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‘Biggest Fan’ for Life

Gridley Little Leaguer Meets Favorite MLB Player



Athletics outfielder Cristian Pache signs 10-year-old Gridley native Jaden Solis’ jersey before defeating the Texas Rangers 2-0 on Sunday, April 24 at RingCentral Coliseum in Oakland. Photo courtesy of the Oakland Athletics

By Shaun Holkko

OAKLAND, CA (MPG) - It all started with just a tweet.

One day before attending an Oakland Athletics game on Sunday, April 24 for “Little League Day,” 10-year-old Jaden Solis of Gridley decided to tweet at one of his favorite big leaguers, Cristian Pache. On Saturday morning, Solis sent his tweet off into the universe, just hoping to get a response to his video.

“Good luck today @cristian-pache25 how many hits do I need to get today to meet you tomorrow???” Solis (@jaden_solis9) asked with two hearts and two prayer hands emojis accompanying his video message.

Later that day after a 2-0 loss to the Texas Rangers, Pache responded. The A’s outfielder greeted the Gridley fourth grader, whose Twitter bio says he has never missed a day of school, and asked if he lives in California to which Solis replied, “Yes sir. In

Gridley California... You are one of my favorite baseball players and I can’t wait to cheer you on!” Pache let Solis know he would do his best to meet him the following day.

Solis told the Gridley Herald in a recent phone interview that out of all the players in Major League Baseball (MLB), he wanted to meet Pache. It may seem random, but it’s for a valid reason. Pache has been Solis’ favorite center fielder ever since the 23-year-old

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‘Saluting Our Armed Forces’ is the Red Suspenders Day Theme

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Everyone loves a good parade! That’s why the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce and Red Suspenders Day Committee are urging anyone interested in participating in this year’s Red Suspenders Day to be part of the parade and help pay tribute to both our Firefighters and those that are serving or have served in our United States Armed Forces.

This year’s Red Suspenders Day theme is “Saluting Our Armed Forces.” The Red Suspenders Day Committee is actively seeking parade entries, from single entries, group entries, performing entries, bands, floats and more that would like to help them celebrate our local and national heroes!

The deadline to get your parade entry into the Chamber has been extended from May 8 until May 10, at 2:00 pm. Single entries are just \$10, Group entries \$20, and political/commercial/advertising/misc. entries are \$25—all for a shot at a first-place prize of \$200! Second place parade winners take home a prize of \$100, with third place getting \$50.

To enter, please pick up a parade entry form at the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce. All entry forms, for parade and vendors, are located outside the Chamber office for convenience at 890 Hazel St., Gridley, CA. ★

Cutting the Ribbon



Members of the Live Oak City Council, their families, local government officials, community members and dignitaries from Caltrans, gather at the Live Oak Streetscape Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the completion of the project. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Under the shade of the great oak tree that is the town’s namesake, dignitaries from the state, the City of Live Oak, Caltrans and those behind the work gathered to celebrate the completion of the Live Oak Streetscape Project.

Master of Ceremonies and Caltrans Project Manager, Johnny Tan, welcomed all in attendance at the celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony saying, “It’s been my pleasure to be part of this complete street construction project to see the

amazing transformation of the downtown corridor.”

Tan then introduced Caltrans District 3, North Region Director Amarjeet Benipal. Benipal, who has over 30 years’ experience working with Caltrans, started off with what a wonderful day it was to be celebrating the accomplishments of those from the federal government, state government, local government, and community. “To be having this momentous occasion, to actually celebrate the investment we are making in our community - The investment which

is bringing pride and joy for us and for future generations” should fill the community with pride.

He would go on to add, “This investment of \$36 million in our community is going to go a long way to actually set the stage for not only bringing the jobs, but also trying to actually bring more businesses, and give people the opportunity to slow down, stop, and actually look at the history of this town.”

Other speakers included Sutter County Supervisor Nick Micheli, Live Oak’s Mayor, Nancy Santana, and Vice Mayor, Bob Woten.

Santana would say, “This day, surrounded by residents, elected leaders, and partners from the business and civic communities, I have the honor of celebrating with you all, the highway project done by Caltrans.” Woten would add, “I just see great opportunities for our city,” he continued, “this opens a new gateway to the future, for new businesses, and it gives us a new perspective on things.”

Those involved in the project would gather to cut the celebratory Caltrans blue ribbon, standing in front of the completed highway through Live Oak. ★



The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

In this reprint of the from the May,1986 Pi-Line Mr. Burselson went after the local postmaster because a subscriber to the Gridley Herald was not getting his paper fast enough through the U.S. Postal Service: We know of one standard size lot on Spruce Street priced at \$25,000. However, recent sales may tell a different story. We will keep in touch with the would-be sellers; they may want to put in a classified ad. Did you notice the announcement that the Oroville FmHA office has another new Supervisor? It's announced that Roger Brossman had taken the job after Elmer Wendell left.

Betty Dessez was upset when she called to find out who was responsible for the digging in the 833 canal next door to her house. It seems her swimming pool was covered with a slimy, oily, yellow

foreign substance, and she suspected the ditch diggers. A call to city hall got prompt action. The last we heard, the contractor had been notified. It appeared it might be an algae spread from the stagnant water and sand from the bottom of the 833 drain ditch.

Daisy Marley Webb renewed her subscription in Los Gatos this week. She included a note, "I enjoy keeping up with activities in Gridley, especially those in which my former students are involved. 'I read with great interest and pride of Ron Sanford's accomplishments, and the honors bestowed on him. Ron was an excellent student in my fifth-grade class early in my teaching career in Gridley. I am not at all surprised to learn of his many accomplishments.'

Ray Brusasco wrote that he was having trouble getting his copies of The Herald in Rhode Island, and we showed his letter to Postmaster Dick Waterbury. That was a month ago, and the official U.S. Postal Service mail has been pouring in. We are pleasantly surprised at the efforts to solve the problem...not the results, but the effort. What must have gotten their attention was Ray's

note about how the postal rates had gone up, the subscription rates had gone up, and the service hadn't gotten any better.

Manager A. Della Porta of G.M.F. Operations in Providence, R.I. writes in the most recent letter, which was mailed on the 22nd and arrived here on the 27th, she hopes

that this problem could be resolved at the local level. This has not happened. Mr. Brusasco's subscription has been consistently late; certainly not up to postal standards.

"We have enlisted the aid of our local postmaster, in the hope that that office can shed some light on this matter...Well, Postmaster Waterbury, that gets us back to square one. As Della says in her last paragraph, "I believe that your organization (The Herald) would prefer to solve this problem just as much as we would. If we can help each other, then this customer will be satisfied, and the chance of any cancellation will be avoided." To which we want to respond as strongly as we can, Huh? - Dear Ray, we hope you get the issue, and are as confident as we are that this problem will be solved.

Josh F.W. Cook is a public administrator and lifetime fan of Bill Burselson. ★

Plant Sale and Flea Market



The annual Camptonville Plant Sale & Flea Market is free to attend and features plant starts for sale. Photo courtesy of Camptown Community Center

Camptonville Community Center Press Release

CAMPTONVILLE, CA (MPG)

- Got plants, used items, art or crafts for sale? You can be part of the 2022 Camptonville Plant Sale & Flea Market, taking place Saturday, May 14, 9:30-1:30 pm at the Lost Nugget Market Field on Highway 49!

The \$20 fee for each 12x12 space benefits the Center (no charge for non-profits distributing

information); payment will be collected at the sale.

All applicable county guidelines for COVID safety will be observed at the event. Rain may cancel or postpone. Please don't block the pumps at the Lost Nugget and park thoughtfully. Updates will be posted at the Nugget, at the post office, and online at facebook.com/camptonvillecc.

If you'd like to sell something, or distribute information for a non-profit at no charge, use this link for vendor information bit.

ly/cv-vendorinfo, or call 530-288-5016 and leave your name, phone and mailing address. This outdoor event is free to attend.

The venue for the event is located at 16448 Highway 49; look for the Lost Nugget Market. The Camptonville Community Center Advocates is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to building community in the Camptonville area and can be reached at cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com, or at 530-288-5016. ★

Free Breakfast at Gridley United Methodist Church

The Gridley United Methodist Church is restarting our free continental breakfast. We will be starting this on May 14th. This will be every second Saturday, at 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 am.

The Gridley United Methodist Church
located at 285 Magnolia Street

We will be serving fruit, pastry, coffee, and juice. Bring family and friends to enjoy food and conversation. It can be a chance to visit with friends and neighbors in a warm family atmosphere. All are welcome to join us for breakfast. Masks may be worn if you like, but are not mandatory.



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Gridley Little Leaguer Meets Favorite MLB Player

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played for the Atlanta Braves, which is Jaden's dad Javier Solis' favorite team.

"Cristian Pache came (to Oakland) from the Atlanta Braves through that Matt Olson trade," Javier said. "I'm a huge Braves fan so Jaden has slowly become a Braves fan as well. So, (when) playing MLB The Show, he enjoys being Cristian Pache. When I had told Jaden that he was on the A's, he was like, 'Oh shoot dad, I really want to meet Cristian Pache.' And I said, 'Well, we know we're going to Little League Day on Sunday, let's reach out to him on Saturday before your baseball game.'"

Pache grew up nearly 3,400 miles from Jaden in Santo Domingo Centro, Dominican Republic, yet knows the feeling of idolizing a big leaguer all too well.

"A lot of people on Twitter sent me the video of Jaden. I felt a connection with Jaden," Pache told the Herald via an interpreter. "When you notice a kid wants to meet his idol or the person they admire, you want to meet them."

Growing up in the DR, Pache played third base and looked up to players like Alex Rodriguez and Andruw Jones. Eerily like Jaden, Pache admired Jones because he was his dad's favorite player. Pache later met Jones when he was a part of the Braves organization and informed the Herald that he remains in touch with the 10-time Gold Glove winner to this day. The young center fielder is already building his resume, joining his idols with a Gold Glove Award, except his was for his defensive ability in Minor League Baseball (MiLB) last season.



Athletics outfielder Cristian Pache poses for a photo with Gridley natives Jaden, 10, (center) and Maddux Solis, 5, before defeating the Texas Rangers 2-0 on Sunday, April 24 at RingCentral Coliseum in Oakland. Photo courtesy of the Solis family

On Sunday, Jaden joined his fellow Little Leaguers on the field before the game. But after his fellow ball players left the diamond, Jaden and the Solis family experienced what would become an irreplaceable memory. Pache emerged from the locker room tunnel to an elated Jaden, his 8-year-old cousin Jay Solis and his 5-year-old brother Maddux Solis, who was named after Braves' Hall of Fame pitcher Greg Maddux.

"I was happy to meet everyone. Seeing Jaden's reaction, I had no idea what he was going to say. He had the happiest look on his face," Pache said Wednesday, April 27, before the A's took on the Giants in San Francisco.

Pache signed Jaden's jersey and gave him A's gear and an autographed bat but was not expecting what came next. In the spirit of giving, Jaden gifted Pache one of HIS autographed Gridley Little League baseball cards.

"I felt like since he was gonna give me something,

I felt like I'd give him something back that belongs to me," Jaden said.

Suddenly Pache found himself lost for words following Jaden's kind gesture.

"When I was his age, I didn't have my own card!" Pache explained. "I have his card in my locker. I have it stored away."

Jaden told the Herald that he currently plays catcher, pitcher and shortstop with a desire to suit up in MLB one day. Solis also wants to start playing center field like Pache. At 10-years-old, Jaden is already competing in the majors as one of six players his age going against 12-year-olds according to his dad.

Meeting one of his favorite baseball players would've been more than enough for Jaden, but that was not all. After the A's defeated the Rangers 2-0 on Sunday, Jaden returned to Twitter where he was bewildered even further.

The fourth grade Solis changed his profile picture to the one his family took

of him, Pache and Maddux. What baffled the Solis family and several members of MLB Twitter was that Pache decided to set the same photo as his profile picture. Pache quoted Jaden's original tweet about the picture with, "We have the same profile pic!" sent out to his over 37,000 followers. Jaden described the moment as "wonderful."

"If you look at the tweet picture, the card that Cristian's holding in his hand is actually an autograph from Jaden to Cristian," Javier said.

Several verified accounts began following the story and interacting with the Solis family on Twitter including television host Montel Williams and former New York Yankees pitcher Phil Hughes. In the days after the game, Jaden went on his first podcast, received Pache cards from generous strangers and was featured in national outlets like Yahoo and The Athletic.

"As a dad, you do your best to give your children the best opportunity you can," Javier said. "The Twitter platform for what I use it as has been a very good experience with the people I've interacted with."

Javier told the Herald that after Jaden's initial video was posted, he shared it with one of his group chats and asked his fellow members to retweet the video. By the time Pache replied, the engagement had soared to over 50 retweets.

"(My favorite part) was being with my entire family," Javier said. "I know that when we had talked, it was just supposed to be Jaden there. But Cristian was such a good guy that

he signed an autograph for my little son Maddux and our nephew Jay.


"He could've just said, 'Hey, I'm only here for Jaden,' but he opened it up to the entire family and said, 'Hey, I'm here for you guys. Let's take a picture, let me sign some autographs.' So, I think that was probably the biggest thing that I took away from that was just how genuinely nice he was and how much he loves the game."

As for the game itself, Jaden said he nearly caught a foul ball and enjoyed seeing A's outfielder Stephen Piscotty launch a two-run homer to left field, which ultimately was the difference in the game.


"Not only (was it) an amazing baseball experience but I think Jaden is now forever going to be Cristian Pache's biggest fan for the rest of his life," Javier said. ★




Athletics outfielder Cristian Pache chose to use the photo he took with the Solis boys of Gridley, Jaden (10) and Maddux (5), as his new Twitter profile picture after defeating the Texas Rangers 2-0 on Sunday, April 24 at RingCentral Coliseum in Oakland. Screenshot from Cristian Pache's Twitter account




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FOCUS Gone, but Vision Lives On!



Grove Dahl prepares to deliver succulent May Day Baskets made by members of the former group FOCUS to the residents at Hovlid skilled nursing center. Photo courtesy of Grove Dahl

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Just as the community service group FOCUS—Hands Helping Children folded, one of their dear members, Joan Brock passed. Her friends in FOCUS donated to help with salads for the memorial.

With excess monies, it was decided to brighten the rooms for the residents in the Hovlid Center behind the hospital. Previous members of the group made Valentine Baskets in February filled with hats, scarfs, toiletries, and candy YC treats.

With money still in the coffers, the group previously known as FOCUS decided to make May baskets with artificial succulents for May Day. Grove Dahl delivered them on the first of May for their final service project.

Over the years FOCUS has been a very influential group donating to sports, music, chess, and other student related programs.

The group often donated items, such as money and prizes, for the three high school’s Sober Grad Night. Members were especially fond of their literacy project, which provided every student in grades Kindergarten through eighth a free book of their choice. Mrs. Dahl ordered thousands of books yearly, and she and her FOCUS friends distributed them at the give-away at schools in Gridley, Biggs, Manzanita, Richvale, Live Oak and Encinal.

No longer able to keep up with the fund-raisers, FOCUS came to an end in June 2021. Still, they meet once a month for a fun adventure and lunch. Laughter and visits carry on. With this very last service project the members hope these bright May baskets of succulents will brighten the day of the seniors and maybe remind them when they were young and used to hang a basket on a doorknob, knock or ring a bell and hide. ★

HAPPY MAY DAY ONE AND ALL!!

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Treasures in the garden abound. The discovery of a Praying Mantis egg case and knowing there are others. Seeing the first lady bug and feeling thankful that it’s on the job. Finding translucent mushrooms sparkling in dew within the grass. Seeing new blooms start. Having fabulous Epiphyllum (orchid cactus) flowers open to almost 4 inches across in brilliant red orange to red violet.

Watching new growth come on with plant starts. Peaches setting and hopefully staying to be eaten later. Blueberries in abundance and wondering if I should protect them from the birds. Baby birds the same size as their parents twittering and fluffing their feather begging to be fed. Those dedicated bird parents frantically feeding the aforementioned big babies. Shiny snail slime shining in morning light on the sidewalk. Birds using the birdbath, splashing and fluttering making diamond drops fly. Rabbit-foot ferns unfurling. Cactus flowers shining out like jewels each morning. The scent of lavender when bushed against as it gets ready to flower. Sweet scents of sweet peas added to their wild beauty of grasping tendrils. Finding the first

fresh carrots ready to pull and chomp on. Nightly cooking of wonderfully flavorful artichokes picked and instantly popped into the cook pot. New berries growing on the winter-berry as the old red berries crack open. Discovering the baby grape clusters in abundance on the column grape. Bonsai trees developing the desired shape with grace and beauty. The sun as it rises with glowing oranges and brilliant white cresting the neighbor’s trees. The hawks flying low and making their gutsy hawk sounds. The feeling that the tiny noises could be seeds cracking or leaves and flowers unfurling. The jasmine starting to bud up and getting ready to burst into perfume. It’s May the middle of Spring, a celebration of new life and old life invigorated. ★

Sheriff’s Office and District Attorney’s Office Investigating in Custody Death

BCSO Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On the morning of April 30, 2022, Butte County Sheriff’s Office Correctional Deputies were conducting routine safety checks on inmates housed at the Butte County Jail. Around 11:23 a.m., a Correctional Deputy discovered inmate Cristian Nunez-Paiafox, age 23, of Chico, unresponsive within his cell. Correctional Deputies located evidence Nunez-Paiafox used a bed sheet to commit suicide.

Correctional Deputies and jail medical staff immediately began providing Nunez-Paiafox with emergency medical treatment. Paramedics responded and provided additional emergency medical treatment. Despite the life-savings measures that were administered, jail medical staff and paramedics were not able to revive Nunez-Paiafox.

Butte County District Attorney’s Office Investigators and Butte County Sheriff’s Office Detectives responded to the jail and began investigating. During the investigation, personnel interviewed Correctional Deputies, medical staff, and inmates housed in cells adjacent to the cell occupied by Nunez-Paiafox. Investigators and

detectives located evidence which confirmed Nunez-Paiafox used a bed sheet to commit suicide.

Investigators and detectives determined Nunez-Paiafox was housed in a cell by himself, and other inmates did not have access to Nunez-Paiafox’s cell. Investigators and detectives reviewed video surveillance and determined Correctional Deputies had been conducting hourly checks on Nunez-Paiafox. Prior to locating Nunez-Paiafox, Correctional Deputies conducted a check on Nunez-Paiafox at 10:38 a.m. During the 10:38 a.m. check, Nunez-Paiafox was alive, and he did not request any assistance from Correctional Deputies. An autopsy will be conducted by the Sacramento County Coroner’s Office to determine Nunez-Paiafox’s cause of death.

Investigators and detectives determined Nunez-Paiafox was arrested by the Chico Police Department on April 28, 2022, for misdemeanor counts of battery and resisting arrest. He was subsequently booked into the Butte County Jail. Butte County District Attorney’s Office Investigators and Sheriff’s Office Detectives are actively investigating this incident. ★

Breaking Beds and Winning Races!

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Racers wanted!!! The bed races have been part of the Red Suspenders Day festivities for as long as most can remember.

If you would like to claim ultimate bragging rights and be a part of the 2022 Bed Races, you will need a few things. Teams are comprised of 5 members. One must ride on the bed, which must have a metal frame, and at the mid-line, that team member must switch with one of the runners so that a different passenger is riding the bed when it crosses the finish line.

Last year so much fun was had by participants that after the race, some piled atop one of the beds in fun and it collapsed – which added to their and the crowd’s delight!



Little Leaguers push off the starting line at last year’s Red Suspenders Day Bed Races with their passenger smiling in delight as he tries to hold on!

Don’t hit snooze on this fun opportunity! Deadlines for entry were extended to recruit more teams for this year’s event, but the Red Suspenders Day Committee and Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce urge those interested to sign up as soon as possible. ★

If you are interested in this incredibly fun-to-watch event and do not have a bed, there may be additional beds available for use by your team. Please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 890 Hazel Street or call at 530-846-3142 for more information. ★



Last year, teams had so much fun piling onto the racing beds after a successful race that one of the beds collapsed!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank You!

Words cannot express how thankful we are to have such a great support system of family and friends in our lives, especially during this challenging time. A huge thank you to everyone who organized and generously contributed to the go fund me, drive-through dinner, team roping, and poker tournament for Jeff, it has truly made a difference. We

appreciate all of the thoughts, prayers and well wishes we have received. Our family is sincerely grateful to live in such an amazing community, your thoughtfulness and generosity has exceeded anything we could have ever imagined. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts. ★

The Mardesich family

Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

April 13 - April 28, 2022

4-13-22: At 2:11 on the 1600 block of SR-99, Gridley, CA, Jesse James Wells, 24, was arrested on charges of shoplifting (459.5 PC), petty theft (484 PC), petty theft < \$950 (488 PC) and violation of felony parole (3056 PC).

4-14-22: At 7:48 pm on Haskell and Spruce Streets, Gridley, CA, Angelica Christine Barrera, 36, was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant.

4-14-22: At 8:26 pm on the 1600 block of SR-99, Gridley, CA, Patrick Raymond Edwards, 30, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct (647 (f) PC).

4-15-22: At 10:23 am on the 1600 block of SR-99, Gridley, CA, Blake Mitchell Chissie, 27, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct (647 (f) PC).

4-18-22: At 11:53 am on the 100 block of California St., Gridley, CA, Stephanie Patricia O’Conner, 27, was arrested on charges of elder abuse (368 (b)(1) PC).

4-19-22: At 7:04 pm on the 1600 block of SR-99, Gridley, CA, Jaime Javier Perez, 42, was arrested on an outside agency felony warrant.

4-21-22: At 11:23 am on the 200 block of Spruce St., Gridley, CA, Vincent Colt Moreno, 32, was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant.

4-21-22: At 10:32 pm on the 200 block of Spruce St., Gridley, CA, Banessa Lupe Santana, 33, was arrested on an outside agency felony warrant and charges of possession of a narcotic controlled substance (11350 (a) H&S), obstruction of justice (148 (a)(1) PC), and violation of probation (1203.2 (a)PC).

4-23-22: At 1:33 am on E. Gridley Rd., Gridley, CA, Patrick Raymond Edwards, 30, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct (647 (f) PC).

4-27-22: At 1:57 am on SR-99 and Sycamore St., Gridley, CA, Jeremiah Dale Lee, 40, was arrested on 2 outside agency misdemeanor warrants and one outside agency felony warrant.

4-28-22: At 11:44 am on the 200 block of Vermont St., Gridley, CA, Melvin Wade Dickin-son Jr., 32, was arrested on an outside agency felony warrant.

get more info at www.crimegraphics.com

Dear Dietitian

Eating Out



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

These days I am traveling a lot for work and eating out once, sometimes twice a day. How do I make healthy food choices?

Signed, Chris

Dear Chris,

Traveling for business is often hectic and leaves little time for meal planning. The key to success is to plan ahead. Try to stay on your regular eating pattern as much as possible. Use these tips for a healthier experience:

- 1. Eat three meals a day and have healthy snacks available when you need them. Things like fruit, nuts, and popcorn travel well. You can make trail mix with roasted nuts and raisins.
- 2. Restaurants with 20 outlets or more are required to list the calorie amount of food on their menus. Choose a meal with about 500 calories.
- 3. Think twice before ordering appetizers, which are often deep-fried and may contain over 1000 calories.
- 4. Choose pasta with red sauce versus white sauce.

- 5. Choose lean, grilled meats: chicken breast, beef or tenderloin, pork tenderloin, or fish. Skip the fancy sauces, as these are often loaded with fat.
- 6. Ask for a to-go box. Many servings in restaurants will last for two meals.
- 7. Ask for salad dressing, butter, and sour cream on the side. These are delicious additives but use them moderately.
- 8. Beware of salad entrees. You may think you are making a healthy choice, but a cobb salad, crispy (fried) chicken salad, and chicken Caesar salad contain over 1,000 calories each. However, ordering a garden salad before your meal is a good idea; it will help fill you up.
- 9. Skip dessert.
- 10. Avoid sugary drinks – regular soda pop, lemonade, margaritas, piña coladas, etc. If it has been a long week, and it’s time for a libation, have a glass of wine, a light beer, or a vodka tonic.
- 11. Finally, do not skip meals or let yourself get too hungry. That is when we tend to overcompensate and eat anything in sight!

Until next time, be healthy!
Dear Dietitian

Leanne McCrate, RDN, LD, is an award-winning dietitian based in Missouri. Her mission is to educate consumers on sound, scientifically-based nutrition. Do you have a nutrition question? Email her today at deardietitian411@gmail.com. Dear Dietitian does not endorse any products, health programs, or diet plans. ★

Gridley Tennis Season Ends

By Ed Itori

ORLAND, CA (MPG) - Fittingly, the final singles match win of the season for the Gridley High School tennis team... came in a tiebreak.

After 19 tiebreaks this season (13 of which resulted in heartbreak), the 20th not only resulted in a win but propelled Gridley’s top seed, sophomore Ryan Woolery, to the quarterfinals of the Butte View League Championship.

Using a combination of topspin, side spin and flat serves, some of which he had just learned within the last two days, Woolery was able to take down Oroville’s sophomore No. 2 seed, See Xae Yang by a score of 9-8 (after a 7-5 tiebreak). The first serves were crucial to the outcome, as was Woolery’s newfound willingness to hit the ball to all areas of the court.

Gridley coach Bob Moffitt praised Woolery for his ability to adapt his game and keep his head during a stressful match.

“Ryan is a true competitor in every sense of the word,” Moffitt said. “There is zero quit in the kid. But, in the past, he might have let his emotions get the better of him. Today, he focused on each point and his plan of attack for each point. Yes, he worked on adding physical skills to his repertoire just this week, but I am most happy to see him really put the mental part of the game together with the physical.”

In the playoff format, the first two rounds go to eight games, as the winner must win by two. If there is a tie, a first to seven tiebreak is played, again with

a requirement to win by two. Yang had previously defeated Woolery 6-0, 6-3 and had squeaked out a win over Gridley junior Spencer Davis 2-6, 6-4, 10-8 in this season’s head-to-head matchups. But not on April 21.

Davis came back in his match with Corning junior Francisco Hernandez to tie matters at five. But Hernandez won the last three games, with a couple of crucial line calls that could have gone either way, to win 8-5.

An even closer match ended with a deceiving score of 8-3 and a victory for Oroville freshman Aaryan Patel over Gridley junior No. 3 seed Cole Leishman. Leishman also deployed his newfound serving skills to great effect and sent nearly every game to deuce. However, the score was not as lopsided as it would appear. Johnson took his match to 6-7 against Oroville freshman Noushuh Yang. Though Johnson was able to use his height to great effect in keeping rallies alive, Yang was finally able to close him out 8-6.

Gridley junior Juan Avelar and freshman Cesar Ortiz never got going and fell 0-8 and 1-8 to Corning sophomore Hayden Carter and junior Francisco Ruiz Jr., respectively. Gridley sophomore No. 5 seed Eric Ramirez was battling a cold but held his own against Orland No. 3 seed, Junior Galvan. Galvan had previously beaten the Bulldogs’ Woolery and Davis, but he struggled against the quick-footed Ramirez. Though the final score was 8-0 for Galvan, he had to survive deuce multiple times and Ramirez was able to

prepare for his doubles match feeling somewhat confident.

Ramirez had reason to feel confidence. With playing partner Ortiz, the two bulldozed Oroville’s No. 3 seeded doubles team, senior Tien Chao and Patel, with solid net coverage and aggressive swings of the racquet when opportunities arose. Ramirez and Ortiz advanced to the quarterfinals 8-4.

Moffitt praised the duo, who were both linemen on the Bulldogs’ football team.

“They take up a lot of space and they are fast,” Moffitt said. “I’ve played against both and it’s pretty intimidating seeing them charge the net and then have to react once they clobber the ball. Their aggressiveness is usually rewarded and it was again today.”

The pair would fall to Orland’s No. 3 seeded duo of Ethan Orozco and Cheeto Garcia 8-3. Woolery would also fall in his quarterfinal match to Orozco 8-0.

After the matches, Moffitt described the finals and season as a success.

“I told the kids on the first day that winning wasn’t important and it’s not. Improving and competing to the best of your ability are,” Moffitt said. “My few regrets in life come from not giving my all at something or, when I was these kids’ age, being afraid to try. In the end, the kids who were competitive today tried.”

The Bulldogs are hoping to improve their facilities for next year. If you would like to support the team, please contact Moffitt by email at bobmoffitt70@gmail.com. ★

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Juvenile Arrested
at Las Plumas High School

BCSO Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On April 21, 2022, around 7:00 AM, the Butte County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO) received a call from a parent of a Las Plumas High School student. The parent indicated she had information a Las Plumas High School student on a school bus had a firearm in his possession. BCSO deputies immediately began looking for the bus, notified Las Plumas High School, and responded to Las Plumas High School.

Deputies arrived at Las Plumas High School

around the same time the bus was arriving. When the bus arrived, school staff members attempted to contact the juvenile and he fled on foot. Deputies worked with school staff and were able to locate and detain the juvenile without incident. Deputies investigated and determined the juvenile had thrown the firearm in a field after he fled from school staff.

Deputies conducted an area check with the assistance of a firearm detection K-9 from the Paradise Police Department. Deputies were able to locate the

firearm the juvenile threw in a field near Las Plumas High School. The juvenile was arrested for a felony charge of possessing a firearm at school and was subsequently booked at the Butte County Juvenile Hall.

The firearm deputies located was a “ghost gun.” Ghost guns are unserialized and untraceable firearms that can be bought online and assembled at home. This investigation is ongoing. The Sheriff’s Office is asking anyone with information about this investigation to contact deputies at 530-538-7671. ★

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CA Tax Waste Report



Commentary
by Lou Binninger

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Foundation issued its “Follow the Money 2021” report this week. It is not recommended reading for those prone to depression.

It begins with “This last year California once again ranked worst in the nation to do business, according to an annual report by CEO Magazine, and numerous examples of waste, fraud and abuse totaling billions of taxpayers’ dollars down the drain were reported by independent investigations.”

California is now expected to be the leading state in screwing its citizens and businesses. Voters, likely suffering from Stockholm syndrome, reward their molesters with a return to power.

Even Silicon Valley is in decline losing 20% of its venture capital investment. Even after Gov. Newsom’s \$95 million advertising blitz tourism never has come close to its pre-2019 levels.

The ongoing loss of jobs, businesses and productive citizens has cost the state a Congressional seat and national influence for the first time in its history.

The state can’t even monitor its budget due to failed technology scheduled to come online in 2016. The accounting system is hundreds of millions over budget. Now, here are some specifics on waste, fraud and abuse.

Openthebooks.com reported that 82 - L.A. life-guards made more than \$200,000 each and 7 made over \$300,000 in 2019. And State Controller Betty Yee cannot even produce a checkbook or summary of monies spent. Yet most large cities and 49 other states can show a record of expenditures.

Five DMV employees at the Torrance and Lincoln Park offices admitted taking tens of thousands of dollars in exchange for issuing licenses to unqualified drivers.

A Sacramento Bee investigation found that Governor Newsom’s wife’s nonprofit, a firm focused on gender equity in film, received \$800,000 in donations from companies involved in lobbying the state. The following donor companies also contributed to the Governor’s political activities.

They include PG&E,

Kaiser Permanente, AT&T, and Comcast. The Governor denies that the donations to his wife’s non-profit had any inappropriate influence on his decisions, stating that “There’s no correlation, period, full stop. Absolutely none.”

The chief executive of the state’s largest union (SEIU) resigned after being charged with numerous crimes including failure to pay her taxes. This union is in favor of higher taxes and gave \$6 million to Newsom for his recall fight.

In 2019-2020, state and county officials labeled thousands of businesses nonessential, bankrupting them. County medical officers forced millions of healthy workers to go home. Assemblyman Kevin Kiley then asked the director of the Employment Development Department why unemployment was so high. She was baffled saying her “research team” would look into it.

While Californians were threatened to “stay home to save lives” politicians maintained their junkets (Pebble Beach, Australia, Scotland, Portland, and Maui) with lobbyists covering many of the costs to buy influence.

State employees bilked \$2.7 million destined to help AIDS patients. The money funded personal travel, cruises, parties, and trips to sporting events. Fake invoices made out to a non-existent company diverted the money for personal gain.

Democrat Congressman Ted Lieu donated \$50,000 of his campaign funds to Stanford University before his son was accepted to attend. The contributions were first exposed by an anonymous Twitter user. The user’s account was then banned by Twitter.

A federal grand jury indicted South L.A. Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas on charges of funneling millions of dollars of contracts to the University of Southern California in exchange for an admission with a full scholarship and a paid professorship for his son. The son, Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, is familiar with scandal. He was a State Assembly member accused in the “#metoo” scandal before resigning his seat to become a professor, despite lacking a graduate degree.

Ontario Montclair School Superintendent makes more than \$600,000 annually and Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health psychiatrists are collecting \$400,000-\$600,000 a year.

Politico revealed that California’s Superintendent of Diversity, a new position paying \$180,000 a year, lived in Philadelphia where he ran a private

business. The state job was never even posted as he was buddies with the State Superintendent of Schools.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney charged four men including a former state senator with stealing \$20 million intended for a solar project. One of the individuals is accused of spending over \$8 million of the funds on personal items.

Only 27 percent of Californians who received coronavirus vaccinations used the website “MyTurn” to schedule appointments due in part to multiple tech glitches. The site failed to list many providers and pharmacies where Californians could be vaccinated. The site hindered people by requiring multiple logins. The \$50 million contract to build the site was awarded to Blue Shield of California on a “no bid” basis.

As part of its mad obsession to inject people, the state resorted to bribery using lottery-style payouts and prizes. Ten Californians received \$1.5 million each, 30 got \$50,000 each, and 2 million people were rewarded with \$50 gift cards.

Whistleblowers exposed a COVID-19 test facility for serious problems including lab techs sleeping while processing samples and test swabs found in bathrooms. State officials initially denied the existence of any problem. They finally acknowledged “serious deficiencies” but still renewed a contract worth \$1.7 billion.

A program to build “tiny home villages” in Los Angeles consisting of 64-square-foot (8X8) aluminum and composite sheds. The state paid \$130,000 each for the structures, ten times what other cities spent.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that 260 tents San Francisco maintains in six “sleeping villages” cost the city \$5,000 per tent per month, or \$60,000 annually. In addition to tents, the villages provide access to showers and 3-meals a day.

Some complained about the cost. At \$5,000 per tent per month, the rent on a luxury apartment would be less, and the rent on an average 1-bedroom apartment in San Francisco would be less than half.

Tragically, there’s more. The entire report can be seen at <https://www.hjta.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/FTM-2021-FINAL.pdf>.

(Lou Binninger can be heard on No Hostages Radio podcast, live on KMYC 1410AM 10-1 Saturdays, read at Live with Lou on Facebook and at Nohostagesradio.com) ★

Live Oak Young Missionary Returns

By Cindy Scott

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Full-time missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints continue to be affected by the global pandemic. When Meliah Eller was assigned to serve in Portugal, she knew she wouldn’t serve there to begin with, and possibly never.

Eller began her mission with at-home, online training in Portuguese and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When her training ended, she was temporarily assigned to the Florida Ft. Lauderdale Mission, eventually serving in Coral Springs and Boca Raton.

Finally, the opportunity to travel to the Portugal Lisbon Mission came, and she finished her mission serving in Lisbon, Barreiro, and Coimbra. She was involved in volunteer work, washing cars, doing yard work, and teaching English. She also shared messages of peace through Jesus



Meliah Eller

Christ. Eller said, “I love the people here, and I love serving them. If you ever have a hard time loving someone, serve them, I promise that will make it easier.”

Eller will share her experiences to her home congregation, Liberty 1st Ward, at 9:00 am Sunday, May 8 at the Liberty meetinghouse at 1259 French Avenue. Eller plans to return to BYU Provo. Her parents are Aaron and Michelle Eller. ★

Butte County and the City of Chico Provide Grant Funds to Support Local Small Businesses

Butte County and City of Chico News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In an effort to offset the impacts of COVID-19 on local businesses, both the County of Butte and the City of Chico have allocated American Rescue funds to support local business stabilization through the implementation of the Butte Business Stabilization Program II (“Grant Program”).

The Board of Supervisors allocated \$1,500,000 toward the Grant Program and will provide up to \$10,000 grants to businesses with 20 or fewer full-time employees. Eligible applications will be pooled by the six jurisdictions (Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Paradise, Oroville, and Unincorporated Butte County).

“The effects of the pandemic on Butte County businesses have been ongoing since 2020, with increased costs and decreased sales,” said Butte County Board of Supervisors Chair, Bill Connelly. “These businesses are a major part of our economic engine, and we want to protect and preserve them. Allocating these funds for for-profit businesses is one way we will continue to extend that assistance while businesses work to recover from the impacts of COVID-19.”

The Chico City Council has extended the pool of available funds for businesses within the city limits of Chico by allocating \$1,000,000 toward the Grant Program and will support businesses with up to 100 full-time employees. These grant funds will be made available to qualifying businesses after County funds have been expended.

“The City of Chico is committed to helping local businesses thrive,” said Mayor, Andrew Coolidge. “Recognizing the vital role small businesses play in driving our local economy, this grant program will provide job creators the support they need and assist in the recovery from the pandemic’s far-reaching impacts.”

Information on the Butte Business Stabilization Program, as well as a link to the grant application, is available at www.buttebusinessresourcehub.org. Information is also available on the Butte County homepage www.buttecounty.net, and the City of Chico homepage www.chicoca.gov. Applicants who submit a complete application packet will be chosen by way of a lottery system after a three-week application period. Applications will be accepted beginning May 2, 2022 until 5pm on May 20, 2022. ★

SPARKY'S CORNER

Outdoor Entertaining

The warm balmy nights, food cooking on the grill, and friends and family spending quality time together in the backyard or around the pool create wonderful memories that last a lifetime. But, hosting outdoor events also means there’s an increased risk of home fires.

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINING BY THE NUMBERS

- Outside fireplaces or fire pits caused nearly 3,700 grass and brush fires
- Total outdoor patio heater or fire pit injuries has nearly tripled in six years (1,330 to 3,608) from 2006 – 2012
- More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle
- An average of 8,800 home fires involved grills, hibachis, or barbecues each year
- In 2012, sparklers, fountains and novelties accounted for 25% of emergency room fireworks-related injuries*

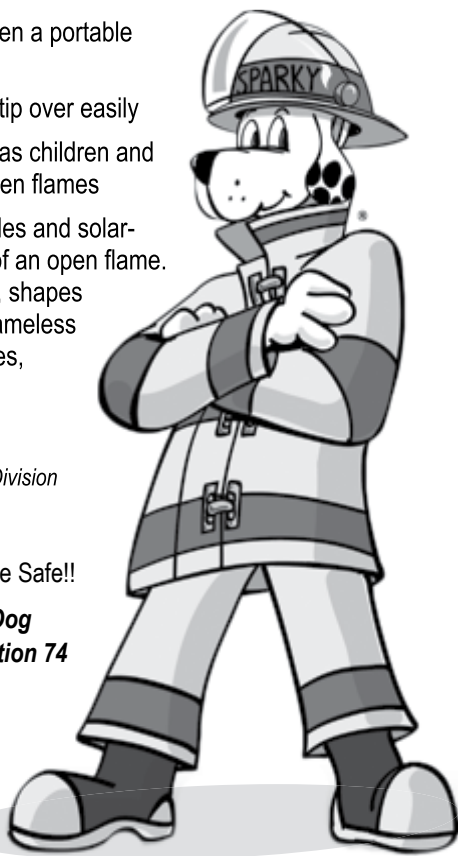
Fortunately, following some simple safety tips and guidelines can help ensure you and your guests stay safe. Consider the following when you host your next outdoor event:

- Have an adult present at all times when a portable fireplace is burning
- Use sturdy candle holders that won’t tip over easily
- Keep anything that can burn, as well as children and pets, at least three feet away from open flames
- Use battery-operated flameless candles and solar-powered patio (tiki) torches in place of an open flame. Flameless candles come in all colors, shapes and sizes, and many are scented. Flameless candles look and feel like the real ones, and add a beautiful soft glow to any outdoor event.

Source: NFPA’s Fire Analysis & Research Division



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Preliminary Hearing Concludes for Double Murder Suspect

Butte County DA Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- A Gridley man was held to answer following a preliminary hearing for the murder of two Alabama men, whose bodies remain missing.

Butte County Superior Court Judge Kristen Lucena found there was sufficient evidence presented by the prosecution during the

two-day hearing to order Ricardo Banuelos, 30, of Gridley, to stand trial for both counts of murder.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Banuelos is charged with two counts of murder. If convicted, Banuelos faces life without the possibility of parole.

Ramsey said the case began with an investigation launched in November of 2021 when family members

of the two men from Alabama reported the men had come to Gridley but failed to return. The investigation revealed Banuelos had previously been sending commercial amounts of marijuana to the men in Alabama. Evidence showed that the men flew out to California on November 4, 2021 and were met by Banuelos and his brother, Alfredo, at the Sacramento Airport. Cell phone

photos and video sent by the Alabama men to family members showed them to be at Banuelos’ residence on East Evans Reimer Road in Gridley on November 4, before they vanished.

Friends and family of both John Dubose Jr., 20 of Selma, Alabama, and Ladexter Pelt, 25 of Eutaw, Alabama, told investigators they had no contact with either man since November 4, 2021.

Physical evidence, including blood DNA matching back to one of the men, was found in a detached garage at Banuelos’ residence.

Ramsey said the bodies of the two missing men have not been located.

After the preliminary hearing, the defense requested Banuelos be released on bail. Judge Lucena denied the request and ordered Banuelos to be held without bail.

Ramsey said investigators are actively searching for

Ricardo Banuelos’s brother, Alfredo Banuelos, 36, who is also wanted for murder in connection with this case.

Ricardo Banuelos is next due in court on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 8:30 at which time the court will select a date for the jury trial.

Ramsey encouraged anyone with information about this case, the location of the victims’ bodies or the whereabouts of Alfredo Banuelos to contact Butte County Sheriff’s detectives at (530) 538-7671. ★

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #22CV00342

Petitioner Katie Bodine filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Mackenzie Rose Niemela to Mackenzie Rose Bodine.

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 May 25, 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 April 14, 2022 Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 22, 29, May 6 & 13, 2022 **BODINE** 5-13-22

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #22CV00830

Petitioner Dawajan Ahmadzai filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Dawajan Ahmadzai to Dawood Jan Ahmadzai.

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 June 15, 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 April 25, 2022 Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2022 **DAWAJAN** 5-27-22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DIANE CHRISTINE MCDOWELL CASE NO. 21PR00525

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Diane Christine McDowell, deceased.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Katie Rebecca Gibson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Katie Rebecca Gibson be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested

person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 24, 2022 9:00 a.m. in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: In Pro Per, 645 India Street, Gridley, CA 95948. Publish: April 29, May 6 & 13, 2022 **MCDOWELL** 5-13-22

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 21CV01931

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Nationwide Insurance Company; Allied Property and Casualty Insurance Company; Rob Anderson; Sierra West Insurance Service; and Does 1 through 40, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Renaldo Herrera; Adessa Herrera.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

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Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of Butte County, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): William J. Brown III, PO Box 231216, Encinitas, CA 92023-1216; (760) 672-0084. Date: (Fecha) 7/30/2021 Clerk (Secretario) Kimberly Flenner, Deputy (Adjunto) April 22, 29, May 6 & 13, 2022 **BROWN** 5-13-22

TRUSTEE SALE

TS No: CA07000901-21-1 APN: 125-173-026-000 To No: 210902162-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 May 8, 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 June 22, 2022 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 May 15, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-0002314, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by GERALD POMPONIO, A WIDOWER, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC, as Beneficiary, as nominee for REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING, LLC 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: 217 EAST MAGNOLIA AVENUE, PORTOLA, CA 96122 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 \$61,291.53 (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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LIVE OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DUE DATE: FRIDAY MAY 20, 2022 BY 2:00PM RFP 22-01

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PRECONSTRUCTION AND LEASE/LEASEBACK SERVICES FOR DISTRICTWIDE PORTABLE RELOCATION & INSTALLATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Live Oak Unified School District of Sutter County, State of California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereafter referred to as the "District", will receive under sealed cover by 2:00 P.M., on Friday, May 20, 2022, proposals for preconstruction and lease/leaseback services for Districtwide Portable Relocation & Installation Project. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is located at the District office or at the District's website at: www.lousd.k12.ca.us

Proposals shall be received at: Live Oak Unified School District 2201 Pennington Road Live Oak, CA 95953 Attn: Christopher Peters, CFO

The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the proposals or in the proposal process. No proposers may withdraw their proposal for a period of 90 days after the date set for the opening of proposals or after approval by the Live Oak Unified School District Governing Board.

For all questions please contact: Christopher Peters, CFO
Live Oak Unified School District
Phone: 530-695-5400
Email: cpeters@lousd.k12.ca.us

(Questions must be submitted in writing via email ONLY by May 12, 2022 by 2:00 pm)

The Gridley Herald April 29 and May 6, 2022

Oroville Woman Pleads Not Guilty to Injury to Child While Evading Police

Butte County DA Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - An Oroville woman accused of running her car into a car containing a five-year-old child while fleeing a police vehicle, was in court Thursday, April 28. The child was seriously injured as a result.

Banessa Santana, 33, of Oroville, appeared this morning in Butte County Superior Court on charges of Fleeing a Pursuing Peace Officer's Vehicle

and Hit and Run Driving, resulting in serious injury. Santana entered a not guilty plea.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges relate to a March 12, 2022, incident where an Oroville Police Department officer saw Santana driving a vehicle and recognized her as being wanted on a felony warrant for a charge of Escape. The officer turned on his red lights and siren, but instead of stopping, Santana took the officer on a high-speed

chase through a residential area of Thermalito, running stop signs and traveling in excess of 50-60mph. The officer had started to slow down after three miles as the chase had become too dangerous, and Santana had gone over a hill approximately a quarter mile away.

Ramsey said Santana then collided into the rear of another vehicle being driven by a father and his two children, ages eight and five. The father and children were taken to the hospital for treatment. The

five-year-old child however suffered major injuries and spent several weeks in the hospital because of the collision. The child is slowly recovering but will have permanent injuries.

Ramsey said Santana fled from her damaged vehicle on foot and remained at large until April 21, 2022, when she was spotted as a passenger in a vehicle by Gridley Police Department. When the car was pulled over by Gridley police, Santana jumped out of the

passenger seat of the vehicle and led officers on a foot chase but was quickly chased down and arrested.

Santana also appeared in court Thursday on the Escape charge. Ramsey said that last year, on May 26, 2021, Santana had been placed on a home incarceration program by the Butte County Jail for a conviction of felony vandalism and a GPS monitor was placed on her ankle. That same day, Santana cut off the ankle monitor and deposited it in the trash

can of a gas station less than a mile from the jail. A warrant was issued for Santana's arrest for Escape and was outstanding on the day she was spotted by the Oroville police.

Santana will next appear in court for a preliminary hearing on all charges on May 19, 2022. She is currently in custody in the Butte County Jail. The judge has denied her request for bail given her history of flight. She faces up to nine years in prison on the charges. ★

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Grocery Outlet Cuts the Bill

Story and photo by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Grocery Outlet officially opened the doors of its Gridley location Thursday, April 28th.

It was not surprising that hundreds of people flocked to the new grocery store to get a look at what it had to offer as far as competitive prices on food and home goods, including opening day giveaways.

The first 100 customers received “Bliss Bucks” gift cards in the amounts ranging from \$5-\$250, took a chance at winning prizes on the “Wheel of Bargains”, and shoppers received a free Grocery Outlet reusable shopping bag as long as supplies lasted.

At 11:00 a.m., members of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce, joined by Gridley



In place of a ribbon, Grocery Outlet used a giant receipt for their ribbon cutting. Members of area FFA groups, Gridley's VFW Post 5731, Gridley Fire Department/CALFIRE, Gridley's Chief of Police, members of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce and other local dignitaries were on hand to celebrate the store's Grand Opening.

Police Department's Chief, Rodney Harr, Gridley Fire/CALFIRE firefighters, Gridley VFW Post 3751 Color Guard and Commander Ed Kawasaki, members of the Live Oak and Gridley FFA groups and the community

gathered for the store's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Before the official cutting, Owner of the store, Billy Quenga, would invite special guest groups to receive a token of his appreciation. “This partnership with

Grocery Outlet gives me the ability to grow my business, create new jobs, and more importantly, give back to my local community.” Quenga would say earlier in a press release. He did exactly that, giving \$500 donations to

the Live Oak FFA, Gridley FFA, Biggs FFA, who were unable to attend, and to the veteran groups, Gridley VFW Post 5731 and American Legion Post 210, who were also unable to attend. Both FFA Groups in attendance, along with the Gridley VFW thanked Grocery Outlet for the donation in support of their groups.

Then it was time to cut the ribbon and make the Grand Opening official! In appropriate fashion, the ribbon was tossed in favor of a giant Grocery Outlet receipt. Guests gathered around Quenga as he used a pair of oversized Grocery Outlet red scissors to cut the receipt ribbon and finalize the ceremony.

Grocery Outlet is open daily from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and is located in the Heritage Oak Shopping Center at 1550 Highway 99 in Gridley, CA. ★

Celebrate Mother's Day

Commentary by Dr. Glenn Mollette

Celebrate Mother's Day anyway you can but don't miss the opportunity to honor mom. The opportunities pass us by. While mom is alive is the time to do something for her. Too often someone dies and we want to make sure we attend their funeral and buy flowers. We talk about missed opportunities. While your special person is alive is the time to cherish and make a big deal about that person.

Do what you can do. Mom's simply want to know you care. You could clean out the garage or clean the house. Spend a day working in the yard

or trimming shrubbery. People buy flowers and take mom out to dinner typically on Mother's Day. It is no secret that flowers have become even more expensive and many restaurants are having employee issues. If you had to wait to be served in the past this Mother's Day may be challenging. Consider taking mom a card and writing her a letter. Tell her how you feel about her and thank her for being a great mom. The main thing is don't forget the day. If you are a long way from home by all means, make a phone call.

I know some great mothers. My wife is a phenomenal mother. I have sisters, daughters and a



While your special person is alive is the time to cherish and make a big deal about that person. MPG file photo

daughter in law who are great mothers. So, there are plenty of people around for me to honor this weekend. I suspect you may know one or two. Even if they aren't family, wish them a happy Mother's Day.

My mother has been in

heaven for a long time and so has the mother of my two sons. Mother's Day is a tough day for them as they lost their mother when they were 20 and 17 years' old. My wife's mother passed just a few years ago. It happens.

The chair at the table suddenly is empty and all you are left with are pictures and memories.

I miss the long telephone conversations with my mother. We talked on the telephone for 30 minutes sometimes twice a week. When I was a child, she was my advocate. She was my school tutor. We didn't eat out growing up, so she kept food on the table three times a day. When I was a small child, we still had a wringer washing machine and the water was not great. We caught rainwater in large tubs and then carried it in to wash clothes. I remember a couple of summers of carrying water from the creek to wash clothes.

She ironed clothes for an entire day every week. It was a great day when we were finally able to have an automatic washer and dryer.

Mom worked hard and about twice a week dressed up really nice and she and dad went to church. Like most of our mothers I could write a lot about her, but Eula Hinkle Mollette was a wonderful mother. She loved me, corrected me, and supported me. I know there were times I disappointed her, but she never disconnected from me. She was always there as best as she could be.

The point is don't miss celebrating Mother's Day. You only have one mom. Cherish every minute. ★

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