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# Spreading Faith and Hope



Maysen Rollo (L) of Riverton, Utah and Glory Ellison of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho saw dramatic changes in their full-time missionary service due to COVID-19. Photo by Maysen Rollo

By Cindy Scott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - As 2020 came to a close, so did the service of two young missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Glory Ellison left her hometown of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in July 2019 to serve a full-time mission in northern California for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her final companion on her mission, Maysen Rollo, from Riverton, Utah, began her missionary service in the Japan Tokyo North Mission in late summer 2019. But by February 2020, both sisters encountered dramatic changes to their mission experience.

Rollo, recalls that in January 2020, while teaching an English class, a Japanese student asked her, "Did

you hear about the virus?" Students fearfully discussed how a virus was spreading throughout Asia and had found its way to Japan. By late February, missionaries in Japan were in quarantine. Rollo remembers that most of the missionary work stopped, "There was panic. People wouldn't talk to us."

Shortly thereafter, church headquarters announced that all non-native missionaries around the world would fly home immediately. The missionary exodus would begin later that week. Rollo says, "I remember the morning we were going home. I had written on the whiteboard at the church, 'We will never stop seeing miracles.' I knew, no matter what happened, there were still good things to come."

Back in the states, Ellison and other missionaries waited for more information. In mid-March, Russell M. Nelson, church president, suspended all church gatherings and on March 19th, the president of the Roseville California Mission required all full-time missionaries to quarantine. Ellison says, "It was kind of an odd time. Nobody knew what was going on." She shares that by March 22nd, missionaries began receiving phone calls that they needed to pack – they would conclude their mission and return home the following day. Ellison and her companions wondered, "Am I going to get a phone call?"

Ben and Heather Payne remember those months. The Paynes own and

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## Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture Names Grant Winners

By David Read,  
Yuba Sutter Arts

**MARYSVILLE, CA. (MPG)** - Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is pleased to announce the recipients of its CARES regranting program. Support was provided by the California Arts Council which received funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) program to be distributed through its network of local county-based arts organizations. The grants were designated for Yuba and Sutter county-based arts and culture organizations serving socially vulnerable populations including communities of color. As the designated arts agency for both Yuba and Sutter counties, Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture was chosen to receive funding totaling \$31,000 for regranting.

The purpose of the grant program is to support under-resourced small arts and culture groups. The relief program is to help alleviate some of the extreme pressures being felt by local organizations which may not have access to the emergency support they need. This is also a means to recognize and acknowledge arts and culture workers in our area who serve our communities of color including Native American, African American, Latinx, Asian American and others. Recipients of these CARES grant funds include:

**Dance.Fit.Life.** - Director Francisco Serrano will use the funding to continue teaching Latin dance classes as well as Mexican Folklorico and East Indian Bhangra dance lessons.

**Rise Up: Youth Program for the Performing Arts** - President Julian Barkley-Brinson will continue providing affordable classes in dance, music and acting for young people throughout Yuba-Sutter, virtual for now, and in-person when it is safe to do so.

**Cedar Grove Mental Health Rehabilitation Center** - The facility will use the funds to enhance their art therapy programs with the purchase of additional art supplies, digital arts equipment and to create murals at their new Yuba City location.

**The Village Yuba Sutter** - Although a relatively new organization, this team will make an impact by offering arts and culture workshops, classes, events and other programs to enhance the quality of life for black, indigenous, people of color (BIPOC) of all ages and for all of Yuba-Sutter.

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# Children's Hope Communities Fulfill Christmas Wishes to Local Foster Children

CHFFA Press Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Children's Hope Foster Family Agency's annual Christmas party supporting local foster children and foster families was a little different than in previous years due to COVID-19, but that did not stop local community members, businesses, and organizations from bringing Christmas cheer to the lives of local foster children. On Thursday, December 17, 2020, Children's Hope held a drive-thru Christmas celebration in downtown Gridley allowing foster families to drive through and pick up toys, stuffed animals provided by PetSmart, stocking stuffers, bikes, and for an opportunity to take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Clause (Ron and Pat Scheyer).

Each year social workers who regularly visit the



Children's Hope Foster Family Agency collected hundreds of toys from local services groups, businesses and more for foster children this holiday season. Children were invited to come meet Mr. & Mrs. Clause and their helper elves from CHFFA in downtown Gridley for a picture and to pick up their presents! Photo provided by CHFFA

foster homes are asked to sit down and complete wish lists for each foster child. This usually happens the first week of November to

provide enough time to fulfill the wish lists and get the gifts back to the foster families before Christmas day. These amazing gifts of the

heart from various communities helped Children's Hope fill over 500 wishes.

This year Children's

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Got the year-end report from the Orchard Hospital. For those of you still upset about the removal of “Biggs” (and Gridley for that matter) out of the nomenclature of the hospital be thankful you do not live in Redding where their Hospital is named Vibra Hospital. Someone slipped me the well designed and very informative end of the year report. Here is the bottom line - the amount received or expected to be received from third-party

payers (insurers) and patients for hospital services includes the payments received for routine nursing care, emergency services, surgery services, lab tests, etc. this year - \$62,409,442. (more or less \$62 million). You may ask what skillful soul runs this \$62 million dollar enterprise in the heart of downtown Live Oak/Gridley/Biggs? Steve L. Stark, the Orchard Hospital CEO. Unaware of how good Butte College was when he was initiating his education he chose a couple of other schools - The University of Drury in Missouri (affiliated with The Christian Church-Disciples of Christ) and Bellevue University in Nebraska. He is a hospital operator of the highest order. Other notable parts of the report indicate that Dale Leishman is in charge of the Foundation (fundraising) and the more serious business of governing the

hospital falls on longtime Clergyman Lawyer John T. Harris who serves as the Chairman of the Board. Many many good people are serving in the organizations that support the hospital. The Hospital is not a government agency, it is a Public Benefit Non-Profit Corporation. Don't let the big dollar numbers fool you, the hospital does not make money. It is always on the verge of losing money. The hospital is a vital part of our economy locally and if it ever closed it would be the beginning of the end of our community. So looking over the year-end report we should all be grateful for the people who keep the hospital thriving in our community. Thank you Orchard Health Care people.

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

# Spreading Faith and Hope during Covid

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manage Children's Hope Foster Family Agency, headquartered in Gridley while they also serve as mission leaders. That Sunday, they helped make nearly 50 phone calls to missionaries who would be concluding their mission due to COVID. “Most of them took it well, but a few had a difficult time with it,” Ben said. The missionaries were given their flight information and then called their families to let them know they would be home the next day. Heather added, “They had 12 hours to pack. About 20 of them had an early flight the next morning.”

Ellison recounts the sadness and shock felt by all as fellow missionaries packed for their premature returns home. But at the same time, Ellison felt the possibility of new opportunities. She said, “I understood that this wasn't a random thing happening. It was sad, but it felt like something really big was going to happen.”

Before the pandemic, the Church had 68,000 full-time missionaries in service. During the first few months of the pandemic, 42,000 missionaries were relocated, either returning home or traveling to new assignments. In the California Roseville Mission, which covers the interior of the state from Roseville to Redding, there were about 160 missionaries serving before COVID. Between March and May, over half of them were released from service. Once missionaries were back in their

native countries, they were given three options: to return to service as soon as conditions allowed, to wait 12-18 months to return to service, or to conclude their service.

Rollo debated whether to return to the mission field, but felt strongly she wasn't done yet. She was reassigned to the Roseville Mission where she would eventually be partnered with Ellison.

The two ladies have seen miracles during COVID. Ellison said, “I have seen more people coming closer to Jesus Christ and being willing to listen to our message than before COVID. I saw how teaching through technology was so much more convenient for people. They had home-centered worship experiences. It was a one-on-one intimate time for them to see the gospel was just for them.”

Ellison and Rollo finished their service and flew home mid-December. Ellison said that, contrary to what some may think, she is grateful she served a full-time mission during COVID. Rollo shared that, “Especially during COVID, it was easy to feel like we were getting lost in the storm, unnoticed. But I know my Heavenly Father noticed me when I needed help—he reached out to me, and I felt his love. If God noticed me, he notices all his children and wants them all to return to him.”

When asked what they wanted others to know about their COVID mission experience, Rollo said, “God's plan isn't just better than mine, it's perfect. God doesn't have a Plan B.” ★

# Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture Names Grant Winners

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**Alliance for Hispanic Advancement (AHA)** - Many AHA programs serve the Latino youth of the community. The grant funding will be used to begin a Mariachi music education program for high school students in collaboration with Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture. Funding will help with the cost of instrument rentals and semi-private weekly lessons.



“Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is following the lead of the California

Arts Council to ensure that all of our policies reflect democratic principles of equity and justice,” said David Read, YSAC Executive Director. “The whole point of this regranting program is to help eliminate discrimination and barriers to access in our local arts and culture ecosystem, and to mitigate adverse effects on communities of color,” he added. ★

# Education Vice Chair Responds to Newsom's “California Safe Schools for All Plan”

By Joshua Hoover, Office of Assemblyman Kevin Kiley

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Assembly Education Committee Vice Chair Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) released the following statement in response to Governor Gavin Newsom's announcement of the “California Safe Schools for All Plan”:

“Today Governor Newsom acknowledged something we have known for months: that schools are not contributing to community spread of COVID-19. “Yet his ‘Safe Schools for All’ plan falls woefully

short of what health experts advise and what our students need. It does not ensure elementary schools will open anytime soon. It adds new barriers and costs for school districts without sufficient details on testing feasibility. It proposes new penalties that will quickly become a weapon in the hands of school closure interests. And it fails to include any mention of getting our middle and high school students back to the classroom.

“At best, the Governor's plan slightly moves the needle in the right direction on reopening schools. At worst, it creates more complexity at a time when families,

teachers, and school districts need more clarity. Ultimately, it's another example of the failed leadership that has defined this Governor's tenure: aimed at getting a big headline while doing next to nothing and keeping special interests happy.”

Assemblyman Kevin Kiley represents the 6th Assembly District, which includes the Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado County communities of Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Granite Bay, Lincoln, Loomis, Orangetown, Penryn, Rocklin, Roseville, and Sheridan. ★

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## MEMORIAL NOTICE

### Betty Blanche Taylor

February 13, 1930 to January 1, 2021

Betty Blanche Taylor, 90 years, peacefully passed away on January 1st, 2021 at Sutter General Hospital in Sacramento. She was born February 13th, 1930 in Biggs, CA to her parents, William “Smokey” and Doris Sharpe.

She attended Biggs High School, Yuba College, and Chico State. On May 28th, 1949 she married her devoted husband Thomas J. Taylor. They were married 71 years. On December 14th, 1950 they welcomed their daughter Dianna Lee Taylor who gave Betty and Tom three grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

During WWII, Betty worked at Libby's Cannery in Gridley, Ca. She then went on to work at Bank of America in Yuba City, Live Oak, and Gridley; retiring after 35 years.

Betty was a part of many social groups. She was in Birthday Club, the Garden Club, and provided 21 years of service as a Pink Lady for Gridley Hospital. She and Tom loved to play



cribbage with a highball or two, travel, spend time with family, and tinker around the garden. She was witty, classy, and the best dressed grandma around; always keeping up with current fashion and beauty trends until her final days. Everyone who knew her loved to spend time with her; especially her husband Tom.

Betty is survived by her loving husband Tom Taylor; her daughter and son-in-law Dianna and Patrick Gordon, and her grandchildren: Wendy Higgins, P.J. Gordon, Katie O'Donnell, their spouses, and 5 great grandchildren.

Betty will be missed forever.

A graveside service will be held on Friday January 8th, 2021 at 2:00pm at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date this Spring once COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted and a larger gathering is allowed. Arrangements are entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel 530-846-2138.

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# New County Supervisors Sworn in

By Seti Long

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On Monday, January 4th, Butte County officially swore in and seated three newly elected Supervisors to the Butte County Board of Supervisors.

In the virtual ceremony, each District's Supervisor was highlighted by Andy Pickett, acting in the Clerk of the board capacity, with a brief background and history of the candidate, followed by the official oath of office.

First up was District 1 Supervisor, Bill Connelly, followed by District 5 Supervisor, Doug Teeter, and our own, District 4 Supervisor-elect, Tod Kimmelshue.

Kimmelshue was elected to represent District 4 as Supervisor in March of 2020 and is finally taking his seat at the table. He says, "I am very much looking forward to fulfilling the commitment that I made to the voters in my district: Camp Fire recovery; growing our ag

industry; preserving our water; prioritizing public safety; and training a workforce. He continues, "I want to thank my family for supporting me both during my run for office and now as I embark on this new journey as a County Supervisor. Effective public service requires great sacrifices and I am blessed to have a loving support network that will help ensure my success in this role. Again, thank you for putting your faith in me to serve!" ★

# Children's Hope Communities Fulfill Christmas Wishes to Local Foster Children

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Hope had an abundant amount of community support from Gridley to Roseville fulfilling wishes. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain (Wheatland) and their many teams filled approximately 200 wishes! Janyo Frozen Yogurt (Yuba City) had 100 tags on their tree that were gone in 2 days! Creative Kids (Yuba City), Headlines Salon & Spa (Yuba City), PG&E (Marysville), Bank of the West (Gridley), Orchard Hospital (Gridley), Golden Pacific Bank (Live Oak), Sierra Central Credit Union (Yuba City), Adept Solutions (Yuba City) and Ticket to Dream Foundation (Roseville), all helped fulfill wishes for our foster children.

Biggs Elementary School 4-H donated approximately 40 boxes full of toys and school supplies for foster youth. Sycamore Middle School's A.V.I.D. classes collected toys and made festive stocking stuffer bags for the foster children. Dollar General (Gridley) had a toy collection box where customers could purchase a toy to be donated to a foster child. Countless individuals throughout the communities contributed to making it a successful Christmas season for our foster children and their foster families.

A sweet and endearing story this year came from an 8-year-old boy named Emilio from Rocklin. With the help from his parents Emilio was able to raise

close to \$700. Emilio's parents wanted to teach him about being compassionate and giving back. With the \$700 Emilio and his parents purchased toys and shoes for a family they adopted. Emilio also filled some wishlist wishes in support of Children's Hope.

The outpouring of selfless generosity was very heartwarming. With the community coming together we were able to fulfill 24 bike wishes with the help of Yuba Sutter Indo American Association and NorCal Law.

With so much generosity from the community, we had to take Santa's Workshop to a separate location to sort all the toys. Children's Hope would like to thank the owners of the old Bank of America building in downtown Gridley, Riz and Sam Khan, for allowing us to utilize the space to help fulfill our Christmas mission.

Children's Hope would also like to thank every individual that donated, every business that hosted a Giving Hope Tree, and every organization that stepped forward and made sure that this Christmas season was just a little bit more magical in making wishes come true. Without your kind hearts and generosity, our mission of spreading love during the holidays would not have been made possible. Thank you for joining us in making a difference one child at a time and helping us celebrate "20 YEARS of HOPE"! [www.children-shopeffa.org](http://www.children-shopeffa.org) ★

# Republicans Urge Newsom to Help Thousands of Foster Children Get into Their "Forever Home"

By Jacqui Nguyen, California Senate Republicans

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield) and members of the California Senate Republican Caucus delivered a letter to Governor Newsom strongly urging him to allow thousands of foster children who are ready for adoption to move forward through the court system. Pre-COVID,

there were approximately 7,200 foster children awaiting placement and about one-third of them just need a judge's approval to go to their forever home. COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions have halted this process. Click here to read the full letter.

"During this holiday season, there is no greater gift we can give to these foster children than a forever home and family," said Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove. "It appears

that there is no end in sight for some of these guidelines and foster children deserve to be given a safe home immediately.

"Senate Republicans strongly urge the governor to take necessary long and short-term steps to ensure that there are no more delays to the adoption process. With modifications, having a home will become more than just a Christmas wish, it will become a reality for many of California's foster children." ★

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# LOHS Athletics Go Digital

By Seti Long

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - In the era of COVID-19, when technology has enabled educational instruction to continue virtually, Live Oak High School has pounced on the opportunity of its athletics program to rise to a new digital height.

2020 saw rampant cancellations of athletic programs and caused the California Interscholastic Federations to postpone the start of Fall season sports until Spring of '21. With sporting seasons tentatively kicking off, Live Oak has invested in a pair of cameras intended to broadcast live outdoor and indoor sporting events for those social distancing. The Pixellot cameras feature multiple lenses to capture the action on the court while also keeping an eye on the scoreboard for viewers.

Live Oak High School's athletic director, Mike Owen, says that previously, the

idea of livestreaming sports was not financially possible for the school when he first considered the idea in 2019. Since then, the school has had some good luck. "They lowered their price," says Owen. Pixellot camera's current retail value sits at about \$5,000 each.

LOHS is already actively streaming. On Tuesday, January 5th, the first games of LOHS 2021 Volleyball season was broadcasted on [nfhsnetwork.com](http://nfhsnetwork.com). A visit to the website will allow viewers to search sports broadcasts by genres including "upcoming", events by sport and more. Fans can sync the game schedule to their calendars, so they won't miss any football, volleyball, wrestling and field hockey games that LOHS plans to stream. There is also the ability to view past games.

To set up your account and watch the pack attack the court in upcoming sporting events, please visit [nfhsnetwork.com](http://nfhsnetwork.com). ★



## Forecast Warns of Continuing Drought

After a dry autumn and early winter, the odds of California receiving average precipitation this water year stand between 10% and 30%. That's the estimate from climate experts, who said Tuesday that storms forecast for early to mid-January could bring some improvement to Northern California. Farmers say they're making contingency plans for tight water supplies while hoping additional storms will boost the Sierra snowpack and reservoir storage.

## Lawsuit Raises Questions About Workplace Rules

A judge in Los Angeles County will consider whether emergency workplace rules imposed by a state board should remain in place. A coalition of farm organizations filed suit against the emergency standards last week, saying the standards complicate their efforts to maintain safety during the pandemic. The farm groups say they are "highly motivated to maintain a safe and healthy workforce" but that the standards will be unrealistic for rural employers.

## Citrus Growers Maintain Measures Against Pest, Disease

Additional detections of the Asian citrus psyllid mean California farmers must remain vigilant, according to the chair of a pest-prevention effort. The insect can carry a fatal citrus disease known as HLB. California farmers have succeeded so far in keeping HLB out of commercial groves. A psyllid infected with the HLB bacterium, found recently at a Fallbrook residence, was the first to be detected in San Diego County.

## Americans Ate More Fresh Vegetables Last Year

Calling their findings "surprising," analysts say they estimate overall U.S. consumption of fresh vegetables increased slightly during 2020. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says the pandemic has taken a toll on vegetable demand from restaurants and other institutional customers, but sales at grocery stores and farmers markets have risen. The report says the U.S. imported more fresh vegetables last year, as domestic production declined. ★

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# Cheaters and Fraudsters

*Can State of California protect the vaccine from people jumping the line?*

By Ana B. Ibarra, CalMatters.org

What seemed like a Herculean task just months ago is now here: the COVID-19 vaccine.

For the next several weeks, vaccines will be available in limited amounts in California and across the nation – and only to high-risk individuals, with supply expected to ramp up in the months to come. Experts estimate vaccines will be available to the general public sometime in the spring.

Until then, step in line.

But the pandemic already has showcased deep inequalities, scams, greed, fraud and a system that favors the rich and famous. Will it be the same with the COVID-19 vaccine?

“We will be very aggressive in making sure that those with means, those with influence are not crowding out those that are most deserving of the vaccines,” Gov. Gavin Newsom said in a recent press briefing.

The state, he said, will be monitoring distribution very closely.

There is cause for concern, however. Early in the pandemic, when testing was in short supply and unavailable to most, the affluent were getting their hands on tests through membership-based medical concierge services, Reuters reported in March.

Even before Pfizer’s vaccine was authorized for use in the U.S., celebrities joked about having already received their shot, a nod to Hollywood’s privilege that allowed celebrities like Heidi Klum and Kris Jenner to get tested early in the pandemic. Meanwhile the National Hockey League had reportedly begun planning the private purchase of doses soon after Canada OK’d the Pfizer vaccine.

Acknowledging a system that is not always fair, Newsom and other California leaders have promised equity in distributing what’s available.

On Monday, from Kaiser Permanente’s Los Angeles Medical Center where selected health workers got some of the first vaccines in California, Newsom said he is confident



The plan is to first offer vaccines to health workers and nursing home residents, then to other essential workers and individuals at high risk of becoming ill. Photo courtesy CDC

in the vaccine’s efficacy and safety – but would not cut in front of those who are “more deserving.”

“I look forward to taking this vaccine...but I’m not going to get in the way of any of the critical workers,” he said.

The plan is to first offer vaccines to health workers and nursing home residents, then to other essential workers and individuals at high risk of becoming ill. Newsom created a panel of experts to draft those plans and then a separate advisory group to offer input on who should go next and why. Those Californians who will follow health workers and nursing home residents have not yet been decided.

In an email, the California Department of Public Health said that to aid transparency, it will report data on the vaccine’s administration on a public dashboard that will be updated regularly.

“We will release as much data as possible while remaining fully in compliance with federal and state patient privacy laws,” a department spokesperson said.

Dr. Trudy Larson, dean of the School of Community Health Sciences at the

University of Nevada, Reno, thinks the close monitoring will help guard against any significant fraud, especially in the first months. Every dose will have to be accounted for, she said.

States, for example, will be collecting information from people who get the vaccine. That data will be inputted into a state immunization registry.

“My sense is that this may be one way for them to be able to say ‘Good, we’re reaching the folks we’re supposed to get in Tier 1, now we can move to Tier 2,’ but it also might be a disincentive for people trying to get to the front of the line,” Larson said.

California’s public health department said that it will not share names, addresses or any identifiable information with the federal government. California’s immunization program does not collect social security numbers.

However, once distribution moves beyond the first phase and doses start to be sent directly to doctors and local pharmacies, the potential will mount for people to try to pull strings to get the valuable shots, experts said.

There will always be someone who tries to cheat the system – “It’s

impossible for that not to happen,” said Dr. Belas Matyas, Solano County’s health officer. The question, he said, is whether it will happen enough to truly disrupt distribution. He hopes not.

But abusing the system isn’t just about people buying their way to the front of the line. There also is the possibility of vaccine theft and counterfeit shots. In 2004, during a flu vaccine shortage, federal officials seized thousands of doses imported illegally and headed to the black market. In 2009, during the swine flu pandemic, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a number of “distribution and marketing irregularities” involving the H1N1 vaccine.

Earlier this month, the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) issued an “orange notice” globally, warning countries that COVID-19 vaccines will likely be a prime target of organized crime, both online and in-person. It warned of theft and the possibility of people advertising, selling and administering fake vaccines.

Experts said the public should remember that vaccines will be free of charge, and should beware of anyone offering an early dose for payment. Also, ads promoting therapies, supplements and other products as COVID-19 cures are most likely scams. As of last month, the Federal Trade Commission had sent 330 warning letters to companies that made unsupported claims that their products helped against the virus.

The California Attorney General’s office deferred questions about potential fraud related to vaccines to the governor’s office. The state’s medical board, which oversees disciplinary action for physicians, said it will be reviewing complaints it receives regarding the inappropriate administration of vaccines, as it does with any other complaint.

Ana is a Sacramento-based health reporter. She joined CalMatters in 2020 after four years at Kaiser Health News, where she covered California health care and policy.



## Crime Reports



### Gridley- Biggs Police Report

December 27<sup>th</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup>

**12-27-20:** At 10:53 am on E. Gridley Rd., Gridley CA, Souriya Danny Vongchanh, 46, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**12-27-20:** At 7:51 pm on the 400 block Paradox Dr., Gridley CA, Elieser Jacobo Dolores, 42, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**12-27-20:** At 7:51 pm at SR-99 and Obermeyer Ave., Gridley CA, Efrain Ledesma Alvarez, 43, was arrested for dui (23152 (a) VC), having a blood alcohol level of .08 % or higher (23152 (b) VC), driving without a license (12500 (a) vc) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**12-28-20:** At 7:24 pm on the 1300 block of SR-99, Gridley CA, Vance Michael Martin Jr., 47, was arrested on a local misdemeanor bench warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

**12-29-20:** At 1:48 pm on Hazel and Haskell Streets, Gridley CA, Kajuan Lee Coray Washington, 24, was cited on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant.

**12-29-20:** At 9:10 pm on the 1400 block of SR-99, Joshua Tyler Filipponi, 25, was cited on four separate outside agency misdemeanor warrants.

**1-1-21:** At 9:19 am on the 200 block of Haskell St., Gridley CA, Gerardo Patino Montes, 35, was cited on two outside agency misdemeanor warrants and one local misdemeanor bench warrant.

**1-1-21:** At 8:16 pm on the 1500 block of SR-99, Casey Lee Armstrong, 46, was arrested on a local misdemeanor bench warrant, for possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**1-1-21:** At 8:35 pm on the 1500 block of SR-99, Glenda Louise Kennedy, 53, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

get more info at [www.crimegraphics.com](http://www.crimegraphics.com)

## IMPORTANT

### SOCCER ANNOUNCEMENT

I am so sad to inform the public that in accordance with State and Local health mandates, we will not be having a Fall Soccer Season. My heart is broken for our youth and families who love this sport. As Gridley Recreation, our first concern is your health and safety.

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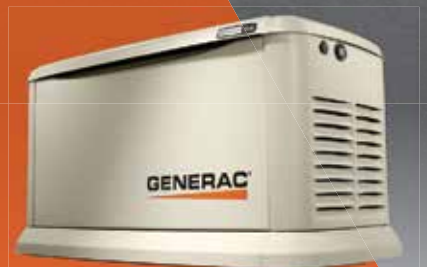
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# BCSO Makes Burglary Arrests in Oroville Residential Area

**Butte County Sheriff's Office**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On December 13, 2020, Butte County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a residential burglary in the area of La Mirada Avenue and Orchard Hill Drive, Oroville. The homeowner left the residence for approximately three hours during the early afternoon hours and returned to find the residence in disarray. Upon further inspection, the homeowner noticed her truck, which was parked in her driveway, missing. The homeowner suffered a total loss of several thousands of dollars.

BCSO deputies placed a BOLO for the homeowner's stolen truck which included a photograph of the truck to allied law enforcement agencies. On December 14, 2020, the truck was located abandoned in the south Oroville area.

On December 16, 2020, a breakthrough in the case was made which led to a search warrant in the 900 block of Plumas Ave in Oroville. Upon service of the warrant, deputies located Tiffany Paul, age 29 of Oroville, living at the residence. Tiffany was found in possession of multiple items of property taken during the burglary on December 13, as well as items taken during a residential burglary that occurred in September, 2020 in the Thermalito area of Butte County. Deputies also located a motorcycle that was reported stolen from Chico, CA.

It was learned that Tiffany was out of

custody from a previous Butte County Superior Court case for possession of a stolen vehicle among other various charges. Tiffany was arrested and booked into the Butte County Jail for possession of stolen property over \$950, possession of a stolen vehicle, and committing a felony while released on her own recognizance. Tiffany's bail was set at \$65,000.

During the service of the search warrant, deputies also located Clara Dickinson, age 24 of Oroville. Clara had felony warrants for her arrest and she was booked into the Butte County Jail for possession of stolen property over \$950, possession of a stolen vehicle, and providing false identification to a Peace Officer. Clara's bail was set at \$30,000.

Deputies are currently looking for Jason L. Powell, age 40 of Oroville. Jason has felony warrants for his arrest. The Butte County Sheriff's Office is asking the public to call into the non-emergency phone line, 530-538-7322, if they have information regarding the whereabouts of Jason or information about the residential burglary, case #20-7627.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Mt. Ida Neighborhood Watch for their assistance with this case. Because of their vigilant members, deputies were able to obtain a substantial amount of investigative leads that allowed them to recover numerous pieces of stolen property. ★

# Texas Mission Completed for Live Oak Young Man



Adon Eccles served as a full-missionary in the Houston, Texas area, working with local food banks and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Photo provided by the Eccles family

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Adon Eccles returned from his two-year, full-time missionary service to the Texas Houston South Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was active in community service in the Houston area, serving with the Interfaith Caring Ministries food pantry and the Houston Food Bank food truck. He also joined a missionary choir to sing The Star-Spangled Banner at a Houston Astros baseball game. Eccles remarked, "There is a fix-all for every problem you will ever face in life. It is the Savior. Learn about Him, live like Him, and love Him. You will not regret it."

Eccles will speak in a virtual church meeting on Sunday, January 10 at 9:00 am. To attend, please contact the Eccles family for the link. Eccles plans on attending BYU-Hawaii to study business marketing. His parents are Tyler and Amanda Eccles. ★

# Man Arrested for Criminal Threats and Participating in a Criminal Street Gang

**Butte County Sheriff's Office**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On the evening of December 28, 2020 deputies and detectives were contacted by multiple victims who reported Nelson Thao, age 24, of Oroville had made criminal threats toward the victims' family members. Detectives spoke with the victims and reviewed evidence related to the threats. After reviewing the evidence, deputies and members of the Oroville Police Department took immediate action to ensure the victims' family members were safe. Detectives also obtained an arrest warrant for Thao.

On the afternoon of December 29, detectives

located Thao in the Oroville area and placed him under arrest. During the investigation, detectives determined Thao had been residing at a residence located in the 300 block of Canyon Highlands Drive, Oroville. After Thao was arrested, detectives obtained a search warrant for the aforementioned residence. On the afternoon of December 29, detectives, Designated Area Deputies, and members of the Oroville Police Department served the search warrant.

During the service of the search warrant detectives located a stolen handgun and ammunition. During the subsequent investigation, detectives located

additional evidence that Thao threatened to use gang violence against the victims and their family members.

On December 29, Thao was booked into the Butte County Jail for felony counts of criminal threats, being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and ammunition, possession of stolen property, and for participating in a criminal street gang. Thao is scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on January 4 at 3 PM. Thao's bail was set at \$750,000.

The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact detectives at 530-538-7671. ★

# Farm Bureau Supports Voices of Indian Farmers

**California Farm Bureau Press Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson has released the following statement in support of Indian farmers:

"We understand the deep concern and distress from thousands of farmers in the states of Punjab and Haryana to peacefully protest recent agriculture reforms in New Delhi. The agriculture economy in India is a main source of livelihood for over 55% of India's population and accounts for approximately 15% of their gross domestic product. As such a critical part of India's economy and culture, these voices need

to be heard just as we expect our voices would be heard here.

"California Farm Bureau represents a diverse set of all farmers in our state, including Sikh farmers, and stands with you in your efforts to protect the livelihood and nourishment of the communities around you. We remain hopeful that Indian farmers will be heard by the Indian government and can find a productive path forward that benefits India's agriculture sector."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 32,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of nearly 5.6 million Farm Bureau members. ★

# CLG NEWS UPDATES

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**UK judge refuses US extradition of WikiLeaks founder Assange** | 04 Jan 2021 | A British judge on Monday rejected the United States' request to extradite WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to face espionage charges, saying he was likely to kill himself if held under harsh U.S. prison conditions. In a mixed ruling for Assange and his supporters, District Judge Vanessa Baraitser rejected defense arguments that the 49-year-old Australian faces a politically motivated American prosecution that rides roughshod over free-speech protections. But she said Assange's precarious mental health would likely deteriorate further under the conditions of "near total isolation" he would face in a U.S. prison. "I find that the mental condition of Mr. Assange is such that it would be oppressive to extradite him to the United States of America," the judge said.

**Facebook Shuts Down Page for GOP Senate Campaigns Just Before Georgia Runoffs** | 02 Jan 2021 | Facebook shut down a fundraising page for Sens. Kelly Loeffler (R-Ga.) and David Perdue (R-Ga.) just days before voters head to the polls to decide between the Republicans and their Democratic challengers. The National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) runs the Georgia Battleground Fund, a joint fundraising committee for the NRSC and the campaigns for Loeffler and Perdue. According to a screenshot from the committee, Facebook alerted them that the page for the fund was disabled "for policy violation." ...A Facebook spokesperson told news outlets that what happened was a mistake.

**Georgia Election Data Shows 17,650 Votes Switched From Trump to Biden - Data Scientists** | 02 Jan 2021 | Georgia election data indicates 17,650 votes were switched from President Donald Trump to Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, data scientists testified on Wednesday during a state Senate hearing. A team led by Lynda McLaughlin, along with data scientists Justin Mealey and Dave Lobue, presented the results before the Georgia Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Elections. Mealey worked as an electronic warfare technician in the U.S. Navy for nine and a half years and was a former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) contractor as a data analyst and programmer for the National Counterterrorism Center. He currently works for one of the "Big Four" accounting firms as a programmer. Lobue is a data scientist with over a decade of experience in a number of industries.

**Pennsylvania Republicans find 'alarming discrepancy' twice the margin of Biden's victory** | 29 Dec 2020 | Republican lawmakers in Pennsylvania say an "alarming discrepancy" in the presidential vote count is two times larger than the margin of President-elect Joe Biden's victory in the state. Their analysis, released on Monday by state Rep. Frank Ryan and more than a dozen colleagues, found different vote counts when comparing Election Day data from counties and the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors, or SURE, system used by Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar. They also raised suspicions about tens of thousands fewer votes in the presidential race than overall ballots. Boockvar, a Democrat, cast the analysis as yet another misinformation effort designed to cast doubt on the integrity of the election. Wanda Murren, a spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Department of State, told the *Washington Examiner* that the "so-called analysis was based on incomplete data." ★

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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The second Christmas is starting for gardeners, the seed catalogs have started coming in the mail. When I was a child, we would get a Sears Christmas catalog before Christmas. I was rarely taken into a store so the catalog was my window into the world of toys.

Now once again I'm rarely in stores for all new reasons. The seed catalogs

are full of wonder and imagination for gardeners whether they like to grow vegetables or flowers. There are all the old tried and true seeds and the most wonderful new developments in the catalogs. Those squash and beans that have been developed to resist rust. The flowers that are in all new color combinations, for example petunias that are in "splashed" colors of purple and pink with some green thrown in for the thrill of it all.

I dog ear the pages until the catalog is bulky with doubled parts of pages. The catalog loses its chic glossiness and becomes dirt smeared and dingy, loved into a mess. I make lists and then I look again and make new lists. Nothing

is more wonderful on a cold grey winter day than getting lost in the wonders of a seed catalog. I receive at least a dozen seed catalogs. Some are the Walmarts of seed catalogs and others are specialty catalogs with exotic plants from around the world. Then there are the organic and small home businesses, the catalogs are endless and they come in technicolor or hand drawn pictures depending on how big the company represented is. The smaller catalogs have to be ordered from quicker than the big ones. The small ones will run out of the newest seeds quickly while the big ones usually have seeds forever (the exception was 2020). Here's to happy catalog gazing in the new year. ★

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



This new year entered with a BANG as we face a surge in the pandemic. We faced great loss. We faced fear. We faced hurt and anger. We faced "mother nature" head on as we fight the pandemic. How many of us turned toward heaven for answers? How many ran in circles forgetting whence our strength cometh?

If you were the norm you did both. A lot of prayer was offered. A lot of tears ran from our frightened eyes. Our feelings ran from numbness to disbelief. At the top of the list should have been these words:

God has promised us strength for each day, rest from our labors, and light for our path. Just as out of the dark ground of winter comes the blossom, so out of the night and the trials of life, comes morning and a new light.

Someone once stated, "What a wonderful God we have – who comforts and strengthens us during our hardships and trials." Why? So that when others are troubled and in need of sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on the help and comfort God gave us.

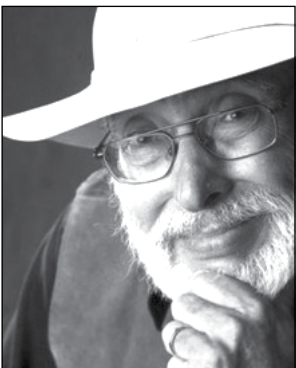
How many of us received a hug from a friend, the loan of a car from a neighbor, or place to stay from a complete stranger? "If you do this in My Name, unto the least of these, you have

done it unto Me." (Matthew 25:40) Did you meet Him on your journey through the pandemic? We did.

Britain's King George have a New Year's message to his people at the beginning of WWII. Let it be a message to us as well: "I said to the man at the gate of the year. 'Give me a light that I may go forth into the unknown.' The man replied, 'Put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light, safer than a known way.'"

Jesus is the light of the world, a light unto our path, and a guide for our journey. May your journey into the New Year be in the hands of God and lighted by the Christ Child of Bethlehem. Walk in peace. ★

# Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"What a great winter morning, guys," said Doc, seating himself at the philosophy counter and flipping his cup to the upright and fillable position. "Makes a guy glad to be alive."

We all nodded and sipped.

"Say Doc," said Herb, "how's old Chipper getting along these days?"

We all chuckled, because all the locals know Chipper was invented by Doc a few years back to be his very own imaginary squirrel.

## "Squirrel Permit?"

Yeah, Doc's like that.

Doc laughed, too. "Hibernation, boys," he said, "Sacked out 'til spring. You should all get hibernating pets. They're really easy to care for as long as they stay asleep."

"And he's all tucked in?" Steve wanted to know.

"Fluffy tail covering his face. The very picture of warm beds and happy dreams."

"That's good," said Dud.

The man in the uniform stood up from his place over in the booth and walked over to the counter. "Excuse me, sir, but are you Doc?"

Doc nodded.

"Doc that has the squirrel?"

"Well, yes," he said.

"I'm the new game warden here and I'd like to see your squirrel permit, please."

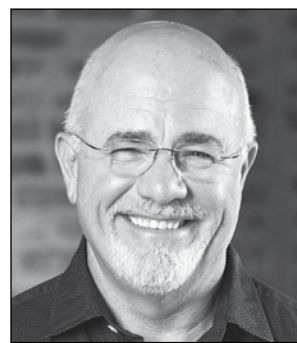
"Squirrel permit?"

"A civilian can't keep a wild animal without first obtaining a permit. Otherwise, it's a \$500 fine."

We sat in stunned silence, then Dud spoke up. "You boys haven't met my cousin Jimmy yet, have you? He's here for the weekend and I put him up to it."

We made Dud buy the coffee. We all chipped in for Jimmy's breakfast. Most cafes only serve food.

**Brought to you by "Packing the Backyard Horse" by Slim Randles. Available now from Amazon.com.** ★



## Don't Let Budgeting Myths Sabotage Your Finances

Dear Dave,

I made a resolution to start following your plan in 2021. I talked to my parents about this, and while they like some parts of your teaching, they don't think living on a budget is necessary if you make good money. They also said budgeting is extremely difficult. Are they right?

–Jensen

Dear Jensen,

For whatever reason, I'm afraid your parents are way off base on this one. A lot of people trash talk the idea of budgeting, and make up all kinds of excuses for not living on one. The truth is a written, monthly budget is essential when it comes to beating debt and winning with money – period. It's the map you need to get where you want to go in your financial journey.

## Dave Ramsey Says

There are lots of myths, and just some bad information, out there where living on a budget is concerned. Making a budget isn't rocket science. If you can do basic math, you can create a budget. Your income minus your outgo needs to equal zero. That's it! You might spend a couple of hours tallying all your expenses when you first start, but the process soon becomes faster and easier. All it takes is a little practice.

If you think doing a budget is only for people who have trouble making ends meet, think again. My wife and I have lived by a written, monthly budget every single month for about 30 years. It doesn't matter whether you're a multi-millionaire, or if you have just \$100 to your name, knowing exactly how much money you have – and where it's going – is an essential part of managing your finances accurately and successfully.

Believe me, I hear dozens of other excuses, too. You'd be amazed at how many people don't make a budget every month because they think it's "boring." Others claim

they can do their budgets in their heads. I don't think so! For a budget to really work, it needs to be something you can track down to the last penny. And if you're married and saying you can do a monthly budget in your head, that means only one of you is involved in the decision making. That's a recipe for disaster in your finances and your relationship.

A budget represents your financial game plan for the upcoming month and years ahead. As Benjamin Franklin said, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."

–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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# SPARKY'S CORNER Christmas Trees

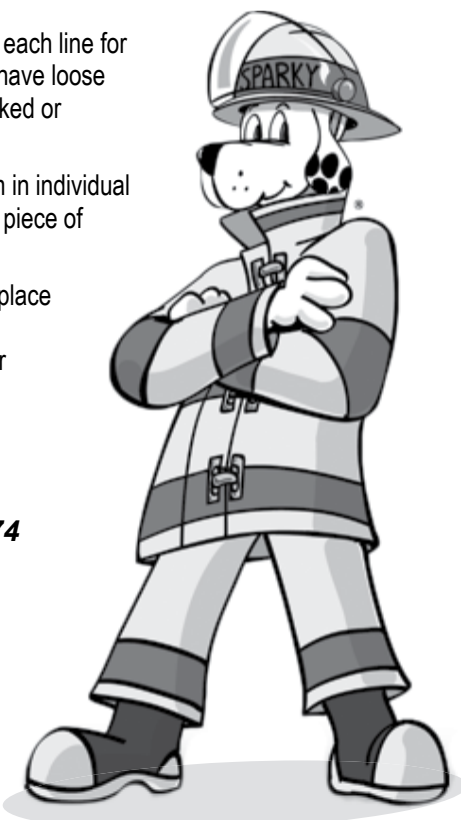
With the holiday now behind us, O Christmas tree, how saggy are your branches? The gifts have been removed from under the pine, the tree is swiftly losing its coat of green, and the needles are piling up on the floor, which means it's time to remove the tree from your home. Christmas trees are very flammable; dry out the longer they remain in the home, and can be consumed by fire in a matter of seconds.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) statistics indicate that nearly 40 percent of home fires that begin with Christmas trees occur in January. Although these fires are not common, they are much more likely to be serious when they do occur. On average, one of every 31 reported home structure Christmas tree fires resulted in a death. Compare that to an average of one death per 144 total reported home structure fires.

NFPA also offers tips on removing lighting and decorations from trees to ensure they are taken down safely this year and in the right condition for Christmas next year:

- Use the gripping area on the plug when unplugging electrical decorations. Never pull the cord to unplug any device from an electrical outlet, as this can harm the wire and insulation of the cord, increasing the risk for shock or electrical fire.
- As you pack up light strings, inspect each line for damage, throwing out any sets that have loose connections, broken sockets or cracked or bare wires.
- Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags, or wrap them around a piece of cardboard.
- Store electrical decorations in a dry place away from children and pets where they will not be damaged by water or dampness.

Thank You,  
**Sparky the Dog**  
**Gridley Fire Station 74**



## Dear Dietitian

### Happy New Year 2021!



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

*Dear Readers:*

As 2020 draws to a close, we are all looking forward to a better year. Many people will make New Year's resolutions. Top resolutions include spending more time with friends and family, saving money, and of course, eating healthier and losing weight.

It seems there is always a new fad diet that promises fast weight loss, and its reputation spreads like wild-fire. Many embrace the latest fad diet hoping to lose twenty pounds a month. However, chronic dieting is associated with long-term weight gain, so it may be better to focus on eating healthier instead of losing weight.

Eating healthier can become a habit, although it's easier said than done. Our bodies want good nutrition, and when we are well-nourished, we are less likely to reach for junk food. The following tips will help you make healthy eating a way of life.

1. Be specific about your goal. Instead of saying, "I want to eat healthier," set a goal to eat less sugar. Decide when you will begin your new habit and write it down. For example, Beginning January 2, 2021, I will reduce sugar in my diet by 50%.
2. Next, identify areas in your diet where you are consuming added sugars. Desserts, coffee drinks, and candy are obvious areas, but what about added sugar in yogurt, breakfast cereals, and snack foods? Other areas of sneaky sugar include energy bars, smoothies, and fruit juices.

3. Identify areas where sugar can be reduced or eliminated. Replace these foods with a healthy substitute. For example, replace pre-packaged oatmeal with the type that cooks in five minutes.
4. Read the nutrition facts label. Make sure added sugars are 10 grams per serving or less.
5. Choose an artificial sweetener if that is your preference.
6. Keep alternative food readily available. Put a fresh fruit bowl on the kitchen table where it is highly visible. Prepare vegetables and place them in containers to have them ready as an afternoon snack.
7. Make sure to eat a variety of foods in every food group. A well-nourishing diet prevents feelings of deprivation, the number-one defeater of healthy eating changes.
8. Choose a simple action that will remind you to do this activity every day. The connection will help cement the healthy behavior. For example, "When I take my afternoon break, I will eat a low-sugar yogurt."
9. Track your progress. It helps to see improvements in black and white.
10. The new habit will get easier with time. The timeframe for behavior change varies, but you will begin to see healthy patterns in about one month.
11. Reward yourself with non-food gifts. Get a massage; go to a movie; play golf; buy a new purse.
12. Finally, be patient. Rome wasn't built in a day.

*I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year! ~ Dear Dietitian*

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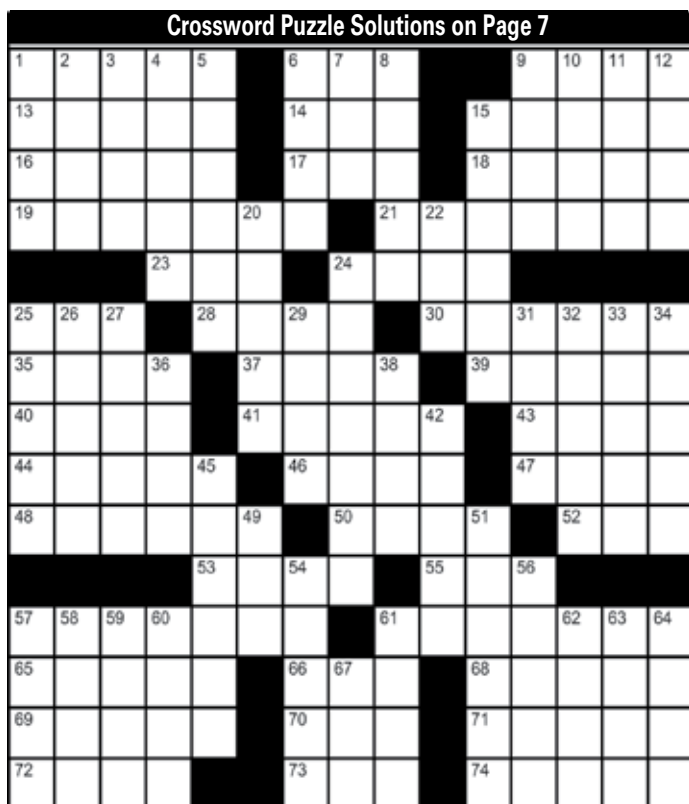
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  15. Ann Patchett's novel "Bel"
  16. Parallel grooves
  17. New Zealand's bygone bird
  18. Daisy-like bloom
  19. "En \_\_\_\_," cooked and served in individual pot
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  23. Like Second Testament
  24. Archipelago unit
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  28. "Days" in Havana
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  35. Russian mountain range
  37. Urban haze
  39. Spiral-horned African antelope
  40. Aggressive remark
  41. 10 percent to charity, e.g.
  43. Milk choice
  44. Burnt \_\_\_\_
  46. "Nobody \_\_\_\_ It Better"
  47. London art museum
  48. Evening party
  50. Boll weevil, e.g.
  52. Dianne Feinstein, abbr.
  53. Windmill blade
  55. "\_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
  57. \*It's battered and fried
  61. \*Cheese and potato dumplings
  65. Loudspeaker noise
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  68. Frank Wright's middle name
  69. Atones, archaic
  70. Days of \_\_\_\_
  71. Containing fat
  72. Cut the crop
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1. Catchall abbr.
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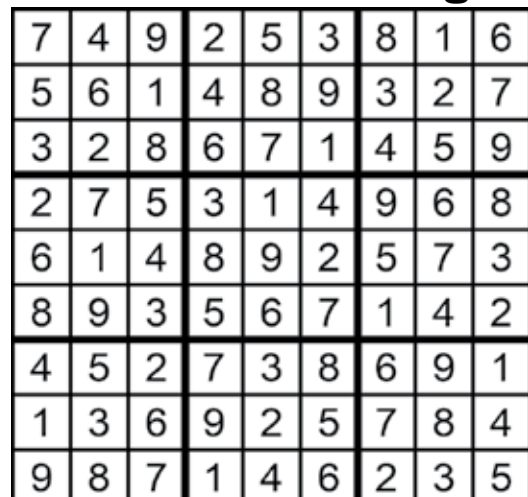
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**Jennifer Stapanoni, 2020 6th Street Oroville, CA 95965**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: November 24, 2020  
 The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME- STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2017-0000562

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: **STRIVE DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS**  
**1920 Bird Street Oroville, CA 95965**  
**Jennifer Stapanoni, 2020 6th Street Oroville, CA 95965 and Randall Edwards, 425 Nelson Avenue #1 Oroville, CA 95965**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: April 20, 2017  
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 This Business is Conducted by: Individual  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0001189

The following persons are doing business as: **MOM'S BUCHA**  
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**The Banana Bunch LLC, 2385 Montgomery Street Oroville, CA 95965**  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0001299

The following persons are doing business as: **MADD NATTERS DONUTS**  
**5913 Clark Road, Suite D, Paradise, CA 95969**  
**Allison Evans, 550 Hildebrand Road, Dairy, OR 97625**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: December 30, 2020  
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**Conditional Use Permit 1-21; S & S Construction;** Proposed single family home to be constructed on a 0.21-acre (9,147 sf) lot as a model home for The Village at Eagle Meadows. The unit will be developed on the model home site at 1611 Ban Drive. The property is zoned R-S/PD having a General Plan land use designation of Residential Very Low Density. (009-300-061)

**SUMMARY:**  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0001217

The following persons are doing business as: **YUM E FOODS**  
**1335 Meyers Street Oroville, CA 95966**  
**Nancy A Freund, 14A Mulberry Lane Oroville, CA 95965**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: December 8, 2020  
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 This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0001255

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**Daniela T Ferguson, 2 Glenview Court Chico, CA 95928, and Lindsay K. Poulin, 3564 Shadowtree Lane Chico, CA 95928**  
 Date Filed in Butte County: December 16, 2020  
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 This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership  
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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #20CV02410

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

**Present name**  
**Carlos Gustavo Ramirez Jr.**

**Proposed name**  
**Carlos Javier Nunez**

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 February 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. 2020-0001201

The following persons are doing business as: **BAMFORD**  
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**BAMFORD ENTERPRISES INC, BAMFORD TRANSPORT INC, J.W. BAMFORD INC**  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Ampla Health has applied for a HRSA-20-097 Program Grant from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Ampla Health proposes to expand the patient capacity at its Gridley Medical clinic.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed action within the floodplain as required by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order 11988 for Floodplain Management as the proposed action is within and/or affects a floodplain. Additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ampla Health, Attn: John Fleming, Director of Planning and Development, 935 Market Street, Yuba City, CA 95991

Written comments on the proposed action and potential impacts to floodplains must be submitted to the following address on or before January 22, 2021: Ampla Health, Attn: John Fleming, Director of Planning and Development, 935 Market Street, Yuba City, CA 95991

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## BUTTE COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MINOR USE PERMIT MUP20-0006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Zoning Administrator will hold a public hearing to consider an application for a Minor Use Permit (MUP20-0006) for Stott Outdoor Advertising on **January 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** Due to protocols established for COVID 19 community response, this hearing will be held via an online format. Members of the public who wish to participate are encouraged to register in advance of the hearing by emailing [PCCLerk@buttecounty.net](mailto:PCCLerk@buttecounty.net). Comments on the project may be emailed to the project Planner at [AForde@buttecounty.net](mailto:AForde@buttecounty.net). Use the following information to remotely view and participate in the Zoning Administrator meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

**Link:** [http://bcdds.net/ZA\\_13JAN21](http://bcdds.net/ZA_13JAN21)

**Event (Meeting) Number:** 126 077 2908

or

**Phone number:** United States Toll Free: 1-844-992-4726

**Event Password:** Zoning

### Project Information:

The applicant is requesting a Minor Use Permit to convert the existing 12' x 24' static faces of an off-site sign (35 feet in height) at APN 021-170-052 to an off-site digital display in two phases. The General Plan land use designation of the project site is Industrial, and the project site is zoned HI (Heavy Industrial). The existing off-site sign was approved by Building Permit (B18-2632) and Conditional Use Permit (CUP18-0003). No structural changes are proposed. The unaddressed project parcel is located west of Highway 99, 200 ft. south of W. Liberty Rd., and just south of the City of Gridley city limits. The reference documents for this project are on file for public review and comment. For information or to submit comments, please contact Assistant Planner Austin Forde, Butte County Department of Development Services, Planning Division at 916.849.9929 or [AForde@buttecounty.net](mailto:AForde@buttecounty.net).

Planning is recommending this project (MUP20-0006) to be found categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Comments regarding the Minor Use Permit may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to the public hearing. For information, please contact Assistant Planner Austin Forde, Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division at 916.849.9929 or [AForde@buttecounty.net](mailto:AForde@buttecounty.net). In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact us at 530.552.3662. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

BUTTE COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
 PAULA M. DANELUK, AICP, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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**Site Development Plan Review 1-21 (02-17);** AMG & Associates, LLC; Proposed development of approximately 1.98 acres for a 37 unit senior housing development consisting of a single 12,986 square foot structure with a 1,813 square foot shared community area, 44 parking spaces with a density of 18.68 du/ac, and landscaped open space. The General Plan land use designation Residential, High Density 2, and zoned High Density Residential (HDR R-4) located on the east side of Highway 99. (024-260-097)

### SUMMARY:

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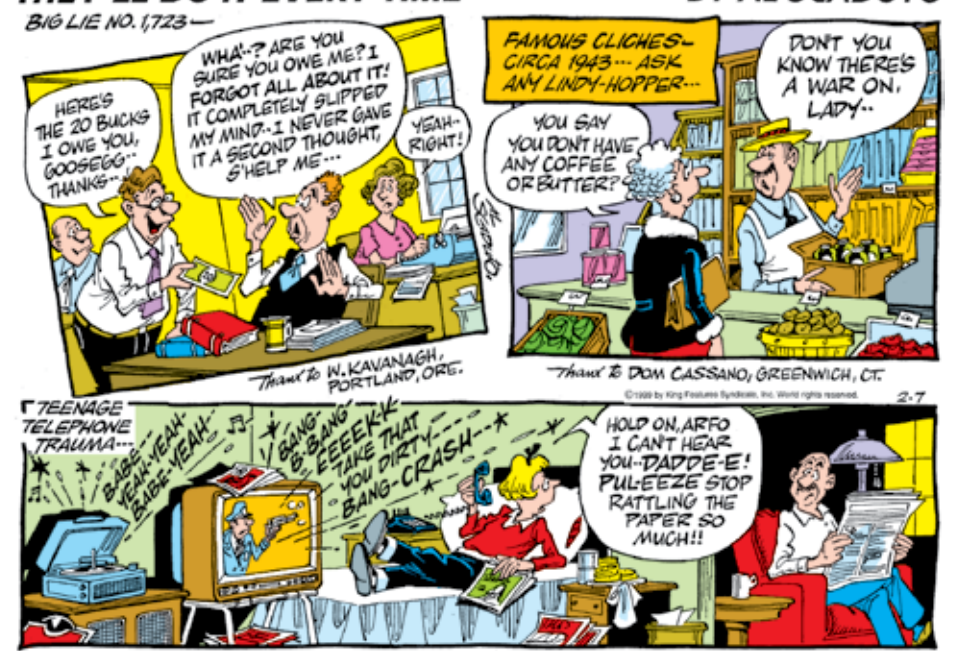
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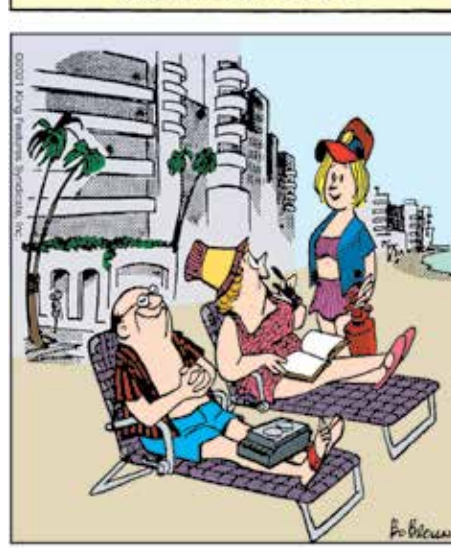
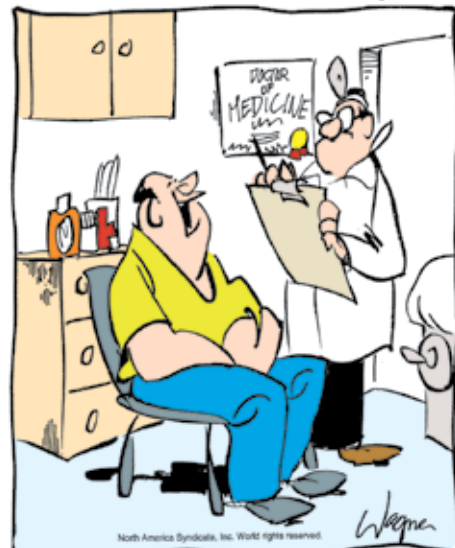
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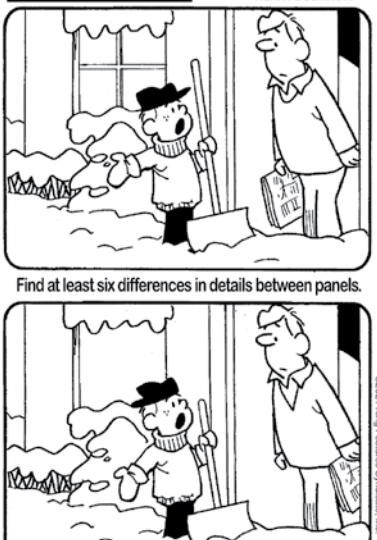
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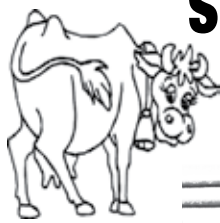
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## COVID19 May Have Permanent Economic Impacts



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters

When the state Employment Development Department released a new report on jobs this month, it had a tinge of optimism.

California's unemployment rate had dropped to 8.2% in November, exactly half of the record-high 16.4% recorded in the spring as the first wave of COVID-19 pummeled the state and Gov. Gavin Newsom shut down large segments of the economy.

Viewed narrowly, the report indicated a strong recovery of about half of the more than two million jobs that had been quickly erased by the early shutdown orders. But appearances were deceiving.

After seemingly retreating during the summer and early fall months, thus allowing many economic sectors to resume hiring, the stubborn disease exploded with a vengeance in late November and Newsom has once again clamped down on businesses deemed to be infection hot spots, such as restaurants.

Unemployment is also soaring again as affected employers shed workers, likely sending the jobless rate over 10% again.

"In isolation, California's November job performance is not terrible; in 2019, a 'normal'

year, it would have been by far the best preforming month," Taner Osman, research manager at Beacon Economics and the UC Riverside Center for Forecasting, said. "But because job losses since February measure at more than a million workers, and because of the continued surge of new COVID cases in the state, this is not a report that will bring much-needed cheer to California's workers."

The pandemic is straining health care providers to the breaking point.

"We are at or near capacity everywhere," Greg Adams, CEO of Kaiser Permanente said as he and other medical executives pleaded last week with Californians to avoid infection-spreading holiday gatherings. "As the bed count continues to dwindle we simply will not be able to keep up if the COVID-19 surge continues to increase."

The undulating nature of COVID-19 and the state's economic decrees bode ill as 2020 stumbles to a close and a new year beckons.

We obviously don't know how severe this current COVID-19 flareup will be or how long it will last. Although vaccines have been approved and are beginning to be administered it will take months – perhaps a year – for enough Californians to be vaccinated to put at least a semi-permanent lid on the disease.

We cannot know how long the current economic restrictions will be in place, but we do know that the longer they remain, affected businesses, especially small businesses, are less likely

to reopen. Their doors are closed and they have no revenue, but their rents and loan payments continue and many will not survive.

The pandemic has clearly widened California's socioeconomic fault lines. Those on the upper rungs of the economic ladder and their employers have fared relatively well because they have adjusted through working at home and other arrangements. But service businesses that depend on personal patronage, such as restaurants and hotels, and their relatively low-income employees don't have such options.

Between November 2019 and November 2020, the state lost a net of 1.4 million jobs and a third of those were in the "leisure and hospitality" sector, more than twice the losses in any other category. However, the "financial activities" sector that includes banks, insurance companies and stock brokerages was actually employing 4,300 more Californians in November than a year earlier.

The economic effects of COVID-19 will be severe and in many cases permanent. We may be seeing another economic megaevolution, akin to the explosion of the state's high-technology industry four decades ago or the collapse of its aerospace industry three decades ago, with life-changing impacts on housing, education, transportation and even politics.

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