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A Different Track



Dr. Charles Minershagen with Engine 442, a replica of one of the electric engines used on the Sacramento Northern Railroad.
Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - It was surprising, what Dr. Charles Minershagen saw looking back at him from the painted windows of the Gridley Museum while out on an exploratory afternoon drive - “They know about the electric railroad...” he said to us later.

Most Gridleyeans are aware of the Union Pacific Railroad and the trains that blare through the center of town on a tight schedule but not many recall the Sacramento Northern Railroad, an electric line that ran up the valley from San Francisco, over to Sacramento and up to Chico.

Travel on the Sacramento Northern electric trains was dedicated more to passenger travel compared to the steam and coal engines that utilized the Union Pacific tracks, typically

hauling freight and more up through the state. The Gridley Depot, a regular stop on the Sacramento Northern schedule, was located near the current Mac’s Market, out near Larkin Road, Gridley.

Dr. Minershagen had been visiting museums along the Sacramento Northern line, looking for someplace special to re-home one of his two miniature electric locomotives. He was delighted to see that the Gridley Museum was aware of its electric history and that he had happened past its painted windows featuring an image of the Sacramento Northern line, done by Seti Long about 10 years ago.

As we sat down to an interview, Dr. Minershagen jokingly said something to the effect of “it’s because of you, it’s here” referring to the recently donated Baldwin Westinghouse

miniature locomotive 45 Class D Steeple Cab engine gleaming red and black in the new section of the museum. It is strange that years later, a painting I did had unintentionally brought something so incredible to the museum.

The 1.5”:1’ scale model was one of about 40-50 miniature engine chassis made by the LA Steamers Club and distributed amongst themselves. The engines could be modified to run on coal, steam or propane as part of the Live Steam genre of locomotive hobbyists. Dr. Minershagen had purchased his two and adapted the chassis to run off four batteries and function with the proper mechanisms of an electric train from the early 1900s like the Sacramento Northern line. The only difference

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A Long Goodbye to FEMA Site

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Relief Group, formed from area organizations, churches, nonprofits and volunteers wishing to help in recovery efforts after the devastation of the Camp Fire has held its final meeting, a week after the Butte Wildfires Distribution Center closed its doors.

With all the smoke that has been in the air lately and the multiple communities that have met the same fate as the communities of Paradise and Berry Creek – being leveled by forest and wildfires – it is a little strange to see recovery efforts ramping down in the area.

According to updates from its last meeting, the Gridley Relief Group reports that there are only eight households now at the Gridley FEMA site – once home to over 320 households. The program, which was extended multiple times to allow Camp Fire survivors the ability to find long-term housing solutions while staying in government funded housing, ends September 12th. Bruce Yerman, originally with FEMA, has transitioned to the Camp Fire Collaborative group to continue facilitating recovery efforts for those in our area and those transitioning out of our area. The Disaster Case Management program, which he was a part of, remains intact and is funded for another two years.

The GRG never took the step to becoming an official nonprofit but worked hand in hand with liaisons from Federal Government and State agencies focused on recovery efforts, nonprofits, and an amazing group of volunteers to provide information, services, relief, resources, food, clothing, household necessities and a sense of community to the survivors living at the FEMA site at Gridley’s Industrial Park over the last 3 years. The Camp Fire Distribution Center, run by Lynne Spencer, operating in a building donated to the cause by Dan Boeger, was a large extension of the GRG’s relief efforts.

A force behind the GRG and an active advocate for fire survivors, Margaret Hughes said the last meeting was “the beginning of a ‘long goodbye,’” and thanked the nonprofits and agencies that aided the GRG and Gridley in the recovery process of Camp Fire survivors saying, “Thank you for coming to our little town. We don’t have much, but we have heart.” ★

TIMBER! Giant Oak Falls on Two Homes

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Sunday evening, at around 7:52 pm, a very large oak tree located on the corner of Oregon and Hazel streets snapped off its large canopy and heavy branches crashed down on two homes and a trailer leaving them temporarily uninhabitable.

Residents reported hearing a large “boom” when the tree came down. Neighbor Tres Dussenberry says she initially thought the loud crash was a car accident, when upon moving outside to investigate, a fellow neighbor pointed out the fallen tree. The Oak tree, measured to be 4 feet in diameter by Gridley’s Fire Department/CALFIRE Butte Unit, was reduced to nothing more than a trunk surrounded by dense twisted branches. Dussenberry says, “We looked over and there was smoke...” it was like “it blew up.” She says, referencing the debris and



The remaining trunk of the large oak tree that snapped off Sunday evening can be seen just above the fence-line on the left, the expanse of its fallen branches still resting on the crushed roof of a neighboring home. Photo by Seti Long

tree limbs littering the properties.

Captain Mike Conaty, of Gridley Fire/CALFIRE Butte Unit that responded to the incident says, “Gridley PD assisted with flagging and searching the

residences,” while Gridley Electric “cut power to both properties. This could have had a much different outcome, but all involved were lucky.”

The resident’s home to the fallen tree, sustained

extensive damage, with large branches shattering the central portion of the home and penetrating the roof of the kitchen, pretty much destroying it with other structural damage

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

We note with sadness the passing of longtime resident Jerry Quist. Jerry is my wife's uncle - but not really. Jerry's sister Barbara was my father-in-law Bob Scott's first wife. Barbara had four boys and passed away. Bob remarried and had three girls back to back with Judy Pearson. My wife was the middle girl and spent most of her life in a blended family dominated by the loud laughter and good times that were/are the Quist family. All of Barbara's brothers and sisters just took in the new wife and the new kids as if they too - were Quists. So my wife has cousins and relations all over town that I never knew of until I married her, and then everyone was my cousin. Just last Month the Editor Seti Long and I figured out that we are somehow related through

Phil Quist. I did not hesitate; as soon as I knew we were connected, I asked to borrow something because that is what cousins do. In fact, three weeks ago, I mailed Curtis Quist back his Leopold scope I took Bear hunting. This tale of a big family merging with another family is a fantastic story about Gridley life - and why so many people love our hometown. Everywhere you turn, you see some demonstration of the values that make this community a place that is more than just where your house is located; it is where you hang your heart. One of the reasons I write this column is that there are many great people who make great stories flow. Many Quists will be coming back, like more than 200 of them - going to church and paying their respects to uncle Jerry. I know at some point several of them will try to explain to their spouses (who may not have grown up in Gridley) why this place is so unique as they drive around all of the roads that are named after the pioneer families, like the Quists, who came here looking for a better life, to gather with their church, and get some good dirt with plenty of water. In the last three

weeks, we've seen other examples of how this community stands out. No other city in this County has done more for the victims of the Camp Fire than Gridley/Biggs. It has been heartwarming to see different churches set aside their theological differences to organize a place where people could pick up stuff they need. Many of the people who had insurance have been able to rebuild and move on; those who are still putting their lives back together after having everything burn up are genuinely people in need. The good people of Gridley did have some concerns when the idea of putting up a trailer village was first suggested. Other cities would not entertain the idea, and Gridley became the place where people could go. Then this last week, when we saw the national night out and the number of people who donated bicycles to kids and the number of people at the park to help train kids how to ride their bikes safely, it again spoke to the general goodness and decency of the people of our tri-town area.

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

A Different Track

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was the paint scheme and decorative lettering. The electric trains were originally solid black and later featured an orange paint scheme.

Dr. Minershagen has generously donated the miniature engine to the museum in lieu of selling it for a sizable amount. "I feel much happier about doing this," he says, after

finding a museum with substantial knowledge of the Sacramento Northern Railway. He is considering donating the other engine to the Oroville Museum. ★

Orchard Hospital Foundation Invites You to the 8th Annual Golf Tournament



Orchard Hospital Foundation sponsors and golf enthusiasts get on the turf to practice at 7:00 a.m., and begin play at 8:00 a.m. Photo provided by Orchard Hospital Foundation

Orchard Hospital Foundation News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Orchard Hospital Foundation is hosting its 8th Annual Golf Tournament on August 30, 2021 at the beautiful Peach Tree Golf and Country Club in Marysville, CA.

Please come out and join us as golfers of all skill levels will gather to match up in what could be one of the most fun golf events of the year. Awards will be provided in categories such as: Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Accuracy Drive and Lowest Team Score.

Registration and range (practice) balls begin at 7:00 a.m., play will begin at 8:00 a.m., with a shot gun start. Lunch will be provided at the course.

All proceeds for the event will be used to support Orchard Hospital. The hospital's mission is "Growing Healthy Communities." The Orchard Hospital Foundation supports this mission by being committed to providing

financial support and promoting the exceptional care provided in our communities.

The mission of our Foundation is to ensure our communities are properly cared for and every donation is a direct contribution to a healthier community said Juan Solis, Orchard Hospital Foundation President.

Through the work of the Foundation the hospital can evolve and improve the quality care it provides. The Foundation is a major sponsor of services and equipment needs of Orchard Hospital and their annual golf tournament brings together supporters with a common interest of quality healthcare close to home said Steve Stark, Orchard Hospital chief executive officer.

We invite community members and businesses to come out and play, be a sponsor or make a donation for this great event. For more sponsor or registration information contact: Julie Bunn, Foundation Coordinator at 530-846-9030 or jbunn@orchardhospital.com. ★

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Mary Ann Santana Chacon



Passed away December 20, 2020 at Enloe Hospital at the age of 74. She now dwells in the house of the lord. She is preceded in death by her oldest son Pacomio Martinez and grandson Jacob Martinez both of New Mexico. Mary Ann is survived by her loving husband of 27 years, Joseph E. Chacon, 91 of Gridley. Her son Jimmy Martinez of New Mexico, 5 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 9 step grandchildren and 3 step great grandchildren.

Mary Ann was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, niece and cousin. She will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved her. She touched the lives of many and will be remembered for her good nature and generosity.

There will be a mass in Mary Ann's honor at the Catholic Church in Gridley, Friday, August 13 at 11 a.m.

Come out and show your support!

Gridley Council of the Knights of Columbus

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Disease Outbreak Strikes California Deer Herds



The disease is typically fatal to young deer, particularly fawns, and can be spread by animals in close contact with each other. The virus is not known to affect people, pets or domestic livestock. Image by Manfred Antranias Zimmer from Pixabay

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has confirmed outbreaks of adenovirus hemorrhagic disease in deer in several northern California counties and is asking California residents to help curb the spread by not feeding wild animals, and report potential cases to the department.

“Providing attractants for deer – food, salt licks or even water – is against the law for good reason,” said Dr. Brandon Munk, senior wildlife veterinarian with CDFW’s Wildlife Investigations Laboratory. “Because these artificial attractants can congregate animals and promote the spread of disease, it’s particularly imperative to leave wildlife alone during an outbreak. There is no cure or vaccine for this disease, so our best management strategies right now are to track it carefully, and to take

preventative measures to limit the spread.”

Beginning in May, CDFW began receiving increased reports of mortality in deer, both free-ranging and at fawn rehabilitation facilities. With the assistance of wildlife rehabilitation facilities and the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, CDFW confirmed cervid adenovirus 1 (CdAdV-1) as the cause of hemorrhagic disease outbreaks this year in Kern, Napa and Nevada counties.

The disease is typically fatal to young deer, particularly fawns, and can be spread by animals in close contact with each other. The virus is not known to affect people, pets or domestic livestock.

CdAdV-1 was the cause of a 1993-1994 outbreak of hemorrhagic disease in black tailed deer and mule deer that spanned at least 18 California counties. Since then, CdAdV-1 has been identified as the cause of sporadic, often widespread, outbreaks of hemorrhagic disease in

California and other western states. Deer fawns are at greatest risk, with high rates of mortality following infection. Yearlings and adult deer are more resistant but mortalities in these age groups occur as well. Outbreaks can be widespread and may have significant impact on affected deer populations.

Affected deer are often found dead without any obvious symptoms. They may be found near water. Sick animals may have excessive salivation (drooling or foaming at the mouth), diarrhea, regurgitation or seizures.

In addition to removing food and other attractants, Californians can help wildlife veterinarians track and study the disease by reporting sightings of sick or dead deer. Anyone who observes a deer exhibiting symptoms, or encountering a deer that has died from unknown causes, can submit the information to CDFW through the department’s online mortality reporting system. ★

TIMBER! Giant Oak Falls on Two Homes



The backyard shows how much of the tree came down upon the neighboring homes. Photo by Seti Long

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throughout the home. Luckily the owners were not present when the tree came down.

The second residence damaged, which sits to the north of the downed tree and faces Oregon Street, is currently uninhabitable even though it only caught a portion

of the tree’s branches. A trailer located in the backyard was pinched beneath the fallen tree limbs, trapping a victim inside. CALFIRE reports having to stabilize the branches of the tree before safely extricating the victim, who seemed to be unharmed and refused treatment.

The reason for the tree’s collapse is currently unknown. The broken branches of the tree were still in situ Tuesday, awaiting the assessment of insurance agencies before removal could begin and the displaced residents could return home. Thankfully, no one was injured. ★

Can You help GHS get a Sweet Start?



Help us get off to a sweet start! GHS leadership needs your help with donations for their first back-to-school breakfast, set to be held before the bell on the first day of classes. Leadership students pictured here left to right: Audrey Johnson, Alexis Maldonado, Karina Hernandez (front) Jazmin Martinez and Grace Hughes. Photo provided by Jennifer Davidson

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The first day of classes, Monday, August 30th, the Gridley High School leadership class plans to make things special for returning students with their first “back-to-school” breakfast!

With music blasting, leadership, GHS staff and teachers will line up out in front of the high school to greet students and help them get a sweet start to school with free doughnuts and drinks their first day.

Leadership student Grace Hughes says that, due to COVID, the student body has not been able to participate in many events -at least regular participation – and as a result, the leadership class has a lot of really fun activities planned to up the energy and school spirit

at GHS. “We’re just trying to get everybody hyped and ready for the school year!” says Hughes.

Last year, GHS leadership got incredibly creative finding ways to come together without really getting too close, such as hosting drive-thru Trick-or-Treating and Christmas Lights Shows. Leadership student Audrey Johnson says, “Now that things are opening up, we obviously want to bring the community more (so) look out for events that leadership will be hosting like movie nights!” Their back-to-school breakfast is just one of many sweet events planned for the year.

With restrictions in place due to COVID, the leadership class was hit hard when it came to holding fundraisers, so they are

reaching out to the community and the businesses here for help funding their “welcome back” breakfast. GHS Leadership is estimating that breakfast costs will near \$800 and will accept donations up until the evening before but would like to have the majority of donations in by August 27th.

“We are trying to get the student body excited about the school year and we think this will be a great way to bring everyone together before the school day starts.” If you agree and would like to donate to the cause, please contact Jennifer Davidson at jdauidson@gusd.org or call the ASB Secretary, Tammy Carr at (530) 846-4791, ext. 6054. Please make checks payable to GHS Leadership. ★

First Human West Nile Virus Infection Confirmed in Butte County

BCPH News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Department of Public Health (BCPH) announced the first confirmed human West Nile Virus (WNV) infection in Butte County. As of July 30, 2021, one human death and four human WNV infections have been reported in California, not including the Butte County case. WNV is active June through October, with August typically being the peak month in Butte County. BCPH would like to remind residents to protect themselves from WNV by reducing mosquitoes on their property and preventing mosquito bites.

The infected person, who is over 65 years of age, is suffering from severe WNV illness.

WNV is transmitted to humans and animals by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Residents can reduce the risk of infection by practicing the “Three Ds”:

DEET – Use a proven insect repellent like DEET. Other recommended repellents include: picaradin, lemon eucalyptus oil, para-menthane-diol, IR3535 or 2-undecanone. Always use according to label instructions. DEET can be used safely on infants and children 2 months of age and older;

DAWN AND DUSK – Mosquitoes that

transmit WNV bite in the early morning and evening. Wear proper clothing and repellent if outside during these times. Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep mosquitoes out. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes;

DRAIN – Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate or drain all sources of standing water on your property, including flower pots, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls. For standing water that cannot be drained such as fountains, ponds, etc., consider adding “Mosquito Dunks” or mosquito fish, which feed on mosquito larvae. Report unmaintained swimming pools to the local Mosquito and Vector Control District at (530) 342-7350 or (530) 533-6038.

People infected with WNV generally fall into three categories: no symptoms (8 out of 10 people), a fever illness with fatigue and body aches (1 in 5 people), or severe illness with neurologic symptoms such as encephalitis or meningitis (less than 1 in 150 people). For those who develop a severe WNV illness, symptoms may last several weeks and some symptoms may be permanent. People 50 years of age and older, and individuals with diabetes or hypertension, have a higher chance of getting sick and are more likely to develop complications

For more information about WNV, visit Butte County’s West Nile Virus website. ★

Helicopter Crash Leaves Four Dead in Colusa County

Colusa County Sheriff’s Office

COLUSA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On August 1, 2021 at 1:15 pm, the Colusa County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a helicopter crash in the area near Hwy 45 at Reservation Rd, Colusa, CA. The Colusa County Sheriff’s Office responded to the scene along with Sacramento River Fire personnel.

Upon arrival, located in a tomato field, first responder personnel located four passengers on board the helicopter. The passengers were confirmed deceased at the scene. The passengers were identified as William Bernard

Vann age 67, Suzanne Marie Vann age 60 and Bobbie Lee Keaton age 62 all from Williams, CA. The fourth passenger was identified as Charles Thomas Wilson age 71 from Rocklin, CA. Official cause of death is undetermined at this time and autopsies are pending.

The Colusa County Sheriff’s Office would like to express our condolences to the families of the victims involved in this tragic event.

If anyone has information regarding this incident they are asked to contact Sergeant Arnold Navarro at (530) 458-0200. ★



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Sen. Nielsen Responds to Hyatt Powerplant Shutdown

Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senator Jim Nielsen, R-Red Bluff, issued the following statement in response to the shuttering of the Hyatt Powerplant at Lake Oroville for the first time because of record low water levels:

“Governor Newsom and the Democrats running this state should be ashamed.

“Rather than planning for the future, they kowtowed to environmental special interest groups and stalled the construction of Sites Reservoir.

“They fast track through environmental regulations to build sports stadiums, but refuse to do the same when it comes to infrastructure projects that would protect the livelihoods, health and safety of Californians.”

When there’s adequate water in Lake Oroville, Hyatt can generate up to 900 megawatts of electricity. Typically, it produces 450 megawatts – enough to power 800,000 homes. However, due to the record low water levels, only 10 megawatts of electricity were being generated, which is why the decision was made to take it offline. ★

Auditor-Controller Nathan Black to Speak at Tea Party Patriots Meeting



Guest Speaker Nathan Black Sutter County Auditor-Controller, Former Radio Talk Show Co-Host

Feather River Tea Party Patriots

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Feather River Tea Party Patriots announced Nathan

Black will be the Special Guest Speaker for their next Meeting, Monday, August 16, 2021.

Nathan Black is the elected Sutter County Auditor-Controller, and he co-hosted with Yuba County Supervisor Andy Vasquez every Saturday morning on local radio station KNBR 1410 AM Radio.

Nate is very aware and informed of the local government environment and politics in Sutter, Yuba, and Butte counties. He will share his views and insight concerning local COVID-19 restrictions on

our constitutional freedoms and the 2020 Presidential Election: the candidates, vote-by-mail, voter fraud, and more.

There is no membership requirement to attend, and everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 pm; meeting begins promptly at 6:30 pm. Come early to register, socialize with like-minded patriots, and get a good seat.

The meeting will be Monday, August 16, 2021, at Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City.

Contact Larry or Carla at (530) 755-4409 ★

DWR Issues Statement on the Status of Hyatt Powerplant at Lake Oroville



A drone view of Lake Oroville looking from the South Fork showing extremely low water under the Enterprise Bridge during a drought. Photo taken July 26, 2021. Photo by Kelly M. Grow/DWR

Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -The Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth released the following statement regarding the status of hydropower operations at the Hyatt Powerplant at Lake Oroville.

“DWR State Water Project operations managers have taken the Hyatt Powerplant at Lake Oroville offline due to falling lake levels. This is the first time Hyatt Powerplant has gone offline as a result of low lake levels. However, DWR anticipated this moment, and the state has planned for its loss in both water and grid management. We have been in regular communication about the status of Hyatt Powerplant with the California Independent Service Operator (CAISO) and the California Energy Commission and steps have been taken in anticipation of the loss of power generation.

“This is just one of many unprecedented impacts we are experiencing in California as a result of our climate-induced drought. California and much of the western part of the United States are experiencing the impacts of accelerated climate change including record-low reservoir levels due

to dramatically reduced runoff this spring.

“DWR will continue to focus on reservoir operations and water storage management at Lake Oroville to preserve as much water in storage as possible. DWR will use the River Valve Outlet System to release some water from the base of Oroville Dam to maintain river temperature requirements and outflows to the Feather River.

“Falling reservoir levels are another example of why it is so critical that all Californians conserve water. We are calling on everyone to take action now to reduce water use by 15 percent, to preserve as much water supply in storage as possible should we experience another dry year. We are all in this together.”

DWR is delivering five percent of requested water supplies to State Water Project contractors who in turn provide water for agricultural and urban use. Deliveries are being met almost entirely from storage at San Luis Reservoir in Merced County and those deliveries have little impact on the amount of water being stored or released from Lake Oroville.

For more information about state grid management, please contact CAISO at ISOMedia@caiso.com. ★

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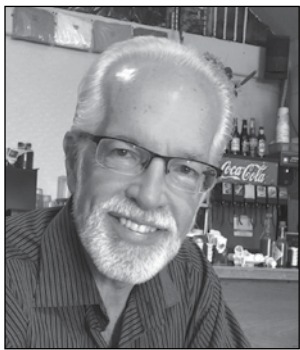
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“We the Government”



Commentary
by **W. Bruce Lee**

“WE THE PEOPLE” begins the Preamble of the US Constitution ... signed September 17, 1787 and ratified June 21, 1788. The preamble is a brief introductory statement of the Constitution’s core purposes and guiding principles.

Thanks to the vision and sacrifice of the founders who established our constitutional republic - we have a nation which is founded on ideals and not personalities. There was no king, no tribal chief, no dictator, no military general, it was “We the People” ruling ourselves.

However, many of us do not consider the obvious next step is that “We the People” also means “We the Government”.

For many of us in our daily lives, we think of the government as a “them”. They are telling us what to do. They are taking our money through taxes. They are being fair or unfair. They are not doing enough or doing too much!

But actually, the government is us! We have nothing to complain about ... unless we are complaining about ourselves. We get exactly the government we deserve. If we do not like our government, it is our own fault. Now that may sound harsh and blunt ... but ultimately it is true.

Therefore, we cannot simply treat our government as something to sneer at, but rather we must treat it as something we own! Because we do. We own our government. And, we

must exercise our ownership over our governments – local, state, federal, and otherwise.

However, as owners, many of us have delegated too much authority to our employees – those employees being our elected officials. And, that is precisely what elected officials are – our employees. They are accountable to us, the owners, the citizens. We owe them courtesy and respect, as we should do with all people. But, they are our employees.

Moreover, while some have delegated too much authority; worse yet, some of us have abdicated our authority to these employees! We become absentee owners who in our minds have let the employees become our masters and we the servants. (Remember, we call them “Public Servants”.) But abdication breeds an erosive attitude of, “I am not responsible for my community or my life; they (the government) are responsible.” Personal responsibility becomes diminished and government responsibility is enlarged. As an elected official, how many people came to me to complain about this or that ... but when I asked them if they voted in the last election, their reply would be, “No, I was too busy.”

In light of this collective complacency, this ongoing “We the Government” column is dedicated to empowering citizens to exercise healthy ownership over their governments. And, being a responsible owner ... a responsible citizen means that we must care, be informed, be good decision makers, and be involved! And, I know that sounds like a lot of work and that we are all busy, but remember what we have to lose – liberty, choice, freedoms. We have a unique, remarkable society – the envy of much of the world.

Remember, left to its own, everything declines and dies. A rolling ball

on the ground stops. A flourishing business goes idle. A marriage fails. A government morphs into something hideous. Energy must be invested to keep the ball rolling, the business fresh, a relationship full of love, a government on track to be the servant of its citizens.

The good news is that our forefathers paid the biggest price to start our constitutional republic, and we only have to keep it going. The ball on the ground must be kicked hard to make it roll, but once rolling only a little more energy is necessary to keep it moving in the correct direction. And, as Helen Keller observed, “The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker.”

We do not have to be a hero to keep our community sound, but all of us must work together with each of our “tiny pushes”. If you are interested in learning more about how to preserve our freedoms and become “We the Government,” I look forward to continuing our conversation in upcoming articles for this column.

I’ll be sharing information about local organizations, such as the Sacramento Taxpayers Association, that are empowering citizens locally; practical steps about how to hold our government leaders accountable; and lesser know political news that has major implications for our local freedoms. In the meantime, stay hopeful and keep carrying on our torch of liberty!

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Newsom, Facing Recall, Worries About Blackouts



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Several factors propelled the 2003 recall of then-Gov. Gray Davis, but one of the most powerful was his clumsy handling of an electric power crisis that had resulted in rolling blackouts.

The crisis resulted from the ill-conceived and misnamed “deregulation” of power supplies that the Legislature and Davis’ predecessor, Pete Wilson, had enacted seven years earlier. It virtually invited power suppliers such as Enron to game the system.

When the system failed, Davis was governor and failed to deal with it quickly and effectively. As Davis dithered and power supplies dwindled, one major utility, Pacific Gas and Electric, declared bankruptcy and a second, Southern California Edison, came very close to insolvency.

The state finally stepped into the dysfunctional market and began buying power itself to prevent further blackouts, but the political damage to Davis had been done and the recall campaign was rolling.

This bit of history frames the emergency decree that Gov. Gavin Newsom, who also faces a recall election, issued last Friday.

With high temperatures driving power demand upwards, with drought curtailing hydroelectric generation and with the state more dependent on less reliable solar and wind power, California faces a looming supply shortfall that could force power blackouts.

The state might be 3,500 megawatts short on hot afternoons this summer and as much as 5,000 megawatts short next summer if the drought continues.

Newsom wants the state’s energy regulators, the independent agency that operates the electric grid and the utilities themselves to go all-out in tapping whatever sources they can to avoid blackouts. That would include the natural gas-fired plants that the state wants to phase out and auxiliary diesel- and natural gas-powered standby plants in industrial plants.

Newsom suspends environmental clearances and other regulatory procedures to accelerate new power sources, including battery banks to back up solar and wind projects. He also directs utilities to pay up to \$2 per kilowatt-hour – many times the standard rate – to industrial customers for reducing their draw from the grid and shifting to backup generators, promising that the state will reimburse their outlays.

Newsom’s order declares that “conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to rapid, unforeseen, sudden, and severe energy shortages throughout California caused by these climate events...”

The key word is “unforeseen,” a not-so-subtle disclaimer of political

responsibility if blackouts occur. But in reality, he had plenty of warning that California was short of electric energy.

Last summer, the state experienced brief blackouts during late afternoon and early evening hours as solar power production began its daily decline and the state could not procure enough backup power from the regional grid to cover the deficit.

It was a wakeup call about the state’s growing dependence on solar, wind and other emission-free sources that lack the dependability of more traditional generation – unless the state has sufficient battery banks or other ways to store and supply power when needed the most.

“These blackouts, which occurred without prior warning or enough time for preparation, are unacceptable and unbefitting of the nation’s largest and most innovative state. This cannot stand,” Newsom said at the time.

If Newsom had heeded the 2020 warning and done then what he wants to do now to improve resiliency, the state would have been better equipped to deal with the current shortfall. He has to hope that California will avoid blackouts in the six weeks between now and the close of voting on September 14, or that if the lights do go out, voters won’t punish him as they did Gray Davis 18 years ago.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

All of us know how to Pronounce Pandemic

Billy took right to it. He made his daily rounds to the back door of the Chinese restaurant and the Mule Barn coffee shop. He drifted over to the Rest of Your Life retirement home often to give the old folks another reason to enjoy life.

And there was his job, too. Every weekday morning Billy was on duty at the street crossing where the kids went to school. Martin, the crossing guard, was always there with his vest and his sign, and Billy was the official cross-the-street escort.

But when the pandemic hit, the kids were suddenly home schooled

and Martin stayed home as well. This threw a big monkey wrench into Billy’s gear box.

So about once a week, a bunch of us masked coffee drinkers would go to the school intersection and stand there until Billy showed up. He’d look both ways and take us across the street, and then continue on his daily rounds.

Just because we’re in a pandemic doesn’t mean we can’t do our job.

Brought to you by The Fly Fisherman’s Bucket List, published by Rio Grande books and written by Slim Randles, who had fun researching it. ★



Water Board cutbacks could have Unprecedented Impacts

The California state water board is working on emergency curtailments for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that may have major impacts on California agriculture and water rights holders. Amid severe drought, many farms have fallowed fields and curtailed plantings due to prior cutbacks from state and federal water projects. A California Farm Bureau attorney says the implications of worsening water shortages and continued dry conditions “could be unprecedented.”

Lemons are Smaller this Year but their Market is Brighter

Water shortages from drought are making for smaller lemons this year. Yet the market looks brighter for the citrus fruit due to recovering demand for lemons in restaurants and food service businesses. The Saticoy Lemon Association in Ventura County says food service orders for lemons are nearing 90 percent of pre-pandemic levels. Last year, amid widespread restaurant closures, the lemon demand was down by nearly two-thirds.

Agritourism gets a Boost as Visitors Welcomed Back to the Country

Winery tasting rooms have reopened and pumpkin patches, corn mazes and U-Pick flower fields are gearing up for a resurgence of tourism. The rebound follows widespread closures last year of many California farm festivals, tours and workshops. Many were conducted as virtual events or greatly scaled back. Now some farm open houses are selling out as people are taking drives back into farm country.

USDA pilot program aims to help Klamath Basin Agriculture Producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is creating a pilot program to assist Klamath River Basin farm businesses impacted by worsening drought. Under the program, the USDA is providing a \$15 million block grant to the Klamath River Drought Response Agency. The local agency will offer payments to agricultural producers who curb their irrigation demands. The USDA will evaluate the program in studying potential additional economic relief for the region. ★

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CDPH Launches New Campaign to Combat Teen Vaping

CDPH Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) launched a new advertising campaign called “Tell Your Story,” in response to the latest high school vaping data from its 2019-20 California Student Tobacco Survey. California has made progress in combating the youth vaping epidemic, but with kids going back to in-person learning, it is crucial we continue making progress.

The survey, which includes data from September 2019 to March 2020, revealed that California’s high school vaping rate is at its lowest in four years (8.2%) while the number of California teens trying to quit vaping more than doubled since 2018. During the same time, numerous youth and young adults were hospitalized due to the e-cigarette, or vaping product use-associated lung injury (EVALI) outbreak, sending a warning to young people across the state. California was the first state in the nation to respond to the deadly EVALI outbreak with a large-scale public awareness advertising campaign to protect young people, launched by Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order on September 16, 2019.

As California was responding to the EVALI epidemic, the COVID-19 pandemic created another public health crisis that attacks the lungs, reinforcing lung health as a top priority. Smoking and vaping harms the lungs, putting Californians who vape at greater risk from COVID-19. Research has shown teens who have tried vaping are five times more likely to test positive for COVID-19.

“By addressing the dangers of vaping as part of

our preparation for schools reopening, California is taking an even more proactive approach in protecting youth health,” said Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer. “Returning to in-person learning could mean a spike in teen vaping use at exactly the wrong time. It’s critical young people know the facts about the dangers of vaping and have the support and resources they need to avoid use or quit.”

The “Tell Your Story” campaign features real stories from young people and highlights their journey to quit vaping. The campaign educates youth and young adults about the harmful health effects of vapes and connects them with evidenced-based resources to quit, especially as they’re exposed to increased social pressure in school environments.

“Seeing the impact vaping had on my health and my family, after I got out of the hospital, I knew I had to focus on living a healthier lifestyle, and that started with quitting vaping,” said Blake Grey, a 20-year-old content creator and “Tell Your Story” campaign ambassador from Los Angeles. Grey underwent emergency surgery in 2019 when he was diagnosed with pneumomediastinum, caused by a vaping injury that burned a hole in his esophagus. “I’d tried quitting before, and it was easy to fall back into old habits. But with the support of friends and family, I was able to get into the best shape of my life and found myself in a much better place mentally as well without needing to vape.”

The “Tell Your Story” campaign promotes the “I Can Quit” text message program, an evidenced-based quit vaping effort that helps support

the quitting process and emphasizes how to develop and successfully practice coping strategies. The program is centered on a desired quit date and then adjusts the content and timing of the texts, so they are relevant to the users’ phase of quitting. The text program covers topics including motivation, planning, goal setting, seeking support, self-talk, withdrawal management, recovering from slips and much more.

The annual student tobacco survey conducted by CDPH, in partnership with University of California, San Diego, assessed the use of and attitudes toward tobacco products among middle and high school students along with social and environmental exposure to various tobacco products and advertisements. Additional key findings from the report include:

Overall tobacco use (9.7%) among high school students was mainly driven by the rate of vape use (8.2%). Vape products were the most used tobacco product among students across gender, race/ethnicity, and grade; In 2020, 11.6% of LGBTQ+ identifying high school students in California vaped, compared to the overall California high school vaping rate of 8.2 percent; High school students who rated their mental health as poor had higher current tobacco use prevalence (16.1%) compared to those who rated their mental health as good to excellent (7.9%); The vast majority of teens who vape use flavored vapes (96.2%).

Californians looking to quit can text “I Can Quit” to 66819 or visit NoVapes.org to join the free, confidential text message program. ★

IRS Continues Unemployment Compensation Adjustments

By David A. Tucker II, IRS Media Relations

WASHINGTON D.C. (MPG) - The Internal Revenue Service reported that another 1.5 million taxpayers will receive refunds averaging more than \$1,600 as it continues to adjust unemployment compensation from previously filed income tax returns.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which became law in March, excluded up to \$10,200 in 2020 unemployment compensation from taxable income calculations. The exclusion applied to individuals and married couples whose modified adjusted gross income was less than \$150,000.

Refunds by direct deposit will begin July 28 and refunds by paper check will begin July 30. This is the fourth round of refunds related to the unemployment compensation exclusion provision.

Since May, the IRS has issued over 8.7 million unemployment compensation refunds totaling over \$10 billion. The IRS will continue reviewing and adjusting tax returns in this category this summer.

The IRS effort focused on minimizing burden on taxpayers so that most people won’t have to take any additional action to receive the refund. The IRS review means most taxpayers affected by this change will not have to file an amended return because IRS employees have reviewed and adjusted their tax returns for them. For taxpayers who overpaid, the IRS will either refund the overpayment or apply it to other outstanding taxes or other federal or state debts owed.

For this round, the IRS identified approximately 1.7 million taxpayers due an adjustment. Of that number, approximately 1.5 million taxpayers are expected to receive a refund. The refund average is \$1,686.

The IRS started with the simplest tax returns and is now reviewing more complex returns. The average refund amount is higher for this round because the IRS included an adjustment to the Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC).

Most taxpayers need not take any action and there is no need to call the IRS. However, if, because of the

excluded unemployment compensation, taxpayers are now eligible for deductions or credits not claimed on the original return, they should file a Form 1040-X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

Taxpayers Should File an Amended Return If They:

Did not submit a Schedule 8812 with the original return to claim the Additional Child Tax Credit and are now eligible for the credit after the unemployment compensation exclusion;

Did not submit a Schedule EIC with the original return to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (with qualifying dependents) and are now eligible for the credit after the unemployment compensation exclusion;

Are now eligible for any other credits and/or deductions not mentioned below. Make sure to include any required forms or schedules.

Taxpayers Do Not Need to File an Amended Return if They:

Already filed a tax return and did not claim the unemployment exclusion; the IRS will determine the correct taxable amount of unemployment compensation and tax;

Have an adjustment, because of the exclusion, that will result in an increase in any non-refundable or refundable credits reported on the original return;

Did not claim the following credits on their tax return but are now eligible when the unemployment exclusion is applied: Recovery Rebate Credit, Earned Income Credit with no qualifying dependents or the Advance Premium Tax Credit. The IRS will calculate the credit and include it in any overpayment;

Filed a married filing joint return, live in a community property state, and entered a smaller exclusion amount than entitled on Schedule 1, line 8.

Taxpayers will generally receive letters from the IRS within 30 days of the adjustment, informing them of what kind of adjustment was made (such as refund, payment of IRS debt payment or payment offset for other authorized debts) and the amount of the adjustment. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



What will you leave behind as your legacy? Have you ever thought about what affect your life will leave on others? Sure, people of history have books written about them or even statues raised. Military leaders have military bases or even massive ships named in their honor.

But not everyone achieves such big remembrances. It is often what we do as God’s hands and feet that makes the biggest impression.

A person like Dorcas, in the Bible, was always doing things for people; and, when she passed away, widows cried for Peter to help. He did. He brought Dorcas back to life and she lived awhile longer to continue her work. What a powerful request to come from a

community of believers that loved and appreciated her commitment.

Now, not all of us will experience such an event, but we could become a helper to our community so they too can be blessed. Meeting the needs of others is a very important job and calling for Jesus’ followers.

A cup of water, a blanket for warmth, a bag of food for the hungry, mowing yards for the elderly or impaired, even cooking meals for the home bound, there are hundreds of ways to spread the loving hand of God to the broken world.

What will be on the lips of those you leave behind, words of gratitude and love or blank spaces where nothing can be added?

We should all leave love, joy, and peace when we pass on so that God knows we have been working for Him when He calls us home.

Think about it! What have you done for Him lately? Our towns, our

community, our country, and our world need a little Tender Loving Care. When you do work, do it for the Lord, in His name, through His power.

Scared? Don’t be. Step out in faith for God has plans for each of us and ways to accomplish what He asks us to do. The Lord never sends us out without the necessary equipment. Believe! It Happens!

With the second Saturday of the month coming up I am sad to announce due to the current upswing in Covid-19 cases we will not be having our monthly free breakfast until further notice.

However, you can join the Gridley United Methodist Church in working for the Lord and community by coming to our service on every Sunday at 9:30 am. Then you can join us in our community service which continues in His name. We are located on the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets in Gridley. ★



By Barbara Ott

Another historic mountain town has burned. Greenville was an old logging town that was hanging on. I have a picture of my grandfather in the years after WWI working a donkey engine in the woods there. The lives and homes of people are changed forever. Paradise and Berry Creek were more personal but the added loss

of Greenville and possible threat to Chester and Quincy are heart-breaking.

I’ve reflected on the beloved gardens that existed in those areas. I know they were there.

The five homes I lived in over 36 years in Berry Creek are all gone. My family history lived in those gardens. I left them but they were still there and I could picture each celebration with loved ones that happened. My daughter was born at the first home. Our second home was on a creek with a steep front area that we made terraces to make it usable. That was my first flower garden. The third garden was in a high cold winter area. My kids learned to ride bikes there. The fourth garden was where my daughter

had her first pony. The fifth garden which I developed over 25 years was glorious. It was brimming with family memories of several generations. The memories remain but the physical places are destroyed. I am not alone in this sadness.

Now I live in a town where the garden is still changing and growing. It has some family history now. My father celebrated Easters and fourth of July here before he passed. My 15 year-old grandson has most of his memories of grandma’s house here. I feel a deep abiding sadness and I was never personally involved in any of these fires except through loved ones. My heart is trying hard to hold all of those who are suffering and all the gardens that are gone. ★

Child Molester Sentenced to Life

Butte County District Attorney

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Chico man was sentenced in Butte Superior Court to life imprisonment for sexually abusing two young boys, ages three and nine. Judge Corie J. Caraway imposed the maximum sentence under the law of 15 years to life in prison.

Vincent Balderas, 25, of Chico, had been charged with three counts of sexual molestation for the two separate victims, possession of child pornography, and meeting with a minor for a lewd purpose. Balderas was also charged with being an accessory after the fact for unsuccessfully attempting to destroy evidence that could be used against another sex-offending cohort of his. All of the offenses took place in 2019 in

Chico. One of the victims was a relative and the other a child of an acquaintance.

Balderas’ acts of molestation were exposed through an extensive investigation by the Chico Police Department into ongoing sexual abuse by multiple offenders with whom Balderas associated. Each of those other offenders were also charged and only one, David Kenneth Hamilton, Jr., remains to be convicted.

Pursuant to new regulations adopted by the California Department of Corrections this past May, life offenders need only serve 2/3 of their actual statutorily mandated sentence before being eligible for parole. This means Balderas will be eligible for parole after 10 years in custody, which is calculated from the day of his arrest in 2019. ★

Free Breakfast Canceled

The free breakfast scheduled for August 14th, by the Gridley United Methodist Church has been canceled. Usually, we have a free breakfast every second Saturday of the month. However, due to the upswing in Covid-19 infection we are cancelling them until further notice. We will still have our Sunday service starting at 9:30 am, using protocols for protection.

It was decided to help protect the community and limit exposure to infections for now to not have this event. We hope to be able to restart these breakfasts when the rate of infections drops.

May God Bless and Keep You.



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Dear Dietitian

Caloric Intake



Commentary
by **Leanne McCrate**

Dear Dietitian,

I just read an article that said a permanent 25-30% reduction in caloric intake produces anti-aging benefits and results in a longer lifespan. Is this true?

Seth

Dear Seth,

Let us first define anti-aging. It is not the presence of fewer wrinkles and looking younger. Rather, it is slowing down the aging process by decreasing disease. Studies have been performed on animals whose caloric intake was reduced by about 30%, resulting in a longer lifespan. But does this transfer to humans?

The CALERIE study (Comprehensive Assessment of Long-term Effects of Reducing Intake of Energy) involved over two hundred healthy, non-obese adults. One group of participants (CR) was assigned a diet with a 25% reduction in calories, so a 2000-calorie diet became a 1500-calorie diet. Interestingly,

the CR group achieved an 11.9% calorie decrease instead of the assigned 25% reduction. The results were compared to a control group that maintained their regular diet (AL for ad libitum).

At the end of two years, the CR group had lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels compared to the AL group, thereby reducing the risks of heart disease and stroke. Improved insulin sensitivity was another benefit found in this group. Not surprisingly, the CR participants also enjoyed about a fifteen-pound weight loss during the two-year period.

The CALERIE study results show that moderate calorie reduction over time will likely improve health. However, it fell short of positively linking calorie restriction to longevity.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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LOCAL FISHING

North Fork Yuba River (NFYR), Downieville; Dixie and River fires preventing fishing in Butte and Plumas Counties. Air quality index "500". Several small salmon caught on Sacramento River near Colusa. Use: Sardine Cut Bait. (g) No report of salmon being caught on Feather River near Thermalito Afterbay. (g)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Fresh King Salmon selling at \$7.00 per pound. Delta Frog Tournament; So. Winds and outgoing tides make for nasty fishing weather. Winner: {3 Stripers @ 10 pounds}. 85 boats caught NO fish. Use: Buzzer Frog Lure. (g) Delta; striper in August are where you find them. Nasty winds put's water in the boats. Twelve keepers totaling 5-pounds. Use: ¾ ounce Rattletraps. (g)

COASTAL WATERS

Commercial salmon at 400' depths. (b) Sport salmon at 180' depths. (b) Use: Anchovy Cut Baits.

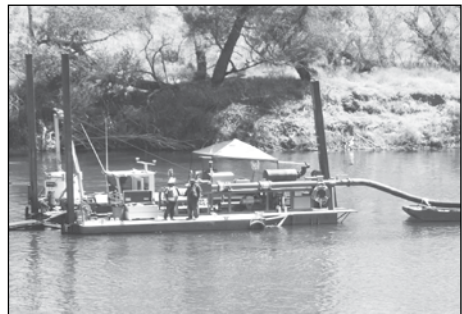
LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Whiskeytown Lake; reporting 14"-16" "clean kokanees". Trolling at 40'-55'. Use: Pink Hoochies behind Dodgers. (a) Lake Pardee; plenty of kokes trolling at 90-ft. Use: Pink Apex w/ Black Dots.

(b) Fisherman's Comment: Fishermen reporting success with specific color lures at depths of 30'-90'. Note: colors disappear at: Pink 5-ft. Red 15-ft. Orange 25-ft. Yellow 30-ft. Green 50-ft.

EASTERN SIERRA WATERS

Bear River Reservoir, (Lower Bear); East of Jackson. Cool 5800'elevation. Loquacious mac's await. Use: Rebel Spoonbill Minnow (7" broke-back Jerk Bait). (a)



Dredger at Yuba City

SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT

July 1, 2021. Objective: Install the dredge on the South-East side of the Feather River near the Yuba River mouth. Dredge a channel 600-feet up and across the river to allow the dredge to access and dredge the Yuba City Boat Ramp. Requires pumping the sediment into the Marysville sewer ponds.

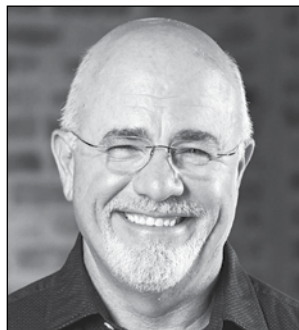
FEATHER RIVER CONDITIONS

July 28	Stage 28.4 ft	Flow 2534 CFS	Depth 14"	Oro. Dam Level 649 ft.
Aug 2	Stage 28.1 ft	Flow 2418 CFS	Depth 12"	Oro. Dam Level 647 ft.
Aug 3	Stage 28.1 ft	Flow 2400 CFS	Depth 12"	Oro. Dam Level 645 ft.
Aug 6	Stage 27.9 ft	Flow 2300 CFS	Depth 11"	Oro. Dam Level 641.50 ft.

Aug 6, 2021 DWR: "Hyatt power plant taken off line due to low water, however the river valve system outflow will provide outflow for agriculture, fish and Bay-Delta water quality flow requirements." Progress Dredging has moved up and across the F/R. (Photo) **Note:** the river flow and depth. ~ Brownie ★



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Does my Mom Need Long-term Care Insurance?

Dear Dave,

My dad passed away about a year ago, but he left my mom in really good shape financially. They never had any consumer debt, the house is paid for, and they had about \$1 million in assets. Dad also left her a \$500,000 trust. Mom is going to be 60 next year. She is in good health, but considering her age and financial situation, do you think she needs long-term care insurance?

– Darby

Dear Darby

I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. Losing a spouse, or a father, is tough at any age. The good news is your dad did a great job

Dave Ramsey Says

of planning to take care of your mom. He left her in fine shape money-wise, but yes, she needs long term care insurance and a good estate planner. You need to help your mom do everything possible to handle her situation wisely.

I usually suggest folks wait until age 60 to buy long-term care insurance, because the likelihood of filing a claim before then is very slim. In fact, about 95% of long-term care claims are filed for people over 70. That's why, in most cases, it doesn't make sense to get long-term care insurance earlier than age 60.

Insurance isn't a one-size-fits-all kind of thing, though. If someone has a family history of illness or other health issues at a younger age, they may need to get long-term care insurance earlier. But you shouldn't buy long-term care coverage at a young age just because you're paranoid of what might happen, or because you think you'll save money. That's just not true.

In the event your mom becomes unable to take care of herself at some point, long-term care insurance would be an absolute necessity. The cost of nursing home care these days is astronomical. Again, your mom is in a great place financially, but a prolonged stay in a nursing home somewhere down the road could eat up her nest egg in a hurry.

Long-term care insurance is a wise part of any good asset management plan.

– Dave

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Former CSUC Professor Admits to Possession of Child Porn

Butte County District Attorney

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County District Attorney's Office announced a former CSUC professor charged with possessing approximately a hundred images of child porn has pleaded no contest to the possession charge.




Laird Easton, 64, then a professor of history at CSUC was arrested on January 21, 2021 after a search and arrest warrant was issued by a local judge based on a Butte

County Sheriff's Office investigation. The investigation had revealed a person tied to Laird's personal and university email accounts had downloaded and uploaded child porn images from/to the internet. During the service of the search warrant at his home, sheriff's detectives contacted Easton and determined he was actively viewing child porn on his cell phone as those detectives were knocking at his door.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said a subsequent extensive forensic

download of Easton's electronic devices seized during the search warrants revealed more child porn images. Easton was charged in March 2021.

Ramsey said Easton pleaded admitting that he was in possession of child pornography from August 28, 2020 through January 21, 2021. Easton, who remains out on bail pending sentencing, is set for sentencing on October 6, 2021. He faces a maximum of three years in state prison and will be required to register as a sex offender. ★



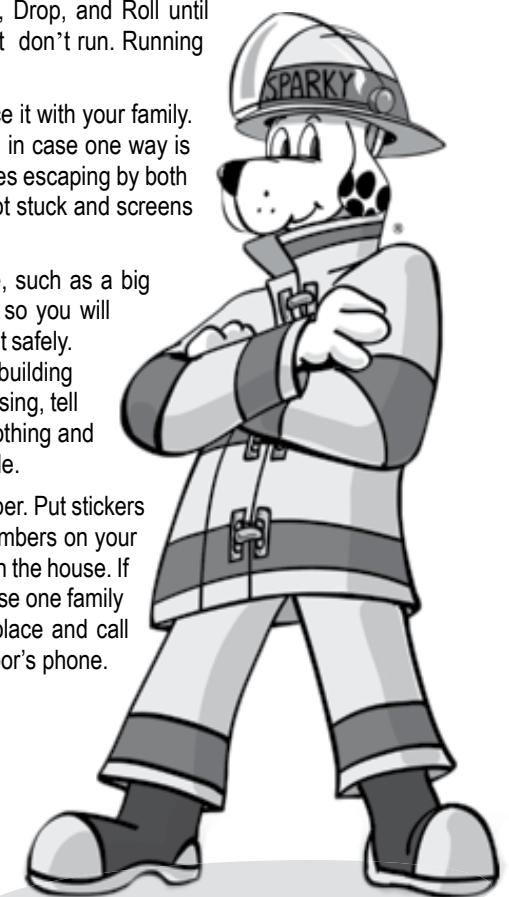
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10 Fire Safety Rules

- 1) Don't play with matches and lighters. If you see matches or a lighter where you can reach them, don't touch them. Go tell a grown up right away.
- 2) Ask your parents to install smoke detectors on every floor and in the sleeping areas of your home. Smoke detectors can save lives. Ask your parents to show you where each one is located.
- 3) Remind your parents to test your smoke detectors every month. Make sure everyone in your family is familiar with its piercing sound. Teach them that this sound means danger, and they must escape quickly.
- 4) When your parents change the time on your clocks for Daylight Savings, ask them to change your smoke alarm batteries. Give it fresh batteries and your smoke alarm will stay awake and watch for fire while you are sleeping.
- 5) In case of fire: DON'T HIDE, GO OUTSIDE! Fires are scary, but you should NEVER hide in closets or under beds when there is a fire.
- 6) To escape during a fire; Fall & Crawl. It is easier to breathe in a fire if you stay low while getting out. Use the back of your hand to test if a door is hot before you open it. If it is hot, try to use another way out.
- 7) If your clothes are on fire; Stop, Drop, and Roll until the fire is out. Shout for help, but don't run. Running makes fire burn faster.
- 8) Have an escape plan and practice it with your family. Find two ways out of every room in case one way is blocked by fire or smoke. Practices escaping by both routes to be sure windows are not stuck and screens can be taken out quickly.
- 9) Choose a meeting place outside, such as a big tree or the end of the driveway, so you will know that everyone has gotten out safely. NEVER go back into a burning building for any reason. If someone is missing, tell the firefighters. They have the clothing and equipment to safely rescue people.
- 10) Know your local emergency number. Put stickers and magnets with emergency numbers on your refrigerator and every telephone in the house. If there is a fire at your house, choose one family member to leave your meeting place and call the fire department from a neighbor's phone.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

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CDC Recommends Face Covering for Indoors

California Department of Public Health

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

The COVID-19 vaccines are effective in preventing serious disease. Unvaccinated persons are more likely to get infected and spread the virus which is transmitted through the air and concentrates indoors. About 15% of our population remains without the option for vaccination (children under 12 years old are not yet eligible) and risk for COVID-19 exposure and infection will remain until we reach full community immunity.

The purpose of this guidance is to provide information about higher risk settings where masks are required or recommended to prevent transmission to persons with higher risk of infection (e.g., unvaccinated or immunocompromised persons), to persons with prolonged, cumulative exposures (e.g., workers), or to persons whose vaccination status is unknown. When people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask correctly, they protect others as well as themselves. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated

is especially important indoors.

With the emergence of the more contagious Delta variant in California which now accounts for over 80% of cases sequenced, cases and hospitalizations of COVID-19 are rising throughout the state, especially amongst those that remain unvaccinated.

Despite ongoing outreach and improving COVID-19 vaccine access, as of July 27, 2021, a significant proportion of Californians throughout the state are not yet fully vaccinated. The Delta variant is two times as contagious than early COVID-19 variants, leading to increasing infections.

In California, unvaccinated persons continue to be required to wear masks in all indoor public settings. This guidance is an update, in light of review of the most recent CDC recommendations. To achieve universal masking in indoor public settings, we are recommending that fully vaccinated people also mask in indoor public settings across California. This adds an extra precautionary measure for all to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, especially in communities

currently seeing the highest transmission rates. Local health jurisdictions may be more restrictive than this guidance.

In California, fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask in indoor non-public settings, particularly if they are immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19, or if they have someone in their household who is immunocompromised, at increased risk of severe disease, not fully vaccinated, or not yet eligible for vaccination.

In workplaces, employers are subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) or in some workplaces the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) Standard and should consult those regulations for additional applicable requirements.

Masking Requirements

Masks are required for all individuals in the following indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status:

On public transit (examples: airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) and in transportation hubs (examples: airport, bus terminal, marina,

train station, seaport or other port, subway station, or any other area that provides transportation); **Indoors** in K-12 schools, childcare; **Emergency shelters** and cooling centers

Masks are **required for all individuals**, in the following indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status (and surgical masks are recommended):

Healthcare settings[6]; State and local correctional facilities and detention centers[7]; Homeless shelters[8]; Long Term Care Settings[9] & Adult and Senior Care Facilities[10].

Additionally, masks are **required for unvaccinated individuals** in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public).

See State Health Officer Order, issued on July 26, 2021, for a full list of high-risk congregate and other healthcare settings where surgical masks are required for unvaccinated workers, and recommendations for respirator use for unvaccinated workers in healthcare and long-term care facilities in situations or settings not

covered by Cal OSHA ETS or ATD.

For additional information on types of masks, the most effective masks, and ensuring a well-fitted mask, individuals should refer to CDPH Get the Most out of Masking and see CDPH Masking Guidance Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

Guidance for Businesses, Venue Operators or Hosts

In settings where masks are required only for unvaccinated individuals, businesses, venue operators or hosts may choose to:

Provide information to all patrons, guests and attendees regarding vaccination requirements and allow vaccinated individuals to self-attest that they are in compliance prior to entry; Implement vaccine verification to determine whether individuals are required to wear a mask; Require all patrons to wear masks; No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business.

Exemptions to Masks Requirements

The following **individuals** are exempt from wearing masks at all

times:

Persons younger than two years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation; Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance; Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication; Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

For more information from the California Department of Public Health visit www.cdph.ca.gov/

For the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention visit www.cdc.gov/about/default.htm ★

Son Sentenced to Life for Killing Mother

Butte County District Attorney

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Chico man, charged with killing his mother with a 10-pound dumbbell last year, appeared in Butte County Superior Court where he was sentenced to life in prison.

Aaron Neil Patrick Connors, 46, of Chico, previously pleaded no contest last month to a charge of first-degree premeditated and deliberate murder.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the case began on March 5, 2020, when Connors went to visit his estranged mother, Susan Robb, 68, at her home in north Chico during the early morning hours. Connors' mother invited him inside and the two visited with each other for a few hours. When Connors went to leave his mother's home, he went outside to his van, grabbed a 10-pound dumbbell, and went back inside. The

unsuspecting Robb was sitting on the couch with her back to her son when he approached her from behind and hit her on the head with the dumbbell. Connors proceeded to strike his mother multiple times on the head with the dumbbell over several minutes causing her death.

Robb's roommate had left for work before the murder and returned home that afternoon to find Robb's body. The roommate called 911. Detectives initially suspected she had been shot in the head due to the extent of trauma.

After the murder, Connors made his way to Gold Country Casino in Oroville where he was later arrested by Butte County Sheriff's deputies. Connors was interviewed at the Butte County Sheriff's Office where he provided a full confession. Connors told detectives he had been thinking about killing his mother for decades but began thinking

about it more seriously in the days leading up to the crime.

In his confession, Connors explained he had reached rock bottom just before the murder and had recently become homeless and living out of his van. Connors was at one time a local elementary school teacher. However, over the last several years, he faced a number of personal hardships including divorce, alcoholism, loss of his job, and the failure of another romantic relationship. He said he blamed his mother for his life problems.

At the sentencing hearing today, the assigned prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Ashley Furry told the judge, "Instead of taking any personal responsibility for where he ended up in life, Connors blamed the very woman who gave him life." Furry noted Connors said he considered his elderly mother's physical condition when

selecting what he would use to kill her. He thought a gun would be too messy and he figured he would only have to hit her once with the weight. Connors told detectives that he felt relieved after killing Robb because he knew the State of California would provide him "a safe place to stay, food, and a place to lay his head." Furry said despite the violent and callous nature of the murder, the evidence confirmed Connors has no known mental health issues and Connors told detectives he was sober when he killed his mother.

Butte County Superior Court Judge Corie Caraway sentenced Connors to the maximum time allowable by statute – 25 years to life in prison. However, Ramsey said, due to recent changes in how the California Department of Corrections calculates expanded credits given to prisoners, Connors could have his first parole hearing in as soon as 16 years. ★

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Office	Term
Director	4-year term; expires in 2025.
Director	4-year term; expires in 2025.
Director	Balance of unexpired term; expires in 2023.

To be qualified as a candidate for the office of Director, a person must be one of the following:

1. A holder of an interest in real property lying within the boundaries of the District.
2. The legal representative of a holder of title to land within the District, pursuant to Water Code section 34030; or
3. A representative designated by a holder of title to land within the District provided evidence of such written designation is on file with the District.


A person may only declare candidacy for one office.

Declarations of candidacy may be obtained at the office of the Biggs-West Gridley Water District located at 1713 West Biggs Gridley Road, Gridley, California 95948 or on the District's website at www.bwgwater.com beginning July 26, 2021. Declarations of candidacy must be returned and filed with the District at the above address no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 20, 2021. This deadline may be extended for one or all offices to 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2021 in the event that one or more incumbents do not declare candidacy.

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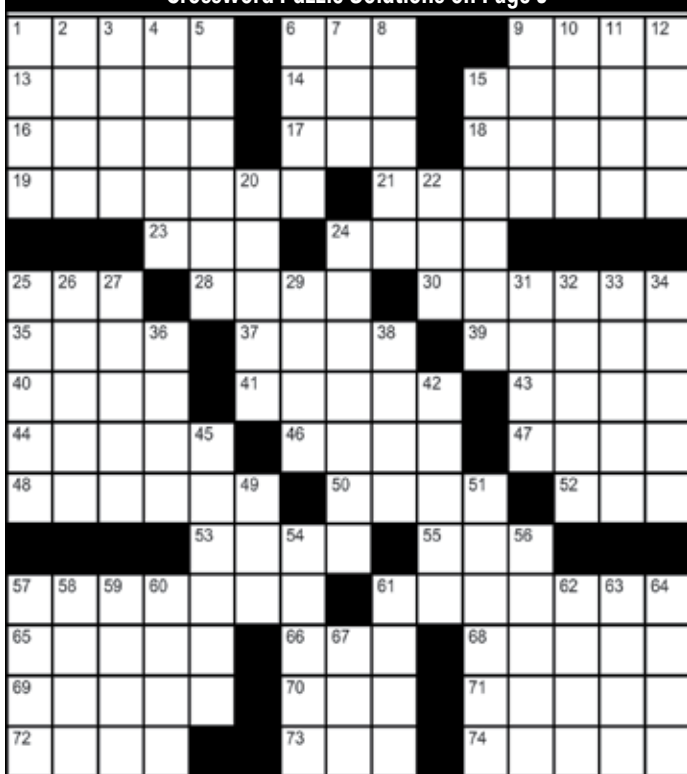
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1. ____'s razor
6. Credit card-related acronym
9. Goes with rave
13. Garlic mayo
14. "Jack and the Beanstalk" exclamation
15. Echo sounder
16. Beauty shop
17. European Economic Community
18. Falstaffian in body
19. "Scooby-Dooby-Do, where are you? We got some work"
21. "So no one told you life was gonna be ____"
23. Pocket watch chain
24. Uncouth one
25. Place to get a massage
28. Boozier
30. Pie nuts
35. Sharpen
37. Orange powder drink mix
39. Tennis-affected joint
40. Bright thought
41. Reputation-damaging gossip
43. Symphony member
44. Famous Beethoven symphony
46. Microsoft browser
47. "Young Frankenstein" leading actor
48. Dines at home
50. Telephoned
52. Up to present time
53. Neat
55. Diamond stat
57. "Gee, our old ____ ran great, those were the days"
61. "Let's ride with the family down the street through the courtesy of Fred's ____"
65. Loosen laces
66. Opposite of vend
68. Kind of artery
69. One Beatle
70. Recipe amt.
71. Opposite of atonal
72. "Where the kisses are hers and ____ and his, Three's company too"
73. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
74. Rosetta Stone, e.g.

- Down
1. Brewer's kiln
2. "Ta-ta!" in Italy
3. "If you're out on the road feeling lonely, and so ____"
4. Remote in manner
5. S.S. ____ of "Gilligan's Island"
6. Not many (2 words)
7. "Movin' on up to the east side, we finally got a piece of the ____"
8. Right-hand page
9. Schneider and Reiner
10. Afresh
11. Astronaut's insignia
12. Three pointer
15. Evening party
20. Sad newspaper notices
22. Goes with skip and a jump
24. Without a trace of moisture (2 words)
25. "Everybody's got a special kind of story, everybody finds a way to ____"
26. Podium, pl.
27. Concerning, archaic
29. "Sometimes you wanna go

- where everybody knows your ____"
31. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
32. The Beatles' "____ Road"
33. Not a soul (2 words)
34. "Sunny day, sweepin' the clouds away on my way to where the air is ____"
36. "Good ____" cooking show
38. Lady née Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
42. Extend subscription
45. Infamous German leader
49. Naught
51. Barley kernels
54. Financial woes
56. Where there's trouble?
57. Verdant
58. Initial stake
59. Hollywood Walk of Fame honor
60. A snob puts them on
61. Use a keyboard
62. Marine eagle
63. Bibliographical abbr.
64. "Just sit right back and you'll hear a ____"
67. "Oh boy it's swell to say, Good morning ____!"

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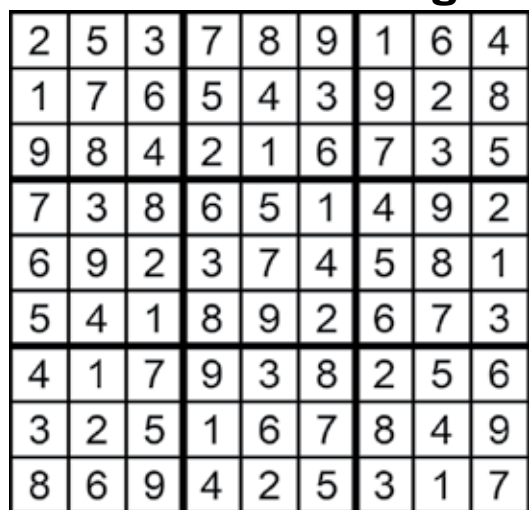
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Date Filed in Butte County: July 14, 2021

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This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000901

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309 Entler Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

Donna Arvonen, 347 Entler Avenue, Chico, CA 95928 and Alicia Moran, 309 Entler Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

Date Filed in Butte County: July 21, 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. 2021-0000944

The following persons are doing business as: **Nor-Cal CPR**

387 Cherry Blossom Lane, Gridley, CA 95948

Halie R. Hall, 387 Cherry Blossom Lane, Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: July 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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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV01752

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

Present name

Conner George Wever

Proposed name

Conner Lee Souza

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 September 8, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department 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. 2021-0000967

The following persons are doing business as: **York Baby and Co LLC**

775 Vermont Street, Gridley, CA 95948

York Baby and Co LLC, 775 Vermont Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: August 5, 2021

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is Conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BEVERLY R. CHRISTENSEN CASE NO. 21PR00362

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Beverly R. Christensen deceased

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Krisann Sutton, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Krisann Sutton be appointed as personal representative 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 September 7, 2021, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBA, Room TBA. at Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing of personal de-

livery 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

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CHRISTEN 170622 8-27-21

Summons

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER:

19CV02069

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

Teresa Gail Strawn aka Teresa Gail Gillespie YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Butte County Credit Bureau A Corp NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000844

The following persons are doing business as: **Reflective Studios**

1019 Normal Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

Shawna Ralston, 1019 Normal Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

Date Filed in Butte County: July 8, 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. 2021-0000716

The following persons are doing business as: **Mountain Bluebird Landscaping and Tree Care**

7715 Grier Avenue, Palermo, CA 90121

Junalaska Mountain Bluebird Thigpen, 7715 Grier Avenue, Palermo, CA 90121

Date Filed in Butte County: June 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. 2021-0000906

The following persons are doing business as: **Reis Ranch**

648 Cowee Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Nathan Reis, 648 Cowee Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: July 22, 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. 2021-0000863

The following persons are doing business as: **Katelyn D Fitness**

1037 Central House Road, Oroville, CA 95965

Katelyn R Duenas, 1037 Central House Road, Oroville, CA 95965

Date Filed in Butte County: July 13, 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. 2021-0000930

The following persons are doing business as: **Butte Auto Parts**

1686 Hwy 99, Gridley, CA 95948

Alison Dru Ryan & John K Ryan, 3266 Dos Rios Road, Biggs, CA 95917

Date Filed in Butte County: July 27, 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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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV01638

1. Petitioner Jaden Sean Burgess filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name

Jaden Sean Burgess

Proposed name

Jaden Sean Jones

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 September 8, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department 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. 2021-0000130

The following persons are doing business as: **Dunn Simply**

2485 Notre Dame Boulevard, Suite 370-35

Michael Declan Dunn, 2803 Eskin Maidu Trail, Chico, CA 95928

Date Filed in Butte County: January 28, 2021

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/1/2021

This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000736

The following persons are doing business as: **99 Smog and Tune Up**

1240 Highway 99E, Gridley, CA 95948

Glenn T Crye, 395 Ford Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: June 10, 2021

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 10, 2005

This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV01781

1. Petitioner Joseph Martin Sandoval filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name

Joseph Martin Sandoval

Proposed name

Joseph Martin Rocole

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 September 8, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department 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. 2021-0000934

The following persons are doing business as: **Crown Gall Management LLC**

2412 Monte Vista Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

Crown Gall Management LLC, 2412 Monte Vista Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

Date Filed in Butte County: July 2, 2021

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is Conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000833

The following persons are doing business as: **P Town Smoothie**

11131 Nelson Bar Road, Yankee Hill, CA 95965

Karen Fedasko, 11131 Nelson Bar Road, Yankee Hill, CA 95965

Date Filed in Butte County: July 2, 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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Date Filed in Butte County: August 4, 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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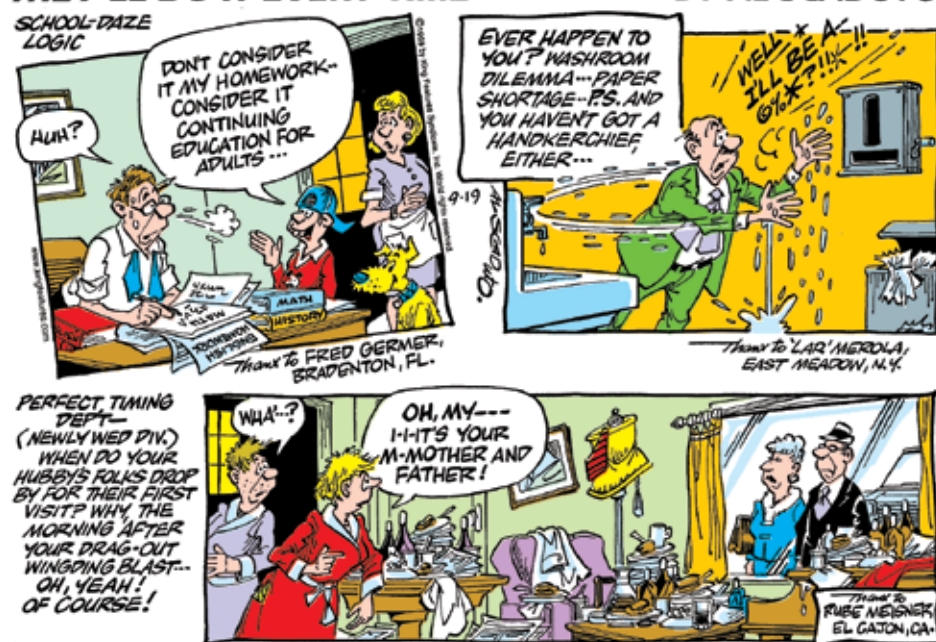
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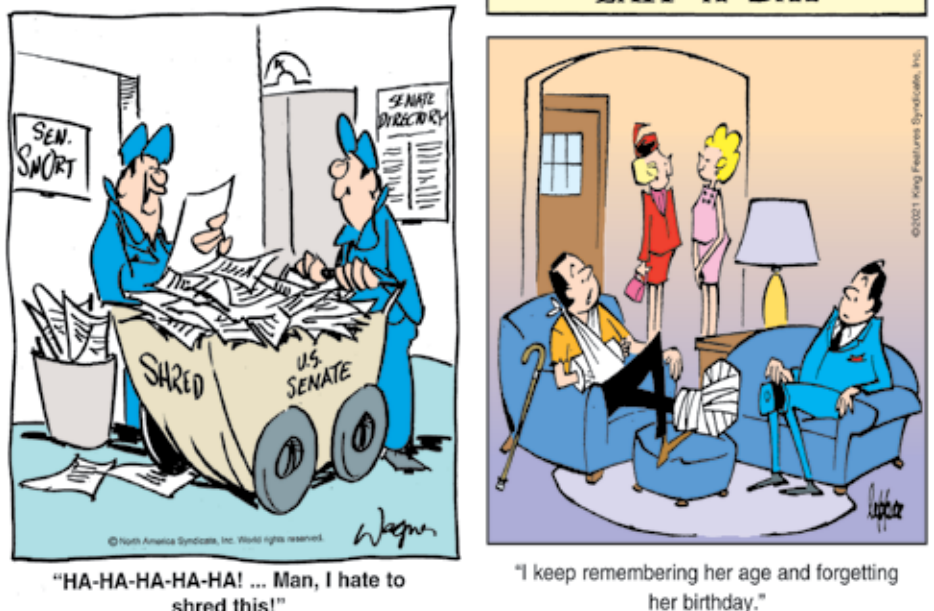
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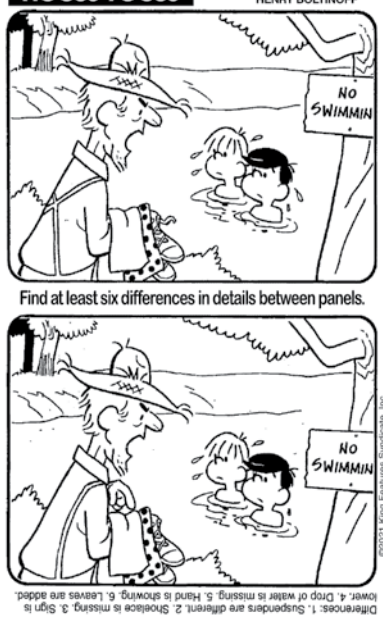
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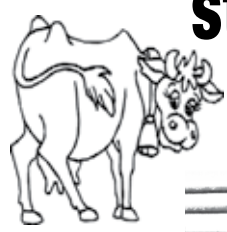
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CDFW Reminds Big Game Hunters to Test Deer, Elk for CWD



Commentary
by Congressman
Tom McClintock

On July 4th, lightning struck a tree in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in Alpine County, California, igniting a small fire that smoldered for days in a quarter acre of rugged terrain. According to Sheriff Rick Stephens, California’s fire-fighting agency, CalFire, dispatched a crew to put it out. But they were told to “stand down” by the U.S. Forest Service, which proceeded to “monitor” the fire instead. That is to say, they did precisely nothing. Twelve days later, the “Tamarack Fire” exploded out of control, consuming nearly 70,000 acres as of this writing.

One of the towns in its path was Woodfords, California. In 1987, the Woodfords Fire Department responded to a report of fire on Forest Service land near their town. They, too were turned away. Federal officials threatened Woodfords residents with arrest for even trying to extinguish the small blaze. Hours later, the fire exploded to 6,500 acres, costing 25 families their homes.

Apparently, the Forest Service has learned nothing in 34 years.

This “let burn” policy of federal land managers began in 1972, during the height of the radical environmental movement. Essentially, it holds that “fire is our friend.”

It stems from the premise that fire is nature’s way of cleaning up forests, and that active suppression of fires leads to a build-up of excess fuels.

That’s right, as far as it goes. An untended forest is like an untended garden: it will grow and grow until it chokes itself to death and is ultimately consumed by catastrophic fire. That is how nature gardens. The U.S. Forest Service was formed to remove excess growth before it can burn and to preserve our forests in a healthy condition from generation to generation. Or more simply, to do a little gardening.

In California, active land management reduced acreage annually lost to wildfire from more than four million acres in pre-Columbian times to just a quarter million acres during the 20th century. Federal foresters suppressed brush growth and auctioned off excess timber to logging companies that paid for the harvesting rights. Those revenues funded local governments and the Forest Service.

Environmental laws adopted in the 1970’s now require years of environmental studies at a cost of millions of dollars before forest thinning can be undertaken. That essentially brought the era of active land management to an end. The result? California’s wildfire damage has returned to its pre-historic level: more than four million acres burned last year. Nature is a lousy gardener.

In 1988, when the federal “let burn” policy produced the disastrous Yellowstone Fires, President Reagan reversed it. “I did not even know (the policy) existed...The minute that this happened out there and Don Hodel went out, he made it plain that, no, we were withdrawing from that policy,” President Reagan said.

Reagan left. The policy returned. And the devastation it has caused since then is tragic, avoidable and incalculable.

Especially given the hazardous condition of today’s forests, sensible policy would give top priority to extinguishing small fires before they can explode out of control.

Scrambling to explain their obvious dereliction of duty, Deputy Forest Supervisor Jon Stansfield complained that the Forest Service just didn’t have the resources to put out the small fire when a single water drop by helicopter could have stopped it cold. Yet they had the resources to photograph it by helicopter, had the resources to do countless air drops after they allowed it to explode, and apparently even blocked a Calfire crew from putting it out.

The federal government owns 96 percent of Alpine County, leaving it with virtually no tax base and entirely dependent on tourism attracted by the national forest. The fire has not only taken people’s homes and destroyed their businesses, but it has severely damaged the forest resource that the entire economy depends upon for tourism.

It is dangerous nonsense to “monitor” incipient fires in today’s forest tinderbox, even if they seem to pose no immediate danger. No person in his right mind would “monitor” a rattlesnake curled up in his bedroom because it isn’t doing much of anything. He would kill it before it does.

In our national forests, only the Forest Service can prevent small blazes from becoming forest fires. It’s time they did. *Congressman Tom McClintock represents California’s 4th Congressional District.* ★

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With California’s Big Game Drawing complete and big game hunters planning in state and out of state hunting trips this fall, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) reminds hunters once again to be vigilant in helping to keep Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) out of California.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease of deer, elk, moose and reindeer. It has been detected in captive or free-ranging deer in 26 states and two Canadian provinces. The disease spreads through contact with infected animals, tissues and environments. CDFW has been testing and monitoring for CWD in California deer and elk herds for more than 20 years with no detections to date.

“Our big game hunters have been incredible partners in this effort and should be proud,” said Dr. Brandon Munk, CDFW wildlife veterinarian. “The potential for this deadly disease to spread to California remains very real. We all need to remain vigilant and adhere to CWD best practices. That includes testing harvested animals, following safety recommendations when cleaning and handling game, knowing and abiding by state regulations when transporting harvested deer or elk meat into California from out of state.”

Get Your Animals Tested

CDFW will once again staff voluntary CWD sampling and hunter check stations throughout the state during upcoming deer seasons. At these locations, hunters can have their deer tag validated while contributing to CWD surveillance. A list of sampling locations and dates will be available at CDFW’s CWD web page. If hunting out of state, be sure to check with that state’s wildlife agency for any mandatory CWD testing or handling requirements in the area you will be hunting. Some states may restrict the movement of an animal carcass or other parts in CWD zones. CDFW recommends testing any deer or elk harvested in a CWD-positive area, whether there is a mandatory

test requirement or not. Most states will have information on how to get a deer or elk tested for CWD. CDFW does not routinely test out of state animals.

Use Caution When Handling Game

Hunters are advised to wear gloves when field dressing and processing their animals. A best practice to prevent the movement of CWD is to bone out meat from harvested animals, leaving brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen and lymph nodes where the animal was harvested. Hunters should wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing and avoid eating meat from sick or CWD-positive animals.

Report Sick Animals

Report any deer or elk exhibiting abnormal signs via CDFW’s online Mortality Reporting system.

Know the Laws When Bringing Deer or Elk into California

The California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 712 governs the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk into California. It is unlawful to import, or possess any hunter harvested deer or elk (cervid) carcass or parts of any cervid carcass imported into the state, except for the following body parts:

Portions of meat with no part of the spinal column, brain or head attached (other bones, such as legs and shoulders, may be attached); Hides and capes (no spinal column, brain tissue or head may be attached); Clean skull plates (no brain tissue may be present) with antlers attached; Antlers with no meat or tissue attached, except legally harvested and possessed antlers in the velvet stage are allowed, if no meat, brain or other tissue is attached; Finished taxidermy mounts with no meat or tissue attached (antlers in the velvet stage are allowed if no meat, brain or other tissue is attached); Upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories).

For more information on keeping California’s deer and elk herds safe and free from CWD, please visit CDFW’s CWD web page. ★



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Dr. Ladine received her Bachelors of Science from Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN, her Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Southern California in LA, and completed her residency at Ventura County Medicine in Ventura, CA.

“I am honored to be a part of Orchard Hospital and its executive team. My personal commitment is to create a culture of excellence here at Orchard and provide quality healthcare, close to home”, says Dr. Ladine.

