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Rotary International Hosts Liberian Official and Fellow Rotarian



Humanitarian aid spans oceans and is truly international for the Rotary Club. Pictured left to right: Gridley Rotary's International Chairman - Dan Boeger; Rotary President - Adam Groen; Cecelia Flomo; Liberia's Minister of Finance and Development Planning in charge of Economic Development - Augustus Flomo; and Gusce Flomo.

Story and photo by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A Liberian government official visited Gridley on Thursday, January 12, meeting with the Gridley Rotary Club.

Augustus Flomo, Deputy Minister for Economic Management at the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning for the country of Liberia visited our local chapter with his wife Cecilia and daughter Gusce as a guest speaker. He happens to be a Rotarian as well.

The Gridley Rotary Club

welcomed their international brother. Gridley's Rotary Club, along with other clubs in District 5180, have been working to aid Liberia for roughly the last 15 years after becoming aware of its struggles. Their mission has been supported by local churches as well as service groups.

According to Dan Boeger, who has had the role of the International Chairman for the local Rotary Club, clubs across the district have joined together to send four shipping containers, one 20 ft and three 40 ft, full of goods and needed equipment to

their fellow Rotarians in Liberia. The Liberian Rotarians are accountable for the grants and goods sent, ensuring that they reach areas in need.

Boeger shares that some of the items sent to their fellows in Africa include used rice farming equipment, rice mills, a truck, clothing, schoolbooks, and other goods to help support the regrowth of the farming industry, schools, and development of infrastructure within Liberia. Rotary has also supported a clean water education project, which

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Lawsuit Filed for Gender Transitioning a Child behind Her Mother's Back

The Center for
American Liberty

CHICO, CA (MPG) - On Friday, January 6, 2023, the Center for American Liberty filed suit against the superintendent and individual school board members of the Chico Unified School District on behalf of Aurora Regino. Aurora's daughter, also known as A.S., was eleven years old when her public school transitioned her to a male identity behind her mother's back.

In the fall of 2021, when she was a few months into fifth grade, A.S. began feeling depressed and anxious. A.S. took her school counselor's advice and began to think these feelings were caused by her being born a different

gender. The school counselor invited A.S. to an arts-and-crafts club (the "Girls Group") with other girls in her school and after a few meetings, A.S. "came out" to her counselor as transgender. Instead of exploring what the cause of the anxiety and depression might be, the school counselor focused on one thing only: how to transition A.S. to a male identity.

The school counselor and teachers at the school called A.S. by a male name, male pronouns and essentially treated her as if she were a different person all without her mother's knowledge. This went on for a couple of months before Aurora found out. Aurora sought help from a licensed family therapist and immediately

sought answers from the school district about how it could transition her daughter behind her back.

"If the school system thinks this is the law, then someone needs to stand up for our children and let them know how wrong and damaging it is," Aurora Regino said. "Our rights as parents do not stop as soon as we drop our children off at school."

"The District's policy of transitioning kids behind their parents' backs is radical gender-ideology at its worst," Harmeet Dhillon, Founder of The Center for American Liberty, said. "For the government to assume this role is both unconstitutional and reprehensible."

The district claims it is required by state law

CalVCB Offers Resources, for Human Trafficking Victims

CalVCB News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) is promoting national Human Trafficking Prevention Month with a social media campaign and reminders about the support available for survivors.

Three years ago, CalVCB began authorizing income loss compensation for victims of sex and labor trafficking as a result of Assembly Bill 629, which took effect on Jan. 1, 2020. In that time, CalVCB has approved 590 human trafficking claims and paid victims \$4,445,861 in lost wages.

"Sex and labor trafficking victims face many challenges as they try to rebuild their lives," said CalVCB Executive Office Lynda Gledhill. "CalVCB can help by compensating for lost income or other expenses, such as mental health counseling, caused by the trauma of being trafficked."

To help bring awareness to the problem and make victims aware of the support and resources available, CalVCB launched a social media campaign and created a media toolkit for others to use.

Human trafficking is the practice of enslaving people for labor, sexual activity, or commercial sexual exploitation. Human trafficking can occur within a country or trans-nationally and does not necessarily involve the movement of the victim from one place to another.

Human trafficking is considered the world's third-largest criminal enterprise, after drug dealing and arms trafficking. An estimated 12.8 percent of all human trafficking cases in the United States in 2021 came from California, according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

In an effort to bring attention to this national and global problem, in 2007 the U.S. Senate designated January 11 as a National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness. In 2010, President Barack Obama proclaimed January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

In addition to income loss compensation, which covers up to \$20,000 for a two-year period, CalVCB can reimburse survivors for other expenses caused by human trafficking, including medical, dental, and mental health treatment, home security and relocation.

To learn more, visit CalVCB's human trafficking information page. ★

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

I made a recent trip through the airport, and one of my favorite public policy issues was on display - automation. Sometimes referred to as the “rise of the robots,” the topic comes to mind each time the customer service experience fails or when something really super high-tech enters your daily experience. Like last month the booth where I used to swipe my card to get into the parking garage was replaced with something that reads my license plate and opens the gate. The recent increase in inflation and government-mandated increases in the minimum wage are driving industries to speed up the deployment of people replacing technologies. The first observation at the airport is that more and more restaurants let you order ahead of time your mobile phone. The second observation is an increase in automated kiosks or vending boxes. Most interesting was a machine that sold fresh cupcakes, and there was no employee and no traditional storefront, just a large, well-decorated

(kind of hip and cool) box and a place to tap (not even swipe) your credit card or phone to get a cupcake. The latest edition to this robotic future became apparent at the airport bookstore/snack shop. At the counter was an employee managing transactions with a laser gun bar code reader and a cash register. Next to that worker was an odd table where you lay down whatever you want to purchase, and it makes a list of what it is; you tap to pay, and you are done, cutting the transaction time in half, which means the transactions per hour could more than double. The technology skips past lasers that read bar codes and the next-generation technology in which identifying micro tags send information to a sensor. The machine has millions of pictures of every item in the store and can recognize whatever it is you put in front of it utilizing artificial intelligence, a capability that is advancing because we have computers that can remember every possible photographic angle a bag of M&M’s and a bottle of water might take. Further down the terminal was the next iteration of this trend, a bookstore with all optical scanners and no cash register or employee. Sometime in the 90s, McDonald’s tested a system for employees who could not make change by showing the employee pictures of what combination

of coins and bills to give back to the customer. It was a response to the educational system’s failures in creating a workforce prepared for retail employment. We are way past that now; no human will be involved in the transaction. It is more apparent every day that entry-level jobs in the future (like next week, not next year) will involve electronics, software, service, and maintenance of robotic systems. There is also a bright future in managing all of the politics of an economy that will change at a rate never before seen in human history as the speed of technological advances becomes the speed at which commerce advances and the conflicts that will arise.

Another interesting topic of note is the full-color postcard received in the mailboxes of people in Live Oak and Gridley soliciting enrollment in the prestigious Yuba College. This arrival is noteworthy because Community College enrollment is down about 20%, and the postcards from the Yuba College are landing in the Butte College district boundaries. I wonder if the two colleges have ever dealt with the issue of advertising across political boundaries?

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

Manzanita Students of the Month



Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as Manzanita Elementary School's STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for the month of December. They have been recognized by their teachers and principal as students who demonstrate Responsibility, do their best and are great role models for our school.

Front Row L to R: Antonio Reyes, Kinsley Johnson, Clary Frazer, Hayden Brock, Cali Topete, Makaylin Acosta, Austyn Deal.
Second Row L to R: Joanna Bandilla, Tavi Bowling, Madison Alvarez, Kevin Bastiani, Josie Stogsdill, Alianna Santillan, Vanessa Vargas, Jocelynn Martinez.

Back Row L to R: Principal Gary Rogers, Omar Medrano. Photo courtesy of Manzanita Elementary School

Worldwide Service

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played a pivotal role in the country when the Ebola outbreak struck.

Flomo presented to his fellow Rotarians the adversities that have impacted the economic development of Liberia over the past years, including recovering from corruption, civil war, the devastating Ebola epidemic, followed by the Covid pandemic. Flomo shared the progress the country was making in overcoming those hardships.

Flomo stated that Liberia, a friend to the United States, is completely dependent on imports, unable to produce staples such as rice, consumed at every meal, due to infrastructure deficits. After Ebola shut down the country, Covid shut down the world, creating a crisis for Liberia and their ability to import. In addition to this, Flomo informed that only 5 of the 15 counties that comprise the nation are connected by paved roads creating connectivity and supply issues during the rainy season, which lasts about 6 months. Infrastructure development is a key focus of the Liberian government currently.

Flomo shared that the Liberian government is working to establish trust with its people, trying to rid the nation of corrupt officials and businesses. For instance, they have developed a technological system to track and streamline the delivery of incoming imports through its ports, reducing the ability for selfish interests holding up the delivery of said goods. Boeger added during the meeting that this had happened to one of semi-portable rice mills that Rotary had sent to the country so that local farmers could make better use of their rice crops – it had become lost in the ports and held hostage until a “bribe” was paid.

As part of the humanitarian aid, Boeger has traveled to Liberia, reporting back to our local chapter on his experiences and the progress that Rotary’s donations have been able to make. In turn, international partners, in this case Flomo, are asked and invited to speak to contributing clubs.

Flomo’s report was informative and eye opening. He was grateful to be a part of Rotary International and the Gridley Club was honored to have him speak. ★

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STUDENTS MAKING THE GRADE

We recognize local students who have achieved scholastic honors at their institutions of higher learning.

- ❖ SAMANTHA ANDERSON (Live Oak) was named to the 2021-22 Dean's List at the University of Northern Colorado (Greeley, CO)
- ❖ RYAN DAVID GONZALES (Gridley) was named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at University of Maryland Global Campus (Adelphi, MD)
- ❖ CASANDRA GOLLIHAR (Gridley) was named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Bob Jones University (Greenville, SC)
- ❖ BRENDEN SMITH (Biggs) graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement from Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph, MO)

The following students were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at California State University, Chico

- ❖ JORGE CASTANEDA (Gridley)
- ❖ DANIELA ORTIZ-PEREZ (Biggs)
- ❖ AYSHA RIAZ (Live Oak)

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Investigation Concludes on Fatal Pedestrian vs Train Accident

GPD News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On December 28, 2022, the Gridley Police Department, Cal Fire and Enloe Medics responded to a Train vs Pedestrian on the railroad tracks, just north of Spruce Street. Upon Officers arrival, they observed a pedestrian trapped under and

in the undercarriage of the train. Officers and medical personnel assessed the pedestrian. It was determined that the pedestrian had sustained fatal injuries because of the collision. The Union Pacific Railroad Police Department and the Butte County Sheriff's, Coroner's Office were notified and responded to the scene.

During the investigation, Officers determined the Union Pacific locomotive was traveling northbound and observed what appeared to be a pedestrian some distance ahead walking northbound between the rails, with his back to the locomotive. The Engineer began slowing the train while engaging the train

horn consistent with their procedures. All efforts were made to notify the pedestrian of the train's approach with no reaction by the pedestrian. The Engineer activated their emergency braking system further slowing the train while still sounding the horn. The pedestrian still did not react or otherwise leave the area between

the rails and continued walking northbound until such time the locomotive collided with the pedestrian. The pedestrian was later identified as 38-year-old Luis Antonio Alberto Lopez of Gridley. The Gridley Police Department wishes to convey their condolences to the family for their loss. ★



A Union Pacific train came to a stop in Gridley last Wednesday, December 28, after striking an individual. A tragic scene lurks behind the privacy wall of this apartment complex as first responders and authorities secure the perimeter of the accident. Photo by Seti Long



The Gridley Public Works Department helped by securing the perimeter and blocking off roadways close to the railway during the investigation on Wednesday, December 28. Photo by Seti Long



Law enforcement and City workers responsible during the investigation ensured the site was cleared of bystanders who might interfere as evidence gathering took place. Photo by Seti Long

Vehicle Collision with Train Leaves Driver in Critical Condition

GPD News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - At approximately 10:45 pm on January 11, for unknown reasons, a vehicle, being driven by an individual identified as 49-year-old Francisco Granadino of Gridley, drove out of the lot on the corner of Spruce and Washington Streets and up and onto the railroad tracks northbound traversing the tracks. At the same time, a Union Pacific Railroad train was southbound headed into Gridley. Approximately 100 yards north of Spruce Street, the vehicle collided with the train, head on. The vehicle was then pushed off the tracks and landed on the west side of the tracks facing southbound, directly behind the

Union Pacific Railroad yard. Cal Fire and paramedics arrived on scene and removed Granadino from the vehicle. Granadino sustained major injuries and was transported to Enloe Hospital by ground ambulance. Alcohol was located in the vehicle, but it is unknown if it was a factor in the collision. As of 1:30 am, January 12, Granadino was in critical condition with major injuries at Enloe Hospital. GPD Officers responded to the 700 block of Gridley Colusa Highway and contacted family members who then responded to Enloe Hospital. A Public Works call out assisted GPD and Brower's Towing with the removal of the vehicle from the tracks. ★

Words to Live by from Union Pacific

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After multiple train incidents involving both pedestrians and a vehicle in the last few weeks, the Herald reached out to Union Pacific. At the time, Union Pacific's Robynn Tysver couldn't comment on the individual incidents specifically due to them being under investigation but offered the following information on behalf of the railroad giant. "Union Pacific would like to remind motorists in Gridley, California, that they should always expect trains traveling from either direction at our railroad crossings. They are closer,

faster, and quieter than you think. Trains can take more than a mile to stop *after* locomotive engineers apply emergency brakes. If your car stalls or stops on the crossing, get yourself and all passengers out and away quickly. Do not drive around lowered gates – saving a few minutes is not worth risking your life." In addition, the UP representative reminded that, "Drivers and pedestrians should only cross railroad tracks at designated crossings. It is important to remember to stay off the tracks. Modern trains are quieter than many people think, and pedestrians may not always hear a train until it is too late." ★

Fallen Tree Takes out Birthday Ring



One of Vierra Park's beautiful old oaks took a tumble over the weekend. Story and photo by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Over the weekend of January 14 and 15, Manuel Vierra

down, leaving exposed roots. The fallen tree missed the gate to the Birthday Ring, located on the east side of the play areas that children frequent, and formerly stood next to the exercise area, paved walkways, and east parking areas. The oak took out the fence around the designated party area dedicated to the park by the Lions Club, the trunk being propped up by the heavy cement picnic tables at its center. It appears that the expanse of the tree blocked parts of the drive-ways through the park as areas had been cordoned off with caution tape. Gridley Public Works was observed on Tuesday, January 17, using heavy equipment, dump truck and chain saws to clean up the fallen tree. ★

Live Oak Woman Killed in Accident



A fatal accident on Hwy 99 in Gridley took the life of a Live Oak woman. Photos courtesy of CALFIRE/ Butte County

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, January 11th, a fatal accident on Hwy 99 in Gridley took the life of a Live Oak woman. At around 10:00 in the morning, a Ford pickup heading southbound on Hwy 99 struck a PG&E power pole. The accident occurred just south of West Liberty Road and across from Hollis Lane. Gridley Police Department, California Highway Patrol, CALFIRE Butte Unit, and medics were dispatched to the scene. Witnesses and reports say that the vehicle caught fire after the impact and flames had to be extinguished. The power pole was damaged, but no lines were downed, and PG&E



Gridley Police Department, California Highway Patrol, CALFIRE Butte Unit, and medics were dispatched to the scene. Photos courtesy of CALFIRE/ Butte County

reports minor repairs were made. The driver, identified as 44-year-old Sonia Aguilar De Hernandez, was extricated from the severely damaged truck, and was rushed to Orchard Hospital in critical condition. Unfortunately, she succumbed due to her injuries. ★

Lawsuit Filed for Gender Transitioning

Continued from page 1 and even surgery." The lawsuit argues that the district's secrecy policy violates parents' fundamental rights protected by the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The Center for American Liberty is seeking declaratory relief and an injunction that would prohibit the Chico Unified School District from continuing to implement the Parental Secrecy Policy. The Center for American Liberty is a non-profit litigation, education, and public policy organization dedicated to advancing Free Speech rights and Civil Liberties. Founded by Harmeet K. Dhillon in 2019, the Center for American Liberty offers pro-bono and low-bono legal representation to Americans whose fundamental freedoms are violated. ★

CHP Highlights New Laws in 2023



California Highway Patrol (CHP) is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative season and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. Photo courtesy of Michael Ludwig | Dreamstime.com

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative season and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. The laws take effect January 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted.

Public Employment: Peace Officers: Citizenship (Senate Bill (SB) 960, Skinner)

The law maintains that peace officers, including peace officer trainees, be legally authorized to work in the United States consistent with federal law and regulations, however, removes the requirement that they be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Catalytic Converters (SB 1087, Gonzalez) (Assembly Bill (AB) 1740, Muratsuchi)

These laws specifically list who can sell catalytic converters to recyclers and require those recyclers to keep documentation such as the year, make, model, and copy of the vehicle title from which the catalytic converter was removed. The purpose of these laws is to help reduce catalytic converter theft.

Vehicular Manslaughter: Speeding and Reckless Driving (SB 1472, Stern)

This law expands the criteria for "gross negligence" as it relates to the crime of vehicular manslaughter. Drivers involved in sideshow activity, exhibition of speed, or speeding over 100 miles per hour which results in a fatality could now be charged with Vehicular Manslaughter with Gross Negligence.

Motor Vehicle Speed Contests and Exhibitions of Speed (AB 2000, Gabriel)

Parking lots and off-street parking facilities are now included as locations where it is a crime to engage in a speed contest, exhibition of speed, or sideshow activity.

Endangered Missing Advisory: Feather Alert (AB 1314, Ramos)

The new "Feather Alert" allows law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to initiate an alert when an indigenous person has been kidnapped, abducted, or reported missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances, and specific criteria has been met to permit alert activation. Additionally, consistent with the Department's existing AMBER, Blue, and Silver Alert programs, this new "Feather Alert" program encourages the use of radio, television, and social media to spread the information about the missing indigenous person.

Hit-and-Run Incidents: Yellow Alert (AB 1732, Patterson)

This law authorizes law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to activate a "Yellow Alert" when a fatal hit-and-run crash has occurred, and specific criteria has been met to permit alert activation. The law also encourages local media outlets to disseminate the information contained in a Yellow Alert. The new law serves to use the public's assistance to improve the investigatory ability for law enforcement agencies throughout the state when working to solve fatal hit-and-run crashes.

Online Marketplaces: Reporting (AB 1700, Maienschein)

This law requires the Attorney General's Office to create an online reporting system for users of third-party online marketplaces to report listings of suspected stolen items. The reported information would be available to local law enforcement and the CHP's Organized Retail Crime Task Force to assist with investigations.

Bicycles Omnibus Bill (AB 1909, Friedman)

Much like the move over or slow down law, this law provides for increased protections to bicyclists by requiring vehicles passing or overtaking a bicycle in the same direction, to move over to an adjacent lane of traffic, if one is available, or slow down and only pass the bicyclist when safe to do so. The law also permits Class 3 e-bike riders to use approved bicycle paths and trails, bikeways, and bicycle lanes. The law prohibits local governments from requiring bicycle registration and allows local authorities to prohibit any electric bicycle on an equestrian, hiking, or other recreational trail.

Electric Bicycles: Safety and Training Program (AB 1946, Boerner Horvath)

This requires the CHP to work with other traffic safety stakeholders such as the California Office of Traffic Safety, to develop statewide safety and training programs for electric bicycles. This training program, which will consist of electric bicycle riding safety, emergency maneuver skills, rules of the road and laws pertaining to electric bicycles, will launch on the CHP's website in September 2023.

Pedestrians (AB 2147, Ting)

This law prohibits peace officers from stopping pedestrians for certain pedestrian-specific violations, such as crossing the road outside of a crosswalk, unless there is an immediate danger of a crash. The CHP reminds all road users of the responsibility to travel safely and look out for one another on the road. The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★

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PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING MOSQUITO CONTROL

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) hereby gives notice that it intends to continue to control immature (larvae/pupae) and adult mosquitoes throughout the District as necessary to protect the public's health. Applications of public health pesticides may be applied between January 1 and December 31 of each year. The need to apply public health pesticide is determined by surveillance. Actual use varies annually depending on the mosquito and vector-borne disease activity. The District's Integrated Vector Management (IVM) Program includes the use of physical control to remove the breeding source (if applicable), work with property owners/land managers with best management practices to reduce mosquito breeding sites, public education and outreach, biological control, as well as, aircraft and ground applications of public health pesticides as authorized by the California Health and Safety Code sections governing Mosquito and Vector Control Districts.

The District may apply Cal EPA registered public health pesticides for the control of immature mosquitoes to any site that holds water for more than 96 hours or where larvae are present and may apply adulticides to any location where adult mosquito populations meet treatment thresholds or when vector-borne disease is active. A list of public health pesticides used by the District are posted on the District's website at www.buttemosquito.com.

District personnel will on occasion enter onto private property within the District to make inspections for larval breeding or the presence of adult mosquitoes. These inspections and any necessary control measures are made under the authority of California Health and Safety Code Section 2000 et. seq.

The District may also be conducting field surveys to help determine the presence and potential public health risk of West Nile virus, and other mosquito transmitted diseases, Lyme disease, Bubonic Plague and Hantavirus in various parts of the County.

For more information, contact Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965-9250 or call 533-6038 or 342-7350 or visit www.buttemosquito.com.

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NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 4223

The Butte County Board of Supervisors gives notice pursuant to Government Code §25124(b) (1) of adoption of Ordinance No. 4223 entitled "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 46 of the Butte County Code, Entitled "Purchasing"." The ordinance was introduced at the Board's December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting, and was adopted at the January 10, 2023, Regular Meeting. A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

The ordinance amends Chapter 46 of the Butte County Code entitled "Purchasing" to include reference to the Butte County Public Works Procurement and Purchasing Policy BCPWPP. The amendment will adopt by reference to the BCPWPP policies and procedures for core procurement functions of the Department of Public Works, the Director of Public Works, and the Road Commissioner for Public Works Projects.

The names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance are as follows:

AYES: Supervisors Connelly, Durfee, Ritter, Teeter and Chair Kimmelshue
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
NOT VOTING: None

A copy of the complete text of the ordinance can be found by visiting bcadmin.net/ordinances or contacting the Clerk of the Board at (530) 552-3300 or ClerkoftheBoard@ButteCounty.net.

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Caltrans to Expand Safe Walking and Bicycling Options Statewide

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With California making unprecedented investments to improve and expand safe options for pedestrians and bicyclists, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) unveiled potential project locations statewide to enhance safety and create a more interconnected system for people who use active means of transportation, such as walking and biking.

The Caltrans Active Transportation Plans website contains links to interactive localized plans and maps that detail current conditions and identifies areas for potential improvement as the state invests in these projects like never before. The current state budget includes \$1.05 billion to create safer and more connected walking and biking options that reduce dependence on driving – a key strategy to reduce pollution from the transportation sector. "Caltrans is working to



Bicyclists travel in Caltrans District 7, which encompasses Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

create safer, more equitable transportation options for all Californians," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. "These plans will guide the department's investments to support walking and biking and connect people with jobs and services."

Safety is Caltrans' top priority and a key component of the Active Transportation Plans. At least two pedestrians or cyclists are killed on California's transportation

system each day. Between 2010 and 2019, pedestrian fatalities increased more than 40 percent and bicyclist deaths went up more than 60 percent. Reducing the rate and severity of bicycle and pedestrian-involved collisions are critical to Caltrans' goal of reaching zero fatalities and serious injuries on state highways by 2050.

The Caltrans Active Transportation Plans further the goals set out in the 2017 State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Toward an Active California, which established statewide policies, strategies, and actions to advance active transportation and transit safety, mobility, preservation, and equity. In December 2021, Caltrans announced a policy requiring all new transportation projects to include safe and accessible options for people walking, biking and taking transit.

For more information on Caltrans Active Transportation Plans, visit catplan.org ★

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.

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MEMORIAL

PHIL LEE MABRAY • 6/5/1961 – 1/10/2023



Phil Lee Mabray, born June 5, 1961, died on January 10, 2023, at the age of 61 from a storm-related accident along with his brother-in-law, Gene Beauchamp, as the two were making emergent repairs at a family home on the coast of Northern California. Phil was born in Turlock, CA, the fifth of six children, and spent his young life living in a variety of places throughout California, eventually settling in Colusa, CA.

Phil enlisted in the Air Force in 1978, and he served his country stationed at Plattsburgh AFB, NY; Beale AFB, CA, and San Vito Air Station, Brindisi, Italy. He served 11 years in the Air Force and obtained the rank of Master Sergeant. Phil moved back to the states with his wife and four children, settling in Biggs in 1989. He built and successfully ran his own HVAC company, Phil's Heating & Air, for over 30 years.

Phil grew up in the small town of Colusa. He loved his childhood, which consisted of riding his bike with friends, camping on the river, fishing and frogging, and meeting the love of his life, Diane (Fusaro). Phil was no stranger to hardship and adversity as a child, losing a father and brother by the young age of eight, and that shaped his personality and gave him strength throughout life. He learned from his siblings and most of all his mother, Elvira, that we're not our circumstances, but we are what we make of them. His mother pulled their family through hard times, and Phil carried on that support and faith in making the most of each day and working toward a better tomorrow.

Phil was first and foremost a family man and always happiest with family by his side. He was a dedicated son, brother, husband, father, and friend. His life revolved around providing and caring for Diane, his wife of 45 years, his

four children, granddaughter, brothers, sisters, and extended family and friends. Phil was hard-working, humble, strong and dependable. He could always be counted on to fix anything, rain or shine, and never said "No," when someone needed him, even on weekends or holidays. He loved working with his hands; he built part of his house and helped all his kids renovate theirs. He was a very kind and caring person, always putting everyone else's needs above his own – and he instilled these qualities in his children.


Phil loved being around water and would often go fishing, boating, and diving for abalone. He loved gardening and reading, especially westerns and science fiction, and was a phenomenal cook. He was especially skilled at making Chili Colorado, cioppino and beef jerky. He was quick with a joke and loved to laugh. When he wasn't working, he could be found manning the grill, spending time with his dog Cleo, and cheering for the 49ers. He will always be known as "World's Greatest Dad" to his kids, and "Big Fluffy" to his granddaughter.

Phil was preceded in death by cherished loved ones including his mother, Elvira; father, Leland; brother, Jack, and nephew, Scot. He is survived by his wife, Diane; his brother Mel (Patti); his sisters Lana, Callie (Mike) and Mary (Kris); his brother-in-law Dennis (Lora); his children Patience (Jesus), Patrick (Rusty), Elizabeth (Beth) and Miles (Chaine), and his granddaughter, Evangelina; as well his beloved nieces, nephews and close friends.

The family will hold a private Mass followed by interment in the Veteran's cemetery in Igo, CA. Arrangements are being handled by the Neptune Society of Chico, CA. Service details, dates, and locations can be found on the Neptune Society website: <https://obituaries.neptune-society.com/obituaries/chico-ca/phil-mabray-11104063>.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the non-profit Tunnels to Towers, which provides housing assistance to injured veterans and first responders (t2t.org/donate).





MEMORIAL

PAULINE JOYCE HAWES
2/2/1929 – 1/15/2023

Pauline Joyce Hawes went to be with the Lord at the age of 93 on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at the Adventist Hospital in Sonora, CA, after a short illness.

Pauline was born on February 2, 1929, in Glendale, AZ, before her family moved to the San Diego area. She graduated from San Diego High School. She loved the beach and ocean and spent many wonderful days of her youth at the beach. She worked at the San Diego Naval Air Base where she met and married George Hawes, who was stationed in San Diego, in 1950. George and Pauline moved north to Gridley, CA, in 1953 where they spent many years raising a family and building an insurance business.

She was active with the Business and Professional Women's Club, local Pink Ladies, and the Butte County Fair.

Pauline moved away from the Gridley area in 2015 and



spent time living in Stockton before she returned to Gridley, and then eventually moved to Groveland, CA, where she resided until her passing.

Pauline was preceded in death by her parents William "Kyle" and Grace Barnes; three sisters Esther, Fran and Katherine; two brothers William "Buddy" (who died at the Battle of the Bulge in France) and Donald, and daughter-in-law, Jenny, wife to Don. She is survived by her six children: George and wife, Catherine; Jim and wife, Tanja; Bill; Barbara and husband, Bob; Don, and Debbie, along with 21 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

She is loved and greatly missed, but will be seen again. There is a visitation at Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 5-7:00 p.m. A service will be held at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery on Wednesday, January 25 at 10 a.m.

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Low Net Savings Investor Strategies

I often get approached by investors who have \$10,000, 20,000 or 30,000 in total and ask if they should invest in stocks.

Since the majority of Americans don't have hundreds of thousands of dollars at their disposal, the question becomes a reoccurring one. Each recommendation depends on the specifics of the individual such as their age, the income level, dependents, and expectations to name but a few.

Generally speaking, if the investor is young, they might consider investing a certain amount on a regular basis in order to establish a sound and long term retirement plan. It doesn't have to be a lot. Indeed, adopting a crippling commitment amount that one cannot continue for whatever the reason is a sure way to derail an otherwise intelligent endeavor.

It is better to start with smaller amounts that is doable no matter what may lay ahead.

Since the young "investor" is new to the world of money, I first issue warnings covering beginning investing mistakes which are so common with new or young investors. I won't cover them here but there are many (email me for previous article).

Since the young investor has plenty of time to build wealth, I am of the opinion they don't need an investment advisor (nor their fees) and instead open up a discount brokerage account and buy a well-known and low cost index fund and then add to it on a monthly or quarterly basis. The Vanguard family of funds comes to mind but there are many other fine funds. Generally speaking, the larger the funds envelope of asset allocation or geographical localities, the less volatile it might be.

The reoccurring deposit into the account establishes not only a good habit one takes into adulthood, the compounding of even a small reoccurring amount can grow to a significant amount given enough time.

For older investors that might not have an extremely large nest egg, I remind them what they have is ALL they have, and it's that amount that keeps them from the line at the local food bank. That means not losing it.

And that may mean placing their nest egg in a principal guaranteed investment. Today that could include a savings account, CD's or a portfolio of U.S. Treasuries, all of which are 100% principal protected by the U.S. government.

Although for the past few decades they offered only a paltry return, these products are now paying a comparatively healthy return. Today, a properly constructed US treasury portfolio might offer an investor annual yields north of 4%.

A triggered annuity might also be

another option. Although annuities are not FDIC insured, they can be 100% principal protected by the underlying insurance company. Triggered annuities may offer guaranteed interest rates and possible participation in market rallies yet may avoid any downside.

Even though someone may have a modest investment amount, they may still wish to take some risk in the hopes of growing their nest egg.

If that's the case, consider more well-known and widely popular growth stocks that have a proven track record and real profits instead of investing in wild start-ups with lots of promises yet no profits. Going for the gusto might work out in their beer selection but rarely pans out for the inexperienced investor when it comes to stock selection.

On the flip side, I see the most damage done by investing in what I call "privates". These offerings are not available through a broker but brought to the investor by an advertisement, relative or friend of a friend. Some are story lines about this or that idea or invention that sounds great pushed by some enthusiastic entrepreneur or glitzy advertisement. Other clickbait investments might be seeking money for some property, businesses or startups.

They are great stories for sure but from my experience, instead of big opportunities, they turn out to be big holes where money disappears along with the person that's at the bottom of the hole with their mouth open.

Great visual, I know.

Summing this up is to say don't buy anything that's not listed in the Wall Street Journal, which is to say whose existence is not widely known and not publically listed.

There are worthwhile and profitable investment opportunities privately available for sure, but I see too many dismal failures that swallow up people's money to recommend a private to the average investor.

Avoiding some of the common pitfalls suffered by investing newbies and then considering some of the suggestions made here might go a long way in helping you reach your investment goals no matter what your nest egg.

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

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Butte County Board of Education is looking into changes to the trustee area boundaries in response to the 2020 census. When any proposal is made to establish trustee areas, rearrange the boundaries of trustee areas, or change the number of members of the governing board, the Butte County Board of Education must conduct meetings to allow for public input.

There will be public meetings held in each of the trustee areas. Members of the public are invited to attend public informational meetings to offer input, voice their concerns, and ask questions. The Board especially wants to hear from any "communities of interest" who can show where populations of their community live that should be kept together to vote for the same trustee position.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at each meeting, the demographer assisting the Board with the redistricting process will be present to collect community input and report back to the board.

Additional information and resources regarding the redistricting process can be found online at <https://www.bcoe.org/About-BCOE/Board-of-Education/Trustee-Area-Redistricting/index.html>

CURRENT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Will be held on the following dates, times, and locations:

January 24, 2023 6:00 pm at Gridley Unified School District Office, District Office Board Room, 429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948

January 25, 2023 6:00 pm at Durham Unified School District Office, District Office Board Room, 9420 Putney Drive, Durham, CA 95938

January 26, 2023 6:00 pm at Chico Unified School District Office, Large Conference Room, 1163 East 7th St, Chico, CA 95928

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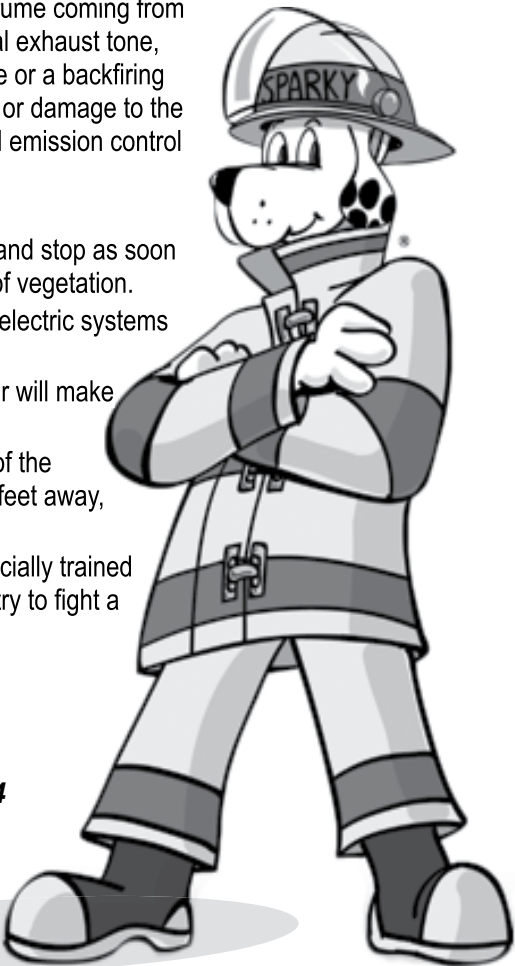
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Vehicle Fires

On average, 33 vehicle fires are reported per hour, and these fires kill one person a day. Cars and other passenger vehicles account for the vast majority of vehicle fires and associated losses. While only about 19% of vehicle fires actually occurred on highways and 17% were in parking lots; 33% occurred on streets, roads or driveways. When vehicles burn in driveways the fire often spreads to the home causing more damage and endangering the lives of people inside. CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department would like to offer these helpful tips:

- Most vehicle fires resulted from mechanical or electrical failures or malfunctions.
- Have your vehicles inspected at least annually by a trained, professional mechanic.
 - Watch for fluid leaks under vehicles, cracked or blistered hoses, or wiring that is loose, has exposed metal or has cracked insulation.
 - Have any fluid leaks, damaged hoses or wiring repaired as soon as possible.
 - Be alert to changes in the way your vehicle sounds when running, or to a visible plume coming from the tailpipe. A louder than usual exhaust tone, smoke coming from the tailpipe or a backfiring exhaust could mean problems or damage to the high- temperature exhaust and emission control system on the vehicle.
- If a vehicle fire occurs:**
- Pull off to the side of the road and stop as soon as safe to do so. Avoid areas of vegetation.
 - Turn off the ignition to shut off electric systems and stop the flow of fuel.
 - Keep the hood closed, more air will make the fire bigger.
 - Make sure everyone gets out of the vehicle and stays at least 100 feet away, be aware of traffic.
 - Call 9-1-1. Firefighters are specially trained to combat vehicle fires; never try to fight a vehicle fire yourself.

Thank You,
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Gridley Fire Station 74



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Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

“My word....well accomplishes what I desire and achieves the purpose for which I sent it.” (Isiah 59:11)

God provided Moses with the words and spiritual help to write the first books (The Torah) of the Bible. For centuries the Jewish people read and reread these books over and over. Children were taught these before age 12. Those who were to be priests were taught and schooled on the Torah until the age of 30, so they could teach the people and act according to the laws.

God sent forth prophets to give His words to people who had abandoned His laws and were going to be punished. Jonah and Samuel and other prophets to bring God’s people back to the fold. Each prophet wrote or had one written about them. They presented God’s word to the people in hopes they would repent, turn around and come back to Him. Some did, some didn’t! Some listened to God’s word and changed, others did not.

We as modern-day people of earth have also been given God’s word, in

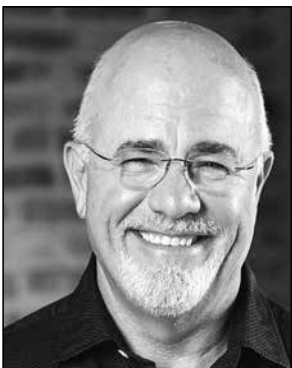
print, the Bible so we can also change course and return to God’s will. The Bible has been translated in many languages by many publishing companies and is a bestselling book.

The problem is that most people now do not read the Bible, or even listen to people on television and the radio who proclaim God’s word, nor do they spend anytime gathering information about God and His plan for creation.

The younger generation needs to hear and read God’s word. Just think how helpful it would be for the stressed, depressed, broken, and crushed youth to hear how God loves them no matter what, no matter how bad they think they are or messed up they have become.

God’s word goes forth and never comes back empty. Let’s help others read or hear God’s word, His voice. It will change people and the world.

Come hear and read God’s word with us at the Gridley United Methodist Church. We worship every Sunday at 10 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★



Let’s tweak that idea a little

Dear Dave,

I am on Baby Step 2, and I started a YouTube channel earlier this year that led to a new opportunity to make additional income. I try on and review clothing, and I’m paid \$30 for each clip that’s anywhere from 30 seconds to two minutes long. Right now, I have about 1,000 viewers. This requires me to buy items from several brands. I usually return the items when I’m through filming, but I’m currently funding this with a credit card I only use for this project. I only pay the minimum each month until I get the refund, so at any given time there can be up to \$4,000 on the card in rotation. I make about \$86,000 at my normal job, so is this an okay way to fund my project and chalk it up as a business expense?

– Amber

Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Amber,

You’re taking a risk here, from a business perspective, by playing around with \$4,000 in debt to make \$30 a pop. That’s inordinate. And you shouldn’t be paying for the clothes in the first place. These brands should be giving you clothes to review – that you keep – for the marketing exposure, but I’m not sure you’ve got enough eyeballs on you yet to justify them giving you the clothes for free.

Basically, it sounds like you’re trying to put yourself in a position to be an influencer. And the way influencers get paid is by monetizing eyeballs. Obviously, YouTube and other platforms will pay you if you can get the eyeballs. But 1,000 viewers really aren’t a lot these days. You’re getting there, though, and I’m glad you’re working at it and trying to make things happen.

You make good money, Amber. I want you to set aside \$2,000 or \$3,000 for this business, maybe out of the business income, and prime the pump one time. By that, I mean open a separate checking account that’s

for your clothing exchange process only. Here’s the thing, let’s say you bought \$1,000 worth of stuff from one of these companies, and they suddenly decide they’re not taking it back. You just ate that \$1,000. And guess what else? Now, you really have credit card debt.

There are three things you can always be sure of in business. One, it’s going to cost twice as much as you think it will. Two, it’s going to take twice as long as you think it will. And three, you are not the exception to these things. While we’re at it, add this to the list of stuff you can always be sure of –you’ll never find me advising or endorsing credit card debt!

– 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. ★

Californians’ Patience on Homelessness Wears Thin



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Last week, a viral video showed the owner of a San Francisco art gallery using a water hose to spray a homeless woman camped outside the doorway of his business.

The gallery owner, Collier Gwin, semi-apologized later, telling a television interviewer, “I totally understand what an awful thing that is to do, but I also understand what an awful thing it is to leave her on the streets.”

Gwin said he and other business owners complained to police about her blocking the sidewalks and business entrances. Efforts had been made to help her get off the streets, but nothing has worked.

“We called the police. There must be at least 25 calls to police,” Gwin said. “It’s two days in a homeless shelter, it’s two days in jail, and then they drop them right back on the street.”

Finally, after the woman once again refused to move, in frustration Gwin sprayed her down.

Gwin obviously did the wrong thing, but the incident dramatized the frustration that millions of Californians feel about the squalid encampments of homeless people that have become the defining feature of urban California.

Gov. Gavin Newsom acknowledged the growing resentment as he introduced his new state budget last week. “People have just had it,” he told reporters. “They want the encampments cleaned up.”

“People are dying on the streets all across this state,” Newsom said. “The encampments, we’ve got to clean them up, we’ve got to take ownership, we’ve got to take responsibility.”

In the last two state budgets, Newsom and the Legislature have committed \$17.5 billion for housing and services to the estimated 170,000 homeless Californians – about \$100,000 each. However, as Newsom’s new budget acknowledges, “Despite unprecedented resources from the state and record numbers of people being served by the homelessness response system, the population of unhoused individuals grows faster than the population exiting homelessness.”

The new budget adds several more billion dollars, but suggests that local governments are still not doing enough – a theme that Newsom has pursued in recent months.

Last year, he rejected all of the plans that local governments had submitted, saying they fell well short of actually making real progress on reducing the upward trend. After a showdown meeting with local officials, he agreed to release more state aid.

“The first iteration of these plans made clear that more ambition is required – and more direction from the state is necessary,” the budget declares.

“Accordingly, the administration plans to work with the Legislature this year to advance homeless accountability legislation.”

The budget suggests that cities failing to meet their state quotas for zoning land for new housing might lose state financing for homelessness programs.

“If we can’t clean up the encampments and address what’s happening chronically on our streets, I’m going to be hard-pressed to make a case to the Legislature to provide them one dollar more,” Newsom told reporters.

That threat doesn’t sit well with local government officials. The League of California Cities issued a sharp reaction, saying, “one-time investments will not solve the crisis” and adding, “We need ongoing state funding and a coordinated approach with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for all levels of government that supports long-term solutions.”

The exchanges suggest there is still no consensus on what combination of actions would have a visible impact and all of the politicians involved are engaged in some blame-shifting as the voting public’s patience with the squalor wears thin.

Newsom knows that if the crisis is not resolved, it will leave an indelible mark on his governorship and haunt whatever future political career moves he might make.

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

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Seed Catalog Dream Time. The pictures and descriptions are so enticing. Maybe I need more bulbs; more seeds of the newest colors of Sweet Peas; the oddest of rare plants; new grow lights; new seed heat mats; more frost cloth; mini green house seed starters; connectors to make bamboo into trellis; cute yard statues, birdbaths, fountains, chimes, bells, fluttery

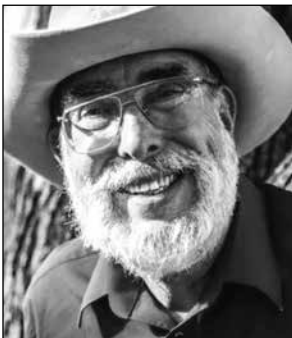
mylar bird annoyers; fancy and elaborate bird feeders (attached to the window or handheld); organic bug killers or full poison; a plethora of plant foods for everything: giant wind twirlers in rainbow colors; solar lights in strings, on posts, for fence tops, for stairs, to wrap around tree trunks; soils for special items like cactus, bonsai, tropical, houseplants; so enticing to see and to think about.

Local seed exchanges and buying opportunities for plants are coming up. The Oroville Botanic Garden & Educational Center (obgec) at 4790 Foothill Blvd, Oroville is having a seed and scion exchange on February 19th 11 to 3. There is the Local Nursery Crawl happening February 24-25,

check out participating nurseries at localnurserycrawl.com (look at 2023). That is also on Facebook. Then later on the OBGEC sponsors an Arbor Day celebration at the Oroville Auditorium on March 18. I’m sure there are other interesting events happening throughout the next three months in our area.

In the mean-time don’t forget to get those peach trees sprayed for leaf curl. I prune mine before I spray. If you haven’t pruned your fruit trees and roses, now is the time. Good time to prune maples too. It’s also a great time to sharpen and clean your tools. I sharpen my spade shovels if I’m going to dig up plants. Makes for easy work. Stay warm and enjoy dreaming about new plants. ★

Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

I don’t mind Boots. He just curls up quietly against my belly and stays put. But sleeping with Desdemona can be a bit unnerving. She snores. Sometimes she gets little bad dreams and scratches me, too. But hey, I get to come in out of the cold and sleep with Aunt Ada’s cats on her sofa, and a guy can tolerate a certain amount of cat snoring for that.

I was glad when I heard Aunt Ada puttering in the kitchen because I knew it was time to get up. After she let me out, she fed me, and let me tell you ... that kibble was just as good this morning as it was yesterday. And then she petted me, called

Getting your sniffing up to date is always a good thing

me her dear Billy, and let me out to do my rounds.

Don’t let anyone tell you being the official town dog is easy. Nossirree. First, there are the kids. Me and Martin, the crossing guard, have to see them safely across the street and to school each morning. Must be band day, because I see a lot of instrument cases. Martin gets smiles from the children. I get smiles AND ear rumples, so what do you think of that!

Once those kids are safely across, the time is pretty much my own until the final bell rings in the afternoon. That would be after I get snacks at the back door of the Mule Barn and after my nap curled up against the brick wall of the drugstore downtown. You ever notice how those bricks hold the sunshine in them? Better than that white wall on the

newspaper office.

This is a good day to stop by the Rest of Your Life retirement home and check on Pop Walker and Mabel Adams. Oh, I make the rounds and check on everybody, of course, but I have to admit those two are my favorites.

If today is band day at school, tomorrow will be sale day at the sale barn at the edge of town. That’s when the men bring their dogs in from the ranches to look at cows. They yell and talk funny. Not the dogs, of course. Getting your sniffing up to date is always a good thing.

Love, Billy

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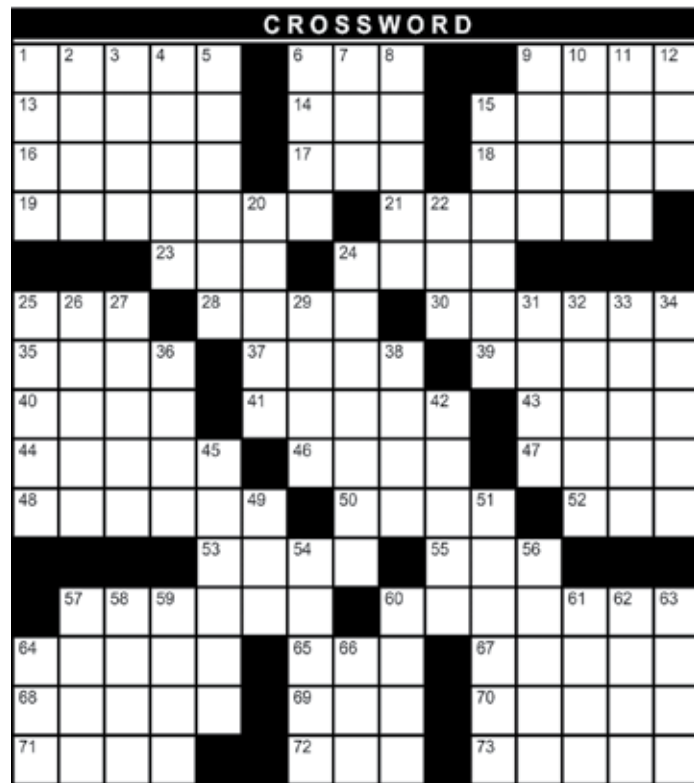
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 - *Camila Cabello and Ed Sheeran's nominated song
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- Arabian Peninsula country
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- Hindu retreat
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- Pillage
- Beef _____, dim sum choice
- *"Don't Shut Me Down" group
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- Type of flu
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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: Dec 30, 2022, Jan 6, 13 & 20, 2023
RAPTOR 1-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001120
The following person(s) are doing business as: RAFTER J L, 39 Truxton Court, Honcut, CA 95901
Lesa Marie Stief and Joshua James Wagner, 39 Truxton Court, Marysville, CA 95901
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RAFTER 1-20-23

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
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The following person(s) are doing business as: SPECIAL TIME EVENTS AND RENTALS, 2552 5th 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
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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001208
The following person(s) are doing business as: DIRTY WORK / 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
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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
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001108
The following person(s) are doing business as: CALI PHONE GEAR AND REPAIR, 1950 E 20th 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
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DEAN R. SQUIRES, AKA DEAN SQUIRES
CASE NO. 22PR00685

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Dean R. Squires, aka Dean Squires, deceased.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Melissa A. Roberts, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Melissa A. Roberts be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: February 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc,

P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661
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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No.: 2022-00565-CA
A.P.N.:129-053-020
Property Address: 312 Lundy Lane, Blairsden, CA 96103
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要
참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/21/2005. 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.

Trutor: JAMES W ROSS, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY
Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC
Deed of Trust Recorded 12/02/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-0013037 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, Date of Sale: 03/15/2023 at 11:00 AM

Place of Sale: AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 520 MAIN ST, QUINCY, CA 95971

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 403,463.87

THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 312 Lundy Lane, Blairsden, CA 96103
A.P.N.: 129-053-020
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

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 thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of

Sale is: \$ 403,463.87.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

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 this 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 (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2022-00565-CA. 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, if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 (866)-960-8299, or visit this internet website https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case 2022-00565-CA 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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, 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.

Date: January 5, 2023
Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary, C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238, Ventura, CA 93003
Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299
https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx
Publish: Jan 13, 20, 27, 2023
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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 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

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Live Oak Soccer Programs are Ready to Win Titles



The Live Oak Boys soccer team practices one another in an inter squad scrimmage on Thursday, January 12, at the Lions practice field after their second SVL match of the week was postponed due to weather.



The Lady Lions practice a drill on Thursday, January 12, after their second SVL game got postponed due to weather at the Live Oak practice field.

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak Boys' and Girls' soccer programs were supposed to begin Sac Valley League play last week, but both games were postponed due to the storm weather the area has been dealing with.

The Herald joined both teams last Thursday, January 12, for practice and it was evident all athletes and coaches were ready to get back and continue their season.

Both teams played an away game at Pleasant Valley in Chico on January 3, where the boys won 2-1 to improve to 7-0-2 on the season while the girls suffered their third loss of the season after an 8-0 defeat.

The Lions are off to another great start this season after they won the 2022 Northern Section CIF Division II championship and made it to the CIF NorCal Division V playoffs.

Lions assistant coach Jose Ramirez told the Herald the boys have picked up where they left off last season despite losing a third of their starting lineup from last year.

"The chemistry and brotherhood is there; they hold themselves to a high standard of play," Ramirez said.

He added that he sees a chip on his team's shoulder where they don't want to be remembered as last year's team. That couldn't be any clearer when you talk to the athletes on the Lions.

Senior midfielder Joseph Hang expressed to the Herald that the hunger from last season has helped them be successful this season.

Hang exclaimed the fuel has come from outside people saying the Lions were a senior-heavy team last season; they wouldn't be able to repeat or be as successful as last year.

"That has motivated us to prove people wrong that we can be better," Hang said.

Hang added that the seniors have implemented a lot of fun around the program, but when it is time to be serious and focus, the entire team is locked in.

The Lions were scheduled to make up a game in the Battle of the Buttes Tournament final against Williams, but that was once again postponed due to the weather.

The Lady Lions' three losses have come to teams that have at least six wins on the season and have a combined record 31-7-2. With impressive wins over cross-town rival Gridley, Hamilton and Las Plumas, head coach Jose Acosta mentioned some of the challenges he will be dealing with for the remainder of the season.

The first challenge that all soccer programs in the state will be dealing with is the obvious weather and the potential for more postponements. Acosta added on top of the postponements, the challenge of

keeping his team motivated because practices are not the same intensity as games.

One of the biggest benefits Acosta has on his squad is most of it returned this season, as he mentioned to the Herald, he only lost one senior from last season.

Sophomore striker Johanna Petrone, who is the leading scorer on the Lady Lions this season so far with 31 goals, expressed to the Herald that although they have had a longer break in between games, the chemistry on the roster continues to get stronger.

"We have great chemistry and we're all comfortable with one another," said Petrone.

With both boys and girls teams having just a varsity team, they will both be traveling to away games with one another and playing back-to-back of one another.

Petrone said they will be supporting one another. Acosta added that coaching staff are

close as well.

Junior center midfielder Maya Goodson said the close team chemistry matters because it built a lot of trust between one another as it translates to the field.

"Trust is everything," Goodson said to the Herald. She added that the trust between everyone translates on the field whether it's a verbal word or a look they give one another on the field to know what to do next.

Chemistry isn't built only on the field; Off the field the girls spend a lot of time bonding with one another.

Junior midfielder Mckayla Holman said that one of the ways the team connected better was when Acosta took them to Pizza Factory, and they learned more about each other through conversations.

The teams were scheduled to host 1-5 Pierce on Tuesday and travel to 3-2 Winters on Thursday. ★

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Susin Bay/ Sturgeon Alley; Foggy. Slot Sturgeons caught. USE: Chicken Liver. (b)

COASTAL WATERS

Monterey Coast. Rockfish season closed Dec. 31, 2022. Sanddabs and Petrale available. Jan 1st-Mar 31. Charter boats in port, 10ft swells every 13 seconds, 75 knot winds. Commercial Dungeness Crab season opened Dec. 31, 2022. Zones 3-6, 50% trap reduction, 64 hour gear setting period. Zones 1-2 was delayed due to poor crab meat production, now open Dec. 31, 2022 12:01 AM. RAMP restrictions. Sport crabbers required to use Hoop Net only in zones 3-6.

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Lake Amador; Amador Gold hybrid trout of 13 lbs. caught. USE: Kastmaster. (b) Hey Brownie! That old fishing lure was not and is not worth 40 bits. Signed. Math. Prof. {Ans: \$5.00} Lake Oroville; Spotted Bass on the bite. USE: Hula



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Grubs. (a) Folsom Lake; 58% capacity, 25,000 CFS outflow. Trout of 12"-18" to 8lbs. { Danger, Debris} . Trout...USE: Speedy Shiner (a) Spots and large mouth... USE: Senkos. (a) Lake Oroville; Black Bass hitting deep jigs. USE: Shakey Head Jigs. (a) Bullards Bar Reservoir; 10"-11" Kokes biting. Troll at 30ft deep. USE: Hot Pink Cut Plugs. (b)

RIVERS

Truckee River; Rainbows and Browns on the bite. USE: Egg Pattern Beads w/ Nymph Fly. (b) American River; upper section opened Jan. 1st. Below Nimbus Hatchery. 8500 CFS Flow. Steelhead. USE: Fresh Roe. (a) Feather River low flow below the Bicycle Bridge, 70 fishermen lined up along banks... Spinning



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rigs. USE: Bobber w/ Worm, or Bobber w/ small Fluke. AKA. Petrale. (a) Trinity River above the Weaver Creek inflow. Steelhead on the bite. USE: fresh Roe, or Stimulator w/ Eggs. (a)

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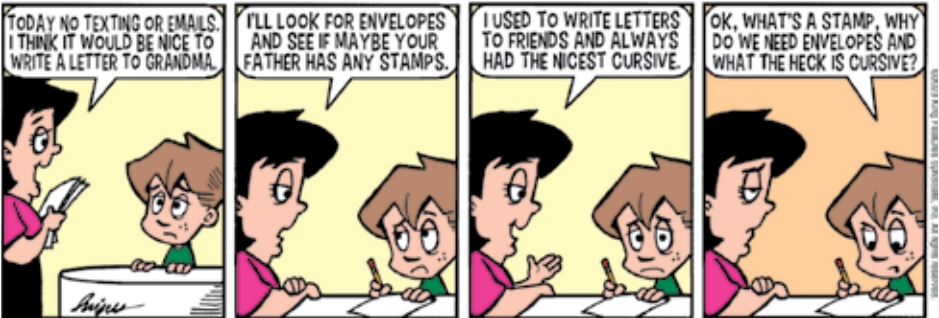
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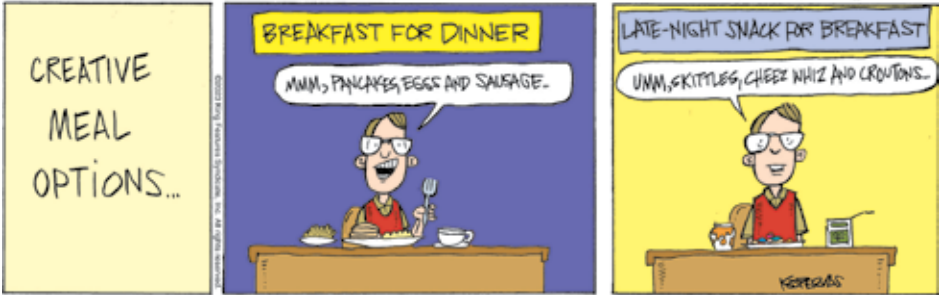
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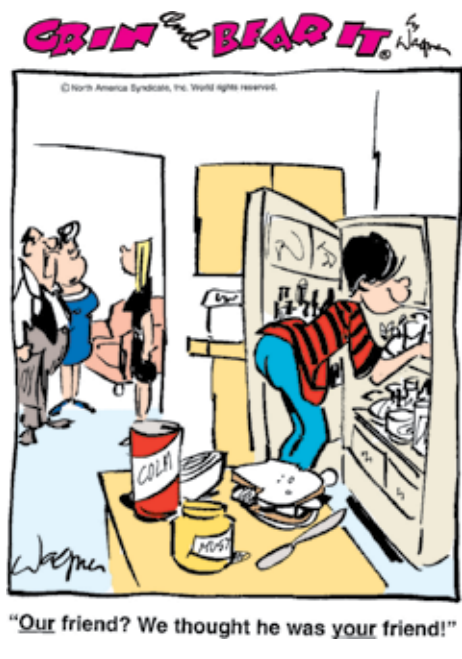
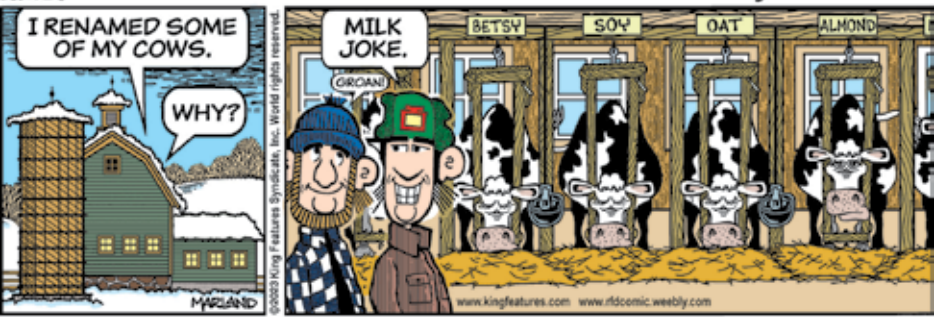
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Getting More Covered

By Elizabeth Aguilera, CALMatters.org

Hundreds of thousands of Californians previously shut out of Covered California — the state program that offers discounted health insurance — soon can participate because the eligibility requirements are changing.

Prior to the new rules, individuals who had access to an employer-based health insurance plan through a family member were not eligible for Covered California. Employer plans are often expensive for spouses or children, driving up the cost of coverage for those family members. Those caught in this unaffordable “family glitch” have few choices: buy the expensive plan, try to buy a bare-bones plan separately or go without health insurance.

In April, the Biden administration issued guidelines to fix the near-decade-long problem and last month the federal government adopted the regulation. Starting in January 2023, if a family’s premium costs more than 9.12% of the household income the family could be eligible for federal subsidies, or discounts, through Covered California.

According to the UC Berkeley Labor Center, the “glitch” impacts an estimated 615,000 people in California, mostly women and children from low and middle-income families. The center estimates that about 400,000 of those people would be eligible for financial assistance through Covered California based on their income.

“For the people impacted, it could be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars,” said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, a consumer rights group. “It really does have an impact on the health and well-being of the family and their finances.”

A state analysis by Third Way, a national think tank, found that a California family of four with \$53,000 in annual earnings would likely save about \$4,340 a year in health insurance premium costs. The report shows that lower-income households would see the most significant savings.

The federal government is footing the bill for the expansion and pays subsidies directly to the health plans based on Covered California’s marketplace prices. The Congressional Budget Office reported that it would cost \$44 billion over the next 10 years to cover family members previously impacted by the family glitch.



More people will be eligible for health insurance through Covered California. Photo courtesy of Alexander Rath | Dreamstime.com

Covered California pays for outreach to families, including those who have been caught in the glitch, said Jessica Altman, executive director of Covered California. Covered California has a \$109 million annual budget for marketing and the bulk is spent during open enrollment to outreach to Californians to sign up or renew coverage.

Open enrollment started this week and runs through Jan. 31, 2023. Coverage can begin as early as Jan. 1.

California health advocates have been trying to solve the glitch at the state level for years but it was too expensive for the state to pay the cost. The federal government had to decide to fix it and fund it.

This change should help reduce the number of uninsured people in California. The state has experienced the steepest decline in the number of uninsured since the federal Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, launched in 2013. Since then, some 35 million people have enrolled in health plans nationwide, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The state’s rate of uninsured residents dropped from 17% in 2013 to 7% in 2021. More than half of the 3 million still uninsured in California are eligible for some sort

of coverage, according to UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and UC Berkeley Labor Center. The remainder, about 1.2 million, are undocumented immigrants who are ineligible for coverage through the exchange, although some may now qualify for public programs..

Any change that increases coverage for Californians, especially children, is a boon, Wright said.

“This is a big deal toward the goal of a government guarantee that everybody has access to affordable health coverage,” Wright said of the policy change. “The more we get rid of asterisks and exclusions the better.”

The change comes as employers continue to shift insurance costs to families. According to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey, premiums for family coverage increased 22% between 2016 and 2021.

Nationally, about 5 million individuals are eligible only for unaffordable employer-provided insurance. More than half of those are children. Among adults, more women than men are caught in the glitch.

“It created an unaffordable situation for a small but meaningful group of people,” said Christine Eibner, a senior economist focused on health care at RAND, a nonprofit research

organization that published a report about the issue in 2015. “Most of them were enrolling anyhow and paying the higher premium. They could be paying 15% to 20% of their income.”

In California, of the estimated 615,000 who are stuck with high-priced employer insurance plans as their only option, researchers estimated that about 87,000 are uninsured, Altman said. About 35,000 are in the individual market paying full rates and the majority are paying for that expensive employer-sponsored coverage, Altman said.

“There are families that can save thousands of dollars — middle-income families, lower-income families — that it’s going to make a significant change for,” Altman said. “There is value in helping people who have coverage to connect with lower-cost coverage.”

If people are uninsured or have expensive coverage they are less likely to get the care they need.

Those who stretch their budgets to sign up for employer-based plans may take the least expensive plan with higher deductibles or catastrophic coverage, Wright said. That could result in people going to the doctor less or not using the plans they have because they would still have to pay out of pocket.

“We believe it’s important to have the whole family covered,” Wright said. “There is a real result of not having coverage. The uninsured live sicker, die younger and are one emergency away from financial ruin.”

The Affordable Care Act requires employers with at least 50 employees to offer health insurance to them and their dependents. Spouses are usually included but not required under the law. In California, 47% of people are enrolled in an employer-provided plan. A national study published in the Health Affairs Journal found that families spend an average of 16% of household income paying employer-based premiums.

Before the latest change, the Affordable Care Act allowed employees to obtain insurance through discounted state programs if their employer health plan cost more than 9.1% of their income, which is considered unaffordable. Employers face penalties if their workers are obtaining insurance through those state programs.

Also, prior to the latest change, the law did not define affordability for family members and employers faced no penalties related to the cost of premiums for family members. ★

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