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# RED SUSPENDERS DAY IS A GO!!!



Above: Sparky the fire dog riding atop one of Gridley's classic fire engines is just one way Gridley celebrates its firefighters at Red Suspenders Day! Right: Seasoned firefighters, volunteers and new recruits from surrounding stations battle it out, pitting their hose-handling skills against each other for the win during the Firefighter Games. Photos by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Although there is a lot that could change between May 15th and now, Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce is officially announcing that Red Suspenders Day 2021 is a GO!

The chamber is currently updating its vendor and will have more information for the community after a planning meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd. Revised applications will be available for interested vendors shortly. The Chamber is diligently planning this year's event, taking into account current CDC guidelines and social distancing practices to mitigate any COVID exposure. All facets of the festival will require social distancing measures and will hold to state and

county guidelines in respect to COVID19 precautions.

As tradition, members of our community can expect to plan for bail as the Unjustice Court police come to serve their arrest warrants. The socially distanced Unjustice Court will be held Friday, May 14th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm in the downtown parks.

Other activities confirmed for Red Suspenders Day 2021 are the Little League Pancake Breakfast at Railroad Park from 7:00 – 11:00 am, the bed races, slotted for 9:30 am, followed by more fun community activities and events that are still being planned. The parade will



commence at 11:00 am in the downtown corridor and the show-stopping, splashing good-time created by our local firefighters and their Firefighter Games will finish off the day's events.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the upcoming Red Suspenders Day or contact the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce at (530) 846-3142. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, plans may be subject to change. ★

## Transparency, Resignations and Vacancies; Council Moves Forward

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The agenda for the March 1st City Council meeting was short, only one agenda item other than the consent agenda, but it was a loaded one.

Agenda Item #3 was listed as "City of Gridley Employment Contract with Paul Eckert", Gridley's former City Administrator and former Finance Director. After Mr. Eckert resigned from those positions due to public pressure, he was still retained under contract by the City of Gridley to serve as the city's representative to the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA).

As Mayor Bruce Johnson opened discussion on Item #3, he read aloud the contract in question and reminded those in attendance to refrain from comments not pertaining directly to the agenda item.

Councilmember Catalina Sanchez was then given the floor to pose the following questions to the rest of the council regarding the details of said contract with Mr. Eckert, including whether the contract was penned by Mr. Eckert himself, if Mr. Eckert had access to City owned equipment or property during his temporary employment, if the contract was reviewed by an attorney, and so on.

In a Facebook post she made after the meeting, Sanchez says "My questions tonight reflected questions I believe the City needed answers to for meeting a standard of TRANSPARENCY and information our community deserved."

As the meeting progressed, the questions of Mr. Eckert's temporary employment with the City became moot. Mayor Johnson announced that Mr. Eckert had resigned of said temporary position just prior to the evening's meeting and read a segment of the letter aloud: "A Gridley Councilmember, once again is encouraging others to publicly slander me at tonight's Gridley Council Meeting, leaving me little choice but to make me resign my temporary position as electric utility administrator, effective today. As council is very aware, public attacks and slander adversely impact my ability to obtain employment and to financially support my family. Respectfully, I encourage the agenda item to be tabled."

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# Wrapping Up FFA Week!

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley High School FFA can put another FFA Week celebration down in the history books.

Of course, FFA Week 2021 looked much different than previous celebrations. Across the nation, FFA students have been forced to conduct most of their FFA instruction, projects and competitions virtually. Gridley High School FFA has excelled at transitioning to a predominantly virtual platform but has been fortunate enough to be able to continue in-person instruction at campus.

When asked how National FFA Week has changed in the face of COVID, GHS FFA Chapter President Maddy Hamman says, "Luckily for us, we're back (in school) so we're able to do our activities, but I know, like, statewide I think definitely there's going to have to be a lot



This year's FFA Officers are: (backrow) Austin Weagant - Treasurer, Aaron Rogers - Sentinel, Hope West - Vice President, Hayley Tripplett - Public Relations, Ella Hughes - Chapter Secretary. Front row: Becca Hamman - Reporter, Maddy Hamman - President, Hanna Grover - Vice President. Photo by Seti Long

more virtual celebration. We just feel really thankful to be able to come together and celebrate!" That said, GHS FFA had quite a few fun events planned for the week.

GHS FFA Chapter reporter Becca Hamman shared that planning for

FFA Week 2021 celebrations were turned over to the FFA officers. Since there were 8 officers and just 5 days, some of the officers were assigned specific days in which they planned activities or designated as dress-up spirit days. Her fellow officers

helped promote the lunchtime activities and spirit days through social media posts and more. FFA week celebrations included "Merica Monday", "Stock jock -vs- Athlete" spirit day, with a pie-eating contest that pitted AG students

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# The New Pi-Line Wrapping Up FFA Week!



By Josh F.W. Cook

Hoping you are as amazed as I am that it is March, already. That said, being March we need more rain. The state workers who climb to the mountain tops each month and measure the snowpack send ominous news that we are running behind in a pattern that looks a lot like the charts that indicate a drought may be headed our way. This next drought will be a more interesting one to live through. The state has implemented a groundwater monitoring and management program; this has never been the case before. The central valley elevation dropped several inches in some places from the over-drafting of the groundwater. Now across the state, various agencies are figuring out how they are going to manage the thousands of wells that tap into the underground aquifers. Our economy is directly attached to making food and making food is attached to water, so droughts are worrisome for Biggs/Gridley/Live Oak families.

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There are lots of terms related to social stability - wealth, opportunity, poverty. One of the things that has made America great is the term upward mobility. Upward mobility is the ability to start

at the bottom socioeconomically and make your way up. Being born into one situation and ending life at another economic level. One of the greatest measures of upward mobility is how fast immigrants can get established. I call this the Costco effect. When you are at Costco, the official store of upper-middle-income shoppers, and there are Mexican and Indian (or any other immigrant group) families pushing their carts alongside yours it means America is working. California has one of the highest rates of poverty in the country and has a decreasing rate of upward mobility. Upward mobility is one of the distinguishing features of America - no other country has even come close to how well America has performed at taking people from different races, cultures and starting points and affording them a system to move up in the world. I prefer measuring upward mobility - it is a better standard than calculating wealth. Right now we have lots of wealth but it is in a concentrated too few households.

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The Biggs City Council continues to function at a high level while being stealthy, if you look at their agendas, you can see that they are planning for the future, but they keep their long term plan for health, wealth and prosperity kind of quiet. I think they are laying low for a reason - but you can read their meeting agendas and minutes on-line and piece it together.

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Suddenly from the gold mining operation in Live Oak on Hwy. 99 - we see lots of new curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, very fancy. Compliments to the City Council there for getting this amenity as part of the mining and pipe placement (and repeated replacement) operation. The sidewalks will increase the property values for everyone, and may reduce the traffic wait times as people can walk to Dutch Bros. coffee shack - estimated to be 3000-4000 cars per day.

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Did you read the page full of stories written by Manzanita school students? It was interesting to get some insight into the world through their words. What a nice thing to do. Good job kudos to Publisher Paul Scholl, he gives us another reason to appreciate the "local" in the local newspaper. Also of happy note - the missives in the Herald covering the student-athletes. The Wolverines, Bulldogs, and Lions are up and running to some extent. It brought back memories of arguments we used to have in High School about "who would really win if our school mascots were put in a fight to the death Roman Forum style arena?" And with that reminiscence, you have been handed the Pi Line "friendly conversation starter" for the upcoming weekend (in case the Live Oak sidewalks are not enough).

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

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against athletes during lunchtime, "Throwback Thursday" and "Western Day".

AG Teacher and FFA Advisor Nick Dreesmann says that the events are all in fun, some more educational than others. He says his FFA students kicked off the week with "a big grandiose" game of capture the flag where a large chunk of FFA students and others attempted to snag the opposing team's flag in the social distanced game.

Maddy Hamman planned for the week to culminate in a BBQ: "We're going to feed the whole chapter lunch on Friday and then obviously we'll give some to the staff and what not. So that's our big way to cap things off."

Gridley FFA was grateful to have a somewhat traditional FFA Week to honor the organization. Ella Hughes said it perfectly, "National FFA week...It's awesome that we get to come together and support each other and celebrate an organization that gives so much back to us." ★



This year's FFA Officers are (left to right): Becca Hamman - Reporter, Aaron Rogers - Sentinel, Hope West - Vice President, Maddy Hamman - President, Hayley Tripplett - Public Relations, Ella Hughes - Chapter Secretary, Austin Weagant - Treasurer, and Hannah Grover - Vice President. Photo provided by GHS FFA



You got pie on your face!! As part of the GHS FFA Week Celebration, FFA students organized a socially distanced pie-eating contest during their lunch break. Pie-eaters left to right: Nico Donati, Sydney Allen and Gabby Espinoza. Photo by Seti Long

## Gallagher Introduces Bill to Protect Free Speech on Social Media

By Curtis Grima,  
Office of Assemblyman  
James Gallagher

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City), along with coauthor Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin), announced AB 1114, which would define social media platforms as "public forums", essentially applying the First Amendment protections to social media platforms.

AB 1114 would prevent social media platforms such as Facebook, YouTube or Twitter from removing or manipulating any content unless it was unprotected

speech under the First Amendment. Platforms would still be able to remove content such as pornography, incitements to violence or obscenities.

Gallagher said, "Social Media platforms are today's version of a public square. User's speech on these platforms should be protected under the First Amendment just like it would if they were speaking in a public space. Canceling people and views, in addition to being Orwellian, is contributing to further polarization in our politics today".

For more information on Assemblyman Gallagher, and to track legislation visit [www.assembly.ca.gov/Gallagher](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/Gallagher) ★

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Last week, the city council meetings of both Oroville and Chico were canceled due to COVID-19 exposure or positivity of council members.

At the Gridley City Council meeting last week (February 15, 2021), two of the five council members, (Mayor Bruce Johnson and Vice Mayor Mike Farr) did not wear masks throughout the meeting. Those same two members voted against Councilmember J. Angel Calderon's proposal to form a COVID-19 task force to address the effects of COVID-19 on Gridley, even though Gridley/Biggs has suffered disproportionately more cases of COVID-19 compared to the rest of Butte County, according to Butte County Public Health.

As a resident of Gridley, I can only interpret the behavior of our mayor and vice mayor as both irresponsible and insensitive to the needs of their constituents. The COVID-19 task force proposal failed to pass without their support. Furthermore, for the safety of their fellow citizens, putting on a mask for a few hours during council meetings seems like a small favor to ask.

Sincerely,

Grace Mahannah



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## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Shirley Ann Miller

January 20, 1948 to February 21, 2021

Shirley Ann Miller was born January 20, 1948 in Oroville, CA and passed away February 21, 2021.

She attended schools in East Biggs and Biggs; she graduated from Biggs High School in 1966. She was involved in many school activities and was picked as the most athletic girl in her class. She married Ed Miller in 1968 and had two sons, Robert and Michael. In 1979 she was hired as the Biggs High librarian and worked there for 31 years. She helped many students during her time there as the CSF advisor.

After retirement in 2009, she volunteered at the Butte County Historical Society and helped take care of the Ehmman



Home History Museum in Oroville. She and Ed helped at the museum, and spent countless hours giving back to the community. She was a dedicated worker and she loved teaching people about genealogy. She excelled at researching and building family trees. Her main passion was quilting, and she was very proud of the several first-place ribbons that her quilts earned at the fair.

She is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Ed; their two sons Robert and Michael; and her granddaughter Madison. She is also survived by her sisters Harriet, Norma, and Margeret and brother, Claude. Funeral arrangements are pending.

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Dolores Roberta (Detling) Slagle

March 3, 1931 to February 21, 2021

A private graveside service was held at the Gridley Biggs Cemetery for Dolores Roberta (Detling) Slagle, 89 of Gridley. She passed away on Sunday February 21, 2021 in Oroville.

She was born on March 3, 1931 in the home in which she was raised, in the Manzanita district of Gridley. Her parents were Clarence and Doris (Stowe) Detling. She graduated from Manzanita Elementary school and Gridley High School, class of 1947. She was an active member of Rainbow girls, holding many offices. Following graduation from High School she attended Yuba Community College.

She was employed by the Gridley Elementary School District as the district secretary for 2 years. Following this she was a medical secretary in Chico for 2 years. She was a medical transcriptionist for Harold F. Gray, M.D. for 7 years, followed by employment for the Gridley Medical Group Inc., also as a medical transcriptionist for 27 years.

She was an active member of the Gridley



First Presbyterian church since 1943. Dolores married her high school sweetheart, Gerald Slagle on September 4, 1949 in this same church. After retirement, Gerald and Dolores enjoyed vacationing in their trailer with their Gridley Good Timers Good Sam travel group. However, the greatest joy of her life was her family of 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. The highlight of her year was hosting the annual family Christmas Eve

celebration. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Slagle, son-in-law Robert Olschowka, her parents, four brothers, Harold, Donald, Earl, Brian, a sister Carol Ann, and on grandson Adam Quist.

She is survived by her 3 children, Lynn Quist (Dennis) of Gridley, Tim Slagle (Kathy) of Reno, NV, and Cindy Olschowka of Gridley.

At her request memorials can be sent to First Presbyterian Church of Gridley in her honor. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.



# City of Biggs Welcomes Nuchols



New City Councilmember Chuck Nuchols is sworn in by Biggs City Clerk Roben Benish. Photo provided by Marci Shadd

By Seti Long

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - The City of Biggs swore in its newest City Councilmember, Chuck Nuchols, at their special meeting held February 16th, 2021.

Nuchols joins the Biggs City Council filling the

vacancy caused by former Vice Mayor Angela Thompson. Allegedly, two applications were reviewed by the current sitting council, Mayor James “Bo” Sheppard, Vice Mayor John Busch, and Councilmembers Brian Basset and Jerome Squires.

Out of the two candidates, Chuck Nuchols and Steve Sherlock, Nuchols was selected. He was sworn in by City Clerk Roben Benish and took his seat at the dais that evening. Nuchols will serve on the Biggs City Council until December 2022. ★

# Transparency, Resignations and Vacancies; Council Moves Forward

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Obviously, Mayor Johnson chose not to table the item. The language of Mr. Eckert’s resignation, especially the words “slander” and “adversely impact my ability to obtain employment and financially support my family” should be concerning. Proven innocent and cleared of any charges, Mr. Eckert is in the position to consider legal action if he chooses. Hopefully, not against the City of Gridley, the Council, individual Councilmembers, or others, but that is yet to be seen. “I think it’s about time we put this issue behind us. Put a period on it,” Said Vice Mayor Mike Farr. “We’ve lost a great man. Lost a hell of an asset to our city because of a lot of the negativity that

went on...It’s time to stop and move forward with the business of this city and we’re wasting our time here hashing and rehashing things that are really not important to the benefit of this city.” More importantly, the City of Gridley is left without a designated City employee representative at the NCPA table other than Councilmember Sanchez herself, who accepted that committee assignment from Mayor Johnson in a past meeting. This development poses an increased urgency in finding a desirable candidate for the City Administrator position as quickly as possible. Now in uncharted territory, Gridley City Council has its work cut out for it to keep the NCPA and Gridley functioning efficiently. ★

# Hit-N-Run Leaves Trail of Debris

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Last week, residents along Idaho Street in Gridley awoke to quite a shock.

In the extreme early morning hours of Tuesday, February 23rd, homeowner Pete Rasmussen was shaken awake by a large boom. He says, “Well, last night I was laying on the couch and I just hear this loud explosion. I opened the door to look outside... expecting to see fire (or a nearby building leveled). I went in and put my shoes on and came back out...” and that is when he discovered his truck. He immediately called 911.

Shortly thereafter, his neighbor, Lucy Love and her family were awoken by a pounding at their door. Shocked, they opened it to find Gridley Police Officers and an unexpected scene of debris and damage.

Sometime in the hours between 1:00 and 2:00 pm, it appeared that an intoxicated driver turned off Sycamore Street onto Idaho, heading south. This unknown vehicle, manned by an unidentified driver, took out a good section of Love’s fence and garbage cans, before crashing through her neighbor’s yard, totaling Rasmussen’s



Pete Rasmussen tries to salvage what he can after a hit-n-run incident where a potentially intoxicated driver totaled his truck and damaged his neighbor’s properties and vehicles. Left to right: Pete Rasmussen, Lucy Love. Photo by Seti Long

truck. The unknown vehicle pushed the truck 6 feet according to Rasmussen and continued down the road to hit another vehicle, leaving a trail of debris and tire tracks heading in the direction of Magnolia and Oregon Streets.

Rasmussen and Love share a strong bond and friendship – Both families are in the process of rebuilding after the Camp and Bear Fires. Of course, they also lost much to those fires and Rasmussen couldn’t help but express frustration with the total loss of his truck. “I’m S.O.L” he said. With no suspect, chances are slim that the perpetrator

will be held financially liable for the damage caused. He does not expect much help from his own insurance agency.

Even with this recent blow, both Rasmussen and Love remain hopeful. “At least nobody was hurt,” said Love optimistically. “That we know about...” added Rasmussen.

Gridley Police Department is actively investigating the incident and encourages anyone that may have seen something suspicious or that may have any information involving this incident to contact their office at the non-emergency number (530) 846-5670. ★



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# Gridley Cross Country Leaves Corning in the Dust



The Bulldogs Cross Country team finished first through fifth place at the Gridley Fairgrounds. Photo by Duffy Villalobos

By Steve Allard

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - It was Senior Night for the Bulldogs as we hosted the



Gridley Bulldogs Girls placed first and fourth place. Photo by Duffy Villalobos

Corning Cross Country team at the Gridley Fairgrounds. The boys varsity team swept the visiting Cardinals 15-0, led by team captain, Damian Mendoza Jr (12) with a time of 20:21 over the

5K course. Taking 2nd place was freshman speedster, Cesareo Villalobos, with a time of 20:45. Other top finishers were Emmanuel Martinez Hernandez (21:37), Gordon LaBuff (21:51), and Cesar Zepeda Martinez (21:58). With the Bulldogs finishing 1-5, the team had a perfect score.

The varsity girls did not field a full squad. However, Giselle Fuentes (9), finished the 5K race with her fastest time of 23:52, knocking off nearly 2 minutes from the previous meet. She set a personal record and took 1st place for the race. Fuentes is currently ranked 16th in Division 4. Alejandra Rodriguez Saldade was the only other runner for Gridley, finishing 4th (32:25).

Franco Castillo (9), AKA Kiko, had a time of 21:19 in the JV Boys race. Gisela Cardenas had a great day on the course, finishing 2nd overall in the girls JV race and set a personal record. She completed the 2.1 miles in 18:09. She’s now ranked 6th in Div 4. Angela Gutierrez finished 5th with a time of 19:52, a PR, and Denise Bonner (10) had 26:59.

The next race is March 3rd against Oroville, Forebay Aquatic Center, 2:00 PM. ★

# Poor Salmon Forecast for 2021 Suggests Restricted Fishing Season

By John McManus,  
Golden State Salmon Association

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - Officials forecast there are about 271,000 adult Sacramento Valley salmon now in the ocean off the West Coast. This compares to 473,183 forecast a year ago at this time and suggests some restrictions are likely to be enacted in the 2021 salmon fishing season. In the months ahead, officials with the Pacific Fisheries Management Council will use this forecast and other information to set times and areas open to both sport and commercial ocean salmon fishing for 2021. If restrictions are deemed necessary, we’ll learn of them then.

Although 473,000 plus salmon were forecast last year, after the number caught was added to those that returned to spawn, the real number came out to be 370,000, about 22 percent fewer than forecast.

About 138,000 adult salmon returned to spawn in the Sacramento Basin during 2020, which is 105,000 fewer than the 233,000 salmon predicted to return to spawn. In addition, about 14,000 jacks, or two year old salmon, returned to spawn. The jack number in 2020 is used to forecast the number of adult salmon officials believe are now in the ocean.

One reason for the drop off in the 2021 salmon forecast is chronic over-diversion of Central Valley rivers. 2020 returns were also bolstered by added hatchery production in 2017 that contributed to the 2020 fishery. There was no additional hatchery production to aid 2021 fisheries and returns.

“It will be several more weeks before we begin to learn what kind of restrictions we might see on fishing this year, but the treatment of our salmon resource by freshwater managers as an afterthought is taking its toll,” said GSSA president John McManus.

The number of fish that returned to the Klamath Basin, although slightly better than forecast, was still not enough to plot a 2021 commercial fishery free of concern. Commercial fishing in the Fort Bragg zone, stretching from Pt. Arena

to just north of Shelter Cove in southern Humboldt County, will likely be limited in 2021.

“If water managers would leave more water in the rivers during some of the drier years, we’d always have more salmon,” said GSSA director and co-owner of Reel Magic Sportfishing Mike Aughney.

Since baby salmon are considered one year old when they leave the Central Valley in the spring, and most return as three year old adults, you can usually count on good fishing two years after lots of rain and snow. Although there was decent rain and runoff in 2019, this year’s forecast is poor, in part because of the severe decline of salmon in the last drought.

“Drought could revisit us almost anytime, including this year. We need to build and fortify in the good years so we don’t get wiped out again in the bad,” said GSSA secretary Dick Pool.

“That’s why GSSA is working overtime to get salmon recovery, habitat improvements, and hatchery improvements on the state’s radar.”

The Golden State Salmon Association (www.goldenstatesalmon.org) is a coalition of salmon advocates that includes commercial and recreational salmon fishermen and women, businesses, restaurants, a native tribe, environmentalists, elected officials, families and communities that rely on salmon. GSSA’s mission is to restore California salmon for their economic, recreational, commercial, environmental, cultural and health values.

Currently, California’s salmon industry is valued at \$1.4 billion in economic activity and 23,000 jobs annually in a normal season and about half that much in economic activity and jobs again in Oregon. Industry workers benefiting from Central Valley salmon stretch from Santa Barbara to northern Oregon. This includes commercial fishermen and women, recreational fishermen and women (fresh and salt water), fish processors, marinas, coastal communities, equipment manufacturers, the hotel and food industry, tribes, and others. ★

# Challenge Made to Gridley Museum to Raise \$10K

Gridley Museum Press Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - They often say you can't go back home but former Gridley resident, Bill Harkey and his wife Laurie have never forgotten the town where Bill was the first baby born in our local hospital. A third generation Gridley High graduate (Class of 1967), Harkey has often included a visit to the Gridley High School Band when here to see family and friends over the years, always with his checkbook in hand.

Former Band Directors John Haeberle and Austin King probably grinned from ear to ear anytime they saw Bill walking in to hear the band and give his encouragement. For Harkey, it was always a highlight of his trip to visit his alma mater and yell "HooRAH" as he left.

Harkey and his wife have always supported the hospital's Foundation over the years and many times Bill visits home to see his Mom Fran coincided with the Foundation's annual Golf Tournament.

Once again it is a happy time for Gridley as Harkey recently sent a challenge to the Gridley Museum. Raise \$10,000 by May

31, 2021 and he will match it. The amount of \$10,000 may sound like a lot, until you break it down. Ten donations of \$1,000 will do it. Twenty donations of \$500 will match the challenge. Hitting the mark with 400 donations of \$25 will meet the amount and of course any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Along with all other groups, businesses and individuals, the Museum has been hit hard financially with no fundraising efforts over the past year and none in the foreseeable future.....until now.

The museum recently took over ownership of the former Family T-Shirt Factory next door which has been painted along with antique ceiling panels replaced and new flooring soon to be installed.

It is the support of many, whether local or those who have moved away who make projects such as this possible. It is people like Bill Harkey who give the museum a shot in the arm, who never forget their hometown and still want to be involved.

Donations of any amount can be mailed to 601 Kentucky Street or delivered Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 846-4482 for more information. ★

# So Much for Unity



Commentary  
by Doug LaMalfa

The Democrats have made it clear with their latest \$1.9 trillion COVID "relief" bill that their priorities are everywhere else except giving Americans the REAL relief or freedom.

Once again, their bill is

PACKED with items that have nothing to do with COVID relief - like \$112 million for a San Francisco underground rail project, billions in bailouts for pensions instead of fixing them, and over \$350 billion for states like California that can't control their own spending.

Their bill would cost every man, woman and child in America \$5,775 - and most of it will do NOTHING to give you relief from shutdowns of jobs, travel, life.

This so-called "relief" package is little more than yet another excuse for Democrats to fund their liberal pet projects and personal agendas - politics at its worst. And they are

doing it all without consulting or working with Republicans. So much for unity.

Meanwhile, Democrat-run shutdowns still keep businesses from opening and prevent struggling students from attending school in the classroom where they belong.

My fight against this hypocritical and solutionless agenda continues, and I am fighting to get our economy and our schools safely reopened.

I need your continued support as I wage these battles, because the opposition to me is STRONG. Please come alongside me and chip in \$10, \$25, what you can to support me as I must be in this fight. ★

# Thank You Sutter County Grand Jury Volunteers

By Nick Micheli,  
Sutter County Supervisor

I want to start by sincerely thanking the Sutter County Grand Jury for their dedication and service to better our community. These are 19 ordinary citizens who made an extraordinary commitment. They volunteered for an entire year to be our “Civil Watchdogs.” The full Grand Jury report on their Sutter County Code Enforcement investigation can be found at [www.suttercourts.com/general-info/grand-jury](http://www.suttercourts.com/general-info/grand-jury).

Code enforcement issues were a focus of my campaign and a major concern for our community. Prior to knowing the Grand Jury had investigated Code

Enforcement, I addressed the issue during a recent Board meeting. The Grand Jury report includes serious findings and thoughtful recommendations that include outstanding fines should be collected, additional enforcement officers be hired and the Board of Supervisors be informed of the process. These are absolutely reasonable recommendations. I am less than 2 months into this job, and I’m only one Supervisor and vote, but I will fight for accountability and transparency in the coming weeks to address these issues and begin to right the ship.

Again, thank you to our Grand Jury - your time and effort are not in vain. Thank you for shining a light on these issues. ★



CVP Projects 5% Supplies  
for Many Farmers

The dry winter could mean a very dry summer for Central Valley farmers. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said Tuesday it expects to provide only 5% of contract water supplies for many agricultural customers of its Central Valley Project. The Fresno-based Westlands Water District, a large CVP customer, described the allocation as “no surprise” but “devastating nonetheless” for water-short farmers and communities.

Vegetable Sales Suffer  
After Severe Storms

Severe winter storms in much of the country have affected vegetable farmers in the California desert, who have seen demand drop due to logistical problems in moving and storing produce in the affected regions. At the same time, warm weather in the desert causes vegetables to ripen quickly, leading to a further oversupply. Farmers say the weather has added volatility to vegetable markets already coping with pandemic-related swings in demand.

Detectives Analyze Rural-Crime Trends

Agricultural crime remains a serious problem in many parts of California, though reported crimes declined in some rural counties the past year. Detectives say they’re not sure why the decline occurred, and farmers say they continue to be plagued by thefts, illegal dumping and other problems. A bill introduced in the state Legislature would increase fines for illegal dumping. In one county, inmate work crews that clear dump sites have been reduced due to pandemic concerns.

USDA Concludes Investigation  
of ‘Mystery Seeds’

Packets of “mystery seeds” sent to thousands of people across the U.S. last year have prompted a federal agency to provide additional guidance for online seed sales. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says it found no evidence someone was trying to harm agriculture when they sent the seeds last summer. After an investigation, USDA concluded the seeds were likely part of an internet scam to help an online seller’s search results. ★



# District Attorney Comments on Sanchez Murder Trial

By Seti Long

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Yuba County District Attorney's Office has put out a response after public outcry and dissatisfaction over the sentencing of the man responsible for the death of Michael Sanchez.

On June 20, 2020, William Henson, 35, of Marysville, inadvertently killed Sanchez, 44, while attempting to flee from a dispute at a motel in East Linda. Henson reportedly shot at a woman sitting in her car who received non-life threatening injuries. As Henson fled from the scene at speeds of 80 mph, his vehicle struck Sanchez who had stopped for a red light on his motorcycle.

Sanchez was a beloved family man and prominent member of the community, known for his amazing photography skills utilized by the Marysville Gold Sox Baseball Team as their team photographer.

On February 19th, Yuba County Superior Court Judge Benjamin Z. Westchester sentenced Henson to 4 years for his involvement in the shooting and 15 years-to-life in State prison for the second-degree murder of Sanchez, with no parole until after 15 years served. Regarding the verdict, Clint Curry, Yuba County District Attorney said, "I pray that those who mourn will find peace. I also hope we have brought a modicum of justice, encouraging Mr. Henson and others who are living lawlessly to chart new lives after reflecting on the heartbreak caused by his reckless disregard for human life and the consequences of his behavior."

While some found the sentencing just, others in the court of public opinion continued to express their dissatisfaction over the verdict on social media, saying 15 years' incarceration was not enough. In a response to the public on Facebook, the District Attorney desired to remind the public that:

"Mr. Henson received the maximum sentence under the law for second degree murder - 15 to Life. For those who believe



Michael Sanchez, 44, will always be remembered by the Yuba-Sutter community. Courtesy photo

the maximum is too low, you should reach out to the public safety committee for the state assembly to get the law changed.

Every case is different and the details are important. Cases are not tried on Facebook. They are tried in a court of law with rules of evidence. The cases also involve real people. Plea bargaining is done based on the law and admissible evidence, with input from the victims, by professional attorneys who have a passion for justice.

Henson did receive a discount of a few years on his other charges in return for admitting what he did and bringing closure to this process for the grieving family.

I am proud of my office, the men and women from the Yuba County Sheriff's Department and Highway Patrol who investigated the case, and the survivors who walked through this process with us. ★

# Pandemic Relief Package has a Downside



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters

The immense drop in state revenue that Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislators anticipated last year when COVID-19 struck the state never materialized.

Instead, high-income Californians who are the basic source of the state's ongoing tax income continued to work and prosper and what was originally described as a \$54 billion budget deficit morphed into multi-billion-dollar windfalls.

Last week, Newsom and legislative leaders agreed to spend an extra \$9.6 billion on pandemic relief, mostly in direct aid to lower-income workers and their families and small businesses which have suffered the most in the pandemic-induced recession.

"As we continue to fight the pandemic and recover, I'm grateful for the Legislature's partnership to provide urgent relief and support for California families and small businesses where it's needed most," Newsom said in a statement. "From child care, relief for small business owners, direct cash support to individuals, financial aid for community college students and more, these actions are critical for millions of Californians who embody the resilience of the California spirit."

The centerpiece of the relief package, which is certain to receive rapid legislative approval, is more than 5 million payments, mostly for \$600, to those who qualify by their low incomes, including undocumented immigrants who cannot receive federal relief checks.

It's obviously good news that the state budget dodged the revenue bullet, thus providing the wherewithal to help those who are hurting the most.

However, there's no such thing as a free lunch and the expanded version of "Golden State Stimulus," which Newsom first proposed with his budget in January, could have adverse long-term consequences.

Although the fiscal meltdown didn't occur and revenues surged unexpectedly, Newsom's budget and the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, both see serious deficits in the years ahead as spending already locked into law outpaces anticipated revenues - even with economic recovery.

"Under its own revenue forecast, the administration also anticipates the state would face operating deficits if the Legislature adopted the governor's budget proposals," Petek says in his analysis. "Specifically, these deficits would grow from \$7.6 billion in 2022-23 to \$11.3 billion in 2024-25."

The relief package that Newsom and legislative leaders want to enact is not supposed to be permanent, but rather one-time or short-term until the pandemic is tamed and the economy swings upward. In theory, as businesses reopen and begin earning

profits and as workers are called back to their jobs, the need for direct aid will vanish.

However, temporary government benefits have a way of morphing into permanent entitlements and advocates for those receiving the aid may see it as a pathway to long-sought structural changes of fiscal and economic policy to close California's very wide income and wealth disparities.

Whether one likes or dislikes the possibility of those changes, there's no question that they would carry very large price tags on top of the budget deficits already on the horizon.

Universal single-payer health care, universal early childhood education, guaranteed family incomes, vastly expanded services to the homeless and other items on progressive political agendas would cost tens of billions of dollars. Thus, they would require hefty increases of taxes on Californians who already are carrying one of the nation's highest taxation burdens.

On one hand, Newsom has publicly endorsed some of those costly new entitlements. But on the other, he has opposed the new income or wealth taxes that some left-leaning legislators have proposed to finance them, clearly fearing that new taxes would escalate migrations of employers and high-income taxpayers to other states.

There is no free lunch. Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

# Update on Burglaries in Biggs

Butte County Sheriff's Office Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Over the past two months detectives processed physical evidence and conducted forensic downloads of electronic devices located during the arrest of Horton. During the follow-up investigation, detectives located evidence linking Horton to the following burglaries: A residential burglary in Biggs which occurred in November 2020 where a firearm was stolen, a burglary at a shop in Biggs which occurred in December 2020, and an attempted residential burglary in Oroville which occurred in December, 2020.

Horton has remained in custody at the Butte County Jail since his January 7, 2021 arrest. On February 19, 2021, Horton was booked for two additional felony counts of burglary, and one felony count of attempted burglary. The Sheriff's Office is still conducting follow-up related to this investigation. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with

additional information about Horton or this investigation to contact Detective Brain Parsons at 530-538-7671.

On the afternoon of January 7, 2021 a homeowner who resided in the area of Cherokee Road, Oroville called the Butte County Sheriff's Office and reported they had interrupted a burglary at their

residence. Deputies and detectives immediately responded to the area and obtained a description of the suspect from the homeowner. Deputies conducted an area check and located the suspect standing outside of a residence in the 2400 block of Cherokee Road. Deputies and detectives identified the suspect as Brian Horton, age 44, of Oroville. Deputies and detectives determined Horton resided at the residence where he was contacted, and Horton was on active California State Parole. Deputies and detectives conducted a search of Horton's residence pursuant to the terms and conditions of Horton's parole. During the search of Horton's residence, deputies and detectives contacted Horton's girlfriend, who was identified as Mindy Kruse, age 35, of Oroville. Deputies and detectives located numerous evidence items inside Horton's residence to include the following items: Two firearms, a sawed off shotgun, ammunition, evidence related to the aforementioned burglary, and a methamphetamine lab. The Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force responded to Horton's residence and processed the methamphetamine lab. A photograph of the firearms deputies and detectives located is attached to this press release.

During the subsequent investigation, detectives located additional evidence

that Horton was involved with a separate residential burglary that occurred on Christmas day in the Oroville area. Detectives also located property in Kruse's purse that was stolen during a vehicle burglary that occurred in the Oroville area.

On the evening of January 7, Horton was booked into the Butte County Jail for felony counts of residential burglary, being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and ammunition, possession of stolen property, possession of a sawed off shotgun, manufacturing a sawed off shotgun, manufacturing a controlled substance, possession of stolen

property, and for violating the terms and conditions of his parole. On the evening of January 7, Kruse was booked into the Butte County Jail for felony counts of vehicle burglary and possession of precursors used to manufacture methamphetamine. Horton and Kruse are scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on Monday, January 11, at 3PM.

During the investigation, detectives located evidence Horton was involved in additional thefts on Christmas day. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation or who had property stolen on Christmas day to contact detectives. ★



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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



By Barbara Ott

Baby bell peppers and crookneck squash are growing with vim and vigor in the green house. I ordered grilling zucchini seeds, they are finally here. We had this particular zucchini last year and the fruit was wonderful. Since I am actually starting seeds for the dear husband with great joy this all is great fun. Hey

you find joy where you can.

I continue to change the front flower gardens. I've removed some plants I loved but they were too tall. Now I have lower plants that were there already moving into the empty spaces. I have helped those lower plants a bit by moving some over to new places. This plant reduction plan is going well. I realized I'm not so much having less greenery in the gardens, but greenery that requires less pruning and cleaning up. This is happening just in the nick of time. My ability to stoop and bend is just not what it once was.

The fun part of this process of change is seeing the colors and textures of existing plants come forth in

ways that I did not notice before. I have a great type of ganzana cousin with grey leaves and bright yellow blooms that looks great when they are and are not blooming. It is a carpet of color and texture and then it blooms. It spreads like crazy but needs nothing in the area of work except to pull some out when it goes too far. Then there are the pelargoniums that also have grey tone leaves and grown close to the ground in great clusters and send out magenta tiny flowers most of the year. They look like a waving cloud of cheer. Again, all that needs doing is to remove the plants that go where they are not wanted.

Painting with plants is always a joy. ★



Slim Randles

Doc had just finished bringing us up to date on the world's fight against the covid-19 virus when ol' Windy Wilson raised his eyes.

"Now don't ya find, Doc," he said, "that the worse stuff in this old life is the junk ya can't see?"

Doc looked puzzled, so Windy continued. "Aw, you know. It's them mitrascope stuff that are really dangerous to us."

Doc nodded. "Now you jest take in there a braymer bull? He can stomp a guy into furry, pink Jell-o. And then dance on them bullfighters whilst they're a-tryin' to git yer

## It's Flambastically Insidulouss!

carcass outa the reenur. But see this here now. That there bull is purty dang big. Big enough to ride, right? So that means he's big enough so's you kin get outa his way if he comes a-stompin'."

Windy, our favorite camp cook, cowboy, philosopher, and interpreter of the English language, sipped on his coffee and looked at us each in turn. "Now, can you see them coronary vibration bugs? No way! Too dang small. They'll sneak up on a guy, get married and have pups and then kill ya deader'n a hammer!"

"Thass why, at the conjugal finish a-my thinkin', I'm puttin' them bugs in secondary place on my list of all-time tiny mean stuff."

"Only second place?" said Herb, "What's worse'n dying, Windy?"

"Cactus hairs," he said. "A-course. Ya know, them miterscopic stickers that you can't see when your eyes is nekkid. But ya know they's there, doncha? Oh yes, Aunt Sarah, I'll say ya do!"

Windy nodded, agreeing with himself. No one else did, but that isn't really necessary with Windy.

"Only way ya kin tell ya got 'em is when ya brush up agin' somethin', like a shirt cuff or somethin'. Hurts like the Civilian War, it does, but ya can't see it."

He leaned forward and whispered. "It's flambastically insidulouss!"

"And you kin tell 'em I said so."

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## Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



"Warning! Warning! Will Robinson. Danger! Danger!" Do you remember the robot in the early tv show Lost in Space? He would shout out when his young boy was in danger. Too bad we don't have a robot to shout out to us when we are nearing a dangerous area.

Well, God did that as far back as Creation. "Adam and Eve don't eat from that tree or you'll die." Oops! To Lot's wife, "Don't look back at Sodom and Gomorrah!" Oops! A pillar of salt now stands there.

Over and over God's chosen people fell into dangerous living while

all the time God cried out warning, to the prophets, priests, and seers. Over and over, He pulled His people back from the brink of disaster.

A donkey spoke to save his master. Moses spoke to a burning bush. Angels appeared to warn or give advice to God's people. Yep! God has cried out warnings over and over and He still does. It may be nudges to our minds and consciences, or even visual appearances in dreams or events during our daily activities.

Think about it. Have you ever received a warning before you have done something or adjusted your plans due to a feeling that occurred? Oh, yes! God is still at work.

Let's look at our town, our state, our country, and our world. Do you see God's handiwork going

on? What are the warning signs God has sent out to His people even today?

In the past few years have been sent warnings, because of mass water breaks, massive and destructive fires, and mask up, social distance, wash your hands because of a pandemic. It is sometimes the small heart tugging ones we sometimes miss in our lives.

That voice that says, "Don't go there, stay home! Turn here now! Pull over and check your tires! Stop, don't use that." God gives us small warnings every day of our lives. He loves us warts and all.

The biggest warning that comes, is let go and let God handle our battles. Accept God's love, grace, and forgiveness so after our time on earth we'll meet with Him face to face! ★

## Dave Ramsey Says

proposition. The truth is any stock that doubles in value over the course of just one year is highly volatile. It's unusual for stocks to do things like that, and it also means it could go down just as fast—or even faster.

I don't know where you and your husband are in your overall financial situation, but I recommend people become debt-free except for their homes, and have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses saved up before investing. Once you reach that point, I strongly advise to begin putting 15 percent of your income toward retirement before you start any outside investing.

Don't get me wrong, I don't mind a little selective and educated dabbling here and there once the basics are taken care of first. However, I'd never recommend putting more than 10 percent of your nest egg into

a single stock. The reason? If the single stock tanks and you lose it all, then your loss is only a blip on your financial radar.

Of course, it would be fantastic if this single stock went through the roof and you two made a ton of money. Just make sure you limit the potential for damage in this kind of scenario by limiting your exposure.

—Dave  
*Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★*

## Oroville Resident Arrested for Possession of Child Pornography

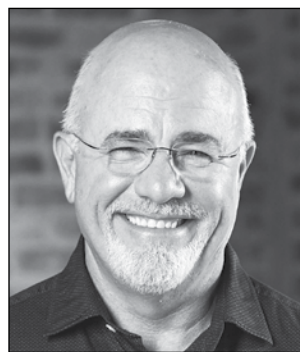
Butte County Sheriffs Department Press Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - In 2020, Butte County Sheriff's Office detectives began investigating Jesus Roblescruz, age 22, of Oroville. During the investigation detectives located evidence indicating Roblescruz was downloading child pornography. On February 3, detectives served a search warrant at Roblescruz's residence, which is located in the 3100 block of Columbia Avenue, Oroville.

During the service of the search warrant, detectives seized a cellular telephone from Roblescruz's person, and multiple electronic devices that belonged to Roblescruz. During a forensic search of the cellular

telephone located on Roblescruz's person, detectives located over 600 images of child pornography. Detectives also located evidence indicating Roblescruz was the individual who downloaded the child pornography.

On February 9, detectives placed Roblescruz under arrest for a felony count of possessing over 600 images of child pornography. Roblescruz was booked into the Butte County Jail on the afternoon of February 9. Roblescruz is scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on February 11, at 3 PM. Roblescruz's bail was set at \$75,000. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact Detective Mary Barker at 530-538-7671. ★



### Limit the Potential for Damage

Dear Dave,

My husband started working at a new company about a year ago. As part of his sign on, they gave him \$5,000 in company stock. The stock has nearly doubled in value since then, and we were wondering if we should buy more, considering how well it has done.

— Cathi

Dear Cathi,

I totally get why you two might be excited over a stock that doubled in value over the course of a year. But what you're talking about doing right now is a very risky

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# SPARKY'S CORNER

## SMOKE DETECTORS

CAL FIRE/ Gridley Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the importance of smoke detectors in the home. With Day Light Saving Time Starting on the 8 th of March, it's time to change the batteries or replace that old detector. Smoke alarms save lives! Smoke spreads fast inside a home, smoke detectors will alert you early and give you time to get out. Having a working smoke detector cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke detectors or no working smoke detectors. Working smoke detectors increase the chance of surviving a home fire by 50 percent.

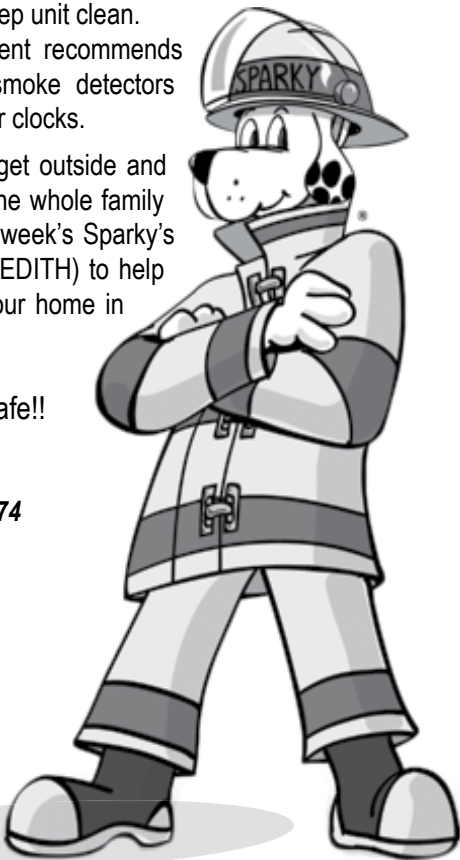
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- Never paint over a detector and keep unit clean.
- CAL FIRE/ Gridley Fire Department recommends changing the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year when you change your clocks.

When a smoke detector sounds, get outside and stay outside. Have a planned area the whole family knows to meet outside. Check next week's Sparky's Corner for Exit Drills In The Home (EDITH) to help you plan and practice evacuating your home in the event of an emergency.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

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



## Dear Dietitian

### Fiber and Disease



**Commentary**  
**by Leanne McCrate**

*Dear Dietitian,*

I just read an article that said a high fiber diet helps prevent colon cancer, but other articles on this topic have said the opposite. This is frustrating and confusing! Can you help clear things up?

~ Joseph

Dear Joseph,

Scientific studies are often confusing because the results are different. Before something becomes clear in science, it has to be tested several times in different cultures in various parts of the world. It must also be tested on men and women of different ages. The studies must reveal the same results to be accepted as valid by the scientific community. Sometimes this takes several years.

The reason nutrition studies seem even more confusing is because nutrition is in its infancy. We have barely scratched the surface on most nutrition topics. When a new topic is studied, results often vary until the matter is “hammered out.” The good news is we are learning more about nutrition now than any other time in history.

This particular fiber and disease prevention study was commissioned by the World Health Organization (WHO) and reported in *The Lancet* in February of 2019. Researchers found a 16-24% decrease in rates of heart disease, strokes, type 2 diabetes, and colorectal cancer when comparing people with

the highest dietary fiber consumption with those who ate the least amount. Furthermore, there was a 15-30% reduction in death from any cause in the high fiber group. It is important to note the study was done on fiber in food, not supplements (1). As with most nutrition studies, this was an observational study, which does not show cause and effect. Even so, it strongly suggests fiber is a crucial ingredient of a healthy diet.

Researchers assigned high fiber intake as 25 to 29 grams or more of daily fiber. Americans eat about half that amount. When increasing fiber, do so gradually and drink plenty of water. Otherwise, you may feel uncomfortable, and the gas your body produces may make you unpopular.

Good sources of fiber include fruits, vegetables, nuts, and whole grains. As always, I recommend eating foods you enjoy. Start with a high fiber cereal, one with 5 g of fiber or more per serving. Add three fruits each day to increase fiber by another 12 grams. You’re already up to 17 grams! Next, have two slices of whole wheat bread on your sandwich for another 2 grams. Add ½ cup beans (7g) to your lunch. Finally, enjoy ½ cup green peas (4g) at dinner, and you have 30 g total fiber for the day. Bon appétit.

*Until next time, be healthy!*

*Dear Dietitian*

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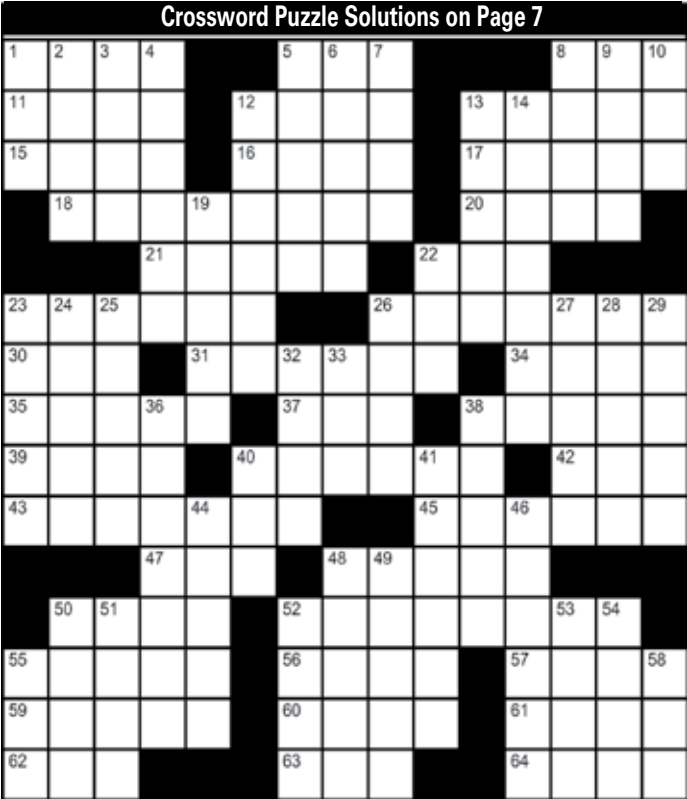
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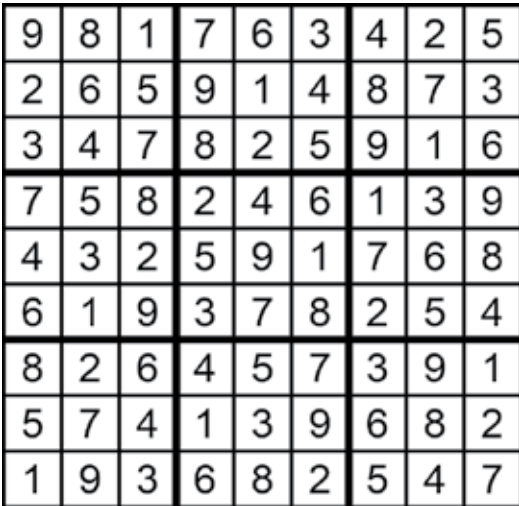
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000079

The following persons are doing business as: **ALL ABOUT YOU MOVING AND HAULING**  
**11584 Dairy Road Chico, CA 95973**  
**Jesse Taylor Chambers, 11584 Dairy Road Chico, CA 95973**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: January 15, 2021  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
 This Business is Conducted by: An Individual

NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code.  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000141

The following persons are doing business as: **OUR TOWN PIZZERIA**  
**950 Hazel Street Gridley, CA 95948**  
**Our Town Pizzeria LLC, 11584 Dairy Road Chico, CA 95973**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: January 29, 2021  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/29/2021  
 This Business is Conducted by: A Limited Liability Company

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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV00168

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

**Present name**  
 Takuya Mei

**Proposed name**  
 Takuya Umehara

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 March 10, 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. 2021-0000195

The following persons are doing business as: **RWM, LLC**  
**10 Shearwater Court Chico, CA 95928**  
**Readings with Michelle LLC, 10 Shearwater Court Chico, CA 95928**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 9, 2021  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
 This Business is Conducted by: A Limited Liability Company

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000181

The following persons are doing business as: **W C IRVINE FRUIT AND PRODUCE**  
**370 Obrien Avenue Gridley, CA 95948**  
**Ellena Waller, 949 Keith Avenue Gridley, CA 95948**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 4, 2021  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 6/1/2020  
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000203

The following persons are doing business as: **PASHA HANDCRAFT RUG**  
**212 Main Street Chico, CA 95928**  
**Hasan Safak, 1550 Springfield Drive Apt #76 Chico, CA 95928**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 10, 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. 2021-0000153

The following persons are doing business as: **FOODMART**  
**555 Oro Dam Boulevard Oroville, CA 95965**  
**V Petroleum LLC, 6060 7st Street Sacramento, CA 95824**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 1, 2021  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 2/1/2021  
 This Business is Conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000189

The following persons are doing business as: **BIRDY LEARNING LLC**  
**56 Hanover Lane Suite 100 Chico, CA 95973**  
**Birdy Learning LLC, 56 Hanover Lane Suite 100 Chico, CA 95973**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 5, 2021  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/27/2021  
 This Business is Conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000170

The following persons are doing business as: **FOOTHILL MILL AND LUMBER COMPANY**  
**6633 Pentz Road Paradise, CA 95969**  
**Foothill Mill and Lumber Company Incorporated, 3575 Ayres Holmes Lane Auburn, CA 95602**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 3, 2021  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 11/1/1985  
 This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000198

The following persons are doing business as: **SHASTAN HOMES**  
**1823 Wisteria Lane Chico, CA 95926**  
**Valley View Builders, 1823 Wisteria Lane Chico, CA 95926**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 9, 2021  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/1/1977  
 This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000276

The following persons are doing business as: **VAN FARM**  
**357 W Liberty Road Gridley, CA 95948**  
**Van Sa Ho, 357 W Liberty Road Gridley, CA 95948**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 26, 2021  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 2/22/2021  
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000212

The following persons are doing business as: **VALADEZ BEE SERVICE**  
**110 Turner Avenue Gridley, CA 95948**  
**Perfecto Valadez Gonzalez, 164 Turner Avenue Gridley, CA 95948**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 12, 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. 2021-0000236

The following persons are doing business as: **IRON SHARPENS IRON K9 CLINIC**  
**1158 Wonder Lane Oroville, CA 95965**  
**Ryan Walker Clark, and Dawn Michelle White, 1158 Wonder Lane Oroville, CA 95965**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 17, 2021  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
 This Business is Conducted by: A Married Couple

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000225

The following persons are doing business as: **BODY WORKS TOTAL RELAXATION MASSAGE**  
**2300 Lincoln Street Oroville, CA 95966**  
**Tracey Armster, 2279 A Street Oroville, CA 95966**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: February 16, 2021  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 2/16/2021  
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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Trustor: Kevin Hicks, And Denise D Hicks, Husband And Wife As Joint Tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services Recorded 1/9/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0001261 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, Date of Sale: 3/15/2021 at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: Steps of County Courthouse, One Court St., Oroville, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$152,493.92 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 274 W Rio Bonito Rd Biggs California 95917 A.P.N.: 022-170-049-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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Date: 2/11/2021 Prestige Default Services 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 /s/Briana Young, Trustee Sale Officer MK#ghid20-4585 3-5-21

APN: 117-060-004-000 TS No: CA07000399-20-1 TO No: 200051994-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED June 9, 2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On April 16, 2021 at 11:00 AM, At the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that

certain Deed of Trust recorded on June 15, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0005064, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by DAVID C. WINGFIELD AND EDITH L. WINGFIELD, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor(s), in favor of CALIFORNIA REVERSE MORTGAGE COMPANY as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF EXHIBIT "A" LOT 7 OF PIONEER RANCHES SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. ONE, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 3 PAGE 55 OF MAPS, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". 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If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07000399-20-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer", you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder", you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case CA07000399-20-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder", you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: February 16, 2021 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07000399-20-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Dhalaysia Ramirez, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. To the extent your original obligation was discharged or is subject

to an automatic stay of bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code, this notice is for compliance and/or informational purposes only and does not constitute an attempt to collect a debt or to impose personal liability for such obligation. However, a secured party retains rights under its security instrument, including the right to foreclose its lien. NPP0373092 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 02/26/2021, 03/05/2021, 03/12/2021 NPP0373092 3-12-21

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RAY J. PENIX  
CASE No. 21PR000059  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Ray J. Penix deceased  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kevin D. Penix, in the Superior Court of California, County of BUTTE, requesting Kevin D. Penix 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 March 16, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 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 or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc PO Drawer 111 Oroville, CA 95965 530-533-5661  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHAEL A. SILAPAN AKA MICHAEL ALAN SILAPAN  
CASE No. 21PR000064  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Michael A. Silapan aka Michael Alan Silapan deceased  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Josephine L. Son, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Josephine L. Son 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 March 23, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1 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 or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
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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 the Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc P.O. Drawer 111 Oroville, CA 95965 530-533-5661  
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SILAPAN 170622 3-12-21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JACQUELINE WARD-WILLIAMS  
CASE No. 21PR000083  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Jacqueline Ward-Williams aka Jacqueline Ward Williams deceased  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kenneth Marble, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Kenneth Marble 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 March 30, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1 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 or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc P.O. Drawer 111 Oroville, CA 95965 530-533-5661  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICK FRANCIS GATZ  
CASE No. 21PR000079  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Patrick Francis Gatz, deceased  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Donna J. Gatz, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Donna J Gatz 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 March 23, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD 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.  
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MINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA EARLINE DWELLO  
CASE No. 21PR000075  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Patricia Earline Dwello deceased  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kimberle y Robin Henriksen, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Kimberly Robin Henriksen 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 April 06, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1 at Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.

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A Petition for Probate has been filed by Donna J. Gatz, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Donna J Gatz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
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A Petition for Probate has been filed by Donna J. Gatz, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Donna J Gatz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
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A Petition for Probate has been filed by Donna J. Gatz, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Donna J Gatz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
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A Petition for Probate has been filed by Donna J. Gatz, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Donna J Gatz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
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MINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA EARLINE DWELLO  
CASE No. 21PR000075  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Patricia Earline Dwello deceased  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kimberle y Robin Henriksen, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Kimberly Robin Henriksen 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 April 06, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1 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 or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154)



# Minimum Wage, Maximum Discrimination

Commentary  
by Dr. Caleb Fuller

Since the days of Adam Smith, economists have sought a set of social institutions which permit “neither dominion, nor discrimination,” to use Nobel Prize-winning economist James Buchanan’s phrase. In this, economists are joined by *all* people of goodwill – including those in the Biden administration, which has enshrined equity and inclusion as cornerstones of how they’ll govern.

What separates the economist from other social do-gooders, however, is an unflinching focus on the *means* used to achieve noble goals. It’s therefore with alarm that I consider the Biden administration’s dual focus on “diversity and equity” *and* its doubling down on the “fight for \$15.” I’m alarmed because the minimum wage impedes our ability to foster a society genuinely built on “diversity and equity.”

Here’s the straight talk on the minimum wage that you probably didn’t learn in school: The minimum wage has been a powerful weapon in the arsenal of racists and bigots. Economists have illuminated the devastating effects of the minimum wage on minorities with empirical evidence and entire books on the subject, but to see one reason why the policy targets minorities, first consider a little basic economics.

Consider the demand side of the labor market. Firms will hire fewer workers if the government criminalizes voluntary agreements to work for less than \$15 per hour. This is an uncontroversial point to make about virtually *any* other market. If the price of apples doubles, people buy fewer apples. They buy more oranges instead. Employers do the same thing. Under the minimum wage, they start buying more machinery, like the kiosks you see in Panera. The upshot: Fewer jobs.

Now let’s consider the supply side of the labor market, where the higher minimum wage attracts new workers into the labor

market – those, who like college students, might have sat on the sidelines otherwise. The upshot: More jobseekers.

Fewer jobs plus more jobseekers means that more people will be searching for jobs than there are jobs available – a labor surplus. In other words, the minimum wage creates a “buyer’s market” in labor because it causes jobseekers to line up in front of employers who have limited jobs to offer.

Suppose an employer receives 100 applicants for a job opening. How does he choose who to hire? Without the minimum wage, whoever wants the job most will outcompete other jobseekers by offering to work for less.

With a minimum wage, the employer can’t say: “Who will work for \$14.95?” If he does, he’s a criminal; he literally violates the law. Since he can’t just pick the most eager jobseekers, he needs some alternative way to select from his 100 applicants. When you have a surplus of labor in a market with a minimum wage, prices aren’t allowed to adjust, so the employer picks from that surplus based on personal preferences. These may include race, sex, gender, religion, or other personal characteristics that have little to do with productivity. In fact, in the past, it has included just that. Faced with more jobseekers than there are jobs available, a bigoted employer bears little cost when he refuses to hire a member of a group he dislikes. He knows someone else in the applicant pool *will* be from his preferred group.

In a market without minimum wage, when an employer turns down an applicant to satisfy his bigoted tastes, he doesn’t have 99 other jobseekers to choose from. There’s no labor surplus. If he chooses to indulge his bigoted tastes, the job remains unfilled for longer, which means less money for our racist employer. Consider that, in the United States, the African-American teenage male unemployment

rate was *lower* than the white teenage male unemployment rate through the late 1940s. The 1950s saw the single largest increase (in percentage terms) of the minimum wage. The reasoning I just gave explains why the African-American teen joblessness rate then soared above whites. That gap remains to the present day.

Like Adam Smith, James Buchanan, and the Biden administration, I too desire a society where the power of bad people to exercise “dominion or discrimination” against their fellow man is constrained, even eliminated. Presumably, my fellow Pennsylvanians do too. The fact that nearly two-thirds of them (and 89% of liberals) support a \$15/hr. minimum wage is therefore troubling. My fellow citizens should consider whether this policy facilitates or impedes the ability of bad men to do harm. Economics says it facilitates.

So does history. As Princeton’s Thomas Leonard has demonstrated in his book, *Illiberal Reformers: Race, Eugenics, and American Economics in the Progressive Era*, the early minimum-wage advocates saw it as a prime tool to exercise “dominion and discrimination” over those they deemed ill-suited to reproduction. The minimum wage was well-suited to perform the Progressives’ dirty work of discriminating against (what they considered) the least productive by making them unemployable.

It has been over 100 years since the Progressive Era. But the laws of economics haven’t changed. The only question is: Have we?

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# Manzanita Mustang Budding Journalist Shares Insight Hound Dogs out of Work

By Tanner Tillotson

The latches swung open and they were gone, kicking up dust on every step, catching up to their once known predator. Echoing their yelps and howls through the mountains, becoming a part of the forest once again. The excitement of the barks when they get on a bear’s scent is the beauty of the whole hunt. Wait for the houndsman to listen for the right tone of his dogs’ bay and he’ll be on the trail too, running with his gun and his gps tracker. He’s crawled and hiked over and into two canyons and finally made it to the tree. He gets there and surveys the bear in the tree. He sees that it was a bear with cubs, so he grabs his dogs and starts to hike back to the truck.

This is what most houndsmen would do when they run into a bear, leave it alone, but that isn’t what people in the big cities of California thought. They believed that they were killing every single bear they found. The fact is that hunters were responsible for keeping the population of predators at sustainable levels until they banned the use of hounds. Since then the predator populations have grown over viable numbers. In 1982 the California Department of Fish and Wildlife reported black bear populations in California at only 20,000 and over the next 30+ years, even with hound hunting it grew to about 30,000 bears. Now after only 8 years since the ban on the use of dogs in bear hunting the bear population has grown over 40,000. It will keep rising.

Another concern is the deer population is dropping along with other prey species. For the first couple years after the ban on dogs the deer did fine, but according to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation website, in 2017

the deer population massively decreased from 600,000 to only 400,000 in 2020. If California can’t make a change there might not be any deer left in this state.

Hounds were desperate because they could not do what they loved to do. Most hunters had to sell their dogs to people in different states so they could still hunt. I personally had to deal with this, only a couple months after they banned hunting with dogs we sold our dogs to a houndsman in another state who could allow them to do what they love, hunt. Hounds were bred and trained to do this, it’s in their bones, but California does not understand that taking that away is like asking the dogs not to breathe air.

Fortunately, there are people that still understand the importance of hunting with dogs. Head of the California Houndsmen for Conservation, Lori Jacobs, has been fighting to change this law before it was even signed off by Governor Brown. She is hoping to bring back hunting with dogs and let the people of California know that this type of hunting is not bad and what it means to healthy wildlife populations.

People have hunted with hounds all the way back to the caveman days. When you go out into the wild as part of the food chain, it’s different than you would expect, you see everything as it is supposed to work: the birds, the mountain lions, the bears. Hunters respect the food chain and how nature works by being a part of it. People creating these laws against hunting are disconnected from the natural world, they are not living every spare moment in the woods learning about the way it works. It is time for lawmakers to start listening to the people who actually know first hand what it is like to be a part of nature. Start by talking with a houndsman. ★

# Beware of ‘Ghost’ Preparers Who Don’t Sign Tax Returns

By David A. Tucker,  
Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)

- The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers to avoid “ghost” tax return preparers whose refusal to sign returns can cause a frightening array of problems. It is important to file a valid, accurate tax return because the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for it.

Ghost preparers get their scary name because they don’t sign tax returns they prepare. Like a ghost, they try to be invisible to the fact they’ve prepared the return and will print the return and get the taxpayer to sign and mail it. For e-filed returns, the ghost preparer will prepare but refuse to digitally sign it as the paid preparer.

By law, anyone who is paid to prepare or assists in preparing federal tax returns

must have a valid Preparer Tax Identification Number, or PTIN. Paid preparers must sign and include their PTIN on the return. Not signing a return is a red flag that the paid preparer may be looking to make a fast buck by promising a big refund or charging fees based on the size of the refund.

Unscrupulous tax return preparers may also: Require payment in cash only and not provide a receipt. Invent income to qualify their clients for tax credits. Claim fake deductions to boost the size of the refund. Direct refunds into their bank account, not the taxpayer’s account.

The IRS urges taxpayers to choose a tax return preparer wisely. The Choosing a Tax Professional page on IRS.gov has information about tax preparer credentials and qualifications. The IRS Directory of Federal

Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications can help identify many preparers by type of credential or qualification.

No matter who prepares the return, the IRS urges taxpayers to review it carefully and ask questions about anything not clear before signing. Taxpayers should verify both their routing and bank account number on the completed tax return for any direct deposit refund. And taxpayers should watch out for preparers putting their bank account information onto the returns.

Taxpayers can report preparer misconduct to the IRS using IRS Form 14157, Complaint: Tax Return Preparer. If a taxpayer suspects a tax preparer filed or changed their tax return without their consent, they should file Form 14157-A, Tax Return Preparer Fraud or Misconduct Affidavit. ★

# All First and Second Economic Impact Payments Issued

Internal Revenue Service  
News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)

- The IRS announced that, as required by law, all legally permitted first and second round of Economic Impact Payments have been issued and the IRS now turns its full attention to the 2021 filing season.

Beginning in April 2020, the IRS and Treasury Department began delivering the first round of Economic Impact Payments within two weeks of the legislation. The IRS issued more than 160 million EIPs to taxpayers across the country totaling over \$270 billion, while simultaneously managing an extended filing season. In addition, since Congress enacted the COVID-related Tax Relief Act of 2020, the IRS has delivered more than 147 million EIPs in the second-round totaling over \$142 billion.

The legislation required that the second round of payments be issued by Jan. 15, 2021. While some second round Economic Impact Payments may still be in the mail, the IRS has issued all first and second Economic Impact Payments it is legally permitted to issue, based on information on file for eligible people.

Get My Payment was last updated on Jan. 29, 2021, to reflect the final payments and will not update again for first or second Economic Impact Payments.

Most people who are eligible for the Recovery Rebate Credit have already received it, in advance, in these two rounds of Economic Impact Payments. If individuals didn’t receive a payment – or if they didn’t receive the full amounts – they may be eligible to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit and

must file a 2020 tax return. Eligibility for and the amount of the Recovery Rebate Credit are based on 2020 tax year information while the Economic Impact Payments were based on 2019 tax year information. For the first Economic Impact Payment, a 2018 return may have been used if the 2019 was not filed or processed.

Individuals will need to know the amounts of any Economic Impact Payments they received to claim the Recovery Rebate Credit. Those who don’t have their Economic Impact Payment notices can view the amounts of their first and second Economic Impact Payments through their individual online account. For married filing joint individuals, each spouse will need to log into their own account.

To avoid refund delays, the IRS urges people to file a complete and accurate tax return. Filing electronically allows tax software to figure credits and deductions, including the Recovery Rebate Credit. The Recovery Rebate Credit Worksheet on Form 1040 and Form 1040-SR instructions can also help.

Anyone with income of \$72,000 or less, including those who don’t have a tax return filing requirement, can file their federal tax return electronically for free through the IRS Free File Program. The fastest way to get a tax refund is to file electronically and have it direct deposited - contactless and free - into the individual’s financial account. Bank accounts, many prepaid debit cards and several mobile apps can be used for direct deposit when you provide a routing and account number.

IRS.gov/filing has details about IRS Free File, Free File Fillable Forms, free VITA or TCE tax preparation sites in your community or finding a trusted tax professional. ★

By Molly Haley, Prism PR

LOS ANGELES, CA (MPG)

- During times of unrest in America, gun sales have historically spiked, and a new study analyzing 20 years of data shows the pandemic in 2020 led to a record-breaking year for gun sales in Alabama, nationally and in 39 states.

California ranks third for overall gun sales, but it comes near the bottom after adjusting for its large population. Nationally, a record 23 million guns were sold in 2020, a 60% increase from 2019.

SafeHome.org today released a study: Guns in the U.S.: 20 Years of State and Federal Data using data from 2000 through October 2020 from the FBI, U.S. Census Bureau, CDC, among others.

The unprecedented spike in 2020 can be attributed to the worst pandemic since 1918, and social and political unrest, not seen since the 1960’s and the Civil War,

respectively. It also marks the continuation of a 20-year trend of more guns in America.

**Key Findings in California:**

California ranks in the top 15 for both total gun sales and per capita sales in 2020; 2020 Total Sales: 548,598(3rd); 2020 Per Capita Sales: 0.127(15th); 2000-2020 Total Sales Change: 64%(46th); 2000-2020 Per Capita Sales Change: 15%(48th)

**Key National Findings:**

Gun sales in 2020 increased by 158% from gun sales in 2000; Since 2000, gun sales have risen in every state, the majority increasing by triple digits; 25 states had record sales months in 2020 –16 of them in March when coronavirus lockdowns began; 16 states had record sales months in December 2012, the month of the Sandy Hook shooting, and six states in December 2015, the month of the San Bernardino shooting.

To view the full study and methodology, please visit SafeHome.org. ★



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# Is Buying a Second Home on Your 2021 To-Do List?

# Surge in Sacramento-Area New Home Sales Were the Highest in 16 Years

Commentary by Patrick Rush

Owning a second home can provide retirees – or even younger families – a mountain retreat or a house at the beach for those family vacations or quick weekend getaways.

But if buying a second home is on your list of New Year’s resolutions for 2021, be sure to consider all the upsides and downsides before committing, says Patrick Rush (www.patrickrushtfa.com), CEO of Triad Financial Advisors and the ForbesBooks author of Gain Big and Give Back: Financial Planning with Intention.

“Many retirees end up regretting it,” Rush says. “They feel they are forced to go to that second home every weekend just because they spent so much on it. A vacation property or second home can certainly provide a lot of joy, but it rarely works out financially.” That doesn’t stop people from buying them, though.

The National Association of Home Builders estimates that Americans own about 7.4 million second homes, which is about 5.6 percent of the total housing stock.

“People tend to purchase a second home either as a rental property or a vacation home, which they might also rent for part of the year,” Rush says. “But unless you’re in a hot real estate market, the return on investment usually isn’t worth the hassle. There are better ways of growing your money.”

Rush says a few things to know about investing in a second home include: **Real estate doesn’t automatically mean easy money.** People mistakenly believe real estate provides a guaranteed return, but that’s not always true. Rush recalls one client who, over Rush’s vehement objections, withdrew all of his retirement money to build an expensive second home. The client was certain the house would pay off, but he eventually was forced to sell it for half his investment. **Consider the overall impact on your life.** Most people don’t have endless streams of money, even if they have done well for themselves financially. So, a splurge in one area often requires a sacrifice in another. “If you want the second home, then perhaps an Alaskan cruise

won’t be in the budget,” Rush says. “It comes down to what your priorities are.”

**Upkeep can become overwhelming.** People tend to overlook the ancillary costs that make owning a second home expensive, Rush says. Take those into consideration as you make your decision. “Property taxes, homeowners association dues, insurance, and maintenance start to add up,” he says. “Renting the house out when you aren’t using it does provide an income stream, but managing the property and dealing with tenants is a hassle. You can hire a property manager, but that has its own disadvantages.” **Renting can work just as well.** While it might feel exhilarating to own a mountain home in North Carolina or a Pacific Ocean beach house, Rush says another option is simply to rent a place for a week or a weekend whenever you’re in need of a getaway. None of this means a second home is always a mistake, Rush says.

One client whose parents died and left her a generous inheritance wanted to invest the money in a beach home. Rush warned her of the potential pitfalls. She teared up. She agreed it might not be the best financial decision, but when she and her sister were growing up, their parents took them every summer to Sunset Beach on the North Carolina coast. She wanted to continue that tradition for her children, her sister, and her sister’s children.

“It was a reminder that it’s not always about the numbers,” Rush says. “You have to weigh the return on investment against the emotional benefit. Financially, it wasn’t the best choice, but to her, it meant so much more. It was about keeping her parents’ memories alive. Some things truly matter more than money.”

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Sacramento-area residents are taking advantage of extremely low interest rates and new home designs that meet the needs for working at home and online learning. MPG file photo

## North State Building Association

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - A total of 729 new homes were sold during January in the greater Sacramento region, the highest number since 2005, the North State BIA reported.

Mike LaFortune, senior development director for Easton Development and the BIA’s 2021 Chairman, said January was the eighth month in a row with sales higher than the previous year and shows demand for new homes in the region remains unabated.

“Sacramento-area residents are taking advantage of extremely low interest rates and new home designs that meet the needs for working at home and online learning, and we also continue to see a steady stream of prospective buyers coming from the Bay Area as more companies are committing to allowing

employees to work from home,” LaFortune said. “As more new designs hit the market to meet those needs even better, we expect the strong new home market will continue for some time.”

But while new floorplans are being offered, the number of new homes actually being built remains well below current demand, let alone the number needed to begin attacking the shortfall in new homes that the region has experienced for many years, warned Michael Strech, the BIA’s President & CEO.

“While single-family construction ramped up in December across our region, for the year housing starts were -actually slightly lower than in 2019 with 7,328 permits issued, according to the just-released report from the Construction Industry Research Board. That’s just slightly higher than the number of new homes sold during the

year,” Strech said.

“In the long run, to meet the need for housing and maintain affordability we will need to continue a steady pace of building, which will require cooperation from our local officials to approve new communities and issue building permits. Fortunately, most local officials understand the need for more housing but it’s an issue we will be watching closely in the years to come.”

*The North State BIA is the leading advocate for the home building industry in the greater Sacramento region. Representing more than 500 members who provide 55,000 industry jobs, the North State BIA is committed to preserving and furthering the economic interests of its members, while also working to enhance the industry’s standing as a significant contributor to the regional economy. For more information, visit [www.northstatebia.org](http://www.northstatebia.org).* ★

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