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## In Full Bloom!

*GHS FFA Floral Scores High at Nationals*



Gridley FFA Floral Team pictured at the Future Farmers of America National Championships. Pictured Left to Right: Kennison Cota, Maddy Hamman, Mrs. Jenny Hayley, Becca Hamman and Hayley Triplet. Photo courtesy of GHS FFA

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley's Future Farmers of America's Floral Program has just returned from Nationals with impressive results!

Earlier in the year, the GHS FFA Floral Team, composed of Maddy Hamman, Becca Hamman, Hayley Triplet and Kennison Cota, placed first in the FFA State Competition, allowing for the team to advance to the National FFA Competition this fall.

A preliminary round was held on Zoom, which consisted of a written test and floral/plant identification and tested the ladies' skills in identifying

and controlling disease and pests. The GHS team scored in the top 20, allowing them to compete, in person, at Nationals. Under the direction of Mrs. Jenny Hayley and Ms. Madison Albani, the four young ladies spent 6 days in Indianapolis, Indiana, the last week of October, competing at the 2021 Future Farmers of America National Championships.

The FFA Floral Team competed alongside their peers in five hands-on practicums and a 50-question test, pulled from a question bank of 300 potential questions, for individual and group scores. The practicums are randomly chosen, and competitors don't know which practicum they will be

competing in until moments before their assignment. Then, individual scores and group scores are tallied for a final total that would place the team in the categories of Bronze, Silver, or Gold.

The Gridley FFA Floral team would do well, their group scores landing them the Silver High Team at the awards ceremony. For the individual contests, Becca Hamman, Kennison Cota, and Hayley Triplet, all placed individual Silver High Score, with Maddy Hamman taking Gold High Score in individuals.

Ms. Albani says, before State and Nationals, everything was on zoom.

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**CHP to Focus  
on Street  
Racing and  
Sideshows**



CHP Valley Division continues to experience an increase in illegal street racing, sideshows, and drifting activities, often with fatal results. Photo courtesy Pixabay

**CHP News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Southern and Valley Divisions are working to reduce the number of victims killed and injured in traffic crashes as a result of illegal street racing and sideshows with the support of the Communities Against Racing and Sideshows (CARS) grant.

The CHP Valley Division continues to experience an increase in illegal street racing, sideshows, and drifting activities, often with fatal results. This continued dangerous behavior has proven the need for additional personnel and resources to properly address this illegal and highly dangerous activity.

With the CARS grant, CHP Valley Division officers will be able to focus enforcement on these unsafe driving behaviors and educating the public about the oftentimes deadly outcomes they bring.

"Ultimately we want to keep our roadways safe for everyone," said CHP Valley Division Chief Mike Dust. "Those who choose to engage in these irresponsible and selfish acts need to know they put everyone's life at risk, not just their own, and we cannot allow that."

Grant activities will include focused task force operations, undercover procedures, "in-view" proactive patrol operations, local high school presentations, and a public awareness campaign including community events and presentations.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★

## Patriots Stage Protest

*"The People" want accountability from their government*

**By Noah Ross**

**YUBA-SUTTER, CA (MPG)** -

Dozens of people attended a protest rally last Saturday at the fountain between C and D Streets in Yuba City. People were present to express their displeasure with the current government's handling of the so-called "pandemic." They are tired of Gavin Newsom and his tyrannical regime that has enforced laws that were not created by the legislature but instead were created by his personal fiat. They were there to protest against vaccine and mask mandates for schools that are harming children everyday by depriving their growing brains of oxygen and exposing them to untested and unproven medical procedures. Some were there to protest the possibility of a one world government by way of socialist takeover. Others were there to show their disagreement with laws of fundamentalist Muslims who are trying



Below: Young attendee hides from government overreach. Above: Rally attendee lets his feelings on pedophilia be known at Saturday's rally. Photos by Noah Ross

to impose their will on America. However, the most ardent protesters were the ones who showed out against the systematic sexual exploitation of children in places like churches and foster care facilities.

The New California Movement was also present at the protest. For those who don't know, the New

California movement is a secessionist group that advocates forming a new state of California as the 51st state out of 56 existing counties. The movement promises that New California will have the highest grossing least regulated business environment and an existence where laissez-faire is the rule and not the exception. ★



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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

This is from the Bill Bursleson column of November 22, 1991, Pi Line: The good news is that Gridley is gaining a new, full Service bank. The not as good news is that the bank is taking over a savings and loan. U.S. Bank of California is coming to Gridley officially on December 6 in

what will become the former Hart Federal Savings and Loan branch office in Heritage Oak Shopping Center. The new U.S. Bank sign was being installed Wednesday. Preparations are being made for the official unveiling at 9 a.m. on Friday the 6th, according to Manager Ida Mae Hyde, who will change title from S&L branch manager to bank branch manager. There will be no change in the local staff, but there will 50 additions to the services offered. Expect to see a lot of publicity in the next two weeks. U.S. Bank recently purchased 19 offices from Motherlode Bank and Bank of Lolita. The Hart Federal purchase includes

19 branches. Hart Federal is retaining one office in Auburn to handle jumbo accounts. Where Heart Federal had resources of over \$900 million, U.S. Bank has \$18.6 billion. U. S. also has branches on Oregon and Washington. Remember how we have been talking about the impressive number of Gridley businesses? The arrival of a fourth bank in our city means someone out there sees something big in our future. And you know McDonald's wouldn't locate a restaurant in Gridley if it wasn't going to grow.

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Josh F.W. Cook writes exclusively for the Gridley Herald. ★

# In Full Bloom!

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For Cota, this was her first in-person competition. "I think for them an in-person competition, as a whole, was something, and then you add the fact you are competing against different states." Says Ms. Albani. "Competing at that level and representing California is something to be proud of as a whole, and then doing so, as they did, making Silver ...and their dedication throughout the summer, of coming in on their own time...making sure that we're preparing as well as we could...I think that was something you only hope happens." She adds that she was very proud.

Of their experience, Becca Hamman says, "It was really cool. It sets a goal for the next competitions that I compete in," and that she wants to go back. "It's something that I used to think of as unrealistic, but now it's way closer in reach than I used to think." She continues, "I think that will help us strive in further competitions." Kennison Cota says that it was "Eye opening and inspiring just to see how much FFA has done for so many kids across the nation." Hayley Tripplet was



Gridley FFA Floral Team competing at Nationals, held in Indianapolis, Indiana the last week of October. Photo courtesy of GHS FFA

unavailable for comment, but Maddy Hamman says, "For me, I had a very different perspective because that was the last time wearing my jacket... My freshman year, we were 65th High Team in the State, and so we really started at the bottom...so it was really cool to just

see it come full circle, like this pipe dream I had four years ago, and then, to do it with my sister... made it even more special. And so, for me, it just like, put a bow on my whole FFA experience." Gridley's FFA Floral Teams hard work and dedication has paid off! ★

# Recycle Your Reads!

Gridley Friends of the Library

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Thanks to those in the community who donated books to the Gridley Friends of the Library book sale. We continue to need your support with donations of new/used books, DVD's, CD's and books on tape. You can drop them by the library, 299 Spruce Street, any time during library hours (Tue. & Wed. 12-6 pm and Thurs.-Sat. 10-2pm). In the past, our next book sale would be

scheduled for January, but because we don't have enough books in our inventory, we have to push it out to April 5-9, 2022.

Volunteers are always needed to work the book sale. Just let the librarian know. Please consider becoming a Friend of the Library – see the circulation desk for an envelope. Our board meetings are the first Monday of each month at 2:30 pm in the Donald Wiley Conference Room in the library and are always open to new members. We appreciate your support. ★

# Recall Effort Targets Live Oak Council Member

By Seti Long

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Recently, a recall effort has been mounted against Live Oak City Councilmember J.R. Thiara, who has served on the Live Oak City Council since 2018.

Confirmed by Live Oak City Manager, Aaron Palmer, Mr. Thiara was served a Notice of Intention to Circulate Recall Petition at the Wednesday, November 17th Live Oak City Council Meeting during the public comment portion of the meeting.

The Notice of Intention to Circulate Recall Petition required 20 signatures and once served, Thiara would have 7 days to file his response with the Sutter County Office of Elections. Sutter County Registrar of Voters, Donna Johnston confirmed that once those were filed with the county, 25 percent of the registered voting population of the City of Live Oak would need to sign the petition within a 60-day time frame. If those signatures were successfully collected and verified by the office of Sutter County Elections, the matter would then go before the Live Oak City Council, which would have the obligation to call for a recall election. If they failed to do so, the responsibility to call for a recall election would then fall at the feet of the Sutter County Board of Supervisors.

Thiara told the Appeal Democrat: "This process is an important constitutional right provided to every citizen," Thiara said. "I gladly welcome the opportunity to meet

with, listen to, discuss, and address any comments or concerns that any citizen of Live Oak may have."

Below is a copy of the Notice of Intention to Circulate Recall Petition that was supposedly served to Mr. Thiara:

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE RECALL PETITION TO J R Thiara:** Pursuant to Section 11020, California Elections Code, the undersigned registered qualified voters of Sutter County, City of Live Oak, in the State of California, hereby give notice that we are the proponent of a recall petition and that we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of Live Oak City Councilmember, in Live Oak, California, and to demand election of a successor in that office.

The grounds for this recall are as follows: Councilmember Thiara was investigated after the City received several complaints of Councilmember Thiara displaying abusive and erratic behavior towards employees and others. An outside attorney found that Councilmember Thiara had repeatedly engaged in bullying, threatening, and abusive behavior towards others and was subsequently banned from all City property, banned from contacting any City employees or contractors, was removed from all appointments to special committees and commissions, and is currently allowed only to attend City Council meetings. Councilmember Thiara has repeatedly refused to pass the City budget this year. He has ignored

the recommendations of staff, other Council Members, professionals in the municipal finance business, attorneys, and concerned citizens. Councilmember Thiara refuses to ask questions during open session meetings about the budget and has requested repeatedly to work behind closed doors to make changes to the budget. Councilmember Thiara has taken a budget that was proposed in May with an approximate \$700,000 surplus and has voted against Mello-Roos taxes and other assessments that has now resulted in close to a \$900,000 deficit, and has still not voted to pass the budget, leaving staff and City services in limbo since July 1. Councilmember Thiara's sole nomination and yes vote to replace an empty City Council seat was for an applicant who publicly stated his purpose was to disincorporate the City from the inside. Councilmember Thiara is abrasive towards other Councilmembers and members of staff and public in open Council meetings, often yelling at and belittling the people whom he disagrees with. Councilmember Thiara is regularly unprepared for meetings, having not studied the agenda material, and blames staff for his lack of preparation. Councilmember Thiara recently at a public celebration stated in support of a candidate for City Council that "we will have power and control over Live Oak". A Councilmember is here to serve the people, not to have "power and control" over people. Having no other recourse left, we

the people have come together to take this action to remedy these misdeeds and prevent further damage to our City.

The printed names, signatures, and residences of the proponents are as follows:

Jordan Benzol, 3461 Cannon Way, Live Oak, California. Jack Copelin, 2583 Brianna Way, Live Oak, California. Michele Curiel, 9797 Richmond Way, Live Oak, California. Esperanza Grove, 3461 Cannon Way, Live Oak, California. Noel Grove, 3461 Cannon Way, Live Oak, California. Kathy Grove, 3461 Cannon Way, Live Oak, California. James Hartman, 10146 N Street, Live Oak, California. Patricia Hartman, 10146 N Street, Live Oak, California. Hilary Jupina, 9730 Garnet Court, Live Oak, California. Jennifer Robles, 9677 Collier Ave, Live Oak, California. Juan Robles, 9677 Collier Ave, Live Oak, California. Tiffany Robles, 3386 Apricot Street, Live Oak, California. Victor Robles, 3386 Apricot Street, Live Oak, California. Jose Rincon, 9037 Highway 99, Apt C, Live Oak, California. Jennifer Rios, 10152 Wooley Road, Live Oak, California. Jennifer Sanchez, 2245 Leslie Court, Live Oak, California. Katherine Scott, 3425 Presley Ave, Live Oak, California. Thomas Scott, 3425 Presley Ave, Live Oak, California. Kerri Santanna, 9524 Poplar Way, Live Oak, California. Kayla Vaughn, 9795 Larkin Road, Live Oak, California. Bianca Wilkinson, 3461 Cannon Way, Live Oak, California. Dana West, 9369 Collier Court, Live Oak, California. ★

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**First Practice/ Game is January 15th 2022**

Register at the Gridley Recreation Center: 194 Washington St., Mon-Thurs, 9am-2pm or at City Hall: 685 Kentucky St., Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm. For questions call the Gridley Recreation Center (530) 846-3264



# Wide Awake Geek: Computers, Tools and So Much More



(Left to right) WAG owner Chuck Ferguson in his lab next to CNC router. Artist Mr. Trujillo. Photo courtesy Barbara Ott

By Barbara Ott

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Tucked away in Marysville on G Street is Wide Awake Geek (WAG): a Coworking zone for “innovators, entrepreneurs, and makers.”

WAG is not new to the area but has done some amazing things over the last few years. In 2020, WAG and local partners, under the leadership of WAG owner Chuck Ferguson, designed, made,

and distributed 2,000 clear face shields using their technology. These were used by first responders in the Yuba-Sutter area. In 2019 WAG partnered with the Butte County Fair in Gridley to make the Maker’s Experience, held during the Fair, successful.

WAG offers offices, desks, and a podcast room for rent. Presentation space and makerspace for constructing projects are also available. Members can

access hand, power and computerized tools in the WAG lab. The public is invited to learn how to use 3D printers, laser cutters, and CNC routers through a WAG membership. WAG provides workspace needs for students, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. Innovative classes, with an emphasis on technology for youth and adults, will begin again soon. WAG also participates as a 1-Million Cups community, providing support to local entrepreneurs with help developing their ideas and businesses.

All of these services are accessed through memberships of varying types and costs. Tours of WAG can be booked on-line at their website. WAG services, classes and labs are explained on this tour so comprehensive decisions can be made about becoming a member to access valuable tools and workspaces. There are also 8-hour one-day passes that can be acquired for a fee.

For more information about this innovative business please visit Wide Awake Geek.com. or call (530) 870-8779. ★

# Bingo Fun for Seniors!



Bingo! is a lot of fun for the seniors that take advantage of the Bingo and game days at the Gridley Parks and Recreation Department! Photo by Barbara Ott

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Recreation Center in Vierra Park has senior Bingo every Tuesday and Thursday. Breakfast is served at 9:00 AM, Bingo starts at 9:30 AM. Players play as many cards as desired. Each game is a nickel. All of the players are friendly, joking around with one another while playing. A variety of Bingo patterns are called to keep it interesting. The winner of the round chooses the next Bingo pattern. All seniors are welcome. Several

players come from Live Oak. There were friendly competitive comments about getting more seniors from Gridley to come so the Live Oak contingent can be outnumbered. Bingo ends around noon. Additionally, there are game/card days on Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Play the Center’s games or bring your own. Due to the holidays the Recreation Department will be closed for Thanksgiving and for the last two weeks in December. Come be with others while having fun playing games including Bingo. ★

# Live Oak Prepares for Special Election

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The City of Live Oak is preparing for a special election to be held on December 7th.

The election is being held to fill a vacancy on the City Council, which was caused by the resignation, effective May 31st 2021, of then Mayor Luis Hernandez. Since the resignation of Hernandez, the Live Oak City Council has

been operating with a four-person council.

The four candidates running for election to the City Council are: Jeramy Chapdelaine, Rick Dais, Cruz Mora and Aleks Tica.

Vote by Mail ballots are already in circulation with drop boxes located at Live Oak City hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak and at the office of Sutter County Elections, 1435

Veterans Memorial Circle, Yuba City.

To accommodate in-person voting, voting centers will be open Tuesday, December 7th from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. Voting centers will be located at the office of Sutter County Elections, 1435 Veterans Memorial Circle, Yuba City and at the Live Oak Community Building, 10200 “O” Street, Live Oak. ★

# “The Twelve” Presented by Creative Light Theater

Church of Glad Tidings News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Twelve is an original adventure looking into the lives of Jesus’s 12 disciples to be presented at the Embassy Theater December 3-7, at 7 pm in Yuba City.

This Christmas you will hear from Jesus’s own mother the true story of his miraculous birth and see through the eyes of those closest to him, who this wonderful man really is! Admission is free!

Imagine being a fisherman suddenly invited to follow Jesus, a new teacher with a radically new message. He sees you and wants you for his disciple. There are twelve of us that have risen to

the top and Jesus has made it clear that he wants to train us to carry on his work. (laugh) Frankly, we have a LONG way to go. I mean, when he talks to the people, things change. He heals them! I’ve never seen anything like it! And boy oh boy are the religious leaders offended. Jesus is more popular than they are, and they cannot stand it! Us disciples are just happy to be along for the ride, but we’re all asking ourselves, “Who is He really!?” Who else sees a bunch of uneducated fishermen and calls them to walk with him and learn from him?

For more information call (530) 671-3160. Embassy Theater is located on Highway 99 and Eager Road, Yuba City. ★



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# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



These past few years have been a lot other than peaceful. Closed businesses, loss of personal contact, fear of hurt and pain from an invisible disease cast upon us, and the unknown.

The Gridley United Methodist Church will be offering news of peace from the Prince of Peace Himself, Christ Jesus. Join us and if you read this remember He offers us Peace through everything

My first offering is, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." Our peace begins within in each of us, a doing away with anger, and a grasping of hope. It is left up to each of us to offer hope and peace in all we do and to whom we meet.

A kind word to a stressed mom. A helping

hand to an elderly shopper. A smile to a battered homeless individual. A cup of coffee to the person behind you in line. These seem small, but, oh what they would mean to the struggling person who has lost peace.

During these weeks leading up to Christmas, known as advent, it is time to share and open our hearts and minds to ways to help bring peace to our broken world, which we humans have caused by our sinful actions.

Think about it, no wars if man didn't live in greed and hatred for his fellow man. No jails if man didn't steal or kill out of pride, hurt, and greed. No hunger and thirst due to lack of water or food, or lack of jobs, or professional help. No shanty towns or makeshift living spaces because people don't want to provide for the homeless, and hopeless.

Everyone deserves peace. Peace from physical pain, emotional strain,

and spiritual loss. If we meet the needs of those around us peace could become a true asset.

When we make choices to bring about peace, sometimes those choices will cause adverse reactions, because this world doesn't recognize God's Peace plans. They didn't when the prophets lived. They didn't believe when Jesus was here. They probably won't accept peace from a mere human like each of us. However, God gives us the equipment to try.

That is why we need the "Prince of Peace" Himself in our lives. Only through the vine from God can we produce the fruit of peace.

Lift up holy hands and bring the living Lord into your house. This Christmas advent season to get peace and give peace to all around you.

Join us in sharing peace each Sunday at 10 am as we worship. We are located at the intersection of Magnolia and Haskell Streets in Gridley. ★

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Leodina Marie Airisa

July 21, 1933 to November 16, 2021

Leodina Marie Airisa, 82, was called home by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on November 16th, 2021 at Enloe Hospital in Chico.

She was born in Terceira, Azores Islands, to Jose Vierra Rodrigues and Deolinda Do Carmo (Martins) Rodrigues on July 21st, 1939. She was the 8th of 10 children. She immigrated to the United States in February 1968, where she met and eventually married her husband, Antonio N Airisa, on December 14th 1968, in Gridley, California. Their home of almost 53 years of marriage was in Biggs, California.

She worked in various jobs among which were Tri-Valley Growers Canary and Valley Oaks Convalescent Hospital, in Gridley,

California. She was a member of the Biggs Women's Club. She became a U.S. Citizen in 1993. Lee enjoyed visiting with people, working in her flower gardens, reading, especially her Bible every day.

Leodina is survived by her husband Antonio N. Airisa of Biggs, California, son, Anthony N. Airisa of Casper, Wyoming, Daughter Jeannette M. Segress of Chico, California. Leodina had one granddaughter, Britni Sciligo of Loveland, Colorado and 2 grandsons, Samuel Airisa and Daniel Airisa of Casper, Wyoming.

She will be interred on November 29th, 10:00 am at the Biggs-Gridley Memorial Cemetery at the Veterans Niche.

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Jay Colby Adams

February 16, 1933 to November 17, 2021

Jay Colby Adams, 88, of Gridley, California, passed away on November 17, 2021 at Enloe Hospital in Chico, California.

His funeral service will be held at the Gridley Stake Center on 400 Spruce Street on November 30 at 10:00 AM with Bishop Nako of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints officiating. Burial will follow at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery Hwy 99. Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel will be handling the funeral arrangements.

Jay was born in Gridley to John Q. and Melva L. (Richins) Adams on February 16, 1933. He graduated from Gridley Unified High School 1950. He served for four years in the US Navy during the Korean war receiving the National Defense Korean Presidential Unit Citation for his service. Upon separation from the Navy, he earned a degree in Diesel Technology at Oregon Tech. He worked as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic throughout California and Nevada. He started with CalTrans in 1967, promoted to Highway Equipment Superintendent III, and retired in 1992 with 25 years of State service.

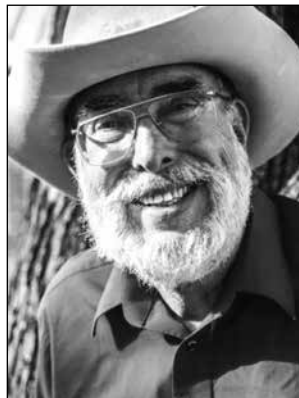
Jay continued to provide his expert ability to

fabricate and repair just about anything people would bring to his shop. He enjoyed fixing things that nobody else could. He never really retired. He served his community on the Gridley City Planning Commission. He also held many callings in the church and, most of all, he enjoyed being a temple worker at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - Sacramento Temple.

Jay is survived by his wife Kathleen Sue Adams of Gridley; his sister Jane Levin; his children John & Mona Adams, Julie & Scott Jewell, Jeffrey & Candy Adams; his grandchildren Jennifer & Patrick Bowen, Jessika & Tim O'Hara, Joshwa & Erin Adams, Joell & David Wallaker, Dewayne Micheal Adams, Earline Adams; great-grandchildren Patrick Bowen Jr, Baylee Adams, Payton Bowen, Connor O'Hara, Jordyn Adams, Pence Bowen, Cennedeigh O'Hara, Colby Jane Adams. He was preceded in death by his sisters Laura Jean Butcher and Janeen Kay Scott.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Enloe Hospital, VFW Post #5731 and all of the Gridley Community for their thoughts and prayers for Jay and his family.

## Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"It's a danged shame 'bout Thanksgivin'," Windy Wilson said. The others stopped stirring things into their coffee cups and looked at the aging cowboy and camp cook.

Windy glanced at the semi-circle of puzzled faces there in the Mule Barn coffee shop. "You know what I mean ... 'stead of people we achully know, we gotta spend it with folks we haven't seen since the end

## Thanksgiving is a family time

of Dubya-Dubya Two."

You mean family?"

"Shore do, Doc. Now jest think for a minute and 15 seconds here, okay? Now with Halloween, which is my favorite holiday, you get to say hi to a mess-a little kids and give 'em a candy and then they're gone. You get tired of it or the candy bowl gits on down where you can see the bottom of 'er ... you jest turn out the porch light."

"But Windy," said Doc, "Thanksgiving is a family time. Aunts and uncles and grandparents and brothers and sisters and lots of little ones running around. It's a time when we see where we belong."

"It's the dang things we

don't say that really cripple the pig on this 'un, you know." Windy grinned. "Stuff like 'Aunt Marge, you don't sweat near as much as other fat women.' And 'Uncle Bill, did them dang cops ever give you your driving license back?"

"And 'Susan, I hear tell you done okay in that there queenie contest.

Did you have to talk or anything like that?"

There probably is something to be said for Halloween.

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## Dear Dietitian

### Thanksgiving 2021



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I grew up in a farming community, and by late November, the harvest was complete. Crops that were a year in the making were out of the fields, and relaxation could ensue. The weather had turned to cool, crisp air, and a crackling fire burned in the fireplace on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude. What will you give thanks for this year? Like most families, mine is far from perfect, but I can name several things for which I am deeply grateful to them. One of the most important lessons I learned while growing up is the importance of helping others. My great-grandmother fed the hungry in her home every day. Her door was always open. When my dad died, a social media post read, "This man

helped a lot of people that the world had given up on." What a legacy!

Music is one of my favorite pass times. Recently, I was listening to a song and was struck by the lyrics, "I'll give when it's not fair." I pondered its meaning and came up with this: Most of us have struggled to pay our bills at one time or another. Even during these times, it's important to help others. My thoughts went to a fundraiser for a twenty-three-year-old young man with cancer. The song lyrics and the fundraiser for "Dan" put things in perspective for me.

Whether volunteering in a soup kitchen, donating to a worthy cause, or opening the door for someone in a wheelchair, helping one another is what makes the world go around. Generosity instills true joy.

That said, I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! If you overindulge in turkey and dressing and pumpkin pie, enjoy! Feasting is part of the holiday.

Until next time, be healthy!  
Dear Dietitian

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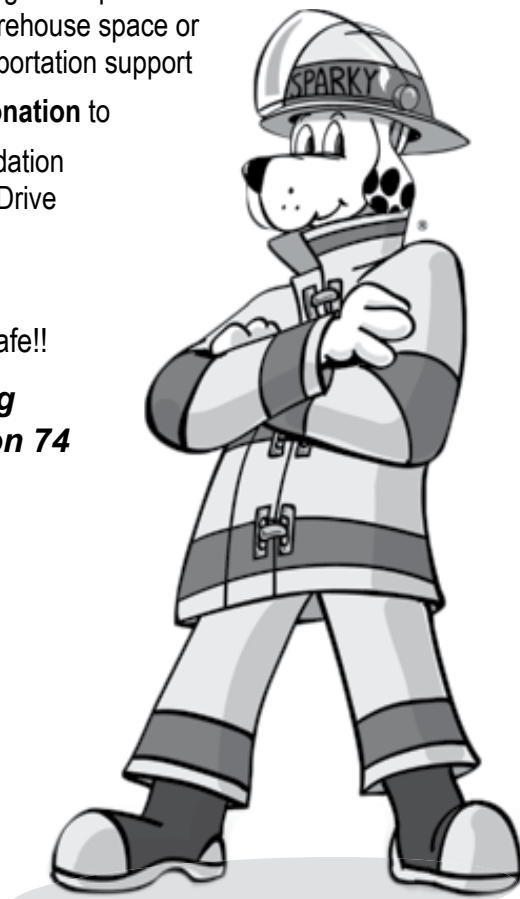
#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Donate a toy** to your local campaign
- **Donate your time** to help local campaigns
- **Donate service** with putting a receptacle at your business, offering warehouse space or media exposure and transportation support
- **Make a tax deductible donation** to

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Thank You, and Be Safe!!

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





# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Foggy days have been creating lovely distortions all around. Looking into the distance the sight lines are so fuzzy and soft. The bright leaves of fall look like blotchy spots of red or yellow within the moisture laden air. I grew up in fog so I always enjoy it when it drifts in to stay. I know it is wet, it is cold,

I still really like it. At night I go out to turn out lights in the greenhouse and listen to the geese flying over and wonder how they navigate the fog. Maybe they are above it. One night it sounded like they were lost. There was a sense of them flying to and fro, honking and making a racket. Can they get lost in the fog? Why are they flying at night? The questions are endless. I've heard them during the day somewhere in the fog also. I know I've said it before but on foggy days it is blue skies in the mountains of Berry Creek. When one drives down the mountains and looks out toward the Buttes they look like islands in an ocean of fog.

Wave-like and all, quite wonderful. Many of the plants in the garden look like they are enjoying the moisture. They are upright and crisp in appearance. I'm sure if it continues for a long period of time mold will start and then they will look a bit unhappy. The evenings are cooling off steadily. I'm hoping they cool a bit more so the leaves on the trees let go quicker. My peaches are being slow in leaf release as are other plants. I like all the steps in the change of seasons and I want them to happen sooner than later. Always wanting something more. Have a grateful Thanksgiving and joy of the harvest. ★

# Achievement Gap Still Plagues California Schools



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters

Then-Gov. Jerry Brown and the Legislature overhauled California's public school financing in 2013 with the stated goal of closing the "achievement gap" separating poor and English-learner students from more privileged children. The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) gave local school officials much more leeway by eliminating most "categorical aids" that required funds to be spent for specific purposes. Somewhat contrarily, LCFF also gave school districts specific grants to be spent on improving education of kids on the wrong side of the gap. Since its passage, the state has also dramatically increased the amount of school spending. The 2021-22 state budget pegs state and local school financing at \$123.9 billion, nearly twice what it was in 2013, and per-pupil spending at \$21,555, "the highest levels ever." California schools also are receiving \$13.6 billion from the federal government to cushion impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the broadest sense, LCFF embraced the conventional wisdom that altering the flow of money would profoundly affect educational outcomes. However, from its inception, LCFF has

been awash in controversy – not over its concept, but rather its implementation. Brown insisted that local school officials could be trusted to spend the money wisely for its intended purpose with very light – almost nonexistent – state oversight. Rather, local voters and parents would, it was assumed, monitor LCFF through local implementation plans. However, critics – civil rights and school reform groups – have complained that implementation plans are indecipherable and that school districts often divert money meant to improve outcomes of at-risk kids into other purposes. One huge loophole has allowed LCFF money left unspent in one fiscal year to be carried into the next year and spent without strings. The battles over how the money was being spent, or not being spent, have been fought district-by-district, sometimes in the courts. Two years ago State Auditor Elaine Howle weighed in with a report that sharply criticized the lack of oversight. "We are particularly concerned that the state does not explicitly require districts to spend their supplemental and concentration funds on the intended student groups or to track their spending of those funds," Howle's report declared. The Legislature did close the ludicrous loophole on unspent funds this year, but after eight years, we should have some clue as to whether LCFF, bolstered by billions of extra dollars, has provided meaningful help to kids who need it most or has just been an exercise in

creative bookkeeping. The latest attempt to gauge its efficacy comes from Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE), a prestigious consortium of education scholars from five major universities. "As researchers who have long studied the implementation of LCFF, we started with the view ... that LCFF has advanced equity both in terms of funding progressivity ... and improved outcomes for historically underserved student groups," the PACE report says. "But despite this progress, California continues to lag behind the nation as a whole when it comes to educational outcomes, and many student groups – particularly Black and Latinx students, English learners, students from low-income families, and students with disabilities – continue to experience wide and troubling opportunity and achievement gaps." Among other problems, PACE laments that schools with the highest concentrations of at-risk kids tend to also have the least-experienced and -capable teachers, although it doesn't mention that union seniority rules are the prime cause of that dissonance. The unfortunate bottom line is that we still don't know whether LCFF will succeed or join the long list of California's high-concept notions, such as the woe-begone bullet train, that don't deliver what was promised. *Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers.* ★

# Here's What "Everyday Low Prices" Can Teach Us About Health Care



Commentary  
by Sally C. Pipes

"Everyday low prices" are coming to health care. Walmart recently launched its own analog insulin, a synthetic form of the hormone that's genetically modified to be released rapidly or slowly, depending on a person's needs. It will be manufactured by pharmaceutical giant Novo Nordisk – but cost 75% less than brand-name analog insulin. The deal stands out as proof that markets can deliver outcomes that work for producers and consumers alike – if we let them. Generally speaking, the "market" for medicines is dysfunctional. It bears little resemblance to the markets for groceries or electronics, where consumers can compare prices and product reviews, shop around for the best deal, and purchase what they want. Instead, patients typically pay for prescription drugs through their insurance plans. They may be

responsible for a co-pay or co-insurance – a set percentage of a drug's nominal price – and their insurer pays the rest. The exact co-pays and co-insurance are determined by entities called pharmacy benefit managers – middlemen hired by insurers to administer drug plans and negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies. Because PBMs decide which medicines are, and aren't, available through a given plan, they have immense leverage over pharmaceutical companies. Three PBMs handle more than 70 percent of prescriptions filled in the United States. That leverage allows them to extract deep discounts from drug manufacturers. If drug makers want to have their products included on an insurer's formulary, they have to pay up. If they don't, the PBM will simply go with a drug maker that will. In the market for insulin, PBMs routinely extract discounts exceeding 70%. They pocket some of that money and pass the bulk along to insurers. Patients, meanwhile, pay a percentage of the insulin's full list price, which is many times higher than what the PBM negotiated with the manufacturer. Consider the insulin made by Sanofi. From 2012 to 2019, its list price increased

140%, from about \$150 to more than \$350 per vial. But the amount of net revenue that Sanofi received, after paying discounts to insurers and PBMs, declined 41% during that time period. Those insurers and PBMs didn't share those rebates directly with the people buying insulin. Instead, consumers had to cover for co-pays and co-insurance based on the escalating list price. A patient with a 25% co-insurance requirement on a \$350 drug got a bill for \$87.50 at the pharmacy. That co-pay is greater than Sanofi actually received in total. By cutting out these middlemen and selling directly to retailers like Walmart, drug makers can maintain or even increase their profit margins. The retailers charge a small mark-up, just as they do for everything they sell. And in this case, patients save money, too. Middlemen siphon billions of dollars out of the healthcare system each year – while providing questionable value to consumers. As the deal between Walmart and Novo Nordisk shows, market principles offer a better way. *Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes.* ★



## LOCAL FISHING

Baum Lake; hatchery rainbows and some brown trout. Fish below the Chrystal Lake Hatchery. Use: Scuds (b) Sutter bypass, Franklin Rd; motor upstream to the cross canal. Brown Bullhead to 8lbs. Use: Fish Guts or Cow Brains. (b)

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

San Francisco Central Bay; continues to put out nice limits of halibuts. Use: Herring Cut Baits. (b) Delta; stripers scattered, must put in the time and travel distance. San Joaquin Delta giving up a few nice keepers. Use: Frozen Shad Bait. (g)

## COASTAL WATERS

Half Moon Bay; limits of rockfish. Use: Shrimp Flies. (a) Bodega Bay; Rockfish found southeast of the harbor, offshore in 150' of water. Use: Shrimp Flies. (b) Moss Landing; limits of rockfish and lingcod. Use: Herring Cut Bait. (b)

## LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Lake Almanor; 9300 lbs. of cutbows and Amador gold trout planted in October. Use: 2 ½" Flasher w/ Nightcrawlers. (a) Englebright Lake; 18" rainbows, trolling long lines. Use: Rapalas. (a) Pyramid Lake update; prehistoric 10,000 year old Cui-ui (Kwee-wee) up to 27.3" long and 3.5lbs to 7.7lbs.. Only place in the world they are found. Live to be 40 years old. Protected by Paiute and Federal laws. Found in Dago Bay, loves aquatic insects, or nightcrawlers. {leave them alone}. Folsom Lake; spotted, small mouth and large mouth bass on the chew since water has risen. Use: deep diving Crank Baits and Shad Imitations. (a) Rio Vista; sturgeon fishing has been epic. Use: Grass Shrimp, Eel, or fresh Salmon Roe. (b)



PT Delta Wing

Camanche Reservoir; Mtn. Lassen rainbows planted in this 7700 acre impound, but the nice trout are in the kids pond. Use: Earth Worms under bobbers. (b) (if they let "you" in). Trinity River steelhead, Junction City; Swing...Use: PT Delta Wings (b) Klamath River steelies, Hornbrook; nice 19"-20" fish. Use: Silver Hilton Fly under an indicator. (b)

## EASTERN SIERRA WATERS

Last report before everything freezes solid. Bridgeport Reservoir, water level up; 13.12 oz rainbows. Bank fish to 4'-6' deep. Release all Donkey Trout (breeding browns) Close Nov 5th. Use: Size #10 Stimulator. (a)



Donkey Trout

"Its no use setting the hook after the trout has bolted". ~ Brownie

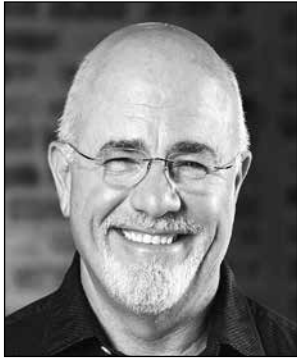


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It's Always  
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Dear Dave,

My husband recently approached me with an idea for our money. He wants us to set up an account where we both put 10 percent of our income for discretionary spending. My husband makes more money than I do, and because of this, he says it is fair that he would be able to spend more than I would. How do you feel about this?

– Liz

Dear Liz,

I'm sure deep down he's a decent guy and he loves you very much. But he's looking at this all wrong. Right now, he's being pretty immature and selfish about the whole situation. It's a bad plan.

Let's look at this from another angle. There are lots of families where only one person works outside the home and generates an income. Would it be fair,

Dave Ramsey Says

then, to say only the person making money is allowed a little cash to spend for fun once in a while? Of course, not.

When two people are married, they are pronounced "as one." That means even if you only have one person with an income, it becomes our income. If you have kids, they become our kids. See where I'm going with this? Marriage is not a me thing, it's a we thing. Always.

– Dave

Before or after?

Dear Dave,

When it comes to paying off credit cards and getting out of debt, I've heard you talk about cutting up the cards and closing the accounts. Should I pay off the balances before or after I close the accounts?

– Adrian

Dear Adrian,

I like the idea of cutting up the cards and closing the accounts first. Sometimes credit card companies will respond to this by jack-ing up the interest rates, or doing other shady things, but the point is to get them out of your life as quickly as possible and stop using the stupid things. Personal

finance is 80 percent behavior. Ridding yourself of credit cards, and getting credit card debt out of your life for good, is a great first step in learning to behave with your money. You don't build wealth or save money by using credit cards, no matter what anyone says. If you're naïve enough to think you're going to play around with a multi-billion-dollar industry and beat them at their own game, you're sadly mistaken.

The only way to win against credit card companies is by refusing to play their game!

– 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.* ★

Manzanita Bell Goes Missing



The Manzanita School Bell, original to the first Manzanita School, was stolen in the early morning hours of Monday, November 15th. Photo provided by Gary Rogers

By Seti Long

**MANZANITA, CA (MPG)** - A piece of Manzanita School history has gone missing: The Manzanita Bell.

The original Manzanita School Bell, over 150 years old, was stolen during the early morning hours of November 15th, 2021. Surveillance cameras show two suspects walking towards the school at 2:30 am from Manzanita Market on the corner of E. Evans Reimer and Larkin Road. The suspects walked away at 2:41 am, but were seen on camera returning at 2:50 am in a silver or metallic gray vehicle, in which they loaded the bell into the trunk. They were observed leaving the school at 2:53 am, turning left on Larkin Rd towards Live Oak.

The bell is believed to be made of cast iron and of little monetary value but, as

Manzanita School Superintendent Gary Rogers says in his Facebook post about the stolen bell, "The bell is invaluable to our school as it represents the 150+ years we have been serving the students of our community. We are hopeful that the bell can be returned, so any help would be greatly appreciated."

Rogers is asking the public for help and has been posting surveillance video footage to the Manzanita Mustangs Facebook page in an effort to identify the two persons. If you have any information about the theft of the bell or have seen the vehicle described, please contact the Butte County Sheriff's Department and reference case number 21-06595 or contact Manzanita School at (530) 846-5594.

To view surveillance video, please visit the Manzanita Mustangs Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/242416765779330>. ★

Farm Credit West Donates Over \$50,000 to Food Banks

Farm Credit West  
News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** -

Farm Credit West, ACA, one of the largest agricultural lending cooperatives in the nation, recently donated over \$50,000 to food banks throughout the regions where they operate, including Arizona, California's Central Coast, the Imperial Valley, South San Joaquin Valley, and Sacramento Valley.

"In times of need, it is imperative our communities have access to healthy foods," said Mark Littlefield, President and CEO of Farm Credit West. "Providing financial support to our local food banks helps connect the nutritious foods our customers grow to those trying to make ends meet."

Every year, Farm Credit West prioritizes distributing funds to fight food insecurity through their robust charitable

giving program. This year, seventeen food banks received a donation to support their local programs helping families impacted by illness, job loss, or loss of a home.

"Stewardship is at the core of Farm Credit West's mission. Year after year, we keep a keen eye on the most vulnerable in our local communities and respond with financial assistance. Our Association and its Board of Directors

recognize the direct impact these organizations have on our communities and dedicate our resources to help ensure no family goes hungry."

*Farm Credit West is a lending institution of the Farm Credit System with California branch offices in Bakersfield, Dinuba, Hanford, Imperial Valley, Santa Maria, Templeton, Tulare, Ventura, Woodland and Yuba City; and Arizona branch offices in Tempe, Safford, and Yuma.* ★

*The corporate headquarters is located in Rocklin, California. The Farm Credit System is a nationwide network of borrower-owned lending institutions and specialized service organizations created by Congress in 1916. The System provides loans, leases, and related services to farmers, ranchers, rural homeowners, agribusinesses and agricultural and rural utility cooperatives nationwide. Visit [www.farmcreditwest.com](http://www.farmcreditwest.com).* ★

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

que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): BUTTE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Ron Marquez 272963 Attorney at Law 1280 E. 9th Street, Suite D, Chico, CA 95928 Tel: 530-332-8110 Date: (Fecha) 03/01/2021 Kimberly Flener, Clerk (Secretario) November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021 TEAL 12-10-21







# Arrest of Armed Barricaded Subject

**Butte County Sheriff's Office Press Release**

**DURHAM, CA (MPG)** - On November 8, 2021, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies were dispatched to an apartment in the 2100 block of Durham-Dayton Highway, Durham, for reports of an altercation at the location. Upon arrival, deputies located a man who stated his son was inside the residence, armed with a knife and had threatened to kill him. After further investigation, deputies received information that the suspect, identified as James Sprinklejones, age 35, had also set fire to a curtain inside the home, however his father was able to extinguish the

fire.

Deputies began making announcements over a PA system, in an effort to de-escalate the situation and have Sprinklejones peacefully exit the home. During the same time, other deputies on-scene safely evacuated neighboring apartments. Deputies continued making announcements over the PA system for approximately 2.5 hours, in an effort to get Sprinklejones to peacefully surrender. During the incident, Sprinklejones appeared highly agitated and made additional threatening and suicidal statements.

At approximately 1:00 a.m., deputies believe Sprinklejones started a second fire inside the apartment. Shortly after the fire was

ignited, Sprinklejones exited the apartment and was taken into custody without further incident. CAL FIRE, which had been staged nearby, responded in, and extinguished the fire. Two dogs, which had been inside the apartment during the incident, were recovered by deputies without any significant apparent injuries. During the investigation, an unsecured firearm was also found within the residence. Sprinklejones is prohibited from possessing firearms.

Sprinklejones is being evaluated at a local hospital and then will be booked into the Butte County Jail for arson, making criminal threats, and being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and animal cruelty/neglect. ★

# Utility Scams are Increasing

**PG&E Press Release**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG)** - Every day across the country, electric and natural gas customers, along with telephone, water, and other essential services customers, are being targeted by scammers impersonating utilities, typically online, in-person and by telephone. In fact, during September and October, the number of attempted scams reported to PG&E increased by 65%. To help protect customers against this threat, PG&E is joining its fellow electric, natural gas, water utilities and Utilities United Against Scams (UUAS) to help customers recognize potential scams during Utility Scam Awareness Week from November 14-20, 2021.

UUAS, a consortium of more than 145 U.S. and Canadian electric, water, and natural gas utilities and their respective trade associations, continues to create awareness of common scams and new scam tactics being used during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through its work and with the help of customer reporting, UUAS has succeeded in taking nearly 9,500 toll-free numbers used by scammers against utility customers out of operation.

Scammers are constantly changing their tactics and tricks, so awareness and reporting are more important than ever. All of us have to continue to evolve our safeguards and approaches to keeping our customers safe, said Chris Zenner, vice president, PG&E residential services and digital channels. If an email, visit to your home or phone call doesn't feel right, don't fall for it. Delete it, shut the door, or hang up. And, as a reminder, PG&E will never ask for your financial information over the phone or via email.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, scammers have increased calls, texts, emails, and in-person tactics and are constantly contacting utility customers asking for immediate payment to avoid service disconnection. As a reminder, PG&E will never send a single notification to a customer within one hour of a service interruption, and we will never ask customers to make payments with a pre-paid debit card, gift card, any form of cryptocurrency, or third-party digital payment mobile applications.

Scammers have not shown compassion for small businesses and private citizens enduring the trying circumstances of the last two years, said Jared Lawrence, UUAS founder and Duke Energy Vice President of Metering Services and Customer Service Transformation. In fact, they have intensified their criminal activity with high pressure tactics and increasing use of technology. For that reason, utilities continue to unite to combat scammers by spreading awareness and are working with telecom partners to remove access to phone lines and encouraging policymakers to adopt stronger public protections.

Scammers can be convincing and often target those who are most vulnerable, including senior citizens and low-income

communities. They also aim their scams at small business owners during busy customer service hours. However, with the right information, customers can learn to detect and report these predatory scams.

## Signs of a Potential Scam

**Threat to disconnect:** Scammers may aggressively demand immediate payment for an alleged past due bill.

**Request for immediate payment:** Scammers may instruct the customer to purchase a prepaid card then call them back supposedly to make a bill payment.

**Request for prepaid card:** When the customer calls back, the caller asks the customer for the prepaid card's number, which grants the scammer instant access to the card's funds.

**Refund or rebate offers:** Scammers may say that your utility company overbilled you and owes you a refund, or that you are entitled to a rebate.

## How Customers can Protect Themselves

Customers should never purchase a prepaid card to avoid service disconnection or shutoff. PG&E does not specify how customers should make a bill payment and offers a variety of ways to pay a bill, including accepting payments online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail or in person.

If a scammer threatens immediate disconnection or shutoff of service without prior notification, customers should hang up the phone, delete the email, or shut the door. Customers with delinquent accounts receive an advance disconnection notification, typically by mail and included with their regular monthly bill.

Signing up for an online account at pge.com is another safeguard. Not only can customers log in to check their balance and payment history, they can sign up for recurring payments, paperless billing and helpful alerts.

Scammers Impersonating Trusted Phone Numbers: Scammers are now able to create authentic looking 800 numbers which appear on your phone display. The numbers don't lead back to PG&E if called back, however, so if you have doubts, hang up and call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000. If customers ever feel that they are in physical danger, they should call 911.

Customers who suspect that they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened during

contact with one of these scammers, should contact local law enforcement. The Federal Trade Commission's website is also a good source of information about how to protect personal information.

UUAS is dedicated to combating impostor utility scams by providing a forum for utilities and trade associations to share data and best practices, in addition to working together to implement initiatives to inform and protect customers.

For more information about scams, visit [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com) and [www.utilities-united.org](http://www.utilities-united.org). ★

# What a Stinking Mess!!!



An accident the afternoon of Thursday, November 18th left a stinking mess on Highway 99. Photo by Seti Long

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - At or about 2:50 pm on Thursday, November 18th, an accident occurred involving a semi-truck hauling some very fragrant cargo.

The truck, traveling at a high speed, was observed attempting to stop at the intersection of Spruce Street and Highway 99, in order to avoid running a red light. Due to the short stop, his cargo sloshed out of the back of his truck, coating the back of his cab and the car in the neighboring lane, spewing fetid materials all over the roadways. The contents of the truck could not be identified on visual inspection, but smelled and looked very much like manure or even vomit.

The car, which looked to be a dark blue Mazda, was covered in the unknown

material and for a moment, sat paralyzed at the light, not knowing how to proceed. The truck stopped just north of the Gridley Car Wash. The driver of the Mazda pulled up and was seen conferring with the driver of the truck, before both vehicles left the scene.

The manure-like material was left in the roadway, with other drivers losing traction as they proceeded through the material due to its consistency – very much like snow. The mess was unavoidable for those traveling north on Hwy 99 or turning onto East Spruce Street for hours after the incident.

It is not known what happened to either the driver of the semi responsible for the mess, or the driver of the Mazda, which was heavily coated in the stinking stuff. There appeared to be no injuries. ★

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# The Global Water Crisis

**Commentary by Joan Commerford**

Perhaps the biggest problem of climate change is best illustrated by the continuous warming of some of the coastal waters causing the drastic reduction in natural food sources for all marine life and ultimately causing their death. (Fifteen years ago, I saw several dead baby sea lions on the beach in Santa Cruz, California and according to a fish and game official there, 100's of baby sea lions were dying from starvation due to a 2-3 degree warming in the ocean temperatures.) This is my response to Global Warming and the Global Water Crisis. Why aren't we redirecting water from places with high water flow, from flooding and snow melt, into areas without water due to droughts. Using a system of PVC pipe, concrete, garden hose, steel or any other means, water could be syphoned with ease without any pumps since power is expensive and more sporadic in emergencies. If we wanted to, we could use the U.S. pipelines, a vast network of 190,000 miles of liquid petroleum lines and 2.4 million miles of natural gas lines, to pump water throughout the United States.

Slowing the flow of fresh water into the sea is crucial to keeping the weather warm in cold areas and cool in the hot areas. The world's ocean conveyor system, known as Thermohaline circulation (THC), keeps water flowing around the world and distributes heat and nutrients throughout the oceans. AMOC, the Atlantic meridional overturning circulation, is part of this conveyor system utilizing water density (the differences in water temperature and salt content) to move water throughout the world. The conveyor effect is slowing down because massive amounts of fresh water, due to the glaciers melting and flooding, are going into our oceans, changing our weather

patterns and causing sea levels to rise in populated coastal cities throughout the world. Check out the following link for more info: <https://science.howstuffworks.com/environmental/earth/oceanography/amoc-news.html>

Moving water from the flooded areas into the areas where crops can grow is so much more fruitful than paying farmers not to plant because they have no water. Divert water into dry lakes and rivers. Make reservoirs, aquifers, and cisterns to hold the water averting the danger of fires and trauma of flooding and providing water to those without it. People are dying from floods and lack of water. Flooding and ice melting are not instantaneous so there is time to set up and direct the flow. At this point, does it matter why it's happening, whether or not greenhouse gas production by humans has caused the meltdown? Stop focusing on whose fault it is, that can be dealt with after we handle the dire consequences. Let's face it, it's happening. Start dealing with it. Handling the effects of the petroleum based global economy (that we allowed) will take years and years to correct. Start with managing the catastrophes we've caused by allowing the powers that be to control us.

*This letter is being emailed to: The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Tribune, The Wall Street Journal, Forbes Magazine, ABC, NBC, CNN, Sacramento Bee, Good Morning America, Good Day Sacramento, Associated Press, Territorial Dispatch, Appeal Democrat, Birmingham News, People Magazine, The President of the United States, Gavin Newsom, EPA, FEMA, Red Cross, EPA in California, OIG, Rage Against the Machine, Oprah, Bruce Springsteen, Neil Young, Willie Nelson, System of a Down, U2, Pink, Jane Fonda, Shaun King, Miley Cyrus, Shondra Rhimes, Alicia Keys, Eminem, Public Enemy, Kanye West, Caitlyn Jenner, and the Kardashians.* ★



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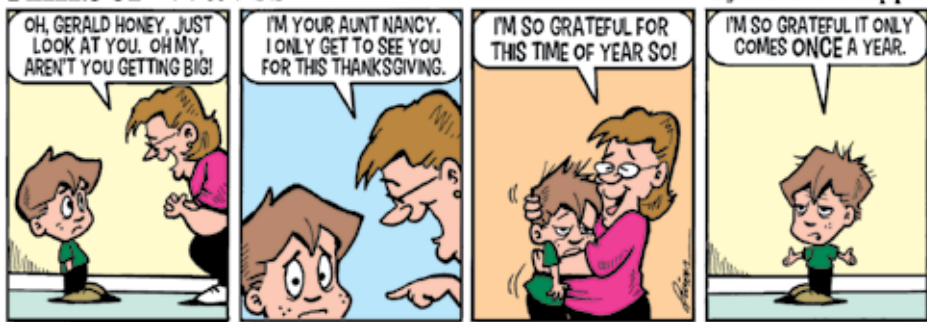
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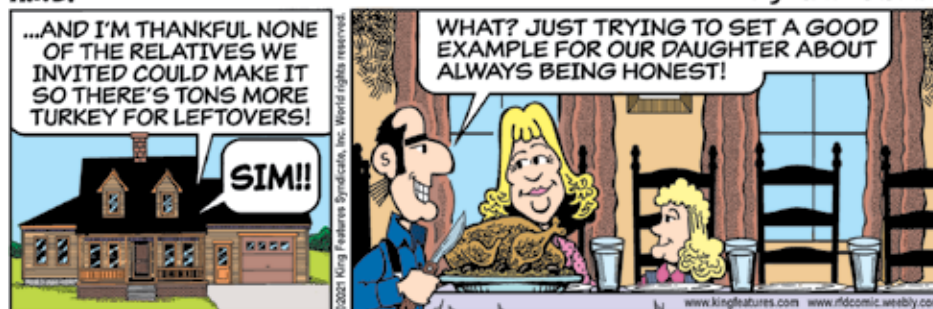
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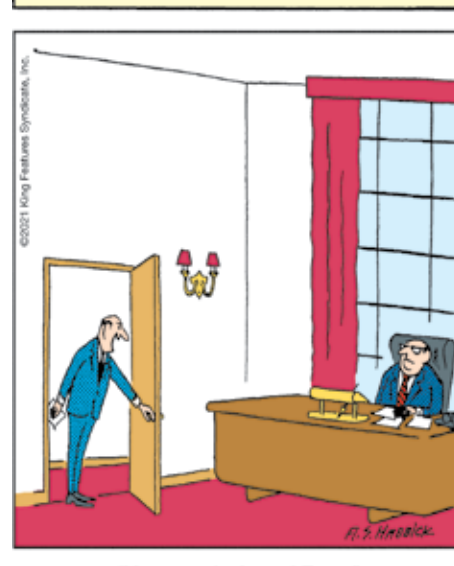
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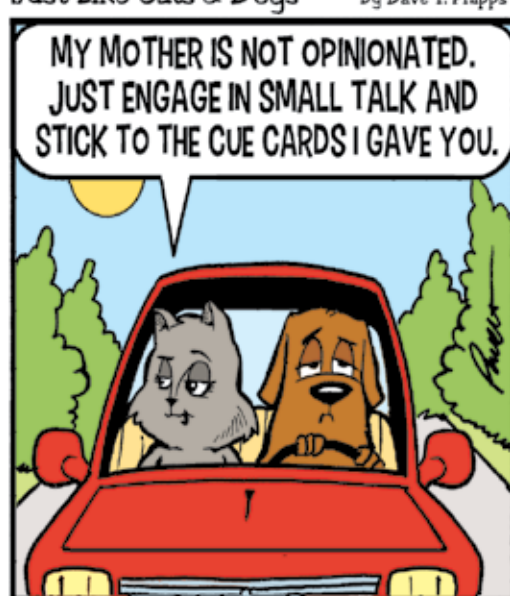
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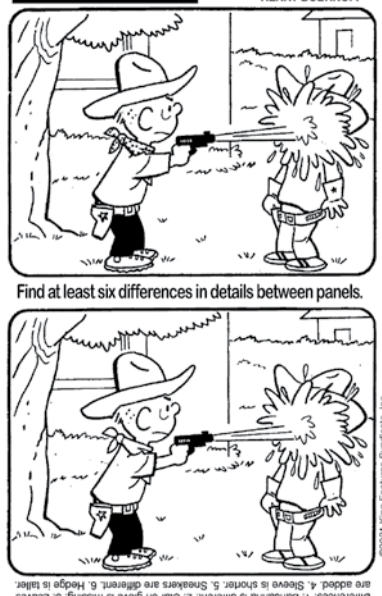
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# Ice Skating, Celebrating and Recreating

## Explore Butte County Showcases “How We Winter”



The family-friendly ice rink has become an iconic part of winter on the Ridge.



Get in the holiday ambience with the sweet scents of pine, Douglas firs and lots of fresh mountain air.



Migrating birds offer fantastic natural displays to witness during seasons such as winter.

By Traci Rockefeller Cusack, T-Rock Communications  
Photos provided by T-Rock Communications

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Explore Butte County highlights why the North State is such an amazing wintertime destination as part of its new “How We Winter” campaign.

“We encourage Northern Californians to plan a getaway in the next few months to experience and embrace what awaits in Butte County – we have everything from ice skating and holiday celebrations to bird watching and outdoor recreation,” said Carolyn Denero, Explore Butte County CEO. “We are proud of our diverse variety of outdoor activities and unique avian related experiences that even include the return of the highly anticipated Snow Goose Festival in January. In Butte County, we do winter right.”

### Celebrating the Season with Ice Skating, Holiday Shopping & More

With the holidays now in sight, Butte County offers many fun-filled ways families, friends, residents, and tourists alike can celebrate the season. A number of planned activations include special holiday tree lighting ceremonies, local parades, Small Business Saturday shopping opportunities (November 27), and two not-to-be-missed outdoor ice skating rinks:

#### Paradise on Ice Winter Wonderland (now through January 17, 2022)

Hosted by the Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD), Paradise on Ice Winter Wonderland features ice skating, beautiful lights and decorations, music, food trucks, and more, making the Terry Ashe Park and Recreation Center a hub of holiday festivities. The family-friendly ice rink has become an iconic part of winter on the Ridge. More information about the Paradise on Ice Winter Wonderland is available at [www.paradisepdpd.com/ice\\_rink](http://www.paradisepdpd.com/ice_rink).

#### Chico Ice Rink in the Plaza

(November 19 through January 9, 2022)

Made possible as part of a joint effort with the City

of Chico and Downtown Chico Business Association, the Chico Ice Rink in the Plaza features downtown ice skating, special events, private parties and more. A perfect activity to round out a day of holiday shopping, the Chico Ice Rink is located adjacent to City Hall with 425 diverse businesses nearby. More information about the Chico Ice Rink in the Plaza is available at [chico.ca.us/chico-plaza-ice-rink](http://chico.ca.us/chico-plaza-ice-rink).

“We are excited to celebrate the season with two ice rinks – located within 15 miles of each other -- in Butte County this year,” said Denero. “We took the opportunity to create a discounted, digital pass called ‘Double the Fun’ that allows the customer to get into the two rinks at a reduced cost so you don’t have to decide which to visit – you can visit both.”

### Outdoor Recreation Includes Birding, Hiking, Snowshoeing & More

Known for an abundance of wide-open spaces, mild winter weather and impressive natural resources, Butte County is a wonderful winter destination for birding activities, hiking adventures, cross country skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing excursions, just to name a few.

#### Birding

Millions of migratory birds use the great Pacific Flyway to migrate north to south each year. With abundant agriculture-turned-wildlife sanctuary fields, Butte County is a rich and accessible bird watching destination in winter. With the help of involved partners and aviary experts, Explore Butte County is proud to offer a dedicated birding [www.explorebuttecounty.com/bird-butte](http://www.explorebuttecounty.com/bird-butte) that includes details about top bird viewing spots, helpful tips, guest articles, links to recent stories, and much more. Plus, Chico is home to a four-day Snow Goose Festival highlighted by action-packed field trips led by experienced trip leaders; for more about the festival happening early next year (January 27-30, 2022), please visit [snowgoosefestival.org/](http://snowgoosefestival.org/).

#HikeButteCA – Earlier this year Explore Butte County launched a fun and free #HikeButteCA pass

program that allows users to track progress and includes a game with the chance to win limited-edition prizes (the more hikes completed, the more swag hikers earn along with more chances to win). The #HikeButteCA pass and tracking program offers helpful hike descriptions, driving directions to the suggested parking areas, links to trail maps, game check-in location information, and much more (note it expires 12/31/21). For those new to hiking, wanting a few tips and/or wanting to see a glimpse of the hikes available, a short video is available [www.explorebuttecounty.com/activities/butte-county-hiking-101](http://www.explorebuttecounty.com/activities/butte-county-hiking-101). For more information about #HikeButteCA, please visit this [www.explorebuttecounty.com/hike-butte-ca](http://www.explorebuttecounty.com/hike-butte-ca).

Cross-Country Skiing, Snowmobiling & Snowshoeing – For those who are a bit more adventurous or simply yearning for a winter sporting experience in the high country, Butte County offers a number of cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing activities. Locals know one of the best places for these types of winter sports is in the historic and tiny town of Jonesville, located in the Lassen National Forest. For more details and insider tips about the Winter Wonderland adventures that await just a short drive away, please visit [www.explorebuttecounty.com/activities/winter-wonderland-jonesville-and-the-high-country](http://www.explorebuttecounty.com/activities/winter-wonderland-jonesville-and-the-high-country).

For more information about the “How We Winter” campaign and digital “Double the Fun” ice skating pass for both rinks, please visit [www.explorebuttecounty.com/winter](http://www.explorebuttecounty.com/winter). For more information about Explore Butte County in general along with suggested places to visit, shop, dine, stay overnight, and more, please visit [www.explorebuttecounty.com](http://www.explorebuttecounty.com) or follow on social media – Facebook at [www.facebook.com/explorebutteca](http://www.facebook.com/explorebutteca) and @ExploreButteCountyCA on Instagram and @ExploreButteCA on Twitter. Also, a comprehensive and downloadable travel guide (beneficial for locals, too) is available at [www.explorebuttecounty.com/more/visitor-guide](http://www.explorebuttecounty.com/more/visitor-guide). ★



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