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Birds on the Move



Multiple species of birds pass through the area as they follow their migration route, known as the Pacific Flyway. Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, seen here, is typically filled with fowl during the migration season. Photos by Capture Life Photography/Tanna Alvarez

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The sky is alive with the movement of waterfowl shining brightly in the sunlight. Their raucous sounds echo throughout the Valley. It is the annual north to south migration of birds for winter. Gray Lodge Wildlife Area water attracts the waterfowl and tourists who come to see vast arrays of birds. Any day during the migration there can be more than one million birds present. To see them rise in a mass of wings and earsplitting din is an unforgettable experience.

There are four major fly migration routes in the US. One of them is the Pacific



Flyway. Many of the birds start in Alaska and Canada, continuing on through California, to Mexico and South America. Migration is a long process; the birds need wetlands with suitable habitat and food supplies as stopovers. The Sacramento Valley supports about 44% of the migrating waterfowl

throughout the Pacific Flyway.

Approximately 1.5 million ducks and 750,000 geese come to the Valley marshlands and rice fields where their carbohydrate requirements are met. Invertebrates that populate the ponds and flooded fields meet their protein needs. Most of

California is in extreme or exceptional drought. The drought has brought additional stress to the birds who find some of their traditional feeding sites dry. They then use more energy to find other sources for rest and food. The success of the waterfowl migration within the Pacific Flyway is dependent on organizations maintaining winter water needs of flooded rice and wetlands throughout the Sacramento Valley. Agency partnerships such as the California Rice Commission, Audubon California, The Nature Conservancy, farmers and landowners have been working for over a decade

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\$647 Million to Cover Overdue Utility Bills

CSD News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Gov. Gavin Newsom on November 22 announced the release of \$647 million in funding to help over 1.4 million California households struggling to pay their overdue energy bills.

The awarded funding will eliminate all past due energy debt accrued by residential customers between March 4, 2020 and December 31, 2021, providing real relief to households that have suffered the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and increased energy debt.

Over the last year, California has distributed over \$1.6 billion in financial assistance for bill credits through the California Arrearage Payment Program (CAPP) to reduce or eliminate overdue electric and gas bills.

“California has made unprecedented commitments to help vulnerable households stay afloat as the cost-of-living increases,” said Governor Newsom. “By providing utility relief that will eliminate over 1.4 million Californians’ overdue energy bills, we’re helping families who continue to struggle with higher costs.”

Governor Newsom and the California Legislature established the 2022 California Arrearage Payment Program (2022 CAPP) to address 100 percent of past due energy bill balances incurred by residential customers during the program’s COVID-19 pandemic bill relief period covering March 4, 2020 to December 31, 2021. Thirty-three energy utilities applied for 2022 CAPP funding on behalf of over 1.4 million eligible residential customers.

Participating state energy utilities are required to apply a 2022 CAPP bill credit to their customer accounts within 60 days of receiving funds.

“Once again, we are leading with our values by working to ensure that our neighbors economically impacted by the pandemic can keep their lights on,” said California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. “Many of us fell behind as the pandemic continued, and our commitment to further address energy debts is another way we are lifting up all Californians.”

CAPP is administered by the Department of Community Services and Development (CSD). Under the first round of CAPP funding in 2021, over 1.5 million residential and commercial energy utility customers received a CAPP bill credit to reduce

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Warming Hearts and Spirits

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Local youth and Ms. Agriculture America Butte County Jr. Teen Queen, Ali Khan, has started a project to wrap seniors in warmth this season – her Tree of Hope Winter Blanket Drive!

Kahn shares her inspiration for the project, saying “When visiting my grandma at the Post Acute Yuba City facility I realized not every resident had a soft blanket just as my grandma does when watching her tv shows. After seeing this, I decided I would collect blanket donations for the residents of Post Acute because it gets cold in winter, and everyone deserves their very own soft, cuddly blanket to snuggle up with.”

Her goal is to collect 58 new blankets but will also gladly accept blanket making supplies, materials, and monetary donations.



Ms. Agriculture American Butte County Jr. Queen, Ali Khan of Gridley, is bringing warmth to seniors in our area and needs your help! Photo courtesy of Maureen Hornyak

If Khan exceeds her goal, she plans to donate extra blankets to a local homeless shelter. Excess monetary donations will be put towards the

purchase of a projector for the seniors at Post Acute.

Please drop your donations at the Railhouse Pub and Grill located at 1495 Hwy 99, Gridley. You

may also make arrangements to have your donations picked up by contacting momoof315@gmail.com or by calling 530-844-6177. ★

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

We note with great sadness the passing of Jeff Mardesich. My parents, Frank, and Mary Anne Cook moved to Gridley around 1967. My dad had purchased the Gridley Pharmacy and moved to a house on Larkin Road. Joan and Tony Mardesich were the first people to befriend my mom and dad and welcome them to the community. As a kid, I spent much time at Jeff's house; it was always exciting because he had a Honda three-wheeler, and his Grandpa Amador always had some interesting project going on in their shop. As a kid, Jeff, Jill, and Nini Mardesich were my best friends. Jeff and I played football and baseball together and had

many an adventure in our Agriculture classes in High School. I held the record for starting accidental fires in the shop, and Jeff held the record for how many fires he was the first to put out; he literally rolled me around once to put me out when my clothes were on fire. Most memorable was the time I had stuffed a bunch of paper towels into the exhaust manifold of a Caterpillar D9 engine that Jeff and I were rebuilding. It was my job to take the papers out, but I forgot to, and when Jeff started it up, the paper towels, aflame, went all over the shop, catching other things (and our friend Mark Mulliner) on fire. Jeff also held the record for making fun of me for the number of fires I started, and he put out. I always wanted Jeff to be my shop partner because I knew of no mechanical device, especially farm machinery, he could not repair. Jeff was an entrepreneur, a fixer, and a dreamer, and he was kind and funny. I can't think of anyone who did not consider Jeff, a friend. We graduated from Gridley High in 1988, and

Jeff was voted as a Senior Class favorite, which he was. I was at his wedding when he married the girl of his dreams, and his family has grown at about the same rate as mine. I last saw Jeff and his family at the Bull-riding event at the Silver Dollar Fair on May 27th. I took a selfie photo with him. We took a moment to catch up. I'm glad we did; I hoped he had this death thing beaten, and I was happy for him. He loved his family, and you could see they loved him. He was there watching his son ride bulls (and win), and he was a very proud Dad. It's difficult for me to write this because Jeff is a friend. Moreover, it's challenging to write about anyone who passes away who is your own age. Older people are supposed to pass away, not people you grew up with, people who are a part of your early life narrative. Jeff will be missed, deeply and meaningfully, by many. He lived a good life, and it ended too soon.

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

Birds on the Move



A large variety and number of migrating birds annually stop in our area as part of the Pacific Flyway migration path. Photo by Capture Life Photography/Tanna Alvarez

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to increase the amount of available habitat for now and in the future. A delicate balance has happened over the last several years to keep enough food and water available during the winter months.

Ninety percent of historic wetlands have been lost due to development as well as, recent droughts. These environmental losses threaten the viability of the Pacific Flyway, according to the Northern California Water Association. With natural wetlands in the Sacramento Valley diminishing, rice production fields become critical to the survival of the many wintering waterfowl. The success of the Pacific Flyway waterfowl migration is dependent on organizations maintaining the winter water needs of flooded rice and wetlands

throughout the Sacramento Valley. The flooded rice land provides essential habitat and 60 percent of food resources for waterbirds in the Sacramento Valley.

According to Audubon California, about 235,000 acres of rice fields are flooded after harvest to provide habitat for the birds. Recently, that number plummeted to 60,000 acres. Unfortunately, the regional bird refuges and wildlife areas are struggling to maintain maximum habitat due to a lack of accessible water. This, along with overcrowding of birds in available water habitats, could cause additional outbreaks of avian flu. The winter emergency drought funding provided by the California Department of Water Resources is helping. Everyone is working toward a strong successful waterfowl migration. ★

Covering Overdue Utility Bills

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or eliminate their past due energy bill. While this provided significant relief for customers, not all residential arrearages were covered by the original program. With today's awards, 2022 CAPP will eliminate all remaining eligible past due energy debt accrued by residential customers during the COVID-19 pandemic bill relief period of March 4, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

"California households, through no fault of their own, continue to suffer from the

economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and cost of living increases, including energy expenses," said CSD Director David Scribner. "The state was able to mobilize quickly to address historic levels of energy debt through CAPP in 2021, and building on last year's success, we have done it again in 2022 to effectively and efficiently deliver critical financial assistance to Californians in need."

For additional information about 2022 CAPP, visit <https://www.csd.ca.gov/Pages/2022-CAPP.aspx> ★

Kids' Choir Performs Angel Alert!

Gridley Christian Church News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Kids' Choir will present the delightful children's musical "Angel Alert" on Sunday, December 4th at 10:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. at Gridley Christian Church. All are welcome to attend this 35-minute musical based on the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus. These children ages 4 and older combine their talents to remind us that God did use angels in a mighty way to reveal Jesus' birth.

Drama, singing, choreography, costumes, and lighting are all combined in this Christian musical theater production to teach us that God kept His promise to send us a Savior; and He keeps all of His promises to us that are in His Word.

Michael (Marcus Hildebrand) and Gabriel (Halsey Solander) are the head angels who prepare all the rest of the angels for their big announcement to be delivered. Harpo (Isaac Boykin) and Halo Hatti (Celeste Watson) end up saving the day by keeping the Bethlehem star shining brightly. Joseph (Declan Hildebrand) and Mary (Lyla Watson) remind us that this unique birth is such a strange way to save the world.

The performance is free of charge. Gridley Christian Church is located at 580 Washington Street. Call Bonnie Schnepel at (530) 933-9845 for more information about next spring's musical. New choir members are always welcome. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Jan 3rd from 3:30-5:00 P.M. ★

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Relic on Display until Pearl Harbor Day



James Thomas (left) and Willa Samprucci (right) hold a display case with Thomas' discovery dating back to Pearl Harbor. It is part of a WWII era exhibit at the Gridley Museum. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In honor of Pearl Harbor Day and to share a piece of history with the community, VFW member James Thomas has lent his special discovery to the Gridley Museum.

While stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, originally Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay on the windward side of Oahu, Lance Corporal James Thomas stumbled on a relic stuck in the earth. When unearthed, he discovered it to be a bullet casing used by the Japanese in WWII. He has kept the bullet casing for 39 years and has created a shadow box with

details of its history, production, and an article run by the Gridley Herald detailing his discovery.

The shadow box is currently on display at the Gridley Museum, along with other locally sourced Pearl Harbor and WWII memorabilia, until after Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th. Thomas will then collect the piece which has previously been on display at Veterans Memorial Hall, Gridley.

To view the bullet casing, hear Thomas' account of its discovery and learn more about locals who served during WWII and Pearl Harbor, please visit the Gridley Museum at 601 Kentucky St., Gridley, Calif. ★

Remember Pearl Harbor



A moment of silence will be held at 0955 hours, followed by the Pearl Harbor Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the National Anthem by our local treasure, Kari Wheeler. MPG file photo

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Area is preparing to honor those lost during the attack at Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941.

A Remembrance Ceremony will be held this coming Wednesday, December 7th at 9:50 am at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery Veterans Court of Honor.

VFW Commander Ed Kawasaki provided us with a brief outline of the program.

A moment of silence will be held at 0955

hours, followed by the Pearl Harbor Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the National Anthem by our local treasure, Kari Wheeler.

The remainder of the program will include laying of wreaths for WWII veterans, a Two Bell Ceremony by Lynne Spencer, Rifle Salute, Taps and a closing prayer.

Commander Kawasaki is asking that any area WWII Veterans or Pearl Harbor survivors interested in attending, please call him at (530) 514-1805. ★

Card Skimmers Found in Gridley ATM's

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, Gridley Police Department discovered card skimming devices in the area.

The public notice posted to the Gridley Police Department's Facebook page reads:

"On today's date, Gridley Police Department responded to the Bank of America ATM located at 1516 SR-99 regarding a "Card Skimmer," device located.

At 9:36 AM, the ATM was alerted of a malfunction and a technician was called out. Once the technician arrived at the ATM, the device was located and



This card skimming device was removed from the Bank of America ATM in Gridley. Photo courtesy of Gridley Police Department

GPD was notified.

Please be aware of these devices being used.

According to the GPD statement, the device was attached above the ATM keypad.

For more information regarding scams and skimmers: www.fbi.gov/.../common-scams-and-crimes/skimming ★

Local Holiday Events

Biggs Christmas Tree Lighting and Street Faire

When: Sunday, December 4th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Where: B Street, between 6th and 7th streets, Biggs, CA
 Open to the public
What: Marketplace, Ugly Sweater Contest, Tree Lighting Celebration

Gridley Tree Lighting and Winter Wonderland Festival and Parade of Lights

When: Wednesday, December 7th.
Where: Winter Wonderland Festival @ 5:00 – 9:00 pm Hazel St., Downtown Gridley
 Gridley Tree lighting @ 5:30 pm @ Orchard Hospital
 Parade of lights @ 6:00 pm Hazel St., Downtown Gridley
 Open to the public.

Christmas Stroll – Yuba/Sutter

When: Saturday, December 10th @ 2:00 - 8:00 pm
Where: Downtown Plumas St., Yuba City, CA
 Open to the public.
What: Afternoon of family fun and activities, shopping, entertainment, and Santa!

Merry Grinchmas Breakfast

When: Saturday, December 10th @ 8:00 – 11:00 am
Where: Gridley Community Center 200 E. Spruce St. Gridley, CA
What: Hot pancake breakfast, gingerbread house contest, silent auction, Santa Claus, and the Grumpy Grinch!
Tickets: \$5.00 per plate at the door. Children 2 and under- free.

Bloom Marketplace Holiday Market

When: December 11th, 12:00-4:00 pm
Where: The Barn @ Miriam Park 1830 Market Pl. Chico, CA
 Open to the public.
What: 30 local vendors, live food, music, and drink.

Live Oak Small Town Holiday Celebration

When: December 16th, 5:00 – 9:00 pm
Where: Community Building at 10200 "O" St., Live Oak, CA
 Open to the public.
What: Food, entertainment, family fun and Santa! Tree lighting at 6:15 pm.

Ovation Strings Classical String Quartet @ Sacred Heart

When: Friday, December 16th @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Where: Sacred Heart Catholic Church - 1560 Hazel St., Gridley, Calif.
Tickets: \$25 donation, children 6 and under - free.
What: Ovation Strings from Sacramento will delight the community in a 2-hour long concert to benefit the Gridley Farm Labor Camp. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served during intermission. Call 530-846-2140 for tickets. Limited seating available.

Sutter Buttes Family Orchestra Presents "A Classical Christmas" Featuring the Sutter Buttes Brass and Sutter Buttes Children's Choir

When: Friday, December 16th @ 7:00 pm.
Where: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints – 400 Spruce St., Gridley, CA
 Free to the public – Donations greatly appreciated!
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GHS Light Display

When: Sunday, December 18th – Tuesday, December 20th @ 5:30 – 8:30 pm.
Where: Butte County Fairgrounds, Gridley, CA
 Open to the public.
What: Free walk-thru light display, holiday music and a photo-op with Santa!

Winter Concert

Gridley High School and Sycamore Middle School Bands
When: Wednesday, December 21 @ 7:00 pm.
Where: Guardian Building – 300 E. Spruce St., Gridley CA
 Free to the public

Gridley Herald's Annual "Letters to Santa" Edition

When: Friday, December 23, 2022.
What: Read adorable letters to Santa from surrounding elementary school aged children in our special edition.

A Holiday Donation That Saves Lives

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Vitalant is ready for donors to ring in the holidays by giving the gift that saves lives. They will be at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 400 Spruce Street from 2-7 pm on Tuesday, December 6. The holidays are typically a time of decreasing supply, so donors are greatly appreciated.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are strongly encouraged. Please go to donors.vitalant.org and enter the code SMFR034. On the day of donation, please bring a photo ID, and eat well and drink plenty of water before donating. After a hiatus due to the pandemic, homemade refreshments will again be available. ★



Shawna Smith participates in a local Vitalant blood drive. The next drive is Tuesday, December 6 at The Church of Jesus Christ on Spruce Street from 2-7 pm. Photo courtesy of Cindy Scott

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- ◆ Whoville Selfie Station
- ◆ A visit from **Santa Claus!** (9-11am)
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Butte County Engages Volunteers in Climate Action During Community Event



During the event, more than 160 volunteers collectively put in 640 hours planting trees, watering plants, preparing compost, and visiting neighborhoods to share actions residents can take at home to reduce their carbon footprint. Courtesy photo

California Volunteers News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Tackling climate change head on today, California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday joined Butte County Supervisor Tami Ritter, California Climate Action Corps Fellows and volunteers for Community Climate Action Day Butte County, a county-wide day of climate action.

Event partners included Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE), City of Chico – Climate Action Commission, Butte County Supervisor Tami Ritter, 530 Food Rescue Coalition, Verizon, Chico State, Butte County Resource Conservation District, Butte County Fire Safe Council, Butte Environmental Council, Mechoopda Tribe of Chico Rancheria, Paradise Recreation and Park District and U.S. Forest Service.

“Volunteers, fellows, businesses, and local and state leaders joined together today to take action against our greatest existential threat – climate change. It is a testament to the power of service to unite us and create real, lasting change,” said California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday. “California will continue to organize, lead, and engage our communities in climate action because we need everyone involved.”

During the event, more than 160 volunteers collectively put in 640 hours planting trees, watering plants, preparing compost, and visiting neighborhoods to share actions residents can take at home to reduce their carbon footprint.

“The future of Butte County and our climate work depends upon the sustainability work that we do today,” said Butte County Supervisor Tami Ritter. “Working hand in hand with California Volunteers and local leaders including Butte Environmental Council, Butte County Resource Conservation District, Fire Safe Councils, and the South Chico Assistance Center, our community is well situated to implement sustainable practices to help protect our natural resources, mitigate and adapt to the changing climate, and to promote biodiversity, all with a shared purpose.”

Governor Gavin Newsom launched California Climate Action Corps as the nation’s first state-level climate service corps with the mission of empowering Californians to take meaningful action to protect their homes, health, and communities against the harshest impacts of climate change. The program is led by California Volunteers, Office the Governor.

The climate action day was held in conjunction with the Butte County Fire Safe

Council’s annual Adopt-A-Forest event focused on forest health and wildfire resilience.

“CORE believes that community building is key to engaging with local residents who have been impacted by the worst effects of climate change,” said Ann Lee, Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE) Chief Executive Officer. “Our goal is to take our experience in disaster relief and recovery and identify these at-risk areas. CORE works throughout the state with climate action leaders like the California Climate Action Corps, local governments like the City of Chico, and motivated citizens like those of Butte County to build solid partnerships through events like this for a more resilient and adaptive future for all Californians.”

“The growing threat of climate change is no stranger to Butte County and the City of Chico, our region has already begun to experience the impacts of climate change. It’s important now more than ever that we all do our part to create a resilient community and work together to focus our efforts on local urban greening, wildfire resiliency, and organic waste and edible food recovery efforts,” said Molly Marcussen, City of Chico Associate Planner (Long Range/Sustainability) . “The City of Chico’s Climate Action Commission is proud to partner with California Climate Action Corps to kickstart much-needed climate related community service projects and we look forward to seeing the impacts that this day of service will have across the Butte County area.”

In the upcoming year, four partner organizations will host 12 California Climate Action Corps Fellows to serve the community in Butte County.

“The California Climate Action Fellows at Chico State bring enthusiasm, ideas and energy to our campus and communities to advance urban greening, wildfire resilience, environmental education, and emergency preparedness,” said Emilyn Sheffield, Climate Corps Director for Chico State’s Call to Action. “We are proud of our fellows and excited to support the first Butte Community Climate Action Day.”

In Butte County, California Climate Action Corps Fellows, from November 2021 through August 2022: Completed 138 days of wildfire prevention activities. Engaged 758 volunteers for 1,528 hours of climate action. Engaged 4,921 people through climate-related outreach and education. Built three compost systems.

Learn more at ClimateActionCorps.ca.gov ★

Gridley Gladiators Start Season with Win

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Gladiators got their season started off with wins!

The non-profit Friends of Gridley Youth Wrestling, known as the Gridley Gladiators program, has been rebuilding after years of low numbers. Current Head Coach Joe Ruggirello took the reins of the program two years ago and now has a group of nearly 30 wrestlers, from grades K-8.

Over the weekend of November 26-27th, Gridley Gladiators traveled to Sacramento to compete in their first tournament of the season. Three wrestlers would represent the team at the Jr. Knights Folkstyle Wrestling Tournament with



Gridley Gladiators Morgan Ruggirello (left) and Ashley Watkins take home 2nd place at their first tournament of the season. Photo courtesy of Joe Ruggirello

two placing 2nd in their respective weight classes.

Coach Ruggirello is looking forward to more tournaments as the season

progresses and extended his congratulations to

his placing wrestlers, Morgan Ruggirello and Ashley Watkins. ★

Public Health Awarded Grant for Bicycle, Pedestrian Safety Education

BCPH News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte County Public Health (BCPH) has been awarded a one-year “Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program” grant for \$97,684 from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The grant will fund activities to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety in Butte County.

In Butte County, between 2015-2020, 757 bicycle and pedestrian crashes were reported, resulting in 65 deaths and 740 injuries. In 2018, Butte County was ranked 6th worst out of the 58 California counties for the number of bicyclists killed or injured in a crash of any age, and 9th worst for the number who were under 15 years old. Additionally, while California law mandates bicyclists under 18 to wear a helmet at all times, helmet use is low. For example, in a recent observation conducted near downtown Chico, only about 30% of youth and adult bicyclists wore a helmet.

Bicycling and walking for both recreation and necessity remain high throughout the county, yet Butte County ranks the 10th worst county in California for the number of pedestrian deaths and 19th worst for the number of pedestrians 65 years or older who are injured or killed.

This grant will fund activities promoting

bicycle and pedestrian, safety education and will be conducted in partnership with schools and local community groups. Outreach events will include classroom presentations, distribution of helmet and safety equipment, bicycle rodeos, and safety workshops and trainings. Education will also focus on increasing bike and pedestrian awareness of laws.

Grant funds will support a variety of safety activities including Participation in “Open Streets” events encouraging biking and walking. Bicycle Rodeos – or training courses that educate youth on safe riding behaviors.

Helmet fitting inspections and distribution of helmets to those in need of them. Community and school education presentations. Community bike rides that encourage and teach riders safe riding skills. Community engaged bicycle and/or walk audits. Pop-up events that promote the importance of visibility on roads with safety equipment such as reflective arm-bands/leg bands and bicycle headlights/taillights.

The grant program will run through September 2023.

To learn more about the BCPH Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program and to find events near you, visit the program website: www.buttecounty.net/ph/Programs/InjuryPrevention/PedestrianBikeSafety. ★

Jail Escapee Sentenced to 48 Years in State Prison

Butte County DA News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - An Oroville man who escaped from the Butte County Jail last August was sentenced on November 16 for that escape and multiple other underlying felony counts to a total of 48 years in state prison.

Miles Michael Kenneth Bondley, 34, was in Butte County Superior Court on November 16 following his earlier no-contest pleas on October 19, 2022, to one count of residential burglary, two counts of vandalism, four counts of domestic violence, two counts of disuading a witness, one count of criminal threat, a restraining order violation, and the escape. As part of the plea, Bondley had also admitted he suffered a prior “strike” conviction in 2016 for threatening his mother and striking and cutting his stepfather with a glass container.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Bondley was in jail before his escape on charges stemming from a May 20, 2021 report of Bondley

threatening to burn a former girlfriend’s trailer. When officers arrived at the trailer, Bondley was not present. However, officers found damage to the trailer and they could smell an odor of gasoline emitting from it.

Later that year in the early morning hours of October 21, 2021, officers were dispatched to another residence belonging to another former girlfriend of Bondley’s. This victim stated Bondley had entered her home in violation of an active restraining order protecting her from Bondley. At one point, Bondley drove a vehicle at this victim and a neighbor, who arrived to assist, stopping the vehicle just a few feet from where they stood. Bondley was located a couple of hours later and arrested. Officers learned from the last victim that on October 16, 2021, and on October 18, 2021, Bondley had previously battered and threatened to kill her.

On October 25, 2021, the district attorney filed charges against Bondley and bail was set in the amount of \$1,057,500. While Bondley remained in custody in the jail, investigators determined

Bondley attempted to discourage witnesses from cooperating with law enforcement on his pending cases. The district attorney added two counts of disuading a witness by force or threat.

On August 31, 2022, while in custody on his pending charges, Bondley escaped from the custody of the Butte County Jail. At approximately 5:20 p.m., Bondley was escorted to a secured yard for solitary “yard time.” At approximately 6:10 p.m., a correctional deputy discovered Bondley was no longer in the yard. The correctional deputy noted a bed sheet was tied to the handrailing and extended to the metal roof where there was visible damage allowing for an escape.

Bondley remained at large until his capture on September 7, 2022. On that date, Butte County patrol deputies spotted him staying at a transient encampment on Lower Wyandotte Road in Oroville.

As part of Bondley’s plea, he waived all his jail credits up to the time of sentencing which amounted to 385 days. ★

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Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

At this time of year it is hard to be still with all the work of cooking, shopping, and activities we need to do. The Season of Advent, Christmas, brings out the rush in all of us.

But the Lord told His people to “Be still and know I am God.” Waiting is even harder than being still. Children will wait for the man in the red suit that brings things they have wished for. Mother to be wait for the arrival of a baby so close to the holidays. I did and mine arrived two days after Christmas.

Workers wait for their holiday bonuses so bills can be paid before the end of the year. Students can hardly wait for the two weeks off from school. Teachers welcome the time to relax and catch up on rest.

It wasn't so different in biblical times at the Messiah's birth. A nation of people had been waiting over 700 years since Isaiah prophesied His birth. Prophets had pronounced the event. Priests had studied the Torah for hints of the Savior's arrival.

Then Gabriel visited a young girl on earth and started the end of the waiting. Mary, a teenager, was given the most

important job God had to give, to birth His Son! Mary waited nine months.

Close to that time, men of wisdom, who studied the stars and scrolls of ancient seers, began to make plans for a trip to end their waiting for a King.

As the night approached, shepherds went about their jobs of taking care of sheep on the hillsides of Judah. In the stillness of the night, these men heard angels voices telling the news they had waited years to hear. “Be still! Be Hold! Unto you a child is born!”

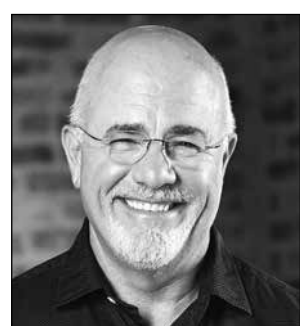
Now the waiting was over. God had kept His promise and sent a man to lead the way out of sin and start the steps to salvation. Shepherds bowed low. Wisemen presented gifts, and angels sang of the glory of God.

Now we know. Christ came, was born, lived and brought grace in stillness. Join in His worship with shouts of joy.

Come celebrate the Advent season with us at the Gridley United Methodist Church. We meet each Sunday at 10 am. We will also have a special Christmas Eve service. Our church is located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★



The United Methodist Church



A Church Car? You've Got to Be Kidding!

Dear Dave,

My mom took out a Parent PLUS loan in 2009 to help pay for my college education. I also took out \$70,000 in student loans myself. My mom never made a payment on the loan she took out for me, and now the amount due on the Parent PLUS loan has ballooned to \$100,000. She recently told me in her mind it was my loan in her name, and I should be the one to make the payments after I became financially stable. Thankfully I just got a new job making \$140,000 a year. With this I can finally make a dent in my own loans, but she asks me every week if I'm going to pay the Parent PLUS loan. My mom is a nurse practitioner, so she makes good money, but she recently financed two new luxury cars within 24 hours of each other—one for work and one for church. She also has loans out from borrowing on her 401(k) and credit

Dave Ramsey Says

card debt. Should I take over the Parent PLUS loan under my name?

—Tommy

Dear Tommy,

Wait, are you serious? Your mom has a church car? I've never heard of such a thing. But hey, I'm going to talk to my wife about this. I knew I needed another car, I just didn't know I needed a church car. Oh, my goodness!

Ok, here's the deal. If you had an agreement with your mom, or promised at any time to pay back the Parent PLUS Loan when you were able, you should cover it. But that's not what you told me. It sounds like your mom has a good heart and was just trying to help, but she did it in a dumb way. From what you told me, she's done a lot of dumb things with money.

Under no circumstances do you take the loan back under your name. In fact, I'm not certain you can even do that with a Parent PLUS Loan. You need to get your debt cleaned up first before trying to help her. If you choose to be a bigger help after that, you need to start things by having a serious conversation with your mom. She needs to hear that she's being absolutely silly with her money. Let her

know you're willing to help because the loan was for your benefit. But make sure she understands you won't pay it all, and you won't do it while she's making two luxury car payments—including one on a church car. That's ridiculous.

Offer to be her biggest cheerleader, and help her find a good financial coach—someone with the heart of a teacher. You might want to let her know you'll match whatever she pays toward the loan, so it'll feel like a team effort. But also make sure she understands if she pays nothing in any given month, you'll match that, too.

Good luck, Tommy!

—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, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions. ★

The Yin and Yang of California's Job Picture



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When California's monthly report on employment was issued last week — telling us what the situation was in October — Gov. Gavin Newsom quickly issued a celebratory statement.

“California has now fully recovered all jobs that were lost to the pandemic-induced recession, but we know this isn't the finish line,” Newsom said, making a plug for his economic programs to counter rising consumer costs and “to help create thousands of jobs and opportunities for Californians throughout the state.”

Newsom claimed that “California has recovered 101.1% of the 2,758,900 jobs lost during the recession — the state is now 30,800 jobs above the pre-pandemic level total of February 2020.”

Data from the state Employment Development Department (EDD) tell a slightly different story. In February 2020, according to EDD's bulletin for that month, 18,756,900 Californians were employed. The bulletin for October 2022 pegged employment at 18,502,900, or 254,000 fewer.

Numbers aside, California's employment picture has definitely improved from what it was

two-plus years ago, when the state's jobless rate had soared from less than 4% of the labor force to more than 16%. Newsom had ordered widespread shutdowns of business to counter the spread of COVID-19, throwing nearly 3 million Californians out of work.

The financial pain to millions of California families was made immeasurably worse when EDD experienced a bureaucratic meltdown that prevented many jobless workers from collecting unemployment insurance payments, sometimes for months. Moreover, under pressure to clear the backlog, EDD workers then swung too far the other way, authorizing tens of billions of dollars in payments to fraudulent applicants.

Although the October report tells us that almost as many Californians were employed as prior to the COVID-19 recession, the state's overall job picture is more complex than those simple numbers.

For one thing, the reports for February 2020 and October 2022 reveal that the state's labor force — the total of Californians either employed or looking for work — has shrunk by nearly a quarter-million persons. The numbers continue a long-term decline in what's called “labor force participation” — the percentage of working-age adults who have jobs or want to work. They also imply that as the state's overall population ages, the pool of potential workers is also shrinking.

Whatever the underlying causes, the labor force decline is one reason why California's employers are having such great difficulty

finding enough workers and why they are raising wages — to as much as \$18 an hour for fast food workers, for example — to attract more applicants.

“For the past full year and for first time in decades, California has more job openings than job seekers,” a new report from the Public Policy Institute of California notes. “While this is good news for people looking for work, it also limits businesses' workforce plans and growth — and wage increases have put upward pressure on prices.”

In response, the PPIC report says, some employers are implementing more labor-saving technology, such as ordering kiosks in fast food outlets and GPS-guided machinery in agriculture.

The labor shortage may be having other impacts. The sharp drop in community college enrollment could, for instance, reflect would-be students' opting for higher wages in service industries over education.

We may look back on October 2020 as a high point for employment in California because, economists tell us, a recession may be on the horizon. Some employers, especially those in the high-tech industry, are already laying off thousands of workers in anticipation of a downturn.

California has a history of experiencing a recession of some kind about once a decade and we may be due for another.

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

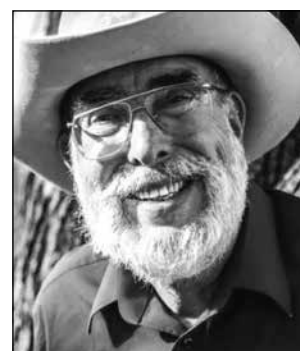
This period of fall feels like an in-between time. Thanksgiving hustle and bustle is over. The day temperatures are a bit warmer. The Winter Solstice is hovering on the horizon. We had a freeze and it seems like it should be frosty again. Christmas is beginning the downhill stretch, lights are up and shining brightly in the

dark of the night. Gardeners are thinking about Spring and possibly cleaning their tools. Here we have vegetable gardens year around, so some are tending cool weather veges. Soon Kule family crops and lettuce will be picked. Our onions, garlic and scallions are in. The fruit trees have shed their leaves. Soon pruning will begin. The citrus fruits are sweetening up and starting to be picked. I feed the birds more at this time of year. The neighbor cat hides in the plants waiting for them. He gets chased out of the yard every morning and some afternoons. The visiting rabbits have gone to where ever they go when not chewing on the vegetables. Mosquitoes have had a late hatch, unbelievable.

The mosquitoes showing

up made me wonder how that could happen in cold weather. Turns out they function best at 80 degrees. They are dependent as cold-blooded insects on their surrounding temperatures. Supposedly they are lethargic at 60 degrees. Someone needs to inform them of this. It turns out that “some” adult mosquitoes in temperate climates become inactive at the onset of cooler weather. I'm wondering if we have mutant cool weather mosquitoes in this area. Another concern I have is if mutant snails are showing up. They have hardly been noticed for most of the summer and fall and all of a sudden after a 36 degree night I'm seeing slime trails on the patio. Have they simply changed their ways? I'll keep you informed. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Every now and then, thought Doc, that opportunity comes back to haunt me. Like it is right now on this crisp morning walk. It came early in his medical life, an invitation to join with a famous big hospital Back East. He'd make more money, he knew, and there was the seductive challenge of being on the cutting edge of what the world of medicine had to offer to the world of people.

He stopped for a minute and looked up through the stark tangle

There's more than one way to have a family

of bare limbs on a cottonwood tree. The filigree patterns of early winter never grew old to Doc. Sometimes they reminded him of capillaries or the branching out of small spring creeks heading for a trout river. And sometimes, they were just pretty to look at and deserved a pause in Doc's morning walk.

He and his wife, known to everyone as Mrs. Doc, had come here to the valley many years ago. Each had become a local institution the way these things go in a small, rural area. They both regretted not having any children of their own, but the devotion each felt for the other tended to at least partially fill that

emotional cavity.

Jeffrey Martin came trotting along the sidewalk on his way to school. Had his book backpack and lunch too.

“Mornin' Doc!” he said.

“Hey Jeff. How's school?”

“Just fine. Gotta run. I'm late.”

Doc smiled after him. Third grade this year? Close to that anyway. Jeffrey had been a difficult birth. So had Jeffrey's mother. And Doc had been there for both of them. There's more than one way to have a family, Doc thought, smiling.

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California Trucking Company to Pay \$71K for Spills into Lake County Waterways

EPA News Release

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced a settlement with the owner and operator of Steve Wills Trucking and Logging LLC to resolve claims of violations of the Clean Water Act. Tanker trucks transporting milk from the Steve Wills facility near Fortuna, California, were involved in three separate driving incidents, all of which resulted in discharges of raw milk into waterways. One of

the three incidents resulted in the death of a driver. "Improper transport of goods can negatively impact waterways and compromise the safety of workers," said EPA Pacific Southwest Regional Administrator Martha Guzman. "When companies fail to manage substances that have the potential to impact waterways the local community, environment, and worker safety is put in danger." On January 19, 2020, a tanker truck carrying raw milk on Highway 20 near Glenhaven, CA

overturned down an embankment and released raw milk into Clear Lake. On April 12, 2020, a second incident took place when a truck on Highway 20 near Clearlake Oaks, CA overturned down an embankment and released raw milk into Clear Lake. Finally, on December 11, 2021, a truck on Highway 20 east of Lance Road in Lake County overturned down an embankment into Grizzly Creek, a tributary of Cache Creek. Drivers were cited for the January 19 and April 12, 2020,

incidents. The third incident is still pending the results of an ongoing investigation. Steve Wills Trucking and Logging agreed to a penalty in the amount of \$71,967 to resolve claims that the company discharged to Waters of the United States without a permit, which is a violation of the Clean Water Act. U.S. law requires the safe management of materials to protect public health, the environment, and limit the need for costly and extensive cleanups. It is unlawful

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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: Nov 11, 18, 25, Dec 2, 2022)
SIGN 12-2-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001061
The following person(s) are doing business as: HAPPILY CLEAN, 1200 Nord Avenue, Apt. 259, Chico, CA 95926
Zayda J. Benites-Quintero, 1200 Nord Avenue, Apt. 259, Chico, CA 95926
Date Filed in Butte County: November 4, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 18, 25, Dec 2 & 9, 2022)
HAPPILY 12-9-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001057
The following person(s) are doing business as: 6F RANCH, 1478 Colusa Hwy, Gridley, CA 95948
La Shel Sample, 1478 Colusa Hwy, Gridley, CA 95948
Date Filed in Butte County: November 3, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 18, 25, Dec 2 & 9, 2022)
6F 12-9-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001080
The following person(s) are doing business as: KINFOLK FLOWERS, 472 E 2nd Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Ashley Loraine Manning, 472 E 2nd Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Date Filed in Butte County: November 10, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,

Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 18, 25, Dec 2 & 9, 2022)
KINFOLK 12-9-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001071
The following person(s) are doing business as: LOS CORAS, 1565 Highway 99, Gridley, CA 95948
Claudia Bernes and Carlos Moreno, 915 Hutchins Drive, Gridley, CA 95948
Date Filed in Butte County: November 8, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 25, Dec 2, 9 & 16, 2022)
LOS 12-16-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0001028
The following person(s) are doing business as: RAMBLE WEST BREWING, 849 West 8th Street, Chico, CA 95928
Chico Creek Brewing, LLC, 815 Alice Lane, Chico, CA 95926
Date Filed in Butte County: October 20, 2022. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2022)
RAMBLE 12-23-22

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #22CV02042

Petitioner Jaarely Irais Ocaranza Rojano filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jaarely Irais Ocaranza Rojano to Jaarely Irais Villavicencio Rojano.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on October 24, 2022
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 11, 18, 25, Dec 2, 2022
ROJANO 12-2-22

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #22CV02044

Petitioner Angel Jaael Ocaranza Rojano filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Angel Jaael Ocaranza Rojano to Angel Jaael Villavicencio Rojano.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written

objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on October 24, 2022
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 11, 18, 25, Dec 2, 2022
ANGEL 12-2-22

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #22CV02141

Petitioner Shannon Eugene Bradley filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Shannon Eugene Bradley to Shannon Eugene Chapman.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 28, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on October 24, 2022
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 18, 25, Dec 2 & 9, 2022
SHANNON 12-9-22

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #22CV02139

Petitioner Desiree Sue Hawkins filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Desiree Sue Hawkins to Desiree Sue Buckley.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 28, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on October 24, 2022
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 25, Dec 2, 9 & 16, 2022
DESIREE 12-16-22

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #22CV02692

Petitioner Makinzie Marie Armstrong filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Makinzie Marie Armstrong to Makinzie Marie Miller.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 28, 2022, 1:30 p.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on November 18, 2022
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2022
MAKINZIE 12-23-22

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #22CV02389

Petitioner Julia Claire Golden filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Julia Claire Golden to Claire Golden Wall.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing January 4, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on October 17, 2022
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Dec 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2022
JULIA 12-23-22

TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 22-0119
Loan No.: *****034 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/03/2009 AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW. 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 payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States (payable to Attorney Lender Services, Inc.) will be held by the duly appointed Trustee as shown below, of 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 below. 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. Trustor: JASON PATANE AND LAUREL PATANE, HUSBAND AND WIFE Trustee: ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Recorded 09/15/2009 as Instrument No. 2009-0034110 in book --, at Page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, Date of Sale: 12/12/2022 at 03:30PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse at 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$265,040.15 estimated - as of date of first publication of this Notice of Sale The purported property address is: 131 CHATFIELD AVENUE BIGGS, CA 95917 A.P.N.: 022-190-012-000 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county wherein the real property is located and more than three (3) months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale. 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. 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 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. If the sale occurs after 1/1/2021, the sale may not be final until either 15 or 45 days after the sale date - see Notice to Tenant. Further, no TDUS can be issued until the sale is final. Your bid is subject to being over bid by the Tenant or "eligible bidder" after the sale and if your bid is over bid, your only remedy is to the refund of your actual bid amount without interest or payment of any other costs, expenses or funds of any kind or nature incurred by the initial successor bidder. 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 (916) 939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, 22-0119. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-0119 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 10/28/2022 ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Karen Talafus, Assistant Secretary 5120 E. La Palma Avenue, #209 Anaheim, CA 92807 Phone: 714-695-6637 This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0417671 TO: GRIDLEY HERALD 11/18/2022, 11/25/2022, 12/02/2022 NPP_671 12-2-22

REQUEST FOR SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS

FOR LEASE-LEASEBACK PROJECT

Landmark is requesting SUBCONTRACT BIDS for the Live Oak USD Luther Elementary School New Modular Classroom Wing and Live Oak High School Alternative Education Modular Buildings LLB project. The project consists of sitework, utilities, paving, and all other work associated with the install of modular buildings (by others) at Luther ES and Live Oak HS. Refer to the bid documents for the complete scope. Landmark encourages the participation of local and DVBE businesses. Landmark is willing to break down work items into economically feasible units to facilitate DVBE participation. Interested subcontractors must submit bids on or before December 20, 2022 at 2PM, to Landmark via frontdesk@landmarkconst.net. Questions must be directed to frontdesk@landmarkconst.net. A complete set of bid documents and requirements are available at: <https://landmarkconst.net/plan-room/>. This project requires the use of a skilled and trained workforce per Education Code Section 17407.5 as defined by Public Contract Code section 2601, by subcontractors at every tier, to perform work which falls within an apprenticeable occupation. Labor Code Section 1725.5 requires All contractors and subcontractors submitting bids on public works projects to be registered with Department of Industrial Relations.

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2022 Lady Bulldog Holiday Classic

December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - Gridley, CA



Quincy



Oroville



Central Valley



Gridley



Carson



Franklin



Lower Lake

THURSDAY - December 1st

4:00 - Gridley vs Lower Lake
 5:30 - Oroville vs Central Valley
 7:00 - Carson vs Franklin
 8:30 - Gridley vs Quincy

FRIDAY - December 2nd

4:00 - Oroville vs Carson
 5:30 - Gridley vs Franklin
 7:00 - Lower Lake vs Quincy

SATURDAY - December 3rd

1:00 - Gridley vs Central Valley
 2:30 - Franklin vs Lower Lake
 4:00 - Central Valley vs Carson
 5:30 - Quincy vs Oroville

Lady Bulldogs Look to Get Back on Track

By Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - As the winter weather starts to take effect in Butte County, it's time for Gridley sports to hit the hardwood.

The Gridley girls varsity basketball team is ready to start the season and improve drastically from its 7-21 overall record last season. Becca McCray has been a staple with the Lady Bulldogs basketball program for years.

She is in the 10th season of her second stint as Gridley head coach and told The Herald her team is ready to break out this season. McCray added that the Lady Bulldogs are going to be a talented team heavy with guards and a ton of speed on the court.

Ella Sannar is the team captain for Gridley this season. The three-year varsity veteran is a versatile player that can play all five positions, according to McCray.

"Ella has put in the work, she has everything you're looking for in a team leader," McCray explained.

Sannar led the Lady Bulldogs in points (12.1) and rebounds (6.4) last season. Key returners for Gridley include sophomore forward Brooke Marr and junior guard AnaGloria Luevano.

McCray exclaimed to The Herald that Marr and Luevano have both put in hard work over the off-season to be ready for this season. The positive outlook for the Lady Bulldogs is the six senior players on the roster.

McCray told The Herald that senior

forwards Kennison Cota and Emily Luna, who recently joined the team following volleyball season, are going to be key contributors in the Gridley starting lineup.

McCray said that last season was a rebuilding year, and she is looking forward to this season as everything is coming together better than last season. Key games that McCray said she looked towards this season are the two Butte View League games against Orland on January 20 and February 7.

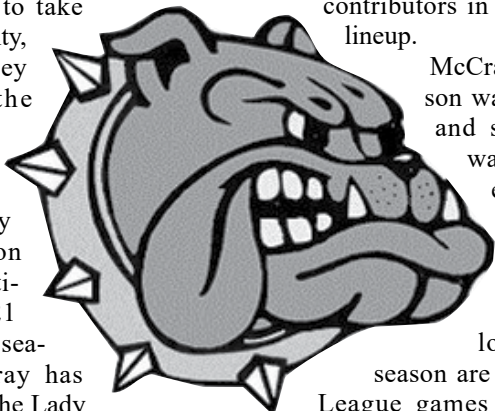
"They were the league champs last year and Gridley and Orland girls basketball has always had a rivalry against each other," McCray explained.

McCray told The Herald that the Lady Bulldogs are going to be a talented group of aggressive ball players. Gridley will play in three local tournaments in the area when they play at the Oroville tournament from December 7-10, Sutter tournament from December 15-17 and Las Plumas tournament from January 5-7.

To catch Gridley in action at home this week, they host the Lady Bulldogs Holiday Classic on Thursday, December 1 through Saturday, December 3. Other teams in the tournament include Franklin of Stockton, Lower Lake, Quincy, Central Valley, Carson and Oroville.

Gridley plays Lower Lake on Thursday, early evening at 4:30 p.m. A few hours later they will play Quincy at 8:30 p.m.

On Friday night at 5:30 p.m., the Lady Bulldogs will play Franklin and end their tournament by playing Central Valley on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. ★



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TRUSTEE SALE

TS No: CA07000974-22-1
 APN: 104-322-001-000 TO No: 220447607-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 26, 2020. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM, At the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on January 4, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021-0000006, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by STEVEN J CHRISTIE, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for PREMIUM SECURITY INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3826 MARY ANN LANE, LAKE ALMANOR, CA 96137 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated 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 obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of

this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$186,603.14 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether

your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000974-22-1. 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 FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07000974-22-1 to find the date when the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: November 14, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000974-22-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 By: Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0418252 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 12/02/2022, 12/09/2022, 12/16/2022 NPP_252 12-16-22

GERS Announces Christmas Basket Distribution

GERS News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Each Christmas season Gridley Emergency Relief Services (G.E.R.S.) working with participating churches in the Gridley/Biggs area put together Christmas Baskets for lower income families. This year they will again be distributed from the First Baptist Church at 100 Vermont Street in Gridley on December 10th from 9 to 11a.m. There is no need to sign up ahead of time. It is on a 1st come 1st serve basis. **Please bring proof of residence** such as a valid CA ID/ Driver's License or a utility bill with your name and address. Only one basket per household/address.

This year we will be distributing the Christmas Baskets in a drive-through format. All those arriving in their car are asked to stay in your car and follow the guidance of volunteers who are there to help. For those who are without transportation we will be providing a walk-up opportunity. Please look for the sign that will guide you.

How can you help? As an all-volunteer Christian organization, we treasure the help we receive. There are three ways you

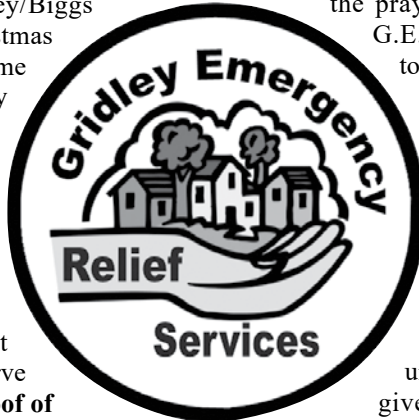
can help G.E.R.S.

PRAY. Taking time to pray for the volunteers and those we strive to serve is the greatest thing you can do. It may sound insignificant, but it isn't. Without the prayers of our supporters, G.E.R.S. would be unable to meet the needs of those who seek us out.

VOLUNTEER. It takes a lot of manpower to put together and distribute the food baskets to those in need during the Christmas Season. If you would like to volunteer your time, please give Ed Lucas at Gridley Christian Church (846-4002) or email at GCC-Pastor@sbcglobal.net

GIVE. In order to meet the growing need for assistance, financial help is required. You can help meet this need in a couple of ways. Talk to your pastor about sponsoring a fundraiser for G.E.R.S. Send a one-time gift to G.E.R.S. or Commit to supporting G.E.R.S. on a regular (monthly, quarterly, or yearly) basis. (G.E.R.S. PO Box 931, Gridley, CA 95948)

On behalf of G.E.R.S. and the local church, we thank you, and may God Bless you and your loved ones. MERRY CHRISTMAS! ★



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 429

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS, REZONE 2022-01, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 022-016-091 & 001-110-007.

First read by title only at its Regular City Council Meeting held on November 8, 2022. This ordinance will amend the Zoning Map, incorporated as part of Title 14 of the City of Biggs Municipal Code, to provide for changes to the regulation of land uses.

The City Council will consider the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 429 at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 13, 2022, Biggs City Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street in Biggs at 5 p.m. The complete text of the proposed ordinance is available at city hall, 465 C Street, Biggs. Citizens with concerns or questions are invited to attend the meeting or contact city council members or city staff in advance; contact information is available at the city website (www.biggs-ca.gov) and at city hall.

Roben Benish, City Clerk

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The Leaves are Aglow Good Sycamore – Samaritans!



Deciduous trees begin to release their leaves when cool temperatures trigger a hormone that sends the leaf a chemical message.

Story and photo by Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The streets of Gridley are glowing with autumn color. Winter is on its way. Deciduous trees are dropping their leaves. What makes the colors of autumn leaves vary in depth of color from year to year?

During the long days of summer sunlight, trees cast shade created by leaves that use sunlight to convert water and carbon dioxide into sugar. This is the process of photosynthesis, which feeds the tree and its leaves. Chlorophyll, responsible for the green

color we see in leaves. It is an important pigment that absorbs light energy used in photosynthesis. As days grow shorter and temperatures begin to cool, trees respond by producing less chlorophyll, and photosynthesis slows and eventually comes to a stop. When that happens, yellow, orange and brown pigments in the leaves (called carotenoids) begin to show through. Carotenoid is always present under the chlorophyll and does not change in response to weather. Some trees produce pigments called anthocyanins in their leaves. Creating red leaves. Scientists offer several

reasons for why some trees produce the anthocyanin that leads to bright reds. When a series of warm autumn days and cool non-freezing nights occurs, it's a good year for red fall foliage. Primarily, anthocyanins protect leaves from excess sunlight and enable trees to recover remaining nutrients. This helps trees prepare for the next growing season.

Deciduous trees begin to release their leaves when cool temperatures trigger a hormone that sends a chemical message to the leaves to "let go." Located where the leaf stem meets the branch is a thin bumpy line of microscopic cells called Abscission cells. These cells "cut" the leaf away from the stem when they receive that message. When the air moves them, these dangling leaves fall away. If the abscission cells do not develop, wind will not blow the leaves off. This is why some trees keep their brightly-colored fall foliage long after other trees drop their leaves.

A severe drought can delay the arrival of fall color by a few weeks. A dry fall with plenty of warm sunny days and cool nights like has happened recently contributes to vibrant late fall foliage. ★



Sycamore School ASB and school staff helped collect thousands of non-perishable items for those in need during the month of November! Photo provided by Michelle Solis

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Sycamore School has really stepped up to help local food closets with non-perishable items this winter.

Earlier this month, Sycamore Middle Schools' staff and students collected 2,326 non-perishable food items to donate to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish and the St. Vincent De Paul's food closet. Sycamore's ASB students even helped deliver and sort the items for the closet.

Now they are turning to a different type of collection.

The 23rd Annual Sycamore School Coat & Blanket Drive is currently underway. Please consider donating new or lightly used items in good



Students donned their ASB shirts and got to work, helping the Sacred Heart Parish and St. Vincent De Paul's food closet sort items they had collected. Photo provided by Michelle Solis

condition to one of the following collection sites: Sycamore Middle School, Gridley High School, and Esperanza High School. The deadline for your donations is December 7, 2022.

Coats and blankets collected will be donated to the Sacred Heart Parish

Hall and the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, which helps the needy with food, clothing, and financial assistance.

To learn more or to donate directly to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, please call (530) 588-9777. ★

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