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Truck Show Ready to Roll Out



The Gridley Truck Show will be held on Saturday, September 16, at the Butte County Fairgrounds and is free to the public. Photo by Will Sheffield

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Truck Show is partnering with the Butte County Fairgrounds to offer the public a free, full-day of fun, on Saturday, September 16, featuring a truckload of vehicles to browse followed by a "Night at the Grounds."

Returning for its second year, the Gridley Truck Show (GTS) is free to the public and will display a variety of trucks from classics to brand new



Your vehicle needs to be registered in order to participate in the Gridley Truck Show 2023. Photo by Will Sheffield

vehicles. Organizer Diego Ramos says that he expects a 50/50 mix of modern and vintage trucks and is

opening the show up to semis this year.

The GTS boasts 26 categories in which a team of judges will select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Divisions include fun categories as Gridley Police Department (GPD) Choice, Mayor's Pick, People's Choice and Best of Show. Other more traditional categories include Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Foreign, Best Off-Road, and even Under Construction.

This is Ramos' first year
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Developer Pushes Council for Annexation

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - A frustrated applicant pushed the Biggs City Council to make a final decision on their development at its monthly August meeting.

After 4 years of working with the City of Biggs, local property owner Dan Boeger, requested the Council "to take action to approve or disapprove the annexation of two adjacent parcels" (as worded on the agenda) of land into the city limits for his development to move forward. This would either allow the project to move to the next step in the planning process or kill it completely. The City put it on the agenda as item 6 for a final vote, per the wishes of Boeger.

What followed was a considerable back and forth between City Planner Bob Sommerville, and Boeger, with both arguing their positions.

Sommerville began by providing a detailed outline to the public and council of the procedural requirements an applicant or potential developer would need to meet for a project to be approved by council and move forward to ground-breaking. His stance was that Boeger had not completed the studies needed for this project.

Boeger shared that he had spent considerable time and significant funds working with Biggs City Planners to complete the required studies in order to have the properties at 3286 4th Street annexed into the city and proceed with development. Boeger reiterated that his consultant, also a city planner, Donna Decker, and his lawyers believed his application to be complete and fulfilled the necessary requirements. Decker was present on zoom, but due to City of Biggs policy, was unable to comment due to the fact she was not physically present at the meeting.

Sommerville strongly disagreed with Boeger, saying that he was required to complete a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) study, which had not been completed, for the council to vote to annex the property into the city limits. Sommerville said that the 20 acres of land reportedly included wetlands and would require the CEQA for other agencies to review, including LAFCO and contractors, before the project would be legally sound to proceed.

Boeger held firm in his belief that he had fulfilled the needed requirements for his application and pushed for the council to make a vote.

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Murals of Live Oak, A Call to Artists

YSAC News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture (YSAC) is once again seeking artists to create murals in the City of Live Oak as part of its ongoing Murals of Live Oak project. The first murals of this multi-year project were created in 2017 and since that time, ten large scale murals have been created. Thanks to additional funds awarded by the City of Live Oak and matching funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, Live Oak will be further enhanced with outstanding new additions to its mural collection, literally an outdoor art gallery.

YSAC works closely with businesses, government, educators, and other arts organizations within the Yuba-Sutter community to advocate for the arts. Facilitating the creation of public art is an important part of the work it does due to the positive impact it



"Railroad Away" by Rafael Blanco. Image courtesy of YSAC

has on residents and visitors alike.

Interested artists are invited to submit up to three renderings based on any of the following themes:

- 1) Live Oak's natural beauty including Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, the Feather River, and the Sutter Buttes.
- 2) Native American

heritage including native American design motifs or portraits from the Maidu photographs of Edward S. Curtis. (<http://curtis.library.northwestern.edu/curtis/toc.cgi> Volume 14).

3) Live Oak's early agricultural settlement, history, and ethnic diversity
In addition, all murals must incorporate the

presence of an oak tree or oak trees in some form either small or large. All murals must also include a hidden object which may or may not be related to the general theme of the overall mural. All murals, whether hand brushed or sprayed, must be created using weather-resistant media
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The New Pi-Line Murals of Live Oak 2023, A Call to Artists



By Josh F.W. Cook

ABC television news calls them “famous wild chickens.” Wikipedia ranks Yuba City, third in the United States for the most feral chickens, behind Vieques, Puerto Rico, and Fair Oaks, California. The San Francisco Chronicle described Yuba City as a place where chickens have “free reign.” National Public Radio carried a story claiming the chickens had completely taken over the parking lot of a Starbucks in Yuba City. CBS News has a headline entitled “Yuba Chickens takeover.” Clearly, the fame of the feral chickens of Yuba City is well-established. There are many legends about how the chickens along Highway 99 in Yuba City increased so much that they cannot be controlled. How they got there and why they stayed is a topic of much debate. Many people believe there used to be a livestock Yard there and that, even though the building was demolished to make way for the city

to grow, these loyal chickens decided they would never leave. Another legend is that a truckload of chickens crashed at the intersection of Bridge Street and Highway 99 in the early 1950s, and the chickens took up residence there and never left. Last week, when I was at In-N-Out Burger, a woman was sitting outside at a table, and a chicken walked up to her and packed her on the ankle. I told her, “There’s a chicken down by your feet”. She said in a matter-of-fact tone, “Of course, this is Yuba City. She just wants a french fry.” Now, a new Chapter in the legend of the Yuba City Chickens begins. Over 40,000 people have gone through the Feather River Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Yuba City in the last two weeks as part of the community open house. There are around 200 LDS temples worldwide, and each has architectural and artistic features that reflect the culture, ambiance, and natural beauty of the area where the temple is built. As a part of Yuba Sutter culture and lore, the first carpet in the Temple has colorful orange poppies, the State Flower of California; there’s a framed painting in the front lobby, an image of Christ standing in a Rice field, something I’ve never seen before, it is usually a wheat field,

not another cereal grain (this portrait is proof Jesus loves people in Richvale and Biggs). The carpet down the main corridor on the bottom floor looks like a river leading to a baptismal font, like the twin rivers in Yuba/Sutter. There are also two landscape portraits of the foothills of Northern California in the atrium. The stained glass throughout has almond (or peach) blossoms. On my first trip through the Temple, I passed these works of art and kept looking for the design element that would be an artistic “tip of the hat” to the local famous chickens. I knew there was a basis in Christian scripture for chickens. Jesus himself said in the Books of Luke and Matthew, “I have longed to gather you together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings...” Then - when leaving the Celestial Room on the western side, there was a portrait of Jesus Christ with chickens by his feet - and with that, the famous chickens of Yuba/Sutter added another chapter to the many tales that surround their existence. They have been memorialized in the artwork of the Feather River Temple.

Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator. Opinions expressed here are solely his. ★



“Timequake in Live Oak” by Stephane Cellier. Image courtesy of YSAC

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and incorporate dynamic use of color to enhance visual impact. A final anti-graffiti coating must be applied as well.

Artists should estimate the cost for their mural design based on a 15’x30’ wall to include artist labor, supplies and equipment needed to execute the mural. The final amount will be determined once final mural locations and sizes are determined. The artist is responsible for the design and installation of the mural. The judging will be conducted by a committee appointed by the City of Live Oak and will also include the building owners. All decisions will be

final. The selected artist(s) will be notified by telephone or e-mail. Public announcement of the selections will be posted by the City of Live Oak and on the YSAC website (yubasutterarts.org) and shared with local and statewide press contacts.

The submission deadline is September 15, 2023, and the selections announcement will be made on September 29. Submissions may be mailed or dropped off at the YSAC mailbox at 624 E Street, Marysville, CA 95901, attention David Read, or emailed to david@yubasutterarts.org, subject “Murals of Live Oak.” For more details visit yubasutterarts.org. ★

Developer Pushes Council for Annexation

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A significant amount of information was shared during the hours’ long meeting and attempts were made to work with Boeger, but it boiled down to the agenda item itself and how it was worded: “The applicant is requesting that the City Council take action to approve or disapprove the annexation of two adjacent parcels occupying 20 acres currently located in the jurisdiction of Butte County to the City of Biggs.”

Both Somerville and Biggs City Attorney Greg Einhorn advised the

council that they should disapprove the agenda item for liability reasons. A vote to “disapprove” the annexation would kill the development completely.

One by one, councilmembers expressed that they did not want to see the development die at the table but felt that they were bound to follow the recommendations of their hired officials and vote to “disapprove” the annexation.

After much debate, Boeger made the decision to rescind his requested agenda item in writing and avoid the final vote that would terminate his project. ★

MEMORIAL

LOIS HENSLEY 07/11/1934 - 08/29/2023

Lois passed on to be with her lord Jesus on August 29 th , 2023. She was born on July 11 th , 1934 in Huntington Beach, California to Frank and Clarice Stone. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Herald and Jerry Stone.

She is survived by her husband Marvon Hensley of 68 years; children Jim (Debbie) Hensley, Tim Hensley, Elaine (Ralph) Hansen; Grandchildren Chad (Amanda) Hansen, Andrew Hensley; Great grandchildren Tanner and Logan Hansen; and sister Francis Massey of Hemet, California.

Lois has been a Gridley resident since 1966 and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church for 56 years.

Special thanks to River Valley Care Center and Blossom Ridge Hospice. Celebration of life pending a later date.



MEMORIAL

TOMMIE ARVIL WALTON • 11/14/1950 — 9/3/2023

Tommie Arvil Walton, (72) of Gridley, California, passed away on September 3, 2023, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer, surrounded by loved ones.

Tommie, better known as Tom by the community, was born on November 14, 1950, in Marysville, California, to Arvil and Betty Walton. Tom loved animals from a young age and started hobby farming in his parents’ small backyard. He met the love of his life, Joan Stout, at the age of fifteen, and together, they rode motorcycles, swam in ditches, and participated in all sorts of shenanigans around the streets of Gridley. After a lengthy courtship they made their love official on October 16, 1970, when Joan finally finished high school.

Tom enlisted in the National Guard shortly after marrying and reported to Fort Ord near Monterey, California. After serving, he was employed as a hired man with a local farmer. Here, he discovered his passion for growing, hauling, and delivering hay. He spent the next forty-eight years combining his two passions, animals and hay farming into a life he loved. They welcomed their one and only son, Jedediah, in 1977. Tom was a dedicated father who lovingly taught his

These are a few of the reasons he will be missed so much.

Tom is survived by his wife, Joan, and his son, Jed, along with Jed’s wife, April, and their three children. He is also survived by his mother, Betty Walton; his brother and sister-in-law, John and Cathie Walton; his sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Ric Letterman; his brother, Randy; and his brother, Tony. Predeceased by his father, Arvil.

Tom’s family will host a funeral service on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 400 Spruce Street in Gridley, California.



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West-Gridley 4-H Wants You!!



Annalee Zarate of West Gridley 4-H displays her 2nd place ribbon after showing her swine. Photo by Teri Zarate

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Many are still under the impression that Gridley does not have a 4-H club, which is untrue.

Leaders Julie Emerson and Witney Pike have been working to reinvigorate the club over the last year and are planning to add more to the club's available projects. Not only that, but the leaders plan to get their members and group back into the spotlight through acts of community service, volunteering at local events, and even help the occasional individual with a service need.



West Gridley 4-H's Annalee Zarate shows her swine as judges look on. Photo by Ricki Donahoe

West-Gridley currently offers animal projects

of rabbits, swine, sheep, and steer, but is planning to bring a gardening club on board. Those in the gardening group hope to grow and propagate plants to sell at their Fall Festival craft fair and during the spring at community events. Depending on how many leaders the group can recruit, West-Gridley 4-H would also like to add a cooking/crafting club to their offerings.

Emerson would like to remind the public that Clover Buds is available for children 5+, that may be a little young to participate in animal projects. West-Gridley 4H Clover Buds get to attend field trips to various community service organizations including the Police Department and Fire Departments, tour the rabbit breeding station, and even have the opportunity to learn how to show during fair times under the mentorship of their older 4-H members.

West-Gridley 4H is currently registering for the 2023-2024 year. The club's first meeting is Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 pm at the Gridley Methodist Church, with meetings on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month from there on out. Future 4-Hr's that are interested in joining are welcome to come and learn more! For more information about registration, please contact Julie Emerson at (530) 300-6002.

Help support West-Gridley 4-H as they man the City Soccer League's snack bar. Funds raised help the group support their projects and events. ★

Truck Show Ready to Roll Out



Truck clubs have been invited to enter in the show from as far south as Sacramento, and north to Orland and Chico. Photo by Will Sheffield

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running the show solo. He shares that the inaugural GTS had around 200 trucks participating, but he is planning for more as he has extended invites to Sacramento, Orland and Chico truck clubs. "I would really like to grow it to 300-400 trucks," says Ramos, and fully expects the 2023 show to be bigger.

In addition, the Butte County Fairgrounds "Night at the Grounds" event will begin after the GTS awards show set for 3:00 pm. Matt Reed, Butte County fair director, says that he is excited to be working with the truck show and that food vendors that are scheduled for "Night at the Grounds" will be present during the earlier show so that guests can munch

while admiring the vehicles.

The first "Night at the Grounds", held earlier in the summer saw great support from the community and Reed hopes the second event, married with the truck show, will provide a great day of fun for the public. Unlike the first "Night at the Grounds," there will also be commercial vendors and a fresh addition for both events will be the sale of alcohol.

If you are interested in participating in the truck show, registration is still open. Pre-registration costs are just \$20 per vehicle, and day-of-show fees are just \$30. To register your vehicle, please visit www.eventbrite.com/e/gridley-truck-show-2023-truck-registration-registration-627487661487. ★

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Date/Time: Thursday, November 16, 2023; 9:00am - 5:00pm
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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Did you know that garden snails have a sweet tooth? Actually 14,000 microscopic sweet teeth. They eat similar to how sandpaper works, rasping away. I saw snails eating a fallen peach a week ago. I did not give it much thought, except “look at that.” Recently I went out to pick a peach. I reached toward the perfect one

and behold, there were two snails munching away. Those slimers had climbed up the bark and down a branch to get to this peach. Now they had my attention. I had picked another peach a few days ago that had a weird calloused spot on the skin. I wondered what had caused that odd scar. Yes, you guessed it, snails! The peach I picked after I picked off the snails had exactly the same scar only larger. It also had fresh munches visible. Those tricky slimers were returning night after night. I picked all the peaches after that crazy discovery. Had they discovered they liked peaches when one fell? Do they have the ability to figure out how to climb a tree to get another

peach? I know they can smell things so I’m fairly sure they smelled the ripening fruit and up they crawled. This morning I saw similar scarring on the rinds of a cantaloupe. If you would have asked me before this experience, if snails like sweet stuff, I probably would have said, no. Now I know better. Snails like to eat whatever plant life they find. Someone asked me if snails had a purpose as anything other than being pests. Well, yes. They are composters of nature. They break down all plant-life to release nutrients for living plants. They are important creatures that help clean up the detritus of the plant world, as well as wiping out gardens. ★

A New California Avocado, Luna Ucr, Readies for its Market Debut
A new avocado, developed by the University of California Avocado Breeding Program, is about to hit the world market. The Luna UCR avocado will complement the widely known Hass avocado. According to UC researchers, the Luna variety grows on a tree of about half the size while producing approximately the same yield per tree as the Hass variety. The original Lunas were planted in Camarillo and advanced trials were conducted in Tulare, Orange, San Diego and Ventura counties.

Researchers: Chemical that can Harm Crops Increasing in Forests
University of California researchers say satellite data is revealing increasing levels of nitrogen dioxide in remote forest areas of the state. The chemical can harm plants and crop yields. While short-lived in the atmosphere, it contributes to ozone and particulate pollutants, which can cause respiratory issues and asthma. Researchers say wildfire and soil emissions are contributing reasons for the increase in nitrogen dioxide levels. Their findings from satellite data were published in the journal Environmental Research Letters.

Grant Awards to Support Climate-Smart Demonstration Projects
University of California Cooperative Extension scientists will be partnering with regional farms to demonstrate climate-smart agricultural practices. The project, to be led by the UC Agricultural and Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program, recently received a nearly \$2 million funding award from the UC office of the President. The effort will strengthen the California Farm Demonstration Network and support regional farms in practices such as cover cropping, reduced tillage, composting, hedgerow planting and optimized irrigation.

USDA Announces \$800 Million Investment in Rural Infrastructure
The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced an \$800 million investment to help rural cooperatives and utilities improve infrastructure and increase electric grid reliability. The funding will also provide clean water and sanitary wastewater systems in rural areas. The USDA said the program will benefit communities in California, 35 other states and two U.S. territories. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said, “Powering people with modern infrastructure creates good-paying jobs and supports opportunities for people to build brighter futures.” ★

Accident Serves as Reminder to Stay Off Closed Roads

Forest Service News Release

QUINCY, CA (MPG) - Following a recent accident and damage to a road construction site, engineers on the Plumas National Forest are reminding area residents and visitors to not travel on closed roads and to use extreme caution driving on Forest roads, especially in areas affected by wildfire.

Last week a vehicle ended up stuck after driving on a closed road and dropping into an excavated section where the road is being repaired.

This was the second vehicle in recent days that drove through this road construction site. The first vehicle managed to successfully get out without assistance, but did substantial damage to the welded wire mat that had already been placed.

Early estimates from Forest engineers is as much as \$5,000 of damage was done to materials at the site as a result of this. Road construction operations also had to stop as a result until the vehicle was removed and materials could be assessed and replaced.

“This occurred on a road that has a forest closure, a road closed sign, k-rail barricades and boulders placed in the road, all of which these individuals had to drive around,” said Plumas National Forest Engineer Jonathan Berry. “These roads are closed for public safety because of situations like this, where road repairs and reconstruction can involve removing segments of the road, or where equipment is operating and blocking the road, and there aren’t safe places to turn around.”

There were no reported injuries, but the car was left at the site by the driver and needed to be removed.

“The damage to the construction materials and impacts to the time of our contractors and employees in situations like this are expensive and further delay being able to open the road for everyone,” Berry said.

There are several road repair and construction projects across the Plumas National Forest this summer. If a road is signed as closed, it is not safe to enter and an alternate route should be used.

Area residents and visitors also need to use

extreme caution or avoid traveling on Forest roads in areas burned by wildfires in the past 5 years.

Weather including wind and precipitation can cause trees to fall across roads suddenly and block access or damage vehicles. Heavy rains in these areas can also cause landslides which can impact roads.

“We have had reports from contractors of trees falling and damaging vehicles while travelling to access projects,” Berry said. “There is extreme risk traveling on these roads and a possibility of being blocked in by fallen trees or affected by landslides. It should not be assumed that a road is passable, even if it doesn’t have a closure order.”

If choosing to travel in these areas, drivers are encouraged to slow down, watch for hazards and turn around or find a safe place if there is wind or rain in recently burned areas.

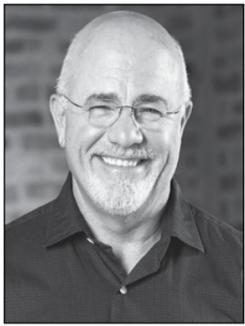
It is also recommended to have a full tank of gas, plenty of water, food, layered clothing options and other necessary supplies before traveling into the Forest. Tell someone where you are going, what roads you plan to take and when you will be back in case there is a need to call for help. Cell service on the Plumas National Forest is not reliable and many places remain difficult to access for search and rescue.

“The Plumas National Forest is still a great place to visit and we are working to repair our roads to improve access,” Berry said. “Our local residents and Forest visitors can help that by respecting closed roads and giving us the space to get the work done safely and efficiently.”

The road closure orders are for public, contractor and employee safety as assessments and work continues to repair and restore access to roads and recreation sites affected by wildfires.

Violations of these closure orders are punishable of a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.

For more information on the Plumas National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/plumas or follow the forest on Facebook at www.facebook.com/USFSPlumas. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

her Social Security income and the cost of rent, she’ll only need to see \$6,000 a year from the investment to make up the difference. And plus, she’s 85. Even if she got nothing in terms of interest, the chances of her burning all the way through her nest egg before she dies are almost zero. I know the thought of her passing away isn’t pleasant, but it’s something you have to take into consideration.

As far as the charities go? Right now, she’s the charity. Maybe not in the traditional sense of the word, but it’s time for mom to come first. Only the strong can help the weak. I didn’t let my toddlers carry our newborn. And when it comes to money, you’ve got to have the financial strength—the free and clear assets—to carry others. Take care of your own household first. That’s her responsibility at this point.

Ed, you’re not going to mess this up unless you put the money in crypto, or something stupid like that. If you want to do some high-yield savings as a part of it, that’s fine. If it were me, I’d probably end up investing some of it too. Here’s the thing: Overall, if you could make 8% on it, that’s \$2,000 a month, and it lasts indefinitely. That’s not even touching

the principal. But like I said before, even if you make nothing on it, just divide \$6,000 into \$300,000. See what I mean? It’s probably going to last as long as she does.

Of course, there may be some other medical bills, and you’d probably want her to have a life other than just paying bills. That’s why I’d like to see that extra \$2,000 a month happening. It would provide a little cushion. And there may be a few other little things from time to time the family would have to pick up, but that’s not unusual in a situation like this.

You all can make this work for her. Just don’t be super aggressive, but don’t be super conservative either.

– Dave

**Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of “The Ramsey Show.” He has appeared on “Good Morning America,” “CBS This Morning,” “Today,” Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.* ★

Helping Take Care of Mom
Dear Dave,
My mother-in-law is 85, and she’s had some health setbacks recently. The family got together with her, and as a group, we decided it was time to sell her property and move her into an apartment at a nice senior living facility. She should see a little over \$300,000 from the sale of her house. Aside from that, she has about \$10,000 in a savings account. The problem is, she’ll only receive \$2,100 a month in Social Security, and rent at the facility is \$2,600 per month. Plus she loves making donations to charities. With interest rates where they are, is a CD ladder a good place to put the money to help her cash flow expenses in the future?
– Ed
Dear Ed,
If this were my mother-in-law, I’d want her to do better than a CD (certificate of deposit) ladder. Even with the deficit between

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Fugitive Antonio Lopes Moreno Extradited to U.S. for Homicide Charges

Sacramento FBI News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On August 14, 2023, special agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Sacramento Field Office and Legal Attaché Office of Mexico City returned wanted fugitive Antonio Lopes Moreno, 67, to Glenn County to face felony homicide charges with special circumstances. Lopes Moreno was booked into the Glenn County Jail and is currently awaiting his initial appearance before the Superior Court of California, County of Glenn, in Willows. All charges are mere allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

With the assistance of the FBI Mexico City Legal Attaché and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) Mexico, Lopes Moreno was apprehended by INTERPOL in Cotija de la Paz, Michoacan, Mexico, on August 19, 2022, pending extradition.

"The FBI is committed to locating and returning individuals who evade criminal prosecution to honor the memory of victims, support those impacted by the crime, and ensure the accused can face charges before an impartial jury," said Special Agent in Charge Sean Ragan of the FBI Sacramento Field Office. "We stand ever ready to aid our law enforcement partners and effect extradition when we can to ensure justice for all."

"Today's actions show the crucial value of partnerships in ensuring that violent criminals do not go unpunished," said Mexico City Legal Attaché Angel Catalan. "For this case, the FBI would especially like to extend our gratitude to the Fiscalia

General de la Republica and its INTERPOL team for their actions in locating and arresting Lopes Moreno."

Lopes Moreno's return to Glenn County to face prosecution is funded by the United States Government's Project Welcome Home, which provides funding to assist in the transportation of federal fugitives to the United States.

Lopes Moreno is alleged to have killed a woman outside of an Orland laundromat on October 11, 1989. The Orland Police Department and Glenn County Sheriff's Office investigated the homicides, and the Glenn County District Attorney's Office District Attorney Dwayne R. Stewart is prosecuting the case. The Justice Department's Office of International Affairs provided significant assistance in securing the defendant's arrest and extradition from Mexico. A warrant for Lopes Moreno's arrest was issued on October 16, 1989.

The FBI obtained a federal arrest warrant for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution on May 23, 2017, following a request for assistance from the Glenn County Sheriff's Office in January 2017 and in collaboration with the Glenn County District Attorney's Office.

The FBI continues to collaborate with its law enforcement partners to apprehend criminals charged with state crimes who then flee the jurisdiction. Cases seeking information from the public, including fugitive matters, are posted on the FBI Sacramento Field Office's Most Wanted page and FBI Most Wanted app. Anyone with information that may aid these cases may contact their local FBI office, United States embassy, or submit information online at tips.fbi.gov. ★



Fishing rating scale: (b) Excellent • (a) Good • (g) Poor (bad)

LOCAL FISHING

Baum Lake Shasta County

The final stage of the Mayfly { egg, nymph, dun, spinner } is a spinner. After mating and depositing their eggs on the water surface, the Mayfly Spinner becomes weak and "falls" onto the water surface. To fish the spinner fall, use a Blue Wing Olive (BWO) on a floating line, and gingerly roll-cast to rising trout. Best time is in the evenings. (b)

Night Fishing for Rainbow Trout

Big rainbow trout become active after the sun goes down. Trout have bad night vision and rely on vibration and scent to locate their prey. Trout color sensitivity is blue and red. Use a green light to attract the bait fish, big rainbow trout follow the bait fish. Try: Nightcrawler covered with Garlic scent under bobbers. (b)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Entire San Francisco Bay has excellent halibut fishing. Try: Live Anchovy. (b) Sherman Lake in the delta is windy, we got water over the bow and had to use the bilge pump. Fish the incoming tide 12'-14' deep. Boated 30-keeper stripers. Use braided line with mono leader. Try: Heddon Zara Spook. (b)



Heddon Zara Spook

COASTAL WATERS

Fort Bragg; 5-fathom fishing in effect, offshore fishing is 6-miles out. Rockfish... Try: Tray Bait. (b) Lingcod... Try: Jigs. (b) S.F. Coast; crab and rockfish combo

limits. Try: Fish Offal. (b) Tray Baits. (b)

LAKES RESERVOIRS

Lake Alpine near Arnold; stocked with 1800 lbs. of 13" catchable rainbow trout. Shore fishermen... Try: Berkeley Garlic Power Bait. (b) Fly casters... Try: Woolly Buggers. (b) Note: Cast a sliding bobber on your line, set at 10-ft. Folsom Lake; Fish the main body for rainbows to 20-inches. Try: 1 1/2" Spoons w/ Flasher. (b) Eagle Lake; rain and wind. Tui-chub bait fish found at 13-17 ft. deep. Eagle Lake Strain rainbows to 4 3/4 lbs. Try: Jigs. (a)

RIVERS

Truckee River; Hirshdale to Ca/Nev State Line. Fish until the water temperature reaches 68 degrees, then stop. Hatches of PMD, Yellow Sallie, and Caddis insects. Use the Euro-nymphing technique to fish the tailwaters and eddies. Try: PMD, Yellow Sallie nymphs, Caddis nymphs, all work well. (b) Feather River at Boyds Landing. Stage 32 ft. Flow 7500 CFS. No fishermen activity? Klamath River; flash flooding, all fishing impossible. (gg) Hat Creek trophy trout section; October Caddis hatching. Try: October Caddis (b) North Fork Yuba River; low water temperature of 68 degrees. Catching 8"-14" rainbows. Try: Stonefly nymph, Grasshoppers. (b)



l/r Stonefly Nymph Grasshopper

He said, "Use a Doohickey Bait."
~ Brownie

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SPARKY'S CORNER

Hoarding and Fire:

Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fills the home and prevents the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional Health concerns.

Why Hoarding Increases Fire Risks

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

How Hoarding Impacts First Responders

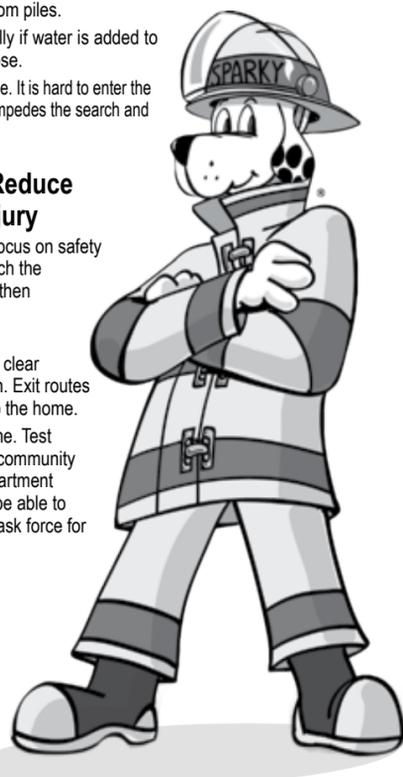
- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

When talking to a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.

Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.

Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least once a month. Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.



Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74



PUBLIC NOTICE & INVITATION TO JOIN THE GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL FOR STUDY SESSIONS TO REVIEW COST OF SERVICES STUDIES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE, AND WATER AND SEWER SERVICES

ELECTRIC SERVICE

Public Hearing to be held on
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 6 p.m.
Gridley City Hall
685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA

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Cost of services study has been conducted by Utility Financial Solutions LLC (UFS) under contract for and on behalf of the City of Gridley. The purpose of the study sessions is to review the findings of these studies and for UFS to receive rate design guidance in advance of final rate design recommendations. Residents may view the preliminary presentation of the cost of services study findings shared on August 7, 2023, available on the City of Gridley webpage under public notices. Residents may also view the scheduled study sessions via Zoom, clickable links available on our webpage.

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Triton Inc., 1991 Potter Road, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: August 8, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish August 18, 25, Sept 1, 8, 2023
TEES 9-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000709
The following person(s) are doing business as: Research 2000, 4435 Sierra Del Sol, Paradise, CA 95969
Debra L Stroschein, 4435 Sierra Del Sol, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: August 9, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 12/27/1999
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000639
The following person(s) are doing business as: La Michoacan, 2030 3rd Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Daniel Olivar and Karla Alcantar 241 Indiana Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: July 12, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 12/9/2022
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The following person(s) are doing business as: Tiley, 6211 Forgotten Way, Paradise, CA 95969
Ryan R Mulford, 6211 Forgotten Way, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: August 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 27, 2023
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The following person(s) are doing business as: Oregrown, 1408 Park Avenue, Chico, CA 95928
Chico Flagship, LLC, 679 E 7th Street, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: August 11, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2021
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000725
The following person(s) are doing business as: Therapeutic Healing Source, 95 Declaration Drive, Chico, CA 95973
Nicole D Cox, 2736 Swallowtail Way, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: August 16, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000751
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gridley Post Acute, 246 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Olowlu Beach Holdings LLC, 701 Palomar Airport Road Suite 230, Carlsbad, CA 92011
Date filed in Butte County: August 22, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 1, 2021
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The following person(s) are doing business as: Mony's Moxie Method, 10 Keystone Court, Chico, CA 95973
Mony's Strang, 10 Keystone Court, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: August 18, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 17, 2023
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MONYS 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000746
The following person(s) are doing business as: The Dynamic Healing Center, 815 E 5th Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Nicolette B Lincoln, 5 Willowbrook Way Unit B, Chico, CA 95926
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DYNAMIC 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000752
The following person(s) are doing business as: Chico Eye Center Medical Group, 3401 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95973
Pablo M Arregui, MD Inc., 3401 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95973
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CHICO 9-22-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000766
The following person(s) are doing business as: Azure Bodyworks, 2231 St George Lane, Chico, CA 95926
Jill M Russell, 1264 Hobart Street, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: August 28, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000755
The following person(s) are doing business as: Liberty Cleaning and Auto Detailing, 3840 Rosenberg Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Lindsey R Glenn, 3840 Rosenberg Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: August 24, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business

name on: 6/1/2023.
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The following person(s) are doing business as: Advanced Document Concepts for Business, 702 Nord Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Superior California Office Equipment Incorporated, 702 Nord Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 23CV00914
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (Aviso Al Demandado): Rotssana Medrano and does 1-10, Inclusive
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (Lo Esta Demandando El Demandante): Butte Credit.
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), 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 nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (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 versión. Lea la información a continuación.
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) 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), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), o poniéndose 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 desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, 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, 60 Declaration Drive Suite A, Chico, CA 95973. 530-715-7688
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TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee Sale No. 132079-5
Loan No. 21-129CF Title Order No. 95313610 APN 010-190-014-000 TRA No. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/17/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. as the duly appointed Trustee WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, described as follows: Trusor(s): DONALD F. DUPONT, JR. AND JERRE HAYNES Deed of Trust: recorded on 09/23/2021 as Document No. 2021-0006575 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, Date of Trustee's Sale: 09/19/2023 at 11:00 AM Trustee's Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971 The property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: PARCEL 1: A PORTION OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 35, T. 23N, R. 16E., M.D.M. AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 35; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF S 00° 34' 38" W, 286.45 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE U.P.R.R. RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE N 85° 43' 03" W, 1319.17 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 35; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST LINE, N 00° 51' 33" E, 200.79 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARCELS SHOWN ON THE MAP FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID PLUMAS COUNTY IN BOOK 11 OF PARCEL MAPS, AT PAGE 123; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCELS, S 89° 26' 26" E, 1315.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL 2: A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR ROAD PURPOSES AND PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES OVER A STRIP OF LAND 60.00 FEET IN WIDTH, BEING THE EASTERLY 60.00 FEET OF PARCEL 4 OF BOOK 11 OF PARCEL MAPS, AT PAGE 123. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 93696 HIGHWAY 70, CHILCOOT, CA 96105. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$2,652,113.73* (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. *The Note is additionally secured by Deeds of Trust recorded on 09/23/2021 as Document No. 2021-0119398-00 in the Official Records of Placer County and on 09/23/2021 as Document No. 2021-136085 in the Official Records of San Mateo County. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recording. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on

this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 132079-5. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: August 16, 2023 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 7844 Madison Ave., Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com Lauren Meyer, Vice President MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0439447 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 08/25/2023, 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023

Notice of Trustee's Sale No. 1168522
Loan No. Title Order No. APN 024-250-006 TRA No. You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 12/08/2021. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On 09/18/2023 at 03:30PM, First American Title Insurance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on December 29, 2021 as Document Number 2021-0055472 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, executed by: Sumanpreet Singh, a married man, Sarajit Singh Bhullar, a married man, and Natarjan Gutta, a married man, as Trustor, Tierra Partners V LP, as Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: steps of County Courthouse, One Court Street, Oroville, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: APN: 024-250-006-000. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$1,578,795.58 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recording. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and

clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the website below using the file number assigned to this case. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected 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 (858) 410-2154, or visit this internet website [see link below] using the file number assigned to this case [1168522] 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. For information on sale dates please visit our website at: http://foreclosure.firstam.com/#/foreclosure_date 8/10/23 First American Title Insurance Company 9255 Town Center Drive Suite 200 San Diego, CA 92121 (858) 410-2158 David Z. Bark, Foreclosure Trustee Published 08/25, 09/01, 09/08/2023 Gridley Herald 9-8-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DALE LEE LOFLAND
CASE NO. 23PR00417

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DALE LEE LOFLAND. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DARLA R. LOFLAND in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DARLA R. LOFLAND 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 with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or 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: 10/17/23 at 9:00AM in Dept. 1 located at 1775 CONCORD AVE., 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 decedent, 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 a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154)

Butte County Jury Finds Former Vice-Mayor of Paradise Guilty

Butte County DA News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Michael Anthony Zuccolillo, 44, of Paradise, was found guilty as charged on August 18, 2023, by a Butte County jury for engaging in sexually explicit conversations, including sending photographs of his genitals, with a person he believed to be a minor, and arranging to meet that person with the intent to engage in sexual activity.

The jury, made up of eight men and four women reached their unanimous verdict on the charges August 18, after a day and a half of deliberations.

Evidence presented in the case included testimony that on February 24, 2020, the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) was contacted by a subject alleging he had evidence to prove that Zuccolillo had been sending sexually explicit text messages and photographs of his genitals to a person Zuccolillo believed to be a 16-year-old girl visiting the Sacramento area from China. The reporting party had established the persona of the 16-year-old and her older sister in a "To Catch a Predator" style operation. An undercover Butte County Sheriff's Deputy then contacted the defendant using the previously established persona.

The jury was able to see and read the texts and photos sent during the ongoing conversation that included a discussion of Zuccolillo traveling to Sacramento to have

sex with the purported 16-year-old and her adult sister.

Zuccolillo testified on his own behalf, telling the jury that he was engaging in sexual texting relationships with four women, not including his wife. He claimed he believed it was one of these adult women texting him from an unknown phone number, posing as a 16-year-old as sexual fantasy and "role play."

However, during cross-examination by Supervising Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Bennett, the defendant admitted he continued to send pictures of his genitals and engage in sexual conversations even after being told repeatedly he was communicating with a 16-year-old. The defendant later admitted that this was a "bad decision."

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey praised the twelve deliberating jurors and three alternate jurors who sat through sexually graphic evidence and applauded their ability to understand that while there may not have been an actual child victim, it is important to keep predators and opportunists away from children.

Zuccolillo remains out on bail of \$135,000. He will appear on October 5, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. for sentencing. He faces a maximum exposure of three years, four months in state prison on the two felonies and misdemeanor of which he was convicted. He will be required to register as a sex offender. ★

Public Invited to Participate in Gridley Utility Rate Discussions

Story by Melody McDowell

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - City Councilmembers are feeling the pressure mount as they prepare to head into deep-dive study sessions on Gridley's utilities costs next week.

The recent cost-of-service analysis performed by Utility Financial Solutions was extensive and offers several recommendations for the City of Gridley. It's time for Council to get into the details and explore the options available. This includes deciding on what rate increases are necessary, fair, and feasible to ensure the longevity of City electric and water/sewer programs.

At the regular council meeting on

Tuesday, there was lengthy discussion and debate about establishing guiding principles that support ongoing review and revision of City utility rates. Ultimately, rate increases are coming.

What this means for our community, is that citizens of Gridley (and others affected within Butte County) need to be aware of and plan to be involved in the upcoming study sessions, which will take place on September 12 and 14, Tuesday and Thursday of next week.

The meetings will be held at 6:00 PM in the regular Council Chambers at City Hall. Agendas and Zoom links (embedded within the Agenda documents) have been posted at <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council> ★

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Gridley will conduct a public hearing on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948 to discuss the accomplishments and completion of the 17-CDBG-12015 Community Development Block Grant and to solicit citizen input and to review the final grantee reports.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to disclose the accomplishments of the grant and give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Gridley, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948, or you may telephone (530) 846-5695. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KERRY E. NUOVO CASE NO. 22PR00430

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Kerry E. Nuovo.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mitch W. H. Holtkamp, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Mitch W. H. Holtkamp be appointed as personal representative(s) 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: October 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661
Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 2023
NUOVO 9-22-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV02147

Petitioner Azra Suhas filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Azra Suhas to Sara Suhas.

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 October 4, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on August 15, 2023
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
AZRA 9-29-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV01853

Petitioner Frederick Carl Holzen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Frederick Carl Holzen to Fredrick Carl Smith.

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 October 4, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on July 17, 2023
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
FREDRICK 9-29-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV02148

Petitioner Azra Suhas filed

a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ayhan Hajizadeh to Ayhan Suhas.

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 October 4, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior

Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on August 14, 2023
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
AYHAN 9-29-23



NOTICE OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS

Reclamation District No. 833

1643 W. Biggs-Gridley Road, Post Office Box 247 Gridley, California 95948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on July 26, 2023, an operation and maintenance assessment was ordered paid for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and terminating June 30, 2024, which operation and maintenance assessment will be Twenty Dollars and 00/100 (\$20.00) for each parcel that is one (1.00) acre or less in size. For every parcel which is 1.01 acres or more, the charge will be Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$5.00) per acre. The assessment shall be payable in installments or in one payment as determined by the Tax Collector of the County of Butte and shall be payable concurrent with the installment, or if no installment payment is permitted, with the first installment of the taxes of the County of Butte. This payment, if not made as a part of the County tax billing, shall be subject to the same penalties and interest as are levied upon delinquent payments of County taxes and assessments, and which amount of penalties and interest will be added thereto and collected for the use of the District if delinquency in payment occurs.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if any landowner objects to the valuation of their land, which valuations are set at \$2,500 per acre for parcels one acre and larger in size, and \$10,000 per parcel for parcels one acre or less in size, they may file a written objection with the District on or before November 1, 2023 and are entitled to a hearing before an impartial body upon their objection.

Dated: July 26, 2023

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 833:

Secretary

Gridley Herald 9-1 and 9-8-2023

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by Dave T. Phipps



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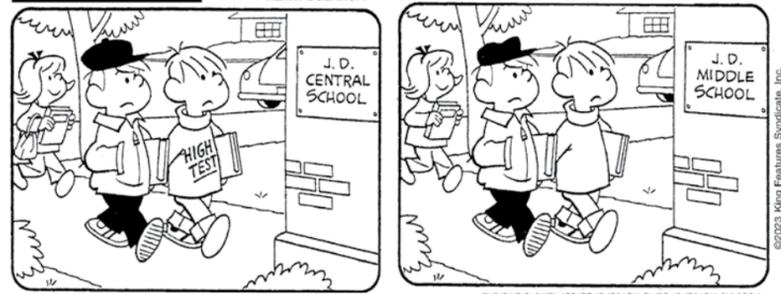
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 - *"How I wonder what you ____"
 - *"Bed on the tree top"
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 - Formerly known as Pleasant Island
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 - One of journalism's Vs
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 - *"Tom, Tom, the Piper's ____"
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 - Big Bang's original matter
 - Deviled one
 - One deserving of respect?
- DOWN**
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Parolee Held to Answer for Violent Car Chase and Threats in Chico

Butte County District Attorney Press Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A visiting judge at the Butte County Superior Court found there was sufficient evidence to send John Fowler, 63, a transient of Oroville, to trial for intentionally ramming his 2005 Ford Mustang multiple times into a Dodge Challenger and threatening to shoot the Challenger's driver.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges stem from an incident on July 10, 2023, shortly after 5 a.m., when Chico Police officers responded to a call about a rear-end collision that occurred near West 8th and Cedar Streets. While on the phone with the 911 dispatcher, the driver of the Dodge reported he believed the collision to be intentional and not an accident.

The Dodge driver reported both vehicles had pulled to the side of the road after the first collision and Fowler got out of his Ford but then got back in and rammed the Ford into the Dodge again. Fowler then exited his Ford again, and approached the Dodge while holding his fingers as if pointing a gun at the Dodge driver and told him that he would "f*** him up." Fowler then got back into his Ford, then collided again with the front of the Dodge, causing its bumper to fall off.

The Dodge victim then drove off in an attempt to flee Fowler's unexplained violent behavior. The victim went northbound on Walnut Street, where he was rear-ended again by

Fowler. Fowler drove northbound on the southbound lane and struck the Dodge once again.

The Dodge driver attempted to flee from Fowler, but his Dodge was difficult to steer due to the amount of damage and debris from the damage. As the Dodge driver drove into the south campus area of Chico State, Fowler rear-ended the Dodge again.

A Chico Police officer arrived on scene to see the Fowler's Ford pursuing the Dodge within inches of the Dodge's rear bumper. The officer stopped both the Ford and Dodge in the area of W. 1st Street and Orange Street and arrested Fowler based upon statements of the victim and the corresponding damage to both vehicles. The Dodge sustained major damage while damage to Fowler's Ford was moderate. Fowler claimed various excuses for his behavior including a belief that the Dodge was racing him.

Ramsey said there was no known prior connection between the victim driver and Fowler.

The judge held Fowler to answer for one count of criminal threats and five counts of assault with a deadly weapon. Ramsey said his office will file an additional assault charge based on the evidence presented today. Fowler remains in custody in lieu of \$300,000 bail as he is still on parole for a previous felony assault charge making today's case a "second strike" case. As a result, Fowler faces over 20 years in state prison. His next appearance will be on August 16, 2023, for setting of his jury trial. ★

Suspect with Arrest Warrants Runs from BCSO Sergeant

BCSO News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Just before 2:30 pm on September 5, 2023, a BCSO sergeant was on patrol in the area of Midway and Durham-Dayton Highway when he observed a driver, identified as Jordan Tapp, age 29 of Durham, who he knew has warrants for his arrest. Our sergeant attempted a traffic stop on the

vehicle Tapp was driving at Midway and Blossom, however Tapp did not stop and took off. The sergeant pursued Tapp for approximately 1.5 miles until Tapp drove through an orchard off Jones Avenue, and then ran from the vehicle on foot. A BCSO helicopter and a Chico Police department drone also assisted in the search. Finally, Tapp was safely taken into custody. ★

69-year-old Arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine

BINTF News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On August 25th, 2023, Agents from the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) and Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) of the Butte County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at 1249 Kling Court in Paradise, CA.

Robert Bruce Simpson, the 69-year-old resident and subject of the search warrant, was safely detained by agents, as were two female adults.

During a search of the residence, pursuant to the search warrant, Agents located and seized the following evidence items:

660 grams of Methamphetamine; 55 grams of Cocaine; Digital Scales and Packaging Materials used for Sales of Controlled Substances.

Due to significant health related issues, Mr. Simpson could not be booked into the Butte County Jail. As such, Agents have requested the following charges be filed

by the Butte County District Attorney:

Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale (11378 HS); Possession of Cocaine for Sale (11351 HS) ; Maintaining a Residence for Drug Use and Distribution (11366 HS)

Due to concern that illicit drug supplies, such as cocaine, have either intentionally or unintentionally been contaminated with fentanyl, Agents tested the seized cocaine for the presence of fentanyl. The preliminary testing was negative.

For questions or information regarding this media release please contact Commander Michael O'Brien via email at mobrien@buttecounty.net or by phone at (530) 552-5632.

The purpose of the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) is to investigate violations of the law involving controlled substances and criminal street gangs in the County of Butte, to include all incorporated cities of the County of Butte. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church

"Tell me what you saw", said the policeman. "What happened?" Witness after witness gave an account of the accident. What the results were was most amazing. All were slightly different. Each witness gave one or more factors that were different from the others. Each person concentrated on one specific occurrence more than all the rest.

It is when two or more recall the same event in the same way that the truth is revealed. That's how it was at Jesus' death and resurrection. Each person gave an account, but the truth rose to the front and the writers of the gospels recorded it for history. We believe it because we have heard it or read it.

John was there in the first person. He walked the path from arrest to death. He accepted Jesus' request that he take care of Jesus' mother. He was also one of two disciples to reach the empty tomb, after Mary Magdalene brought word of resurrection. John could offer clear accounts of what was happening because he was there.

Luke, a physician of the Greek culture, got his information from those he interviewed and spoke to after all was done. He talked to Mary, John,



and Peter. He also talked to John Mark who saw from the point of view of the authorities. They all recounted the events. After all of his collecting, Luke wrote one of the most read and spoken books of the New Testament. From birth to death, Luke laid it out with personal memories of those who were actually there.

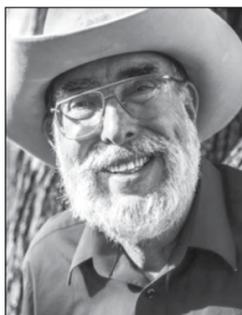
Matthew was there part of the time, but he recounted what he was given by God to write down. John Mark presented his movements and those he met along the way. Luke collected from all those around. John the beloved disciple, gave the loving account of who Jesus came to be, the saving Messiah.

We know what is real about all four of these gospels because these four were there and wrote it soon after 30 AD. We believe because we have been given the Word of truth and it was given by people there when it happened.

Praise God we have firsthand knowledge of His Savior and King that came in the name of the Lord.

Come worship with us at the Gridley United Methodist Church as we study these accounts given in the Gospels. We meet every Sunday at 10 am. We are at 285 Magnolia Street. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

The calendar, and the quality of the air we breathe, insist it's state fair season. The competition is great to watch, no matter what it is. You know, like trying to knock down a pile of cinder blocks with a ping pong ball at 50 feet.

But there is also love and devotion and great pride and tremendous work on display there. With the kids and their prize animals.

Over the years I've interviewed a ton of these kids for whichever newspaper I was working for,

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and it's never ceased to amaze me. You give a kid a calf, or help him or her work to earn one, and then the work begins. There's the brushing and polishing, and feeding scientifically to bring out the best in the animal's conformation. And a kid must halter break the calf, which isn't easy at all, so that 700 pounds of beef follows you around on a leash.

And the kid gives hugs and snuggles from the growing calf, and gets them back in spades. That's the part I don't understand. You see, if the calf and the kid have worked together well enough over the past season, the calf will bring big

bucks to the owner at the big sale. Restaurant chains pay premium dollars to say their Flamo Burgers are made from prize-winning cattle.

So the kid and the calf are separated for good, one going on to college more affordably now, and the other to the Flamo Burger factory.

And there are tears, of course, and deep questions to be asked, but the bottom line is that a beef in great condition can pay for a lot of tuition.

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The Real Fix for State Pension Woes: Ditch Defined Benefit Pensions

Medicaid Enrollment to Plummet. What Beneficiaries Need to Know

Commentary
by Jon Coupal

Last week, this column addressed the dilemma facing the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and the California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS), California's biggest public pension retirement funds, involving "Environmental, Social, and Governance" principles.

Depending on how it is interpreted, "ESG investing" can simply mean evaluating investments in a broad manner "to assess potential risks."

Where ESG principles get problematic is when they are used to push a progressive political agenda at the expense of maximizing returns. This occurs when activists seek prohibitions against investing in fossil fuels, firearms, or in companies located in nations that have met with their disfavor for political or policy reasons, irrespective of the positive performance of the companies.

For current retirees and employees, there is little opportunity to influence the investment decisions of CalPERS and STRS. Some of the board members are elected by participants in the system but most are subject to the political pressures of the day.

What politicians in California and elsewhere

ignore is a simple way to avoid the entire ESG quagmire as well as many other problems inherent in California's "defined benefit" retirement plans. That is to begin shifting to "defined contribution" plans that reduce the risks to the state and taxpayers and which frequently produce better returns for the employees. In defined contribution plans, the employee's benefit is equal to his or her own contributions, plus those of the employer, plus whatever earnings the investments accrue.

Defined contribution plans come in many flavors, but they have one common element important to taxpayers. That is, the financial obligation of the employer (paid for with taxpayer dollars) is complete at the end of each pay period.

Another big advantage to defined contribution plans is their portability, especially in a changing workforce where employees change jobs frequently.

In a comprehensive policy paper published in 2020 by the Reason Foundation, "Defined Contribution Plans: Best Practices in Design and Utilization," the authors contend that, "When structured properly, [defined contribution] retirement plans—plans with individually controlled investment accounts with contributions made by both employers and

employees—can offer governments an approach to retirement plan design that garners retirement security for employees while actively working. Defined contribution plans accomplish this by modernizing the retirement option set and managing employers' financial risks that are inherent in traditional pension plans."

In California, the political power of public-sector labor renders the full adoption of defined contribution plans to replace CalPERS and CalSTRS extremely unlikely. In 2005, progressive outrage at then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger forced him to drop his proposal before it even got started. But now, with economic realities setting in, it might stand a better chance, especially if offered only to new hires or as part of a "hybrid" system of combined defined benefit and defined contribution elements.

Defined contribution plans are becoming increasingly popular in other jurisdictions. Both Michigan and Alaska offer state employees defined contribution plans only. For the sake of the state's financial health, and to limit the risks to taxpayers, the shift to a defined contribution plan should be the cornerstone of California's public employee retirement systems. It's time to take the off-ramp from defined benefit pension plans. ★

Commentary
by Janet Trautwein

Millions of Americans will soon lose Medicaid coverage, as some pandemic-era provisions that kept people continuously enrolled in the program expire.

But those who find themselves newly ineligible for Medicaid have plenty of other options for affordable coverage. Licensed, professional agents and brokers can ensure they secure health plans that meet their needs and budget.

The looming exodus from Medicaid is a product of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which Congress passed in March 2020. It offered additional federal funding for Medicaid as long as states did not disenroll anyone from the program for the duration of the public health emergency.

This continuous coverage provision, and the enhanced federal funding, swelled Medicaid's rolls. Total enrollment in December 2022 was 85 million – up from approximately 64 million in February 2020.

This past December, Congress gave states the green light to review the eligibility status of people enrolled in their Medicaid programs beginning in April. States have 12 months to return to "normal," pre-pandemic eligibility and enrollment rules.

The federal government will gradually scale back the extra Medicaid dollars it has

been sending to the states – until that enhanced match disappears entirely at the end of this year.

As a result, millions of people may have to find new health plans. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates that up to 15 million people may lose Medicaid and CHIP coverage.

About 45% of this group – 6.8 million people – will likely remain eligible for Medicaid. They'll just need to reconfirm their eligibility for the program with their state Medicaid agency.

Many beneficiaries are unaware of this requirement. They may ignore phone calls or letters from the state seeking to verify their eligibility. Or they may have moved and neglected to update their address with the state. In the end, they can be purged from Medicaid without knowing.

About 8.2 million Medicaid enrollees will need to find replacement coverage. Many will be able to do so through work. HHS projects that about 5 million will migrate from Medicaid to employer-sponsored insurance.

Another 2.7 million will likely be able to get subsidized coverage through the Affordable Care Act's exchanges. More than 60% of that group, HHS estimates, could qualify for zero-premium plans.

Of course, it can be difficult to wade through all the insurance options on the

exchanges – or to figure out how to confirm eligibility for Medicaid.

Licensed, professional agents and brokers can help these millions of folks weigh their health insurance options. They have the knowledge and expertise to assist people with re-enrolling in Medicaid, if eligible – or to claim all the subsidies to which they may be entitled through the exchanges. Better yet, their services are generally free for consumers.

According to the most recent data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, agents and brokers account for 71% of exchange enrollees. Consumers find their advice extremely valuable. A study from the Urban Institute found that 80% of adults who received external information about the exchanges said insurance agents and brokers were more helpful than other resources.

As states begin to cull their Medicaid rolls, it's critical that those who have relied on the program over the last few years understand all the affordable health insurance options that remain available to them. Agents and brokers can ensure that they do.

Janet Trautwein is CEO of the National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals (nabip.org). This piece originally ran in the South Florida Sun Sentinel. ★

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Wolverines Shutout Lions in Season Opener

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The Biggs Wolverines football team opened the 2023 season with a bang as they shutout the Redding Christian Lions 33-0 on Friday, September 1.

Biggs controlled the flow of the game from the opening snap and was effective to move the ball religiously throughout the game. Redding Christian had moments of good drives working, but the Wolverines defense seemed to just swallow up any momentum and give the home crowd their first win of the year.

Biggs (1-0) head coach Brian Harrison expressed to the Herald it was good to get their first win on opening weekend. The Wolverines and Redding Christian were scoreless after the first quarter of both teams trading possessions back and forth a couple of times.

Biggs scored for the first time with a little more than six minutes to go in the second quarter when junior running back Davis Long rushed the ball into the end zone from 7-yards out to give the Wolverines a 6-0 lead.

It didn't take long for the Lions to give the ball back to Biggs after a three-and-out and the Wolverines quickly found the end zone as senior running back Zach Smith rumbled and hurdled his way to the end zone after he scored on a 45-yard rushing touchdown.

Smith was the leading rusher on the night for Biggs as he rushed the ball 19 times for 120 yards and the one touchdown. He told the Herald that it took a bit for the offense to get going in



Biggs junior running back Davis Long (middle) pushes away a defender as he rushes in the Wolverines 33-0 victory over Redding Christian on Friday, September 1.

the first half, but once they got going, they were locked in.

The Wolverines took a 12-0 lead into the half. When Redding Christian had the ball to open the second half, their second half opening possession didn't last long as Biggs senior cornerback Emiliano Bermudez intercepted the ball for the team's first one of the season.

Wolverines senior running back Brody Hudson added a 6-yard touchdown rush, and Long added his second and final touchdown on the night as he scored on a 1-yard touchdown rush to take a 26-0 lead heading into the fourth.

Biggs senior quarterback Chase Mclean threw the only

touchdown pass of the night early in the fourth quarter as he found junior running back Brady Smith from seven yards out.

Mclean had five completions for 37 yards and rushed the ball 10 times for 23 yards. Long had 15 carries on the night for 100 yards to give the Wolverines two 100-yard rushers on the night.

Additionally on the offensive end, senior running back Matt Munanui chipped in 43 yards on the ground from six carries. On the defensive side of the ball, Biggs senior tackle Efen Solis had the only sack of the night for a furious Wolverines defense that was furious and had its first shutout for the program since the 2021 season.

Solis, Munanui and Smith all told the Herald the chemistry on this team is great and everyone is on the same page to improve on last year's season.

Harrison said to the Herald that a positive in the game against Redding Christian is they were able to move the ball efficiently and that's crucial to being a part of the Biggs football program.

With multiple running backs to choose from, it makes opposing teams facing Biggs a challenge on who is going to get the ball or focus on one guy.

Harrison expressed it's an advantage for his team as he can plug in a few different guys in the backfield.

Harrison added that one of the negatives throughout the game was the pass blocking and he planned to address that this week ahead of their game this week.

The Wolverines host St. Bernard's of Eureka tonight with kickoff at 7 p.m. ★



Biggs senior running back Zach Smith (2) hurdles over a Redding Christian defender as he scores on 45-yard touchdown rush in the Wolverines 33-0 win over the Lions on Friday, September 1.

Live Oak Gets First Win of Season Against Biggs

Story and photo
by Steven Bryla

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak girls' volleyball team got their first victory of the season as they swept the Biggs Wolverines in straight sets on Thursday, August 31.

Live Oak improved to 1-5 for the season after the straight-set sweep (25-18, 25-14, 26-24) and Biggs stayed winless after their third match of the 2023 season.

In her third season as Lady Lions head coach, Wendy Ehrke expressed to the Herald that it has been a journey over the last three seasons as they all began learning volleyball at the same time.

"We're gelling as a team and perfecting our system," Ehrke said.

Live Oak senior setter Melissa Gutierrez told the Herald the win is going to help the Lady Lions build confidence throughout the year. Gutierrez had 10 assists in the match against the Lady



Live Oak senior setter Melissa Gutierrez (13) gets ready to serve a ball in the Lady Lions three-set-sweep over Biggs on Thursday, August 31.

Wolverines.

Live Oak senior libero Aubrey Lopez said to the Herald it was a big thing to win the final preseason match prior

to league because it gives them a small taste of success.

"Now it's a matter of keeping that momentum going and remaining focused to get more

wins," Lopez said.

Biggs head coach Michelle Felkins told the Herald that the serving from the Lady Lions was most effective.

Felkins added that the Lady Wolverines had some good rallies back and forth throughout the match, but ultimately it came down to the Biggs serve receiving that posed the biggest problem on the night.

Felkins said to the Herald that senior setter Allyson Williams took charge for the Lady Wolverines and showed a lot of great leadership qualities on the floor.

The senior heavy Live Oak team is looking to be at a .500 record and make the playoffs for the first time since the 2009 season.

Lopez said that they want to leave the younger classes something to build on. Lady Lions senior hitter Olivia Nanez led the way with five kills.

Live Oak began Sacramento Valley League play this past week as they hosted Durham on Tuesday and Colusa last night.

Biggs will be on the road next Tuesday, September 12 when they travel to Oroville before Mid-Valley League begins on September 19. ★

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Treating ADHD is Harder Than it Should Be

Commentary
by Dr. Ann Childress, M.D.

Approximately 6 million children in the United States have attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, better known as ADHD. As many as 5% of adults also live with the condition.

The good news is that ADHD is highly treatable. Medication and behavior therapy -- or some combination of the two -- can help people with ADHD manage their condition and lead healthy lives.

The bad news is that many ADHD patients are struggling to access these treatments. That is largely due to the actions of little-known middlemen in the drug supply chain: pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs).

Insurers hire PBMs to manage the prescription drug components of their health plans. PBMs negotiate with drug companies to decide which medicines to include on a plan's "formulary" -- the list of medicines an insurer will cover -- and at what prices.

PBMs use their control over formularies to play drug manufacturers against each other and secure the largest discounts possible. For a given class of similar medications, PBMs will often favor a small number, say one or two, out of a dozen potential treatments.

Drug makers are willing to offer substantial discounts for preferred treatment on insurer formularies. In 2021, discounts to payers -- private insurers as well as other entities, such as the Medicare and Medicaid programs -- lopped more than \$118 billion off the list price of brand-name medicines.

The variable results of formulary negotiations, however, often end up leaving patients in the lurch. That's especially true with regard to the medications used to treat ADHD and other mental health conditions.



ADHD is highly treatable. Medication and behavior therapy -- or some combination of the two -- can help people with ADHD manage their condition and lead healthy lives. Image by Arun prakash from Pixabay

Most people think a generic medication is exactly the same as the brand-name drug on which it is based. But that's not true. For approval as an equivalent, the FDA allows generics to fall within the range of 80%-125% of the "bioavailability" of the reference drug -- essentially, the amount of the drug that is actually absorbed by the body.

This allowable variability can make the difference between relief from ADHD, the return of symptoms due to lesser bioavailability, or the onset of side effects due to greater bioavailability.

From a clinician and patient perspective, this can become a nightmare -- a scramble to help patients find suitable relief at an affordable price.

For example, one of the largest PBMs, OptumRx, announced that it is removing several popular ADHD-treating drugs from its coverage and replacing them with generic versions that might not offer the same bioavailability as their brand-name counterparts.

CVS's company-owned PBM plans to limit its coverage of Adderall XR -- the drug's

extended-release formulation -- and another popular ADHD treatment, Concerta, likewise limiting treatment options for patients.

All this churning activity is highly lucrative for PBMs. Their gross profits totaled more than \$28 billion in 2019. But patients are getting a raw deal. The three largest PBMs together control 80% of the market. The list of their "excluded" drugs grew from 850 in 2020 to more than 1,150 in 2022.

Fortunately, lawmakers in Washington are beginning to

show interest in standing up for patients. A new bipartisan "Patient Advocacy Caucus" promises to investigate the drug supply chain middlemen keeping prices high for patients. They've pledged to begin with PBMs. There's a lot more to be done, but that's a good place to start.

Dr. Ann Childress, M.D. is a physician and internationally recognized expert in the diagnosis and treatment of ADHD. She also serves as president of the American Professional Society of ADHD and Related Disorders. ★

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