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## Project Christmas!

*The Holidays Arrive in Biggs*



Royalty sparkled brighter than the lights that surrounded them at this year's Biggs Street Fair and Tree lighting. Pictured from left are Thalia Terrel-Valdez, Aaliyah Fowler, River Nichols and Alana McCabe.

**Story by Seti Long, photos by Hilary Bastiani**

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - With a flurry of snow and a flip of a switch, Biggs celebrated the start of the holiday season last Sunday, Dec. 1.

The first tree lighting in the area was brought to the community again by Project Biggs and a host of dedicated volunteers.

Traditions keep growing for the small-town holiday. This year, the

event featured more than 50 vendors selling homemade gifts and treats, with music and laughter echoing through the crowds that shopped their booths.

In preparation of the event, the local 4-H group wrapped the downtown trees in colorful lights, Biggs Public Works hung flags and additional decorations, while families such as the Bastianis, Wilks and Culversons lent more than a helping hand and individuals such as Kendall Lair Milburn and

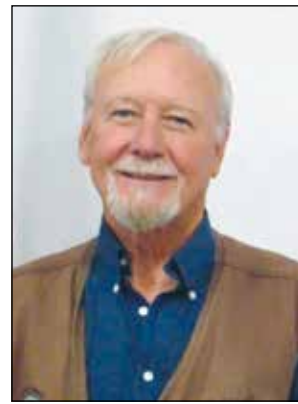
Brian Bassett helped emcee some of the evening's happenings.

One such happening was the Ugly Sweater Contest. This year, participants were again voted on by the crowd, with winners smiling in delight at having the most horrible garb.

Snow fell from the skies above the Hotel Colonia while children danced in the street. Selfies with Santa brought plenty of visitors to Santa and Mrs. Claus for pictures and more.

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## Arnold Voted to Biggs City Council



Biggs City Councilmember Doug Arnold wants to help the city.

**Story and photos by Connie Voss**

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - A special Biggs City Council meeting was held Tuesday, Dec. 3 to appoint a new council member. The City Council vacancy was due to the resignation of Chuck Nuchols on Oct. 10.

Three applicants were considered for the position: former council member Douglas Arnold, Emily Martinez and James Wilson. Each was allowed five minutes to present their qualifications and then answer questions from the public in attendance and the other council members.

Arnold, who previously served on the City Council for 12 years, began by saying that much had changed in Biggs since he was on the council. Arnold continued by expressing his sadness at some of the problems that the city has faced.

"I just think I can use my experience from the years that I was here to help the city get back on track," Arnold said.

Arnold was on the Planning Commission for eight years prior to serving on City Council. In addition, Arnold worked for the county for many years in the engineering department. He was also a union representative, involved in working with employer and employee negotiations.

Questions from the public ranged from how to save the city money, transparency and generating revenue. Arnold was asked if there would be a conflict of interest with his daughter working for the city, to which he responded that it would not be a conflict. Arnold added that if it ever became a problem, he would recuse himself from the matter.

A special point was also clarified that the city budget was balanced while Arnold served.

"We had to put our heads together to make sure it got balanced," Arnold replied. "Some hard decisions had to be made."

Martinez and Wilson  
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## Here Comes Santa!

*Gridley Fire and Police to Escort Santa on Tour Through Town*

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Santa will roll through Gridley in style, atop a different type of red sleigh: a CAL FIRE/ Gridley Fire Departments shining engine!

This year marks a four-year tradition, with Santa and the fire departments first answering the need for extra holiday spirit during the Covid-19 Christmas season. Ever since, Saint Nick has teamed up with the Gridley Fire Department/CAL FIRE Butte County and the Gridley Police Department to make sure every boy and girl in town, regardless of age, gets an opportunity to wave hello to the holiday icon before the "Big Night."

Kris Kringle will break his tour into a north and south route through Gridley on two separate nights.

The North Tour will start at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 10 and will include the areas of Fairview Drive down to East Hazel Street,



Santa waves to a young resident as he rides through town. Courtesy photo

with boundaries of Heron Landing Way to the north and Sycamore Street to the south. The motorcade will turn south on West-Biggs Gridley Road and head west

to the Eagle Meadows area.

At 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, Santa will trek through the southern and eastern areas of Gridley. Everything south of Sycamore Street to Little Avenue will be included in this expedition. The far western edge of the route will be Randolph Avenue, then the tour will head out to the eastern side of town, taking Highway 99 to Obermeyer, turning north on Gilstrap Avenue, with a turn north on Bonnell Road. Santa will return to Station 74.

To view maps, visit the Gridley Herald website or Facebook page and the Gridley Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. This event is weather-permitting. Changes in the schedule or cancellations will be updated on social media sites.

Be aware that sirens, whoops and flashing lights from emergency vehicles will signal the approach of Santa. ★



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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Donating your butterflies to science. Sterling Mattoon, a remarkable Chico biologist who has dedicated over 70 years of his life to butterfly collecting, is generously donating his extensive collection of 60,000 butterfly specimens to the University of Florida. Recognizing the importance of preserving these specimens for long-term research, Mattoon, at the age of 92, is giving away all 60,000 of them. Lepidopterology, the study of butterflies, has been an integral part of Mattoon's life. Initially valued at over \$200,000, Mattoon's collection holds crucial information about the ecology of Northern California. Among its most remarkable specimens is a rare butterfly exhibiting a unique sex ratio of half male and half female. Growing up in the small town of Los Molinos during the Great Depression, Mr. Mattoon began collecting butterflies in grammar school, pinning them into empty cigar boxes. After high school, he sought a degree in industrial arts at Chico State College before the Korean War drew him away. He served in the U.S. Air Force, performing airplane maintenance and collecting butterflies

when off duty. After his military service, Mr. Mattoon returned to Chico State College and changed his major to biological sciences. He graduated in 1960 and was later hired as an agricultural biologist with the Butte County Agricultural Commissioner's office, where he would work for the next 32 years. He received an honorary doctorate degree from Cal State University. Can you imagine meeting that guy at a cocktail party and asking, "what do you do for fun?"

Butte College sports has now branched out into dominating other sports besides football, and the Men's Soccer Team is headed to the State Community College Playoffs.

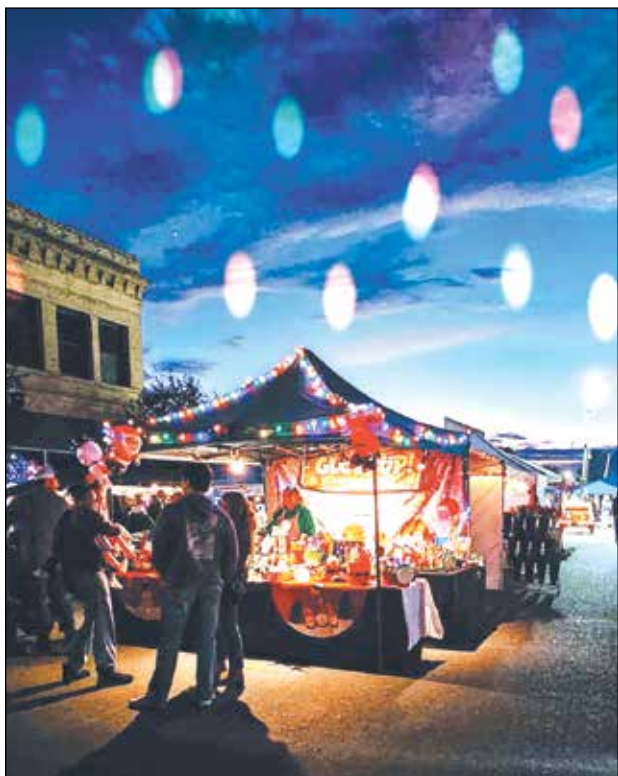
Christmas is in the air, and it is time to prepare for some great seasonal foodie traditions like Egg Nog. The Nogs are now in the market, and you should start planning how to add Nog to your menu plan for Christmas. Also, for the Christmas food special, we got the first bag of Mandarins, which are sweet this year. It's not really strong in flavor like last year, but nowhere near sour on the sweet-to-sour spectrum. Mandarins respond to weather and have a different flavor every season. The new owners at the Doehring's Mandarins on HWY 99 seem to be keeping the tradition alive. Mandarins are great gifts, far superior to fruit cakes or kiwis.

Shakey's Pizza, founded in Sacramento in 1954

by Dixieland jazz-loving pianist Sherwood "Shakey" Johnson and his business partner Ed Plummer, was America's first national pizza chain. Throughout the 1970s and 80s, the Shakey's brand expanded rapidly, with nearly 350 locations across the country and hundreds of franchises in Mexico, Japan, and India. The Philippines currently has the most active Shakey's restaurants, with 307 still operating as of September 2023. However, only 50 Shakey's stores remain open in the United States, primarily located on the West Coast, with the majority in Southern California. The best Shakey's location that continues to operate with the same attention to detail and authenticity as the original is our Shakey's, the last one left in business North of Ventura County. Our location retains the charm of the past, with red cushioned booths that have worn in over the years, creating a nostalgic atmosphere for people like my Dad, Frank Cook, who used to go to the original Shakey's in Sacramento. The last Shakey's in Northern California is in Oroville on Olive Highway. If you have not been there in a while, it is great food at a price better than most. Potato Mojos, on a big platter, is the top Pi Line recommendation.

Josh F.W. Cook is an educator, administrator, and father to five significantly above-average children.

# Project Christmas!



It was a magical night in Biggs last Sunday as the town celebrated with the annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

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Santa flipped the switch and lit Biggs' red and gold tree, wishing all a happy start to the Christmas season.  
Marci Shadd, the Project Biggs foreperson and owner and operator of the Hotel Colonia, which often serves as a focal point for the Biggs Christmas Street Fair & Tree Lighting, spearheads the event. Shadd thanked all the individuals and groups making the event a success once again. Some of those mentioned included Nacho Villanueva from Nacho's Electric, Luis Cibrian from Need to Go Luxury Restrooms, Shana Roles, Susan, Jenny, Ricki, Raymie, Norma Todd and a heartfelt thanks to all who attended.

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- Mail Letters to: Santa Claus  
attn: Gridley Recreation  
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\*Please have ALL Letters to Santa by December 9th. He will no longer be able to respond after that due to getting his sleigh & reindeer ready!

\*Teachers, if your classes are participating please have classroom letters turned in no later than December 2nd



## Two Students Shot at Oroville School



Feather River Adventist School saw tragedy hit on Dec. 4 when two students were shot, and their condition is unknown as of press time. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**PALERMO, CA (MPG)** - Two Feather River Adventist School students were shot Dec. 4 by an unknown gunman, who, according to law enforcement officials, then died from a self-sustained gunshot wound.

The students, taken to the hospital with unknown injuries at press time, are a 5-year-old kindergarten boy and a 6-year-old first-grade boy.

Shortly after 1 p.m. Dec. 4, the Butte County Sheriff's Office received 911 calls about a possible gunman at Feather River Adventist School, located at 27 Cox Lane at Palermo between the communities of Oroville and Gridley. The school serves kindergarteners to eighth-graders.

At 1:50 p.m. Dec. 4, the Butte County Sheriff released the following statement on X: "The Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is on scene of an active incident involving a shooting at Feather River School of Seventh-Day Adventists in Palermo. Students are being taken to the Oroville Church of the Nazarene, located at 2238 Monte Vista Ave., Oroville. Parents are asked to respond to the church to be reunified with their children. The suspected shooter is deceased. We will provide additional information once it's available."

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea confirmed that two children have been shot and were transported to the hospital, one by air. By 2:50 p.m., Feather River Adventist School children and staff were transported by the Oroville Union High School District to the Oroville Church of the Nazarene, which was set up as reunification center, by about 2:50 p.m.

Other schools in Gridley, Oroville and the Chico area were put on high alert for safety procedures, according to Sheriff Honea.

Among those agencies on scene Dec.

4 and investigating were the FBI, Butte County Sheriff's Office, Sutter County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, Gridley Police, Oroville Police Department, Department of Fish & Game, Office of Emergency Services and CAL FIRE.

Highway 70 was shut down from East Gridley Road to Palermo Road. It remained shut down, as of 4 p.m. press time, as the investigation continued.

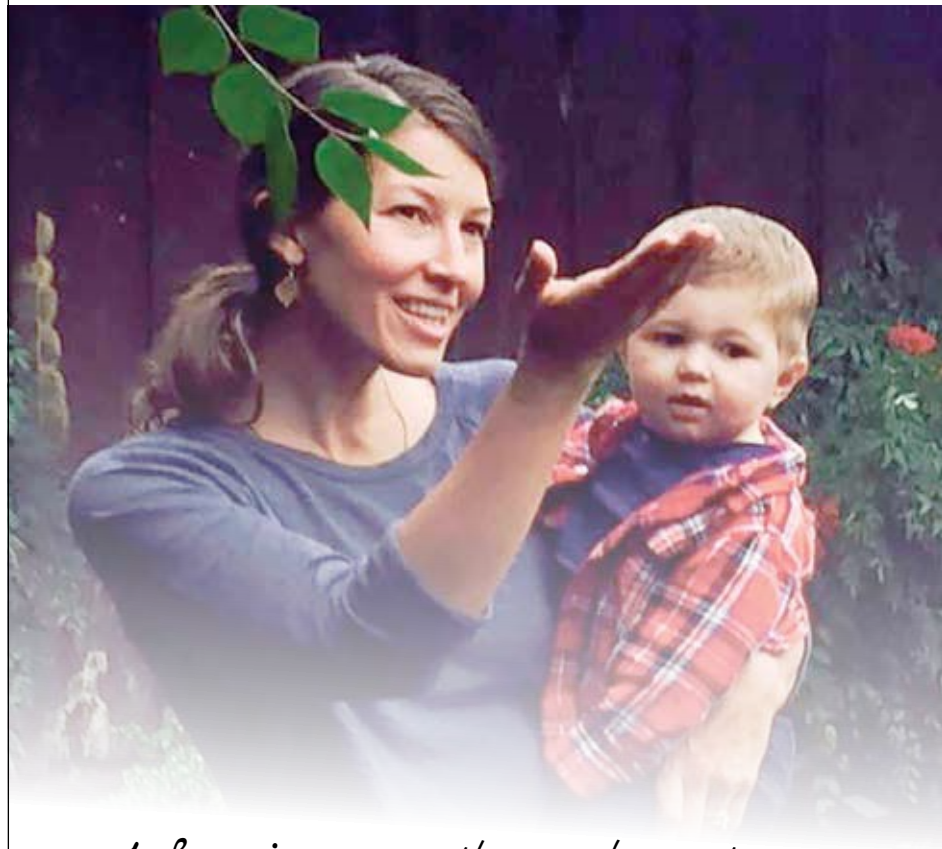
As of 4 p.m. Dec. 4, the shooter's identity was not disclosed. However, Sheriff Honea did say that the gunman had an appointment with the principal that afternoon believed to enroll a child. When the gunman left the appointment, according to Honea, the principal heard gunshots and screams.

Honea also said during a press conference that the gunman was dropped off to the school that afternoon by someone driving a four-door gray sedan. Anyone with information about the sedan driver is asked to call the Butte County Sheriff's Office at 530-538-7321.

Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) issued the following statement in response to the shooting: "My heart is breaking for everyone impacted by this tragedy. We will never understand why or how someone could do a thing like this. I am grateful for the bravery of the law enforcement, fire and medical personnel who responded to this attack to stop the shooter and rescue the victims. As a community, we'll all be hugging our loved ones closer today as we pray for the victims and try to make sense of something so senseless."

Feather River Adventist School is located on the corner of Cox Lane and Highway 70 in Oroville with an enrollment of 33 students. The K to 8th-grade school has been at its current location since 1965. ★

## Remember Me



*A frog jumps in the murky water  
Grass whispers in the wind  
The smell of mint touches the air  
A moss covered log  
Rivers shimmer to the sea  
Forgotten hollows  
Listen...remember me*

- 2002 By Annie Harshbarger



## Arnold Voted to Biggs City Council

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both discussed reasons for wanting to be a part of the council and fielded questions.

The council voted 3-1 in favor of Arnold. He was then sworn in by City Clerk Roben Benish.

When asked why he wanted to step up to the job, Arnold replied, "I've been involved in the city for a lot of years. I've just seen it struggling for the last few years. I just felt like I could come in here now and maybe help out a little bit, help get things back on track. I love this little town. I hate to see it suffering. My kids have grown up in it. I just hope



Doug Arnold is sworn in by City Clerk Roben Benish as a new City Council member for the City of Biggs.

I can help work with these guys, they're good guys, put our heads together and we can get out of this." ★

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taxable income. This could prove valuable once you are required to take withdrawals from your IRA when you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later.

Another possibility is to establish a donor-advised fund, which you can direct to make periodic grants to selected charities. You get an immediate tax deduction for your contribution, and if you donate appreciated assets, you'll avoid capital gains taxes.

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# CDFW Enters into New Agreement



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is committed to conserving the floodplains of the Sacramento Valley. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

## California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is committed to restoring, protecting and conserving vulnerable species and habitats in the floodplains of the Sacramento Valley.

The Sacramento River Basin and its floodplains span from Sacramento to Chico, a coverage area of approximately 1,100 square miles, an area larger than the state of Rhode Island. Floodplains, low-lying areas of land around a river or stream that when flooded, fills the area with nutrients and provides precious habitat for native fish, including salmon.

In October, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife joined federal and State of California government agencies, overseeing water, agriculture, fish and wildlife, public lands and flood control, to enter into the Floodplain Forward agreement to enhance collaboration on floodplain water projects in the Sacramento River Basin.

This agreement supports existing efforts and paves new paths forward to streamline planning,

design, implementation, monitoring, funding, and information sharing of projects located on the floodplains. This memorandum of understanding also aligns with California's Salmon Strategy for a Hotter, Drier Future, which aims to restore and expand habitat for salmon spawning and rearing.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is focused on science-based efforts in the Floodplain Forward agreement to reconnect rivers to their historical floodplains and enhance flood protection, restore fish and wildlife habitat, improve groundwater aquifer recharge, and create better water flow and reliability.

This agreement also builds on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's decades of work to conserve Sacramento Valley floodplains, including important investments in research and pilot projects such as Knaggs Ranch, California Rice Commission's Salmon Project and the North Delta Food Action to support salmon growth and diversity; leading restoration projects to support salmon in the Yolo and Sutter bypasses; helping to design important projects including the Fremont Weir, agricultural

crossing removals, Weir 1 and Giusti Weir in Yolo and Sutter bypasses to enhance salmon and sturgeon fish passage; funding and managing initiatives in the Sutter Yolo bypasses to improve flow and water quality; developing projects such as the Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback and Sacramento Weir Widening to improve flood control and grow habitats for juvenile salmon in the Yolo Bypass; conducting fish rescues in Yolo and Sutter Bypasses since 1954; studied and monitored salmon in Yolo and Sutter Bypasses since the 1990s, including tagging more than 1.7 million juvenile salmon from 2006 to 2007 in Sutter Bypass; and managing 16,000 acres of rice, managed wetlands and tidal habitat in the Yolo Bypass.

California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crofoot said it best: "Restoring seasonal floodplains across California is a win-win-win."

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife remains committed to working with state, local, federal and tribal partners to ensure better conditions and quality of life for native fish and wildlife in the Sacramento River Basin and beyond. ★

## MEMORIAL

### MARVON JAMES HENSLEY • 3/7/1934 - 11/21/2024

Marvon James Hensley went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on November 21, 2024.

Marvon was born in Mannford, Oklahoma, to Roy and Ada Hensley on March 7, 1934. During the Dust Bowl, his family moved to Live Oak, California, where he graduated from Live Oak High School in 1951.

After graduation, Marvon enlisted in the US Navy, where he served for four years and fought in the Korean War.

He married the love of his life, Lois Stone, in 1955, and they settled down in Orange, California. They moved to Gridley, California, in 1966 with their three children.

He spent most of his life in the transportation industry,



including his many years at Shifflet Brothers, as well as Lundberg Farms.

Once retired, he enjoyed working as a volunteer for the Gridley Police Department. He also spent some time working for the City of Gridley, driving the transportation bus and reading the meters in town.

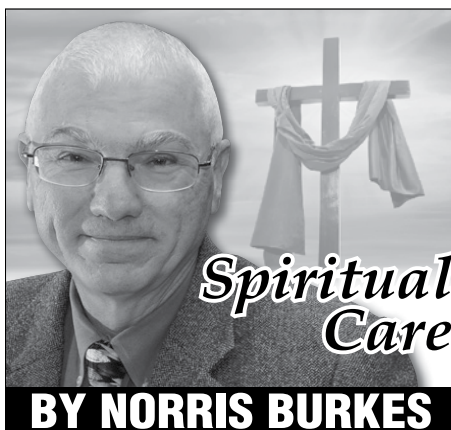
One of his favorite things, besides his family, was serving the Calvary Baptist Church, where he was a devout member for 57 years.

He is survived by his children, Jim (Debbie) Hensley, Tim Hensley, and Elaine (Ralph) Hansen; grandchildren, Chad (Amanda) Hansen and Andrew Hensley; and great-grandchildren, Tanner and Logan Hansen.

The family would like to thank Gridley Post Acute and Blossom Ridge Hospice for the amazing love and care they provided him.

There will be a celebration of his life on December 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church, 1730 Sycamore Street, Gridley, CA.

# Fishy Story Suggests Catastrophic Ending



BY NORRIS BURKES

If you've been watching the news, then you know that the world is going to end soon.

No, I'm not talking about the recent election. I'm referring to the elusive deep-water oarfish.

Superstitious sailors have long considered the spotting of this rare fish a harbinger of bad news. And this past week, on the shores of Encinitas, California, it's been spotted again. This makes three times this year in California and only 22 times in the past century.

Japanese mythology recounts the doom fish as a precursor to earthquakes and tsunamis. More than a dozen were found on Japan's coastline just before Japan's 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami, their largest recorded earthquake.

These kind of scary indicators aren't new. Televangelists have been capitalizing on them for years as they expounded on their version of catastrophic and world-ending predictions.

If you were born before 1960, you'll likely remember that Hal Lindsey co-authored a 1970 best seller with Carole C. Carlson titled "The Late, Great Planet Earth."

Some of us just laughed at him, while others tried to ignore him.

However, when the Yom Kippur War of 1973 sent gas prices soaring, we wondered if the Lindsey scenario was creeping into the nonfiction section. Many began taking Lindsey so seriously that they ran scared into the baptismal waters.

Had we been a little smarter, I'm wondering if we might have seen how religious

history was on a repeating track with Lindsey's approach. He was using the scare-the-hell-out-of-you technique used by centuries of religious thought.

It's a thought expressed on the old bumper sticker: "The good news is, Jesus is coming back. The bad news is, He's ticked." (OK, the sticker doesn't say "ticked" but this is a family newspaper.)

The real problem with Lindsey and people like him is that they characterize the Christian faith as a war between good and evil. Indeed, they demand that the faithful make a choice between spending eternity in a bottomless pit of eternal fire or going to church three times a week.

The fault in this thinking is that it forces faith into an all-or-nothing proposition. Faith isn't that way at all. Real faith is relationship-based, not fear-based.

Faith is more like this: When I met my wife at a Southern Baptist Conference Center, I didn't introduce myself by saying, "Marry me or you'll burn." If I had, she might have hit me with a flame thrower.

God doesn't use that approach either. He doesn't need to scare us into loving him. That's because God is not trying to save us from this world. After all, he created this world for us.

Jesus made the same point quite well, saying, "God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help" (John 3:17, The Message Paraphrase).

God is all about helping us make it through our times of hurt and pain. He's not about inventing painful situations just so he can play the superhero.

I suppose there'll always be fortunes to be made by capitalizing on demise, death and destruction, but I will continue to place my faith in my relationship with our creator.

The Lindsey star eventually faded. The counter culture of the 1960s never became the main culture, and Lindsey's predictions crumbled with the Berlin Wall.

These days, Lindsey is 94 years old, living in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He's still doing video, but now he's predicting the final jihad that will come any day now. Same scared-as-hell program, just a different station. ★



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# Orchestra Concert to Celebrate 10 Years of Christmas Music



Young cellists Michael Parker, Alice Boucher and Calley Stenzel, with Aiden Brun behind them on percussion, will play with the Sutter Buttes Family Orchestra at its 10th anniversary Christmas concert Friday, Dec. 13. Photo by Cindy Scott

By Cindy Scott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Sutter Buttes Family Orchestra will conclude its 10th anniversary celebration year with a concert featuring the orchestra's favorite Christmas music from the past 10 years.

The program will feature music from "Polar Express" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," with a special appearance by the Grinch. Kari Wheeler will also sing "It's the Most Wonderful Time of Year."

The concert will include a photo background for audience pictures. There are also rumors from the North Pole that Santa and Mrs. Claus will stop by after the concert.

The free family-friendly concert is at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 400 Spruce St., Gridley.

The Sutter Buttes Family Orchestra is open to players of all ages, including beginners. For information on participating, contact Carol Brown at 530-370-0414. ★

## Another Biggs City Council Member Resigns

By Connie Voss

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Less than two months since the last resignation, City Council member Michael Buck resigned from Biggs City Council at a special meeting held Dec. 3.

The purpose of the meeting was to appoint a new council member to replace Chuck Nuchols, who resigned Oct. 10.

Buck handed his resignation letter to recently-appointed Interim City Administrator Cliff Wagner, who was hired on Nov. 12 to fill in for City Administrator

Josh Cook's leave of absence.

Several reasons were given by Buck, citing the "numerous investigations into the council members and current city administrator that is on paid leave."

"I did not realize that voting on a project within 1,000 feet of my property was a violation, for that I am sorry. To ensure that it never happens again, I resign my position," Buck said.

At the council meeting scheduled for next week on Dec. 10, the two newly-elected council members Anita Wilks and Jerome Squires will be sworn in. ★

## Marysville Family Saves Woman's Life Who was Involved in Crash, Honored by LaMalfa



From left, a CHP Yuba-Sutter officer stands with Ashley Martin, Cayleigh and Cyle Johnson, the family who saved Robbie Carpenter. Photo courtesy of CHP Yuba-Sutter

### CHP Yuba-Sutter News Release

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - On Nov. 25, at about 12:20 p.m., Robbie Carpenter, 75 from Live Oak, was involved in a rollover crash into an irrigation canal on Larkin Road north of Paseo Road. There were approximately two inches of water in the canal from the previous rain event. Her vehicle landed upside down with her head submerged in the water.

Cyle Johnson, 28, and his wife, Ashley Martin, 27 of Marysville, and their six-year-old daughter Cayleigh were visiting a residence on Larkin Road. Their daughter was playing out front, saw the crash and ran into the house to tell her parents. Johnson ran out front and jumped the front fence and jumped into the canal. Martin also ran outside to assist.

They located Carpenter, whose head was underwater and unresponsive in the driver seat, belted in. Johnson reached in the vehicle and unlocked the door and forced the door open. An unknown passerby stopped to assist and provided a knife to cut the seat belt. They were able to pull Robbie to safety and stayed with her until the responding EMS personnel arrived to take over care.

Carpenter was transported to Adventist Health and Rideout with minor injuries. Had it not been for the heroic actions of Johnson, Martin and their daughter, this would have been a very different outcome.

We applaud the lifesaving actions demonstrated by this family.

A rather odd fact: Johnson was the first on scene at a fatal wrong way crash on SR-99 near Howsley Road on Oct. 13. Johnson assisted Ian Essary, who was gravely injured, and was recently released from UC Davis. Johnson is that one guy you need in your time of need.

On Nov. 26, United States Representative Douglas LaMalfa dropped off a recognition certificate to CHP's Yuba Sutter office for the life-saving actions of six-year-old Cayleigh and her family. Officers had the privilege of showing Cayleigh one of our brand-new Dodge Charger patrol vehicles to her delight.

And even better news, Johnson is in the hiring process with CHP Yuba-Sutter. ★



Pictured here is the state Robbie Carpenter's car was found in. Photo courtesy of CHP Yuba-Sutter

## Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

### ServSafe Food Safety Training and Certification (Chico)

California Uniform Retail Food Facility Law requires re-certification of competence in Food Safety and Sanitation every 5 years. Passing the ServSafe® exam is necessary to renew your certification. Training includes National Restaurant Association ServSafe® Exam, Essentials book, Answer Sheet and Certificate. Training is recognized by the California Health Department and fulfills the State of California certification obligations. Learn the importance of food safety practices and how to implement them. Trainer is State certified. Participants must register and purchase books 3 weeks before training.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 5:00pm  
**Cost:** \$120 per person (includes book); \$80 per person (book not included)  
**Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

### Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for your Business Marketing (Chico)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become increasingly beneficial to businesses and communities. However, very few business owners understand how to use AI to help them in their marketing and other business strategies. We will take a deep dive into using AI to develop marketing strategies, and contents, and will take a step-by-step approach to developing an AI generated marketing strategy for your business.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 8, 2025 | **Time:** 8:30am - 10:30am  
**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

### Introduction to Digital/Online Marketing (Colusa)

This workshop will focus on discussing introductory methods of digital and online marketing. You will learn the basics about Search Engine Optimization (SEO), Search Engine Marketing (SEM), Social Media Marketing (SMM), as well as mobile, affiliate, and online Ad marketing. You will be provided real-world examples of which type of marketing best fit your marketing goals, as well as ideas for your future marketing needs. This training is perfect for individuals who are either first getting started in digital/online marketing, or those who would like a little more information on how to develop their current digital/online marketing.

**Date:** Thursday, January 9, 2025 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am  
**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Colusa City Hall, 425 Webster St, Colusa

### How to Use Facebook & Instagram Ads to Grow Your Business (Red Bluff)

In this 2-hour presentation, we will dig into what makes advertising profitable OR a money pit and how to best avoid the pitfalls that many businesses make.

#### Training will include:

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- The FOUR numbers you must track to make or break your profitability when advertising on Facebook and Instagram
- How to KNOW exactly how much money you are making from your Ads and avoid the guessing game.
- Understanding profit strategies for brick and mortar and service businesses
- Learning the types of business that SHOULD NOT be advertising online
- Sharing information on Ads and online copy that are leads and sales generators
- How to identify the correct target market for your Ads
- A step-by-step planner for orderly planning to ensure your online campaign has the biggest chance for success

**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2025 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am  
**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Holiday Inn & Express & Suites, 2810 Main St., Red Bluff

To Register for Trainings: CALL: (530) 895-9017  
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## MEMORIAL

### JACKI LYNN FIELDS (MORGAN) • 6/10/1961 - 11/25/2024

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved wife and mother, Jacki Lynn Fields, who tragically left us on November 25, 2024, at the age of 63.

Born on June 10, 1961, in Marysville, California, she was the daughter of Leonard E. Morgan and Geraldine I. Morgan. Throughout her life, she was known for her kindness, warmth, and unwavering love for her family and friends. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend, she touched the lives of everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

She was a devoted wife to Leif Fields, a proud mother to Morgan Brock, and a cherished grandmother to Hayden and Orren Brock. Her love and devotion to her family were unparalleled, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her in the community of Gridley where she was a lifelong resident and banker.

Jacki had a passion for camping at Bucks Lake, gardening, traveling, cooking, and being with her family, especially her grandsons. She was known for her



compassion, sense of humor, and her loving, beautiful eyes and smile. Her legacy will live on through her husband, daughter, grandchildren, and all of the lives she touched with her generosity, wisdom, and love.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leonard Morgan, and her brother, Lonnie Morgan. She is survived by her husband, Leif Fields; daughter, Morgan Brock (spouse Derek Brock); grandsons, Hayden and Orren Brock; mother, Geraldine Morgan; siblings, Dannie Davis (spouse Eddie Davis), Kelly Stowe (spouse Jake Stowe), Lenny Morgan (spouse

Shana Morgan), Lance Morgan (spouse Ruth Morgan); and numerous nieces and nephews.

**A graveside service will be held on December 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery, 2023 Hwy 99, Gridley, CA 95948, with a celebration of life and luncheon to follow at the Gridley Moose Lodge, located at 1533 Hwy 99, Gridley, CA 95948.**

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either St. Jude Children's Hospital or Manzanita Elementary School, where she was a member of the board, in Jacki Fields' honor.





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## Is it Time to Sell Your Stocks?

I would never go so far as to give an all-out sell recommendation nowadays. I have in the past. But that was when the markets were somewhat predictable. Not that they are ever really predictable. But they were a bit more predictable in the past in my opinion.

To get an idea of where markets might go, we can look as to what the heavy-weight investors are doing, compare that to what they may have done in the past and then see what the markets did.

Heavyweights are the major money players like hedge funds, holding companies, institutional investors and the V.P.s of public companies. It is thought, and probably rightly so, that who better to have a pulse of the markets than those with the inside track due to the amount of money and influence they have.

As previously detailed about two months back here on Money Matters, iconic investor and CEO of the gigantic holding company Berkshire Hathaway, Warren Buffett, has amassed a huge 325 billion dollar cash stash at Berkshire. Usually holding much of the company's money in stocks, he has recently unloaded huge chunks of stock shares in companies such as Apple and Bank of America. The 325 billion cash position may be telling as to Buffett's view on the markets right now.

There are other signs things might be a bit stretched in the world of stock markets. One of the largest markets, the S&P 500, is now trading at the most expensive valuation since the year 2000. One year later the infamous Dot.com crash devastated investor portfolios.

Another possible red light signaling there may be trouble ahead is that the amount of margin debt is close to fall 2021 levels right before the 2022 bear markets hammered investors. Margin debt is simply the amount of money investors are borrowing from their stock brokers to buy stocks. Although typical mom and pop investors hold "cash" accounts which don't use borrowed money, there are many investors that do. Those accounts that use margin are called "margin accounts". (One has to love the simplicity, right?).

Current margin debt in U.S. markets is running about 830 billion. The record for stocks bought with borrowed money was in late 2021 where the figure was 900 billion.

As a percentage of total stock market value, we are not quite at the 2.5% of margin seen right before the 2008 financial crisis, but the current margin

percentage has been consistently over 2%. Simply put, although not an absolute red light as to the danger, margin debt is definitely not telling us all is clear.

What is notable is that interest rates are still hovering close to 5%, which by comparison, is toward the high end of rates in the last 40 years or so. Since margin debt has a higher interest rate than the published FED rate which is that 5% figure, people are borrowing quite a chunk of change to delve into the stock market and paying handsomely for it.

Adding to the debate is the high inflation we are experiencing. Generally speaking, stocks can go up like the price of eggs and that means higher stock prices are just a result of inflation on all things and to a certain degree, the argument is a valid one. But inflation does eat away at people's available income which would lead one to conclude some folks can't afford to buy a lot of stocks much like people can't afford to buy much of anything.

That said, apparently the persistent climb of the markets has not been affected much by inflation. And as the market rises, stocks get more and more expensive as it relates to their value.

All these conflicting methodologies and theories lead me to the conclusion that indeed, the market is more unpredictable than not and more unpredictable than it has been in many years. And that doesn't help us much when it comes to a definite conclusion.

So is it time to sell your stocks? I can't really say one way or another and I know that's not much help. What I can say is when it comes to markets, always err on the side of caution, diversify into many different asset classes, and hold a percentage of cash and cash equivalents to keep some powder dry and soften the blow should the markets correct in a meaningful way.

**"Watching the markets so you don't have to"**

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## The Holidays Are Here!

The Holiday gift-giving guide returns with a delightful new array of Children's books. Our favorite publishers have curated their top picks for the holiday season and their most beloved reads this year. This week, Simon and Schuster share the Holiday magic, inviting you to embark on a journey of discovery and joy.



The Holiday Break is the perfect time to get lost in a young-adult rom-com with Lynn Painter's stand-alone novels *Nothing Like the Movies*, *Betting on You*, and *The Do-Over*. These stories will whisk readers right into their favorite rom-com trope with lighthearted and fast-to-fall-for characters, separate or altogether. These books are the perfect gift for the romance reader and hallmark movie fan on your list.

For the beginning chapter readers on your list are two fun new series, *Cupcake Diaries-The New Batch Emily's Cupcake Magic* and *Marvel's After School Heroes*. Emily starts a new School in -The New Batch, and she has no choice but to make new friends. Will cupcakes be the answer, or will it turn into a disaster? New York City is crawling with Villains, and now it's time for

young heroes to be put to the test in these illustrated beginning chapter book adventures. See if they have your favorite Marvel superhero.

Prepare little ones for the Holidays with books that spread Holiday cheer. Pull out the CD player. *Cow and Holly* by Sandra Boynton is ready to sing along with the family to 14 Christmas songs. Illustrations, lyrics, and music all pair together for a fun family sing-along.

Get ready for the joys of the holiday and be a helper with - *All By My Elf* by Jeffrey Burton and Nanette Ryan. Feel the cool air as it glides across the page or the lumpy frosting on the gingerbread house. Help wrap the presents with crinkle ribbons and feel the fuzzy stockings in this touch-and-feel board book adventure.

Get Ready for Santa with *Santa Mouse—Plays Reindeer Games*

and *Santa Mouse Finds a Furry Friend* by Michel Brown and Chicka Chicka Ho Ho Ho by William Boniface and Julien Chung. Santa Mouse delights readers with his joyful excitement. Whether he is playing reindeer games or finding a new friend, every Santa Mouse book is filled with happiness and joy. In *Chicka Chicka Ho Ho Ho*, the Alphabet crew takes readers on a festive holiday adventure that will have them chanting and singing along.

*Relish the Season* with a *Merry Weenie* book by Katie Vernon for some holiday laughter. Weenie loves the holiday season, and he is ready to celebrate, but what is the merriest part? Find out how Weenie celebrates and dresses up for his favorite holiday to spend it with those he loves, bringing a wave of cheer and laughter to your holiday season. ★

## Sacramento Region Gained People but Flubbed Economic Opportunities Over 50 Years



By Dan Walters,  
 CALMatters.org

Fifty years ago this month I moved to Sacramento and a few months later, just after Jerry Brown became governor, began covering politics for the long-defunct Sacramento Union newspaper.

I have lived in five different homes — soon to be six — and my workplaces have always been in downtown Sacramento, near the Capitol.

That experience, plus research for my 1985 book on California megatrends, forms the background of some observations about the Sacramento region's evolution. So here goes:

In 1974 the six-county region (Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Placer, Sutter and El Dorado) was home to barely a million people. However it was on the cusp of explosive growth, as was the entire state, thanks to a wave of migration and a baby boom. Today the region has about 2.5 million residents, making it the nation's 28th largest metropolitan region, equal to the Las Vegas and Austin, Texas areas.

Much of the growth has been in Sacramento's suburbs, so the city now contains just a fifth of the region's population and has ceased to be its economic center, while jobs and businesses have flourished in the suburbs.

As the local economy evolved from state and federal government employment — including four large military

bases — into technology and other fields, voters had two opportunities to merge the city with what were mostly unincorporated communities in Sacramento County.

Merger would have made Sacramento the nation's seventh or eighth largest city, with the economic and cultural clout that comes with size. But voters rejected both proposals, one in 1974, the other in 1990, and several suburbs incorporated into cities.

The consolidation failures reflected historic economic and political conflicts between the city and its suburbs which today still undermine cooperative policymaking and are visible in chaotic responses to the ever-growing homelessness crisis and the perpetual wrangling over transportation issues.

Glen Sparrow, who headed the 1974 consolidation effort, later blamed Sacramento's "civic gentry" — its long-dominant families — for torpedoing its passage because they didn't want Sacramento to grow.

The 1990 effort died because suburban voters saw city officials as incompetent ideologues, while Sacramento's dominant Democrats feared that suburban Republicans would take control.

The failures blocked the city from controlling development outside its borders, and its downtown commercial district, once full of department stores, withered. It regained some momentum after the Sacramento Kings downtown basketball arena opened in 2016. But the proliferation of homeless encampments, a fatal gang shootout, a violent demonstration and the pandemic, which emptied state offices, erased much of that progress.

Meanwhile city government has become a model of

dysfunction, with officials squabbling over mundane issues, chronic budget deficits and ceaseless conflicts with the county government, particularly over homelessness.

The lack of cohesion means that Sacramento has flubbed opportunities to gain status among metro regions.

Two examples involve its county positioning at the juncture of two major rivers, the Sacramento and the American.

Local officials blocked a canal that would have connected the Sacramento River to the channel that carries ocean-going ships to a Yolo County port and its lake, thereby missing an opportunity for spectacular waterfront development a la Southern California's Marina del Rey.

While the city is redeveloping an old railyard adjacent to downtown, it could have done something truly special by redirecting some American River water through canals, emulating San Antonio's famous Riverwalk.

A third is a failure to fully capitalize on the closure of McClellan Air Force Base in the 1990s. While the base has undergone a workable conversion to civilian use, its unique facilities also could have become another campus of the California Polytechnic State University, fueling off-campus technology businesses.

Regions prosper when they have united and visionary leadership — such as North Carolina's Research Triangle. Sacramento lacks that vision.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★



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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Date filed in Butte County: October 23, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 4/18/1993  
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TROY 12-13-24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2024-0000763

The following person(s) are doing business as: Divine Touch Skincare, 8 Meadowview Drive, Oroville, CA 95966  
Whitney M Riley, 8 Meadowview Drive, Oroville, CA 95966  
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DIVINE 12-13-24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2024-0000856

The following person(s) are doing business as: Harmony Holistic Detox & Wellness Studio, 6B Williamsburg Lane, Chico, Ca 95926  
Michelle Thorwaldson, 10478 Cohasset Road, Cohasset, CA 95973

Date filed in Butte County: October 23, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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HARMONY 12-13-24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2024-0000868

The following person(s) are doing business as: Sepulveda Transports, 1720 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
David W Sepulveda, 1720

Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: October 28, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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SEPULVEDA 12-20-24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 2024-0000880

The following person(s) are doing business as: Gentle Journey Nutrition, 961 Humboldt Avenue, Chico, CA 95928  
Johnston Kennedy, 961 Humboldt Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

Date filed in Butte County: November 4, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

GENTLE 12-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000931  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Open Eye Books Publishing, 3541 Cisco Way, Chico, Ca 95973  
Carolyn S Ferris, 3541 Cisco Way, Chico, Ca 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: November 26, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024  
OPEN 12-27-24

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME - STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FILE NO. 2024-0000861

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Shell Energy Solutions, 21 Waterway Avenue, Suite 450, The Woodlands, TX 77380  
MP2 Energy NE LLC, 909 Fannin Street, Suite 3500, Houston, TX 77010

The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: A Limited Liability Partnership.

Date Filed in Butte County: October 25, 2024.

This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County s/J. Ramirez, Deputy  
Publish: Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, 2024  
SHELL 12-20-24

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #24CV02600

Petitioner Sarah Danielle Sedillo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Sarah Danielle Sedillo to Sarah Danielle Sedillo Anderson.

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 December 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on October 24, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 2024  
ANDERSON 12-6-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #24CV03552

Petitioner Susan Edith Cliff-Hovey filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Susan Edith Cliff-Hovey to Susan Edith Cliff.

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 December 18, 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 November 1, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 2024  
CLIFF 12-6-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #24CV03573

Petitioner Lucio Acosta filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Lucio Acosta to Lucio Acosta Topete.

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 January 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior

Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on November 6, 2024

Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 2024  
TOPETE 12-13-24

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

JOSE ABELARDO LUQUIN, JOSE A. LUQUIN, JOSE LUQUIN

CASE NO. 24PR00505

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Jose Abelardo Luquin, Jose A. Luquin, Jose Luquin.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Olga Luquin & Elda Luquin, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Olga Luquin & Elda Luquin 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: December 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. 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: Hyatt McIntire & Associates; Amanda J Pedrett, 950 Tharp Road, Suite 701, Yuba City, CA 95993; (530) 674-9761  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

MALCOLM S. WILLIAMS, JR.

CASE NO. 24PR00503

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Malcolm S. Williams, Jr.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Valerie A. Williams, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Valerie A. Williams 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.

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: December 24, 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 ob-

jections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

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WILLIAMS 12-13-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

LORI BENTON

CASE NO. 24PR00464

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Michael Benton, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Michael Benton 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.

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: January 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept Probate. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

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Publish: December 6, 13, 20, 2024  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the City Council will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Monday, December 16, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Monday, December 16, 2024, via email to [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us) or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the City Council for consideration. Remote attendance is available by Zoom.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting will be provided on the City Council agenda available to the public on Friday, December 13th, 2024, located on the City of Gridley website.

**City Council to discuss and consider an extension of the subdivision improvement agreement for The Village at Eagle Meadows APN: 010-270-120, pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act, specifically California Government Code Section 66452.**

### SUMMARY:

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the City Council on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Carmen Santana, at (530) 846-3631 or email at [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us)

The Gridley Herald 12-6-2024

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT CHANGING DATE FOR THE DISTRICT'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 21378, Notice is hereby given that at its special meeting on December 18, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at 1148 Richvale Hwy, Richvale, CA 95974, the Board of Directors of Richvale Irrigation District will consider and act upon a Resolution proposing that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors be changed from the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m., to the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. The resolution proposing such change is as follows:

### (PROPOSED) RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT ESTABLISHING A NEW DATE FOR THE DISTRICT'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Richvale Irrigation District ("District") currently holds its regular monthly meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that is in the best interest of the District to change its regular meeting date to the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Richvale Irrigation District that commencing with the regular meeting for December 2024, the regular monthly Board of Directors meeting shall be changed from the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. to the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

Any and all persons wishing to be heard on this proposed resolution should communicate by letter or email to the District sent no later than December 12, 2024, on the District's website or addressed to P.O. Box 147, Richvale, CA 95974, or by attending the December 18, 2024 special meeting at 8:00 a.m.

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**Vermont Street Right-of-Way Vacation** - Council consideration of Resolution 2024-R-045 to vacate the 80-ft wide public right of way to Gridley Unified School District

### Recommended Action(s):

- Staff respectfully requests that the City Council approve Resolution 2024-R-045: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Vacating an 80-Foot-Wide Public Right of Way Known as Vermont Street, Bound Between Sycamore Street and Magnolia Street, Excepting a 20-Foot Sanitary Sewer Easement

### SUMMARY:

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the City Council on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Carmen Santana, at (530) 846-3631 or email at [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us)

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# 'Festus Feasts' Shoots Pilot Episode in Yuba-Sutter

By Shamaya Sutton

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - A pilot episode for "Festus Feasts," inspired by the Food Network series "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives," was filmed at five local restaurants last week on Nov. 13.

The featured eateries include Pasquini's in Live Oak, Council Oaks Steaks & Seafood in Wheatland, and Sopa Thai, Happy Viking and City Cafe off Plumas Street in Yuba City.

"The idea is to feature food districts as opposed to single restaurants," explained John Cassidy, the show's producer. "It was easier for us to start here obviously since we're all pretty local to Yuba-Sutter, but the goal is to take this on the road and feature food districts across the country that people may or may not be aware of."

Cassidy co-hosts the episode alongside Festus Ezeli, a former Yuba College student and National Basketball Association player.

The two met during Ezeli's time playing for coach Doug Cornelius at Yuba College and when Cassidy was doing sideline radio for the Sacramento Kings.

"I would talk to him at games and we became really good friends after he retired," said Cassidy. "He has become a central figure on the pre, half time, and post-game for the Warriors and ESPN used him a lot in the last year because he is just so talented."

Neither Cassidy nor Ezeli claim to be chefs but the two do appreciate a good meal and atmosphere. In the show, Cassidy takes the lead on introducing Ezeli to the individual owners and gives a bit of history on each establishment. Ezeli is then set free to mingle and feast on whatever is brought before him.

"He's so relatable and so charming and just has this natural ability with people," said Cassidy. "To find people who are that good on camera, it's just one in a million and that's part of why he has been so successful in his



Festus Ezeli dines at City Cafe, right, alongside owner Toni Ruiz, center, and executive chef Casey Jackson, left. This encounter was part of a new pilot episode called 'Festus Feasts,' shot locally on Nov. 13. Photo courtesy of John Cassidy

broadcasting as well."

Cassidy admits to having a bias for the "Salmon Cassidy," a plate at City Cafe that he helped create 26 years ago. He said that the criteria for choosing which restaurants to feature was tough and came down to time, diversity, longevity and, of course, cinematic composition.

"The Plumas Street corridor is probably the best restaurant distinct of any small town in Northern California," said Cassidy. "What we will do in each episode, and when we finalize this one, we will also highlight other

restaurants that we didn't visit in the region, that will be part of each broadcast."

Some of the restaurants Cassidy regrettably had to pass on included Sutter Buttes Brewing, Fernando's, Hooligans, The Brick and the Silver Dollar Saloon just to name a few.

After a full day of filming both Ezeli and Cassidy left with full bellies, excited to see what the next step in this journey may lead to.

"I love how food brings people together and builds a sense of community," said Ezeli. "My dream job would be one where I can travel, share incredible meals, and tell the amazing stories of people from around the world. If I can use those stories to impact how we see and connect with each other, that would be truly fulfilling."

Being from Nigeria, Ezeli grew up with a fondness for traditional dishes such as fufu, garri, egusi soup and bitter leaf soup. Moving to America shifted his preferences toward Mexican food and he credits San Francisco for

introducing him to dim sum, which has quickly gained a top spot on his palette.

"If I had to pick a favorite from that (filming) day, it would be Sopa Thai," said Ezeli. "I just love Thai food, all the flavors, the curry's, the spice, yum!"

In addition to featuring locals at local restaurants, team members and associates of Tower Media Studios were brought on to round out the film crew. Tower Media, headed by Robert "Bob" Fischetti, is a Marysville based nonprofit media and production company which also houses the community radio station 93Q. The assembled team included Tyler Johnson, Lonnie and Kayla Webb, Kert Baird, David Toledo, Prince, Veronica and director Mike Iachella, who has over 40 years of experience with Cassidy in local television and commercial production.

"Everybody pretty much volunteered to do this pilot, we had a few costs associated with it but for the most part people volunteered their time and effort because they see the

potential in the concept," added Cassidy.

Once the pilot episode is complete, a viewing party will be held before pitching it to professional networks. Their target platform is of course Food Network and Guy Fieri, with whom Ezeli has a personal relationship.

"Guy is a big Warriors fan, a big basketball fan," said Ezeli. "He used to watch me play for the Warriors, which led to me going on his show as a guest and then going to spend time with his family, and spending birthdays and holidays with them."

If the show gets picked up by a major network this could be a big boon for Tower Media. Fischetti said he is thrilled to be partnering with Cassidy again and will continue helping in any way he can.

"Guy Fieri is a big deal and 'Diners, Drive-ins and Dives' has got to be one of their best shows," said Fischetti. "They need to keep up with that viewership and so this could be the next big thing for them, and for us!"



Associates of Tower Media Studios helped film a pilot episode for 'Festus Feasts' at local Yuba-Sutter restaurants on Nov. 13. Photo courtesy of John Cassidy

## Magalia Shooting Investigation Continues

Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

**MAGALIA, CA (MPG)** - On Dec. 2, about 6 p.m., Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies responded to the 6400 block of Imperial Way, Magalia, for reports of multiple shots fired.

Deputies contacted several individuals in the area who were associated with the incident and determined that no one was injured. Deputies located evidence consistent with someone discharging a

firearm and said that the suspects fled the area and were possibly known to the victims. Deputies authored a search warrant for a residence in the area associated to the shooting.

During the investigation, four arrests were made. Jessica Britt, 32, of Magalia was arrested for child endangerment and possession of a controlled substance. Russell Gage, 32 of Paradise was arrested for possession of a controlled substance while armed and possession of methamphetamine.

Jonathan Gardner, 37, of Chico was arrested for changing or removing a firearm's identifying information. Nathan Gould, 48, of Magalia was arrested for being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and ammunition and being a prohibited person in possession of body armor.

Detectives continue to investigate the shooting. Contact the Butte County Sheriff's Office with any information related to the incident at 530-538-7321. ★

## Burn Permits No Longer Required

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Since Nov. 22, CAL FIRE Butte Unit no longer requires burn permits. However, there might be areas in Butte County that still require a burn permit or have restrictions. This can be verified through your local jurisdiction at <https://bereadybutte.com/burn-permits/>.

Burning can only be done on a permissive burn day.

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Quality Management District regulations.

Residents are urged to take precautions while burning outdoors to prevent sparking an wildfire. A leading cause of wildfires is escaped debris burning. Before you burn, ensure it's a permissive burn day by contracting the local air quality district.

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For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov) and the Be Ready Butte website at <https://bereadybutte.com/>. ★

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By V.G. Harris



## Riley Reviews

“WICKED” AN IMMERSIVE JOURNEY FROM THE STAGE TO THE BIG SCREEN

**A Film and TV Review**  
by Tim Riley

### “WICKED” RATED PG

Broadway musicals that become movie musicals have a long tradition that invite debate as to which versions are better. “Chicago” has been a Broadway musical twice, first with a two-year run starting in 1975, and returning to the stage in a 1996 revival still running to this day.

Not surprisingly, “Chicago” inspired a 2002 movie musical of the same name, starring Catherine Zeta-Jones as Velma Kelly and Renee Zellweger as Roxie Hart, both of them scheming vixens ending up in jail on murder charges.

Were the movie stars as good as their counterparts in the original 1975 stage musical? Broadway legends Chita Rivera and Gwen Verdon were the initial Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart, respectively. Both of them won Tony Awards.

The point of this exercise of comparison of the stage versus the big screen is that an argument can be made that what started on the stage is invariably better than a cinematic adaptation. This is something to think about with the release of “Wicked” if you have seen the musical on Broadway or a national tour.

Before you invest time into 160 minutes for “Wicked,” a running-time that tests the outer limits of endurance, keep in mind that it ends with a “to be continued” notice for a second part that is reportedly not expected to arrive until about this time next year.

On Broadway, the “Wicked” musical runs for 2 hours and 45 minutes, including a 15-minute intermission. That informs us that the full story could wrap up a lot sooner than a two-part marathon.

From the outset, a drawback of a stage production is the physical inability to deliver stunning visuals of a witch taking flight or computer-generated imagery of an Emerald City. “Wicked” proves to be exquisite in its cinematography.

Comparing favorably to the original Broadway stars Idina Menzel and Kristen Chenoweth, Cynthia Erivo’s Elphaba, the future Wicked Witch of the West and Ariana Grande’s Glinda, the impending Good Witch of the North, respectively in the same roles, deliver big time on the dancing and singing.

While the denizens of Munchkinland rejoice in the death of the Wicked Witch of the West, Glinda the Good tells the story of the Witch’s troubled childhood and her days at Shiv University where they became reluctant roommates.

The backstory then shifts to Elphaba, born with iridescent green skin and mysterious abilities, as she arrives at the university to see her wheelchair-bound younger sister Nessarose (Marissa Bode), and draws the notice of Madame Morrible (Michelle Yeoh), the Dean of

Sorcery Studies.

After inadvertently revealing her magical abilities, Elphaba accepts an invitation to be tutored by Morrible, and this is how she comes to know Galinda, the irrepressible pretty blonde and seemingly self-absorbed lightweight hailing from a life of privilege.

With her verdant complexion, Elphaba is an outcast, while Galinda is the complete opposite, more like one of the popular mean girls most likely to be found in high school surrounded by members of a clique, including here the fawning yet amusing connivers Pfannee (Bowen Yang) and ShenShen (Bronwyn James).

Elphaba’s notoriety gains her an invitation to the Emerald City to meet with the Wizard of Oz (Jeff Goldblum) and is joined by Galinda, who shortens her name to Glinda as a nod to how it has been mispronounced at college. The trip appears to put some complications into their friendship.

The arrival of Prince Fiyero (Jonathan Bailey), a rebellious carefree player committed to only whatever and whomever may tickle his fleeting fancy, catches the eyes of both girls.

Meanwhile, the school’s authoritarian streak leads to discrimination against the anthropomorphic animals and subsequent deprivation of their civil rights and ability to speak.

Affected by this turn of events is Dr. Dillamond (Peter Dinklage), a talking goat who teaches history until he’s forced to retire and replaced by a devious professor who lacks any respect for animals.

Taking umbrage at the mistreatment of animals and feeling a growing sense that Morrible and the Wizard are problematic, Elphaba is on her wicked witch trajectory, which is likely to be further explored in the second part, perhaps much like the Broadway show’s Act Two.

Undeniably, Cynthia Erivo’s Elphaba is at once fierce and vulnerable, and if her rendition of “Defying Gravity” does not result in an emotionally satisfying experience, then “Wicked” will not leave an indelibly curious impression.

While “Wicked” impresses as a solidly designed production with memorable performances, my preference for a musical creation remains immutably fixed on the stage where one’s imagination also plays a role.

However, the more thought that goes into the provenance of this film version leads me to reconsider, at least in the limited scope of this one adaptation, that the magic of a stage production can be captured and expanded upon to achieve a richly rewarding cinematic experience.

“Wicked” is an immersive journey through the fantasy world of the witches of Oz as both Elphaba and Glinda will eventually fulfill their destinies, and a year from now we could learn so much more. ★

Malik was the spark plug he always seems to be, but despite the auspicious start, the Kings played poorly in the fourth quarter, and although they made it close, came away with a 2-point loss.

As is oft the case, the zebras did not help their cause, and the game was replete with calls that one would expect at a high school game, not in the highest court of basketball.

The last week began on a high note, as the Sactown boys went into Minnesota, and after losing the prior two games to the Wolves this season, the Kings put on a fourth quarter show that was a pure pleasure to watch. Surprisingly, while only connecting on 32% of their 3-point efforts, and scoring only 12 3-point field goals all night, the Kings sent the Timberwolves home with a 115-104 spanking.

For Kings fans, this type of overall efficiency, which included solid team defense all night, is what gives everyone hope that this team can turn things around.

Sadly, after breaking a 4-game losing streak by besting the Wolves, Sacramento could not back it up, losing to both Portland and San Antonio back-to-back.

The bright spot for me this past week was the emergence of small forward Isaac Jones. Nearly forgotten at the end of the bench, the rookie out of Washington State brought energy, spirited defense, and added 12 points that were sorely needed against the young and talented Timberwolves.

Why it’s taken this long to give Isaac a look is a hard question to answer but look for coach Brown to move this young forward closer to the top of the bench.

Another bright note is hearing Malik Monk in the post-game interview say it’s taken him three years in Sacramento to get a single start, and he likes being a starter where he’s spent the majority of his career.

Hang on Kings fans. It’s not time to pull your hair just yet. Christmas is right around the corner, and something tells me the Sac Town ballers may have some presents in store for basketball hungry Sacramento fans in the month of December.

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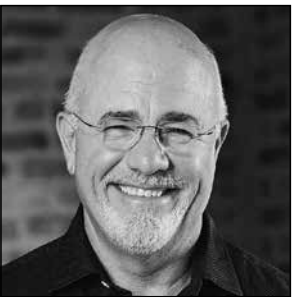
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## Dave Ramsey Says My Best Piece of Advice? The Unexpected is Always Lurking

you, and anyone else finding themselves in this kind of situation, Bethany, it goes something like this. Stop using credit cards!

– Dave

Dear Dave,

When I leave my job in two or three years, I'll still have a good income of around \$80,000 thanks to my pension. I talked with my wife recently about us not needing an emergency fund with a continuing steady income like this, but she thinks we should still have money set aside strictly for emergencies. I think we would be fine with my pension and our other investments, but she says a fund set aside strictly for the unexpected would make her feel safer. What are your thoughts?

– Barrett

Dear Barrett,

I always recommend folks have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Put it in a good money market account with check writing privileges and a decent interest rate. That way, your money will work for you a little bit until it's needed. I know a good pension can feel really solid. But there's always the possi-

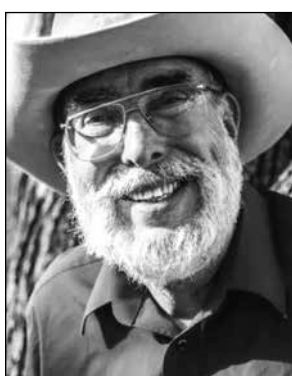
bility of lost income or very large, unexpected expenses. Life can take a big financial chunk out of you at any time. What if one, or both of you, have a major medical event? Even with the other investments you mentioned, you should have an emergency fund. Period.

In your case, you could probably lean toward three months of expenses in your emergency fund. If it were me, I'd go ahead and make it a full six months of expenses. Trust me, a fully funded emergency fund will make both of you feel better. It can turn a disaster into nothing more than an inconvenience.

– Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a 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.* ★

## Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"When you been maturatin' 'long as I have, they's a few ultimatum facts about life that just can't be ignored."

With that, our favorite old-time camp cook, mule packer and occasional predictor of things that haven't happened yet, Windy Wilson, stirred the sugar in his coffee and looked at the rest of us. Wisely. Well, as wisely as old Windy ever gets.

We knew we were in for another dose of campfire education, even if it's totally wrong. We smiled. Some people need cable TV to find this kind of fun.

"Like them measurements we use when we're cookin'," he said. "If you look in them recipe books, they slam a buncha measurements

## A herman, as all of us know, is a cubic fistful.

on ya that you never heard of and no one to convert them into plain American, like we speak here."

"You jest take in there them bakin' recipes," he said. "Cups a this, then you gotta shift them so they don't stick together with stuff you already tossed in a bowl ... like a dramblin' of this or a sticker of butter. You ever see that stuff? How in the everlastin' hoot owl drumsticks they spect us, 'way over here in the United States of Our Country to figger that out?"

He sipped and stirred and looked up at us in that same way old Sam Elliott does when he finds a greenhorn he wants to set straight.

"Let's figger out real cowboy measurements and use 'em. That's what I say."

"Like which ones, Windy?"

"Why, Doc, didya know there are them

caf-ma terial ladies all over the place don't know what a herman is? Truth. A herman, as all of us know, is a cubic fistful.

Jest right handy fer makin' biscuits in a Dutch oven. Set 'er on that campfire and let 'er go! Gits too hot? Hey, jest pull 'er back a mite 'til she's settin' more in the coals out where the state line would be if campfires had states."

Our resident working cowboy, Steve, got up to pay his bill and leave.

"Don't run off, Steve," said Windy, "was jest 'bout to start 'luminatin' on stuff like gloggles, gurgles, bellyache triggers, slushes and nips."

Next time, I guess," Steve said over his shoulder as he headed out the door for his getaway pickup truck.

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## CDFW Outlines Seasonal Regulations

### California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - Through the end of 2024, boat-based fishing for groundfish and lingcod will be offshore, statewide and in waters seaward of the 50-fathom Rockfish Conservation Area line.

During this offshore, only fishery, shelf rockfish, slope rockfish and lingcod can be taken, while take and possession of nearshore rockfish, cabezon and greenling are prohibited during the offshore only fishery. The season will be closed to boat-based fishing, beginning Jan. 1.

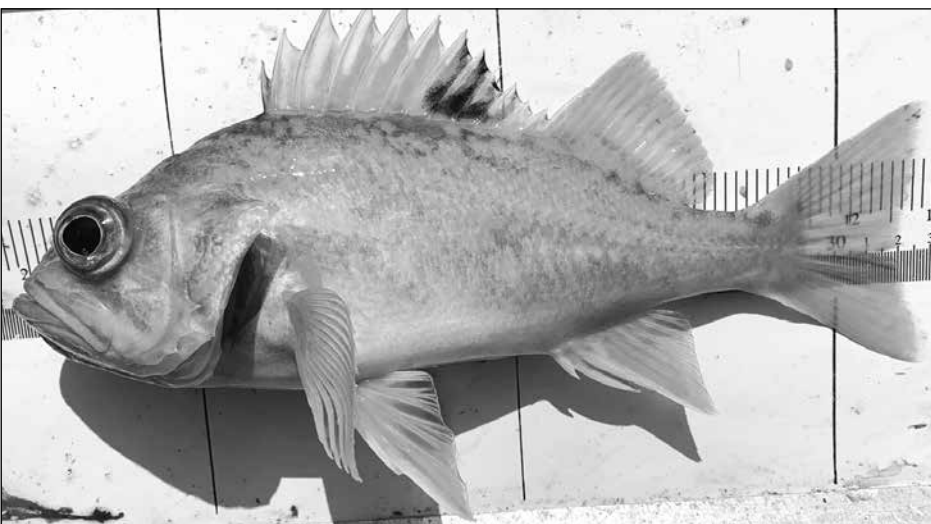
These boat-based regulations do not apply to divers and shore-based anglers, who will continue to be exempt from boat-based season restrictions affecting rockfish and

other federally managed groundfish. As a reminder, in waters where groundfish species or species groups are closed, such as the RCAs, boat-based anglers may possess groundfish to anchor, drift or transit in or through that closed area.

Additionally, while anchoring, drifting or transiting through a closed area with groundfish aboard, anglers can only deploy gear specific to the take of crustaceans, including hoop nets and Dungeness crab traps; dip nets can also be used for bait.

For the latest groundfish regulations, refer to the groundfish summary tables at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/.../Regulations/Groundfish-Summary>.

For species lists of nearshore, slope and shelf rockfish, visit <https://wildlife.ca.gov/.../Gro.../Nearshore-Shelf-And-Slope>. ★



A canary rockfish is pictured here. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife



By Barbara Ott

Rain, wind, freeze and December it all feels about right. Lots of leaves to rake and admire. Doing a lot of cutting back on now dormant fruit trees and bonsai maples. Perennials plants being chopped down. Late Fall and early Winter blooms going strong in bright red. So far everything has survived. I'm experimenting

as usual, with what potted plants to put into the greenhouse and which ones get to tough it out. I do move them to more sheltered areas with the hopes that they will survive. My experiment to move my begonias back into the magic planter in the front of the house is working. That one is a no-brainer. Fuchsias grow right next to that planter without freezing. I had begonias in there before but some of these might be more tender. So far, so good.

The other day I looked at the pottery garden stack I made for the back yard and noticed its snail finial was missing. This stack is dedicated to snails, snakes and various objects. I

wondered how on earth a clay snail could get dislodged from the top of this six-foot stack. I knew it had to be nearby unless the snail fairy godmother made it a real snail and it crawled away. I was quite doubtful that had happened. I hunted around below on the ground and there it was. I think a gust of some of that heavy wind lifted it off and down it went. It is not attached it simply sits there. The reason I'm going on about this non-problem is that when I picked it up, all tucked in nice and comfy were little slugs, those shell-less cousins of snails. I found it so funny and interesting that they crawled into a fake snail shell. It doesn't take much to amuse me. ★



### Cost of Thanksgiving Dinner Declines, Remains Higher Than Pre-Pandemic Levels

Cooking a Thanksgiving feast for your friends and family will cost less than last year but will still be more expensive than before the pandemic. The American Farm Bureau Federation's 39th annual Thanksgiving dinner survey provides a snapshot of the average cost of this year's classic holiday feast for 10, which is \$58.08 or about \$5.80 per person. This is a 5% decrease from 2023, which was 4.5% lower than 2022. Two years of declines don't erase dramatic increases that led to a record high cost of \$64.06 in 2022. The survey also notes that the cost varies by region, with the West significantly higher than the national average, at \$67.05 this year.

### Farmers Fought Fire as Insurance Crisis Left Homes at Risk


During the past three weeks, the Mountain Fire has burned some 20,000 acres and destroyed 243 structures, making it Southern California's third-most destructive fire in the past decade. The fire forced evacuations and burned around 12,000 acres of crops and rangeland, causing at least \$7 million in agricultural losses, according to Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner Korinne Bell. California's property insurance crisis, which has left many homes in areas with high fire risk uninsured, prompted some farmers to take it upon themselves to defend property from the blaze.

### California Reflects on SGMA 10 Years Later

California water officials, local water agencies and farmers have spent the past decade preparing for the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, a historic regulatory framework developed to bring overdrafted aquifers into balance by 2040. As SGMA implementation takes shape, state and local water officials, lawmakers, farmers and association leaders commemorated the 10th anniversary of SGMA last week at the California Natural Resources Agency in Sacramento. The daylong event featured panel discussions on the past, present and future of the regulation.

### Increased rodent activity on farms causes damage, losses

Rodents, particularly rats, have wreaked havoc in California orchards and vineyards this year, with some farmers reporting yield losses, damage to trees and destruction of irrigation lines, electrical wiring and other infrastructure. Farmers face soaring costs not only to replace what has been destroyed or damaged but to control populations of the pests. "Rodent damage, if ignored, can lead to substantial losses," said Roger Baldwin, a wildlife specialist at the University of California, Davis. "I think this year is just a good example of how being a little bit more proactive may be beneficial in the long run." ★



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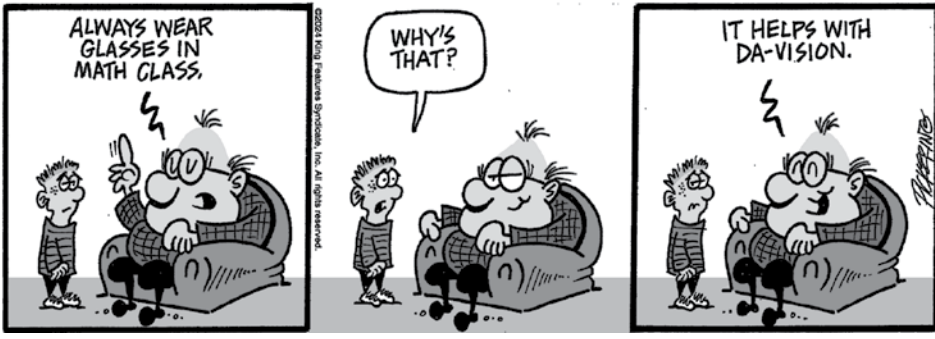
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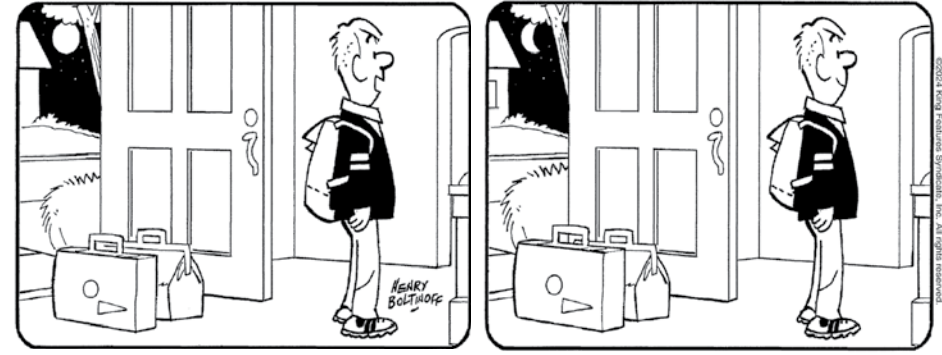
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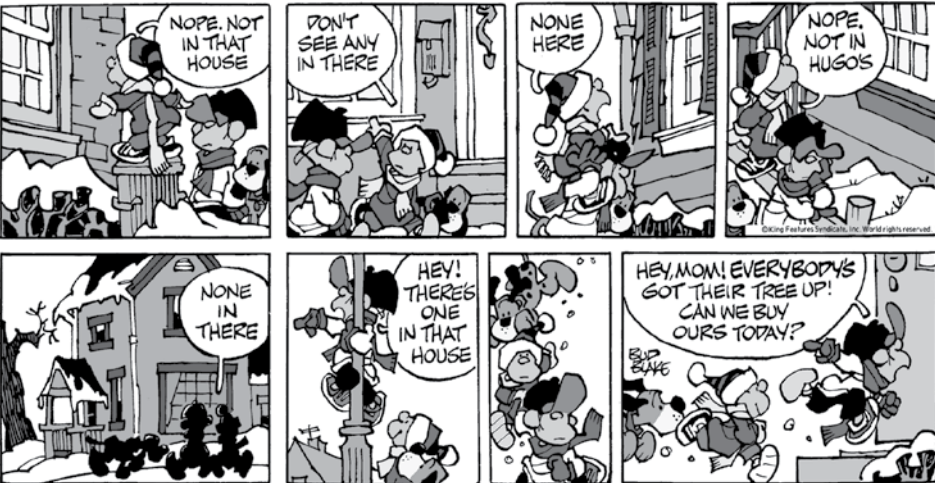
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# Gridley Bulldogs Basketball Season Previews



Photo from last season showing Gridley guard Luis Murillo (3) shooting a three in the Bulldogs' 68-40 victory over Coming on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024. Courtesy photo

By Dillon Longmire

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Basketball season is upon us and with that comes new opportunities for the Bulldogs!

Last season, the Bulldogs' boys team finished with a 22-7 overall record and a 7-1 league record giving them the first overall league seed and a first-round bye heading into the playoffs. The Bulldogs would defeat Winters, Orland, and University Prep and end up being crowned the D4 NSCIF 2024 Champions.

With that championship, the Bulldogs earned a spot in the CIF State

Championship as the 11th seed. They would face Lincoln in the first round but unfortunately fall short with a final score of 53-50. Last season was the first league championship for the Bulldogs since 2018 when they won the league championship and went to the third round of the state tournament. With winning a championship comes a target on your back. Teams around the league will look to dethrone the Bulldogs and have surely circled every game against the Bulldogs this season.

With a relatively young team (four total seniors), the Bulldogs will look to make some noise and make

another run for a league championship.

The Bulldogs' girls team finished last season with a 15-13 record and a 5-3 league record giving them the 6th seed in the league playoffs. The Lady Bulldogs would defeat Lassen in the first round but lose to Colusa in the second of the playoffs. The Lady Bulldogs will look to improve on that record with a young team themselves (four total seniors) and make a run in the playoffs.

The season opens for the Bulldogs against Bear River on Tuesday, Dec. 3 (after press time). The boys will be on the road while the girls will be at home. ★

# Butte College to Host Gridiron Classic Bowl

Butte College News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The stage is set for the Gridiron Classic Bowl as the Butte College Roadrunners (9-1) take on the Foothill College Owls (7-3) on Dec. 7, at Butte College's Cowan Stadium.

The Roadrunners, coming off a stellar season, bring a balanced offensive attack with 3,724 total yards, split almost evenly between 1,923 passing yards and 1,801 rushing yards. On the defensive side, they've limited opponents to 2,320 passing yards and 1,866 rushing yards.

Leading the charge is Nor-Cal League offensive MVP Marcus Beamon, who has had a standout season with 1,864 passing yards, 31 touchdowns, and only four interceptions. Beamon's favorite target, Brandon Smith, has racked up 40 receptions for 703 yards and

seven touchdowns, showcasing their incredible chemistry. On the ground, Takeshi Faupula has carried the load with 928 rushing yards and seven touchdowns on 143 carries.

Defensively, the Roadrunners are anchored by Austin Young, who leads the team with 78



tackles. The secondary is bolstered by playmaker Zach Valcarcel, who has five interceptions, two of which he returned for touchdowns. Valcarcel also shines on special teams, averaging an impressive 37.8 yards per kickoff return

and adding another touchdown return.

The Owls enter the game averaging 29.3 points per contest, with an offensive attack of 1,283 rushing yards and 2,195 passing yards.

Quarterback Jayden Macedo has thrown for 1,958 yards and 14 touchdowns this season, though he has also faced adversity with 13 interceptions. His top targets, Johnnie Barbie (30 receptions for 501 yards) and Andre Jackson (29 catches for 535 yards and five touchdowns), have been pivotal to the Owls' aerial success. On the ground, running back Jordan Fuentes has contributed 587 yards and four touchdowns on 142 carries.

Defensively, the Owls rely on Faapaia Fualema, the team leader with 79 tackles, and standout pass rusher Joshua Shanklin, who has tallied an impressive 12.5 sacks this season. ★



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