You're a Team

Dear Dave,

Earlier this month, my husband and I both were laid off from our jobs within a few days of each other. The layoffs were not our fault. The company is letting several people go as a cost-cutting measure. We cashed in an annuity because our finances have been tight, but the good news is he began training for a new job last week. We don't have children, so I am interviewing or filling out applications every day. Should we use the cash from the annuity to live on until things are stable again, or should we use it to pay off debt?

— Anjanette  
Dear Anjanette,

## Dave Ramsey Says

If you haven't done so already, contact your creditors and explain what happened. Let them know the layoffs weren't because either of you did anything wrong, and that you'll get current with them as soon as possible. This is a scary situation you're facing, so make sure you two keep the lines of communication wide open and encourage each other while you're solving this problem.

The good news, though, is it sounds like things may be looking up. Support your husband all you can as he takes on his new job, and make sure you continue looking for work, too. A little extra money never hurts, so temporarily taking on a part-time gig while you're looking for a permanent position isn't a bad idea, either.

Of course, you need to

be honorable and pay your debts if possible. But that may have to be put on hold for a while. Right now, the important thing is keeping food in the house and the lights and heat on. Hug on each other, stay determined and keep each other's spirits up. You're a team, and you'll get through this.

Always remember, too, that prayer's a good thing.

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.* ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



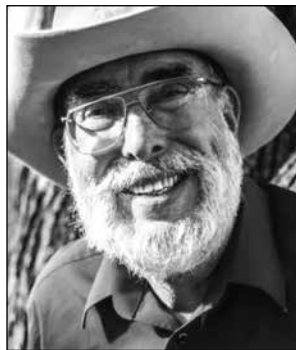
By Barbara Ott

The weather has been clear and sunny. Imbolc is here. Half way between Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. I'm working at cleaning tools. My resolution for this year is to keep the tools clean. Clean, sharpen, put them away. This is an area in which I am a bit sloppy. I tend to use the tool, put it somewhere, have to hunt it down when

I need it and shake off the soil. I know this is not a good confession of a gardener. But sometimes the truth is ugly. I realized that this is a problem for me when some Bonsai Society friends came to visit. I noticed my careless ways displayed in all their glory on the patio table. Dirt, rust, grime, disarray. Bonsai people in general are nit-pickers. It is an exacting art of gardening done by fussy people. I am talking beautiful tool organizers with expensive perfectly cleaned and sharpened tools. The tool organizers are spic and span. I saw my tool box, which sits outside on the patio with its dirt encrusted bottom. Hey, when the wind blows

the dirt comes in, just saying. OK some of the dirt is from when I throw tools in that have some dirt on them. My tool organizer is nothing fancy but it too is a bit grimy from years of tossing it around randomly. The tools inside are a combination of expensive Bonsai specialty tools to whatever I've decided will work for a job. There is the chop stick that works great for settling soil around roots. There is the regular pruner because the others are so expensive and what the heck the cheap pruners work. So, I'm trying the sand bucket with oil to stick the tools into after use. It is supposed to help with cleaning and rust. We will see. ★

# Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

There was Steve, our resident cowboy, sitting at the round table in the Mule Barn truck stop, doodling on paper. Other members of the world dilemma think tank gravitated to Steve's table.

Steve appeared to be oblivious of the rest of us. "Downspout," he mumbled.

Doc nodded at Herb. "Downspout, Herb."

"I thought so, too," Herb said.

"Oh hi guys," said Steve. "So Steve ... downspout?"

"Hot tub," Steve said, as if that cleared everything up. "For the cabin. You know. I'm going to put in a hot tub."

"And you need a downspout for this?" Herb said.

"For the rain," Steve said.

We looked at him.

## It's a Good Thing Dreams are Free

"No water," Steve said. "You know, at the cabin."

"Let's see if I have this right," Dud said. "You want to put a hot tub in at your cabin and you don't have water."

"Exactly."

"So you need a downspout...?"

"For when it rains," Steve said. "To fill the hot tub."

"Okay. So how will you get it hot?"

"Going to wrap copper tubing around the stovepipe in the cabin, you see, and then send it on out to the hot tub. The tub will be outside on the porch."

"You don't have a porch."

"But I will by the time I get the hot tub built," Steve explained. "I'll bet that copper tubing will heat that water right up and then I can have a good soak up there any time I want."

"Not quite," said Doc. "Not the way I figure it."

Steve looked at him. "Why not?"

"If the water comes down the downspout, around the stovepipe through the copper tubing and then outside to the hot tub, it looks to me like the only time you can soak in the tub is in a rainstorm."

Steve thought about that for a minute. Then sipped his cold coffee. Loretta heated it up.

"And Steve," said Doc, "you ever been on that mountain when the lightning's popping? If you're in that hot tub, with your moustache flopping around in the wind while you watch the surrounding countryside explode, well Steve wiped out what he was drawing with the pencil and started in on a fresh napkin.

He looked up after a few minutes. "Pool table," he said.

It's a good thing dreams are free.

*Mother-in-law planning a visit? Here's some help. Try bagpipelessonsonline.com.* ★



Publisher, Paul V. Scholl

The Gridley Herald is a member of Messenger Publishing Group

To submit your articles, information, announcements or letters to the editor, please email a Microsoft Word file to: TheGridleyHerald@MPG8.com Be sure to place in the subject field "Attention to Publisher". If you do not have email access, please call us at (530) 846-3661 or (916) 773-1111 www.gridleyherald.com

**THE GRIDLEY HERALD**

Serving Butte and Sutter Counties

Published Every Friday • USPS Permit 245

Postmaster send address changes to:

**The Gridley Herald**  
300 Spruce St., Ste. C, Gridley, California 95948

Periodicals postage paid at Gridley, CA, 95948 under the Act of Congress March 3, 1880. Court Decree Number 27207. The Gridley Herald is an adjudicated newspaper for all legal advertising in Butte and Sutter Counties.

Single Copy 75 cents.  
Subscription rates in Gridley \$49 per year.  
In Live Oak and Biggs - \$59 year (Mail only)  
In rural Butte or Sutter County - \$69 year (Mail only)

**Deadline for all advertising is Friday noon for the next week's issue.**

We are proud members of these newspaper associations.





# FOLLOW US

## for Local News and much more!

**The Gridley Herald**

Facebook: @GHMPG8


Twitter: @GH\_MPG8




## TUNNEL TO TOWERS HONORS OUR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS

WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE OF LIFE AND LIMB FOR OUR COUNTRY

\*\*\*\*\*





**DONATE \$11/MO TODAY**

**T2T.ORG**

### Announcement

Become a Published Author. We want to Read Your Book! Dorrance Publishing, Trusted by Authors since 1920. Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed. Comprehensive services: Consultation, Production, Promotion and Distribution. Call for your Free Author's Guide 1-877-538-9554 or visit <http://dorranceinfo.com/Cal> (Cal-SCAN)

Prepare for power outages today with a GENERAC home standby generator. \$0 Money Down + Low Monthly Payment Options. Request a FREE Quote -Call now before the next power outage: 1-844-439-5645 (Cal-SCAN)

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-424-7581 (Cal-SCAN)

**NEW AUTHORS WANTED!** Page Publishing will help you self-publish your own book. FREE author submission kit! Limited offer! Why wait? Call now: 1-855-667-0380(Cal-SCAN)

### Autos Wanted

DONATE YOUR CAR TO KIDS. Fast Free Pickup – Running or Not - 24 Hour Response - Maximum Tax Donation – Help Find Missing Kids! Call 1-888-491-1453. (Cal-SCAN)

**Visit: [mpg8.com](http://mpg8.com)**

### Autos Wanted

DONATE YOUR CAR OR TRUCK TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. CALL 1-844-491-2884 (Cal-SCAN)

### Cable/Satellite TV

DIRECTV for \$79.99/mo for 12 months with CHOICE Package. Watch your favorite live sports, news & entertainment anywhere. First 3 months of HBO Max, Cinemax, Showtime, Starz and Epix included! DirecTV is #1 in Customer Satisfaction (JD Power & Assoc.) Some restrictions apply. Call 1-888-641-5762.(Cal-SCAN)

### For Rent

2 Bdrm, 1 bath w/detached garage. \$1,100/mth. 1st mth rent & deposit upfront. No large pets. 530-370-2653. 2-3-23

### Financial

Over \$10K in Debt? Be debt free in 24 to 48 months. No upfront fees to enroll. A+ BBB rated. Call National Debt Relief 1-888-231-4274. (Cal-SCAN)

### Health/Wellness

JOIN FOR FREE - NO KITS OR QUOTES & FREE WEBSITE. CTFO (Changing The Future Outcome) Has the best CBD oil available. Products for health, beauty, weight or hair loss and even for your pets. Check out these products: [canderson.mycftco.com](http://canderson.mycftco.com) TFN

### Insurance/Health

SAVE BIG on HOME INSURANCE! Compare 20 A-rated insurance companies. Get a quote within minutes. Average savings of \$444/year! Call 1-844-410-9609! (M-F 8am-8pm Central) (Cal-SCAN)

### Internet

FREE high speed internet for those that qualify. Government program for recipients of select programs incl. Medicaid, SNAP, Housing Assistance, WIC, Veterans Pension, Survivor Benefits, Lifeline, Tribal. 15 GB internet service. Bonus offer: Android tablet FREE with one-time \$20 copay. Free shipping & handling. Call Maxsip Telecom today! 1-855-480-0769 (Cal-SCAN)

### Miscellaneous

DID YOU KNOW Newspaper-generated content is so valuable it's taken and repeated, condensed, broadcast, tweeted, discussed, posted, copied, edited, and emailed countless times throughout the day by others? Discover the Power of Newspaper Advertising. For a free brochure call 916-288-6011 or email [cecilia@cnpa.com](mailto:cecilia@cnpa.com) (Cal-SCAN)

The difference in winning and losing market share is how businesses use their advertising dollars. CNPA's Advertising Services' power to connect to nearly 13 million of the state's readers who are an engaged audience, makes our services an indispensable marketing solution. For more info call Cecelia @ (916) 288-6011 or [cecilia@cnpa.com](mailto:cecilia@cnpa.com)

### Rental

**Property is under construction and will soon have 1,2,3, & 4 bedroom units for rent!**

The Housing Authority of the County of Butte is currently accepting applications for its Farm Labor Housing property in Gridley, CA. We have 2 Bd. units available at this time. Rental assistance is available and provided by USDA Rural Development for those that meet USDA Rural Development guidelines. For more information contact our office at (530) 895-4474 or TDD 1-800-735-2929.

"The Housing Authority of the County of Butte is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Housing Provider"



### Wanted to Buy

TOP CASH PAID FOR OLD GUITARS! 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg. And Gibson Mandolins/Banjols. 1-844-910-1960. (Cal-SCAN)

### Wireless

Switch and save up to \$250/year on your talk, text and data. No contract and no hidden fees. Unlimited talk and text with flexible data plans. Premium nationwide coverage. 100% U.S. based customer service. Limited time offer get \$50 off on any new account. Use code GIFT50. For more information, call 1-844-908-0605 (Cal-SCAN)

### Classified Advertising

**(916) 773-1111**

## RETIREDCOUPLE

**Has \$1Mil to lend on California Real Estate\***

**V.I.P. TRUST DEED COMPANY**

**OVER 40 YEARS OF FAST FUNDING**

**Principal (818) 248-0000 Broker**

**WWW.VIPLAN.COM** \*Sufficient equity required - no consumer loans

**Real Estate License #01041073**  
**CA Department of Real Estate, NMLS #339217**  
 Private Party loans generally have higher interest rates, points & fees than conventional discount loans

### Real Estate

**RETIRED COUPLE \$\$\$\$** for business purpose Real Estate loans. Credit unimportant. V.I.P. Trust Deed Company [www.viploan.com](http://www.viploan.com) Call 1-818-248-0000. Broker-principal DRE 01041073. No consumer loans. (Cal-SCAN)

### Schools/Training

COMPUTER & IT TRAINING PROGRAM! Train ONLINE to get the skills to become a Computer & Help Desk Professional now! Grants and Scholarships available for certain programs for qualified applicants. Call CTI for details! 1-877-806-0935 (M-F 8am-6pm ET). Computer with internet is required. (Cal-SCAN)

### GOT LOCAL NEWS?

**CALL (916) 773-1111**



# GridleyHerald.com

A	D	O	S		C	A	R		G	H	A	T			
S	A	V	E		H	U	G	E		T	R	E	F	A	
I	T	E	M		O	P	A	L		H	E	A	R	T	
F	E	R	T	I	L	I	T	Y		R	E	D	O		
			E	L	I	D	E			N	U	T			
O	N	Y	X	E	S				H	O	M	I	E	S	T
S	A	E			U	M	L	A	U	T		N	A	T	O
A	P	S	E	S		E	G	G		E	G	G	O	N	
K	E	E	P			C	A	E	S	A	R		L	A	G
A	S	S	I	Z	E	S				V	A	L	E	T	S
			L	O	P				P	H	O	T	O		
	A	D	E	N			C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E
S	C	O	P	E			A	O	N	E		L	I	A	R
P	R	E	S	S			K	N	O	T		E	N	D	S
A	E	R	Y				E	E	R			D	U	S	T

## Classified Advertising

*Sell Your Stuff! Reach 1000's of Readers Every Week!*

**MPG**

**916.773.1111**

2	9	5	1	8	6	4	3	7
1	8	3	4	7	5	2	9	6
4	6	7	3	9	2	8	1	5
7	3	1	5	6	4	9	8	2
8	4	2	9	1	7	5	6	3
9	5	6	8	2	3	7	4	1
5	1	4	7	3	8	6	2	9
6	7	9	2	4	1	3	5	8
3	2	8	6	5	9	1	7	4

## LEGAL ADS FOR SACRAMENTO COUNTY?

**We Can Do That!**

Call to place your legal advertising **916-773-1111**

*All Legal Ads Published by Messenger Publishing* **MPG**

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD • VALENTINE'S DAY

### CLUES

**ACROSS**

- "Without further \_\_\_\_," pl.
- Sweet 16 gift
- Steps to the river, in India
- \*Michael Bubl 's "\_\_\_\_ the Last Dance for Me"
- Bigger than big
- Nonkosher
- Big-ticket one
- October birthstone
- \*#5 Down's target
- \*Reason to celebrate Luperclia, Valentine's Day predecessor
- Make over
- Omit
- Hexagonal fastener
- December birthstone, pl.
- Most gem tlich
- Ed.'s request
- Two dots above a letter
- Brussels org.
- Church recesses
- \_\_\_\_ or chicken?
- Encourage (2 words)
- What hoarders do
- He crossed the Rubicon
- Jet follower
- English county courts, in the olden days
- Gentlemen's gentlemen
- Chop off
- Paparazzo's quest
- Port in Yemen
- \*Heart-shaped box content
- Range
- Top notch
- Baron Munchhausen, e.g.
- Journalists and reporters
- Speed unit
- All is well that does this well
- Bald eagle's nest
- Ever, to a poet
- Tinkerbell's powder

**DOWN**

- \*"Clueless" catch phrase
- \*Get-together
- End of a break-up phrase
- Explosive of Czechoslovakian origin
- \*Winged one
- September stone
- Bank on
- \* \_\_\_\_ card
- Not tails
- '70s hairdo
- Sylvester, to Tweety
- Wholism, alt. sp.
- Monotonous hum
- Intestinal obstruction
- "Wayne's World" catchphrase
- Japanese port
- Necklace clasp location, pl.
- Affirmatives
- \*Kisses' partners
- National emblem
- Type of weasel
- BBQ tool
- Pasturelands
- Accompanies wisdom?
- \*a.k.a. St. Valentine's Malady
- \*Muse of love poetry
- Large edible mushroom
- Long-legged shore bird
- Regions
- Bummed about
- Bell's invention
- Laurels
- Homesteader's measure
- Active one
- Soap block
- Hokkaido language
- Small amounts
- Formerly, formerly
- \*Romantic destination

### CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13				14			
15					16				17			
18				19					20			
			21					22				
23	24	25					26			27	28	29
30				31		32	33			34		
35			36			37			38			
39				40				41		42		
43				44				45		46		
			47				48	49				
	50	51				52				53	54	55
56						57				58		
59						60				61		
62						63				64		

**SWITCH & GET \$25**

**Off First Month of New Service! USE PROMO CODE: GZ590**

**Consumer Cellular**

CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR **888-804-0913**

  2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. For promo details please call 888-804-0913

  StatePoint Media

### SUDOKU

Call today and receive a **FREE SHOWER PACKAGE PLUS \$1600 OFF**

**SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB** 1-855-576-5653

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

2								3	7
									6
	6		3	9				1	
		1	5			9			
8									3
		6			3	7			
	1			3	8		2		
6				1					
3	2								4

  StatePoint Media



**Legal Advertising Hotline**  
916-483-2299  
**Legal Advertising Fax**  
916-773-2999

# LEGAL ADVERTISING

*The Gridley Herald Adjudicated For and By the County of Butte, Adjudication No. 27207–October 29, 1951*

**Legal Advertising**  
300 Spruce Street, Ste C  
Gridley, CA 95948

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001192**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: MANGAN AG EQUIP REPAIR, 538 Social Hall Road, Gridley, CA 95948  
Brandon Mangan, 538 Social Hall Road, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date Filed in Butte County: December 22, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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: Jan 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2023)  
MANGAN 1-27-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0000997**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: SPECIAL TIME EVENTS AND RENTALS, 2552 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965  
Wendy Campbell, 3885 Oro Bangor Hwy, Oroville, CA 95966 and Erica Looper, 128 Grand Oak Drive, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date Filed in Butte County: October 14, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: General Partnership. 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: Jan 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2023)  
SPECIAL 1-27-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001208**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: DIRTY WORK / DIRTYWORK / DIRTYWORK COMMERCIAL CLEANING / DIRTYWORK CONSTRUCTION CLEANING / DIRTYWORK RESIDENTIAL CLEANING, 1150 Arcadian Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Dirtywork LLC, 1150 Arcadian Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Date Filed in Butte County: December 27, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. 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: Jan 13, 20, 27, & Feb 3, 2023)  
DIRTY 2-3-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000035**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: QC TRUCKING LLC, 1240 Hwy 99, Gridley, CA 95948  
QC TRUCKING LLC, 1240 Hwy 99, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date Filed in Butte County: January 9, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. 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: Jan 20, 27, Feb 3 & 10, 2023)  
QC 2-10-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001108**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: CALI PHONE GEAR AND REPAIR, 1950 E 20<sup>th</sup> Street K-4, Chico, CA 95928  
Shandana Inc., 1245 Hazel Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Date Filed in Butte County: November 28, 2022. 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: Jan 20, 27, Feb 3 & 10, 2023)  
CALI 2-10-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000045**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: AT THE SPEECH MAMA / BRIGHT MINDS SPEECH THERAPY, Number 1026 2019 Forest Avenue, Suite 160, Chico, CA 95928  
Bright Minds Speech Therapy APC Incorporated, Number 1026 2019 Forest Avenue, Suite 160, Chico, CA 95928  
Date Filed in Butte County: January 13, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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: Jan 27, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 2023)  
SPEECH 2-17-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000062**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: BUCK SNIFFER, 41 Skillin Lane, Oroville, CA 95965  
Jordan Dario Gobel, 9555 Reo Court, Durham, CA 95938; Alexander Travis Sohnrey, 3023 Clarence Court, Chico, CA 95973; Andrew Mitchell Sohnrey, 9241 Esquon Road, Durham, CA 95938; Derek Evan Sohnrey, 9325 Sarah Ann Court, Durham, CA 95938.  
Date Filed in Butte County: January 18, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: General Partnership. 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: Jan 27, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 2023)  
BUCK 2-17-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000049**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: AFTER HOURS AG REPAIR / CASTANEDA COOKIE CO., 2053 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948  
Robert Castaneda, 2053 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date Filed in Butte County: January 17, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/9/2023.  
This Business is conducted by: 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: Jan 27, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 2023)  
AFTER 2-17-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000065**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: SIERRA MOON BODY WORKS / SIERRA MOON CANDLE COMPANY, 6150 Bowman Drive, Paradise, CA 95969  
Monica Blalock, 6150 Bowman Drive, Paradise, CA 95969  
Date Filed in Butte County: January 18, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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: Jan 27, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 2023)  
SIERRA 2-17-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000046**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: CHICO LANDSCAPE AND AGGREGATE SUPPLY, 13504 Skypark Industrial Avenue, Chico, CA 95973  
R and R Horn Contractors Incorporated, 13504 Skypark Industrial Avenue, Chico, CA 95973  
Date Filed in Butte County: January 13, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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: Jan 27, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 2023)  
CHICO 2-17-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000039**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: SELBY FAMILY HONEY INCORPORATED, 30 Comanche Court, Chico, CA

95928  
Selby Honey Incorporated, 30 Comanche Court, Chico, CA 95928  
Date Filed in Butte County: January 10, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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: Jan 27, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 2023)  
SELBY 2-17-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001137**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: RAPTOR FIRE PROTECTION, 3000 Oro Garden Ranch Road, Oroville, CA 95966  
Ryan Kirkpatrick, 3000 Oro Garden Ranch Road, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date Filed in Butte County: December 7, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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: Jan 27, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 2023)  
RAPTOR 2-17-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000076**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: HEINKE FAMILY FARM, 5365 Clark Road, Paradise, CA 95969  
Heinke F Heinke and John T Heinke, 5365 Clark Road, Paradise, CA 95969  
Date Filed in Butte County: January 20, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/20/2023  
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: Jan 27, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 2023)  
HEINKE 2-17-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000050**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: RICKS POWER WASH, 1456 Dayton Road, Chico, CA 95928  
Ricardo Rodriguez, 1456 Dayton Road, Chico, CA 95928.  
Date filed in Butte County: January 17, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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: Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023)  
RICKS 2-24-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000048**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: PARADISE PIXELS PHOTO BOOTH, 570 Rustic Lane, Paradise, CA 95969  
Jessica Stevens, 570 Rustic Lane, Paradise, CA 95969.  
Date filed in Butte County: January 13, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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: Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023)  
PARADISE 2-24-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000082**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: PILLOS TACOS, 555 Oro Dam Boulevard E, Oroville, CA 95965  
Efrain Anguiano Arciniega and Sergio Anguiano Arciniega, 19 Oakwood Lane, Oroville, CA 95965.  
Date filed in Butte County: January 23, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: General Partnership. 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: Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023)  
PILLOS 2-24-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000085**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: CMB DESIGNS, 269 Canyon Highlands Drive, Oroville, CA 95966  
Cameron Ball and Haley Ball, 269 Canyon Highlands Drive, Oroville, CA 95966.  
Date filed in Butte County: January 23, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023)  
CMB 2-24-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000090**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: MB AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, 4141 Stone Valley Court, Chico, CA 95973  
Matthew L Brewster, 4141 Stone Valley Court, Chico, CA 95973.  
Date filed in Butte County: January 24, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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: Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023)  
MB 2-24-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000089**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: ALEXA VOYER, AXIS TAX, 1074 East Avenue, Suite K, Chico, CA 95926  
Axis Tax, 1545 Sylvan Way, Paradise, CA 95969.  
Date filed in Butte County: January 23, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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: Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023)  
AXIS 2-24-23

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME – STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2019-0001129**  
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: HEINKE FAMILY FARM, 5365 Clark Road, Paradise, CA 95969  
David F Heinke and Joan J Heinke, 1900 Oro Dam Boulevard, #130, Oroville, CA 95966  
Original filing date: 10/3/2019; Statement expires: 10/3/2024. Business conducted by: A Married Couple.  
Date Filed in Butte County: January 20, 2023.  
This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County  
s/W. Schroeder, Deputy  
Publish: Jan 27, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 2023  
HEINKE 2-17-23

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV00020**  
Petitioner Silvia Leiker filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Silvia Jean Leiker to Silvia Jean Ensminger.  
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 March 15, 2023, 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 January 6, 2023  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Feb 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023  
SILVIA 2-24-23

## TRUSTEE SALES

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-20-880837-CL Order No.: DS7333-20000119 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/20/2005. 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.**  
A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): Krystal K. Migliore and Lee J. Migliore, wife and husband as joint tenants Recorded: 10/27/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0065391 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of BUTTE County, California; Date of Sale: 2/22/2023 at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Main Entrance of the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$225,607.67 The purported property address is: 1242 LEWIS OAK ROAD, GRIDLEY, CA 95948 Assessor's Parcel No.: 021-131-039-000 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those

not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-20-880837-CL. 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. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800-280-2832, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-20-880837-CL 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. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to Quality Loan Service Corporation by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-20-880837-CL IDSPub #0183244 1/20/2023 1/27/2023 2/3/2023 QLSC\_3244 2-3-23

## Encinal ES Playfield, Live Oak HS Sports Field, Luther ES Playground LLB Project

Landmark is requesting SUBCONTRACT BIDS for the Live Oak USD **Encinal ES Playfield, Live Oak HS Sports Field, Luther ES Playground LLB project.** The project consists of rehabilitation of the Encinal ES Playfield, Sports Field rehabilitation at Live Oak HS and playground replacement at Luther ES. **Subcontractor bids are due February 21, 2023 by 2PM.** Refer to the bid documents for the complete scope. All RFI's and bids will be received at the Landmark main office via email at [frontdesk@landmarkconst.net](mailto:frontdesk@landmarkconst.net), attention Estimating. Do not contact the District or Architect directly regarding this project. A complete set of bid documents and requirements are available at: <https://landmarkconst.net/plan-room/>. Landmark is willing to break down work items into economically feasible units to facilitate DVBE participation. We are willing to assist qualified DVBE firms in obtaining bonds, lines of credit and/or insurance. This project requires the use of a skilled and trained workforce per the Education Code section 17407.5 as defined by the public contract code section 2601, by subcontractors at every tier, to perform work which falls within an apprenticeship occupation. Labor code section 1725.5 requires all contractors and subcontractors to be registered with Department of Industrial Relations.

The Gridley Herald 1-27-2023 and 2-3-2023

**LEGAL ADS FOR BUTTE COUNTY?**

**We Can Do That!**

Call to place your legal advertising  
**916-773-1111**  
MPG



**Story and photo  
by Steven Bryla**

Barajas expressed to the Herald the Bulldogs showed a lot of grit and resilience.



The biggest advantage it

Gridley had some good shots on goal in the first half and early part of the second half, but in the 74th minute,

## The hunger of the Gridley

Barajas laughed and joked with the Herald that the game of soccer is

Gridley hosted Corning on Tuesday and will travel to Orland on Thursday. ★

The Gridley Herald 2-3 and 2-10-2023



A close-up photograph of a fishing lure. The lure has a body with a rainbow-colored stripe running horizontally. It is attached to a red beaded chain and a white string. The lure is positioned horizontally against a white background.

*"Don't get your dander up "*      **BROWNIE**









# Stealing is Stealing

By Katy Grimes,  
California Globe

A massive rise in retail theft is contributing to “shrinkage” at brick-and-mortar retailers, contributing to the growth of online sales.

“The National Retail Federation estimates that shrink—an industry term for loss in inventory—amounted to roughly 1.4% of retail revenue in 2021, or roughly \$94.5 billion. Most of that shrink is caused by theft, the Wall Street Journal reports.

The Globe reported on California’s retail theft last May:

The escalation of organized “smash-and-grab” robberies in cities around the country has been costly. CNN reported in January that retailers across America say shoplifting is now 2% to 3% of their total sales, forcing the retailers to install new security systems, video cameras and security staff.

A 2021 survey of retailers found 65% acknowledged an increase in violence, while 37% said Organized Retail Crime gangs were much more aggressive than in the past.

With every legislative solution killed by California’s Democratic supermajority, retailers and Chambers of Commerce formed Californians Against Retail and Residential Theft (CARRT), and launched a campaign to raise lawmakers’ and the public’s knowledge of the growing theft problem in the state. CARRT is a broad-based coalition of business associations, local groups, and victim organizations advocating for California officials to act now to undo the damage done by Proposition 47.

Not the Bee also addresses this shrinkage: the Covid lockdowns.

“Whoever had the bright idea to shut down the entire U.S.



Retail Theft is a \$94.5 Billion Crime Problem at American Stores. Retailers say Covid-19 has worsened the risk of crime. Photo courtesy of Dreamstime

economy, confine people to their homes indefinitely, foment open-ended hysteria about a respiratory virus, and drive inflation to sky-high record rates — congratulations, your strategy is bearing fruit,” Not the Bee reported.

“Brick-and-mortar retail’s indisputable edge over e-commerce is that consumers can get what they want immediately, and can touch and feel the product before buying it. Rising theft — and stores’ measures to prevent it — could dull that edge,” WSJ said.

The National Retail Federation report also found that the vast majority (89.7%) of respondents report that their Loss Prevention department is evaluated according to inventory shrink levels — in

other words, shrink reduction is part of their goals, objectives or performance measures. Just 10.3% reported that they were not.

“Retailers surveyed by the NRF said Covid-19 has worsened the risk of crime, partly because labor shortages have made it difficult to fully staff stores,” WSJ said. “Moreover, supply-chain shortages made certain products more susceptible to theft because they fetched high value in secondary markets.”

“Can you imagine a more predictable outcome from the pandemic policies we enacted to fight COVID-19?” Not the Bee asks. “We threw our entire way of life — our economy, our organizations, our social structures, our education — into a complete

and total tailspin.”

“Shrink can have a substantial impact on already thin retail margins. Target said that the rise in shrink, including theft, reduced its gross profit by more than \$400 million in the first three quarters of its fiscal year, compared with a year prior. For the full fiscal year, it estimates that its gross profit will take a \$600 million hit.”

“Although shrink is a perennial problem in retail, it really took off when the pandemic hit. In the five years leading up to 2019, retail shrink grew at a compound annual growth rate of roughly 7%, according to data from the NRF,” WSJ said. “In 2020, it jumped 47%, and rose another 4% on top of that huge jump in 2021. Some retailers, including Ulta Beauty and Target, have

said that shrink has gotten worse again this year. ‘When times get tough, shrink goes up,’ Ulta Beauty Chief Financial Officer Scott Settersten said on the company’s earnings call on Dec. 1. ‘We’ve seen that in retail over a long period of time.’”

And who will pay for these increasing retail costs? “Retailers will ultimately pay for shrink risk in some form or another—either on the top line if they want to keep stores completely accessible or on the bottom line if they spend heavily on labor and mitigation measures,” WSJ said. “Finding the right balance will be key to preserving brick-and-mortar businesses.”

And if you wonder why toothpaste, shaving cream and laundry detergent is under lock and key at many stores, it is a theft mitigation measure, according to retailers.

California’s nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California released a report that found a direct correlation between Proposition 47 and a marked increase in larceny thefts across California, despite many media reports attempting to refute the correlation, the Globe reported. As for any legislative support from the California Legislature, don’t hold your breath:

The California Assembly Public Safety Committee heard and killed Assembly Bill 1599 by Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Granite Bay) in March, which sought to repeal Proposition 47, and “make crime illegal again.”

“Retail theft losses may be the straw that breaks the camel’s back,” said Julian Canete, President and CEO of the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. “Something needs to be done before mom and pop stores are stolen from our communities.” ★

Reprinted by permission

ARE YOU FIGHTING FLU OR COLD SYMPTOMS?



SCHEDULE AN  
Appointment

Feeling sick? The medical care team at Orchard Hospital is here to find you the right treatment. That’s how we keep care close to home.  
Schedule your appointment today!

Monday - Friday: 7AM - 7PM  
Saturday - Sunday: 8AM - 5PM

284 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948



Any inquiries?  
CONTACT US TODAY!  
(530) 846-9080

