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CAL FIRE to Suspend Burn Permits in Butte County

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Following a period of critically dry conditions, California experienced a very wet winter that filled reservoirs and put an end to years of drought. The plentiful precipitation also caused significant vegetation growth in Butte County. No matter how much rain the area receives throughout winter and spring, however, the abundant grass crop dries out as the temperature rises and humidity drops.

While wildfires are a natural part of California's landscape, the increasing fire danger posed by dead grass and hotter, drier conditions in the region are prompting CAL FIRE to suspend all burn permits for outdoor residential burning within the State Responsibility Area of Butte County. This suspension goes into effect Monday, June 17, 2024, and bans all residential outdoor burning of landscape debris such as branches and leaves.

"We encourage residents to use the next 4 days to finish any debris burning that may help you achieve your defensible space goals," says Garrett Sjolund, CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department Fire Chief. "But we urge caution as the risk of an escaped control burn is rising with the temperature."

As of June 10, CAL FIRE and firefighters across the state have responded to 1,769 wildfires that have burned more than 31,995 acres this year.

After outdoor burning of landscape debris by homeowners is no longer allowed, CAL FIRE is asking residents to continue preparing their home for wildfire by creating defensible space and hardening your home.

Here are some tips to help prepare homes and property:

Clear all dead and dying vegetation 100 feet from around all structures, landscape with fire resistant plants and non-flammable ground cover, and find alternative ways to dispose of landscape debris like chipping or hauling it to a biomass energy or green waste facility.

The department may issue restricted temporary burning permits if there is an essential reason due to public health and safety. Agriculture, land management, fire training, and

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Lions Paul (left) and June (right) Breitag show off the finished product of the Lions Club partnership with Top Coat Concrete Coating. Photo by Seti Long



The linoleum in the community center kitchen was beginning to ripple and become unsightly. Photo provided by Paul Breitag

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Community Center, also known as the Guardian Building, has recently had some work done to its kitchen floor courtesy of the Lions Club.

The building, located on the corner of East Spruce and Fairview Road in Gridley, is used for events from plays and performances to weddings. The large hall and kitchen make it ideal for dinners and drive-thru fundraisers.

The Gridley Lions Club uses the kitchen to dye thousands of Easter eggs for their annual fundraiser and has logged many volunteer hours

cooking in it for community events.

Gridley Lion June Breitag shares that portions of the linoleum floor have become incredibly wrinkled, pulling away in waves from the cement subfloor.

There is also a large square drain on the floor located in a bad spot near a prep counter.

The Lions worked with local business Top Coat Concrete Coatings and Jeff Draper to have the unsightly linoleum removed and a durable concrete coating floor installed. The result was a soft blue-gray flake coated floor boasting slip-resistant qualities and an extremely long life.

Breitag shared with the Herald that

excess firework fundraising monies helped pay for the floor which her fellow Lions said was best used for the community center project rather than just earmarking it for a single group or person.

"It (the community center) just serves so many people," said Breitag.

The Herald spoke with Gridley High School Principal Rikki-Lee Buresch, who said that there had been no immediate plans to repair the bad floor.

"We are immensely grateful, especially given that this is a community building and it's used by so many different organizations," said Buresch.

The floor would not have been repaired for some time if the Lions hadn't come forward with the project, according to Buresch.

In addition to the new coating, Ed White from GHS welding is having his students make grate covers for the drains that Lions have slipped into, creating a more aesthetic look to some existing floor panels. ★

Senior Population Sees New Digs



The Yuba City Planning Commission approved a new 93-assisted living facility permit at the June 12 meeting. Photo courtesy of Yuba City

By Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Maintaining one's independence is critical to the quality of life.

That is one reason the Yuba City Planning Commission approved a permit application at the June meeting for a 93-unit skilled intermediate

care facility adjacent to a residential development near the Yuba Sutter Dialysis Center and American Red Cross.

"Many seniors nowadays prefer to live independently and have their own space without having to make significant changes to their lifestyles," Planning Commission Chair

Jackie Sillman said. "To cater to this preference, the Planning Commission has approved a project to build new assisted-living communities."

With no public opposition, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the project of 27 memory-care units and 66 assisted-living

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

How often do you lie? Are most people honest? We assume people lie a lot and that lying is widespread, according to the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Timothy Levine, Ph.D., who studies lying (good work if you can get it). Past research has found that people lie, on average, about once or twice per day. However, researchers have learned that the average number of lies per day reported in academic research does not reflect the behavior of most people. The distribution of lying is highly skewed: Most people report telling a few or no lies on a given day, and most lies are told by only "a few prolific liars," the study's authors determined. The study tracked people's lying every day over three months. More than 630 participants were asked to keep a daily deception journal, yielding 116,336 lies. The results showed

about three-quarters of the study participants were consistently honest, telling between zero and two lies per day. By contrast, a small subset of people — about 6 percent — averaged more than six lies per day and accounted for a sizable proportion of the lies. So, the research confirms a hunch I have had for years. Most people are honest, but the liars lie a lot. It is a character issue. You do not want to live in a world in which honesty is not the norm.

It is June, and the fires in SoCal look intense. Fire season usually starts there and ends up in the Northstate. Remember, the big Paradise fire was in November. So, I looked at the CAL Fire incident webpage this week, and there is too much going on south of Bakersfield.

The old Marysville Hotel burned down last week. I suspect the State Theatre across the street will be the next historic iconic building to go. That part of town has been idle, with boarded-up historic buildings left unattended for more than 20 years. One benefit of the thousands of hobos, drug addicts, bums, and winos is they often trespass into unused and unsalvageable

buildings and burn them down, making way for new development (I wonder if this was the plan when the state legalized drugs). The old Pfister Feed plant next to the tracks on Magnolia Street has been on fire a couple of times, and the current residents are apt to do it again, which surely would be the end of that old red brick landmark. Marysville, like Oroville, was once the place to go for commerce; historical trends and the alignment of the freeway system changed that over time. It is funny how many fortunes have been made or lost on where the road goes. Particularly interesting for us in California - as many of our roads were laid out by drunken gold miners walking with their donkey. Their legacy lives on in so many ways.

This is the 302nd New Pi Line, hopefully after another hundred or so it will be as interesting as the original Pi Line. Thankfully, with a newspaper that has been around since 1880, one can take the long view on many many things.

Josh F.W. Cook writes for the Gridley Herald. Views expressed here are solely his own. ★

Marysville Hotel Fire Sparks Traffic



Aerial attacks were crucial to taking down the fire that raged inside the Marysville Hotel. Photo by CAL FIRE

By Seti Long

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Traffic ensued throughout Marysville and neighboring areas following the devastating fire that engulfed historic Marysville Hotel over the weekend.

Reports say that around 9:30 pm Saturday, June 15, calls were received by the Linda Fire Protection District, with witnesses reporting smoke and fire issuing from the higher floors of the vacant building. Firefighting crews from Loma Rica, Linda, Marysville, Sutter, Yuba City, Wheatland, Olivehurst and CALFIRE responded to tackle the blaze.

The hotel, a nearly century-old landmark located at 420 3rd St., sits right alongside Highway 70. As flames raged and crews battled through the night, authorities were forced to shut down both the highway and adjacent streets. The closure prompted Caltrans (the California Department of Transportation) to implement detours using Marysville's downtown surface streets, funneling traffic onto routes such as F and B streets.

Social media updated warned residents to avoid 10th and 5th streets, as well as bridged between the two cities, which have been gridlocked with traffic. Simpson Lane, another detour route, was also reported to be heavily gridlocked.

Officials remain concerned about the building's structural integrity as the interior of the building has been destroyed, leaving behind the outer husk of the hotel.

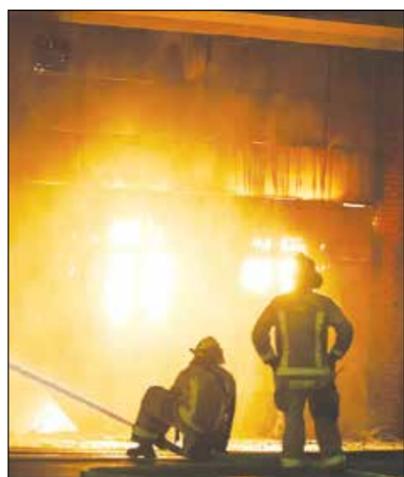
"Currently, I am concerned that we will have the potential for collapse due to the extent of the damage," said Linda Fire

Protection District Chief Kyle Heggstrom to the media.

While firefighters and law enforcement secured the area and prevented the blaze from spreading to neighboring buildings the fire burned until the early hours of Sunday morning. Around 10 a.m. June 16, witnesses reported small flames and smoke still smoldering in the wreckage as crews remained on scene, working diligently to fully contain the fire throughout Sunday.

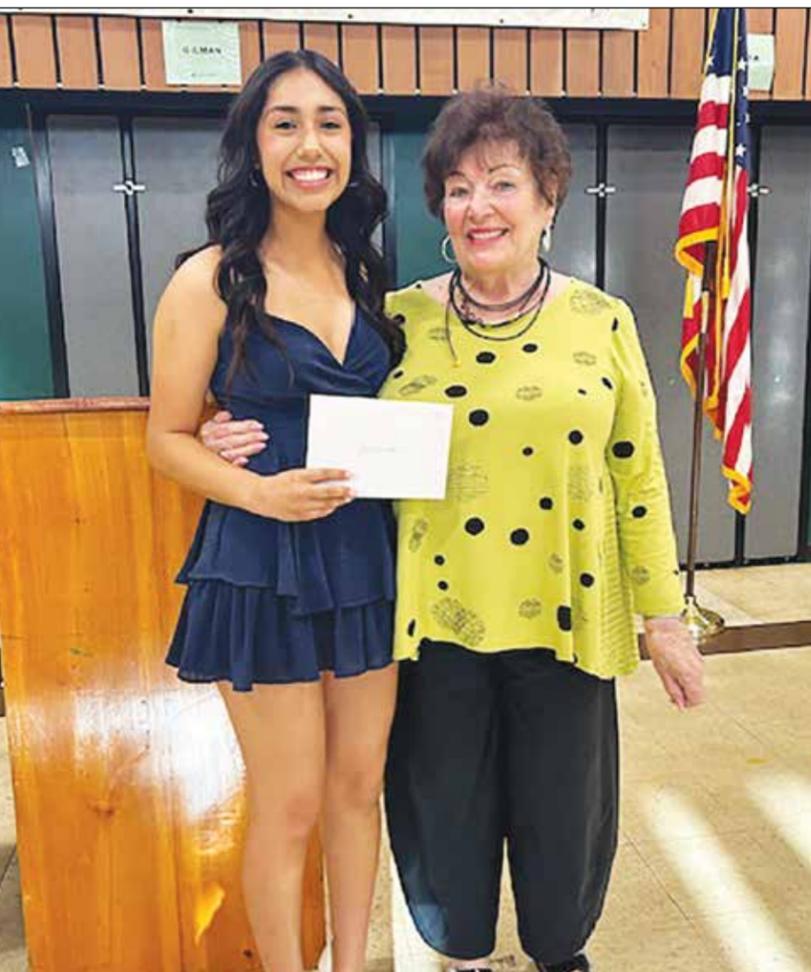
As investigations into the fire are still under investigation officials urge commercial traffic to utilize Highway 99 to alleviate congestion in the city.

The remains of the hotel are reportedly being inspected by engineers to determine if the structure is sound or at risk of collapse, as of press time. ★



The flames from the Marysville Hotel light up the night as firefighters work to put out the blaze. Photo by Unique McVey

Biggs HS Senior Wins Sorority Scholarship



Beta Omega Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority President Dell DeMeyer, right, presented Biggs High School senior Jazmin Ibarra with a \$400 scholarship at an awards ceremony May 6.

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Life's a Picnic

Gridley Parks and Rec Holds Annual Picnic



Children played giant games of yard pool, jumped in bounce houses, and took shots at basketball connect four. Photo provided by Ashley Ayala

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Parks and Recreation returned to Manuel Vierra Park with the third annual Picnic in the Park.

Saturday, June 15, Gridley Parks and Rec (GPR) invited the community to come out and enjoy family-friendly games, bounce houses, dunk tanks and airbrush tattoos under the shade of the park's giant oak trees.

Local firefighters from CAL FIRE/Butte County/Gridley Fire Department volunteered in the dunk tank and visited with youth. Excited children lined up to try their aim.

Members of the Lions Club, Gridley Parks and Recreation Department and Gridley Police Department mingled and visited with the community as they volunteered.

Gridley Parks and Recreation director Ashley Ayala said, "The Community Picnic is important because it is a way for the entire community to come together, including Gridley Recreation and other organizations like CAL FIRE and the Lions Club."



CAL FIRE/Butte County/Gridley Fire Department Firefighter Alex Klien smiles as he stands next to a sitting Zach Downing. Photo provided by Ashley Ayala

"It is our hope that this event gains traction to continue to celebrate the wonderful community in which we live all while giving back to youth and their families," Ayala added. ★

Quota Hosts Scholars



Quota recognized a large group of graduating seniors at their scholarship luncheon. Photo by Suzanne Robinson

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - As the end of the school year wrapped up for area high schools, the Gridley Quota Club held its second traditional luncheon of the year — the scholarship luncheon.

Annually, the ladies of

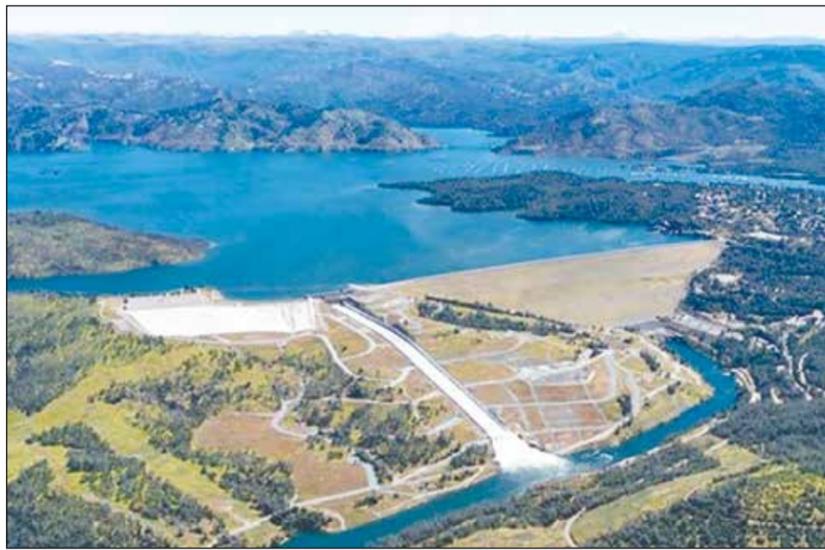
Quota invite graduating seniors from Live Oak, Gridley and Biggs high schools with GPAs of 3.9 or higher to join them for lunch and gifts. Quota traditionally awards scholarships to graduates as well.

This year a large group of graduates joined the

Quotarians for lunch, sitting at banquet tables set in their high school colors.

The seniors dined on burgers and chips as they were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements. Each was awarded a gift bag and posed for a group picture before dispersing. ★

Lake Oroville Update



An aerial view shows high water conditions at Oroville Dam located at Lake Oroville in Butte County, California. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources

California Department of Water Resources News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Lake Oroville Remains Full. With temperatures reaching triple digits this week, Lake Oroville continues to remain at full capacity, offering ample water recreation and cooling opportunities for visitors. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is adjusting water releases from the reservoir as needed to account for increasing or decreasing inflows while maintaining flood protection for downstream communities. Releases are closely coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other water operators and adjusted as needed to maintain balance throughout the water system. DWR continues to monitor Lake Oroville levels to optimize water storage while meeting environmental requirements and allowing for carryover storage into next year.

With Lake Oroville at full capacity, windy periods are likely to cause water to splash onto and over the crest of the emergency spillway. This will result in minor surface wetting of the downstream side of the emergency spillway crest and the very upper sections of the splash pad. Visitors to Oroville Dam may also notice minor amounts of water flowing from drains built into the emergency spillway. Both conditions are normal and expected given the emergency spillway design. The dam and emergency spillway continue to operate as intended.

The information below reflects current reservoir level estimates. Forecasts can change quickly and may affect the estimates provided.

Current Oroville Reservoir Level: 899 feet elevation

Current Storage Capacity: 100 percent
Total Releases to the Feather River: 3,800 cubic feet per second (cfs)

Total releases to the Feather River amount to 3,800 cfs with 850 cfs being routed down the Low Flow Channel through the City of Oroville. An additional 2,950 cfs is being released from the Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet, located five miles downstream from Oroville. DWR continues to assess Feather River releases daily.

As the largest storage facility in the State Water Project, Lake Oroville helps provide water to 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland, while providing flood protection to downstream communities along with environmental and recreation benefits. Spring is an important time for water project operators to fill reservoirs like Lake Oroville ahead of dry months. It also is an important migration window for many native fish species. DWR is using the best available science to protect fish species. However, SWP operations have faced significant restrictions in the Delta this year that have impacted the ability in other areas of the state to capture and store the water needed if California sees a return to drought conditions. ★



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Defendant Charged with Child Molestation During Jail Video Call

Butte County District Attorney's News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - An 18-year-old Oroville man, awaiting sentencing on robbery, auto theft, and gun charges, was in court June 18 to face additional charges of child molestation after he allegedly used a video call from the Butte County Jail to remotely molest a 13-year-old girl.

William Phillip Kevil, 18, of Oroville, had pleaded no contest to 13 counts last month for a "Grand Theft Auto" crime spree that occurred last December. On June 18, he was charged by the Butte County District Attorney's Office special victims' unit with felony child molestation and contacting a minor for sexual purposes.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the Butte County Jail has a tablet communication system for inmates to use for video visits in addition to telephone calls and in-person visits.

Kevil was arrested after the Butte County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation and stated Kevil was contacting a 13-year-old girl from the jail. During one of the video calls on the tablet, Kevil allegedly requested and caused the minor to touch herself sexually while he viewed her, a crime in California.

Ramsey said that Kevil knew the minor before his incarceration and contacted the minor multiple times while in jail. Kevil had the girl set up a fake visitor profile to be able to use the video portion of the tablet, according to the District Attorney's Office. Sheriff's investigators pinpointed the dates and times of the video by connecting Kevil's account usage and video chats with the girl, according to Ramsey.

Kevil faces an additional minimum of more than a decade of new prison time on his new case. Kevil was arraigned June 18 on his new case and is next in court on July 17 for entry of plea. He remains in jail without bail. ★

Bakersfield Man Charged with Sex Crimes with Minor in Chico

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Bakersfield man who had bailed out of Butte County Jail in April on charges of having sex with a 14-year-old Chico girl was back in court in custody on May 24 facing additional charges of recently attempting to have the girl lie for him.

Jayson David Webster, 27, was charged by the Butte County District Attorney's Office for contacting a minor for sexual purposes, sending photographs of his privates to a minor, arranging to meet a minor to engage in sex and possession of child pornography. He was also charged with lewd acts with a 14-year-old child, assault likely to produce great bodily injury, and two counts of dissuading a victim from providing truthful information. Webster had been bailed

out of jail after his initial arrest on April 27, after posting a \$331,000 bond and was not due back in court until June 2024. In the meantime, it was alleged that he contacted his victim by phone and attempted to dissuade her from telling the truth.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the 14-year-old victim had been reported as a run-away child by her mother on April 26. The girl's mother managed to find her daughter via social media applications and cell phone location data at a motel in Chico in the early morning hours of April 27. An investigation by Chico Police detectives revealed that Webster and the girl had been communicating for weeks via the internet.

Ramsey said that Webster drove to Chico from Bakersfield in the middle of the night, picked the girl up from a friend's house

and drove her to the motel. The girl later told police that Webster engaged in sex with her and strangled her.

Webster later drove the girl to Butte Meadows and left her there at a store, according to the Butte County District Attorney's Office.

Ramsey said that Chico detectives are working with Bakersfield Police on reports that Webster has also been communicating with several minors in the Bakersfield area, offering them alcohol, marijuana or nicotine and requesting nude photographs of them. Both agencies are continuing their investigations.

Butte County Superior Court Judge Kristen Lucena accepted Webster's not-guilty plea on May 24 and then remanded him to jail with an increased bail amount of \$750,000.00. His case is set for 8:30 a.m. July 9 for a preliminary hearing. ★

Congressman LaMalfa Votes for National Defense Authorization Act



Rep. Doug LaMalfa represents California's First Congressional District. Courtesy photo

Office of Rep. Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - On June 14, 2024, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) voted for H.R. 8070, the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025.

Congressman LaMalfa said, "House Republicans' Defense Authorization

Act focuses on threats we face: the increasing use of drone warfare, the escalating threats from China and Iran, as well as the increasing instability in the Middle East. Republicans address lagging military recruiting by eliminating DEI programs and stopping Biden's attempts to institute the 'Green New Deal' in the military. Importantly, the bill increases pay to our service members, improves

housing, and prioritizes veterans' services."

Important provisions include:

Additional \$55 million dollars for upgraded mission operations at Beale Air Force Base.

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With an eye towards potential near-term conflicts with Beijing, the legislation increases funding for drone countermeasures and anti-drone technologies, hypersonic missiles, offensive and defensive cyberattacks, and high-energy laser weapons.

Includes \$650 million in priority projects across the Indo-Pacific region, which increase security and logistics capacity in the region.

Rep. Doug LaMalfa represents California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties. ★

CAL FIRE to Suspend Burn Permits in Butte County

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other industrial type burning may proceed if a CAL FIRE official inspects the burn site and issues a special permit.

The burn permit suspension applies to all areas of Butte County except within the city limits of Gridley and Biggs. For up-to-date burning regulations,

visit the Burning page at ButteCounty.net/Fire.

The suspension of burn permits for residential landscape debris does not apply to campfires within organized campgrounds or on private property. Campfires may be permitted if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent its spread

to the wildland. A valid campfire permit is required and can be obtained online at ReadyForWildfire.org.

For additional information on how to create Defensible Space, Home Hardening, Evacuation Planning and how to be prepared for wildfires, as well as tips to prevent wildfires, visit BeReadyButte.com. ★

Brownie's BAIT BOX
Fishing rating scale: (b) Excellent • (a) Good • (g) Poor (bad)

LOCAL FISHING

Best bet for the last of the Striped Bass in the Feather River is between Verona and East Nicolas. Try: Pile Worms (a) Look for post-spawn stripers hanging out around Woodson Bridge, or Hamilton City on the Sacramento River. Try: Pile Worms. (a)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Berkeley; limits of Striped Bass and California Halibut. Party boats haul in 54 stripers and 39 halibut. Try: Live Anchovy. (b) North Delta near Liberty Island, a few stripers moving through here. Fish the shallow rock piles, also 8-10 lb. linesides found in Fourteen Mile Slough. Try: Swim Bait. (a) Stripers are rushing through the Sacramento Delta to San Francisco Bay, on their return to the Pacific Ocean. Best bet is Liberty Island. Try: Plastic Crawdad. (a)

LAKES RESERVOIRS

Lake Almanor/Hamilton Branch; "Trifecta" 4.1 lb. Rainbow Trout, 5.13 lb. Brown Trout, 6.9 lb. King Salmon. Trolling...All caught on...Try: Orange Flies and Soft Plastics in Smelt pattern. (b) Lake Britton/Burney Ca. Take the North Shore Road, launch at the dirt boat ramp.

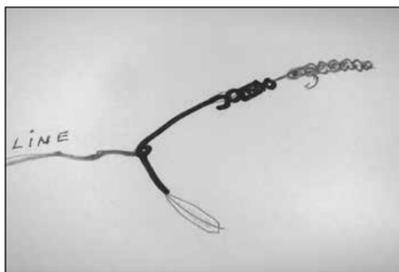


COASTAL WATERS

San Diego; 14 anglers bagged 42 big Blue Fin Tuna, near 60-mile Bank. Try: Kite gear and rigged with live Flying Fish. (b) Dana Pt./Newport. Yellow Fin Tuna caught by commercial fishermen. Try: Live Anchovy dropped to 200 plus feet with heavy 24 ounce weights.



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RIVERS

American Shad fishing on the Feather, Yuba and American Rivers remains poor, due to high water flows and pulsing by the Dept. of Water Resources.

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Senior Population Sees New Digs



The 93-unit facility, near the American Red Cross, has 27 memory-care units and 66 assisted-living rooms for the area's senior population. Photo courtesy of Yuba City

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rooms by a 5-0 vote to allow the use permit application submitted by Galloway Group LLC.

AICP Deputy Director of Development Services Doug Libby said California housing goals encourage various housing types at different price points to accommodate all citizens.

"Yuba City hasn't had a facility such as this constructed in many years, and a project like this will provide an additional option and expand available inventory for aging residents," Libby said.

The Planning Commission chair noted how the new facility offers autonomy.

"These communities offer amenities such as a community dining room, a range of activities and the option for residents to eat in their rooms or dine out," Sillman said. "This allows residents to enjoy their freedom while still having access to support when needed."

Before any construction

comes paperwork.

"The Yuba City Municipal Code requires approval of a use permit for this type of use when the property is zoned Office Commercial District (C-O) to address any compatibility, aesthetic or traffic issues that may be identified," Libby said.

According to the staff report, the quality of the site and building design was a major component of the review for this project. Yuba City Design Guidelines mandated architectural elements consistent with area aesthetics, including inset windows and color and material types.

According to the Yuba City Municipal Code, there are also landscape mandates, which call for the developer to add more screening trees or hedges to the adjacent residential development.

Not just any tree can be planted. According to the staff report, the saplings must be on the Yuba City-approved street tree list.

"A final landscape plan will be provided at the time of building permit demonstrating compliance with State water-efficient landscape requirements," the staff report states.

Along with the new assisted living facility, Libby said, it's important to ensure that the senior population enjoys city amenities, including the Yuba Senior Center.

"The Senior Center, although funded by the City of Yuba City, is a regional asset because, in addition to Yuba City residents, it receives visitors from unincorporated Sutter County, Yuba County, Browns Valley, Colusa area and the cities of Gridley and Live Oak," Libby said.

Libby said a construction timeline for the project was not provided.

"This is not unusual and would typically be developed after a use permit is approved," Libby said. "The applicant has indicated they would like to construct the facility next year." ★

News to Know: The Most Popular Veterans Benefits Don't Expire



By Dr. Paul Lawrence

While some people may think that the veterans benefits they have earned from military service could evaporate or disappear, this is inaccurate. The most popular veteran benefits have no expiration date. You can apply at any point and are not time-bound.

The three most popular veterans' benefits are disability compensation, home loan guaranty and education/G.I. Bill.

For these benefits, there are important dates to remember. If you miss those dates, you may be inconvenienced but these benefits are still available, providing you qualify.

Disability compensation is a tax-free monthly payment based on an injury or disability that occurred during service. A veteran completes an application, referred to as a claim. Accompanying this claim is information about their service and medical conditions. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) evaluates the claim and grants or denies benefits.

A disability compensation claim can be filed as early as 180 days prior to completion of active duty and throughout the remainder of a veteran's life. In short, there is no

expiration date for disability compensation.

Many veterans file multiple claims throughout their lives as new conditions are identified or previously identified conditions worsen. This is called a claim for an increase. There is no limit on how often this can be done.

There are two important dates to keep in mind relative to disability compensation. The first concerns the Intent to File. In advance of actually applying for disability compensation, you can complete an Intent to File form. This tells the VA that you will file in the next year and preserves the effective day (i.e., the date on which benefits will begin).

For example, a veteran completes an Intent to File form establishing Feb. 1, 2024, as his/her effective date. After collecting all the needed information and forms, benefits are granted on Dec. 1, 2024. The first payment would include a retroactive payment reflecting the intent to file date of Feb. 1.

You can get assistance with your VA claim for no cost from an accredited representative such as your county veterans service officer or an accredited veteran's service organization, such as the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans or the VFW.

Home Loan Guaranty allows veterans to purchase a home with no money down. This is a tremendous advantage over our civilian counterparts, who must save for a down payment prior to purchasing a home. Subject to restrictions, this

can even be used to purchase a mobile home or farm residence.

There is no time restriction on this benefit. It can be used repeatedly by veterans as they move and purchase new homes.

Education/G.I. Bill benefits are significant for veterans. Serve for three years and you can earn four years of free college. It can also be used for high-tech apprenticeships, advanced Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math training, and credentials and certificates.

In 2017, a new law, often known as the Forever G.I. Bill, was introduced. If your service ended on or after Jan. 1, 2013, this benefit will never expire.

If your service ended prior to Jan. 1, 2013, you still could qualify for the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill or the Montgomery G.I. Bill for active duty or reservists. Each of these has an expiration date, so check those dates carefully at VA.gov.

Veterans' benefits are an important part of the rewards for military service and you can apply at VA.gov. The best time to learn about your benefits is well before applying for them. But remember, it's never too late to start and some of the most popular veterans benefits never expire.

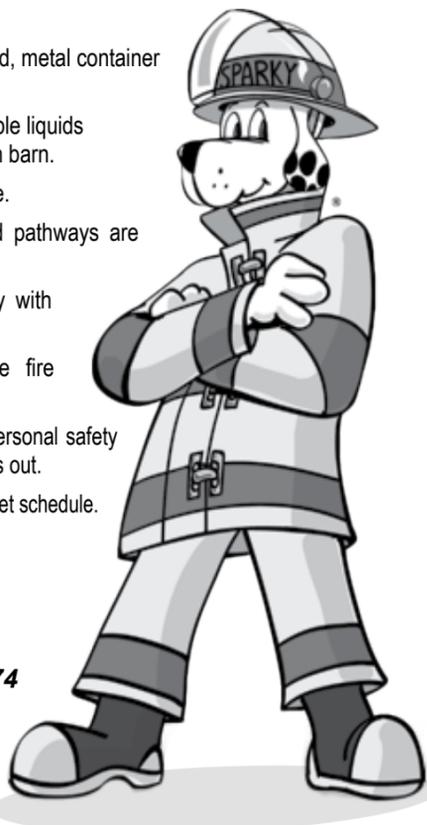
Paul R. Lawrence, Ph.D., served as Under Secretary for Benefits at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs from May 2018 to January 2021. He is the author of "Veterans Benefits for You: Get what You Deserve," published in 2023. ★

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Barn Fire Safety Checklist

Mrs. O'Leary's Cow may have gotten a bad rap but the folktale reminds us fire safety is an important part of farm life. People, animals, and property are in danger when fire breaks out on the farm.

- Inspect your barn and outbuildings for fire hazards to reduce the risk of tragic loss.
- Heat lamps and space heaters are kept a safe distance from anything that can burn.
- Heaters are on a sturdy surface and cannot fall over.
- Electrical equipment is labeled for agricultural or commercial use.
- All wiring is free from damage.
- Extension cords are not used in the barn.
- Lightbulbs have covers to protect them from dust, moisture, and breakage.
- Damage is identified quickly and repairs are completed with safety in mind.
- Dust and cobwebs around electrical outlets and lights are removed.
- Oily rags are stored in a closed, metal container away from heat.
- Feed, hay, straw, and flammable liquids are stored away from the main barn.
- The barn is a smoke-free zone.
- Exits are clearly marked and pathways are clear.
- Fire drills are held frequently with everyone who uses the barn.
- Workers are trained to use fire extinguishers.
- Everyone in the barn knows personal safety is the first priority if a fire breaks out.
- Hazard checks take place on a set schedule.



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Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

Identifying and Matching Best Social Media Platforms for Your Business (Chico)

With the vast number of social media platforms available for businesses to use, it is becoming more difficult to identify which social media platforms to develop for your business success. You will identify specific platforms to use for different target audiences, and develop strategies integrating several platforms to meet your marketing goals. You will learn why it is important to identify new audiences and target markets to grow your business and understand how to integrate the correct social media platforms you have identified to help you with that growth. Topics include Use of different social media platforms, Developing business accounts for each platform, Using different media/technology for each platform, Expectation for target markets, and Time/work expectations

Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 | **Time:** 8:30am – 10:30am
Cost: Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

Social Media Marketing (Oroville)

This training will focus on methods of social media marketing. You will learn the basics of using social media to further your marketing plan and generate additional revenues, explore real-world examples of social media marketing used to grow your client base, and determine your target market needs. Training will help individuals who are either just getting started in social media marketing, or those who would like a little more information on how to develop their current social media strategies. Topics include: Targeting New & Existing Markets, Expanding Strategies, 3rd Party Tools, Work & Time Expectations, and Hidden Business Growth Opportunities

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am
Cost: Free | **Location:** The Barrel Room, 1566 Houttoon, Oroville

Marketing Funnels: How to Acquire, Measure, Track, Monetize Traffic, Leads, Conversations... (Paradise)

Do you know what Marketing Funnels are? Do you know how they can benefit your business? Do you want to ensure your marketing dollars and time are working for you? Do you want to know how you can use Marketing Funnels to drive increase sales, more loyalty and stronger brand awareness? During this marketing workshop, you will learn how to use Marketing Funnels to acquire, measure, track and monetize your traffic, leads, and conversations. You will also gain insights from seeing the "big picture" and learn how collecting the right data can help to identify your "Marketing Blindspots."

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am
Cost: Free | **Location:** Paradise Ridge Chamber, 6161 Clark Road, Paradise

Effectively Using Your QuickBooks System to Manage Your Business (Chico)

QuickBooks is an effective accounting system when used to financially manage your business. To ensure success, you must understand how to effectively enter, use, and run reports. This 2-hour intensive workshop will show you how the QuickBooks system can go from just a recording system for taxes to a management tool to help direct and monitor your business to meet your goals. Training includes: the review process to ensure data is entered correctly, monthly accuracy check and key issues, exporting and comparing your reports to budgets and forecasts, and additional resources you can tap into if/when you get stuck.

Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 | **Time:** 8:30am – 10:30am
Cost: Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

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DUI Vehicular Manslaughter Sentencing Reveals Victim as Hero

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On June 12, a Mojave man was sentenced in Butte County Superior Court to a term of 14 years in state prison for an August 11, 2023, Oroville area crash that resulted in the death of one person and left another seriously injured. The sentencing hearing June 12 revealed the decedent victim to be a hero who prevented others from being more seriously injured or killed. Elpidio Arevalo Botello, 30, previously pled as charged to vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, hit and run, and other related charges. Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Arevalo Botello was driving a Nissan sedan at dusk westbound on Ophir Road and ran a red light, clipping the front of a Jeep Cherokee traveling southbound through the intersection. The collision caused Arevalo Botello's car to

spin into a motorcycle that was stopped in the oncoming turn lane on eastbound Ophir Road causing severe injuries to the motorcycle driver, Jeffrey Alan Brooks, 61, of Olivehurst, and his 66-year-old fiancé passenger. Brooks and his fiancé were taken to area hospitals where Brooks succumbed to his injuries and died 12 days later. His fiancé remained for several days in the hospital with multiple broken ribs. A passenger in the Jeep sustained moderate injuries. During the sentencing hearing, the driver of the Jeep told the sentencing judge how Brooks warned him that Arevalo Botello was blowing through the intersection's stoplight at high speed by waving his hands towards the Jeep. The driver said Brooks' warning caused him to start braking his Jeep, preventing Arevalo Botello from directly impacting the driver's side of the Jeep - probably saving him and his passenger wife from more serious injury or death. Brooks' fiancé also

echoed the same sentiment saying Brooks threw her from the motorcycle just before the Jeep impacted them protecting her from more serious injury. Brooks' older brother read a statement from Brook's son telling Arevalo Botello, "You killed a man with your decisions, and you could have killed others." Arevalo Botello's defense attorney noted his client's lack of criminal history and requested Arevalo Botello be given formal probation or, in the alternative, the lower term in prison. Instead, Butte County Superior Court Judge Jesus Rodriguez sentenced Arevalo Botello to the middle term of 14 years and pointed out his decision was based on Arevalo Botello's attempt to avoid accountability by leaving the scene, abandoning his vehicle, and reporting his vehicle stolen hours after the crash. The judge also ordered Arevalo Botello to pay criminal restitution for the victims of the collision in a total amount of \$39,621. ★

Chico Man Charged for Attempted Rape During Home Invasion

Butte County District Attorney's Office Press Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - On June 13, the Butte County District Attorney's Office charged a Chico man for sneaking into the apartment of a young woman in his same apartment complex and attacking her with the intent to rape. Francisco Gutierrez-Gomez, 38, of Chico, appeared in Butte County Superior Court June 13 where he was formally charged with Assault to Commit Rape, as well as personally using a weapon during that crime. Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the case arose from a Chico Police investigation that started on May 3 at approximately 2:45 a.m., when officers were called to an apartment complex in the 1000 Block of E. Lassen Avenue in north Chico. There officers located a 22-year-old woman who reported she had just been assaulted within her apartment by a masked stranger. She had suffered multiple

injuries including cuts, bruises, and indications she had been strangled. The young woman told investigators she was alone in her bedroom and got up to get a snack when she was surprised by an intruder in her home, shirtless and wearing a ski mask, who immediately began to violently assault her, including attempting to strangle her, smother her with a pillow, and striking her repeatedly in the head with a rock. Ramsey said the young woman heroically fought back against her attacker, and he ultimately fled from the apartment leaving behind a hat and pocket-knife. Officers secured the items, which were sent to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) forensic laboratory for DNA analysis. A few weeks later DOJ was able to provide investigators with a potential "hit" for Gutierrez-Gomez's DNA from a nationwide database where DNA profiles from past criminal cases are logged. Officers and DOJ

further confirmed a DNA match from a DNA sample Gutierrez-Gomez gave during a Butte County Jail booking a few days before the apartment attack. Working with the DA's special victims' unit, Chico Police detectives immediately obtained an arrest warrant for Gutierrez-Gomez, who was arrested without incident on June 11. Ramsey said Gutierrez-Gomez lived in the same apartment complex as the victim, less than 100 feet from her front door and with a clear line of sight to the stairs leading to her home. During Gutierrez-Gomez's arraignment this afternoon, the DA's office asked the judge to hold him in custody without bail due to the seriousness of his charges and the threat he posed to the community. The judge agreed. Gutierrez-Gomez will next appear in court on June 18 at 8:30 a.m. (after press time) for further arraignment and entry of plea. If convicted, Gutierrez-Gomez faces life in prison. ★



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Chico Woman Accused of Death of Child on His First Birthday

Butte County District Attorney's Office Press Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A Chico woman appeared in Butte County Superior Court on June 6 regarding the fentanyl overdose death of her infant boy. Christy Ann Scarbrough, 40, was charged by the Butte County District Attorney's Office special victims' unit for felony child abuse with a special allegation that the abuse resulted in the infant's death. Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Scarbrough found the boy face down in his crib on the evening of July 6, 2023, the boy's first birthday. The child was blue and unresponsive.

She took him to Enloe Hospital, where he was ultimately pronounced dead. An investigation by Chico Police revealed there was a straw in the baby's crib that tested positive for fentanyl. An extensive investigation followed by the police

and district attorney's office including an autopsy that showed an extraordinarily high amount of fentanyl in the infant's gastric acid, indicating the baby ingested the fentanyl. Ramsey said Scarbrough is an admitted fentanyl user. The use of a straw is a common method of adult ingestion of fentanyl, a powerful opioid.

Scarbrough was previously convicted of child abuse in 2013 and sentenced to prison when her then seven-week-old daughter tested positive for methamphetamine. Ramsey said it was alleged that Scarbrough was taking methamphetamine and other drugs while breastfeeding the child. At the arraignment on June 6, Butte County Superior Court Judge Kristen Lucena held Scarbrough without bail. Scarbrough is due to return to court on June 20 at 8:30 a.m. (after press time) to enter a plea. She faces up to 10 years in state prison. ★

Murderer of Local DJ Sentenced

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - The 24-year-old Chico gang member who was convicted by a jury for his 2021 robbery-homicide of a 24-year-old Chico disc jockey was sentenced today to the maximum term of 50 years to life for his crimes.

Diontae Jerome Tillman was sentenced to the maximum sentence of 50 years to life by Butte County Superior Court Judge Corie Caraway today for first-degree murder and robbery with a firearm.

A jury in March of this year found that Kevin Murillo, 24, a local disc jockey known as "DJ Kam", was murdered on January 5, 2021, when Tillman set up a fake drug transaction to lure Murillo into meeting with Tillman to sell Tillman cocaine. The evidence showed that Tillman, believing Murillo to be an easy target, brought a .40 caliber handgun and attempted to steal narcotics from Murillo

before shooting him.

At the emotional sentencing hearing today, statements from Kevin Murillo's family and a slideshow of Kevin Murillo's life were all presented to the judge who watched, read, and heard about the impact of Tillman's actions. Butte County prosecutor DJ Lee pointed out that although Tillman claimed to be remorseful that Kevin Murillo died, Tillman never acknowledged or admitted his decision to rob Kevin Murillo in the first place.

The prosecutor argued it appeared Tillman was more remorseful that he got caught, rather than remorseful for his decision to rob people. Tillman's continuing association with a criminal street gang also seemed contrary to any desire for rehabilitation or remorse.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey noted that although Tillman was sentenced to 50 years to life, he will be eligible for parole in 25 years under California law because of his age at the time of the shooting. ★

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Jessica R Montoya and Tosha A Montoya, 6635 Upper Palermo Road, Oroville, CA 95966
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Jessica R Montoya and Tosha A Montoya, 6635 Upper Palermo Road, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: June 14, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. 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: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024
SPA 7-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000450

The following person(s) are doing business as: Dadco Construction, 5913 Clark Road Unit G, Paradise, CA 95969

Louis R D Munjar, PO Box 73, Paradise, CA 95967
Date filed in Butte County: June 4, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 10, 1992

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024
DADCO 7-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000447

The following person(s) are doing business as: Bidwell Realty/Bidwell Real Estate/Bidwell Realty Inc, 5 Skyline Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966

Bidwell Realty Inc, 5 Skyline Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: June 3, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 1, 2000

This Business is conducted by: A 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: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024
PIPPIN 6-28-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV01411

Petitioner Ashley Rosales Calderon filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Mateo Cruz Pettigrew to Mateo Cruz Calderon.

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 July 10, 2024, 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 May 22, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024
CALDERON 6-28-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV01645

Petitioner Thomas Marcus Reed filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Thomas Marcus Reed to Thomas Marcus Reed Crabtree.

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CALDERON 6-28-24

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County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
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Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
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REED 7-5-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV01560

Petitioner Heather Carlene Guarado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Heather Carlene Guarado to Heather Carlene Jacobson.

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 July 17, 2024, 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 May 16, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024
GUARDADO 7-5-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
JAMES R. MILLER
CASE NO. 24PR00257

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of James R. Miller.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by John M. Miller, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting John M. Miller 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: July 16, 2024, 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.

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: June 21, 28, July 5, 2024
CHILTON 7-5-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
WANDA JUANITA CHILTON AKA WANDA JUANITA CHILTON AKA WANDA MATHIS AKA WANDA HARLES
CASE NO. 24PR00096

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Wanda Juanita Chilton aka Wanda J. Chilton Aka Wanda Chilton aka Wanda Mathis aka Wanda Harles aka Wanda Juanita Mathis Chilton

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Danielle LeClerc Klein, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Danielle LeClerc Klein be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661
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MILLER 7-5-24

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CHILTON 7-5-24

City of Biggs City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday July 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Biggs City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs, California, to consider the following matter:

Approval of the Report of Delinquent Fees (Report) related to utility charges for collection on the property tax roll prepared by the Butte County Tax Collector.

A list of addresses potentially affected by this action is on file with the City Clerk.

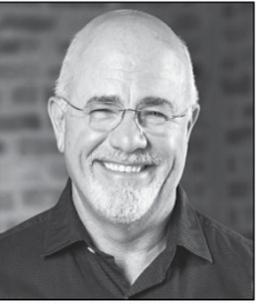
City Council shall make its determination upon each charge as described in the Report. Their final determination shall cause the Report to be filed with the County of Butte. The Tax Collector shall include said delinquent fees and charges for taxes levied against the respective lots and parcels of land.

Property owners and any other interested persons may contact Carrie Pahuia, Billing and Collections, at 530-868-5493, or submit written comments to City Hall prior to 4 p.m. on July 9, 2024, or by emailing the City Clerk at cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov, or in person at the Public Hearing.

As a continued courtesy to the public, the meeting will be broadcast free via the internet - no comments will be allowed remotely. The zoom link to watch the meeting is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5308680100>.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Billings and Collections, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Roben Benish
City of Biggs City Clerk



Dave Ramsey Says

because the renter is making your payments. No, it's your payment. And when the renter doesn't pay, or it sits empty, guess what? You have to pay it.

If you want passive income, buy an S&P 500 index fund. Set it and forget it. You won't have to fix a leaky roof, replace worn out appliances or try to collect from dead-beat tenants. Real estate is a great way to invest, if you do it the right way. I love it. It's anything but passive, though.

Let me ask you this about your situation. If you had a paid-for house, would you borrow \$140,000 against it to invest? Of course not. It's pretty much the same thing, and that would be dumb. Pay off your home, brother. Just pay it off. You'll be debt-free, and you'll still have six figures to invest.

I love that you're thinking about the future, Anthony. And I know the compound interest you're visualizing down the road is really tempting. Your compound interest calculator will tell you some amazing things, but what it's leaving out is risk. It also can't tell you about the carefree way you'll walk, and how it'll feel like a huge weight has been lifted off your shoulders when you don't have a house payment. You'll be able to live life on

your terms, and all the decisions you make will come from a completely different point of view—one that isn't burdened by the weight of bankers hovering around, waiting for you to give them what's theirs.

The borrower is always a slave to the lender. Think about it. Only one implication of slavery is mathematical. All the rest are spiritual, physical, relational, emotional and mental. Being debt-free changes your life from the inside-out. Not only does it make your life better, but it allows you to give with incredibly generosity, and be an agent for positive change in the lives of others.

Pay off the house!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★

There's Nothing Passive About Real Estate

Dear Dave,

We sold our rental property recently. When we bought it, we thought it would be a good source of passive income. But owning it wasn't passive at all. It got to the point where the work and hassle became too much. We have \$240,000 from the sale, and we're debt-free except for our home. We owe \$140,000 on our house, and could pay it off instantly, but part of me wants to invest the proceeds from the sale of the rental property. Is it better to become completely debt-free at this point, or should we invest it so we can have even more money for retirement?

— Anthony

Dear Anthony

You mean you had to actively manage your rental property? Listen, anyone who tells you real estate is passive income is full of crap. It's a natural extension of the garbage people spout about how it's okay to go into debt to buy real estate,

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church

Ok it is testing time. Let's answer a few questions. Take time to really think them through and answer them honestly.

- Where is God in all this evil?
- When has God been your strength and help?
- When has God given you tasks to do?
- When has God asked you to pray for others?
- How has God changed your life?
- When have you felt God's presence?
- When did you need God's rescuing?
- Has God spoken to you?
- Why does it matter that Jesus died and rose?
- How has God healed your wounds?
- How do you know there is a living God and Savior?
- When have you lost hope?
- Can you believe the Bible is God's Word?
- Who do you go to in times of trouble?
- Do you believe you are going to heaven?
- Do you believe in eternal life?

As believers of the Almighty Lord, the Savior Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, we need to be able to answer and explain through faith what we believe. As you answer these

questions examine your life and beliefs. Call on the Lord for wisdom.

In ancient times precious unblemished lambs were offered as sacrifices to atone for sin and death. Blood was the lifeline. It cleaned all from sin. Therefore Jesus as the last sacrificial Passover lamb gave His life, shed His blood to cover all the sins of all people, in all the world, for all time. That's love.

God Himself offered His Son to show His creation that He loved it so much He would do anything to bring His children back from the brink of destruction.

Christianity is hard because it asks for sacrifice of us all. Give up pleasures that harm us and put ourselves out there for others. Take a step, no take a leap of faith. The results will be peace, joy, hope, and love. Giving up harmful things is really hard but what a life we could live.

Anything worth doing is hard sometimes. Following Jesus and God's laws could be the easiest and most rewarding experience. TRY IT!!!

Come share those rewarding experiences with the people of the Gridley United Methodist Church. We meet every Sunday at 10 am at 285 Magnolia Street. ★



Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Summer Solstice is here. "At the summer solstice, the Sun travels the longest path through the sky, and that day therefore has the most daylight. When the summer solstice happens in the Northern Hemisphere, the North Pole is tilted about 23.4° (23°27') toward the Sun. Because the Sun's rays are shifted northward from

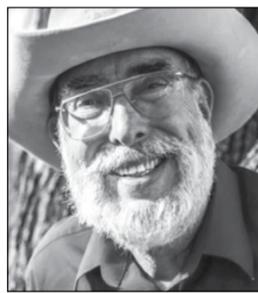
the Equator by the same amount, the vertical noon rays are directly overhead at the Tropic of Cancer (23°27' N)." *Britannica*. The good news is that after the Solstice we are heading toward cooler weather. In our case in about four months or so. Hang on it feels like a HOT summer.

It is supposed to go down 10 degrees for a couple of days. This is good because the summer vegetables really don't like 100+ degree temperatures. We need to see low 90s or so even high 80s to get production going before it wimps out and stops due to a lot of hot, hot, hot.

I saw a sad snail today I know some of you save worms when they are too

wet, I do that. I did not help that suffering snail. I have respect for them and their great athletic abilities but I am not inclined to help them all of the time. I do take them out of water in the birdbath if they are alive when I find them. This one was on the dirt pathway where I walk. It had started out with great enthusiasm, I'm sure. The trail in the dust was fully formed and strong. I'm guessing its' slimy body collected too much dry dust and caused it to be unable to continue. I'm fairly sure it was or already was a goner. What made it think it could get over that dust, I have no idea. As we know not all ideas are good ideas. Stay cool. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

A building project (for those of us who are carpenterially challenged) can be a confusing nightmare of little whatchits we never learned the name of and have no idea how to use.

Oh, if we need a two-by-four that's eight-feet long, we're on pretty safe ground and can head on over to MundoSlab, the building center that dedicates about half an acre to tar paper. It's fun going over there, and you never know when you'll find something you can't live without. You can

"Right-hand threads, or will you need an adaptor?"

buy the stuff in there from the kid who mowed your lawn until a month ago.

But when the real tough parts of a project come along, you know, things that involve plumbing or wiring, there's only one place to go ... the old-fashioned hardware store. MundoSlab coming in sure cut down on the number of old-fashioned hardware stores, but there's always one survivor.

They have gray-haired guys standing just inside the door to help you find just what you need, even if you don't know what it's called and have no clue how to install it.

I walked into the real

hardware store the other day, and a guy with plenty of gray came over and asked if he could help.

"Well," I said. "I have a float thingie on the horse trough that broke. It's that little doo-trammy that's kinda copper-colored and fits on top of the whiz-gidget."

Without breaking stride, he looked at me and said, "Right-hand threads, or will you need an adaptor?"

Let's see MundoSlab match that.

Brought to you by "Whimsy Castle," the latest novel by Slim Randles. Buy one for the lady down the street, too, okay? ★



Farmers Delay Harvests to Protect Nesting Grounds for Imperiled Birds

Simon Vander Woude's Merced County dairy farm serves as a refuge for a bird species that has increasingly looked to agricultural fields as a nesting ground. By agreeing to delay harvest where tricolored blackbirds nest, Vander Woude and other California farmers are helping to save a species that once faced potential extinction. Tricolored blackbirds, which gained protection as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act in 2018, historically nested in freshwater marshes. But the loss of native wetland habitat has forced them to rely on winter silage fields planted by dairy farmers.

As Hot Season Arrives, Farmers Seek to Protect Agricultural Workers

Over the past two decades, heat illness awareness and prevention has become a major focus for California farms that rely on workers to harvest crops and perform other essential work during the hottest months of the year. Farmers and farm labor safety experts in California said heat-illness awareness and preparedness have evolved since the state established the nation's first heat-safety law for outdoor workers in 2005. Outdoor workers must have access to water, shade and rest when the temperature rises above 80 degrees. When it hits 95, more frequent breaks are required.

Klamath Basin Leaders Seek Increased Water Allocations for Farming Region

Due to economic impacts in the Klamath Basin, county leaders are urging water officials to provide a full water allocation to irrigators this year. Klamath Water Users Association Executive Director Paul Simmons said inadequate water allocations have real consequences for working families and farm communities. An Oregon State University study released last week that concluded water shortages in the Klamath Water Project have led to devastating economic impacts in the region including Siskiyou and Modoc counties and Oregon's Klamath County.

Sites Reservoir Project Advances After Judge Rejects Legal Challenges

The Sites Reservoir project has cleared a significant legal hurdle after a Yolo County Superior Court judge denied claims challenging the \$4.5 billion water storage facility planned for north of Sacramento. Superior Court Judge Samuel McAdam ruled the environmental impact report for the project complied with the California Environmental Quality Act, rejecting legal challenges by The Friends of the River, Center for Biological Diversity, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, California Water Impact Network, Save California Salmon and the Sierra Club. ★





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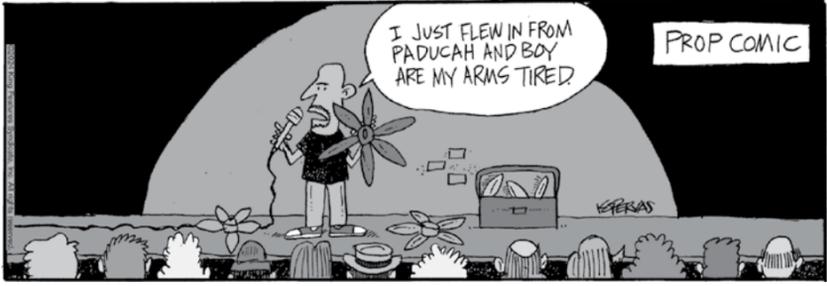
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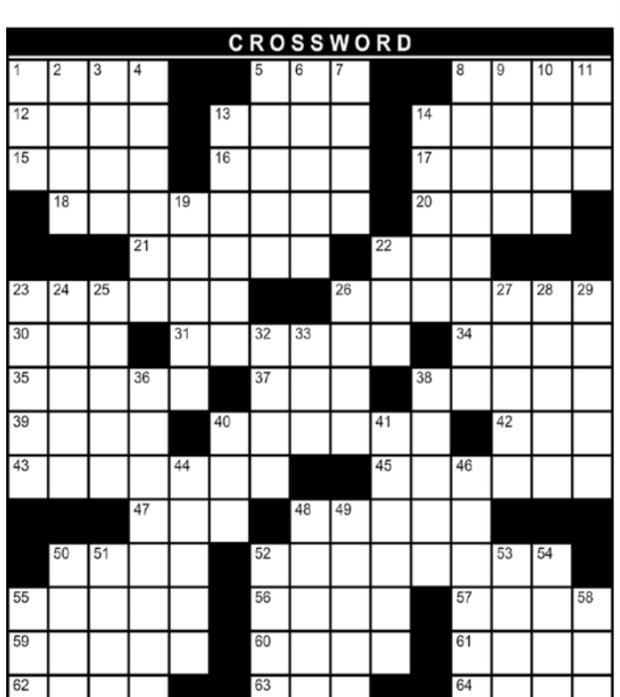


by Dave T. Phipps



STATEPOINT CROSSWORD • THE 4TH OF JULY

- CLUES**
- ACROSS**
- South American palm berry
 - Chi preceptor
 - Tatted cloth
 - **Knee high in July**
 - Hole-making tools
 - Sign in (2 words)
 - Discharge
 - Violin's Renaissance predecessor
 - Nursemaid in India, pl.
 - *On the grill on the 4th?
 - Tropical tuber
 - Propelled like Argo
 - "Fresh Prince of -Air"
 - *#18 Across, picnics and such
 - Yellow ride
 - Not well
 - Heavy lifting injury
 - "Brave New World" drug
 - Feudal estates
 - Storm center
 - Rand McNally book
 - Singer-songwriter Amos
 - Deserving veneration
 - Giant "Master Melvin"
 - Y on Periodic Table
 - Unkind one, slangily
 - Clairvoyant's gift, acr.
 - "_____ under the rug"
 - Cry like a baby
 - *Number of stripes on Old Glory
 - Birch bark vessel
 - Object of Frodo's obsession
 - Norse war god
 - Cut mission short
 - Fairy tale beginning
 - Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
 - MTV's "_____" (2003-2015)
 - Like Willie Winkie
 - "Team" homophone
- DOWN**
- Fighter pilot
 - Toothy groomer
 - Operatic solo
 - Openings
 - Between once and thrice
 - Viva voce
 - Maroon's home
 - *As opposed to Patriot
 - Lab culture
 - Type of salmon
 - Short for ensign
 - Not sympathetic
 - Potentially allergenic glove material
 - Tubs
 - Farm cry
 - *Number of stars on Old Glory
 - "The Waste Land" poet
 - Heads-up
 - Wedding cake layer
 - 2-dotted mark
 - Stradivari competitor
 - Moisten, as in a turkey
 - 500 sheets
 - *Largest Fourth of July pyrotechnics display loc.
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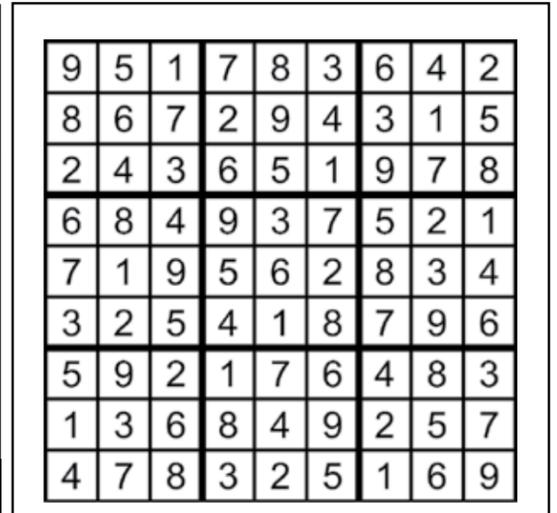


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Live Oak Minor Softball Eyes Chance at Championship



A Live Oak Little League minor softball player attempts a swing at a pitch in their 8-3 win over Peach Bowl Little League on Wednesday, June 12.



A Live Oak Little League minor softball player scores a run during their 15-0 win over Westshore Little League on Tuesday, June 11.



A Live Oak Little League minor softball player pitches during the 8-3 victory over Peach Bowl Little League on Wednesday, June 12.

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak Little League minor softball team needed one victory to get into the District 2 minor softball championship as they were 3-1 from Monday, June 10, through Saturday, June 16.

LOLL was dominant in the first two rounds of the 13-team double-elimination tournament as they beat Plumas Lake 10-2 on June 10, and shutout Westshore LL on June 11

in a 15-0 victory.

In the June 12 game versus Peach Bowl LL, Live Oak jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the first half inning and added three more runs in the third inning in the eventual 8-3 victory.

LOLL had a couple-day break before they had the opportunity to clinch a spot in the championship as the only undefeated team, but they ran into Sutter Area LL.

Live Oak managed to take a 1-0 lead in the game on Saturday, June 15, as they scored on a wild pitch. That

was all LOLL was to do offensively as it was Sutter Area's game to lose after they scored a few runs in the third and fourth inning to take control 5-1.

Live Oak had another opportunity to make the championship game following the loss to SALL as they were scheduled to play on Monday, June 17, against the winner of South Sutter LL/Colusa.

If LOLL was able to get back to the championship, they would have had to beat SALL twice to win the championship. ★

These California Dams Need Repairs

But Governor Newsom Plans to Cut Grants in Half

By Rachel Becker
CALMatters.org

Several dozen dams throughout California could store up to 107 billion more gallons of water if they underwent repairs to fix safety problems. But facing a staggering state deficit, Gov. Gavin Newsom has proposed cutting funding for a dam repair grant program in half this year, while state legislators want the \$50 million restored.

California has an aging network of nearly 1,540 dams — large and small, earthen and concrete — that help store vital water supplies. For 42 of these dams, state officials have restricted the amount of water that can be stored behind them because safety deficiencies would raise the risk to people downstream from earthquakes, storms or other problems.

Owned by cities, counties, utilities, water districts and others, these dams have lost nearly 330,000 acre-feet of storage capacity because of the state's safety restrictions. That water — equivalent to the amount used by 3.6 million people for a year — could be used to supply communities, farms or hydropower.

Two years ago, in the depths of the most recent drought, Newsom touted dam repairs as a key approach to shore up water supplies squeezed by climate change. In his 2022 Water Supply Strategy, he referenced plans by his administration and the Legislature to create a grant program to “help local water districts regain lost storage capacity and improve public safety” of dams.

The program, created in 2023 and allocated an initial \$100 million, is still getting up and running.

But now, reeling from the massive deficit, Newsom has proposed cutting \$50 million this year. The Legislature as of Wednesday has kept that money in its proposed budget; negotiations are continuing.

“This investment is the trifecta: It gives you public safety, because you don’t want dams breaking. It gives you climate resilience, because we

could have flooding,” said Assemblymember Diane Papan, a Democrat from San Mateo. And, she added, “It will impact our water supply.”

Newsom spokesperson Alex Stack declined to address CALMatters’ questions about dam safety funding, citing the negotiations. “We’ll have more to share soon,” Stack said.

Dam owners facing hundreds of millions to billions of dollars in repairs are urging lawmakers to add more funding for projects in a multi-billion dollar climate bond, which also is being negotiated.

“It’s so important that we have the storage capacity to be able to collect water in wet times, so that we have it during times of drought,” said Cindy Tuck, a deputy executive director of the Association of California Water Agencies, which represents more than 450 public agencies.

Hundreds of dams are at least a century old

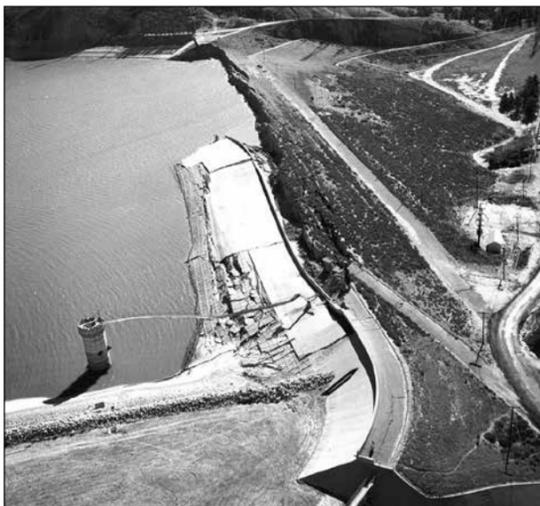
Statewide, dams help corral floods, generate power and store water for cities and farms. But California dams on average are more than a decade older than the national average, with 328, roughly a fifth, that are at least 100 years old.

Despite their age, dam disasters are extraordinarily rare. In March 1928, the nearly brand-new St. Francis dam northwest of Los Angeles collapsed — killing more than 450 people in the second-deadliest disaster of California’s history. In 1963, the Baldwin Hills dam in southwest Los Angeles breached, killing 5 people and damaging \$15 million in property.

A major earthquake severely damaged the Lower San Fernando Dam in the 1970s — leaving only “a thin dirt wall... between 80,000 people in the San Fernando Valley of southern California and 15 million tons of water,” the U.S. Geological Survey reported. And the Oroville dam’s compromised spillways forced the evacuation of nearly 190,000 people during the storms of 2017. Each major dam failure



Oroville dam’s compromised spillways forced the evacuation of nearly 190,000 people during the storms of 2017. Photo courtesy California Department of Water Resources



A major earthquake severely damaged the Lower San Fernando Dam in 1971. Photo courtesy United States Geological Survey

or near-miss has spurred greater oversight.

Papan said as the chair of the Assembly’s water, parks and wildlife committee, the threat of deteriorating dams keeps her awake at night. “I don’t want somebody to look back and say ‘They knew this was going to be an issue, but they didn’t put any money towards it.’”

The American Society of Civil Engineers gave California’s dams a C- on its most recent infrastructure report card in 2019. And in 2021 the state’s auditor said “the condition of some of the State’s potentially most

hazardous dams remained a concern.” Dam safety inspectors have rated conditions at 133 of them as less than “satisfactory.”

According to the grant program’s guidelines, “in many cases, these dams pose a significant threat to communities downstream.” The state restrictions aim to reduce that threat by limiting the amount of water they can store.

Shawn Jones, assistant manager of the state’s Division of Safety of Dams, said California has the largest dam safety program in the nation, overseeing

roughly 1,230 dams with more funding and staffing than any other state.

Jones said that he wouldn’t characterize the 42 dams that have storage restrictions, which average around 100 years old, as “unsafe.” “All dams provide some sort of risk downstream,” he said. “These dams have an additional risk, and we’re driving it down in the interim” with the storage restrictions.

But repairs are often slow-moving because of lengthy environmental permitting processes and massive costs.

“We are finding deficiencies faster than the dam owners can address the deficiencies,” Jones said.

Water providers say federal dollars are insufficient, and even \$100 million for the state grant program — though welcome — is just a drop in the bucket. They anticipate mounting costs to shore up aging dams against earthquakes and climate change. Some also are grappling with federal restrictions and local factors, such as sedimentation, that reduce storage.

“This is really a systemic issue, a water issue that is affecting the state of California,” said Drew Kleis, assistant director for San Diego’s water delivery branch.

Nine dams that store raw water for San Diego are especially geriatric, averaging 92 years old. The state has imposed restrictions on four of them, cutting into the city’s capacity to store water by 20%. Repairs, maintenance, and additional assessments expected to total around \$1 billion.

At Lake Hodges, near Escondido, a dam’s concrete structure, more than a century old, is deteriorating, raising concerns about its ability to withstand a major earthquake. State restrictions have cut its original storage capacity of roughly 38,000 acre-feet — already substantially reduced by sedimentation — by nearly 30,000 acre-feet. The dam is expected to be replaced by 2034.

Kleis said the dams, as the city operates them, are safe. Reducing how much water is stored behind them

“minimizes the amount of water that would be released downstream” in the unlikely event of a breach, he said.

Three other San Diego dams are also operating at reduced capacity under state safety restrictions, including at El Capitan Reservoir, one of the largest serving the city. The state has cut the reservoir’s storage capacity by more than half for nearly a decade while the city investigates how the earthen dam would fare during a large earthquake.

The last several years, with extreme drought followed by the deluges of 2023, have highlighted the importance of storing more water in California.

“With the potential for more varied weather, for more extreme drought and more extreme wet years, we want to be able to capture that runoff,” Kleis said.

Storage capacity for Valley Water, a Silicon Valley wholesaler for 2 million people in Santa Clara County, has dropped 25% because of the state restrictions and another 37% from a federal limit on their largest reservoir, said Ryan McCarter, Valley Water’s deputy operating officer for dam safety. The restrictions were largely imposed to reduce the risk to people downstream of dams if a major earthquake causes damage.

“That’s a major hit to our water supply,” McCarter said. “Moving into these years of climate change, if we have longer extended droughts, we’re going to really want these reservoirs at full capacity.”

The price tag to restore capacity to Anderson Reservoir, which has been drained because of state and federal safety restrictions, is expected to reach \$2.3 billion. Repairs to other dams could add at least another \$325 million. The water provider also paid roughly \$50 million for emergency water supplies during the last drought.

The costs eventually will hit ratepayers, said Valley Water Vice Chair Richard Santos.

“We have large, diverse disadvantaged communities where water affordability is a serious issue,” he said. ★