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Shooting Leaves Suspect Dead



Gridley Police Officers direct Butte County Sheriff's Department Deputies as they arrive on scene at Monday's deadly officer-involved shooting. Photo by Seti Long

Butte County DA News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A 43-year-old man who was shot and killed by Gridley police officers on the afternoon of Monday, January 2, 2022, has been identified as Baltazar Rubio of Gridley.

Gridley Police Chief Rodney Harr identified the three officers as Sgt. Eva Smith, Officer Garrett Maulden, and Officer Anthony Lara.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the Butte County Officer-Involved Shooting Protocol Team worked through the night gathering witness statements, forensic evidence, surveillance tapes and the officers' body cameras.

DA Ramsey said evidence gathered thus far showed the officers

were dispatched at 2:17 p.m. to a family disturbance in the 200 block of Kentucky Street, where two family members of Rubio reported they had been assaulted by Rubio with a pair of scissors. The family gave a description of Rubio and officers left to search for Rubio after calling for medical aid for the family.

As officers were searching for Rubio, another call came in from a family friend of Rubio in the 300 block of Ohio Street at 2:24 p.m. approximately a block away that Rubio had broken into their residence and stolen a semi-automatic pistol and left on foot.

The search for Rubio continued as officers believed they got a glimpse of Rubio in an alleyway that runs between and parallel to Ohio and

Kentucky Streets.

Sgt. Smith and Officer Maulden were slowly driving and searching that alley in their SUV patrol vehicle when they were suddenly surprised by Rubio coming up from behind them on foot and banging on the rear of their vehicle with a handgun. The officers drove quickly north out of the alley and then looped back into the same alley from Sycamore Street traveling south and looking for Rubio.

At this same time, Officer Lara, also searching in the area, started into the alley from Magnolia Street at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Officer Lara, as confirmed by his body camera, saw Rubio walking south in the alley and yelled at

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Flavored  
Tobacco Ban  
Begins In  
California

By Evan Symon,  
California Globe

The statewide flavored tobacco and e-cigarette ban went into effect on Wednesday, (December 21, 2022) impacting retailers and consumers alike less than a week after a final attempt to stop it in the Supreme Court failed.

The battle over flavored tobacco in California dates back to January 2020, when then-Senator Jerry Hill introduced SB 793, to totally ban flavored cigarettes and e-cigarettes from sale in the state. The bill had much support, and easily made it through the Assembly and Senate, although a number of amendments were added, allowing certain exceptions. Governor Gavin Newsom signed the bill shortly afterwards, with the ban set to take place at the end of the year.

However, tobacco companies quickly formed a coalition and set up a ballot referendum, collecting enough signatures in time by December to delay the ban. In early 2021, enough signatures were collected to put the decision up to California voters, with the referendum going to the November 2022 ballot. Tobacco companies fought hard to fail the referendum, now known as Proposition 31, as many felt the ban went too far, and that it would hurt many businesses as a result. Those supporting pushing for Prop 31 to pass claimed a rise in youth tobacco consumption partially attributed to flavored tobacco being on the market.

Last month, Californians overwhelmingly voted for the ban to stay in place, 63% to 37%, or, 6.8 million for the ban and 3.9 million against. With the ban now set to begin later this month, R.J. Reynolds, as well as other tobacco companies, quickly filed an emergency application for a writ injunction with the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the court to stop the ban as a last Hail Mary attempt. In their application, the tobacco companies said that the ban will cause "irreparable harm, leading to substantial financial losses and a hit to customer goodwill and its reputation." Meanwhile, California argued that this was a state matter, and voters had already decided on it.

Flavored tobacco ban in CA begins

Without any quotes or other notes, all nine Supreme Court justices turned down the case last week, ending the last

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Pedestrians Versus Train:  
One Fatality, One Very Lucky

Story and photos  
by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, December 28th, an unfortunate accident involving a train and a pedestrian shut down all railroad crossings in the heart of Gridley.

Gridley Police Department and CALFIRE responded to the call reporting that a pedestrian had been struck by a Union Pacific train traveling northbound through the city. Later, Butte County Sheriff's Department, Butte County Coroner and Union Pacific Police Department would become involved as authorities worked to secure the scene of the accident for the purposes of investigation and to retrieve the deceased.

According to a Union Pacific Press Release and Gridley Police Department, reports came in regarding the accident at about 1:30 pm near 1194 Kentucky Street. Union Pacific shared that none of its crew



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

were injured during the incident.

Motorists encountered blocked roadways for hours as crossings at Spruce, Sycamore, Magnolia, and Laurel Streets were blocked by the resting locomotive. GPD put out notices

instructing traffic to use the West Liberty and Township Road crossings south of town, while the City of Gridley made the Feather Flyer available to those in need of transportation across the tracks free of cost.

Gridley Public Works

Department joined the effort to secure the perimeter, blocking off roadways close to the railway as many individuals, even teens, were observed walking along the tracks toward the scene of the accident. It was reported that a group

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# The New Pi-Line Pedestrians Versus Train



By Josh F.W. Cook

In the Military, we would have After Action Reports (AARs) that needed to be completed at the completion of a training or exercise. So this week's Pi Line is a Christmas, Hannukah, and New Years' AAR.

The letters to Santa being published in the newspaper is a fantastic tradition. It is great for young people to see their efforts out for the whole world to see. Some of the letter writers should take up Editrix Seti Long in her never-ending efforts to find locally based news reporters.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

had a combined church meeting on Christmas day and made it shorter than the regular Sunday worship and praise meeting. Al Tarzian rocked the place by skipping over a sermon dedicated to Christmas and instead focused on how grateful we should be to be in America and he proceeded to list a myriad of blessings we all enjoy. The musical number by the Brown children reminded many of the glory years of the Osmonds before Donny and Marie started their show in Las Vegas. Kathy Walton added bells - and most people did not understand the organ had a bells capability. Her flying fingers made absolutely jaw-droppingly beautiful music. People were looking around, trying to figure out where the bells were because it's not that often people use the bells.

When giving mandarins as a gift it is best to give the 5lb. bags and not 10lb. bags. If people like them - 10 pounds is too much and it causes gastrointestinal issues.

We've heard many times about parents or grandparents, who buy their small children or grandchildren expensive presents, and the kids end up just playing with the box that the toy came in. Then someone in the room always chips in saying you could've just bought them a box. This Christmas that proved to be true again.

Reading the stories of all of the various church groups working together to help make sure people have food during the holidays was truly heartwarming.

Contrary to some of the messages I received about the Christmas tree next to the ice-skating rink in Chico being taller than ours, I have verified that the Gridley Christmas tree at Orchard Hospital is the tallest living Christmas Tree in Butte County. There will be no journalistic retraction.

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



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

Continued from page 1 of juveniles had been climbing over and under the stopped train, which was running during the investigation. GPD admonished those that had been doing so, or that were otherwise near the train and scene of the accident, sending them on their way. Days later, on Sunday, January 1st, a second pedestrian versus train incident was reported just north of Gridley near West Biggs Gridley Road and Farris Road. At around 3:30 pm, Gridley Media Group

reported that GPD, Butte County Sheriff's Office and CALFIRE were on scene, searching for the victim. Again, Union Pacific stopped its engine to cooperate with authorities. Luckily in this case, the individual survived and was discovered walking in the vicinity. The subject was transported to a local hospital for medical care. At this time, the names of the individuals involved in these incidents have not been officially released by any law enforcement agency.

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Biggs Man Killed in Motorcycle Accident on Christmas Day

By Seti Long

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - In a tragic accident, Joel Steward, 41, of Biggs was killed on Christmas Day.

According to CHP reports, Steward was riding his motorcycle west bound on Biggs East Highway at high speeds as Toni Degler, 34, was approaching from the east in a gold Dodge Ram truck. Reports say that Degler slowed to make a left hand turn into a driveway when Steward swerved and left his original lane of travel. Steward struck the driver's side of Degler's truck and was thrown off his motorcycle. He was pronounced dead at the scene while the driver of the Dodge Ram and its passengers were uninjured. ★

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# Shooting Leaves Suspect Dead



A GPD squad unit officer and first responders of the Butte County/Gridley Fire Dept. Engine 74 stand by after the attempted arrest of Baltazar Rubio of Gridley, which resulted in an officer-involved shooting on Monday, January 2, 2022. Photo by Seti Long



Additional law enforcement agencies, including Butte County Sheriff's Department, CHP, and authorities in unmarked vehicles dressed in plain clothes quickly and steadily arrived to facilitate the investigation regarding the GPD officer involved shooting. Photo by Seti Long



Various law enforcement agencies arrive on-scene on Monday, January 2, 2022 after an officer-involved shooting which included 3 GPD officers left one suspect dead in an alley near Magnolia Street in Gridley, Calif. Photo by Seti Long



Early in the series of events surrounding Monday's shooting, a Gridley Police Department Officer is pictured here along with CALFIRE first responders arriving on the scene to facilitate life-saving efforts. Photo by Seti Long

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him to drop a handgun that was seen in his hand. The officer said Rubio at first did drop the weapon and began to get on the ground, but quickly retrieved the gun and pointed it at the officer.  
Officer Lara discharged his side-arm at Rubio. At the same time, Sgt. Smith and Officer Mauldin

came into the alley from the opposite direction and saw Rubio with the gun in his hand pointing it at Officer Lara and then at them. They got out of their vehicle and began shooting toward Rubio. Their actions were captured on each of their body cameras.  
DA Ramsey said the initial crime scene investigation by the

California Department of Justice criminalistic team that is part of the local Protocol Team confirmed the officers shot a total of 31 shots. The pistol seen held by Rubio and captured on their body cameras was recovered by the criminalists at the scene. It appeared empty and not to have been fired.  
DA Ramsey explained that the

Butte County Officer-Involved Shooting Protocol Team consists of experienced investigators from local and state agencies to give a full, fair and independent investigation of local Officer-Involved shootings.  
Chief Harr expressed sympathy for the family and friends of Rubio. Chief Harr noted the

officers, per standard procedure, are on administrative leave pending the investigation.  
DA Ramsey said the investigation continues with further witness interviews and forensic evidence to be examined. An autopsy of Rubio is scheduled with the Sacramento County Coroner next week. ★

## 'Death and Resurrection of the Messiah' Series to Show

### Gridley Christian Church News

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Sunday evenings beginning January 8th at 6:30 pm Gridley Christian Church will show the DVD series 'Death and Resurrection of the Messiah'. This 10-week series will prepare our hearts for the Easter celebration in April.  
We will join the renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan as he guides us through the land of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed

on location in the Middle East and elsewhere, this series will transform our understanding of God and challenge us to be true followers of Jesus.  
There will also be worship songs to praise our great God. Communion will be shared to remember the price Jesus paid to save us from our sins. All are welcome to come and grow in faith in Jesus.  
Gridley Christian Church is located at 580 Washington Street and is a place where everyone is family. Call Pastor Ed Lucas at (530) 846-4002 with any questions or needs you may have. ★

## Flavored Tobacco Ban Begins in California

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legal avenue to stop the ban and clearing the way for the ban to begin on the 21st. On Wednesday, all flavored tobacco products, including flavored cigarettes, flavored e-cigarette juice, menthol cigarettes, flavored tobacco enhancers, and all other related flavored tobacco products were officially banned. A few exemptions, such as flavored tobacco used in hookah bars, flavored loose-leaf pipe tobacco, and flavored premium cigars costing over \$12, are still allowed under the law, but will be closely regulated from now on.  
While some retailers and users have been generally fine with the ban, others noted to the Globe on Thursday that it has already negatively hurt them.  
"So we had to take out shelves of the products Tuesday night," Duy Pham, a convenience store owner in Riverside, told the Globe Thursday, "A lot of customers have been lost and angry the last several days, and I'd say we have lost hundreds in sales

so far. We all knew this was coming, but it's not great. This isn't what we wanted at all."  
Others noted that, instead of discouraging users, it was only having them change products.  
"We get a lot of teenagers and people in their early twenties here," said Paul Stevens, a manager at a national convenience store chain. "When we told them what happened, some did get angry, but 99% of them just asked for another type of cigarette brand or something pure tobacco. Others said they'll simply stock up on the next trip out of state and maybe give some to their friends. Whatever they thought would work, it hasn't. And it looks like a work around is forming by having people bring it in out of state, so California is losing out in taxes in the end. I don't think they realized what they did honestly."  
Other states and cities in the U.S. are currently considering similar bans. ★  
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## Giddyup, Giddalong Gideon

### Gridley Christian Church News

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Kids' Choir that meets at Gridley Christian Church will be starting rehearsals for its spring musical Tuesday, January 3rd from 3:30-5 PM. Every Tuesday children from 4 years old through eighth grade will be learning the music and speaking parts until the performance date of Sunday, March 26th. Participation in the Kids' Choir is free. Each family will be given a free CD of the musical.  
Giddyup, Giddalong Gideon is a fun western style musical that will encourage the kids to trust God to give the strength and resources to do what He asks. The Mighty Menacin' Midianites are bullying God's people the Israelites. The Midianites are crop destroyin', plague deployin', and quite annoyin'. So, God

calls Gideon to lead His people in victory over the enemy using some unusual methods.  
There will also be short Bible lessons on the life of Gideon. Snacks will be served. An important memory verse will be learned using sign language. Simple motions are learned with each song. Short, simple dance steps are learned for a couple of the songs.  
Participating in this Christian musical theater experience is a big confidence booster for all kids. Singing solos, speaking parts expressively, and working together as a team to accomplish this performance goal is great encouragement for each child. Gridley Christian Church is located at 580 Washington Street. Call Bonnie at (530) 933-9845 to register your child or if you have any questions. ★

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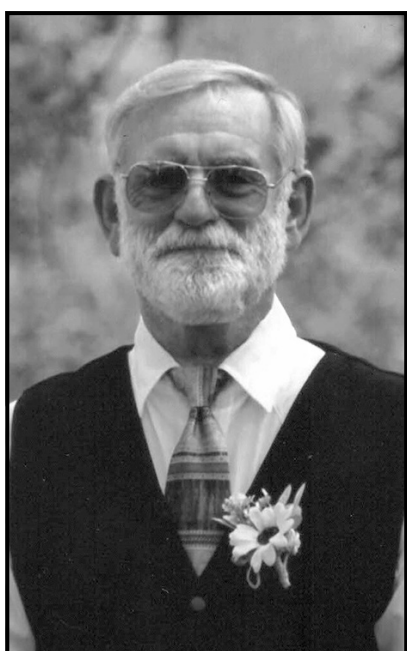
**DANIEL L. LAVY • 4/6/1961 – 12/21/2022**

Daniel was born on April 6, 1961. He was raised in the Buttes as a child on the family farm and in the town of Gridley. He was active in De Molay as a boy and as an adult he was a Master Mason in the Colusa Masonic Lodge for over 25 years. He graduated from Gridley Union High School in 1979. While in high school he was active in FFA, sports and track. As an adult he used that FFA knowledge and helped many kids raise, feed, and show their fair pigs. In 1984 he was blessed with a son whom he is survived by, named Jacob Lavy. He was very proud of Jacob and all that he has accomplished in his life.

In 1987 Dan enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Being in the Navy also made Dan proud that he was able to serve our country and protect us. When he got out of the service he worked at the US Post Office in Colusa.

For the last 25 years he has driven equipment for numerous landowners and farmers. He was amazing and could operate just about any equipment out there.

For the last 29 years he has lived with his wife Julie and their daughter Randi whom he is



survived by. Dan was also very proud of Randi and loved her like she was his own.

Dan was surrounded by his family, friends and those who loved him when he passed.

He is also survived by his mother, Barbara Stohlman and his step-dad, Dave Stohlman of Gridley, his sister Elizabeth Teklinsky and niece Ellie Teklinsky of Sacramento, his brother David Lavy of Yuba City and his niece Janice Lavy of Oregon.

Dan was loved by many and never thought twice about helping someone in need. His heart was as big as Texas. He will be missed by many...

There will be a Celebration of Life in Feb. If interested in attending, please call his wife Julie for the details.

***Commentary by Save Our Capitol!***

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Save Our Capitol! issued the following statement in response to the California Legislature's claim that the Capitol Annex, one of the state's most significant historic governmental buildings, is too damaged to rehabilitate:

“The Capitol Annex is in need of significant repairs to ensure the safety of legislative and executive staff; however, much of these repairs could – and should – have been done over the past 70 years. In 2005, the Department of General Services (DGS) prepared a plan to upgrade and modernize the building, but the Legislature decided not to move forward with it. Now, lawmakers say it’s too damaged to rehabilitate. That’s simply not true.

“After they neglected to properly maintain the building, and without conducting a rehabilitation feasibility study, DGS and the Joint Committee on Rules (JRC), lead on the project within the Legislature, decided demolition was the only option. They had no basis upon which to conclude that the building could not be rehabilitated to modern standards.

"In fact, the State knows exactly how to rehabilitate older buildings. The original Capitol, Library and Courts Building, and the Jesse M. Unruh Building have all been successfully rehabilitated. They are all older buildings than the Annex. And, claims that asbestos abatement is impossible for the Annex are misleading. The Unruh Building contains asbestos, as do many older buildings, and crews are able to properly remove it or rehabilitate around it, which is very common with historic buildings. The Environmental Impact

Report for the Unruh Building contains plans for how crews will properly remove and dispose of hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead-based paint, and even calls on “restoring the building to the Secretary of the Interior Standards and Guidelines for the Restoration of Historic Buildings.” The same standards the State is refusing to comply with for the Capitol Annex Project.

“Clearly, the State is capable of preserving and rehabilitating—rather than demolishing—when it wants to, so why are lawmakers choosing to destroy Capitol Park, the West Steps, and the Annex to the tune of \$1.2 billion when rehabilitation is estimated to cost around \$500 million?”

“The choice is between erasing or embracing a central part of California’s history. It’s clear to us which side the Legislature and DGS should be on, but without Governor Newsom’s engagement, state history will be erased and every Californian will lose the ability to walk the halls of their Capitol Annex and gather or protest at the West Steps.

“With the support of California voters, taxpayers, small businesses, preservationists, and environmentalists, we will continue to fight to save the historic Annex, Capitol Park, the West Steps, and the entire west side of the original Capitol.”

## About Save Our Capitol!

*The purpose of Save our Capitol! is to preserve the site of the historic Capitol and its surrounding Park as the center and symbol of Californians' right to truth, transparency, and trust in self-governance. Follow Save Our Capitol! on Twitter and act to #StopTheDemolition by visiting [www.saveourcapitol.org](http://www.saveourcapitol.org)* ★

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **January 24, 2023 at 11:30 am** to consider a County-initiated amendment to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance regarding Telecommunication Facilities. This hearing will be open to the public and held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. At a public hearing held on December 8, 2022, the Butte County Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Zoning Code Amendment to the Board of Supervisors. This hearing will also be held via an online format for those who wish to participate remotely. Use the following information to remotely view and participate in the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

**Link: <http://www.buttecounty.net/clerkoftheboard/boardmeetings>**

Members of the public can submit public comments in the following ways: U.S. Mail to 25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, ATTN: Clerk of the Board, Oroville, California 96956; voicemail at (530) 552.3303; eComment (<https://buttecounty.granicusideas.com/meetings>), or by email to: **ClerkoftheBoard@ButteCounty.net**.

This is an amendment (ZCA22-0003) to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 24, Zoning Ordinance Article IV (Supplemental Use Regulations), Division 2 (Telecommunication Facilities). The amendments to the Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance include bringing the ordinance into conformance with federal and State law regarding reasonable time periods for processing applications, modifications to existing telecommunication facilities which constitute a substantial change, additional application submittal information, other updates to existing sections and removing particular requirements that are not required by federal or State law, as well as addressing regional serving ground-mount broadband antenna facilities and small wireless facilities.

At this hearing, the Board will consider the approval of the project and determine the Zoning Ordinance amendment is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The above-mentioned project is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online by entering the project number (ZCA22-0003) at <https://permits.buttcountyny.net/eTRAKIT/Search/project.aspx>. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to the public hearing. For information, please contact Principal Planner Mark Michelena, Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division at 530.552.3683 or [mmichelena@buttecountyny.net](mailto:mmichelena@buttecountyny.net).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **January 24, 2023 at 1:00 pm** regarding the adoption of the Butte County Housing Element. This hearing will be open to the public and held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. The Housing Element is part of the Butte County General Plan and is periodically amended in accordance with State law. At a public hearing held on December 8, 2022, the Butte County Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Housing Element to the Board of Supervisors. This hearing will also be held via an online format for those who wish to participate remotely. Use the following information to remotely view and participate in the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

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At this hearing, County staff and consultants will provide a presentation of State Housing Element requirements and the process used for amending the Housing Element. The presentation will include various technical aspects involved in the update and the amendments required by State law.

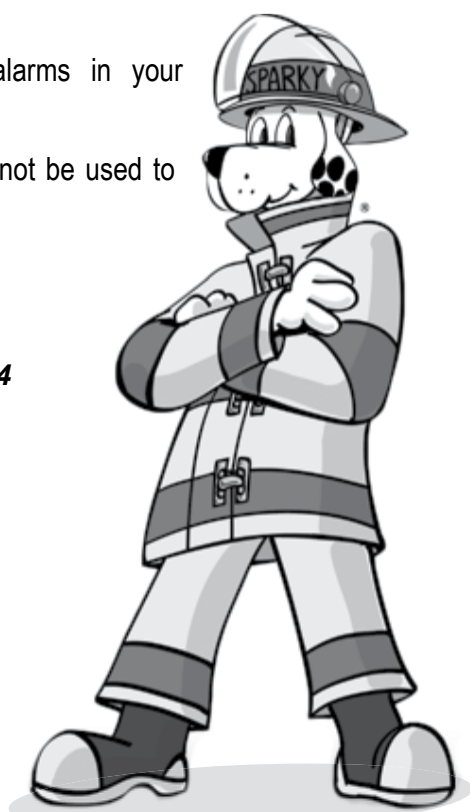
The proposed project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) - Common Sense Exemption, because the project involves policies, programs, and actions to meet the County's RHNA allocation that would not have the potential to cause a significant physical effect on the environment.

The above-mentioned project is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online by at <http://www.buttecounty.net/dds/generalplanupdate>. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to the public hearing. For information, please contact Principal Planner Mark Michelena, Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division at 530.552.3683 or [mmichelena@buttecounty.net](mailto:mmichelena@buttecounty.net).

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Thank You,  
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***Gridley Fire Station 74***





# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

“In the beginning darkness was everywhere, blacker than a hundred midnights down in a cypress swamp.”

These words start a poem by a famous Black author about the Creation by God. In southern words and visions, this author describes how God reached out into the darkness and void and spoke. “So, God looked around and He walked around and said: “I’ll make me a world.”

God sat down and began to create, world after world, universe after universe. Into the darkness He spoke and there was light. The light broke into the darkness and split it in two.

The sun rose on His right hand and stars stood on His left. He looked and spoke, “It is good.”

Through out our lives we think of black and white, good and evil, or light and dark. Ying and yang in opposites. At the end of dark time comes the light of a new day, and end to tears and a new start.



The United Methodist Church

This new year, 2023 is a new beginning, a new day to start over with nothing on the calendar. Then we start to write in the birthdays, appointments, anniversaries, holidays, and all the business of life. Just as God did, we begin to create out of nothing into something.

The one thing that should be inked in is: start with God and His power. Circle Sundays for worship. Box in days to help others, and fill in giving days

God worked six days and rested the seventh. We need rest and time to regenerate. God provided that. A day to study how He worked. A day to offer praise and thanksgiving to Him. A day to refill our empty tanks.

This new year, take those days of rest and spend them with the One who created it all, and remember His words, “It is good.”

*Take time with the Gridley United Methodist Church to refill your tank and worship with us on Sundays at 10 am. We are at 285 Magnolia Street. ★*

# How Will California Deal with a Big Budget Deficit?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

While California has a surplus of critical issues demanding political attention – housing, homelessness and water to mention the most obvious – it faces a deficit of financial resources to deal with them.

Gov. Gavin Newsom will soon reveal a proposed budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year that begins July 1, and it’s likely to greatly differ from the 2022-23 version he and the Legislature adopted just six months ago.

The current budget reflected what Newsom said would be a massive surplus, thanks mostly to a flood of tax revenues from high-income Californians who were enjoying big gains on their investments.

Pegging the surplus at \$97.5 billion, Newsom bragged that “no other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this.”

He and the Legislature enacted a \$300-plus billion budget that committed much of the supposed surplus to expanding an array of social and educational services, including what he said was achieving universal health care by extending coverage to all undocumented immigrants.

Just a few weeks later,

however, Newsom began acknowledging that the surplus might not be as large as he had boasted. He vetoed a number of spending bills, citing indications that a recession might be on the horizon.

In November, the Legislature’s budget analyst, Gabe Patek, made the reversal of fortune official in his annual report on the state’s finances, saying the healthy surplus that Newsom projected is really a “\$24 billion budget problem.”

“The budget problem is mainly attributable to lower revenue estimates, which are lower than budget act projections from 2021 22 through 2023 24 by \$41 billion,” Patek said, stressing that the deficit would occur even if there’s no recession but would become worse if the economy does, indeed, “turn sour.”

Whether the nation is headed for recession is a much-debated question. The Federal Reserve System has hiked interest rates sharply in hopes of cooling off the economy and lowering a soaring inflation rate. While it hopes for a “soft landing,” some economists believe that it could become a full-blown recession.

California’s budget is particularly sensitive to larger economic currents because it is inordinately dependent on taxing incomes of a relative few wealthy Californians. Income taxes are three-quarters of the state’s general fund revenues and 1% of taxpayers generate nearly half of those taxes.

“Based on historical experience, should a recession occur soon, revenues could be \$30 billion to \$50

billion below our revenue outlook in the budget window,” Patek said. Because of the looming threat of recession, Patek urged the Legislature to adopt a very conservative approach to the 2023-24 budget, balancing it without relying on the state’s reserves.

It’s good advice, but will the Legislature heed it? Backpedaling is a hard sell in a Legislature dominated by left-leaning Democrats and allies in advocacy groups that had been elated by the budget’s provisions.

Initial indications are that legislators would prefer to continue the programmatic enhancements even if it means dipping into reserves or borrowing money to cover the deficit.

The Assembly Budget Committee said as much in a “budget blueprint” issued after Patek made his report. The document devotes much verbiage to self-congratulation about the current budget’s largesse and calls for protecting it by using the “state balance sheet to continue key investments.” That’s defined as shifting some spending to special funds and “borrowing from special funds, especially if revenue situation worsens.”

So where does Newsom stand between these two conflicting approaches? Will he adopt Patek’s conservative advice or side with the Legislature, even if it means deficit spending and debt? We’ll know in about a week.

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

# States Must Do Better Protecting Unborn Life

Commentary by the Liberty Counsel

**ORLANDO, FL (MPG)** - Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has overruled the Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey abortion decisions, several states had ballot measures involving abortion. Three states added abortion provisions to their state Constitutions. Two states voted down measures that would restrict abortion.

California voters approved Proposition 1, introduced by Gov. Gavin Newsom, which explicitly protects abortion and contraceptive rights in the state Constitution.

Michigan voters also passed a ballot initiative to fortify abortion rights. Proposal 3 affirms a woman’s right to make decisions “about all matters relating to pregnancy,” including contraception, fertility, abortion and childbirth.

Vermont’s Proposal 5 overwhelmingly passed and creates a constitutional right to “personal reproductive autonomy.”

Regarding states attempting to protect unborn life, Kentucky’s Amendment 2 was defeated which would have amended the state Constitution to explicitly state it doesn’t “secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.”

In addition, voters in Montana voted against Legislative Referendum 131 which would expand rights for infants

who are “born alive” after failed abortions, and allow healthcare workers to face punishments if they don’t give them proper medical treatment.

Liberty Counsel has filed amicus briefs at the state Supreme Courts in Indiana, South Carolina, Kentucky and Oklahoma on behalf of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC) and the Frederick Douglass Foundation to uphold there is no right to abortion within the states’ Constitutions and defend pro-life laws that limit the killing of innocent unborn children.

The NHCLC and Frederick Douglass Foundation represent millions of African Americans and Hispanics. These minority communities have been the direct target of abortion, and most Planned Parenthood’s abortion clinics are in black and Hispanic neighborhoods. Liberty Counsel also filed an amicus brief on behalf of the NHCLC and the Frederick Douglass Foundation at the U.S. Supreme Court in the Dobbs abortion case. In overturning Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the High Court cited to this brief acknowledging that abortion has disproportionately impacted the black community.

Liberty Counsel’s Founder and Chairman Mat Staver said, “It is shameful that any state would vote to kill innocent unborn children in the womb. We must do better and make the womb a safe place – once again.” ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

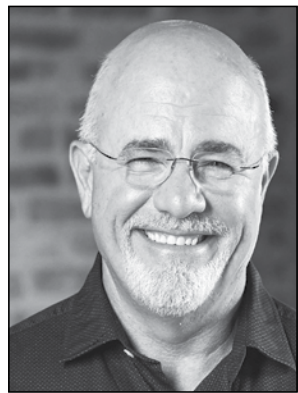
The raking has begun. I’ve loved the piles of golden leaves. Now I have mounds of rotted brown mucky leaves. Time to rake most of them up. I’ll leave a few on the flower beds until spring but where I have cedar mulch they need to come out. I’ve read about yards called pollinator yards and mine is a semi-pollinator yard. To be a complete pollinator yard the leaves

have to stay in place beyond the beginning of Spring. This allows various buggy larvae to hatch and grow. This could be anything from various butterflies to beetles. This happens here just not everywhere in the yard. One thing I’ve noticed about the pollinator yard proponents is that they tend to live where it snows and freezes in the winter. Maybe this makes the problem with mosquitos less, maybe they don’t have Tree Hole mosquitos. I’ve always called them Oak Mosquitos but discovered they are actually called Tree Hole mosquitos.

The Western tree hole mosquito, Aedes sierrensis, owes its lifecycle to the seasonal change from cooler to warmer weather. The female lays eggs along the rim of

holes or cavities in older trees right before Winter. When it rains and the eggs get moisture, they begin their lifecycle. The young larvae can wait to develop further until warmer weather. These mosquitoes like many animals are opportunists. They are willing to use artificial containers. Tires, tin cans and any other small water holding container will do. Check your yards for little water nurseries for mosquitos. Stop West Nile Virus.

With the holidays my good intentions fell apart. I am now planning when there will be days without rain so I can spray for peach leaf curl. I’m shifting my spray schedule to as soon as possible in January. We’ll see how it goes. Happy New Year! ★



## Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Scarlett,

If you have the money, and you can pay it off without putting yourselves in a bind financially, do it. That’s the right thing to do, both morally and legally. If you don’t have that kind of cash on hand, try haggling with them. See if they’ll agree to settle for \$1,500. At this point, they might even take less. But if they go for the idea, do not give them electronic access to your bank account. Make sure you get the agreement in writing, too, before sending them a penny.

Here’s the deal. This collector bought the loan for pennies on the dollar. It’s an old debt, and that means the expectation for collection is very low. At the same time, your husband did co-sign for the loan. They’ll probably threaten to sue and whatnot, but my guess is you

can work something out. It might take two or three weeks – and a little patience – but that’s a small price to pay if it saves you a bunch of money.

Oh, and the attorney you talked to? He doesn’t sound very bright. A bankruptcy stays on your record for years. Trashing your financial life over \$3,000 would be stupid.

Good luck, Scarlett!

– 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. ★*

## File Bankruptcy? That’s Really Bad Advice

Dear Dave,

My husband co-signed a loan for an old girlfriend four years ago. Apparently, she hasn’t made a payment in almost two years, and a collection agency called him last week wanting the balance of \$3,000. We make about \$80,000 a year combined, and an attorney we spoke with recommended we file bankruptcy. Is this really the best thing to do?

– Scarlett



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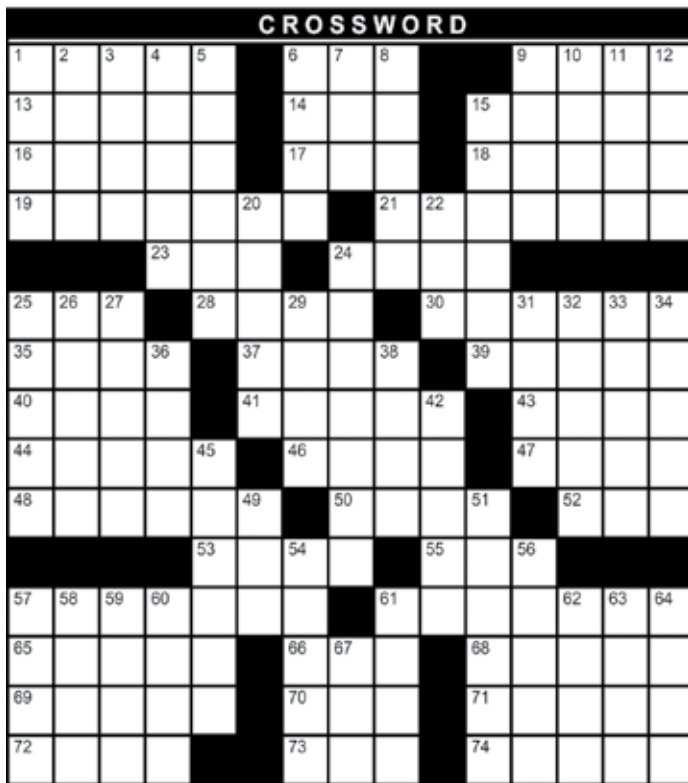
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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT BUTTE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN 2040 UPDATE AND PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT PUBLIC COMMENTS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the County of Butte (County), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the County's General Plan Update 2040 (the "Project"). The Draft EIR and technical appendices will be available for public review/comment beginning on **Friday, January 06, 2023**. A Planning Commission public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Butte County Administrative Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965.

All files can be downloaded from the County of Butte website at <https://www.buttecounty.net/ddsgeneralplanupdate>. A copy of the EIR and all documents incorporated by reference in the EIR are also available at:

Butte County Development Services Office  
7 County Center Drive  
Oroville, CA 95965

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was prepared for the County of Butte Department of Development Services (County) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the Butte County General Plan 2040 Update. The General Plan establishes the community's long-term vision for the future, including where people in Butte County will live, work, shop, learn, and recreate. It serves as guidance for all zoning and land use decisions within the unincorporated area of Butte County. It will shape future housing, support job growth, foster healthy and resilient neighborhoods, protect, and manage natural resources and agricultural lands, ensure community safety, and promote social and economic equity. The 2040 General Plan Update outlines the County's goals for physical growth, conservation, and community life, and contains policies and actions to guide the County in reaching those goals. The 2040 General Plan Update is updating six Elements: Health & Safety (including the Noise Element), Housing, Land Use, Circulation, Water Resources, and including a new Environmental Justice Element. Other Elements of the current General Plan are revised to ensure consistency with the updated elements such as Area and Neighborhood Plans, Agriculture, Conservation and Open Space, Economic Development, and Public Facilities and Services. The 2040 General Plan Update also incorporates the Upper Ridge Community Plan (URCP) which includes projects and strategies for the Upper Ridge Community Plan Area, including the redesignation of 28 parcels from Retail and Office to Mixed-Use.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Butte County (unincorporated)

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** The Draft EIR identifies environmental impacts that are less than significant or require mitigation to reduce impacts to less than significant in the following topic areas: aesthetics, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous resources, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services and recreation, transportation, utilizes and service systems. Significant and unavoidable impacts have been identified in the following topic areas: agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, and wildfire.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** A copy of the DEIR may be reviewed at the Butte County Development Services Department; 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Wednesday. The DEIR is available online at <https://www.buttecounty.net/ddsgeneralplanupdate>

**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT:** This public notice is posted to officially notify the public, public agencies, and responsible and trustee agencies that the required 45-day public review/comment period will commence on **Friday, January 06, 2023**, and conclude on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023**. Any written comments (via email or letter) on the Draft EIR must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Written comments may be mailed to Mark Michelena, Principal Planner, Butte County Planning Division, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Email comments can be sent to [mmichelena@buttecounty.net](mailto:mmichelena@buttecounty.net).

You may comment by providing testimony at a public hearing before the Butte County Planning Commission. **The public hearing will be on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Butte County Administrative Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965.** This hearing will be open to the public. The hearing will begin with a project overview and summary of the Draft EIR. Written and verbal comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted during the meeting. The Planning Commission will preside over the meeting; however, it will not take any action on the Draft EIR or project. Staff will note general themes of verbal comments made and will address them in the Final EIR. Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments to ensure that their specific comments are represented in the project record and addressed in the Final EIR. This hearing will also be held via an online format. Members of the public who wish to participate online in public comment are encouraged to register in advance of the hearing by emailing [PCCLerk@buttecounty.net](mailto:PCCLerk@buttecounty.net). Use the following information to remotely view and participate in the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

Link: <http://bccdds.net/PlanningCommission>  
Event (Meeting) Number: 2559 907 4900

or

Phone number: United States Toll Free: 1-844-992-4726 Event Password: Planning

If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact us at (530) 538-7601. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **January 24, 2023 at 10:45 am** to consider an amendment to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance regarding the definition of the Multi-Family Dwelling use. This hearing will be open to the public and held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. At a public hearing held on December 8, 2022, the Butte County Planning Commission unanimously recommended adoption of the Zoning Code Amendment to the Board of Supervisors. This hearing will also be held via an online format for those who wish to participate remotely. Use the following information to remotely view and participate in the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

Link: <http://www.buttecounty.net/clerkoftheboard/boardmeetings>

Members of the public can submit public comments in the following ways: U.S. Mail to 25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, ATTN: Clerk of the Board, Oroville, California 96956; voicemail at (530) 552.3303; eComment (<https://buttecounty.granicusideas.com/meetings>), or by email to: [ClerkoftheBoard@ButteCounty.net](mailto:ClerkoftheBoard@ButteCounty.net).

This is an an amendment (ZCA22-0002/Hill) to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 24, Zoning Ordinance Article VII (Definitions), Division 1 (Glossary), 24-304 (Definitions) for "Multiple Family Dwelling" to include separate, detached units. Currently under this definition, multiple detached units are not permitted. This amendment will allow separate detached multiple-family dwelling units. The proposed amendment will permit detached housing styles as part of the Multiple-Family Dwelling definition, with such examples as: multiple separate units, cottage courts, plex housing (two or more units in combination similar in scale to a residence), and garden apartments. At this hearing, the Board will consider the approval of the project and a CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" exemption. CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

The above-mentioned project is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online by entering the project number (ZCA22-0002) at <https://permits.buttecounty.net/eTRAKIT/Search/project.aspx>. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to the public hearing. For information, please contact Associate Planner Tristan Weems, AICP Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division at 530.552.3685 or [tweems@buttecounty.net](mailto:tweems@buttecounty.net).

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **January 24, 2023 at 10:30 am** to consider an amendment to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance regarding Large Family Daycare Homes. This hearing will be open to the public and held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. At a public hearing held on December 8, 2022, the Butte County Planning Commission unanimously recommended adoption of the Code Amendment to the Board of Supervisors. This hearing will also be held via an online format for those who wish to participate remotely. Use the following information to remotely view and participate in the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

Link: <http://www.buttecounty.net/clerkoftheboard/boardmeetings>

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This is a County-initiated amendment to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance to become compliant with State Senate Bill 234 (Skinner). The following specific amendments are proposed:

- Amend Chapter 24, Article II Zoning Districts, *Land Uses, and Development Standards* of the Butte County Zoning Ordinance to permit by right, without additional application, fee or entitlement, the new "Family Daycare Home, Large" land use wherever residential uses are permitted, and remove footnote (3) under Table 24-13-1 under the existing "Child Day Care, Small" Land Use Category.
- Amend section 24-159 *Child Care Facilities*, regarding applicability and standards, and section 24-304 *Definitions*.

At this hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider the approval of the project, and a CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) "Common Sense" exemption. CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This Code Amendment impacts existing dwelling units and negligible development / environmental impact will occur.

The above mentioned project is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online by entering the project number (CA21-0001) at <https://permits.buttecounty.net/eTRAKIT/Search/project.aspx>. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to the public hearing. For information, please contact Associate Planner Tristan Weems, AICP Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division at 530.552.3685 or [tweems@buttecounty.net](mailto:tweems@buttecounty.net).

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# Spending Your Money



Gov. Gavin Newsom addresses a press conference where he unveiled his budget proposal for 2022-23 in Sacramento on Jan. 10, 2022. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

**By Alejandro Lazo and Jeanne Kuang, CALMatters.org**

California faces a projected deficit next year even if the U.S. avoids a recession. Despite the expected shortfall, policymakers say they'll maintain spending on social programs though advocates are calling for more.

The Legislative Analyst's Office recently said in its annual forecast that Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Democratic Party-controlled Legislature are facing a \$24 billion projected budget deficit for the next fiscal year.

If the state enters a recession the outlook is even worse, with revenues predicted to fall short by \$30 billion to \$50 billion. The governor signed a record-breaking \$308 billion budget in June.

The legislative analyst attributes the projected shortfall to California's reliance on those whose incomes often ebb and flow with the price of stocks, real estate and other investments.

"Those are the same people who get a lot of their income from financial investments," said Legislative Analyst Gabriel Petek. "That volatility then gets transmitted directly to the state budget."

The governor will present a proposed budget in January and then a revision in May. The budget, which the Legislature must approve, will fund state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

H.D. Palmer, spokesperson for the state Department of Finance, declined to comment on whether social spending cuts might be proposed.

He did say, however, that the governor's priority was to not scale back programs that people have come to depend on, or to begin new ones. Some program expansions in later fiscal years could be delayed if there isn't enough revenue to support them, he said.

The goal is to avoid the kind of drastic program reductions enacted during the Great Recession that took years for the state to restore.

The state's Democratic legislative leaders have said they are not inclined to cut recently expanded programs, such as the extension of free health care to low-income undocumented immigrants, which began with older adults this year and is slated to open up to all ages in January 2024. The expansion is expected to cost more than \$2 billion annually.

The budget is in a much stronger position than it was during the state's last fiscal crisis, said Phil Ting, the Assembly budget committee chair from San Francisco.

"We have a significant amount of cash available, both in terms of reserves, but also in terms of liquidity," Ting said. "So this is a very different situation than the state faced in 2008-2009, where they were running out of cash."

The governor, nevertheless, has signaled he is being cautious. Newsom in October said he had vetoed 169 bills and saved taxpayers billions. Seventy-five of those vetoes were directly budget related, with many including boilerplate language that the state was facing "lower-than-expected revenues" and that it was "important to remain disciplined when it comes to spending, particularly spending that is ongoing."

Among the bills vetoed by the governor earlier this year were proposals to expand government-funded care for new mothers, expand free transit programs for California students and create grants for graduate students in mental health who commit to working at certain California-based nonprofits.

Newsom, whom voters elected to another four-year term, has used surpluses to pay down debts, build reserves and provide direct



California Governor Gavin Newsom is photographed at a press conference in Fontana on February 17, 2022. Photo by Alisha Jucevic for CalMatters

payments to millions of Californians.

Recently Moody's Analytics rated California one of the states most prepared for a recession, citing its reserves.

Nevertheless, California's budget enacted in June 2021 committed to \$3.4 billion in new ongoing spending and is expected to grow to \$12 billion in the 2025 budget year. The budget enacted in June of this year committed an additional \$2.3 billion, expected to grow to nearly \$5 billion by the 2026 budget year, the Legislative Analyst's Office said.

The state has \$37 billion in specific reserve funds. That includes about \$23 billion in a rainy-day fund voters agreed to strengthen in 2014 at the urging of then-Gov. Jerry Brown. The state also has \$900 million in a reserve account for safety net programs. The rest of those reserve funds are in school-specific and general operating reserves.

But, Palmer noted, the state can only draw down the rainy-day fund by half in any year. The Legislative Analyst's Office has advised the Legislature to slow down

or pause program expansions before dipping into reserves.

Ting's office contends the state has billions in unspent federal and state dollars in its coffers that could address a potential deficit. Using that money would avoid cuts to programs but delay other projects.

Anti-poverty advocates said in interviews they plan to continue pushing for program expansions, arguing the precipice of a downturn is the time to bolster social spending, not cut it.

Nearly 30% of California residents live in or near poverty, according to the Public Policy Institute of California. Experts expect poverty rates to increase after the end of a boost in federal cash aid, which came in 2021 in the form of an expanded child tax credit included in the American Rescue Plan Act.

Advocates are proposing that California mimic that federal expansion by opening up the state's Young Child Tax Credit, currently a \$1,000-a-year credit for low-income families with children under age 6, to include all children in low-income households.

They estimate 1 million children live in families that would qualify, at an additional cost of \$700 million a year.

Advocates said they also want the state to create an unemployment benefits program for undocumented immigrants and to include all low-income immigrants, regardless of immigration status, in its food assistance program.

"We know the projected budget shortfalls make it more challenging, but the past few years highlighted why something like this is so important," said Sasha Feldstein, economic justice policy manager at the California Immigrant Policy Center. "People who are excluded from our safety net have been the most adversely impacted from the COVID-19 pandemic and are the most harmed during times of economic downturn."

Lawmakers and Newsom this year allocated money to expand the California Food Assistance Program, a state version of food stamps, to include undocumented immigrants age 55 and older; the benefits are expected to become available late next year. Newsom vetoed a bill that would have tested an unemployment benefits program for undocumented immigrants, citing costs.

The projected shortfall is the state's first major fiscal challenge since Newsom's office predicted a \$54 billion shortfall in May 2020, when the country was in the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic. After financial markets rebounded and the federal government provided unprecedented stimulus, the anticipated shortfall resulted in surpluses.

The Federal Reserve began hiking interest rates in March 2022 to cool inflation. Then housing sales, initial public stock offerings and stock markets fell. All are important sources of personal income

tax revenue.

In California, personal income withholding fell even as the job market recovered.

Over the last decade, California has increasingly relied on some of the state's highest earners to fund its budget which, among other things, takes aim at poverty and some of the nation's starkest income inequality.

Much of the state's general fund is paid for by its progressive personal income tax, which voters in 2012 raised on the state's highest earners after Brown warned of cuts to health and education. In 2016 voters extended those higher income tax rates through 2030 while also allowing a temporary sales tax to expire. The increases, meant for education and healthcare spending, have also paid for increased social safety net spending.

About 49% of the personal income tax paid in California in 2020 came from just 1% of tax filers, according to the state's finance department. And in the past decade, taxes collected from the most volatile form of income — capital gains — have doubled, making up a larger share of the state's revenue and tying the state's budget to particularly unstable economic cycles.

To address that, voters approved changes to the state's rainy-day fund in 2014. The changes serve as a check on spending, directing California to capture additional dollars in reserve when capital gains tax receipts are high.

Building reserves large enough for a state to ride through a recession is difficult, said Donald Boyd, a state finance expert at the University of Albany in New York.

"As a practical matter, it is very hard to build a rainy-day fund that's big enough to get you through a rainy season," Boyd said. "You need huge amounts of money to offset the effects of even a modest recession." ★



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# Local Winter Sports Mid-season Recap

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - League play is on the horizon for all Gridley, Live Oak and Biggs winter sports teams. This is what awaits these sports teams in the near future with a push for playoff positions.

## Gridley

### Boys Basketball

The Bulldogs are 4-8 on the year before they play in the Oroville tournament that begins on Thursday where they will play Butte View League foes Oroville and Las Plumas in the tournament. The Bulldogs start BVL play when they host Las Plumas on Tuesday, January 10.

### Girls Basketball

The Lady Bulldogs start play in the Las Plumas tournament on Thursday and will attempt to add some more W's to their 9-5 record on the season. Sophomore forward Brook Marr is the team leader currently in points per game (18.8), rebounds (11.3) and blocks (5.5). Senior forward Ella Sannar is the main floor general/facilitator for head coach Becca McCray. Key game alert for Friday, January 20, when the Lady Bulldogs host Orland in a much-anticipated rivalry game.

### Boys Soccer

With a 6-3 record in the pre-season, the Bulldogs put themselves in a great spot to be competitive in the BVL. Two of their three losses in the season were to Live Oak and Chico, who are both ranked first and second in



Gridley senior forward Ella Sannar (22) shoots a shot against Marysville in the Lady Bulldogs 55-28 defeat on Wednesday, December 21 in Gridley.

the Northern Section, according to MaxPreps. The home game on Tuesday, January 17, versus Orland will be a match-up of two of the top teams in the BVL from last season.

### Girls Soccer

The Lady Bulldogs are led in scoring by junior striker Rafaela Anguiano, who is averaging 1.8 goals per game through the first eight games of the season. Anguiano's 11 goals in the current season already surpassed her total goals from last season. They begin BVL play on Tuesday, January 10, hosting Las Plumas. The Lady Bulldogs find themselves currently ranked in the middle of the pack for the Northern Section and will need a strong BVL play to make a

7playoff push with their current 5-3 record.

## Live Oak

### Boys Basketball

The Lions need one more victory to tie their win total from last season. The early win over Colusa in the Pierce tournament was the most impressive win in the season so far as the RedHawks are currently on a nine-game win streak. The 3-6 Lions will next host Paradise on Friday, January 6, in Sacramento Valley League action.

### Girls Basketball

The Lady Lions are led by Sharonda Watson and they are currently 6-5 on the year. Their impressive road record of 4-1 is key for this week as they have

three road games in a row at Winters, Anderson and Paradise. The Lady Lions three SVL wins from last season were all against Paradise.

### Boys Soccer

The Lions have not lost a game since March 3, 2022, in the CIF NorCal Boys Division V Championships and have played an early competitive schedule to be 6-0-2 in the early season. Five of their eight opponents already have four wins and are well over .500 win percentage. Senior Javier Medina and Esteban Alvarado lead the Lions with seven goals scored a piece. The Lions are currently ranked second in the Northern Section behind Chico.

### Girls Soccer

The Lady Lions are off to a hot start and their 7-2 record and look to make another deep run into the NSCIF playoffs this season. Their two defeats came at the hands of Yuba City and Las Plumas who have a combined record for a 15-6-1 between the two schools this season. Sophomore striker Johanna Petrone continues to average a hat-trick of goals per contest averaging 3.4 a game, which mimics her 3.2 average as a freshman last season. Junior midfielder Mckayla Holman is averaging 2.2 goals and 2.1 assists per game.

## Biggs

### Boys Basketball

The young Wolverines are led by junior guards Emilio Vera, Chris Kroupa and forward Chase Mclean in points and rebounds per game with an average of 33.4 points and 22.6 rebounds a game. Thankfully tournament season is over as the Wolverines went 2-7 in tournaments this year. They play their first Mid-Valley League contest on the road when they travel to Chico and play CORE Butte.

### Girls Basketball

The Lady Wolverines have only eight players on their roster and will look to avoid their second three-game losing streak of the season. The three-week break in between games gives the Lady Wolverines much needed rest before they begin MVL play on the road against CORE Butte on Tuesday, January 10. ★

# Gladiators Compete in the ‘No Guts, No Glory’ Competition

By Joe Ruggirello

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley Gladiators took seven wrestlers to Sacramento on New Year's Eve to compete in the "No Guts, No Glory" competition.

Of the seven that came out for the bout, everyone placed! For some, this was just

another wrestling tournament and for others, it was their first time wrestling under the big lights.

Each wrestler brought their "A-Game" and wrestled tough, with some matches coming down to the wire. This was so for Brighten Origer and his match. After the 1st round, Origer was up 4-3. Heading

into the second round, Origer was taken down two times and got up both times earning 2 points. At the end of the second round, it was 6-7 with Origer down by 1 point. The match was a back-and-forth battle in the 3rd round, but with seconds to go and Origer down on the mat, he scored an escape to win 13-12.

Other notable matches were that of Jax Terrell. After losing his first match of the year after being pinned, Terrell rebounded with back-to-back pins to take 2nd place.

The Gridley Gladiators' next competition is January 15, 2023, at the Bronco WC Folkstyle in Fair Oaks, California. ★

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