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## Leaving Them Speechless

### Gridley Rotary Speech Contestants Excel



Gridley Rotary recently heard what "Serve to Change Lives" meant to these five young women. Pictured left to right: Rotary Speech Contest Mediator, Brian Hamman, Contestants Fatima Corona, Eamen Kahn, Olivia Taylor, Muskaan Rai, Maddie Bole, and Rotary Club President, Lisa Van De Hey. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's Rotary Club had the opportunity to hear from five ladies during its annual speech contest, held Thursday, March 3rd.

The five young women out of Live Oak took on the topic of "Serve to Change Lives". Speeches were required to be at least 5 minutes in length and no longer than 8 minutes, and under penalty of possible disqualification, the students were not allowed to use their names, school names, props, display logos on their clothing or mention their sponsoring Rotary Club prior to or

during their speeches.

Rotary President Lisa Van De Hey said that the club extended the date of the contest in order to generate more participation. With 5 contestants, Gridley Rotary had a strong turnout. Advisor to the contestants, Stephanie Allen, said that her students were excited when the opportunity for the speech contest arose but due to short notice, only had a week to prepare. For some, this was their first speech contest. The audience would not have known it, as each speech was impressive. The students spoke about what "Serve to Change Lives" meant to each of them, and who or what inspired the focus of their speeches.

With no 5th place, Olivia Taylor and Eamen Khan tied for 4th place, Maddie Bole took third place and a scholarship cash prize of \$50, Muskaan Rai took 2nd place with a prize of \$100, and the grand prize of \$200 and first place went to Fatima Corona. Corona and Rai will have the opportunity to move on to the area contest, which encompasses clubs in areas north of Yuba City, with the potential of two Roseville clubs joining in. The area contest is set to be held March 26th with the winner of that contest moving onto the District Level of competition, to be held at the Rotary District Convention, April 30th, 2022. ★

## Come Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Knights

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council #12527 is holding a St. Patrick's Day Fundraising Dinner, March 19th, 2022.

For just \$20 per person or \$60 per family, the Knights will serve up a St. Patrick's Day traditional dinner of corned beef and cabbage, along with potatoes and carrots. Dinners will be available for pickup at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church hall parking lot between 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

To reserve your meal(s), please contact either Ken Marshall at (415) 377-0021 or for Spanish speaking persons, contact Nacho at (530) 682-6100. You may pre-pay by sending a check by March 14th, to P.O. Box 1326 Gridley, CA 95948 or pay when picking up. Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council #12527. ★

## Local Health Officer Orders Rescinded for Isolation and Quarantine

Butte County Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - As cases and hospitalizations of COVID-19 in Butte County have started to trend downward and the State shifts away from some of the mitigation requirements, Butte County Public Health (BCPH) is rescinding the local Health Officer orders for COVID-19 isolation and quarantine effective on March 5, 2022. These orders were originally issued on October 18, 2021 with an amendment on January 19, 2022. Rescinding the local isolation and quarantine orders means individuals need to follow the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance for isolation and quarantine protocols. ★

## Live Oak's Season Ends



Live Oak strikers (in purple) put pressure on King City defenders as they push to score during a 4-1 loss to the Mustangs on March 3 in Live Oak.

Story and photos by Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The excitement of the crowd that came in support of the Lions was palpable Thursday as Live Oak took on the King City Mustangs in the second round of the CIF NorCal

Division V Boys Soccer Championships.

The Lions (16-4-3, 7-0-2 Sac Valley League) had the advantage of home field and got off to a quick start, striking first against King City (12-6-1, 7-3 PCAL - Mission). Junior Javier Medina scored in the 18th minute of the game to give

his team the lead. The fierce action would continue with tight defensive coverage and impressive footwork by both teams.

While Live Oak did well controlling the ball, the Mustangs' relentless attack on the Lions would set them up for penalty shots. It was such a shot

that would ultimately tie the game.

The player of the game for King City was Victor Narez. He was the first player to put digits on the scoreboard for the Mustangs and would continue to do so throughout the second half.

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# The New Pi-Line Cadets Share Aviation Encounters



By Josh F.W. Cook

The 4-H is having their bean feed, find a kid with a green cap to get a ticket. This is a great way to not have to cook dinner one night and support a group of kids doing good stuff. Recent studies show young people who participate in 4-H are four times more likely to give back to their community, and two times more likely to make healthier life choices.

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 Second in line to the Cook/Scott/Quist family dynasty - my daughter - RileighAnne Teacuma Powell has revealed through an elaborate and fun celebration that grandchild number five will be a girl. Pink confetti fell from the balloon her husband USMC Corporal Powell popped above her head. My mother says my composition was a mystery until my arrival at Biggs-Gridley Memorial.

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 Someone in either the Orchard Health Care System or the Rideout - Adventist network needs to increase their awareness and response to the issue

of continuity of care. One of the two enterprises has not succeeded in recruiting replacement general practice (family) physicians for Biggs and Gridley. We're down to two country doctors who cover more than 1000 patients; one of them is leaving for maternity purposes and then coming back in a different role, and the other one is retiring in June to the mission field. People in this community do not take well to being told to drive to Yuba City to go to the doctor; even less happy are those sent to Chico. The recruiting announcement on the Adventist website for a new physician in Gridley has been buried a couple of times three layers deep under "interested in working in Yuba City". This is a big issue and it is better to head it off and avoid bumping patients from one system to another and then back again. Gridley benefits from the new and modern Rideout Facility in Marysville (as this column has noted in the past) indeed I once went to the state-of-the-art Emergency Room after inhaling fire extinguisher material while assisting at the scene of an accident/fire. The pieces are there to head off much consternation in the community, leadership is needed.

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 An inquiry was received at my office as to why I write for the paper and do not have a blog on the

internet. In responding I pointed out that the historic and iconic Gridley Herald is a legally adjudicated newspaper, which means it has been audited and found by a judge to be a legitimate bona fide newspaper. When such status is attained the paper is eligible to post legal notices, which not only make revenue for the paper, but also differentiate it from other publications that are not official, legitimate, and certified. For books, the standard of legitimacy is being accepted into the Library of Congress or having an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), a national and international standard identification number for uniquely identifying books. As for those who still worry - that my witty insights, community observations, restaurant tips, and positive Live Oak, Biggs, and Gridley missives may not make the internet, fear not - Google indexes the Gridley Herald site and links anyone who "Googles" (now and actual work enshrined in Webster's Dictionary) Gridley news or Pi-Line will find these pages. So indeed, High School athletes, your heroic chase of CIF championships will live on forever on the internet. Someday you can Google yourself and elucidate on your glory days to your grandchildren.

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



Cadets from the Mathew Axelson Division pose with a plane. Photo provided Sherry Herkel

By Brenna Bontrager

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - On Sunday, February 20th youth from the local chapter of the Navy Sea Cadets had the opportunity to participate in aviation activities led by experienced pilots. The crew, many of whom were Navy veterans, flew into Yuba City to meet the local youth and their families. Three of the pilots were women and there is hope to encourage girls to pursue aviation and aeronautics.

The Cadets were shown various small airplanes and helicopters, including a 2-seater plane from the World War 2 era. One highlight of the experience was when each of the 40 cadets were able to take turns being flown over the Sutter Buttes. Some even chose to livestream it on Facebook.

The Sea Cadets is a nationwide youth organization sponsored by the U.S Navy. While not officially part of the military cadets (ages 10-18) they regularly participate in drills and physical training. Younger cadets (10-14) make up the T.S Randy Goodman division

while 10- to 14-year-olds belong to the Mathew Axelson Division

In addition to physical training there are classes on various topics from mechanics to resume writing. Some cadets even elect to undertake more advanced military style training. Any teen who completes the program can enlist in the military at an advanced rank should they choose to do so. Cadets come from a variety of different backgrounds. "Everyone is equal when they put on that uniform," says Lt. Sherry Herkel, who leads the Sea Cadet chapter.

Herkel makes sure that all potential cadets have the chance to be included. There are some fees for membership and uniforms, but local individuals and groups have made donation or sponsored individual youth. Sea Cadets has paid this forward, and volunteering is another of their values. They have recently been involved with assisting local veterans and military families.

For more information on the Yuba-Sutter Sea Cadets please go to [www.yubasutterseacadets.com](http://www.yubasutterseacadets.com) ★

# Pioneer Day Returns in Smartsville

## Smartsville Church Restoration Press Release

**SMARTSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On Saturday, April 30, from 9 am to 4 pm the little town of Smartsville will once again come alive with live music on stage, tours of the mining areas, children's activities, arts and crafts vendors, and of course, visitors will be able to see inside the former Catholic Church and witness our amazing restoration progress.

Two of the most popular bands at Pioneer Day will be returning. Buffalo Gals is an old-time string band, featuring energetic fiddle tunes as well as old country favorites. The Stamp Mill Stompers is a highly entertaining group of musicians from the Nevada County Concert Band, playing Dixieland classics.

Our mining tours take visitors in a wagon pulled by an antique tractor into the hydraulic mining area of

Smartsville. It was here that placer gold in an ancient river channel was recovered using huge "water cannons" and long tunnels as sluices. Tour guides are experts at the history and mechanics of this type of mining.

Stay for lunch that can be purchased from an array of food vendors. Shop for jewelry, clothing, and handmade items. Dress in period garb and enter the "best dressed" contest. Bring the kids - they'll

enjoy demonstrations of gold panning, the art contest, and exhibits for young "miners."

There will be impersonators of actual gold rush characters such as Lola Montez, John Rose, Mark Twain, and Lotta Crabtree. Some of the characters will be presenting aspects of their lives at our very own Timbuctoo Theater.

Organized by the non-profit corporation known as SCRFI, Pioneer Day is

the principal fundraising event for saving and converting the former Catholic Church into a museum and visitors' center. The festival atmosphere is warm and friendly. We like to call it the best small-town gold rush festival in California.

For more information, contact Kathleen Smith at [Smartsville@gmail.com](mailto:Smartsville@gmail.com) or by telephone at (916) 838-2757 or visit our website [Smartsville ChurchRestoration.org](http://SmartsvilleChurchRestoration.org). ★



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## Two Fatalities in Head-on Collision on Hwy 70 near Cox Lane

### California Highway Patrol Press Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On March 4th, 2022, at approximately 11:18 PM, Chico CHP Communication center began receiving calls of a reckless driver traveling southbound on State Highway 70 in the area of Cox Lane. Shortly after the initial calls, CHP started receiving calls the vehicle collided head on with another vehicle, just south of Cox Lane.

When CHP arrived on scene, they observed a vehicle on fire with the driver still inside the vehicle. Officers immediately began trying to extricate the driver and obtained a fire extinguisher. Officers were able to put the fire out before it reached the cabin of the

vehicle. Officers began rendering aid until Fire and EMS personnel arrived on scene.

During the preliminary investigation, it was determined the driver of the black Chevrolet Sonic was traveling southbound on State Highway 70 and for an unknown reason, swerved into the northbound lane colliding with a gray Toyota Camry. As a result of this collision, both drivers suffered fatal injuries, the 32-year-old female passenger in the Camry suffered major injuries, and the 18-month-old passenger in the Camry suffered minor injuries.

The investigation is still being conducted and it is unknown at this time if drugs or alcohol played a factor in this traffic collision. ★





# Live Oak's Season Ends Sjolund Named County Fire Chief



Live Oak sophomore Esteban Alvarado executes a header to keep the ball in his team's possession during a 4-1 loss to King City on March 3 in Live Oak.

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 the score was tied at one. The players hit the field after the break with renewed energy. Narez went on to score an additional three goals, recording a hat-trick plus one and carrying his team to the 4-1 victory over Live Oak. Although the Lions fell behind in the second half, they refused to concede until the final whistle blew. With only six minutes

left, the Lions' valiant attempts at penetrating the Mustangs defense would yield two very close shots at the goal, which ultimately failed. "We had a great season and the Live Oak boys soccer team should be very proud of everything they have overcome and accomplished," Lions co-head coach Luis Cibrian said. "We will be back next year to compete." ★



Garrett Sjolund, Chief of CAL FIRE's Butte Unit

### CAL FIRE Press Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On Wednesday, March 2, Garrett Sjolund was appointed Chief of CAL FIRE's Butte Unit. Chief Sjolund, as the Unit Chief, assumes the role

of Fire Chief of the Butte County Fire Department, the cities of Biggs and Gridley Fire Departments, and the Town of Paradise Fire Department. Chief Sjolund will oversee 22 fire stations, more than 400 paid staff firefighters, 150 volunteers, and numerous supplemental programs that support CAL FIRE's all-risk emergency response mission. Chief Sjolund was first hired by CAL FIRE in 1996 and has spent most of his career serving the public right here in Butte County. He has worked in many different programs, including fire stations,

Helitack, Air Attack, and administration through his years in the fire service. During his CAL FIRE career, he has also served on numerous Statewide instructional cadres, working groups, and program development teams, and spent five years as a member of CAL FIRE's Incident Management Team 3. "I am looking forward to serving the people of Butte County as the leader of your Fire Department," says Chief Sjolund. "We face many challenges in the coming years but the team we have in place will meet those challenges head-on." ★

## Green Rivers, Green Beer, Leprechauns, Oh My!

By Barbara Ott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - So, what's with green beer and green rivers on St. Patrick's Day? It seems odd that celebrating a saint's day would be a raucous, carousing time. Especially when that saint was a strict one who made every effort to convert the Irish to Christianity with great success. St. Patrick was not Irish. He was originally a slave of Irish raiders. According to the Smithsonian Magazine, it became a drinking holiday in America around 1900. It was during this time that beer was dyed green in celebration. In Ireland it was an important saint's day, all pubs were closed, until it became a drinking holiday in the 1970s.

The complicated history of rebellion and famine brought many Irish people to America starting in the 1600s. The color green became political in Ireland in the 1600s during an uprising to get the British occupiers out of Ireland. The traditional parade in New York City was originally a military during the Revolutionary War. Irish soldiers in the British army showing cultural pride marched past the Old St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on St. Patrick's Day 1762. In 1816 the parade became coordinated by Irish fraternal organizations. It continues to this day.

While green beer has been guzzled since the 1900s in celebration of St. Patrick's Day the Chicago River being dyed green is a much newer tradition. In the early 60s dye was being used in the Chicago River to trace river pollution. This inspired the celebrants of Chicago to dye the river green for St. Patrick's Day. This is now a yearly ritual. Both the green beer and the green river are strictly American traditions but in the 1980s the green beer started showing up in the pubs of the cities in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day. ★



## Calli-Jane West: 'Woman of the Year'

Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Red Bluff) announced that he has chosen Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC) Executive Director Calli-Jane West as Senate District 4's "2022 Woman of the Year."

"Heartfelt thanks to Calli-Jane for her passionate commitment to wildfire safety education and protection," said Nielsen. "Her leadership and community service has been invaluable to our Butte County communities through the past several years of extreme and devastating wildfires, including the Camp Fire in 2018, North Complex Fire in 2020 and Dixie Fire in 2021."

As BCFSC executive director for the past 16 years, West has helped to implement dozens of forest health and wildfire safety projects through collaborations with diverse organizations, agencies and community members.

Maintaining positive relationships with CAL FIRE, the US Forest Service, county department heads, and community members has been integral to her work, which helps the BCFSC to effectively implement programs across

jurisdictional boundaries.

West also participated in the completion of Butte County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and numerous integral evacuation plans, in addition to landscape-level, cross-boundary forest restoration initiatives.

Having fun with wildfire education has been an important feature of her work, as she and the BCFSC continue to share Wildfire Ready Raccoon's safety messages and related children's book.

"This award is a bright light in the past several years that have been very devastating for our forests and people I care for so deeply," said West.

West holds a Master's Degree in Geography from CSU, Chico. She is a Butte County native, the place of her childhood home, which was destroyed in the North Complex Fire.

Held every March during Women's History Month, the Woman of the Year Award honors 120 extraordinary women from California, one from each Senate and Assembly district. Started in 1987, the annual award celebrates the community service and outstanding contributions of women in California. ★

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# Christian Life Compassion Closet Open Food For Tough Times

## Christian Life Church

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - If you or someone you know is looking for some assistance with groceries, clothing or household items, Compassion Closet would love to help out! Located on the premises of Christian Life Church at 1526 Humble Avenue, Gridley, Compassion Closet is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month

from 10 a.m. to 12 pm. Groceries are available to residents of Gridley and Biggs (Butte County Residents). We also have clothing and household items available to anyone, regardless of residency. We would love to meet you and see what we can do to assist!  
For more information, please contact Glenn Barrett at 530-682-9960. ★

## By Seti long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce held a food giveaway last Wednesday at the Chamber office.

Donations from the North Valley Food Bank and local stores like Safeway and Savor provided a variety of goods for those in need. Chamber President Lynne Spencer says that she has been receiving many requests for food items as prices of goods are trending upwards. There is no verification process, the give-away is open to anyone in the community that is in need. This may be the first of more food giveaways as the Chamber considers future events once or twice a month.

For more information, please contact the Gridley Area Chamber



Chamber President Lynne Spencer (left) and volunteers, Larry Johnson (right) and Lucy Love (front) help disperse a variety of food goods at last week's Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce Food Giveaway. Photo by Seti Long

of Commerce office at 530-846-3142 or visit their office located at 890 Hazel Street. You may also

monitor their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GridleyAreaChamber](http://www.facebook.com/GridleyAreaChamber) for updates. ★

MEMORIAL

**RUSSELL SCOTT BEHR**

Russell Scott Behr was born in Gridley, California November 4, 1963. He died in Roseville, California February 24, 2022. Russell was preceded in death by his brother Ricky and his mother and father Clarice and Jack Behr.

He is at All Faith Cremation in Sacramento.  
916-922-0992. Services at a later date.

MEMORIAL


**SCOTT LEE LEWELLEN • 10/4/1964 – 2/20/22**

Scott Lee Lewellen was born on October 4th, 1964 in Gridley, California. He passed away on February 20, 2022 in Roseville, CA.

Lewellen, Jordan Lewellen, Jeremy Lewellen, Amanda Lewellen, Alyssa Iorg, and Meagan Sage as well as his 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wilber Lewellen.

His celebration of life will be held on March 12th at 1pm at Christian Life Church, 1526 Humble Ave., Gridley.



MEMORIAL

**DORIS JOAN ROLES • 9/25/1950 – 2/04/22**

Doris Joan Roles 71, of Biggs, CA passed away on February 4, 2022 at Enloe hospital following a long battle with liver and kidney failure and other complications. Doris was born on September 25, 1950 in Oroville, California. She grew up in Oroville and attended Oroville schools.

For most of her life Doris was a hair dresser. She owned Doris' Beauty Shop in Biggs. Doris was preceded in death by her first husband,

Frank "Poncho" Cabrera and her only child, a son Jaime Cabrera. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Dan Roles, Sr., granddaughter, Kailyn Cabrera, grandson Jaime Cabrera, both of Biggs, a sister, Darla Wojcik and niece Jana Fields of Oroville, great-nieces Cheyanne Fields of Gold Beach, OR, and Madison Fields of Oroville. She is also survived by 5 step-sons and their families. Doris will be missed forever.

# Lucky Catch!



Lion Vern Hartman (left) loses the Lions challenge set before the cast of The Little Mermaid, as Ariel definitely out fished him. Photo by Seti Long

## By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The cast of the upcoming GHS musical, The Little Mermaid, has

been quite lucky.

Reportedly, the Gridley Lions Club challenged the cast to a fish-off, all in fun of course. The Lions sent

their best fisherman in Vern Hartman, but Ariel, the little mermaid, out fished him and won the bet.

On behalf of the Gridley Lions Club, Hartman presented the cast of the musical with a check for \$250 to go towards the fundraiser and pay off their debt for loosing the challenge.

GHS will perform the musical, The Little Mermaid, March 10th thru the 12th at the Gridley Community Center. For tickets please visit Candelario Ace, the Gridley High School Office or purchase online at <http://ghs.gusd.org/>. ★

**B-Line**  
Butte Regional Transit

## Spring 2022 Outreach Event

**Come On Out To Gridley & Biggs!**

**Biggs Library**  
(464 B Street #A)  
Tuesday, March 15th - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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**Gridley Library**  
(299 Spruce Street)  
Thursday, March 3rd - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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Effective **April 1, 2022**, our new **Discount Fare Eligibility Card** will be required to use B-Line programs or pay discount fare under a disability or senior status. These are photo I.D. cards that will be made on the spot when you visit us at the above events. **Bring \$3.00 (cash preferred)** to cover the card cost. Once made, cards are then valid for the next 5 years! Staff will also be available to answer any transit questions and talk about your ideas on making transit better for our community!

**Call B-Line for more information.**  
**530-809-4616**

# Manzanita 4-H

## 63rd Annual Tri-Tip and Bean Feed

(Includes Beverage & Dessert)

**When:** Saturday, March 19, 2022  
Time: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Gridley Community Center  
200 E. Spruce Street, Gridley

**Price:** Adults \$18  
Children 5-10 \$6  
Children 4 and under - Free

*Proceeds to benefit Manzanita 4-H Club*

Tickets on Sale from any Manzanita 4-H Club Member  
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## Help Wanted - Trucking Newspapers

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

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

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## Dear Dietitian

### Artificial Sweeteners



Commentary by **Leanne McCrate**

Dear Dietitian,

I am on a diet, and I usually drink one or two diet sodas a day. A coworker insists that diet sodas cause weight gain instead of weight loss. Is this true?

Suzanne

Dear Suzanne,

Artificial sweeteners, or nonnutritive sweeteners (NNS), made their debut with saccharin in 1884 in Germany. Saccharin is sold in the US under the brand name Sweet' N Low®. Today there are numerous NNS on the market, some of which are aspartame (NutraSweet® and Equal®), sucralose (Splenda®), and stevia (Truvia® and Stevia In The Raw®).

Studies are mixed when it comes to artificial sweeteners and weight loss. In a randomized trial, 303 overweight participants were instructed to drink 24 ounces of water or artificially-sweetened beverages. Both groups were on a weight loss plan. At the end of three months, those who consumed the artificially-sweetened drinks lost more weight (13 pounds) than those who drank water (9 pounds). The increase in weight loss is attributed to the opportunity to satisfy a sweet tooth with something that has no calories (1). It is important to point out that the American Beverage Association funded this study, which may be a conflict of interest.

There is some concern that NNS lead to weight gain. An eight-year study found a strong link between people who use artificially-sweetened beverages and weight gain. Those who drank the most diet soft drinks gained the most weight. This study was observational, which does not prove cause and effect. Of note, most people who drank

diet soda were overweight at the beginning of the study compared to those who didn't use artificial sweeteners. They also identified themselves as dieters, and long-term weight gain is associated with chronic dieting (2).

Professional organizations differ in their opinions of NNS. The US Dietary Guidelines cite "insufficient evidence to recommend the use of low-calorie sweeteners as a strategy for long-term weight loss and weight maintenance" (3). The American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association have released similar statements. However, the position of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is that "consumers can safely enjoy a range of nutritive sweeteners and nonnutritive sweeteners (NNS) when consumed within an eating plan that is guided by current federal nutrition recommendations, such as the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, as well as individual health goal and personal preference" (4).

Nutrition experts make a strong point in that the risks associated with consuming a high-sugar diet are greater than the risks of consuming nonnutritive sweeteners. In the context of a weight loss plan, the use of NNS will likely help you reach your goal.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By **Barbara Ott**

Wildlife is stirring with warmer days nights. The bees keep trying to get out in between cold snaps. There is some indication of snail snacking. The small songs birds have been singing and flitting around. Days ago, a small hawk perched on the fence looking at the bird feeders. It was sitting on the back fence quite close to the fake owl. I'll be watching for feathers on the ground. Its position in relation to the owl says a couple of things to me: 1. Birds know it is fake. 2. The hawk wanted the company of a fellow predator. The owl was placed there to deter the small birds from pecking the Apriums. The little birds sit right next to the owl and on top of it without a worry.

The bonsai forsythia blooms are beautiful. I could not put a big forsythia



Forsythia are a spectacular bonsai which are at their greatest this time of year as a result of bright yellow flowers that signify the begin of Spring. Photo courtesy Barbara Ott

in this yard without pruning it, which would wreck its graceful beauty. This bonsai plant is an upright hybrid. The other day I saw one in a nursery. I'm thinking I might need to remove the artichoke from the front yard and put in a small upright forsythia.

I've finally admitted to my friends that I am a complete and utter liar when it comes to talking about plants. I've even done it in

this column in the past and probably will do it again in the future. I am sincere when I say I am getting rid of plants. I am sincere when I say, if the plants freeze so be it. I am sincere when I say I am not getting any more plants. These are the biggest lies I tell to myself and to others. Spring is coming and I already have three new plants. I have removed and decreased plants but... ★



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#### LOCAL FISHING

Lake Oroville, South Forebay; nice 4-lane boat ramp, power boats allowed, sandy beach, picnic area, toilets. Loaded with: large mouth bass, blue gill and green sun fish (Lepomis cyanellus). Aka Mr. Lepo.

Mr. Lepo is less populous than blue gills with bluish-purple bodies and distinguished by their green body with vertical black stripes and black gill dot. Spawn May-July, mature in 10 years at 8-13cm. Very aggressive towards panfish jigs. Use your own power boat, rent a kayak, or hike around the North Shore. It may seem humorous to a phycologist that he deems Mr. Lepo as a freaking smart fish. Consider the vast amount of time and money manufacturers invest in lures, so pretty that gullible fishermen buy hordes of them, but not a passing nod from Mr. Lepo. Even your local psychiatrist cannot prescribe a pill for you, that will increase your chances of catching green sunfish. Use: Crappie Jigs. (b)



Crappie Jigs

#### SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Halibut on the bite in the bay. Use: Anchovy cut bait. (b) Delta stripers; covered Miner Slough, Elk Horn Slough, Prospect Slough and Steamboat Slough. All day caught 21- shakers and 2-keepers. USE: Everything in the tackle box. (g)

#### COASTAL WATERS

Sport Dungeness crab limits. USE: Fish Offal. (b) Sanddab limits. USE: Jigs tipped with Squid. (b)

#### LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Folsom Lake; spotted bass in pre-spawn. Chowing down on pond smelt and

crawdads. Rigged on drop-shot. USE: Rubber Crawdads. (a) Fisherman's

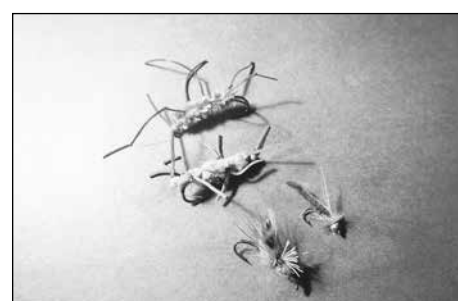


Crawdads

**Comment:** Bob waxed poetic, he was trapped betwixt Truth, or Untruths. Ides of March (Mar 15th), or a Full Moon. Signed: The Seer. Berryessa Lake; 3-weeks looking for Kokes. Scattered at 50'-70'. Not graphing any large schools. USE: Various Baits. (g)

#### RIVER FISHING

Upper Sacramento River; Colusa area. Water 57.1 degrees warm. Marking a few white sturgeons. Caught one 61- inch hen. Released it. USE: Ghost Shrimp. (g) American River blueback steelhead; landed several 13" -14", aka ½ pounders. Blueback aka ½ pounders definition; young steelhead that return to their natal waters within four months after entering the pacific ocean. And literally 13"-14" fish and weigh one to two pounds. [1/2 Pounders is a misnomer]. (a) Lower Yuba River wild trout; drifting Parks Bar to Sycamore Park. Nice 15"-17" rainbows. All released. USE: Skawala adult lead and Caddis Nymph dropper. (b)



Top to Bottom - Skawala Adult  
Caddis Nymph

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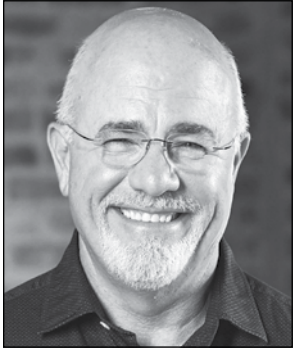


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## Dave Ramsey Says

### Date Night can be Inexpensive and Fun

Dear Dave,  
We're trying to get control of our finances by living on a budget. We also have about \$18,000 in debt we are trying to pay off. My husband brings home \$3,400 a month, and I am currently taking care of our eight-month-old baby. We would like to have a date night once a month, and he thinks we should set aside \$200 for this. Under the current circumstances, I feel like this is too much. What do you think?

–Carolynne  
Dear Carolynne,  
If you'd told me you guys

make \$150,000 a year, I'd say go have a great time. But with your income, and a lot of debt on top, I'd put the brakes on that amount. It sounds like he's looking for an outlet to unwind and have a little fun, without giving a lot of thought to the big picture. The good thing, though, is you're working together and beginning to take this personal finance thing seriously.

My advice would be to lower the date night amount to about \$50 right now. That's plenty for a reasonable dinner and a babysitter for a couple of hours. You might not have to figure babysitting expenses into the equation at all if you have family or friends nearby.

Going out on a date doesn't have to mean spending a lot of money. Years ago, when my wife and I were broke, we did tons of stuff that didn't cost a dime. Things like

hiking and picnics are great ways to spend quality time together, while keeping your pocketbook in your pocket. Just be creative, talk about it together and make sure you find ways to have a little us time on a regular basis.

I think you're right on this one, Carolynne!

–Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, 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 for Ramsey Solutions.* ★

# California's Green Energy Mania Threatens Grid Reliability



Commentary by Ted Gaines

California is failing at the government basics. Public safety, homelessness, roads, and water storage are all in shambles. But as long as that shameful list is, it's about to get longer. With summer around the corner, when demand is at its zenith, our energy supply will not be up to the task.

California's headlong rush towards zero-carbon power will cost consumers through wildly expensive electricity rates and lower grid reliability. That's a lose-lose for California families and businesses who want to avoid blackouts and avoid energy poverty.

Golden State politicians and Progressives – groups with an almost total overlap – live in dread fear of possible changes in weather decades in the future. Instead of planning for localized mitigations to deal with changing climate, they've decided to remake our entire energy sector, replacing affordable, dependable sources with their opposites.

A case in point is the closing of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, scheduled to stop operations in 2025. Despite disingenuous claims that PG&E is choosing to close this facility, they are being forced into closure by California regulators who can make relicensing extraordinarily time consuming and expensive.

How important is Diablo Canyon? It currently produces about as much power as all the rooftop solar in the entire state. And unlike solar and wind, this power is available on-demand, 24/7. PG&E, the plant's owner, alleges it will replace all the lost power with so-called green, renewable resources, but what if it can't?

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), a non-profit dedicated to promoting grid reliability, thinks it won't. NERC notes that California already has insufficient reserve power to meet demand during a heat wave. Closing Diablo Canyon will only contribute to declining reserve margins, according to NERC.

All of that is to say that blackouts are coming when it gets hot in California, as it does every summer. Don't be surprised when your AC won't click on, or you're burning candles for light in this supposedly advanced state. The blackouts are entirely predictable and a direct

result of California energy policy making our grid unreliable by replacing on-demand resources with intermittent ones.

And remember, California is pushing people into electric cars through incentives and government decrees. Many people will be charging up those EVs when they get home from work, right after solar energy production peaks. We are creating dreadful imbalances that will lead to energy rationing in one of the wealthiest areas in the world.

Venture capitalist Marc Andreessen recently tweeted about the Ukrainian crisis and its effect on our energy markets and independence, "Build 1,000 new state of the art nuclear power plants in the US and Europe, right now. We won't, but we should." He's right all the way around regarding energy independence and reliance on aggressive rogue states such as Russia for our energy.

But it's the last line that hits closest to home in California. We need to reverse our green energy mania that prices electricity like a luxury good and guarantees blackouts. Dependable, affordable energy is within our grasp if we commit to predictable, on-demand resources such as nuclear and natural gas. We won't, but we should.

For more information, visit [www.boe.ca.gov/](http://www.boe.ca.gov/) Gaines. ★

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



When God gave Moses all the instructions to present to His chosen people, the Hebrews, He included ways to build and construct a traveling temple; methods of worship; and named the tribe of Levi to serve as priests.

Included were steps how to cast away sins from people, homes, and the nation. Since the tribes of Israel were herders, the manner of washing was by the blood of a "perfect" animal from the herd.

The first commandment from God to the newly freed Hebrews was the last plague God brought upon the Egyptians, the death of the first-born human and animal. To keep the Hebrews safe from this last plague, He

told the people to kill a perfect lamb, swipe the blood on the door posts of their homes, then eat the roasted lamb with bitter herbs. They were to do this with their sandals on ready to leave. Thus, Passover was initiated into worship for generations.

After the temple was built by Solomon, David's son, the sacrifice of lambs, bulls, goats, etc. were made for many different events. As the last meal was eaten by the exiles, even into the time of Roman rule and Jesus' time this became a very important method of worship. Once a year every March or April.

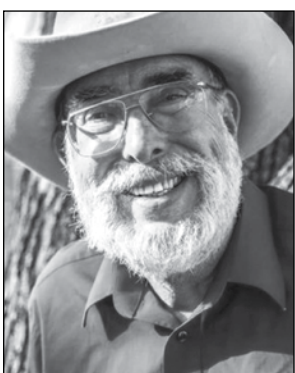
At sunset on Thursday before the sabbath, the lamb was prepared, and the Passover meal was set up. Jesus and His disciples, as devoted Jews, did this preparation. Little did they realize that they were seated with the final Passover lamb and would be saved by the blood from God's lamb.

"Behold the Lamb of God who comes to take away the sins of the world." But this Lamb just didn't take away sin until the next feast, The Lamb removed sin for All the world, for All time. It took away yours, mine, the men and women in all the world, even those that at the eleventh hour who confess, repent, and take the hand of the Almighty God.

Sacrifices are not used or needed now, that has been done. Jesus, God's Lamb, paid the outstanding debt for all creation. All that has to happen is repent of all sin, rejoice in Jesus' resurrection, then head home to the Throne of God in eternity. He is waiting.

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# Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"Folks and friends and neighborly people," came the loudspeaker blaring of the official car of the Gates of Heaven restaurant. "This year's your ol' pal Alphonse Wilson ... but you know they call me Windy ... bringin' the latest in news of fine Chinese cousin and other newsy stuff."

Folks came out of the stores and offices to listen and wave as Windy once again drove around town in the loudspeaker car he borrowed from Delbert Chin's restaurant.

## Stamp Yore Feet on into the Gates of Heaven Chinese Joint

"Jes' think on it a minute ... you ever get a dirty plate or dirty chopstick in Delbert's Chinese joint? No you didn't. Now you take in there them fortunate cookies he has? Got the best fortunes in town. Them cookies are worth the price of the food all by theirselves. Last time I got one, it said a dream of mine would come true.

"And you know what I'm dreamin' about? A honorary college degree for bein' the best cowboy camp cook in the whole dang countryside! That's right. So's if you folks could see fit to campaign' a bit for me, shore

would like that. Hey, all it costs is a dang stamp.

"And speakin' of stamps," rang out Windy's voice, "jes' stamp yore feet on into the Gates of Heaven Chinese joint here on Main Street. Mebbe we should call it Chow Mein Street, whaddya think? And if you are a real canon-sewer of Chinese grub, jes' ask ol' Delbert to bring you a poo-poo platter. Heard tell it tastes a bunch better than it sounds."

Pick up "Home Country: Drama, dreams and laughter from the American heartland" [www.lpdpress.com](http://www.lpdpress.com). ★

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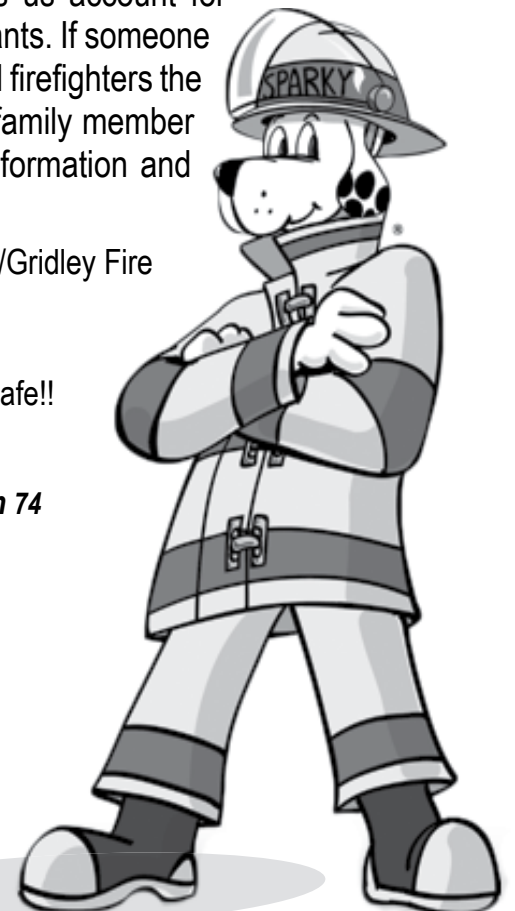
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### ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #22CV00172

Petitioner Stephanie Marie Stone filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Richard Allen Wood to Richard Allen Stone.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing March 16, 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  
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
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CASE #22CV00238

Petitioner Jennifer LaVeme Roush filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Taryn Emily Dunbarr to Taryn Emily Roush.  
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
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Petitioner Cathy Jo Pyle filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cathy Jo Pyle to Cathy Jo Armstrong  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SUSAN L. HILL  
CASE NO. 22PR00084

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Susan L. Hill deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Ashley Roberson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Ashley Roberson 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 March 22, 2022 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc  
Drawer 111  
Oroville, CA 95965  
530-533-5661  
Publish: February 25, March 4, and 11, 2022  
ROBERSON 3-11-22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHAD RYAN BARROW  
CASE NO. 22PR00067  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Chad Barrow, Chad Ryan Barrow deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Nicole Barrow, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Nicole Barrow be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KIMANI EDWARDS  
CASE NO. 22PR00078

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Kimani Edwards deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Narda Atkinson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Narda Atkinson 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 March 22, 2022 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an

attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Narda Atkinson  
16208 SW 20th Street Miramar, FL 33027  
954-736-7842  
Publish: February 25, March 4, and 11, 2022  
ATKINSON 3-11-22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SUSAN JANE BEEBE  
CASE NO. 22PR00043

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of SUSAN JANE BEEBE deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sabrina J. Roye, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Sabrina J. Roye 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 March 15, 2022 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Nicole Barrow  
10305 Creekside Way Grass Valley, CA 95949  
916-995-3379  
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NICOLE 3-25-22

## SUMMONS

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(CITACION JUDICIAL)  
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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Marisel Jimenez YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Butte County Credit Bureau A Corp  
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](http://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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://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 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que preesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.suorfe.ca.gov](http://www.suorfe.ca.gov)) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

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

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la dirección y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Joseph L Selby (#249546) Law Office of Ferris & Selby 2607 Forest Avenue Suite 130 Chico, CA 95928  
(Fecha) 12/21/2018  
Clerk (Secretario) R. Phillips Deputy (Adjunto) February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2022  
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## BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### INTERIM TRANSPORTATION THRESHOLD FOR VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) AND RELATED UPDATE TO BUTTE COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW GUIDELINES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider and make a recommendation to the Butte County Board of Supervisors to adopt an Interim Transportation Threshold for Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) for the Purposes of Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and to make a corresponding update to Butte County's Environmental Review Guidelines. **This hearing will take place on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., in the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Room, County Administration Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California.** This hearing will be open to the public who are encouraged to attend and provide comment. This hearing will be held by both online and in-person format. Members of the public who wish to participate in public comment are encouraged to register in advance of the hearing by emailing [PCclerk@buttecounty.net](mailto:PCclerk@buttecounty.net). Public comment may be emailed to Senior Planner Mark Michelena at [mmichelena@buttecounty.net](mailto:mmichelena@buttecounty.net), or by mailing to the address below. Use the following information to remotely view and participate in the Planning Commission meeting:

Link: <http://bcdds.net/PlanningCommission>  
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Meeting Number: 2552 266 0849

Senate Bill 743 (SB 743) was signed into law which changed the environmental emphasis from vehicle level of service (LOS) to vehicle miles travelled (VMT). The State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) has published Guidelines with recommendations on how VMT might be reduced to further a state goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality by reducing the emissions associated with the length and number of vehicle trips. Most of OPR's recommendations can be applied to urban or built areas where land uses are closer together, mixed use is economically viable, and transit is more accessible. OPR recognizes that rural areas should be treated differently based on their land use and transportation context but uses a definition of rural that would exclude Butte County. A recommendation for an interim VMT threshold for the unincorporated area of Butte County, drafted for consideration by the Planning Commission, corrects this oversight and explains why most of Butte County remains rural. Recognizing that there are areas of the County where connectivity to trails and transit can occur, the interim thresholds also establish requirements for development in and around established communities. This threshold is considered interim as modifications will occur over time, and state initiatives may change how the County will need to consider VMT from future development projects.

At this public hearing, the Planning Commission will make its recommendation concerning the interim VMT threshold to the Board of Supervisors who will consider this project at a future public hearing.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15064.7. states that each public agency is encouraged to develop and publish thresholds of significance that the agency uses in the determination of the significance of environmental effects. Nothing in the CEQA Guidelines states that adopting thresholds is subject to environmental review.

The project is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online at <https://www.buttecounty.net/dds/generalplanupdate>. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the public hearing. For information, please contact Senior Planner Mark Michelena, Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division at (530) 552.3683 or [mmichelena@buttecounty.net](mailto:mmichelena@buttecounty.net).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact us at (530) 552.3662. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
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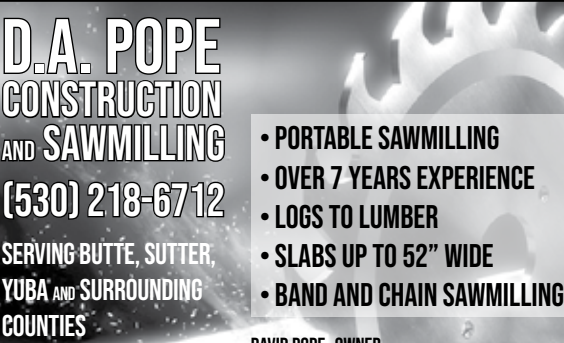
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- Actress Campbell
- \*Where Oscar-winner "Slumdog Millionaire" was set
- Not in favor
- \*What Halle Berry did when she won an Oscar in 2002
- Jet black
- Lively
- Paid killers (2 words)
- Upon
- Rally repeater
- Sweet-talk
- Not outs
- \*Total Oscar nominations for "The Power of the Dog"
- \*One of this year's Oscar hosts
- Exotic juice flavor
- \*Jamie Foxx won an Oscar in 2005 for this flick
- Bizet's "Carmen," e.g.
- Off kilter
- \*1942's "Holiday \_\_\_\_\_" Oscar winner
- Admit (2 words)
- Afterward
- And so on acronym
- Took the Kool-Aid

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- Ice on a window
- Antonym of "is"
- Enlighten
- Puck stopper
- Kilimanjaro top, e.g.
- Pronoun
- Hinduism follower
- \*"Parallel Mothers" nominee Penelope
- Prospector's mother
- Seed coat
- Lassie, e.g.
- Type of horse gait
- Lemur from Madagascar
- European Economic Community
- Playground attraction
- \*"Belfast" nominee, "Shakespeare in Love" winner
- First cradles
- Lifeboat support
- \*Denis Villeneuve's sci-fi nominee
- Type of tide
- Not so crazy
- Extremist
- \*"King Richard" nominee, once a fresh prince
- Give an impression
- Land of Israel
- Shenanigan
- Remove claws
- Presidential election mo.
- Waiting on the phone (2 words)
- Eagle's nest
- Like the Incredibles
- Backside
- Boat track
- Not odd
- Update, as in a FitBit
- Formerly Facebook
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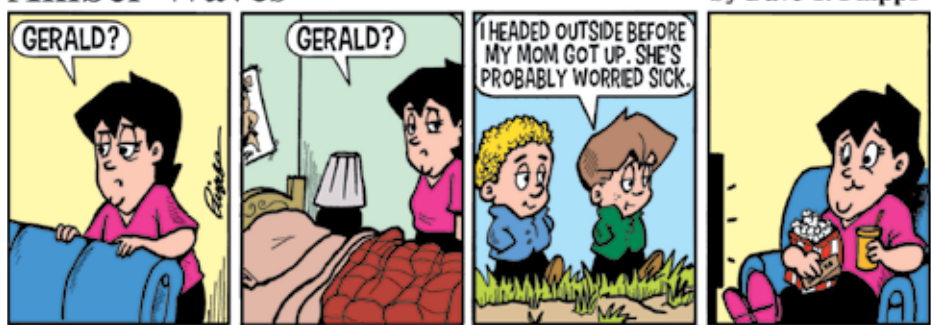
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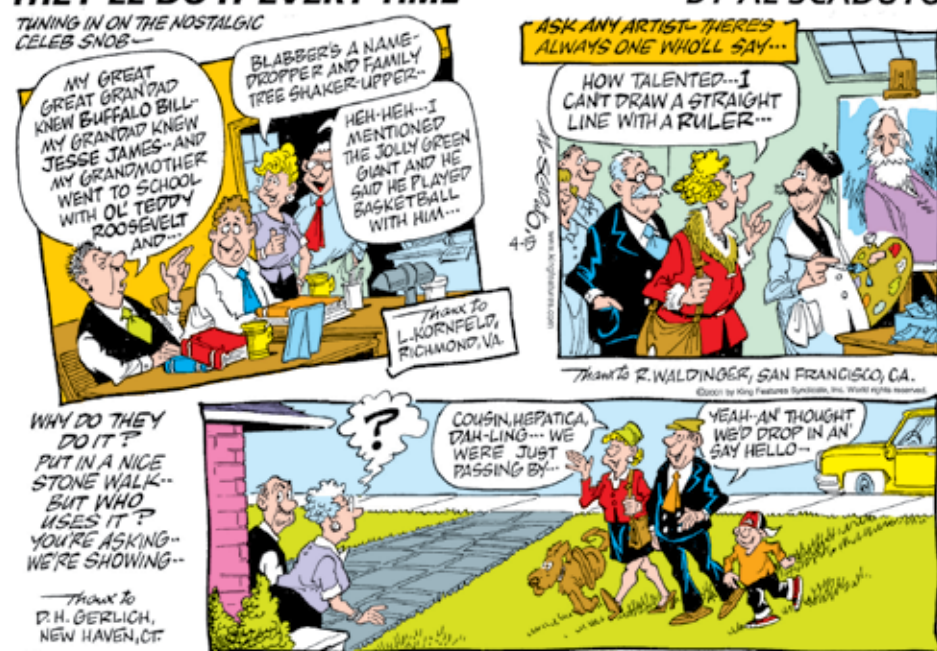
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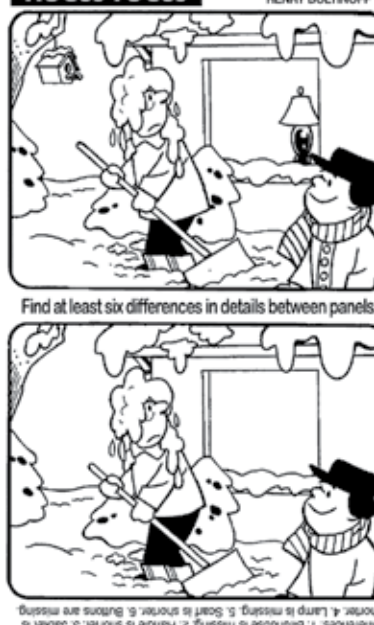
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# Bulldogs Continue to Push Competitors in Boys Tennis

## Gridley High School Athletic Department

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak Lions boys varsity tennis team had the experience and the numbers to make a matchup with Gridley High School likely a whitewash.

However, the Bulldogs were up to the task and pushed the Lions to the limit on Friday, March 4. Following up on a four-tie-break performance against Colusa the previous week, Gridley pushed two more sets to an overtime session.

The Bulldogs won one of them 7-3 behind the strong play of fifth-seeded Cesar Ortiz and his playing partner, sophomore Eric Ramirez. Ortiz, a freshman, lost his singles match first set tie break 8-6. Neither Bulldog had played tennis prior to joining the team two weeks ago.

Gridley junior Jeremy Longmire rebounded from a disappointing showing the previous week with a much-improved service game in winning his fourth-seed match 6-4, 6-4.

Bulldogs junior Spencer Davis continued to improve his all-around play and showed



Freshman Cesar Ortiz prepares to return serve during his doubles match with partner, sophomore Eric Ramirez, against Live Oak on Friday, Feb. 4 at Live Oak. Ortiz and Ramirez were victorious against Joel Martinez and Miguel Torres. Photo courtesy of Bob Moffitt.

some significant power in his service game, putting a ball through the net on a first serve. Junior Cole Leishman and sophomore Ryan Woolery faced off against Live Oak's number-one and two seeds and learned valuable

lessons from the more-experienced Lions, Carlos Topete and Chris Fregoso.

Gridley head coach Bob Moffitt says he is pleased with the heart and sportsmanship displayed by his squad.

"They really battled well under adverse conditions," Moffitt said. "They could have laid down in some matches when it was obvious they were facing a stronger opponent, but they didn't. They worked hard to identify their own weaknesses and make the adjustments."

"We are not about winning. We are about learning and improving. Winning I am sure will come soon enough."

Indeed, in two of the matches, the Bulldogs won more games in the second set than they did in the first. Junior Juan Avelar and senior Taylor Johnson, also newcomers, showed improving serves and net play in their exhibition match.

Gridley played at Las Plumas on Tuesday, March 8 and hosted Paradise Adventist on Thursday, March 10.

The tennis team is raising money to pay for rackets, nets, water, snacks and uniforms. Lemonade stands, home-meet barbecues, bake sales and pizza fundraisers are all in the works. If you would like to donate to the team or help man a barbecue, please email Coach Moffitt at bobmoffitt70@gmail.com for more information. ★



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