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## Help Gridley Museum Smile!



Gridley Museum is over-joyed about its new addition, but they still need your help to keep them smiling! Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley Museum has some exciting news – It is expanding!

The main portion of the Gridley Museum is located in the old H.C. Veach building on the corner of Hazel and Kentucky streets in Downtown Gridley. It has served multiple purposes throughout the history of Gridley – Bank, Dr. Office and more. Over the years it has evolved, slowly incorporating neighboring buildings into its whole. It is about to do the same now, as it expands into the old Family T-Shirt Factory building to the north.

Museum Board Members and Ruthanne King, the director of the museum, are ecstatic about the extra space. When the Family T-Shirt Factory vacated the building last year, owner Milton Brown and the Two Bone Corporation generously donated the section to the Museum. With deed in hand, the Museum

Board got to work renovating some of the more pressing issues in the deteriorating space.

A large leak that had damaged some of the historical ceiling tiles and flooring has been repaired, and replacement tiles have been special ordered to match the existing ceiling. A coat of paint and things are looking bright for the new section of the museum.... except for one problem: The floors.

The museum is currently taking bids from local flooring businesses to repair the heavily damaged flooring, which is in horrible shape. King, who donates countless hours of her time to the museum, expresses a bit of concern. “We have one bid on the flooring in there – it’s \$12,000.00. We don’t have that kind of money.”

Due to COVID-19, the museum has been unable to hold any of its annual fundraisers. “We had no money-makers this year, and even if we had, it costs us approximately \$12,000 - \$15,000 a year to operate.”

The cost of the flooring, easily would wipe out the museum’s operating budget. But King is hopeful.

She shares that the museum has signed up for Amazon Smile. Locals who shop with Amazon can choose to list the Gridley Museum as your “Charitable Cause” and Amazon will donate .05% of your purchases to the Gridley Museum. It is a quick and easy way to help support a local gem!

The new section of the museum is planned to hold a large portion of the Museum archive an allow for the offices, which are now situated in the center of the building, to be moved to the back of the new section for the expansion of the Museum ground level exhibits.

If you would like to show your support for Gridley’s Museum and cannot register for Amazon Smile, please consider donating directly to the Gridley Museum. For more information, please contact the Gridley Museum at (530) 846-4482. ★

## High Speed Chase on Valentine’s Day

**Gridley Police Dept.  
Press Release**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - On February 14th, 2021 at approximately 3:42 PM, Gridley Police Officer Devin Pasley was on uniformed patrol within the city limits of Gridley. Officer Pasley observed a silver Lexus traveling east-bound on Hazel Street in excess of the posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour, with wet roadway conditions. Officer Pasley initiated a traffic enforcement stop, consisting of the activation of the patrol vehicles overhead flashing red/blue emergency lights. The driver of the vehicle yielded in the parking lot of Starbucks.

Officer Pasley contacted the driver, who was identified by his admission as Michael Harrison, 19 years old, and resident of Gridley. The passenger was identified by their identification and their identity will not be provided. Officer Pasley was aware Harrison was on active probation through Butte County, with a committal offense of Resisting an Executive Officer, felony. It was further revealed Harrison was an unlicensed driver. Officer Pasley requested Harrison exit the vehicle, to conduct a probation search of the vehicle, and Harrison’s person. Officer Pasley grabbed onto Harrison’s arm to have him exit, at which point Harrison, using his free hand immediately put the vehicle into drive and sped off.

Officers Pasley and Cooley began to pursue Harrison westbound on Hazel and back into the downtown district. Officers pursued Harrison through several residential streets, intersections, and speeds in excess of 50 miles per hour.

Harrison fled to the area of South Ohio Street, where he had to abruptly apply the vehicle brakes, in an attempt to negotiate a turn onto Ash Street, however he overcorrected. Officer Pasley was able to position his patrol car behind Harrison. Officer Pasley began to exit his patrol vehicle, to conduct a high-risk felony car stop.

Harrison put his vehicle in reverse, accelerated and collided with the front bumper of Officer Pasley’s patrol. Harrison attempted to drive off a second time. However, Officer Cooley pulled up to the rear of Harrison’s vehicle, where Harrison again put his vehicle in reverse colliding with the front bumper of Officer Cooley’s patrol vehicle. Officer Cooley utilized his patrol vehicle push bumper and pushed the suspect vehicle forward, pinning

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## Be Alert, Be Informed! Multiple Abduction Attempts

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Some unsettling news for families and parents in our area is causing increased concern in educators and law enforcement.

On February 9th, Gridley Unified School District Superintendent Jordan Reeves sent a notice to parents, guardians, and staff regarding two separate incidents where female students were targeted by subjects unknown to them in an attempt to solicit them into their vehicles. According to Superintendent Reeves, neither incident resulted in any harm, but Gridley Police Department was notified and has been investigating. Superintendent Reeves reassured families, “Our administrative teams will be sharing this information with staff and students in ways that are appropriate for the given grade levels.

My purpose is to inform, rather than alarm. We appreciate your help as we work together to keep all of our students safe.”

Fast forward two days and there has been two additional attempts reported. That’s one attempt a day at this point, which is incredibly unnerving for our quiet community.

A second message to parents and guardians, sent out on February 11th by Gridley High School Principal Justin Kern, reads:

“I am sure most of you received the call out from Mr. Reeves and/or the email I sent out earlier this week. Since that time we have been informed of two additional attempts to solicit female students to get in a vehicle. All four vehicles were different, three driven by males, one by a female. Two of the incidents were captured on film. Law enforcement has been made aware and is investigating. They are

increasing patrols in a coordinated way and utilizing unmarked cars as well. Our goal is to inform rather than cause alarm but there does seem to be a coordinated effort to approach teenage girls over the past two weeks in the area.”

Principal Kern directed his staff to make an announcement to his students before the end of their school day about the attempts over the last two weeks. He urges students to be aware and asked that they employ the following safety measures:

(1) Stay away from strangers when traveling to and from school, do not talk to or take anything from them that is offered; (2) Travel to and from school with a friend or group whenever possible. Use a buddy system; (3) Do not go anywhere with someone you do not know. Never accept a ride from a stranger; (4) Stay more than an arm’s length away from strangers;

(5) Report any suspicious activity to your parents AND school staff. If something doesn’t feel or look right, report it; (6) Be alert to your surroundings and let others know where you will be and what time you will return.

If a stranger approaches you on the way to or from school in a suspicious way:

(1) Be loud “Stranger Danger;”

(2) Video or make note of vehicle, driver, and license plate if possible;

(3) Get to a populated area or business and seek help immediately from a trusted adult.

Please share this information with members of your household, family and any youth that may be at risk. If you see something or someone suspicious, if you are approached or if you have any information about these incidents please notify the Gridley Police Department immediately. ★



# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

When I drove through town and the Habanero Mexican Restaurant was on fire I thought perhaps they decided to do some additional advertising to make the point that their food is flaming hot. Such was not the case. Makes the third building in town that has hosted the Gridley Lions Club and then... burned to the ground. The Lions Club used to meet at the Country Kitchen - which suffered the same demise as their previous meeting place. Do you want to join a smoking hot service club in Gridley...

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We note with sadness the passing of the man who married Amador and Dolly Garcia's daughter - Tony Mardesch.

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Gridley City Council had an exciting meeting with no full time City Manager - some Councilors were surprised as they dug through their meeting packets to learn who all of the employees are that work for the City.

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I received a notice on my Facebook social media stream that four years ago I was flying over the

Oroville Dam as it was falling apart with Sheriff Kory Honea. The Sunday night that he evacuated everyone we were driving back to Chico in the Hon-ecmobile. My wife who is on the Fair Board of Directors had opened up the fair-grounds and there were thousands of people there who had been evacuated and were in the various buildings of the Silver Dollar Fair or checking their dogs, cats, turtles, and horses into the barns. The Sheriff told me that he wanted to go there - he wanted to meet the people who he had caused to be evacuated. He said he would not feel right going to bed until he faced them. He was anticipating a lot of angry people, what he found instead were many grateful people who thanked him for looking out for them. Robin took him from building to building as he shook hands with and hugged and comforted hundreds of people before he left. I learned more about leadership in three days with him than I could have learned from reading 310 books about leadership. Kory gets a lot of accolades for his character and job performance. I will tell you that his wife Jennifer Honea is more amazing. She's a dispatcher and the night that everyone was evacuated she and the other dispatchers had to move from the dispatch center in Oroville to various other places that are attached to the 911 system out of the flood plain. When the Sheriff and I walked into the dispatch

center that night he started to tear up (although we know from internet "memes" that Kory Honea never cries) and he turned to me and said "Josh I have never seen this room without dispatchers sitting in it, ever. Jennifer sits right there." and he froze for a long moment. I have since realized that their family has developed a pattern of running in to dangerous situations, but almost always in separate directions. I asked him if he worries about her when he's out and about. He said he does not because he hears her voice on the radio all the time dispatching firefighters, ambulances, deputies, police officers, animal trappers, and social workers. Jennifer took the one job by which she always knows where he is and what happened at work, I think this is why they are so good together. Four years ago I was blessed by a great family in a time of great distress.

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The Dam reconstruction cost \$1.1 billion - this because there were a series of people who worked for the State Department of Water Resources who did not have character - and would not make the hard choices - and none of them showed up to look people in the eye when their decisions came home to roost. A real contrast in public sector leadership was on display 4 years ago.

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

# Blood Drive Needs You in Gridley

By Carolyn Nelson,  
First Presbyterian Church

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The First Presbyterian Church will be open on Thursday, February 25, 2-6 p.m., to assist Vitalant in providing a safe and convenience location for making much-needed blood donations. The church is located at the corner of Kentucky and Sycamore Sts., Gridley. Face masks/coverings are required to donate and a photo ID is requested.

To assist with social distancing, please make an appointment by going to donors.vitalant.org and enter Blood Drive Code SMFR473 or call Vitalant at 530.893.5433.

It is helpful to complete your Fast Track Health History the day of your donation on your Smartphone or computer at vitalant.org/health. It is recommended that donors eat well and drink plenty of water before donating. Snacks and drinks are available following donations. ★

# High Speed Chase on Valentine's Day



Officer Cooley utilized his patrol vehicle and pushed the suspect vehicle forward, pinning the vehicle to a tree. Photo provided by Gridley Police Department

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the vehicle to a tree, thus preventing and terminating the pursuit, and any further effort of Harrison fleeing.

Harrison and the passenger complied with Officers demands to exit the vehicle. Harrison and the passenger were safely handcuffed. There were no injuries sustained to either Gridley Police Officer, nor Harrison and his passenger.

Harrison was interviewed and told Officers he fled because he believed he was going to jail, once he was told to exit the vehicle. Harrison was not a wanted person and nothing illegal was located on his person or in the vehicle. The passenger was released from the scene upon completion of his interview. ★

As a result of the pursuit, Officer Cooley's canine detection dog vehicle sustained moderate damage to the front end. Canine Officer Kilo was in the vehicle at the time of pursuit, and he sustained no injuries. Officer Pasley's patrol car sustained minor damage and could be driven away from the scene.

Harrison was booked in the Butte County Jail where he was booked for felony probation violation, felony evading, assault with a deadly weapon, felony vandalism, and felony false imprisonment, with a bail set at \$195,000.

If there are any questions regarding his incident contact Lieutenant Ruben Quihuiz, (530)846-5670. ★

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Diana Mae (Shawver) Knox

May 22, 1954 to February 6, 2021

Diana Mae (Shawver) Knox, age 66, passed away quietly February 6th, 2021 from respiratory illness, in her Gridley home. She was born May 22, 1954 in Oroville, CA to Ruth and George Shawver.

After Graduating Gridley High School with the class of 1972, she went on to earn her associates degree in Social Science at Butte College in 1975.

Diana married Johnny Knox in 1975 and had 2 sons, Joseph and Charles, who she raised to adulthood alongside her niece Andrea while maintaining a long career in customer service.

Once her children were grown, circumstances led to her marriage ending, and soon after Diana returned home to care for her widowed mother and ailing sister, which she did dutifully until her final days.

Diana is survived by her sons, Joseph and



Charles, her granddaughter Alexandra, her niece Andrea Keys, her mother Ruth Shawver, sister Brenda Shawver, and brothers Cody and Jink Shawver.

Services will be held at 2pm on Saturday, February 27th, at the Biggs Ministry Center located at 2935 6th St. Biggs, CA 95917. All who are able are encouraged to attend, but due to the current pandemic, occupancy will be limited. (All Covid-19 safety protocols will be strictly observed)

A live stream of services will be provided via Facebook on the home page of The Biggs Ministry Center for all who are unable to attend.

You may contact Joseph Knox (oldest son) via e-mail for any questions at joey95926@yahoo.com but please understand that this is a difficult time, and returned correspondence may be delayed.

## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Mark Reed Stanton

February 6, 1961 to February 4, 2021

Mark Reed Stanton was born February 6, 1961, in Yuba City, and passed away February 4, 2021, in Biggs, California, just two days shy of his 60th birthday.

Mark was a man of many talents from welding to working in agriculture. He built and fixed farm equipment used during harvest and could drive anything with wheels from heavy equipment to tractors. He loved his work and was never out of work for very long.

Mark was a true outdoorsman and had a passion for hunting and fishing. Family and friends knew and loved him for his great sense

of humor and outgoing personality.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, John "Diesel" Stanton.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Rogers; two sisters, Deanne Armstrong and Brenda Lynch; three sons, Zachary, Travis and Luke Stanton; and four grandsons, Aiden, Ethan, Aksel, Tallon, as well as another one on the way.

Donations may be made in Mark's honor to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

## Housing Authority of the County of Butte Public Housing - 3 Bedroom Units Wait List Open

HACB now accepting applications for Public Housing Waiting Lists for three (3) bedroom units located in Biggs/Gridley, Chico, and Oroville.

Public Housing is a form of housing in which the property is owned by a Housing Authority. The aim of Public Housing is to provide affordable housing to low income tenants. Applicants are limited to specific available units designated by the Housing Authority.

Applications can be obtained online at [www.butte-housing.com](http://www.butte-housing.com) or at 2039 Forest Ave, Chico CA.

Applications can be mailed or dropped off at 2039 Forest Ave, Chico CA 95928

For more information, call the HACB office at (530) 895-4474, TDD (800) 735-2929 or visit our website at [www.butte-housing.com](http://www.butte-housing.com)



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# California Screams — Let Them Play!!!

By Seti Long

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - As the State of California and California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) continue to struggle with returning student athletes to the courts, the “Let Them Play CA” movement is gaining serious momentum.

The CIF, which governs most school-based sports, has restricted play, postponed and cancelled seasons across a myriad of sports genres in accordance with California State Health Department COVID-19 operating precautions. Thus, many student athletes have had little to no game-time in nearly a year with postponed Fall 2020 contact sport seasons to Spring of 2021 looking more unlikely and unsatisfying. Meanwhile, educators press the state to re-open schools over the extreme concern of students’ deteriorating mental health, with coaches and parents loudly echoing those same sentiments.

Organized online January 14th, 2021, the “Let Them Play CA” is a beacon of light for those hoping to get back to regularly scheduled sports. The movement gives athletes, parents, and coaches the platform to voice their growing concerns and frustrations, creating leverage on policy makers at the organizational CIF level up to those at the California State Capitol.

“Our mission is to bring youth sports back to California safely and immediately,” says Co-founder Brad Hensley. In just over the 6 weeks since its



“Let Them Play CA” is a beacon of light for those hoping to get back to regularly scheduled sports. MPG file photo by Joshua Porcayo

inception, Let Them Play CA has grown to over 60,000 members statewide. Assemblyman James Gallagher has joined the “Let Them Play” team and together with Assembly member Kevin McCarty, is rallying lawmakers to back the effort to get students back onto courts and fields as soon as possible. So far, 42 Assembly members, Senators and other lawmakers have shown their support and signed on to get students back in play.

On February 11th, 2021, Hensley, accompanied by fellow Let Them Play organization members, athletes from across the state and their families took to the steps of the California State Capitol. Athletes quietly carried boxes containing 10,000 emails, letters and

signatures collected in just 5 days and laid them at the steps of the capitol. The messages, penned by athletes, their parents and concerned citizens were address to Governor Gavin Newsom, pleading for him to lift the band on competitive sports.

The pressure on lawmakers has yet to produce any big changes to restricted youth sports at this time, but Let Them Play CA remains hopeful.

Butte County, which is in the Purple Tier of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, currently allows for youth athletes to compete in cross country, golf, tennis, swimming and diving with COVID-19 restrictions in place.

For more information on the movement, please visit Let Them Play CA on Facebook. ★

# Delgado Shines in Varsity Girls Meet at Colusa

By Coach Steve Allard, Gridley High School

**COLUSA, CA (MPG)** - Janessa Delgado had an impressive time of 22:39 in the dual cross country meet at the Colusa-Sacramento State Recreation area. Her personal record improved over a minute compared to last week’s race. A newcomer to the sport of cross country, Delgado is making heads turn with her performance as she took home the first place medal. Giselle Fuentes, also a freshman, finished 2nd (25:34). Gisela Cardenas (27:57), Estrella Favian Mora (29:56) and Angela Gutierrez (32:45) placed 5th, 6th, and 7th, respectively for the Lady Bulldogs. Colusa did not field a full team.

4th-year competitor and team captain, Damian Mendoza Jr, took 2nd in the meet hosted by Colusa High. He was just 16 seconds behind Neo Harter of Colusa (18:56). Damian’s time was 19:10 over

the 3-mile course. Cesareo Villalobos (9), finished 4th overall (19:40) and set a personal best for the early season. Jose Valdez and Lucian Manor of the Redhawks crossed the line 5th & 6th. Emmanuel Martinez (10) finished 7th at 21:05, his career-best time as a 2nd-year varsity runner. Gordon LaBuff (11) had 9th (21:54) and Cesar Zepeda Martinez(11) finished 22:26, both first-year runners also setting a personal-best mark. Geovannie Gutierrez (12) and Tyler Owens (11) had 27:44 and 32:58. The Bulldogs will host their first home meet on Wednesday, February 17th against the Sutter Huskies. Gun time is 2:00 PM, Gridley Fairgrounds. Come support the team! The course is designed for speed and has great locations to see most of the race. Admission is free. Follow the team on Athletic.net or download the free app and see the results of all the races and individual results. ★

# Oroville Resident Arrested for Sexual Abuse of a Minor Victim

Butte County Sheriff's Office Press Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On February 5, a minor victim reported she had been sexually assaulted in the unincorporated area of Oroville. Detectives determined the sexual assault occurred on the evening of February 4. Detectives identified the suspect as Timothy Frias, age 33, of Oroville.

During the investigation, detectives determined Frias planned on meeting with the minor victim on the evening of February 5, for the purpose of engaging in lewd and lascivious behavior. Around 6:00 PM on February 5, detectives located Frias’ vehicle parked behind Goodwill in Oroville. Detectives contacted Frias inside the vehicle and placed Frias

under arrest.

During the subsequent investigation, detectives located additional evidence that Frias sexually assaulted the minor victim on February 4. Additionally detectives located evidence Frias had requested and obtained, sexually explicit photographs of two minor victims.

On the evening of February 5, detectives searched Frias’ residence, which is located near the 100 block of Canyon Highlands Drive, Oroville. Detectives located additional evidence related to the sexual assault at Frias’ residence.

Based on the evidence located during the investigation, Frias was booked into the Butte County Jail for the following felony charges on the evening of February

5: Unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor who is under 16 years of age, communicating with a minor for the purpose of engaging in lewd and lascivious behavior, meeting with a minor for the purpose of engaging in lewd and lascivious behavior, sodomy with a minor who is under 16 years of age, oral copulation with a minor who is under 16 years of age, lewd and lascivious acts with a child 14 or 15 years old, and possession of child pornography.

Frias is scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on February 9, at 3 PM. Frias’ bail was set at \$640,000. The Sheriff’s Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact Detective Mary Barker at 530-538-7671. ★

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**Cybersecurity for Your Business**  
Tuesday, February 23, 2021, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am

*Butte College SBDC is hosting a FREE Zoom Webinar to help business owners and customers stay safe from cyber threats (see details below).*

Cybersecurity is a critical piece of all businesses, especially small businesses. Most business owners do not understand Cybersecurity, let alone new technologies to keep their businesses safe from cyber threats. During this webinar, we will provide some definitions to help you understand what cybersecurity is, why cybersecurity is important for small businesses, and review data security and consumer privacy, which small businesses may be legally required to follow. Focus will also include various types of cyber-attacks, ways of protecting your small business from cyber threats (cyber defense), strategies and resources for developing and implementing cybersecurity plans, frameworks, policies and contacts related to cybercrime reporting, Federal agencies, and related resources to use in meeting your cybersecurity needs.


**COVID-19 Business Re-opening Strategies**  
Tuesday, March 2, 2021, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am

*Butte College SBDC is hosting a FREE Zoom Webinar to help businesses recover successfully from the pandemic (see details below).*

Are you a business that has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic? Are you ready to reopen and work on the success of your business in 2021? Are you uncertain as to whether or not you can reopen or where to begin? This webinar will prepare you for the uncertainties and processes needed to recover from the pandemic safely and successfully. Topics covered will range from business re-opening assessments and developing a plan, to looking at current business strategies, and how pivoting your business might help in meeting the new demands placed on businesses due to the pandemic. Discussions will also include understanding your cash flow, financial strength, profitability, opportunities relating to re-opening, and looking at whether or not you are ready to handle the change in your business strategies. At the end of the training you will understand obstacles, if any, to re-opening, how to develop your plan, and laws regulating your re-opening efforts.


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## FTC Sends More than \$1.7 Million in Refunds

**By Nicole Drayton,  
Federal Trade Commission**

**WASHINGTON D.C. (MPG)** - The Federal Trade Commission is sending more than \$1.7 million to people who lost money to a debt relief scheme that targeted individuals trying to pay down their student loan debt.

The FTC alleged that the operators behind Student Debt Relief Group tricked people into thinking the company was affiliated with the Department of Education, charged consumers illegal upfront fees, and collected monthly fees they falsely claimed would be credited toward consumers' student loans. In reality, the operators of the scheme pocketed people's money and responded to consumer complaints by changing the name of their company rather than their business practices.

Under the final settlement the defendants, individual

Salat Tahour and his companies—Los Angeles-based M&T Financial Group and American Counseling Center Corp., doing business as Student Debt Relief Group, SDRG, Student Loan Relief Counselors, SLRC, StuDebt, and Capital Advocates Group — are banned from engaging in any future debt relief activities and from making misrepresentations or unsubstantiated claims related to financial or any other products or services.

The FTC is sending 867 checks and 18,559 refunds through PayPal, averaging about \$88 each.

People who get a refund via PayPal will have 30 days to accept the payment. For more details about the PayPal payment process, please read the related FAQ. People who receive checks should deposit or cash their checks within 90 days. The FTC never requires people to pay money or provide

account information to get a refund payment or to cash a refund check. If recipients have questions about the refunds, they should contact the FTC's refund administrator, JND Legal Administration, at 833-961-3421.

The FTC's interactive dashboards for refund data provide a state-by-state breakdown of FTC refunds. In 2020, FTC actions led to \$483 million in refunds to consumers across the country.

The Federal Trade Commission works to promote competition and to protect and educate consumers. You can learn more about consumer topics and report scams, fraud, and bad business practices online at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Like the FTC on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, get consumer alerts, read our blogs, and subscribe to press releases for the latest FTC news and resources. ★

## California Seeking Volunteers to Help Keep Waterways Clean



**A dockwalker educates a recreational boater at Shelter Island in San Diego with the California Boater Kit and questionnaire.** Photo from The Bay Foundation

### **California Department of Parks & Recreation Press Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - California's Boating Clean and Green Program is looking for individuals to become Dockwalkers to help keep the ocean, lakes and reservoirs clean. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, recreational boaters continue to recreate in California's waterways. The need to share clean boating practices with the recreational community, while abiding to COVID-19 guidelines, remains important.

For the past two decades, Dockwalkers have taught more than 100,000 boaters about keeping waterways clean from oil, fuel, sewage and marine debris. According to the Division of Boating and Waterways, the level of recreational boating activity in California is one of the highest in the country with some 4 million motorized and non-motorized boats being operated annually. Dockwalkers raise awareness about clean boating practices by distributing educational materials and California boater kits at marinas, boat launch ramps and boating events, or wherever boaters are.

"Boating has been supportive and healing for many during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Division of Boating and Waterways Acting Deputy Director Ramona Fernandez. "As Californians enjoy this form of outdoor recreation, it is important for them to do so in a way that protects public safety and the environment. We invite water enthusiasts to help us share these important messages by becoming a Dockwalker."

Free, three-hour virtual Dockwalker

trainings will be offered through the Zoom video conferencing system starting March 6 through June 12 on select Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Participants must be 15 years or older. The training qualifies as community service. Interested persons must register ahead of time online. Anyone who is interested in this effective educational program can view videos online to learn more about the program and view success stories.

Marinas and yacht clubs are also encouraged to participate in the Dockwalker Program. Participating facilities receive educational materials and tools to operate a clean boating facility and minimize water quality impacts. This program provides marinas with points towards a Clean Marina designation provided by Clean Marina Program. Participation in the Dockwalker Program counts towards the nomination of the Club of the Year, under the community service category. In addition, yacht clubs and marinas are essential in spreading awareness directly to boaters.

Partnerships with The Bay Foundation, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, Save Our Shores, Lake Berryessa Partnership and many more organizations are integral to this program's success.

The Dockwalker Program is part of California's Boating Green and Clean Program. The program is an education and outreach program conducted through California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission. Learn more about the Dockwalker Program at BoatingCleanAndGreen.com. ★

## Did You Receive a Tax Form for Unemployment Benefits You Never Applied For?

**By Linda Williamson,  
Newsroom Newswire**

**(MPG)** - Now that it's tax season and tax forms are arriving in the mail, many people are beginning to find a nasty surprise in their mailbox: an IRS form 1099-G reporting unemployment benefit income that they did not actually apply for or receive.

If you receive a form 1099-G but did not file for unemployment, someone may have stolen your identity to commit unemployment fraud.

Attorney David Fleck, who has extensive experience in fraud cases, said this is one of the easiest frauds to perpetrate, which is why it has suddenly become common during the pandemic. As unemployment numbers swelled,

unemployment departments across the country became overwhelmed with applications and made thorough background checks of applicants fall by the wayside.

"I've seen so many different scams in my career, and frankly there is nothing new under the sun," he said. "Because these are unusual times, con artists are just using this moment as a way to take advantage of the system."

Learning that your identity has been used to perpetrate a fraud can be a stressful experience, Fleck said, but there are steps you can protect yourself and mitigate the damage: Report the fraud to the California employment development, <https://www.edd.ca.gov/>. California EDD has a form on their

website to use for reporting identity theft and unemployment fraud. You can also call the EDD Fraud Hotline at 1-800-229-6297. File your taxes as normal, and do NOT report the fraudulent income. If you've reported the fraud to EDD, that's all you need to do. You don't need to also report it to the IRS. If you suspect you may be a victim of a broader identity theft, you may want to check the website of The Identity Theft Resource Center, a nonprofit in San Diego. Visit [idtheftcenter.org](http://idtheftcenter.org) or call 888-400-5530.

"Fraudsters never let a crisis go to waste," Fleck said. "But hopefully, now that state officials know this fraud is going on in such large numbers, innocent victims won't be on the hook." ★



### **Valentine's Day Flower Demand Increases**

People may not be able to take their sweethearts on a date as readily this Valentine's Day, but they can still buy flowers – and that has been a boon for California flower growers. Demand for flowers has risen prior to the holiday, and supply may be constricted. Some growers went out of business earlier in the pandemic, and air transportation of imported roses has been disrupted. California leads the nation in production of flowers and nursery crops.

### **Work Continues to Provide More Covid-19 Vaccinations**

Local health officials and farm groups continue efforts to provide more COVID-19 vaccinations for farm employees. County Farm Bureaus and other organizations have been helping to arrange vaccination clinics and surveying farmers to gauge local needs. A number of clinics have been held, with more planned once vaccine supplies improve. A two-day clinic in Santa Cruz County provided vaccinations for 1,300 farm employees.

### **Analyst Assesses Crop Outlook For 2021**

After a seesaw year for many crops and commodities, the economic outlook for several key California crops includes moderate improvements this year. An analyst for Rabobank says market prospects for processing tomatoes look "generally positive," and predicts modest increases in rice and almond prices. Pandemic-related swings in demand disrupted markets last year, and uncertainties linger about domestic and international demand.

### **Treatment for Citrus Disease Shows Potential**

A naturally occurring substance from a close relative of citrus plants has shown more promise in fighting the deadly plant disease known as HLB. New research with a peptide derived from Australian finger limes shows the peptide can kill bacteria that cause HLB and stimulate a citrus tree's immune response against new infection. University of California, Riverside, researchers say they have begun field tests of the peptide in Florida. ★



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# River Cats and Giants Announce 10-year Affiliation

**Sacramento River Cats Press Release**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento River Cats are proud to announce a new long-term partnership with the three-time World Champion San Francisco Giants as part of Major League Baseball's new Player Development License (PDL). The 10-year extension keeps the River Cats as the Giants' top minor league affiliate through the 2030 season.



"The San Francisco Giants are one of Major League Baseball's most respected and storied franchises and we are honored to continue what has been an incredible partnership both on the field and in our communities," states River Cats general manager, Chip Maxson. "The new PDL will allow the River Cats and Giants to focus on long-term player health, wellness, and development, which will lead to an even better fan experience and more championships!"

This will be the seventh season since partnering with the Giants in September of 2014, compiling a record of 332-377 in the process including a championship run in 2019, becoming the only club to win three Triple-A Championships.

"We are excited to continue our dynamic partnership with Sacramento for 10 more seasons," exclaims Giants president of baseball operations, Farhan Zaidi. "Sacramento has proven to be an important affiliate by providing our players an excellent place to play with a passionate fan-base, all in close proximity to San Francisco."

Sacramento is one of San Francisco's four domestic minor league affiliates, alongside Double-A Richmond (Eastern League), Advanced-A Eugene (Northwest League), and Class-A San Jose (California League).

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# More Counties Adopt Healthy Communities Resolution

**By Curtis Grima, North State Leaders**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On the heels of another round of changes to Governor Newsom's statewide COVID-19 response plan, four additional counties passed variations of the Healthy Communities Resolution.

"Nearly one year into California's COVID-19 state of emergency, we are still struggling with arbitrary shutdowns and constantly shifting goalposts. We support the growing number of

California counties that are banding together to reject the status quo and advocate for a better path forward," said Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City).

The Resolution, which is the product of a conference of North State representatives, rejects Governor Newsom's one-size-fits-all approach to reopening communities. Instead, the Resolution calls for a data-driven approach tailored to each county's specific circumstances.

"2021 cannot be a repeat of 2020. The way to

begin repairing the grievous errors of the last year is to restore our institutions of self-government," said Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin).

While the Healthy Communities Resolution is the collaborative work of 15 Northern California counties, any county may pass it. The latest counties to pass a version of the Resolution are Shasta, Del Norte, Yuba, and Sutter. Placer, Orange, Siskiyou, San Luis Obispo, Lassen, and El Dorado Counties adopted the Resolution late last year. ★

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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



By Barbara Ott

While wandering in the front garden, avoiding work and pretending to be looking for work, I noticed several daffodils nodding in a breeze and looking like chewed wimpy, sorry yellow things. The little trumpets were stumpy and tattered, pitiful to behold. The first possible sighting of snail destruction

this year. I might be tossing out false accusations but I don't think so. The little snails, light as feathers crawl up the sturdy daffodil stems and balance carefully onto the pedals and start chewing. Time to use poison and start raking up the habitat leaves I've left on the ground. The snails love the habitat practices of providing moist dark hidey holes. Other bugs and insects depend on their cocoons and eggs to hatch in spring in all of those leaves so I will keep a few but the snails make me want to destroy them all by raking up the leaves. The other side of the snail coin is that I'm glad to see the slimy little buggers, just not on the daffodils. My life of the imagination is better

because of snails. I noticed last fall that I had far fewer slimy visitors and missed telling snail tales. Watch for what you wish!

I love bulbs. They are like secret buddies that are waiting under the ground to spring up and make the reduced plants in the garden a moot point. They fill in spaces, green with bright blooms. They surprise me because I always forget where some of them are planted. Best surprise happened the other day when I went out back and saw a large pot full of miniature Tete a Tete daffodils. Tiny and bright yellow trumpets crowded together making the day bright and full of promise. I just ordered more; bulbs are ok in the simplification process. ★



Slim Randles

If you didn't know what time of the year it was, or what the weather was like, you could tell simply by eavesdropping at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn coffee shop. Let's give it a try.

"Good to see you here, Doc," said Herb Collins. "That warm water on the battery trick work for you?"

"Thanks, Herb. Yep. I tried it this morning. What's that you got there?"

"Travel thingie. You know it's more than 80 degrees in Guatemala ... right now?"

"Saw a deal on TV,"

## Should I just turn the hose on you?

Dud said. "They're water skiing in Florida. You can go fishing down there all year round."

"You going to Guatemala, Herb?" said Doc.

"Maybe. Been thinking about it. I don't know much Spanish, though."

"All you need to know," said Dud, "is 'Hace mucho calor,' Herb."

"What's that mean?"

"Sure is hot!"

"I was just thinking yesterday," said Doc, "of the unsung beauty of sweat. You know, we take sweat for granted in summer. Heck, we even dislike it and go swimming to wash it off."

"That's a fact," Dud said.

"But I think it would be kinda fun to sweat right now. You know, just sit in a hot sun and bask like

an old lizard and sip iced tea..."

"... and wear dark glasses," said Herb.

"... and watch girls in bikinis," said Dud.

They looked at him.

"Around here?"

"Well, no. I mean, Guatemala or Florida, you know."

"Yeah," said Herb. "Guatemala."

About that time Loretta came up. "You boys want your coffees topped off, or should I just turn the hose on you?"

They shoved their cups forward and grinned.

"Sale on snow shovels down at the hardware store," said Doc.

"*Heard that,*" said Dud.

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## Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



We see "God's footprints" where He has been in creation and our world. We see His works that proclaim His presence. Sunsets of gold, orange, purple, and yellow over the hills and lakes. Colorful birds, fish, and animals only an artist could produce.

Not by man's hand but by the Creator of all – our Lord Almighty. A wildflower springs up among the weeds and we admire its beauty. A rainbow after the dark clouds and a storm takes our breath away and gives us hope.

God is an artist, a

craftsman, and a visionary. Can you just imagine Him on His seat of power bringing forth a magnificent peacock, an elephant, a rainbow trout, even a butterfly? Has anyone tried to capture one of these creatures for an art project to no avail?

God did it with no pictures to look at! They can from His visions. He designed the stripes on zebra, the spots on leopards, and the fuzz on woolly worms. God's handiwork is ever present in ALL of creation, as far as the eye can see.

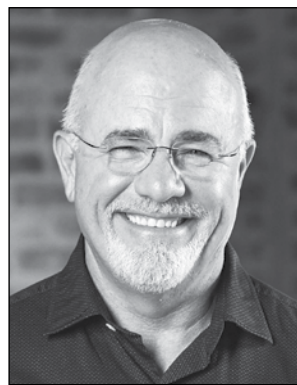
His greatest and most astonishing work is MAN! Man walks, talks, plans, thins, and yes, creates in labs and other venues. However, they never created from nothing as God did or as uniquely as He did.

Where have you seen God's footprints this week? In a garden totally filled with blooms. A smile on a newborn baby? The frolicking of a calf in the field? Leaves sprouting on trees after a long, cold winter? The breeze blowing on your cheek as the sun warms your face. God is here. He is, has always been and will always be here.

Even after months of shut done and faces covered with masks, we can see, feel, and smell the presence of the Lord. He opens new doors, to His creation everyday—Look for them! God speaks through is handiworks. It is up to all of us to seek and find Him in them.

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## Dave Ramsey Says



### Retirement Funding Comes Before College Savings

Dear Dave,

A friend told me about your Baby Steps program. I have one question, though. I noticed that according to your plan, saving for retirement should come before saving up a college fund for your kids. Why is this?

—Natalie

Dear Natalie,

In short, college funding is not a necessity. Being able to set aside money for college is a great thing to do if parents can afford that sort of thing. But you can fund your education in other ways. There are loads of

scholarships out there just for getting good grades. You can also work while you're taking classes. And one of the biggest things when it comes to getting an education is choosing a school or training program you can afford. Trust me, I believe in education. But there are lots of ways to get a college degree, or other career training, without your parents having to foot the bill or taking out student loans.

Another reason I advise this approach is because everyone is going to retire someday – unless, unfortunately, they happen to die before reaching retirement age. Retiring and eating are necessities. College is a luxury. Lots of people succeed in life without going to college, and thousands have worked their way through college. I worked 40-plus hours a week in college, and still graduated in four years. The only good way to retire is by planning for it years ahead of time, and that means saving

and investing.

Sure, you should try to help your kids with their educations if you can. Even a little bit each month over the course of several years can help a lot. But some parents might not be able to put a dime toward their kids' educations after high school. That doesn't make them bad people or bad parents. And it doesn't mean their kids can't still go to college, and avoid debt doing it!

—Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave 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.* ★

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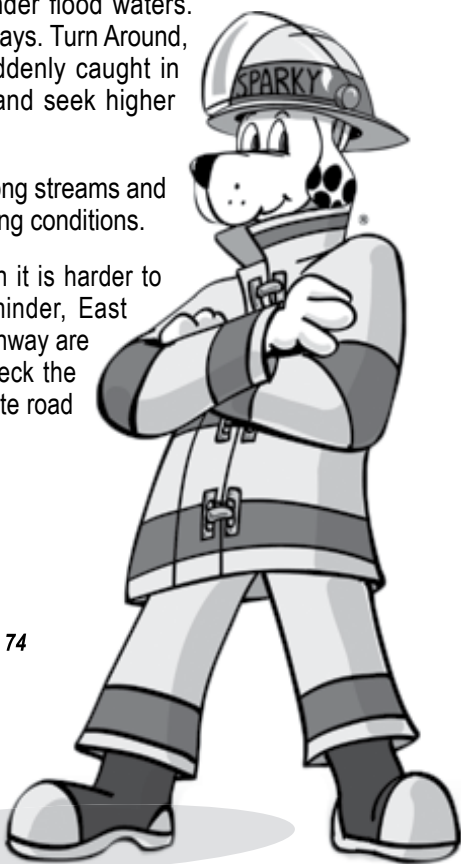
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# Dear Dietitian

## Vegan Diet



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

Dear Dietitian:

My daughter, who is 18, recently changed from a vegetarian to a vegan diet. When she was eating mostly vegetarian, she did eat chicken for protein. But everything else she ate was considered junk food - chips, candy, sodas. Now that she is vegan, she is still not eating nearly enough vegetables or protein to maintain good health. I have tried to help with this by giving her a daily multivitamin, and she has been taking iron supplements because she was told she was low in iron.

I would like to know what is considered a healthy vegan diet and what a vegan should be eating on a daily basis to remain healthy and not become malnourished.

Thank you, Renee

Dear Renee,

With a little extra planning, a vegan diet can easily provide adequate protein and calories to maintain health. The requirements for a healthy vegan diet are the same as a regular diet, but of course, the meat is replaced with plant proteins. For those who aren't familiar with a vegan diet, it is comprised entirely of plant foods. There are no meats, fish, or animal products, such as milk or eggs.

Our bodies need about 1 gram of protein per kilogram body weight. For a 150-pound woman, that amounts to about 70 grams of protein per day. Some vegan sources of protein are peanut or almond butter, beans, legumes, and soy. There are even burgers made with plant protein in today's market, but pay close attention to the saturated fat content.

There are some vitamins and minerals to be concerned about on a strict vegan diet. The first is calcium. An eighteen-year-old woman needs 1000

mg of calcium per day. This amount can be easily obtained in fortified almond, soy, or rice milk. Most of these products are also fortified with vitamin D, which helps the body absorb calcium. Vegetable sources of calcium include broccoli, kale, and tofu. Still, it is not advised to rely only on vegetables, as the volume needed to attain calcium goals is difficult to reach. Go with a supplement or fortified plant milk.

Vitamin B12 is only found naturally in animal products. The Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) is 2.4 micrograms per day. A B12 deficiency may lead to neurological problems. Some cereals are fortified with this vitamin, and the multivitamin should contain it, too.

Another mineral of importance is iron. There are two types of iron, heme and non-heme. Heme iron is found in red meat and pork, whereas non-heme is found in plants. Heme iron is better absorbed by the body. Plant sources of iron include spinach, nuts and seeds, and beans.

Premenopausal women need 18 mg of iron each day, and as you stated, your daughter is taking an iron supplement. Vitamin C aids in iron absorption.

You mention your concern about your daughter's consumption of junk food. At this age, she has to choose to eat healthfully. There are some things you can do to help, but you may need to tread lightly. Prepare healthy snacks and be sure they are readily available. A fruit bowl in the kitchen, nuts, and hummus with pita chips are healthy, satisfying snacks. Prepare a tasty vegan meal: pasta with sautéed vegetables and roasted pine nuts, bread, and sorbet for dessert. You may add cheese for the non-vegans at the table.

The bottom line is your little girl is now a grown-up (almost), and she has to learn to make healthy choices for herself.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

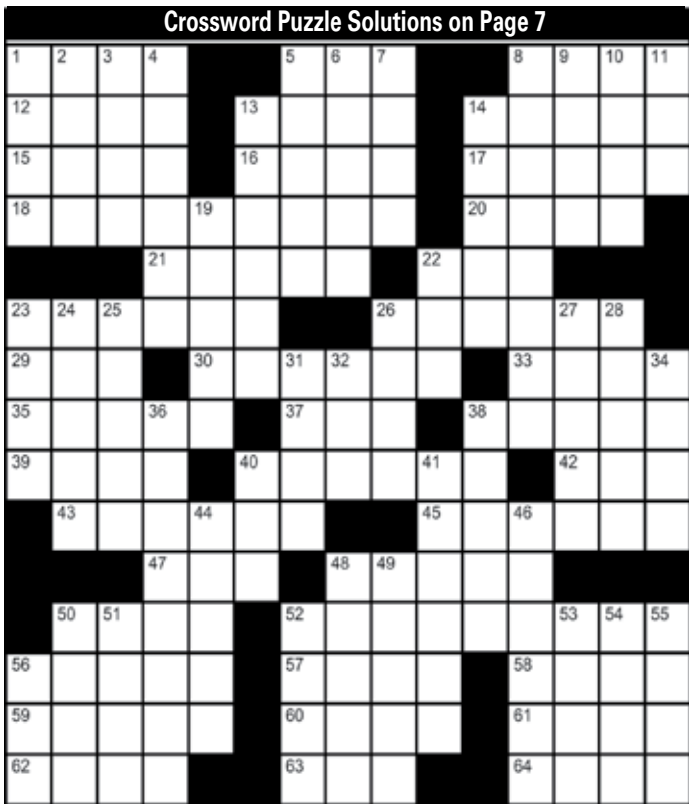
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  24. Sunbaked, archaically speaking
  25. Wall or pedestal support
  26. Kon-Tiki, e.g.
  27. One of the Muses
  28. Offspring
  31. Getting warm
  32. Not in good health
  34. Tiny leftovers
  36. \*Abbott's comedic partner
  38. Online purchase
  40. \*Marjorie Reynolds in "The Life of Riley"
  41. Scolding
  44. Schoolmarm's whip
  46. Defrosted
  48. Popular winter boot brand
  49. Put it to the metal
  50. Audition tape



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51. SWAT attack
52. France/Switzerland border mountain range
53. Carpenter's groove
54. Ben Affleck's 2013 Oscar winner
55. Original matter
56. \*Buttons or Skelton



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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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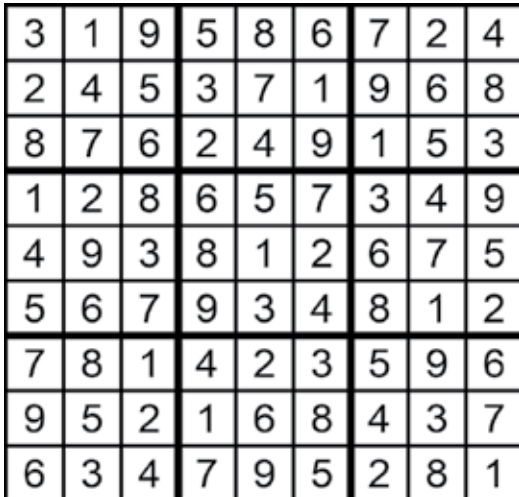
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000082

The following persons are doing business as: **DON J TRUCKING**  
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**Don Ellis Miller, 42 Lauren Way Oroville, CA 95965**  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000075

The following persons are doing business as: **RIO BONITO FARM**  
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**Travis Eugene Smith and Amy Maureen Smith, 206 W Rio Bonito Road Biggs, CA 95917**  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000127

The following persons are doing business as: **SAUL'S SMOG AND AUTO REPAIR**  
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**Yolanda Fletes, 1654 9th Avenue Olivehurst, CA 95961**  
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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV00119

1. Petitioner Cassandra Jo Klein filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**Present name**  
 Cassandra Jo Klein

**Proposed name**  
 Charlotte Marie Galway

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 17, 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. 2021-0000027

The following persons are doing business as: **D AND M CONSTRUCTION, E AND A HAULING AND LANDSCAPING**  
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**Ellen Shepherd, 2513 El Paso Way Chico, CA 95973**  
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The following persons are doing business as: **MOUNTAIN TIME PHOTOGRAPHY**  
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**Kaleigh Gomez, 1301 Bennett Road Paradise, CA 95969**  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000131

The following persons are doing business as: **CE PROPERTY AND APPRAISALS**  
**12 Feathervale Drive Oroville, CA 95966**  
**Curtis Daniel Engen, 12 Feathervale Drive Oroville, CA 95966**  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000079

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000141

The following persons are doing business as: **OUR TOWN PIZZERIA**  
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 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 Umechara

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  
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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  
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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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# What Does the Capitol Wall Mean for American Medicine?



**Commentary**  
**by Jane M. Orient, M.D.**

The optics of a wall and armed troops around their Capitol are, and should be, shocking to Americans. But from the perspective of one who has been to the Capitol many times – but not for years – it was a foreseeable development.

Decades ago, you could go to House and Senate office buildings and walk around freely. You could even approach by taxi and not have far to walk. You could enter any office, converse with the receptionist, leave a calling card and written material, and often be allowed to speak with a staffer.

I was never a lobbyist, just

a citizen, often speaking on behalf of a group of doctors about the impact of government in flyover country. Medical groups might have a meeting near Capitol Hill, then fan out to visit congressional offices. We held staff briefings, sometimes with a congressman on the panel.

One day I looked at the sickly looking shrub in a “planter” outside an important building. “That looks like a tank barrier,” I said. The attorney I was with looked amused. “Of course it is.”

Other doctors and I tried to explain how the flood of rules made it impossible to practice good medicine. We analyzed legislation: the Health Security Act (ClintonCare), HIPAA, PPACA or ACA (ObamaCare), MACRA, etc. - bills getting ever longer and more complex, with their acronyms incorporated into everyday talk long after everyone has forgotten what they stand for or what they were supposed to do. Nobody had read the bills they voted for.

I also spoke about national security issues from a physician’s standpoint—the lack of strategic or civil defense, pandemic preparedness, and electric grid security.

Over the years, Capitol security became tighter. No books allowed. Your congressman’s office door might be locked, with a note to put your message through the mail slot, which was also locked. To go to a hearing in the Capitol, you had to have an escort.

On Jan 6, a huge number of citizens, who still imagined that they could “make their voices heard,” went confidently to Washington. In my opinion, it is not a good idea to be in a crowd, which could turn into an irrational mob – especially in these days of well-trained, well-organized, well-funded paid radical agitators. Some of the group streamed into the “People’s House,” now the sacred citadel of “Democracy,” where they profaned the Holy of Holies. A few committed violence, some property was damaged, and some congressmen

felt afraid. It wasn’t like Minneapolis, Seattle, or Portland, but it is sacred ground.

Apparently, one of the most dangerous people there was a physician and mother, Dr. Simone Gold. She was armed only with a megaphone and left peacefully. The FBI pursued her home to California, where they smashed in her front door, shackled her, and kept her in a cage overnight. Her message: a plea to stop the deaths from COVID by prescribing early treatment a message Big Tech is trying to suppress.

The Trump supporters have gone home, so why do we need the wall and the National Guard? They would be useless against a Chinese or Russian missile. But they might work against protesters armed with the proverbial pitchforks. Such as the more than 8,000 highly trained and well-paid pipeline workers who, with a stroke of Biden’s pen, lost their salary, their union medical benefits, and their future. Someday John Kerry might

look like the French aristocrats prior to the storming of the Bastille: “Let them make solar panels” – in competition with Chinese workers who may earn slave wages even if not literally enslaved.

Americans, in the shadow of the wall, are learning that we are all in this together – except for the elite who continue to draw their salaries from the bureaucracies and the legislators who vote for laws written by special interests who invest millions in campaign contributions to reap billions in benefits.

The pretense that we still have a voice in Washington has been demolished. But one thing the wall cannot stop is the truth—for all the elite’s attempts at censorship. The most powerful truths at present may be that hundreds of thousands may die needlessly of COVID for lack of early treatment, and still more will die without access to reliable, affordable energy.

**Jane M. Orient, M.D.** obtained her undergraduate degrees in chemistry and mathematics from the

University of Arizona in Tucson, and her M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1974. She completed an internal medicine residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital and University of Arizona Affiliated Hospitals and then became an Instructor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine and a staff physician at the Tucson Veterans Administration Hospital. She has been in solo private practice since 1981 and has served as Executive Director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) since 1989. She is currently president of Doctors for Disaster Preparedness. She is the author of *YOUR Doctor Is Not In: Healthy Skepticism about National Healthcare*. She is the editor of *AAPS News*, the *Doctors for Disaster Preparedness Newsletter*, and *Civil Defense Perspectives*, and is the managing editor of *the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons*. ★

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Loan No.: \*\*\*\*\*2303 APN: 022-170-049-000 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 12/29/2006. 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 Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. 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. 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. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services. 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 (877) 440-4460 or visit this Internet Web site <https://mkconsultantsinc.com/trustees-sales/>, using the file number assigned to this case 20-4585. 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: 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 (877) 440-4460, or visit this internet website <https://mkconsultantsinc.com/trustees-sales/>, using the file number assigned to this case 20-4585 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: 2/1/2021 Prestige Default Services 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Sale Line: (877) 440-4460 /s/Briana Young, Trustee Sale Officer  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Robert Ross Honan CASE No. 21PR00048 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Robert Ross Honan deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Judy Jennings, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Gary Honan be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files

an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows March 2, 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: Judy Jennings PO Box 726 Folsom, CA 95763 530-864-4745 Publish: February 12, 19, and 26, 2021  
**HONAN 170622 2-26-21**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RAY J. PENIX CASE No. 21PR00059 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 Publish: February 19, 26, and March 5, 2021  
**PENIX 170622 3-5-21**

**Summons**

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 19CV00997 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Esteban Alvarado Jr aka Esteban Alvarado, Joanna Alvarado YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Butte County Credit Bureau A Corp NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)).

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (the District) is requesting quotes from licensed contractors in the State of California for parking lot rehabilitation project at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965. All quotes must be received by the District before 4:00 PM on March 3, 2021. Visit [www.buttemosquito.com](http://www.buttemosquito.com) for Request for Quotations (RFQ) forms and project site plan or call 530-533-6038 to request a copy. Submit original RFQ to Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District, 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965.

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your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a non-profit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un

formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

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

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Joseph L Selby (#249546) Law Offices of Ferris & Selby 2607 Forest Avenue Suite 130 Chico, CA 95928 Tel: 530-366-4290 Date: (Fecha) 03/29/2019 Clerk (Secretario) R Phillips, Deputy (Adjunto) January February 12, 19, 26, and March 5, 2021  
**ALVARADO 3-5-21**

**NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Notice is given that on March 9, 2021, at or after 7:00 AM the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District will sell the following item(s) of personal property:

Truck #151, 2004 Chevy Silverado 1500 Regular Cab, 2 door, V8 5.3 liter engine with 109,560 miles – minimum bid \$1,500.00.

Truck #159, 2007 Ford F150 Super Cab, 4 door, V8 4.6 liter engine with 92,968 miles – minimum bid \$1,500.00

Truck #164, 2009 Dodge Dakota Extended Cab, 4 door, V6 3.7 liter engine with 96,140 miles – minimum bid \$500.00

Truck #168, 2010 Dodge Dakota Extended Cab, 4 door, V6 3.7 liter engine with 83,200 miles – minimum bid \$1,500.00

The property will be sold to the highest bidder submitting a bid in excess of the minimum bid amount listed above. The sale will take place at the District office located at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, California, 95965-9250. The property will be sold “as is,” “where is,” without warranty as to condition or of any other kind.

Bids must be in writing and received at the Oroville District office (5117 Larkin Road) not later than March 8, 2021, by 4:30 PM. Bids, to be considered, must be accompanied by a check in the amount of 10% of the bid amount, made payable to the District, as security for the completion of the purchase and sale. The high bidder will be designated and notified. If he or she fails to complete the transaction by tendering full cash payment of the bid amount within 24 hours of notification, the bid security shall be forfeited to the District. If a transaction with a higher bidder is not completed, the District may sell the property to the next highest bidder until the sale is completed. The bid security shall be returned to bidders who are not designated, once the transaction is completed.

The District reserves the right to reject all bids and withdraw the property from sale.

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# Many Took to the Woods in 2020

By **Peter Tira,**  
**California Department**  
**of Fish & Wildlife**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - With more free time on their hands, a growing interest in securing their own food, coupled with the needs for physical outlets and mental relief as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, more Californians turned to fishing and hunting last year.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued nearly two million sport fishing licenses in 2020, an 11 percent increase from 2019. Of those, 1,201,237 were annual resident sport fishing licenses, a 19 percent increase over 2019. Not since 2008 has CDFW issued as many sport fishing licenses as it did last year.

California hunter numbers also spiked. CDFW issued nearly 300,000 California hunting licenses in 2020, a nine percent increase from the previous year. Of those, 244,040 were annual resident hunting licenses – an 11 percent increase from the previous year.

About 16 percent of the annual resident hunting licenses issued last year – 43,450 – went to first-time license holders. Another 12 percent of those hunting licenses – 31,835 – went to reactivated hunters, meaning residents who didn’t purchase a California hunting license in 2019, but held one in a prior year.

“We recognize it’s important to provide an outlet for recreation, mental and physical health during these difficult times, and we’ve worked hard as a department to keep hunting and fishing opportunities open, available and safe as much as possible,” said CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham. “We’re especially excited to welcome so many new hunters and new anglers of all ages and all backgrounds. A California fishing or hunting license is a passport to outdoor adventure and a gateway to healthy living, environmental stewardship, good times and lifetime learning.”

Hunters and anglers play a crucial role in managing natural resources by regulating wildlife populations to maintain ecological and biological diversity, participating in surveys for scientific data collection and reporting wildlife crimes. Hunters and anglers also help sustain a multibillion-dollar outdoor recreation industry and provide a significant funding source for fish and wildlife conservation in California.

Amid the global pandemic in 2020, CDFW created new virtual learning resources for hunters and anglers while instituting COVID-19 safeguards and precautions on the ground to keep hunting and fishing opportunities open and safe for both staff and participants. Among those efforts:

The Harvest Huddle Hour (R3H3) debuted. Part of CDFW’s R3 initiative to recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters and anglers in California, the virtual seminar series for beginning adult audiences is intended to increase knowledge and confidence around skillsets required to harvest wild food in California. The seminars, archived online at the CDFW website, included “Intro to California Inland Fishing,” “Bag and Possession Limits and Gifting Your Take,” “Intro to Foraging,” “Tackle Box Basics” and “Intro to Turkey Hunting.” More topics in hunting, fishing, foraging and the shooting sports are planned for 2021.

Beginning in May, CDFW’s Hunter Education Program allowed aspiring hunters to complete their hunter education requirements entirely online. Prior to COVID-19, California offered a traditional in-person course or a hybrid online/in-person class with a certified Hunter Education Instructor.

CDFW’s Hunter Education Program also moved its Advanced -Hunter Education Clinics – focused on the how-to of hunting – to an online, webinar format in 2020. The webinars, archived online at the CDFW website, included “Waterfowl Reservation System and Refuge Operations,” “Waterfowl Wednesday,” “Upland Opportunities” and “Band-tailed Pigeons – What They Are and How to Hunt Them.” More topics are planned for 2021.

CDFW’s Fishing in the City Program, which provides angling opportunities for city dwellers and suburban residents, continued with trout and catfish plants in neighborhood park ponds and suburban lakes even though it had to suspend in-person fishing clinics. Fishing in the City created a series of “learn to fish” videos to help newcomers get started in fishing – and help parents get their kids started in fishing.

CDFW instituted COVID-19-related safeguards and operational changes at all state-operated wildlife areas and refuges – popular with hunters, anglers, wildlife watchers, hikers, and others – to keep these areas open and accessible throughout 2020 and into 2021. ★

## Crime Reports



### Gridley- Biggs Police Report

**February 10<sup>th</sup> - February 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 2-10-21:** At 7:53 pm on the 600 block of Kentucky St., Gridley CA, Chase Mitchel Knowles, 25, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.
- 2-10-21:** At 10:50 pm at Magnolia Terrace and Lincoln St., Gridley CA, Sergio Luis Martinez, 37, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC), violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- 2-12-21:** On Vermont and Magnolia St., Gridley CA, Jared Robert Umfress, 24, was arrest on an felony local bench warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- 2-14-21:** At 12:23 am on the 200 block of Evans Reimer Rd., Gridley CA, Gary Allen Rose, 57, was arrested on a local bench warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.
- 2-14-21:** At 4:05 pm on the 200 block of South Ohio St., Gridley Ca, Michael Daniel Harrison, 19, was arrested for evading police/disregarding safety (2800.2 VC), vandalism/destruction of property in the amount of \$400+ (594 (b)(1) PC), kidnapping (201 (a) PC), false imprisonment (236 PC), driving without a license (12500 (a) VC) and assault with a deadly weapon – not a firearm (245 (a)(1) PC). Subject was booked into Butte County Jail.
- 2-15-21:** At 8:41 am on the 1500 block of Sr-99, Gridley CA, Shaun Paul Irwin, 49, was arrested on two outside agency felony warrants and was booked into Butte County Jail.

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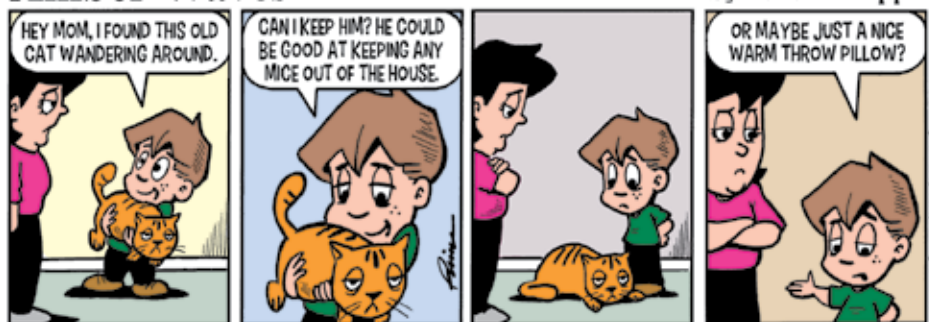
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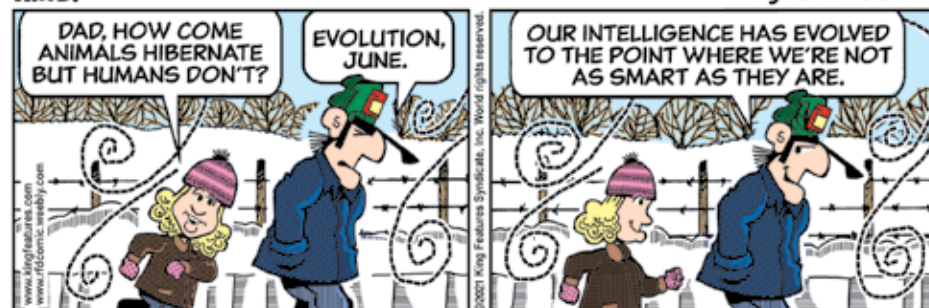
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by Gary Kopervas



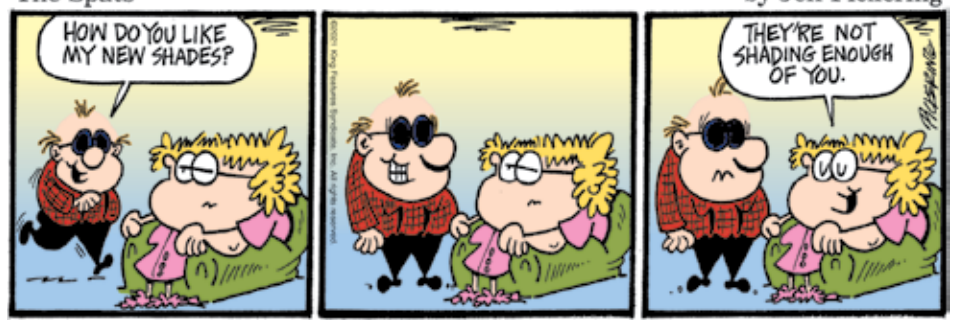
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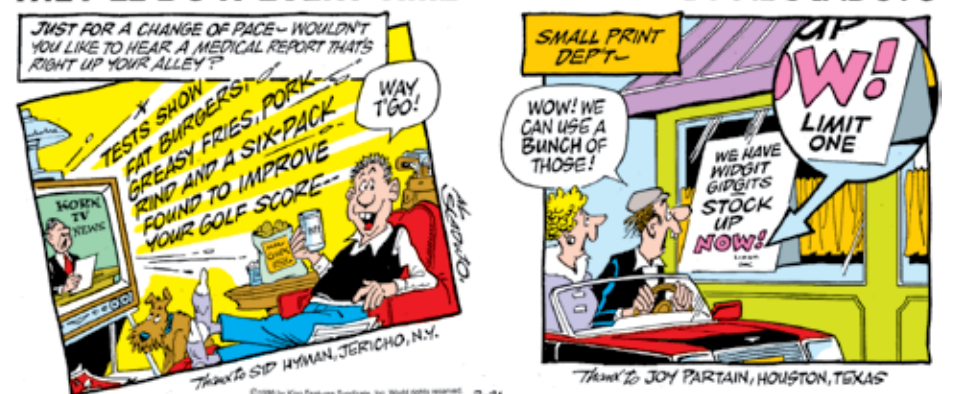
## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

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## GRIN & BEAR IT



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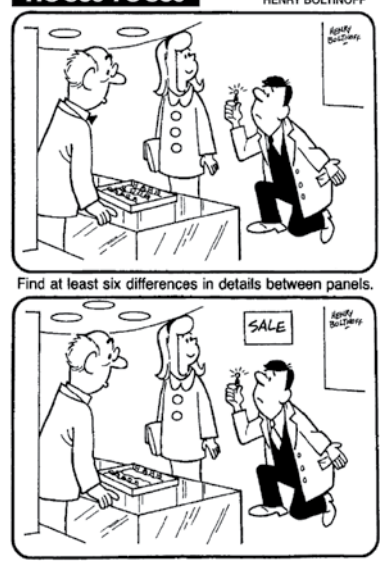
## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



Differences: 1. Sale sign is added. 2. Button missing from woman's jacket. 3. Ceiling light is added. 4. Bowtie is missing. 5. Man's tie is white. 6. Flow of rings is missing.



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# Wounded Heroes Documentary Brings Hope to Our Military, First Responders, and Everyone Battling Post Traumatic Stress

By Nicki Thomas,  
Veteran PR

CHICAGO, IL (MPG) - New film shines a light on bold new alternative non-drug treatments and programs that heal the wounds of PTS

In the Wounded Heroes Documentary due out March 5th, 2021, PTS sufferers are finally getting their voices heard as they speak out about their mistreatment by the healthcare system, the medications that are making them worse, and the amazing new proven therapies that are giving them back their lives.

An alarming statistic by the Department of Veterans Affairs report anywhere from 17 to 22 veteran suicides every single day.

Many feel it does not need to be that way.

After learning about this statistic and the serious side effects of overmedicating veterans, California filmmaker, Michael Gier, went on a mission to find successful alternative non-drug treatments that restore lives from the destruction of PTS.

“Post-Traumatic Stress among our veterans is a serious problem,” said Gier. “Most are given prescription medications, or drug cocktails as many call them, some of these prescriptions are black labeled with serious side effects.”

Gier, who traveled all over the country interviewing veterans, military brass, politicians, doctors, and other experts, said many veterans feel medication is just a band-aid over a wound that will never heal.

“Our veterans deserve so



The new film shines a light on bold new alternative non-drug treatments and programs that heal the wounds of PTS. Photo credit Veteran PR

much more than just a band-aid and that is what inspired me to create this film,” said Gier.

Wounded Heroes Documentary is a 3-year passion project, funded primarily by Michael Gier and his wife Terri Gier, and features life changing options that give those suffering from PTS hope, potentially saving lives.

“These men and women served our country for years and the best we can do is give them drugs; some as many as eighteen different prescriptions, forty pills a day?!” said Gier. “I knew there had to be better options.”

In the film, Gier interviews health care professionals who are using alternative therapies that have been successfully proven to dramatically decrease their patients' medication or help them become completely PTS prescription free.

Gier said by creating the film he wanted to bring as much awareness as possible about these life changing treatments and that everyone suffering from PTS needed to know there were other options out there for them.

“These aren’t just therapies that can help our soldiers and veterans,” said

Gier. “Firefighters, police officers, and first responders all deal with PTS, and even more people from all walks of life are being affected by Covid-19. These can benefit them too.”

Veterans reported the alternative treatments helped change their lives significantly for the better and went from contemplating suicide to finding happiness and gratitude in their daily lives.

“I feel alive again, I feel rejuvenated, I feel like a soldier again.” -Kyle Green, US Army 1998 - 2008

“I’m happier today then I’ve ever been in my entire life.” - Chuck Gardea, US

Air Force 1989 – 2015, Firefighter/Paramedic 1998 - 2015

“I didn’t even know this kind of happiness was possible.” - Sherri Waters, US Army

“You can change your life around. And there is light at the end of the tunnel, I am proof.” -Antonio Zavala, French Foreign Legion 1985 - 1990 / US Army 1992 - 2006

Dr. Shauna Springer, Ph.D., known as “Doc Springer” in the military community, is one of the nation's leading experts on trauma, military transition, and close relationships. She has become a trusted Doc to

countless warfighters across the country and has gained the respect of warriors of all ranks. Her unique role has given her a deep understanding of warrior culture, and the warfighter.

Dr. Springer is a proud advocate of the film.

“The feeling that Post-Traumatic Stress is a “life sentence” is killing warriors – and people across America. Many have given up, but they need to know that there is life beyond trauma – not just survival, but a good life – a connected, emotionally fulfilling life. Wounded Heroes presents this life changing story of hope,” said Dr. Springer.

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