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## Ready to Protect and Serve



Above: As training continues, crews rotate in and out of drills designed to hone their skill sets as firefighters. This group of firefighters prepares to enter the smoke-filled training facility in order to detect and extract victims - in this case, life-like dummies. Right: Firefighters give us a look at two styles of hand-held thermal imaging units. Photos by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Recently, Gridley Fire Department/CALFIRE Butte Unit Crews, accompanied by sister stations, such as Oroville Fire Department, went through a week-long series of training and exercises designed to keep their firefighting skills sharp.

The forty-hour week of training and exercises began at what remains of Gridley's cannery and wrapped up at Orchard's unused and unoccupied assisted living facility, located directly behind the hospital. The cannery served as training ground for some live-fire exercises and commercial setting exercises, while the hospital's old, assisted living facility allowed crews to refine their search and rescue techniques.

Gridley Fire Department/CALFIRE Butte Unit Fire Captain

Mike Conaty explained that the purpose of these training exercises, held twice a year, were multi-fold: to keep skills sharp, train and refresh on various types of equipment, and to bring crews from units throughout the county onto the same page so that when they respond to a real-time emergency, their procedures are uniform across the board.

Conaty shares the topics of focus during this training: search, ventilation of the building, forcible entry on both residential style buildings and commercial style facilities, panic hardware training, salvage operations, aerial ladder training, and thermal imaging, just to name a few. Being a firefighter necessitates mindfulness and multitasking, but

depending on what truck you are on, designates your role when responding to an emergency situation. Ladder truck crews are typically responsible for ventilation and lifting the smoke up off the ground crew, which are firefighters responsible for the hose line, containment, search, rescue, and more. Working together to seamlessly attack the fire from any angle, contain it, and rescue victims, whether you be from different departments, is the overall goal.

We caught up with firefighting crews as they were searching

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## Caltrans to Require 'Complete Streets' in New Planning



Caltrans Press Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Caltrans announced its new policy for all new transportation projects it funds or oversees to include "complete street" features that provide safe and accessible options for people walking, biking and taking transit. This policy will expand the availability of sustainable transportation options to help meet the state's climate, health and equity goals.

"California must reduce dependence on driving without sacrificing mobility and accessibility," said Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin. "As Caltrans and local transportation agencies prepare for the influx of new federal infrastructure funding, it is important that we provide safe, convenient, sustainable and accessible alternatives to driving to achieve our climate goals while equitably serving all Californians."

A complete street provides mobility for people of all ages and abilities, particularly those who are walking, biking, using assistive mobility devices, and riding transit. Complete streets offer several benefits, including enhancing safety and creating more sustainable transportation options to decrease dependence on driving and improving public health by encouraging active transportation like walking and biking.

As part of the new policy, Caltrans commits to remove administrative barriers and partner with communities and local agencies to ensure more projects on state and local transportation systems improve the connectivity to pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities, and accessibility to destinations. If not appropriate to the context or community of the project, projects must receive approval from Caltrans before complete streets features are excluded. ★

## Lions Flock to Rose Bowl

### Locals Help Decorate Award-winning Entry

By Barbara Ott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A grand old tradition since 1890, The Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena was back in action on January 1, 2022, bringing in the New Year. The Parade like so many other things was cancelled in January of 2021. With joy and excitement several Gridley Lions made the trip to Pasadena to participate in decorating the Lions International parade entry. Lions from all over the nation signed up to work on decorating the float with flowers. Representing Gridley were Gridley Lion President Don Daniels, Gridley Lion Treasurer Linda Presley, Gridley Lions First Vice President Mike Dahl and Gridley Lions and District 4-1C Vice Governor Mandi Daniels.

Along with helping to decorate the float before the parade, volunteers



The Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena was held on January 1, 2022, for the New Year, including the Lions International float entry. Photo provided by Barbara Ott

were seated in one of the main viewing bleachers with a prime view of the Parade on January 1, 2022. From this prime spot they watched the

award-winning, Lions International float go by representing a sailing ship with the education wish of a Quest for Kindness. As with all of the floats

entered in the Parade it was entirely covered with flowers, flower pedals and other plant materials. This colorful float won the Leishman

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# DAs Restraining Order Prevents Granting Credits for Second Strikers

**Butte County District Attorney Press Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)**

- Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey announced today that he and 27 other elected District Attorneys across California have been granted a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) preventing the California state prison authority (Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation - CDCR) from enacting an increase of 50% to 66% credits for second strikers with serious and violent criminal histories.

Ramsey said this newest proposed “emergency regulation” comes after CDCR recently enacted another set of so-called “emergency” regulations that allowed for additional credits to be awarded to serious and violent felons, including credits that are not based upon completing any rehabilitation programs.

While CDCR’s newest regulations grant additional good conduct credits to inmates working in fire

camp related activities, CDCR also added additional credits to so-called “nonviolent” second strikers. Unrelated to fire camp credits, CDCR sought to increase credits to 66% conduct credits, in other words, two-thirds time off their sentences, to second strike inmates housed at a minimum-security facility. Ramsey said that CDCR did so amid litigation challenging additional credits for serious and violent offenders. This new class of credits would include convictions for domestic violence, human trafficking, animal cruelty and possession of weapons by individuals who have previous convictions for serious and violent felonies, such as felony assaults, rapes, and kidnappings.

In order to stop the enforcement of this newest early release “emergency regulation,” the 28 DAs lead by Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert filed a TRO on December 22, 2021, in Sacramento County Superior Court. The Court granted the

petition and will issue the TRO against CDCR.

Under California law, “nonviolent” felonies include domestic violence, rape of an unconscious person, human trafficking, and assault with a deadly weapon. “Second strike” refers to an inmate who was previously convicted of a serious or violent felony.

“Many of these so-called “nonviolent” second-strikers have long and violent criminal histories – including repeat felony domestic violence convictions, sexual assaults and gun violence,” said DA Schubert in the filing against the new regulation. “Releasing these dangerous inmates after serving a small fraction of their sentences not only lacks accountability, it shortens effective rehabilitation, violates victims’ rights and is a significant threat to public safety. No one is contesting good conduct credits for fire camp work but sneaking in another class of individuals with serious and violent criminal histories goes too far.” ★

# Ready to Protect and Serve



This firefighter, fully geared up and ready to enter the smoke filled building, gives us a look at what it looks like to see individuals through a hand-held thermal imaging unit. Photo by Seti Long



Gridley Fire Department/CALFIRE Butte Unit Captain Mike Conaty, (center red hat) functions as incident command, directing various crews at the training exercises in order to fulfill training requirements. Photo by Seti Long

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for victims during exercises held at the old, assisted living facility. A theatrical smoke machine set up inside the building mimicked live-fire smoke, filling the building with smoke and limiting visibility 100%. Ground crews, blind in the smoke, demonstrated how important it was to work off the line, a rope tied to an anchor spot in the building, that aids in navigation in and out of the structure. Using thermal imaging units as a second set of eyes, firefighters were able to locate other firefighters, victims, and in active scenarios, would be able to see hot spots through the smoke. Other individuals, it was observed, seemingly glow on

the thermal imaging screens and stand out brightly against a grayscale background. “Victims” were life-like dummies positioned strategically throughout the building, which had the added benefit of being a two-story structure, so that crews present had a multi-story training opportunity. As each crew did their part, they had the added challenge of remaining aware of their compressed air supply, which if expires before a firefighter reaches safety, could result in their death.

It was an enlightening look into what our local and area firefighters do to prepare and remain ready to serve and protect our communities. ★



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## Another Covid Year

The year 2020 set an historical precedent as to the economic damage to the world economies due to the policies enacted in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This time last year we had high hopes that the year 2021 would be so much better than 2020. It was not to be. Slow on the uptake once the vaccines were finally available, the virus had no such plans of going away quietly into the night. It adapted into multiple variants that are still raging to this day. In fact, the month of December of this year witnessed the highest number of new Covid cases ever recorded.

So much for the shut downs, masks, social distancing, and all the other policies enacted in the attempt to stave off the spread. Covid is spreading faster than ever. We should consider, it being a microscopic virus that has one goal in its tiny life, which is to reproduce and survive on a molecular level, it will probably be with us forever no matter what we do. My opinion of course.

Since the beginning, this analyst has advocated against economic shut downs because quite simply, I have always maintained this virus couldn’t be stopped no matter what was done. Some might argue, looking back over the last 24 months or so, this claim may be correct.

Some would say that

the reason the virus persists is the lack of mask and vaccinations by the total population. However, to assume that everyone on the planet would mask up and accept vaccinations would be akin to claiming we could stop illegitimate births by asking everyone to stop having intimate relations. That certainly would be an unrealistic expectation and an impossible goal, and obviously, our policy responses to Covid may have been just as futile.

That said, 2021 saw both economic improvement and continuing damage as well. It can be safely said, we are nowhere near out of the woods, and a return to normalcy seems farther away now than it did last New Years Day. As we learn just how pernicious the Covid virus is, it may not be going away anytime soon, if at all. It is in this analysts opinion, that to inflict further economic damage by implementing more of the same policies that failed to curtail the spread of Covid since the beginning, may be pushing the economy closer to a breaking point.

Fortunately, capitalistic economies are the most resilient of all when it comes to their ability to continue to operate despite the repeated blows to its mechanisms. Specifically, I am talking about shut downs, crowd throttling, travel restrictions and all

the other mandates and regulations implemented because of Covid.

At some point, some argue there is only so much damage a system can endure before it reaches critical mass (think the 2008/09 global banking implosion).

Others, including the powers at be, claim the economy just needs additional help, while implementing more methodologies to halt Covid once and for all, which will lead to a complete reopening of the worlds economies and subsequently a full recovery.

No one can predict just how much the systems of the world can take as it relates to more economic beat downs through egregious policy responses to the Covid Pandemic, but one thing is certain: I for one, don’t want to find the limits, because that will mean we will have already exceeded them. If that day arrives, what happens next is anyones guess.

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## Serial Chico Robber Arraigned in Butte County Superior Court

**Butte County District Attorney’s Office**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Chico man was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court on charges of committing a string of nine gas and liquor market robberies on the west side of Chico over the last three weeks. Robert Allen Studdard, III, age 23, was charged by the Butte County District Attorney’s Office with nine counts of second-degree robbery and one count of resisting police.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Studdard was arrested almost immediately after his last robbery on New Year’s Eve around 9:50 a.m. by Chico Police officers, who had been dispatched by an alert CPD 911 dispatch operator. Ramsey said the operator had her suspicions aroused after an anonymous cellphone caller reported a “man with a gun” at a Chico market on Mangrove Avenue. Suspecting a ruse to draw police resources away from an impending west side robbery, the dispatcher sent additional officers to a west Chico gas station market that Studdard had robbed before. Studdard was captured as he was running from a robbery committed moments before at that market.

Ramsey said the investigation of Studdard’s string of robberies started in late December when Chico Police responded to a report of an armed robbery that had just occurred at a west Chico gas station. While investigating that robbery, the clerk told police that someone believed to be the same individual had robbed the station several days earlier, but no one had called 911. Police were able to determine through surveillance cameras that the suspect appeared to be the same person in both robberies. Over the next few days, several more businesses were robbed by what appeared to be the same person. Recognizing the pattern and the danger to the community, Chico Police immediately tasked its Violence Suppression Unit (VSU) with catching the robber.

Ramsey said over the Christmas weekend, investigators from several different agencies worked together to try to locate the suspect and stop the string of dangerous crimes. Ramsey said that detectives

were able to identify Studdard as the likely suspect after viewing surveillance from the different businesses that had been victimized. While the robber wore a mask and gloves in an attempt to hide his identity, Ramsey said investigators were able to identify several unique physical characteristics such as tattoos on the robber that led them to suspect Studdard. As the investigation progressed, Ramsey said a clear pattern emerged of how Studdard committed the robberies. In each case, he carried what appeared to be a black pistol and a distinctive backpack. Studdard would enter the business, approach the clerk, and would then force them to empty the register. Studdard would then flee on a bicycle.

At the peak of his criminal spree, Ramsey said Studdard robbed multiple businesses within a 24-hour period. One particular gas station in Chico was robbed on four separate occasions within a period of several days. Once police identified Studdard as the prime suspect, Chico detectives were able to focus their efforts on areas Studdard was known to frequent but were initially unable to locate him as he was transient and moved around the city frequently.

Ramsey said when officers found Studdard running from his last gas station robbery, they ordered him to stop but he continued running, discarding items of clothing in an attempt to change his appearance. Officers quickly found and arrested Studdard at gunpoint. On Studdard’s person, they found a large amount of money he had just stolen from the gas station, as well as a realistic-looking replica firearm in his pocket. Studdard was also wearing some of the same clothing from other robberies. A search warrant at Studdard’s tent in the area of 9th and Hazel revealed other clothing captured on surveillance tapes during those robberies, as well as stolen property, including serialized lottery tickets, traced back to several of the robberies.

At the arraignment, Superior Court Judge Lucena ordered Studdard held without bail, citing the danger to the community. The judge continued the case to Thursday for further arraignment. Ramsey said Studdard faces up to 13 years in state prison. ★



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# Gridley Young Man to Serve the People of Houston



Chance Nicolson is serving as a full-time missionary assigned to the Texas Houston Mission. Photo by Melanie Little

By Cindy Scott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Chance Nicolson will serve as a full-time missionary for the next two years in the Texas Houston Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Mission areas include the north-west section of Houston, Huntsville, and College Station. He will complete one week of missionary training at home and one

week at the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah before leaving for Houston.

Nicolson will speak to the Liberty 1st congregation at 9:00 am on Sunday, January 9 in the meetinghouse at 1259 French Avenue in Gridley. His parents are Matt and Melanie Little of Gridley and Jared and Pam Nicolson of Spring City, Utah. ★

# Omicron Variant of COVID-19 Identified in Butte County

BCPH Press Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On December 27, 2021, Butte County Public Health (BCPH) received notification of the first identified COVID-19 Omicron variant case in a Butte County resident. The infected patient was a fully vaccinated adult Chico resident who had not yet received a booster dose. The specimen was collected 12/16/21, confirming that the Omicron variant has been in Butte County for at least 2 weeks. No further information on the infected patient is available at this time.

Scientists and Public Health experts are still learning about Omicron. While initial reports suggest Omicron may be less severe than earlier variants, it is still too early to know for certain. What is evident, from multiple studies in multiple countries, is that Omicron spreads much more rapidly than previous variants:

(1) Close contacts, especially household contacts, to persons infected with Omicron appear to be 2 to 3 times more likely to be infected as compared with contacts to persons infected with the Delta variant; (2) The doubling time – the time it takes for cases in a given area to double – is 2 to 3 days, compared with approximately 2

weeks for the Delta variant. This means that even if Omicron results in fewer people with severe disease, the large number of persons infected could result in a greater number of persons needing medical attention overburdening our hospitals and healthcare providers; (3) Omicron can infect persons who were previously infected with Covid-19 and persons who are fully vaccinated (2 doses of an mRNA vaccine or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine). However, fully vaccinated people still have significant protection against severe disease. A booster dose provides substantial additional protection against Omicron. Everyone can do their part in protecting themselves and others from Omicron. Get vaccinated. All eligible people can get their COVID-19 vaccine, and if fully vaccinated, receive their booster dose. Vaccines are our best protection against COVID-19. Vaccines are safe and effective in preventing hospitalization, serious illness or death due to COVID-19. The more people who are vaccinated, the lower the chance that any variant, including Omicron, will overwhelm our healthcare system. Butte County residents can find a COVID-19 vaccine by visiting: MyTurn.ca.gov. ★

# Lions Flock to Rose Bowl



Gridley Lions officers get together for some fun float decorating. Left to right: First Vice President Mike Dahl; Treasurer Linda Presley; President Don Daniels; and Vice Governor Mandi Daniels. Photo provided by Barbara Ott

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Public Spirit Award for 2022. This award goes to the float with “outstanding floral presentation for a non-commercial participant.” Before the Parade each float is judged on three criteria: Float Design, Floral Presentation, and Entertainment Value. There are many awards given in a vast array of categories with the ultimate winner getting the Sweepstakes Award.

The 2022 Rose Parade Theme was “Dream. Believe. Achieve.” This theme was chosen to celebrate education’s ability to open doors, open minds and change lives. In line with this theme was the choice of LaVar Burton as Grand Marshall of the



Vice Governor Mandi Daniels and Treasurer Linda Presley decorate a Lion paw for the club's float. Photo provided by Barbara Ott

Parade. Mr. Burton, actor, children’s book author and education has spent over 20 years encouraging education in many forms. ★

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# District Attorney's Office Arraigns Man for Murder at Centerfolds

## BCSO Press Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Vina man was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court on charges of murdering a young woman in the parking lot of a north Chico nightclub. Fernando Palomares, 29, of Vina, was additionally charged with using a handgun in the murder.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges stem from December 30, 2021 at 11:06 p.m. when Butte County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the Centerfolds nightclub on Highway 99, north of Chico, for reports of a female with a gunshot wound. Deputies located 21-year-old Alicia Flores of Coming lying in the parking lot unresponsive. Flores did not have a pulse and CPR measures were attempted but Flores succumbed to multiple gunshot wounds at the scene.

Ramsey said evidence showed Flores had attended Centerfolds for the first time that night with her girlfriend and the girlfriend's boyfriend, Palomares. The three of them arrived there about 9:40 p.m. in a white SUV. Palomares was seen going in

and out of the establishment several times, until all three walked out to the parking lot at approx. 10:36p.m. At 11:03 p.m., the girlfriend walked back into Centerfolds and asked the clerk to call 911 because her friend had been shot. In response, a patron went out and found Flores shot and unresponsive in the backseat of the SUV.

Arriving deputies learned Palomares had been in the SUV and then ran from the vehicle shortly before his girlfriend reported the shooting. A search for Palomares began and he was found at approximately 4:30 a.m. walking near the area of Highway 99 and Rowles Road approximately seven miles from Centerfolds. Palomares was detained by deputies and subsequently arrested for the murder of Flores.

Ramsey said Palomares has been on parole since May 2021, after serving time in prison for a 2013 stabbing conviction in Chico. Palomares is scheduled to enter a plea to the murder charges on January 6, 2022. At the arraignment, Judge Kristen Lucena ordered Palomares held without bail. Ramsey said Palomares is facing a life term in state prison on the murder charges. ★

# Nevada Resident Arrested for Sexual Abuse of a Child

## Butte County Sheriff's Office Press Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - In December of 2020, Butte County Sheriff's Office detectives were contacted by a victim who reported continuous December 28, 2021, sexual abuse that occurred over several years. Detectives identified the suspect as Morgan McDowell, age 40, of Fernley, Nevada. McDowell was previously a resident of Oroville.

During the investigation detectives interviewed multiple individuals in California and Nevada. Detectives located evidence that gave them cause to believe McDowell sexually abused the victim for several years.

After reviewing the evidence obtained

during the investigation, the Butte County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint against McDowell charging McDowell with the following felonies: Two counts of sexual penetration with a victim under the age of 14, one count of sexual penetration with a victim under the age of 16, five counts of sexual penetration with a victim under the age of 18, and two counts of oral copulation with a victim under the age of 18. A warrant was recently issued for McDowell's arrest.

On the evening of December 15, 2021, McDowell was arrested by U.S. Marshals in Nevada. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact Detective Mary Barker at 530-538-7671. ★

# Dear Dietitian Arthritis



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

Many of us aren't as young as we used to be when it comes to physical activities. Maybe you were once a runner, and now the knees don't bend like they used to. Or perhaps you were a star athlete in high school, and now your star just isn't as bright. The body has gotten older, the joints stiffer, maybe it's even affecting your everyday life. It's a foe that sometimes rears its ugly head in mid-life; it's arthritis.

Some supplements claim to ease arthritis pain, but do they work? Glucosamine, chondroitin, and curcumin (found in turmeric) are three dietary supplements we will explore. Glucosamine and chondroitin, often sold in combination, are two of the top-selling natural remedies for OA. In a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials (the gold standard for research), Zhu et al. found that glucosamine was more effective than a sugar pill in alleviating joint stiffness. At the same time, chondroitin was better at improving pain and mobility. The analysis did not find enough studies to draw a conclusion about the combination therapy of the two (1).

In the 2019 treatment guidelines, the Arthritis Foundation and American College of Rheumatology gave a conditional recommendation of chondroitin sulfate for hand OA. However, the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health says the evidence on glucosamine for OA is unclear, and chondroitin isn't helpful. Still, these supplements have not been found to be

harmful (2).

Another popular remedy for OA is curcumin, the ingredient in turmeric that has anti-inflammatory effects. In another meta-analysis, Daily et al. concluded that curcumin, in addition to conventional medicine, may help treat arthritis symptoms (3). In another study, curcumin was found to be as effective in treating arthritis of the knee as the drug diclofenac. However, this study was small and only lasted one month (4).

When it comes to your health, be an informed consumer. A little homework may be necessary before purchasing a supplement for arthritis symptoms. The following websites will help you make a sound decision:

1. [www.nccam.nih.gov/health/supplements/wisecuse.htm](http://www.nccam.nih.gov/health/supplements/wisecuse.htm)
2. [www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginfo/herb\\_All.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginfo/herb_All.html)
3. [www.consumerlab.com](http://www.consumerlab.com)

Consult your doctor before beginning any dietary supplement.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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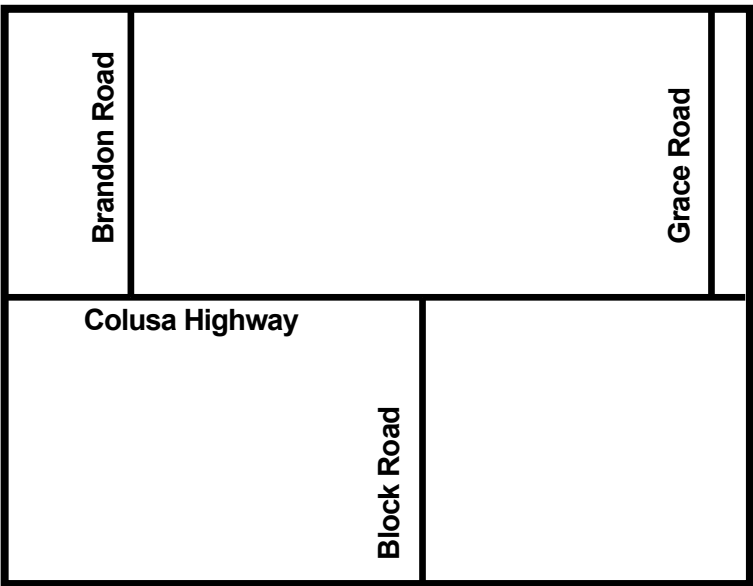
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# An Epiphany Blessing of Homes and Chalking the Door

The Gridley United Methodist Church would like to make available the chalking of the house to all who would like to use it. The following article and liturgy will explain what chalking the house is along with a liturgy that you can use. If you have any questions call 846-5020. You can also go to The United Methodist Discipleship Ministries Worship website to get more information.

In some parts of the world, particularly Great Britain, there is a custom of gathering in places of residence or work (generically called “homes”) to ask God's blessing on those dwellings and upon all who live, work, and visit there. This article includes information on these gatherings, some suggestions for their use by United Methodist families or others, churches, and other “homes,” and a sample liturgy that may be reproduced.

### What Is a Chalking the Door Service?

This short liturgy is a way of marking our homes, usually at the front or main entrance, with sacred signs and symbols as we ask God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. In Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but in this service, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign that we have invited God's presence and blessing into our homes.

Where May the Service Be Used?

Although the service is intended for use in private family dwellings, it is certainly appropriate when adapted for use in offices, apartments, college dormitories, choir rooms, Sunday school classrooms, churches, places of business, and – perhaps especially – in nursing homes, hospitals and hospital rooms, and extended-care facilities.

### When Should the Service Be Used?

Due to the linking of the liturgy to the visit of the three Magi, it is most appropriately used at the start of the season of Epiphany. But because the service is so flexible in where it may be used, it might be used any time during the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany – or as part of a celebration observing the changing of the secular calendar from one year (or millennium) to the next.

In Great Britain, the service commonly takes place on Twelfth-Night. We know that Christmas Day is December 25 and that there are twelve days of (or after) Christmas, variously observed as December 25 through January 5 or December 26 through January 6. The twelfth day of Christmas (Twelfth-Day), January 6, is also observed as Epiphany, commemorating the visiting of the Christ Child by the three Magi (Wise Men) with their gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh. The season of Epiphany is also known as Twelfth-Tide; and the night before Twelfth-Day (Epiphany) is known as Twelfth-Night. On Twelfth-Night in Europe, many families gather in their homes to celebrate this feast with friends, food, singing, and gifts. It is at these Twelfth-Night celebrations that “Chalking the Door” is most often observed. However, anytime during the start of the year would be ok.

### What Is the Significance of the Chalk and the Magi?

Chalk, a substance made of common elements of the earth, is used by teachers to instruct students and by children in their games and play. We use chalk in this service as an ordinary substance put to holy use. Further, chalk will not permanently mar the dwelling. As its image fades from view over time, those who participated in its original placement will remember it and the purpose for which it was intended. In doing so, they may rededicate themselves to that purpose. After a year passes and a new Epiphany arrives, they will have the opportunity once again to celebrate the themes of this season and once again to seek God's blessing on their homes and on those who come and go through the home.

Traditionally we remember the names of the Magi as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar – although these names are not to be found in Scripture. During the chalking ceremony, the first letters of these three names – C, M, B – are inscribed on the door frame. Some suggest the C M B may also stand for “Christus Mansionem Benedicat,” meaning “May Christ bless this dwelling.” These letters are inscribed between the numbers of the year of the ceremony. Thus, as people are given the opportunity to participate in the chalking of the door, they will inscribe one or more of the symbols: 20 C M B 19. The symbols are usually written on the upper horizontal piece of the door frame of the front entrance to a home or hospital room; but if younger children or people in wheelchairs participate, encourage them to place the symbols anywhere on the door frame they can comfortably reach.

For more information go to [www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/an-epiphany-blessing-of-homes-and-chalking-the-door](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/an-epiphany-blessing-of-homes-and-chalking-the-door)

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



There is a tale in Greek philosophy that states each of us is a “half” that must find our “other half” to become whole.

We immediately assume its our soulmate or marriage partner. That is fine for life here on earth for it means we have someone to stand by us, help us, lift us up, and share what God has provided for us.

Maybe becoming complete and whole has a totally different meaning. I have often heard the saying, “a hole has been left in our heart that only God can fill.” It is an ache for love, a desire to belong to someone, or a yearning to be complete. Nothing we buy, own, or make in life can fill that

desire to be complete.

Solomon, David's son, used his wealth, his God given wisdom, his desire to own stables filled with thoroughbred horses, his collection of houses and wives, to try and find a way to fill what was lacking in his life, his heart.

No matter what he tried could bring peace and fulfillment to a life overflowing with all things the earth had to offer. To Solomon it was all in vain, meaningless. After struggling to find the solution to life Solomon realized that nothing was more important than a real loving, living, relationship with the God, who created everything. That what is missing in our live, and the end to loneliness, the end to hurt and pain, and the end to joylessness, is only filled by the Creator, Lord of all.

Whether looking for a soulmate, best friend,

or a caring family it all starts with the wisdom and knowledge of what true life is about. Not selfish demands, big houses, or six figured incomes; it is about caring for others and living to good in our world as God would want us to.

Trying to survive this world today, or making a permanent home afterwards in eternity, Solomon found that only God could give the directions and materials to build the way to live and fill that hole in our hearts!

What you are looking for can be found in His Word, the Bible, and at His houses of worship. Fellow believers can help others find what is needed. Join us at Gridley United Methodist Church and worship as we help each other find our heart's desire.

We meet every Sunday at 10 am. We are located at the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Here we all are in 2022. Boggles the mind. Nature does not care what the date is, only the season and whether or not the ground and air are warm or not. That points to the fact that it is time to spray for peach leaf curl. Some of you have probably already done at least the first spray. My fruit trees did not lose

their leaves quickly this year. I think they were fooled by mild night temperatures in October and November. The are now all bare-naked and it is time to spray. The icy, icy night temperatures have been harsh for us. I know that the Midwest has sub-zero temps but hey freezing and below are cold for here. I've bundled up many container plants with frost cloth and that helps. My greenhouse has equipment that keeps it above freezing by a few degrees. Not enough to make it a hot house but enough. My container begonias are cozy in there as are starts and other tender plants. If the freezing temps were to stay there for a 24-hour period, my

heating method might not help. Let's not think up bad things where they do not exist. Most of my inground plants are perennial so they simply die back and return when the ground starts to warm. We will see how the plants that have been fooled by earlier milder temps react to freezing. My guess is that they will die and come again.

I'm planning on digging some things up in a couple of weeks. Cannas, aloes for sure and maybe some of the iris. Is it the time for this? Not by the book but I tend to do the work when the mood strikes me and it works with minimal destruction. Time to clean tools and the seed catalogs are starting to come. ★



### LOCAL FISHING

#### Yuba River Flow:

1400 CFS stage 63ft.

#### Feather River Flow:

3210 CFS stage 28.6ft

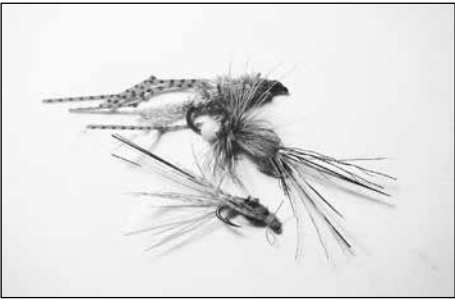
#### Sacramento River Flow:

9380 CFS stage 44.4 ft

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

No report on San Francisco Bay.

Brannon Island to Three-Mile Slough, etc. Four bass bites, four caught, one 18 ¾". Bottom of the tide, trolling, or... USE: Spoons-Lures-Bait? (g) **Fisherman's Comment:** Brownie, I don't know what bait to use, my guide kept "beating around the bush".



Humpty

### COASTAL WATERS

Sport fishermen (19'-20' boats). Hoop's deployed for Dungeness limits. USE: Chicken Guts. (b) Commercial boats; bad weather hampers placing red and white buoys on pots. USE: Fish Offal (b) Note: Snow crab \$21.99 lb., New York steak \$10.99 lb., 4-ounce Lobster tail \$10.99, Dungeness crab \$7.99 lb., Ahi Tuna, frozen \$8.99 lb.

### LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Lake Almanor; burr! No ramps open (3-ft of snow). 10:01 a.m. finds brown trout spawning and active in 30'-40' offshore. Down-riggers at 35'-45', slow troll. USE: Nightcrawlers on #8 Circle Hooks. (b)



Lazy Dazy

Lake Berryessa; four King salmon caught in 55 degree water, mooching at 60'-75'. USE: Anchovy Cut Bait. (a) Bullards Bar Reservoir Kokes; trolling shallow long line invites bald eagles and osprey competition, so go deeper to 30ft plus, close to the dam. USE: Eight inch Dodger w/ Cut Plug (g) Union Valley Reservoir; big fish, can't turn em, parts 65 lb. braid line. USE: Tuna buoy (a) New Melones Lake ; black bass to 3 ½ lbs. and Spotted bass 16"/2lbs. Fish are scattered near creek channels. USE: Lazy-Dazy Spoons (a) Fly fishers success with large fly under slip bobbbers. USE: #6 Dragon Fly. (b) Rainbow trout active in Angel Creek Cove. Roll whole Shad, or whole Anchovy. (a) Crappies eating gobs of...Jigging. USE: Paddle Tail Grub. (b)

### RIVER FISHING

All local rivers mud and debris ruins salmon fishing catch. Some fish inside the bend eddies (no debris), but no fish reported caught. USE: Cut Plugs (gg) White sturgeon reported moving up the Sacramento River. None hooked yet. USE: Nightcrawlers/Pile worms, Ghost Shrimp, or Eel if available. (g) Smith River; conditions perfect. Fishing best in years... 2-3 steelhead per day, 7-12 lbs. USE: Fresh Salmon Roe. (b) Trinity River steelies; 5-8 nice fish per day. USE: PT Nymph under indicator. (b)

"Left out in the cold."

~ Brownie

# SPARKY'S CORNER

## General Rules for Heating Your Home

1. Select heating equipment that is rated by the manufacturer for the size space you intend to heat.
2. Have any installation done by a professional, if possible, and make sure all fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside.
3. Keep your heating equipment and anything that can burn at least 3 feet apart.
4. Have your heating equipment inspected and cleaned every fall just before heating season.
5. Never use or store flammable or combustible liquids near or in rooms with heaters.
6. Make sure your heating equipment is allowed in your community.
7. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
8. Cooking appliances should not be used to heat a home.

Thank You,

**Sparky the Dog**  
**Gridley Fire Station 74**





## MEMORIAL NOTICE

**Richard Johnson Tippets**

July 11, 1939 - January 1, 2022

Born July 11, 1939, in Yuba City, Sutter Co, California to parents: McClaine Lyman Tippets and Kathleen Yvonne Johnson. Died January 1, 2022.

He was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He loved the Boy Scouts of America Scouting program and served many years with youth and youth activities. He was a teacher and Bishop of the Gridley 1st Ward. He wore cowboy boots most every day of his life and loved horses, the outdoors hunting, stream fishing, camping and being in the mountains. He worked in soil science and as a chemist for many years and then helped develop Children's Hope Foster Family Agency in 2000. Dick was known for his beautiful tenor voice. He sang at many events, performed in musicals and venues. His



sister reports a crowd favorite was his rendition of "Danny Boy".

He is survived by: Daughter Heather Iwalani Payne (Ben), Kevin Kanoa Tippets (Wendee), Sean McClaine Tippets, Michael Tippets and Terri Andersen.

Sister Nancy Bae Richins  
Brother Walden A. Barney Jr. "Sonny"

Brother Dennis J. Barney  
10 Grandchildren and 13 Great-Grandchildren

Viewing and Services will be Monday 1/10/22 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Loma Rica, CA. 11646 Hill Road

Viewing: 9:30-10:30 am  
Services: 11:00 - 12:00 pm

In lieu of flowers a donation to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Missionary program.

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

**Joan Christin Brock**

January 14, 1948 - December 10, 2021

Joan Christin Brock, 73, passed away December 10, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Joan was born in Gridley, California on January 14, 1948. She attended Gridley schools and after graduating in 1966 went on to earn a degree in education from CSU Chico. She returned to her beloved valley and faithfully taught in the Gridley Unified School District for 38 years.

"Mrs. Brock" had a passion for teaching and was a champion for the underdog often going the extra mile just to help a single student. Her charitable spirit did not need or want recognition, rather she loved to elevate students, teaching colleagues and those in the community.

After retiring, Joan never stopped loving, teaching, and interacting with children. She cherished her time volunteering at FOCUS where she continued to serve the youth in her community.

Retirement brought new passions like taking up marathon running in her 60's, adventures with the Chico Hiking Association, water coloring, photography, camping with her dogs, and traveling with family and friends. She had an infectious passion for life and adventure. Skydiving at 70 is proof of that!

The most important people in Joan's life called her "Mimi" so, it's no wonder she



held celebrity status with her 3 grandchildren. She was a constant and loving presence in their lives, always supporting and encouraging them and her love will live on through them.

A friend to all she met, Joan was warm, witty, and approachable. Her magnetic personality put those around her at ease. Her kindness drew others in. Her presence changed the atmosphere. Joan's vibrant free spirit took everyone she spent time with on an unforgettable adventure!

Joan is survived by her husband, Elmer; her son, Michael (Satia); her daughter, Valerie (Justin); adored grandchildren Jace, Charlotte, and Penelope; Sisters, Carol Nalls and Ellen Fisher (Dan); as well as numerous loving nieces and nephews. Joan was preceded in death by her parents Ralph and Shirley Back. Joan will be deeply missed by her husband, children, family, and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held  
January 15, 2021  
12:00-3:00

The Guardian Building  
300 East Spruce Street  
Gridley, CA 95948

Bring your treasured "Joan Stories" as we celebrate with joy a life well lived.

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

**William "Bill" Arthur Ward**

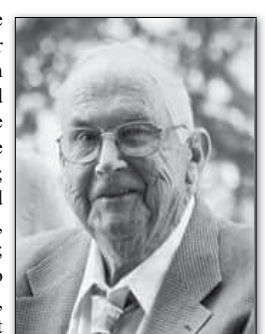
July 9, 1938 - December 31, 2021

William (Bill) Arthur Ward, age 83, was peacefully received by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 31, 2021. He is survived by his loving and incredible wife of 41 years, Darlene Ward (nee Lytle); his son Craig Johnson; daughter Wendy Warwick (married to John) and grandchildren James, Jaclyn, Meagan, and Nicole; and son Scott Ward (married to Sharon) and grandchildren Tracy, Deonna, Carey, Anthony and great grandchildren Gracelyn, Brooklyn, Amelia, and Olivia. He is predeceased by his brothers Ross, Jim, and Barry Ward and sister Louise McGoon. Bill was the youngest of the Ward boys.

Bill was born in Custer County, Nebraska. His parents were Arthur Ross Ward and Edith Alfreida (nee Lindell) Ward. Bill was born on July 9, 1938. After a divorce in 1942, Bill's father married Margaret Zerline Ward (nee Miles), a fine and gentle woman known thereafter as "Mom Ward." Mom Ward raised the Ward boys as her own. After the war, Bill's father moved the family to Inyokern, California where his father owned and operated a garage. When Bill was 9, his family moved to Death Valley where his father was employed by the National Park Services as a grader operator. They lived in Wildrose Canyon near the Furnace Creek Ranch Resort. Bill and his brothers attended a one-room school in Shoshone California that was a 60-mile-one-way bus ride. The Ward boys worked at the Furnace Creek Ranch Resort as busboys, dishwashers, and golf caddies. It was a tough but an idyllic life for the Ward boys where they had many adventures exploring the desert, old mines, and learning to survive in the wilderness. Bill's father taught his sons to be honest, to work hard, and to be accountable for their actions. Often, these lessons were taught with old-school discipline.

When Bill was 12, his father moved the family to Tonopah Nevada where his dad worked as a grader operator for Esmerelda County, Nevada. At the age of 16, Bill's father died of a heart attack while working on the road crew. Bill expressed many times how much he appreciated the Esmerelda County attorney's kindness in helping Mom Ward with his father's affairs. His appreciation of the attorney guided his career choice later in life.

Mom Ward and Bill moved to Reseda California where Bill finished high school. Working as a detail man at a local car lot and at Anheuser-Busch, Bill put himself through college, earning a law degree at UCLA. After graduation, Bill passed the California State Bar, married, and in 1964 moved his young family to Gridley, California to work for the law firm



Schow and Jones. Soon after Bill opened his own practice. As a young lawyer, Bill quickly built a reputation as being a tenacious advocate and a fair and honest man. Bill represented a lot of clients who were poor and at times could not pay his fee. Regardless of their ability to pay, Bill provided them excellent representation. In Gridley, Bill met lifelong friends and hunting and fishing partners Barney Cobeen and Ed Kilby.

Hunting and fishing were a passion for Bill and some of his best memories were fishing and hunting with his son Scott and Scott's friend Mike Loucks.

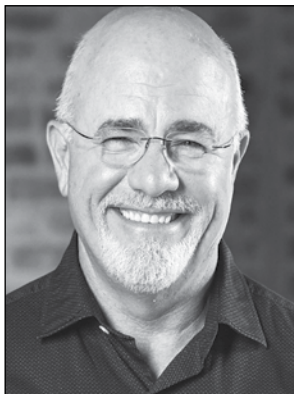
Bill's reputation as a fine lawyer soon got the attention of a Chico law firm Watt and Leverenz. Bill was offered a partnership and moved his family to Chico. When partner Reginald Watt became a judge, Bill left the firm and again opened his own law practice. Local Chico attorneys Maynard Craig and Gil Jones were good friends of Bill. Bill Ward was widely respected in the local legal community for his ethics and uncompromising principles. If you had Bill Ward as your attorney, you were in good hands.

It was in Chico where Bill met the love of his life and soulmate Darlene Ward (nee Lytle). They married on March 1, 1980. For 41 loving years, Darlene was a dedicated, wonderful wife who loved and supported her husband fearlessly. Bill considered himself to be the luckiest man in the world to have her by his side. Bill and Darlene shared many adventures: traveling to Europe, Mexico, spur-of-the-moment trips to Reno, visiting relatives throughout the country, camping at their favorite ocean campground at McKerracher Park on the Mendocino coast, or just relaxing at home enjoying their always-beautiful lawn and garden.

Family was everything to Bill. Thanksgiving was his favorite holiday and he loved having his kids and family around. Bill unconditionally supported his children with love and encouragement and always provided good advice when asked. Bill also resisted giving un-asked for advice and counsel so that his children could learn from their mistakes without his intervention. Bill was the best father and grandfather anyone could ask for.

Bill Ward was an honest and ethical man that conducted himself with the courage of his convictions, honor, and kindness every day of his life. Bill also had an ever-present funny bone that brought laughter to every gathering. He was a good man, loving husband, and wonderful father that will be missed deeply.

At Bill's request, there will not be services held.

**Dave Ramsey Says**

Being a stay-at-home mom is a great thing if you can make the numbers work. Still, I'm sure it's no picnic trying to live on \$1,700 a month with two little ones in the mix.

Let's look at it like a math problem with three components – house payment, income and lifestyle. Forty percent of your pay is going toward your home. That's way too much. Your mortgage payment or rent should never be more than 25 percent of your take home pay. I suppose you could look into the possibility of refinancing your home, but that's not going to solve all your problems.

One option would be finding a way to generate some extra income, whether that means a part-time job nights or weekends, or pursuing additional education or certifications to get your income level up at work. Another is to sell the house and find a less expensive alternative, but I'm never a big fan of that idea – especially in a family situation – unless there's absolutely

no other way to avoid bankruptcy or foreclosure.

I think you and your wife need to sit down, and spend some serious heart-to-heart time talking things over, crunching the numbers and creating a plan. There's going to be some sacrifice involved for everyone, and only you two can decide what's worth it and what isn't – for you two and your kids.

God bless you and your family, Cade.

– 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.* ★

**There's Going to be Sacrifice Involved**

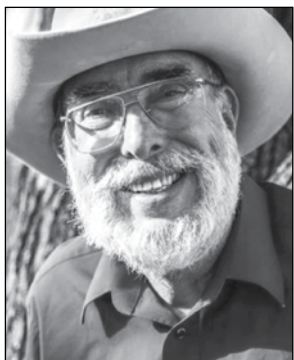
Dear Dave,

I bring home about \$2,800 a month, and our mortgage payment is \$1,100. We have been forced to take money out of our savings account occasionally over the last year or so to help pay the bills. My wife loves being a stay-at-home mom with our two preschool kids, but even she is talking about finding a daycare for the kids so she can go back to work and help out financially. How do you feel about this idea and our situation?

– Cade

Dear Cade,

I can't blame your wife for loving the idea of staying home with your kids when they're so young.

**Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY****Just Pick a Year and Live with It?**

**Slim Randles**

"And that's another thing," Herb said, with finality, "Changing that dang year on everything we write, every January. Goes against human nature."

"Well I might just have an answer to your problem, Herb," said Doc, sipping and dunking and stirring. "Why don't we, here at the philosophy counter, pick out a year we like and stick with it? Date everything we do with that year. It might start a movement, you never know."

Steve looked up from his coffee and twitched his voluminous mustache then

twitched it again to make sure he got it right the first time.

"So Doc," he said, "you're saying we should just pick a year and live with it? Okay, so which year would you pick?"

"I think it would have more of an effect if it would be the same year for all of us here. My choice of year might not agree with yours, you know."

"I was thinking of 19 and 87, myself," said Steve. "Won the team roping that year. Got it on my belt buckle."

"There you go. You got the right idea, Pard. Herb, how about you?"

"Dog died. In '87, I mean. Just woke up one morning and there she was, dead. I couldn't do '87."

"Sorry, Herb. Dud?"

"Haven't got to that year yet, Doc," Dud said. "It'll

be the year I finish that darn book."

We all nodded.

"If that there favor-ite year comes in the bowels of the chicken yard, like it says in the Farmer's Almanac, that'd be good, doncha think?"

Doc nodded. "And which year would that be, Windy?"

"Ain't sure. Don't have no Farmer's Almanac at the moment."

"Let's get some more coffee and give it some thought," said Herb.

"I'll second that," said Steve.

"Can't," said Windy. "Ain't been firsted yet."

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**9300 Lott Road, Durham, CA 95938**  
Lloyd Blain Boyer, 9300 Lott Road, Durham, CA 95938  
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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV02668

1. Petitioner Casseeandra Tyler Baxmeyer filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**Present name**  
Casseeandra Tyler Baxmeyer

**Proposed name**  
Casseeandra Tyler Alaniz

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing January 19, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV02656

1. Petitioner Chelsie Parks filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**Present name**  
Hope Skelyynne Ellison

**Proposed name**  
Hope Skelyynne Parks

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing January 19, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
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**1023 14th Street Oroville, CA 95965**  
Chateau Mobile Estates LLC, 1023 14th Street Oroville, CA 95965  
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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV02983

1. Petitioner Patricia Sara Hale filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**Present name**  
Patricia Sara Hale

**Proposed name**  
Patty Sara Hale Burch

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing January 26, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0001358

The following persons are doing business as: WEE HELP  
**5328 Parkdale Avenue Oroville, CA 95966**  
Wee Help, 5328 Parkdale Avenue Oroville, CA 95966  
Date Filed in Butte County: November 12, 2021  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code.  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME- STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2019-0001128

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: DEWBERRY DRAKE HAGLAN  
**955 Hazel Street, Gridley, CA 95948**  
Dewberry Engineers Inc, 8401 Arlington Boulevard Fairfax, VA 22031  
Date Filed in Butte County: September 7, 2021

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Individual  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0001368

The following persons are doing business as: LORD'S LIGHT LOGGING AND TREE SERVICE  
**1267 Dale Way Chico, CA 95926**  
David Martin Ives, 1267 Dale Way Chico, CA 95926  
Date Filed in Butte County: November 16, 2021  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0001409

The following persons are doing business as: GARNER BUILT INC.  
**164 Pearson Road Paradise, CA 95969**  
Garner Built Inc, 164 Pearson Road Paradise, CA 95969  
Date Filed in Butte County: December 6, 2021  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0001500

The following persons are doing business as: TACOS EL MARIACHI  
**1450 Oro Dam Boulevard E Oroville, CA 95965**  
Jaime Gomez and Bianca Medina, 28 Grover Lane Oroville, CA 95965  
Date Filed in Butte County: December 28, 2021  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: A Married Couple

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0001504

The following persons are doing business as: C AND I SCULPTING STUDIO  
**1435 MYERS STREET OROVILLE, CA 95965**  
Shella Chandar, 3150 Orange Avenue Oroville, CA 95965 and Christina Lara, 2141 Colusa Circle Corning, CA 96021  
Date Filed in Butte County: December 28, 2021  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0001439

The following persons are doing business as: B.B. BROWS, B.B. STRIPS, BEAUTI BLENDZ, BEAUTIFULLY BLENDED ESSENTIALS  
**120 Menlo Way #30 Chico, CA 95926**  
Aimee Ellingson, 1532 Downing Avenue Chico, CA 95926 Shanea Fowler, 355 E12 Street Apt#22 Garner, IA 50438, and Cherie Higgs, 120 Menlo Way #30 Chico, CA 95926  
Date Filed in Butte County: December 28, 2021  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0001509

The following persons are doing business as: CHICO LAWN AND YARD, CHICO LAWN AND YARD CARE, AND CHICO LAWN AND YARD MAINTENANCE  
**1474 Vallombrosa Avenue Chico, CA 95926**  
Cameron Dwell, 1474 Vallombrosa Avenue Chico, CA 95926  
Date Filed in Butte County: December 30, 2021  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHERINE M. HARNESSE

CASE No. 21PR00585

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Katherine M. Harness, deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Jerald L. Harness, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Jerald L. Harness 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 January 18, 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 P.O.Drawer 111 Oroville, CA 95965 5 3 0 - 5 3 3 - 5 6 6 1 Publish: December 24, 31, 2021 and January 7, 2022 HARNESSE 17062 1-7-22

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MYRTLE T. JAMES AKA MYRTLE THELMA JAMES

CASE No. 21PR00606

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Myrtle T. James aka Myrtle Thelma James deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Karen Janas, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Karen Janas 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 the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows February 1, 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 P.O. Drawer 111 Oroville, CA 95965 530-533-5661 Publish: January 7, 14, and 21, 2022 JAMES 17062 1-21-22

### Summons

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)  
CASE NUMBER:  
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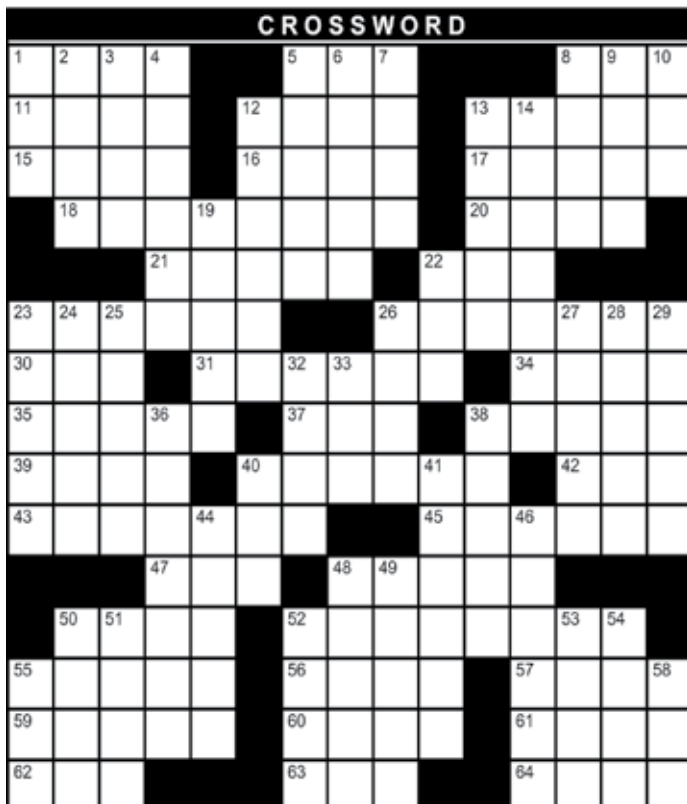
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#### ACROSS

1. \*Lettuce variety
5. Drivel
8. \*Café alternative
11. \*Cantina cooker
12. \*Waldorf salad ingredient
13. Animal trail
15. Radio knob
16. Hurry up, acr.
17. One who accepts the offer
18. \*Anise-flavored spirit
20. "Happily \_\_\_\_ after"
21. Operatic solos
22. \_\_\_\_ Air in L.A.
23. Hairy vertebrate
26. Freed
30. In the past
31. Small type of drum
34. \*Wine in Italy
35. Charleston, e.g.
37. Chow down
38. a.k.a. honey badger
39. Wet nurse
40. Hervé Villechaze on "Fantasy Island"
42. Expression of doubt
43. Founding Father
45. City in Japan
47. Shock and \_\_\_\_
48. Jawaharlal's last name
50. \*Driest type of sherry
52. \*a.k.a. black treacle
55. Softly-softly, loris' cousin
56. A Flock of Seagulls' 1982 hit (2 words)
57. \*Cabbage amount
59. Alexandre Dumas' "The Black \_\_\_\_"
60. What seekers do
61. Consequently
62. Everything
63. Temporary craze
64. Swedish shag rugs

#### DOWN

1. Physique, informally
2. Pelvic bones
3. Spill the beans
4. Certain fir
5. \*Fusilli or ziti
6. Same as #39 Across, pl.
7. Supreme pontiff
8. Puff
9. Field worker
10. Be off base
12. Capital of Philippines
13. Be at the helm
14. \*Ballerina-inspired dessert
19. All worked up
22. \*Granola serving
23. Tea Léoni's "\_\_\_\_ Secretary"
24. Old World lizard
25. Unicellular organism
26. Stroke on a green
27. Lithograph, for short
28. Japan to U.S. in WWII
29. \*Stuffed grapevine leaf
32. \*Flageolet or azuki
33. \*Popular breakfast cereal
36. \*Type of #34 Across
38. Lion sounds
40. One little piggy?
41. Easily available (2 words)
44. One clean one?
46. \*Betty Crocker fruit snack
48. Waterwheel
49. Serengeti grazer
50. Unplayable baseball
51. It will, contraction
52. Lrk
53. Like a ghost
54. Long novel



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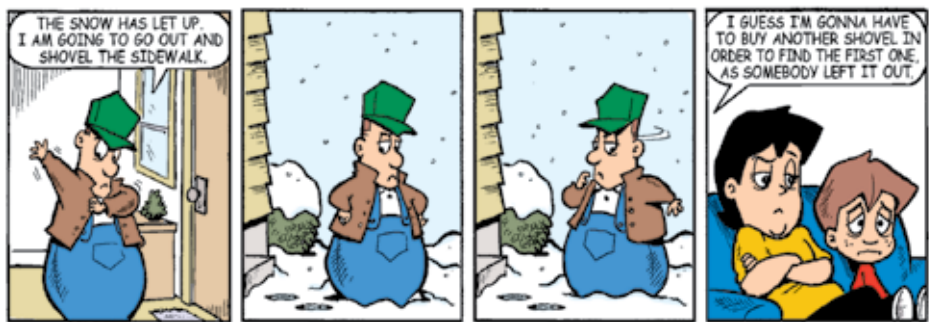
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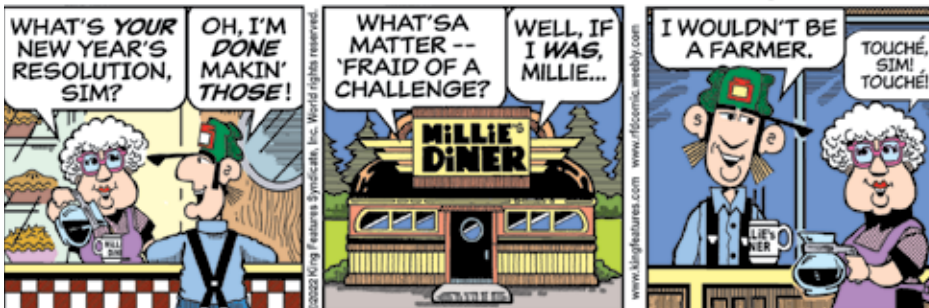
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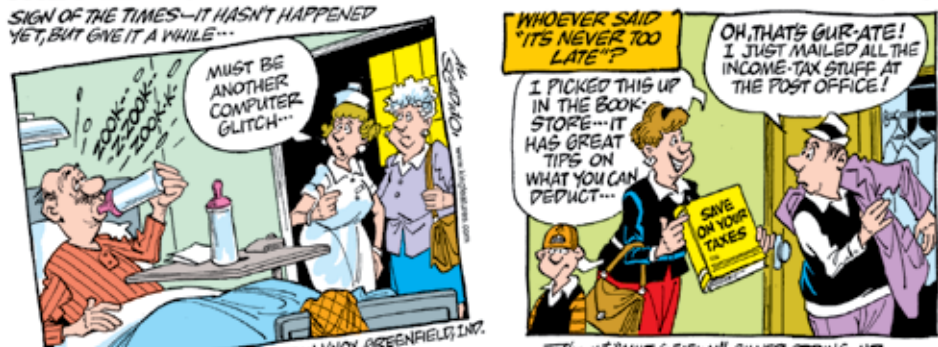


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# Crime Reports



## Gridley- Biggs Police Report

Decmber 17 - January 1

**12-17-21:** At 6:27 pm on the 1500 block of SR-99, Gridley CA, Andrew Justin Melton, 37, was arrested for DUI (23152 (a) VC), DUI with a blood alcohol level of .08% or higher (23152 (b) VC), resisting arrest (148 (a)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**12-17-21:** At 7:06 pm on the 1500 block of SR-99, Gridley CA, Don Gordon Butler, 68, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC), a local misdemeanor bench warrant, and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**12-18-21:** At 6:54 pm on the 1500 block of SR-99, Gridley CA, Mitchell Austin Pate, 27, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**12-20-21:** At 7:04 pm on the 1400 block of SR-99, Gridley CA, William Knox Roberts III, 37, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**12-20-21:** At 10:54 pm on the 1500 block of SR-99, Patrick Raymond Edwards, 30, was arrested for public intoxication (647(f) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**12-23-21:** At 10:58 pm on Haskell and Magnolia streets, Gridley CA, Steven Jacob Christopher Powell, 33, was arrested for DUI (23152 (a) VC), DUI with a blood alcohol level at .08% or higher (23152(b) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**12-27-21:** At 1:19 am on Hazel and Virginia streets, Gridley CA, Robert Abel Lopez, was arrested for violation of felony parole (3056 PC), DUI (23152 (a) PC), DUI with a blood alcohol level at .08% or higher (23152 (b) PC), possession of more than 28.5 grams of marijuana (11357 (b)(2) H&S), violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC), driving with a suspended license (14601.2 (a) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**12-28-21:** At 10:20 pm on the 100 block of Washington St., Gridley CA, Marquis Levar Jones, 41, was arrested for possession of a narcotic controlled substance (11350 (a) H&S), controlled substance paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S), possession of a controlled substance -misdemeanor (11377(a) H&S), driving without a license (12500 (a) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**1-1-21:** 7:36 am on the 1800 block of Ayers Ave, Gridley CA, Rodolfo Trevino, 38, was arrested for battery (243(e)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

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# Early Winter Storms Provide Much Needed Sierra Snowpack



Californians need to be aware that even these big storms may not refill our major reservoirs during the next few months. Photo Madsctica | Dreamstime

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted the first snow survey of the season at Phillips Station. Early winter storms this month provided a strong start to the season and some drought relief, but California remains in a drought.

The manual survey recorded 78.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 20 inches, which is 202 percent of average for this location on this date. The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of DWR’s water supply forecast. Statewide the snowpack is 160 percent of average for this date.

“We could not have asked for a better December in terms of Sierra snow and rain,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “But Californians need to be aware that even these

big storms may not refill our major reservoirs during the next few months. We need more storms and average temperatures this winter and spring, and we can’t be sure it’s coming. So, it’s important that we continue to do our part to keep conserving – we will need that water this summer.”

Californians only need to look to last winter and the state’s disappointing snowpack runoff due to high temperatures, dry soil and evaporation as a reminder that changes to our climate mean it will take more than an average year to recover from drought.

“California continues to experience evidence of climate change with bigger swings between wet and dry years and even extreme variability within a season. A wet start to the year doesn’t mean this year will end up above average once it’s all said and done,” said

Sean de Guzman, Manager of DWR’s Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit.

December is the first of the three typically wettest months of California’s water year. Significant January and February precipitation would be required to generate enough runoff to make up for the previous two winters that were California’s fifth - and second-driest water years on record.

California has experienced wet Decembers before only to have storms disappear for the remainder of the season. In 2013, the first snow survey provided promising results after a wet December, similar to this year. However, the following January and February were exceptionally dry, and the year ended as the driest on record, contributing to a record-breaking drought.

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California’s water needs and the snowpack is an important factor in determining how DWR manages the state’s water resources. Its natural ability to store water is why the Sierra snowpack is often referred to as California’s “frozen reservoir.”

As spring sets in, the snowpack begins to melt. Water that is not absorbed into the ground, called “runoff,” trickles into mountain streams, which feed rivers and eventually aqueducts and reservoirs, where it can be stored for use throughout the dry season. Climate change is affecting California’s snowpack, as more precipitation falls as rain and less as snow. Excessively dry soils and dry, warm spring temperatures are also reducing yearly runoff.

Due to these climate-induced

changes, DWR is investing in partnerships and implementing emerging and proven technologies to improve forecasts of precipitation, seasonal snowpack, and runoff to support more efficient water management now and to help estimate the impacts of climate change on future flood and drought conditions. Forecast improvements and monitoring enhancements increase the reliability of data used to inform water managers about flood risks, allowing opportunities to create more storage in reservoirs ahead of big storms while also ensuring water supply reliability in periods of dry or drought conditions.

DWR conducts five media-oriented snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month from January through April and, if necessary, May.

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