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# Training on Autonomous Targets



U.S. Air Force Capt. James Stocks, 9th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) commander participates in mobile target training at Beale Air Force Base on, Jan. 14. The 9th Security Forces Squadron conducted a three-day exercise using autonomous robots equipped with innovative technology to replicate the movement of real-life opposing forces. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force, photo by

#### By Airman 1st Class Chelsea M. Arana

**BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA** (MPG) - The smell of smoke and the deafening sound of bullets filled the air as Airmen directed the rounds of M249 light machine guns at human-like, robotic targets, one after another. When hit, these mannequin-like targets slump over, giving positive indication of a lethal shot.

The 9th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) conducted a 3-day exercise using autonomous robots equipped with innovative technology to replicate the movement of real-life opposing forces.



U.S. Air Force Capt. James Stocks, 9th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) commander, participates in mobile target training at Beale Air Force Base on Jan. 13. The 9th Security Forces Squadron trained with artificial intelligence-driven robots to enhance various weapon engagement skills, giving Airmen an advanced method of training. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force, photo by Airman 1st Class Chelsea Arana

Still targets are a great way for security forces to apply fundamental skills, but they lack the realistic mobility that troops will only come face-toface with in an austere environment. Instead of static precision training, these artificial intelligence-driven robots encourage Airmen to exercise their decision-making skills in a combat scenario.

"These devices increase the lethality, capability, and confidence of our Airmen going down range," said Capt. James Stocks, 9th SFS commander. "These 'smart' live fire targets are all-wheel drive and

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# Council **Approves Deputy City Clerk Position**

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Due to the Martin Luther King Day and Inauguration Day, Gridley City Council met on Tuesday, Jan. 21, in lieu of the usual time on Monday night. Mayor Mike Farr was absent so Vice-Mayor Bruce Johnson conducted the meeting.

First off, a four-year extension was granted to the Eagle Meadows Village subdivision. Councilmember Catalina Sanchez reiterated the request for an update from the developer at the threeyear mark.

Several consent items were then approved, including City Council minutes, expenditure reports and committee representative appointments for Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund (NCCSIF) and Northern California Power Agency (NCPA).

Next, City Administrator Elisa Arteaga gave an informational update on the city's Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board. This involved two land parcels on the east side of the city industrial park that could be sold. There are interested buyers, according to Arteaga. The two parcels on the west side will be retained by the city at this time.

Arteaga continued with a presentation on Gridley's need for a deputy city clerk, including a job description and salary range. The need for this position has been discussed for a long time. The deputy city clerk will work with newly-hired city planner Christopher Smith. One of the current city administrative secretaries will be trained and certified to fill the position, with minimal impact on the city budget.

"This position is going to improve and insure the city manages its records. The city has three rooms full of records (to catalog). We've never had a deputy city clerk in this city and I believe it's necessary," Arteaga said.

City councilmembers voted unanimously to proceed with the plans to train the deputy city clerk.

Thereafter, an approval was considered and given for an agreement with California Consulting to write the city's grant applications, as the need arises. During the presentation, Arteaga underlined that there were untapped grants available for projects such as the coming Gridley Sports Complex, public safety and infrastructure. California Consulting will

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# Rotary, Children's Hope Gather Fire Donations

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Rotary responded to urgent requests from Rotarians in the Los Angeles area to collect a variety of items for wildfire victims in Southern California. Donations were collected at Children's Hope last week. Donors had an extensive list of

items needed for the wildfire victims to fill. The list included glucose test strips and toilet paper, pet food and kitty litter, and all the other supplies used throughout the day. The deadline was extended from

Jan. 22 to Jan. 24 to acquire more donations.

On Jan. 24, all the donations were loaded up by Gridley Rotarian Efren Del Rio and his 9-year-old son, Camden. The supplies were then driven to Folsom, where a U-Haul truck was waiting. Chuck & Conni Thompson of the Historic Folsom Rotary club helped load the items and then drove the U-Haul to Los Angeles.

Rotary clubs in Los Angeles will distribute the items.

Gridley Rotary thanks everyone who donated to the wildfire victims.★



Heather Payne of Children's Hope is shown with piles of donations for wildfire

# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Eloise Mulleneaux scored several baskets as her Oroville Nazarene Upward Basketball team continued their unbeaten streak this week. This is despite the #1 best, highest-rated league defender, Claire Povey, shutting down nearly every other aspect of the offense.

Ten Extra points to the City of Gridley government for cleaning up the mess that is Virginia Street - the three blocks south of Magnolia on Virginia have been systematically burned down by vagrant hobos who commit acts of arson. The latest victim on the corner of Magnolia and Virginia, across from our postal facility, has been knocking down what's left of the building, cleaning up what did not burn completely. The old Pfister feed building finally has a chain-link fence put around it so homeless people don't move in and then

burn it down again. There's

nothing left that can burn in

the old red brick building.

Nonetheless, the mad bunch

of wandering ner'do wells

should be kept out because

the edifice would probably

collapse, kill them all, and

block the train tracks. The

next set of giant barns to the

south of the red brick build-

ings were also set on fire,

and they are starting to be

cleaned up as well. So the

City enforcement agents

code enforcement, trying to find a way to lock them up, sending the police by to do extra patrols, and everything else required to end the criminal vandalism of the last three years. Some cities do not bother to clean up these hazards and eyesores. When these hazards and eyesores are not cleaned up, they attract more of the same, so Gridley gets 10 extra points.

Less than a week after announcing a shocking sudden ownership transition, the Gridley Ice Burgie is now serving its world-famous sodas in paper cups instead of Styrofoam cups. This is because a new CA state law designed to protect the environment makes Styrofoam cups illegal in California. So business owners driving to Reno to purchase gas-powered lawn equipment can also bring back insulated cups.

The major local Chico newspaper made a grievous error in their Editorial Board commentary related to the reappointment of our dutiful and erstwhile County Supervisor, Tod Kimmelshue, as Board Chairman for another term. The "other" newspaper opined that this critical position of leadership should've rotated around to one of the less qualified Supervisors... from Chico nonetheless. We note that the vote was 4-1 to put the agriculturalist from Durham back in the chair with the gavel of authority. His cool and calm demeanor and expert knowledge of parliamentary procedure (learned in the FFA) have made the meetings run more efficiently and with markedly less conflict, shouting, and arrests. The Editorialists of this

Supervisors for their wise choice of Chairman (again). Oroville Supervisor Bill Connelly, the Dean of the Board (longest serving member) was voted in as the Vice Chair.

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There was once a popular movie about Mr. Smith going to Washington. A more interesting and significantly more comical documentary film would be "Mr. LaMalfa Goes to Los Angeles." Last week, our local congressman traveled with President Donald J. Trump to Los Angeles, as the President met with local leaders to bring federal assistance to bear for the recent spat of wildfires that descended upon the City of Angels. Unlike traditional wildfires, the fires in Los Angeles targeted rich white people - which has caused absolute panic amongst the ruling political caste in California. When President Trump was expressing the need for improvements in the CA water system and changes in California law to stop the repeated, consistent, and over and over again ridiculous wildfires that are caused by terrible CA public policy - he would call upon Congressman LaMalfa (with his hair coiffed in the style of the great American Statesman Ben Franklin) to explain how wildfire disasters happen and what the Mayor of Los Angeles could do to speed up the recovery process. President Trump remembers very well his trip to Paradise with Mr. LaMalfa after the Camp Fire of 2018. The Mayor of Los Angeles will not soon forget her meeting with the "honorable gentleman from Richvale."

Josh F.W. Cook's column appears weekly in the

# **Girl Scouts of Northern California** Kicks Off 2025 Cookie Season



Girl Scouts of Northern California with their cookie display. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of

Girl Scouts of Northern California News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On Jan. 13, Girl Scouts of Northern California

kicked off its 2025 cookie

season. Consumers in all 19 counties from Gilroy to the Oregon Border can support their local girl entrepreneurs by ordering cookies online at ilovecookies.org. Local shoppers can also locate cookie booths starting February 6 for in-person cookie sales. The 2025 Northern California cookie season will run through March 16, and all cookie flavors are \$7 per box

(shipping fees additional). The 2025 cookie lineup is jampacked with the full spread of highly sought-after cookie flavors, including Thin Mints®, Caramel deLites®, Peanut Butter Patties® and more. At the close of the 2025 Cookie Season, the beloved cookie flavor, Toast-yay!®, will be retired to make way for future innovations.

This year, over 16,000 Girl Scouts in Northern California will participate in the cookie entrepreneurship program with the goal of selling 4.3 million packages of cookies.

"We're thrilled to partner with ABC Bakers this year, bringing beloved fan favorites like Thin Mints® and Trefoils®, along with exciting new additions to our cookie lineup," said Mary-Jane Strom, Interim CEO of Girl Scouts of Northern California. "This season, cookie prices in our Council increased by \$1, bringing them to \$7 per box—a necessary adjustment to address rising costs. Despite this change, every purchase continues to directly support our local Girl Scouts as they achieve their goals, develop essential skills, and make a difference in their communities. I'm so proud of our Girl Scouts and can't wait to see all



Local Girl Scouts show enthusiasm for cookie season. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of Northern California

they accomplish this season!"

When Girl Scouts participate in the Cookie Program, the largest entrepreneurial program in the world, they acquire a host of invaluable entrepreneurial skills, including goal setting, money management, decision making, people skills, and business ethics. Each box of cookies sold allows Girl Scouts to develop an inextinguishable entrepreneurial spirit, gaining courage, confidence, and character as they conquer new feats and embark on new adventures. Girl Scouts obtain transferable life skills as they earn a variety of badges and awards, including Cookie Business badges, Financial Literacy badges, Cookie Entrepreneur Family pins and Entrepreneur badges.

This season, Girl Scouts of Northern California calls on community members to support their favorite cookies—and the youth behind each box. All proceeds from cookie sales stay with Girl Scouts of Northern California's troops to fuel inspiring experiences throughout the year including camp, amazing trips, service projects and much more.

Starting Jan. 13, consumers can source Girl Scout cookies online via digital cookie stores

at ilovecookies.org and have their favorite cookies delivered straight to their home or anywhere in the country or find the closest Girl Scout booth for in-person cookie sales starting Feb. 6 at select businesses and neighborhoods in Northern California communities

until March 16. Girl Scouts of Northern California serves over 46,000 youth and adult volunteers across 19 countries from Gilroy to the Oregon border. Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world. Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges-whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike or advocate for climate justice or make their first best friends.

Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and create change on the issues that matter most to them. To learn more about Girl Scouts of Northern California, visit www.gsnorcal.org.



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## JOSEPH PATRICK HUGHES • 03/12/1943 - 01/13/2024

Joseph Patrick Hughes passed away at UC Davis Medical Center surrounded by family and friends on January 13, 2025. He was 81 years of age and resided in Gridley, California, with his wife of fifty-four years, Margaret Desmond Hughes.

Joe was born in Gridley on March 12,1943, at the Stork Retreat to his loving parents Mary Bozzo Hughes and Jack Hughes. Joe grew up tightly connected to the love of the Hughes family and agriculture in the Manzanita and Live Oak areas, as well as the Five Dot Ranch in Susanville, CA, the family's Hereford cattle operation. At these places, together with his parents and beloved sisters, twins Mary and Martha Hughes and Kathleen Key, Joe made lasting connections to nature, the land, and family. However, at a very young age he had to take on many of the adult farming responsibilities due to his father's ill health. He felt great responsibility to support and help his dear-

est Mom. Joe attended Hedger School as well as Live Oak and Gridley High Schools where he was a star football player and outstanding athlete, traits he inherited from his father Jack and Uncle Bernie Hughes. He was Student Body President at Gridley High School and upon graduation in 1961 entered Southern Oregon College in Ashland where he played as a member of SOC's 1962 "Hall of Fame" football team together with his cousin Dave Hughes and best friend Ron Baker. Joe returned to Chico State where he boxed and obtained his BS in Ag

Business in 1967. Joe and Margaret met in 1969 in Chico on a blind date and married in 1970; together as a supportive team, they raised their children Elise, Bernie, Amy, and Phil, as well as twin granddaughters Grace and Ella Hughes. He dearly loved his grandson Bryce Hughes and will be so very missed by these "his

sweethearts". Joe was a futurist in agriculture business. He was one of the first in the area to use laser leveling in his land development business, purchased one of the first generations of Macintosh computers in the 80's, planted one of the first high density mechanically planted olive orchards in the area, and was the visionary who in 1975 initiated the discovery and development of JEM Farms. He wanted to leave behind a

of the Diamond Walnut

Board, multiple terms on

the Gridley High School

legacy.

Paying it forward to the community was significant to Joe. He served on the Pear Board, the marketing committee

Board of Trustees, and currently served as chair of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery Board.

Most importantly, he was a man who believed in the value of his word: his handshake was a contract with him. Ever kind and generous, Joe helped people who needed financial assistance as well as gave them his time and thoughts. He never wanted people to see his emotional side for fear of seeming weak, but this big strong bear of a man was indeed one who loved people and felt emotions deeply. Ironically, Joe could never attend a funeral. They just broke his heart. It is not often that a grown, grufflooking man will end a conversation with a friend and tell him he loves him. saying "Bye, buddy, I love

Hunting and fishing were always significant activities in his younger days, but as he grew older, just watching the beauty of nature simply satisfied him. Trips to Africa, New Zealand, Argentina, and Alaska with family and friends made for wonderful memories. He especially loved sitting on the deck of his Lake Almanor home, gazing out at the lake and surrounding mountains while he puffed a cigar.

A dedicated family man, Joe traveled 16 years up and down Highway 99 to take the children to St. Isidore's School in Yuba City. Later in life, this was replaced by traveling around the country to take granddaughter Ella to goat shows and breeder destinations as she pursued her passion for the show livestock industry.

His love for dogs, from Labs to Schnauzers and Doodles over the years was legendary. He was a dog whisperer much like his sister Martha. He would constantly drop table scraps to the dogs, who began to take on oversized proportions as they begged at his feet.

basketball, wrestling,

track & discus events

Watching his sons Bernie and Philip and nephews play football,

always believed in second chances. There was more than one Gridley High School student who escaped expulsion because he advocated for The Hughes home was always open to young people, whether family or

made him brim with pride.

Joe supported kids and

stranger, as a spot they could gather and get a word of advice and support to move forward in life. Joe welcomed all, and it was no coincidence that his favorite song was Garth Brooks' "I've Got Friends in Low Places".

Recently, in a family gathering discussing life and how it was lived, Joe mentioned how good his life had been and how he had no regrets.

Kindness, good character, generosity, and a love of country, friends and family characterized Joe's life. In a world where so often only the evil and ugliness of life is glorified, let people remember Joe Hughes, just simply a good man. May he rest in peace.

Joe is survived by his loving wife Margaret; daughters Elise and Amy Hughes; sons Bernie and Philip Hughes and grandchildren Grace, Ella, and Bryce Hughes; sisters Mary Hughes and Kathleen Key (Malcolm); sister- in- law Joan Gaskins and numerous

nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, Mary and Jack Hughes; sister Martha Jean Hughes; nephew Brooks Key; uncles Alden, Bernie, Oliver, and Arlen Hughes, Paul and Fedele Bozzo and Peter Amato; aunts Dorothy Hughes Foster, Marge Hughes Matusovich, Clara Hughes, Bethel Hughes, Barbara and Beulah Bozzo and Sara Amato.

A memorial Mass and Celebration of Life was held in Gridley on January 21, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and JEM Farms. His burial will be held privately.

"Bye, buddy, I love you."

# **County Clerk-Recorder Offers** Valentine's Day Marriage Ceremonies



Butte County couples can get married on Valentine's Day at the County Clerk-Recorder's **Department.** Photo courtesy of the Butte County Clerk-Recorder's Office

**Butte County Clerk-Recorder's** Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Clerk-Recorder's Department is ready to make Valentine's Day special for couples who want to get married. Each couple will receive a rose to make the day extra special.

The department's private ceremony room will seat 18 of your family and friends. His and hers sterling wedding bands are also available for purchase. Applicants need to be at least 18 years of age or older. The fee for a public marriage license, ceremony and a certified copy will be \$183.

Couples will need to complete the

following for a Valentine's Day wedding: Make an appointment by calling 530-552-3400, option number 2 for available

Complete their marriage application online prior to Valentine's Day.

Bring at least one witness for the ceremony.

Present valid government-issued photo identification at appointment.

Payment options include cash, credit/ debit card (an additional \$2.50 fee applies), check, cashier's check or money order made payable to Butte County Clerk-Recorder.

Weddings will take place from 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. Feb. 14.

# **Bulldogs Boys Continue Strong Start**

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldog boys' basketball team continued to play strong in their second week of regular season play.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21 the Bulldogs headed to Live Oak to face the Lions in the first of two meetings between the rivals. The Lion defense was not nearly strong enough to stop the Bulldogs as they started and ended the game scoring at will.

After a 38-point first half from the Bulldogs, the scoring continued in the second and with a strong defensive effort from the Bulldogs, they walked away with a convincing 73-43 win. Junior Bikram Kullar led the Bulldogs with 14 points, seven rebounds, six assists, two steals and three blocks.

On Friday, Jan. 24th the Bulldogs were home as they took on the Orland Trojans. The hot offense that got started against the Lions didn't go away. The Bulldogs started the game blistering from the field, scoring 23 and 22 points in each of the first two quarters while only allowing five and nine points from the Trojans, giving the Bulldogs a 45-14 lead at halftime. The Bulldogs did not slow down, coming out of halftime as they scored 19 points to set up a breeze of a fourth quarter. The Bulldogs won 78-35.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to stay at home on Jan. 28, after press time, as the Oroville Tigers come to town. Then on Friday, Jan. 31, after press time, the Bulldogs travel to Las Plumas and have their rematch against the Thunderbirds. Both games are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

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# You can put more into your 401(k) this year

Once you retire, you'll likely need to draw on a variety of financial sources — and one of the most important ones may be your 401(k). In 2025, you can put even more money into your plan than ever.

The contribution limit has increased by \$500, to \$23,500. If you're 50 or older, you can contribute an additional \$7,500, for a total of \$31,000. And if you are between 60 and 63, you have an even higher catchup contribution — \$11,250, for a total of \$34,750.

Of course, if you're a long way from retirement, you will likely have other financial considerations,

such as paying off student loans or saving for your children's college education, so you might not be able to "max out" your 401(k). At a minimum, though, contribute enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered.

**Regardless of how much** you put into your 401(k), try to create an investment mix within your plan that matches your risk tolerance and time horizon.

Your 401(k) is a powerful retirement savings vehicle — so do what you can to get the most from it.

Call or visit your local financial advisor today.



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# LaMalfa Gives Statement on Fix **Our Forests Act Passage**

Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Jan. 23, the House passed H.R. 471, the Fix Our Forests Act, a strong bipartisan piece of legislation focused on improving forest management and reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfires. Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale), released the following statement:

"I'm glad to see the House move swiftly to pass the Fix Our Forests Act. There is no time to waste on implementing measures to combat catastrophic wildfires. The Fix Our Forests Act is a big step toward properly maintaining our forests and reducing wildfire risk. I'm happy to support this critical legislation and hope to see it pass the Senate and become law soon," said Rep. LaMalfa.

The Fix Our Forests Act streamlines the consultation process for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, preventing environmental groups from stalling projects or forcing unnecessary revisions to management plans. Additionally, the act mandates clearer reporting on hazardous fuels reduction efforts, addressing prior misrepresentation by federal agencies regarding the number of acres treated. It also explores the establishment of a Western headquarters for the U.S. Forest Service.

The bill also incorporates Rep. LaMalfa's language to expand the clearance zone for hazardous trees around electric power lines and directs the U.S. Forest Service to expand the use of livestock grazing in fuels management programs.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties

# **Assembly Democrats Vote Down** \$1 Billion for Wildfire Prevention Funding

Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Jan. 23, Assembly Republicans introduced a proposal for \$1 billion in additional fire prevention funding. This was introduced as an amendment to the existing budget proposal that is only focused on aid to Los Angeles - but provides nothing to prevent future disasters. Despite the urgent need to address California's wildfire crisis, Democrats rejected the additional fire prevention funding, leaving communities vulnerable to future devastation.

This rejection comes as Southern California is still being ravaged by wildfires, burning over 40,000 acres and destroying 17,800 homes and businesses. The rejected funding would have been a critical step toward improving emergency response times, preventing devastating wildfires, and helping Californians protect their homes.

"Wildfire prevention is a glaring omission from the relief package being passed today," said Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher. "We can't keep underfunding fire prevention and waiting to respond until after a disaster. We know what needs to be done - it's just a matter of providing the resources and mustering the political will to protect our communities."

Republicans have repeatedly called for additional funding for wildfire prevention. Just last year, Newsom and legislative Democrats cut \$143.9 million for wildfire prevention. The rejection of this critical funding underscores the need for stronger leadership to prioritize the safety and well-being of Californians.

Assemblyman James Gallagher represents the 3rd Assembly District, which encompasses all of Glenn, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties as well as portions of Butte and Colusa counties.

# Spill the Ink Writers' Open Mic

A New Event for Creatives at the Burrows Center for the Arts



Marysville resident and published poet Diane Funston will host the writers' events. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

#### Yuba Sutter Arts & **Culture News Release**

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Burrows Center for the Arts is rapidly becoming a "hot spot" for arts programs in Yuba County and beyond.

The newest event being added to the monthly roster includes the "Spill the Ink Writers' Open Mic" for writers as well as listeners who are interested in all aspects of the written word. Hosted by Marysville resident and published poet, Diane Funston, writers across all genres are invited to share their work in a safe, nurturing and non-judgmental space at this free twice monthly event.

The open mics will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month beginning from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Gallery at the Burrows Center for the Arts, 624 E Funston has been a

be allowed. St. in Marysville.

Poet-in-Residence for Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture. She created and facilitated Poetry Square, a monthly live online poetry reading featuring three poets plus herself reading their own work. Funston holds a degree in Literature and Writing from CSU San Marcos and has been published in a variety of anthologies. "Over the Falls" is her poetry chapbook from Foothills Publishing.

This will not be a critique session, but rather a meeting of the minds for those who enjoy trying the written work they've stashed away in a drawer or read only to their dog, to come join other writers and read out loud and share ideas and commiserate with other lovers of the written and spoken word. The group is open to writers of poetry, stories, plays, creative nonfiction, parts of novels, memoir or comedy.

In other words, writers are welcome to present anything they have put down on paper or memorized. Non-writer listeners are welcome to enjoy the readings as well. Writers love and need an audience. The program is open to all writers or listeners eighteen and older as some pieces may not be suitable for younger ages. It goes without saying that no racist, sexist, homophobic or

Open mic events for

other hurtful material will

poets and writers are vital to fostering creativity, community, and cultural expression. These meet ups create a welcoming space for individuals to share their thoughts, stories, and emotions in a supportive environment. For emerging writers and poets especially, open mics provide a platform to test their work, gain confidence, and receive immediate feedback from a live audience. Beyond individual benefits, open mic nights build a sense of belonging. They gather people from diverse backgrounds who share a passion for the written and spoken word. This exchange of ideas

promotes empathy and understanding, as participants and listeners are exposed to varying perspectives and experiences. They often spotlight underrepresented voices, ensuring inclusivity and a richer cultural landscape. In essence, open mics empower individuals. enrich communities, and celebrate the transformative power of words. Other regular arts events

currently being hosted at the Burrows include the Art Fix & Mix creative collaborative on the first and third Mondays of the month and the Ceramics for Veterans program every Thursday. Go to yubasutterarts.org for information about these and other Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture programs and events.

# Training on Autonomous Targets



U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 9th Reconnaissance Wing use M4 carbines to fire at mobile robot targets at Beale Air Force Base on Jan. 13. The 9th Security Forces Squadron conducted an exercise using smart live fire targets to increase the lethality and capability of Airmen. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force, photo by Airman 1st Class Chelsea Arana

Continued from page 1 will maneuver against us. After an Airman delivers a

lethal shot to the dummy on top, it will fall over and stop moving." The robots are pro-

grammed with a software that allows a single operator to control a dozen robots at a time. They use precision navigation and intelligence to avoid collision and remain unpredictable.

On day one, Airmen participated in moving target engagement drills, including one called the Revived Target Drill. This drill consists of robots self-reviving one another, until all robots are eliminated. A group of Airmen were tasked to work together to strategically complete this mission.

Day two involved setting up on the machine gun range to incorporate heavy weight weapon systems and vehicles into the exercise. The objective of the day was to train Airmen on how to respond to enemy fire in a defensive manner.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Colin Goyette, left, and Airman 1st Class Victor Gomez, 9th Security Forces Squadron (SFS), installation entry controllers, participate in mobile target training at Beale Air Force Base, California, on Jan. 14. The 9th Security Forces Squadron conducted an exercise using smart live fire targets to increase the lethality and capability of Airmen. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force, photo by Airman 1st Class Chelsea Arana

The autonomous robots simulated being the enemy and attacking in a squadron formation. Defenders fired their M249 light machine guns to eliminate the threat quickly and efficiently.

The 9th SFS conducts training that is constantly evolving to keep up with advances in technology. The goal is to enhance squad movement skills and give defenders more

realistic training.

On the final day of the exercise, Airmen focused on ambush and defensive operations. Airmen utilized sniper rifles to engage in precision training with robotic targets who replicated an enemy's movement patterns.

Throughout the exercise, Airmen put into practice skills they have been cultivating over time in a realistic scenario.

"This training is something that is pushing the barriers of what we are used to and accustomed to," said Staff Sgt. Tyler Herbert, 9th SFS Combat Arms Training and Maintenance (CATM) instructor. "Being in this technology and being able to provide the training, I feel like we constantly have to adjust and be better."

As technology evolves, so does the 9th SFS training. Exercises like these enhance all defender weapon engagement skills and keep troops ready for anything.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Caleb Mantooth, Internal Security Response Team, left, and Senior Airman Stephen Johnson, Combat Arms Training and Maintenance instructor, both assigned to 9th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) participate in target engagement drills at Beale Air Force Base on Jan. 14. The 9th Security Forces Squadron trained with artificial intelligencedriven robots to enhance various weapon engagement skills, giving Airmen an advanced method of training. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force, photo by Airman 1st Class Chelsea Arana

# **Council Approves Deputy City Clerk Position**

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assess the needs, look for grants and then bring them to the city for approval. There was discussion by councilmembers about the service's administration fees, types of grants and stipulations. Actual figures for costs were not discussed, but this did not affect the approval.

In other meeting news, PG&E requested a temporary construction easement for Lot 7 at the Industrial Park from Feb. 1 to April 30. The lot will be used for a staging area for other projects that include storing equipment there. PG&E will pay the city \$1,500 per month for the use of the land, generating revenue for the city. Security for the area will be handled by PG&E, according to Arteaga. PG&E senior environmental field specialist Kevin Muzikar echoed Arteaga's comments that the city would have no liability. Councilmembers unanimously approved the PG&E agreement. Gridley city engineer Dave Harden then

updated the council requesting approval for the award of the Gridley Sports Complex contract to Franklin Construction Inc., with a 10% contingency. There were several other bids.

Approval was nearly unanimous, with one abstention by Councilmember Catalina Sanchez, who said that she would like to see more details of the contract for transparency.

The final item for consideration was to approve a wage compensation study by Bryce Consulting. Arteaga explained the rationale

for the study was to be competitive with other

cities, and to attract and retain high quality

employees. Such a study had not been done in Gridley in recent years, according to Arteaga. She said that other Californian cities typically repeat the study every two to five years.

"It's a benchmark. It's a tool to gauge where the city's at," Arteaga said.

Financial concerns were weighed against the cost of potentially losing valued employees to other cities with more competitive compensation. City Council voted in favor of the study.

Committee and department reports included:

Mosquito Abatement--An AG Cat Super B aircraft is being built to replace the plane lost last year. The new aircraft should be completed by January 2026. There will be a new pilot as well, outfitted with a \$2,500 helmet.

City Administrator Arteaga, met with Butte County Transit concerning the lack of ridership on the Feather Flyer. More advertising is needed to increase its use or the funding will be lost, according to Arteaga.

Finance Director Martin Pineda indicated that city investments yielded nearly \$192,000, as of January, exceeding expectations.

CAL FIRE Truck 74 assisted with the Bidwell Mansion Fire in Chico. During December, 179 calls were responded to. In addition, about 100 Butte County firefighters, including some from Gridley, have helped with the Los Angeles fires. The strike teams "worked 40 hours straight and saved a bunch of homes," said Fire Chief Chip Fowler.



**Dave Ramsey** 

Dear Dave,

Our son is in high school, and he has a car and a parttime job nights and weekends. We've worked with him on saving, spending and giving, but should a teenager have an emergency fund, too? If so, how much do you recommended them setting aside?

- Dominic

Dear Dominic,

This is a great question! I'm glad to know you're working with your son and teaching him wise financial habits.

I always recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses for adults, and I think that's a fair expectation for teens, as well. He won't need as big an emergency fund as a married couple with kids if his expenses consist only of those connected to his car and social life. So, I'd suggest him saving up three months' worth of what it takes to operate the car-gas, insurance and maintenance.

I think those are fair financial responsibilities for a responsible teen in his situation.

- Dave

# Dave Ramsey Says

## **Emergency Fund for Teens?** What Comes First?

#### What Comes First?

Dear Dave,

I'm a non-traditional student in my last semester of college. In May, I'll graduate with a degree in elementary education and have a job waiting for me. It will bring our household income up to a little over \$100,000. We're already living on a budget, but the problem is we'll have \$15,000 in student loan debt to repay, plus \$5,000 in credit card debt. What should we address first?

- Marta

Dear Marta,

It sounds like all your hard work is about to pay off in a big way. And I've got some more good news for you. If you two keep living the way you have been, and put the rest toward debt, you can have that student loan and credit card debt knocked out in just a year or so.

But I want you to pay close attention to what I'm about to say next. Just because you're making more money doesn't mean you should start buying a bunch of toys or pick up a car payment. Sit down together now—don't wait—and practice making a written monthly budget based on

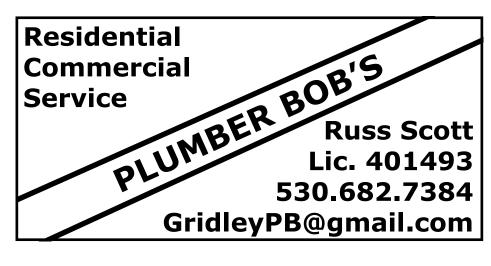
your new income. Give every dollar a name before you spend it, and don't forget to work the debt snowball, too. List your debts from smallest to largest, make minimum payments on the largest, and then attack that credit card debt with a vengeance.

Chances are you can get the credit card debt taken care of in two or three months. Then, roll the money from that payment over, and apply it and any other cash you can scrape up toward the student loan debt.

With just a little more work, you folks are going to find yourselves in a really great place soon!

- 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.





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that result in outstanding customer experience is a strategy for success in any business. You will learn the tools to a properly trained team and or staff, improve your customer's experience, and create a more pleasant environment for everyone. Training topics include: Advantages of outstanding customer service (i.e., increase sales, customer retention, theft reduction, client expectations); How to create outstanding customer service (i.e., phone, in person, virtually); Understanding your customers' wants and expectations; How Outstanding Customer Service leads to improved business bottom line, and Examples of Modeling Practices & Behaviors (i.e., scripts, observation, feedback, reward), and more. **Date/Time:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025; 9:00am – 11:00am

Cost/Location: Free; Hampton Inn & Suites, 520 Adobe Rd., Red Bluff

Practical QuickBooks for New Users - 4 Weeks, 2 hours per week (Chico)

Accurate bookkeeping is critical to the success of any business. This QuickBooks Series is for entrepreneurs and business owners in the beginning stage of bookkeeping (i.e., planning, have not yet purchased their system, or have purchased but not using). The trainer will guide you through the basics of accounting from identifying the best QuickBooks version for your business, to setting up your system, managing accounts, and using financial reports to manage your day-to-day activities. This 4-weeks, 2 hours per week series includes 4 focus areas:

Week 1 - February 6: Accounting Basics & Getting Started with QuickBooks

Week 2 - February 13: Setting up Items and Creating Forms Week 3 - February 20: Accounts Receivable

Week 4 - February 27: Accounts Payable, Banking Reconciliations, and Reports Date/Time: Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2025; 8:30am – 10:30am

Cost/Location: \$50 per person for Entire Series; Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

electronically using California Department of Tax and Fee Administration online services system.

Basic Sales & Use Tax and Tax Return Preparation Workshop (Chico) Gain an understanding of sales and use tax, district tax, taxable and nontaxable labor, as well as foreign and interstate taxability. Discover exemptions and deductions which may be available to you. Determine how AB 147 and the Market Place Facilitator Act affects your business. Finally, get step-by-step instructions on how to file your Sales and Use Tax Return

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 11, 2025; 10:00am – 12:00pm Cost/Location: Free: Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

First Steps to Successfully Open a Restaurant or Food Business (Colusa)

If you are a first-time start-up restaurateur, a food entrepreneur who is looking for help with putting together a road map for successfully opening your business, or you are a new startup (less than 6 months) this workshop is for you! We will guide you through an overview of organizational strategies and timelines required from concept, to finding a location and working through the permit process up to opening day. Topics include: Organizational Timelines, Strategies and Resources; Business Plan Overview; Investors and Funding Options; Entity/Bookkeeper or Accountant; Location and Lease; Permits and Licenses Overview; Opening checklists; and other keys to success.

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 12, 2025; 9:00am – 11:00am

Cost/Location: Free; Colusa City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa

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Date/Time: Tuesday, February 18, 2025; 9:00am – 11:00am
Cost/Location: Free: Paradise Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 6161 Clark Rd. Paradise

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#### ICYMI: Kaweah Farms Find Balance **Under SGMA**

In November, water managers and farmers in the Kaweah Subbasin in Tulare County won a unique victory when their revised plan for groundwater sustainability convinced state regulators to cancel their consideration of probation for the subbasin under California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. And in the first edition of Ag Alert's® new Q&A series, On the Record, published by the California Farm Bureau, water manager Aaron Fukuda talks about navigating SGMA in the Kaweah Subbasin.

#### Longtime Cattle Ranchers Raise Yaks in the Sierra Nevada Sierra Valley

Yaks owners Greg and Jenna Gatto knew very little about yaks before they started raising them. Greg had owned a small herd of beef cattle for about 20 years. After moving to the Sierra Valley, where he met Jenna, he would keep the herd in the mountains during the summer but move them to the valley for winter. "I thought it would be really nice to have something here year-round," Greg told California Bountiful® magazine, a publication of the California Farm Bureau. So, he started thinking about animals that would do well in a high elevation.

### Agricultural Leadership Skills On the Voice of California Agriculture

podcast, California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass interviewed Abby Taylor-Silva, executive vice president of the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, about the foundation's 17-month program that is designed to cultivate leadership skills. "They really saw the need for a program that could take people out of their everyday and build awareness of the world around them so that they could come back and be better leaders and really make an impact on California agriculture," Taylor-Silva said of the program's founders.

#### Researchers Study Pesto Profitability for Small-Scale Basil Growers

A team of University of California Cooperative Extension advisors at the UC South Coast Research and Extension Center grew seven basil varieties last year as part of a study to explore whether producing pesto could provide a useful revenue stream for small-scale growers. "The rationale was to provide a high-value crop and a value-added solution for urban horticulture, transforming a highly perishable product into something that can be conserved," said Gerardo Spinelli, UCCE production horticulture advisor for San Diego County, who initiated the project. \*



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Ecocheck Smog Services LLC, 18 Harmony Drive, Oroville, CA

Date filed in Butte County: January 2, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000004 The following person(s) are doing business as: American Concrete Coatings, 1240 Street, Oroville, CA 95965. 1240 Bird

American Concrete Coatings.

LLC, 1240 Bird Street, Oroville, Date filed in Butte County: January 2, 2025. The Registrant

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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000012 The following person(s) are doing business as: Barber Johns Family Cuts, 1836 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926 Tammie Sue Barbee,

Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926 Date filed in Butte County: January 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 1, 2004 This Business is conducted by: a Married Couple. NOTICE: This

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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000014 The following person(s) are doing business as: BSR Design Consulting, 1145 Richins Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948 Bermudez, 1145 Joaquin, Richins Avenue, Gridley, Ca 95948 Date filed in Butte County:

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January 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 1, 2024 This Business is conducted by: an Individual. NOTICE: This fic-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000988 The following person(s) are doing business as: Time Pho Boba, 1124 Oro Dam Boulevard, Suite F, Oroville, CA 95965

Mary Lue Vang, 8490 Palermo Honcut Highway, Oroville, Ca 95966

Date filed in Butte County: December 19, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000026 The following person(s) are doing business as: Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association, 79 Rolling Hills, Oroville, CA 95966 Oroville Southside Community

Improvement Association, 79 Rolling Hills, Oroville, CA 95966 Date filed in Butte County: January 7, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 8, 2018

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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000030 ing business as: Papa Murphys, 2485 Notre Dame Boulevard #440. Chico. CA 95928 Dhami Properties Incorporated,

136 Manchester Way, Yuba City, CA 95991 Date filed in Butte County:

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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000980 The following person(s) are doing business as: Alexa Voyer, Axis Tax, Axis Network, 6150 Center Street, Paradise, CA 95969 Axis Tax, 6150 Center Street, Paradise, CA 95969

Date filed in Butte County: December 17, 2024. Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A This Business is conducted by:

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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000047 The following person(s) are doing business as: KG3 Farms, 49 Bob Way, Oroville, CA 95965 Garet M Knipe and Katelynne J Knipe, 49 Bob Way, Oroville, CA Date filed in Butte County:

2025. January 14, Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 1, 2024 This Business is conducted by A Married Couple . 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: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025 2-21-25 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000035

The following person(s) are doing business as: Shell Energy Solutions Retail Services, 909 Fannin Street, Suite 3500, Houston TX, 77010 MP2 Energy NE LLC, 909 Fannin Street, Suite 3500, Houston TX, 77010 Date filed in Butte County:

January 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to trans-

act business under the above

A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from

This Business is conducted by:

business name on: N/A

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: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000948 following person(s) are doing business as: California Lifestyle Properties, 2445 Oro Dam Boulevard, Suite 8, CA 95966 Mario John Gattavara, 2445 Oro

Dam Boulevard, Suite 8, CA 95966 Date filed in Butte County: December 5, 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: Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME – STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000033 The following person(s) has

(have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Time Pho Boba LLC, 1124 Oro Dam Boulevard, Suite F, Oroville, CA Chiad I Tern, 1124 Oro Dam

Boulevard, Suite F, Oroville, CA The Registrant began transact-

ing business on: N/A. Business conducted by: Individual. Date Filed in Butte County: January 10, 2025. This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County

s/R. Fridrich, Deputy Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #25CV00052

Petitioner Gilberto Ciprian filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Gilberto Ciprian to Gilberto Lopez. THF C

sons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing February 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California. County of Butte. North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928 Filed on January 9, 2025 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the

Superior Court Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025 TRUSTEE SALE

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TRUSTFF'S NOTICE SALE TS No. CA-24-998558-BF Order No.: 240520201-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/22/2020. UNLESS **ACTION** YOU TAKE **PROTECT** TO YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU **EXPLANATION** OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING **AGAINST** YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A SHOULD public auction sale to the highest bidder for cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS

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Mary Williams, an unmarried person Recorded: 7/27/2009 as Instrument No. 0027155 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of BUTTE County, California; Date of Sale: 3/5/2025 at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: At the Main Entrance of the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$351,353.41 The purported property address is: 3476 SMITH AVE, BIGGS, CA 95917 Assessor's Parcel No.: 022-080-012-000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also

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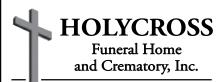
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### FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 500-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

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To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give final notice that Butte County (County) has conducted an evaluation of the Gridley Behavioral Health Services Facility Project (project) as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C-Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The project would be supported in part by HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Grant Fund (CDBG-DR) funds. The project is located at 185 Sycamore Street, in the City of Gridley within Butte County, California (APNs: 010-170-001, 010-170-019, 010-170-003, and 010-170-020). The project will include the construction of a one-story Behavioral Health Services Facility on parcels owned by Butte County. The facility would ideally be close to 14,000 square feet (SF) but maybe closer to 10,000 SF to stay within budget. The project would also include the renovation of the existing parking lots on the west and south side of the properties. In addition, the project may perform improvements to the existing County Office Building.

The County has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: Alternative Sites, No Action, and the Preferred Alternative. The entire City of Gridley and surrounding unincorporated lands are located within the same 500-year flood zone. Thus, neither the Alternative Site Outside the Floodplain nor the No Action Alternative would meet the project purpose and need, and neither would provide health services to the Gridley community. The preferred alternative would fully meet the project purpose and need to provide behavioral health services to the community.

The preferred alternative would not have a significant impact on floodplains or the human environment for the following reasons:

- The project would have negligible, if any, impact on the floodplain either at the site or upstream or downstream.
- There is a need for federal funding to support Gridley in providing behavioral services health facility programs to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- The proposed project is cost efficient for the behavioral services health facility. · The proposed behavioral services health facility and improvements to the County offices
- would have no adverse effects on human health, public property, and floodplain values. • The City and County have an adequate emergency system in place to give residents and

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The County has reevaluated the alternatives to construction in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative that would meet the project purpose and need, and the project would have negligible effect on a floodplain. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request at the times and locations outlined in the last paragraph of this notice for

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may

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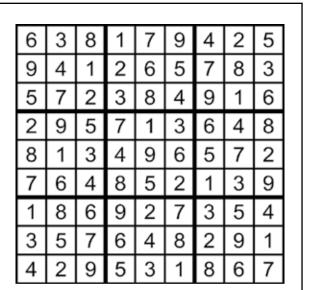
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# Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



I firmly believe the schedule makers for the NBA have a mean streak in them.

After back-to-back wins over the Wizards and Warriors, the Sactown boys were forced to travel to Denver and play in back-to-back games. The travel, altitude, and Nikola Jokic were too much for Kings as the Nuggets registered a 132-123 win over a tired Sacramento squad.

Amazingly, the Kings mounted an unlikely comeback, coming from 25 points down and bringing the game to within five points late in the contest.

Michael Malone was so concerned, he brought back Jokic late in the game to insure the victory.

Jokic had a historic performance, registering his fifth triple-double in a row, scoring 35 points, claiming 22 rebounds, and dishing out an unheard of 17 assists. His performance was one for the record books, and at the end of the day, the furious comeback by the Kings was no match for the 3-time MVP.

For the basketball purest, you had to just sit back and watch a true master of the hardwood at work.

Domantas Sabonis countered with 23 points and 17 rebounds, but on this night, Denver would not be turned away.

Rumors continue to swirl as the Kings shop the market for the missing link, that being a power forward that can tip the scales.

My hope is that the recent success the Kings have had will calm the front office and allow them to realize what this team is capable of doing. Wins like the one at the Boston Garden serve as a wake-up call to Monte McNair, and scream don't give the store away!

Make absolutely certain you know what you have before you give away a future allstar, and by all means pay attention to your rookies.

Players like Isaac Jones are just waiting for an opportunity to shine, and his recent accomplishments in the G league should serve notice to every fan that his big man has some real game. Jones played for three colleges in three different conferences and earned awards wherever he went. Finally arriving at Washington State Jones earned All-Pac-12 conference honors.

Amazingly, 6'9" Isaac Jones was overlooked in the 2024 NBA draft, and before it's over there will be a lot of teams that will wonder what their scouts were

When I see the infrequent time that Isaac has had with the Kings, I'm constantly impressed with the way he carries himself on the court, and in this young rookie the Kings have a legitimate forward who seems to get better every time he takes to the hardwood.

In recent G league performances, he has looked like a man among boys and registered three straight 30-point plus performances. Not an easy thing to accomplish, but it tells me Isaac Jones needs more minutes at the NBA level. By all means, put him on the no-trade list along with Sabonis, Fox, and Keon Ellis.

What I'm loudly saying is build from within before you give away talented players that you have not fully realized. Isaac Jones is one of those players and same can be said of Devin Carter. It's essential that the Kings allow rookies to develop, and coach Christie needs to find playing time

The Sactown boys are 10-3 under Doug Christie, and I don't believe it's a fluke. The Kings are currently on a torrid 6-game road trip, and will face the Nets, 76ers, Thunder, and Timberwolves before they set foot in the friendly confines of Golden One Arena.

If the Kings can win two of the remaining four games, I would consider it a victory, as the Thunder and Timberwolves are tough matchups for Sacramento. The recent 7-game win streak seemed to

regenerate Kings fans, and the upside for Sacramento is looking probable rather than iust fortuitous.

Let's celebrate our stars and root on our rookies. Great things are yet in store!

If the Kings don't make a trade by the trade deadline of Feb. 6, don't lose heart. This team as assembled can make the playoffs, and I believe McNair will make an acquisition at some point.

We are witnessing some great performances. Enjoy them! More to come.

All the best Kings fans!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.

# **Social Security Matters**

# Clarification of Medicare IRMAA and MAGI



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am confused by an article in my local newspaper which said that "MAGI" (modified adjusted gross income), on which my Medicare Part B premium is based, is my Adjusted Gross Income, plus any non-taxable interest, plus 50% of the social security I received. The part that is confusing is the 50% part. When I look at my tax return my Adjusted Gross Income includes the taxable portion of my Social Security benefit which, in my case, is 85% of my total benefits. Why must 50% of benefits be added to my AGI if it is already included in my total AGI?

Signed: Confused Dear Confused: The article you refer to was misleading for stating that the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) used to determine your Medicare premiums includes your normal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your income tax return, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had, plus 50% of the SS

benefits you received during the tax year. What the article should have said was that the MAGI which determines your Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) to your Medicare premiums consists of your normal AGI from your tax return (which includes the taxable portion of your Social Security benefits), plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

For additional clarity, the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) is a supplemental amount added to the standard Medicare premium for those with higher incomes. The thresholds at which the IRMAA supplements apply depend on your IRS filing status, and your MAGI determines the amount of supplement which will be added to the standard Medicare premium. Single filers with MAGI over \$103,000, or married filers with MAGI over \$206,000 will see an IRMAA supplement added to their Medicare premium. Those whose MAGI is under the first IRMAA threshold pay the standard Medicare premium, but those whose MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold above will pay more. How much more depends on how much their MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold by. The IRMAA supplement (the additional premium amount)

could be anywhere from \$69.90 to \$419.30 per month for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), or an additional \$12.90 to \$81.00 per month to the Medicare Part D (prescription drug plan) premium - again dependent on how much over the initial MAGI threshold the person is for their IRS filing status. You can see the MAGI levels and corresponding IRMAA supplements at this Medicare website: www.cms.gov/newsroom/ fact-sheets/2024-medicare-parts-b-premiumsand-deductibles

IRMAA and MAGI can be confusing. If you have questions about your Medicare premiums, help is available at SSadvisor@ amacfoundation.org, or at 1.888.750.2622.

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# Trump Jumps Back into California's Water Wars with a Pro-Farmer Decree



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

It would be impossible to overstate the complexity of water supply management in California.

Hundreds of federal, state and local agencies decree who or what is supplied with water, when and how much will be delivered, and the

prices recipients must pay. Moreover, there are policy differences within those broad categories. For instance, local agricultural water agencies and municipal providers to homes and businesses often have different priorities.

The politics of water are even more convoluted, involving not only the public agencies but seemingly countless outside stakeholders, ranging from developers who need water supply commitments for their projects to commercial fishermen who want to protect spawning salmon.

The proliferation of competing agendas explains why it is so difficult to reach the consensus needed to move policy forward. It's not unusual for proposed projects and policies to kick around for years, if not decades, before something concrete occurs.

For example, the proposed Sites Reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley now seems likely to be built, but only after 70 years

of promotion by backers. federal agencies to adopt The long-planned expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir in Contra Costa County collapsed recently when the East Bay Municipal Utility District pulled out, citing ever-rising costs.

More than six decades ago, state water officials proposed a canal to carry water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. After gaining legislative approval, a 1982 referendum blocked construction, and 40 years later, a proposed tunnel beneath the Delta remains stalled by a political stalemate.

Operations of existing of dams and canals are similarly fraught, particularly divvying up water among farmers, municipal users and flows to protect fish and other wildlife as supplies fluctuate due to climate change.

For years, federal and state authorities have sought to reduce diversions by agriculture — by far the largest water users — to bolster habitat flows. Farmers have resisted.

The state has sought "voluntary agreements" from farmers in the San Joaquin River watershed between Stockton and Fresno to enhance natural flows, threatening to order reductions if agreements are not reached. But unilateral action by the state would spark a legal battle over water rights whose outcome could not be predicted.

Another player in California's high-stakes water game emerged eight years ago when Donald Trump became president for the first time. He forcefully backed farmers in their conflict with state water managers, ordering the Bureau

of Reclamation and other

more agriculture-friendly policies.

Four years later, after Trump was defeated by Joe Biden, the policies were reversed. Just days before Biden's tenure ended, federal and state water managers last month announced a new operational agreement.

This week, when Trump once again became president, he essentially sought to cancel that agreement and reinstate his previous policies. Based on a memo to federal water agencies, he directed them to draft a plan "to route more water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to other parts of the state for use by the people there who desperately need a reliable water supply."

Trump not only cited farmers' needs for a reliable water supply but reiterated his belief that a lack of water deliveries to Southern California made it more difficult to fight deadly wildfires - a contention that has no basis in fact. Los Angeles had plenty of water to fight fires, but hydrants ran dry because the system was designed for fighting individual building fires, not massive wildfires, and was overtaxed.

Despite the media splash, it's doubtful that Trump's decree will be anything more than a relatively brief pause in efforts to resolve California's water conflicts simply because they are measured in decades, not any one president's term.

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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# **Bird Hunters Urged to Take Precautions Against H5N1**

**Butte County Department** of Public Health News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Department of Public Health (BCPH) received notification last month from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) of a bird flu (H5N1) infection in a commercial upland game bird farm in Butte

Upland game birds are non-waterfowl birds that live in heavy ground cover and are often hunted for game. The Butte County Department of Public Health wants bird hunters and those who might be exposed to upland birds to be aware of the potential for H5N1 exposure and take steps to protect themselves, hunting dogs and falconry birds.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) notified the farm on Dec. 31 about the birds that tested positive for bird flu and required the farm to immediately stop all sales of birds.

According to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the farm does not sell birds to the general public; they breed birds to sell to hunting clubs. The Butte County Department of Public Health worked with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Public Health to confirm that local hunting clubs that might have recently purchased birds from this farm have been notified.

While the general public's health risk is low, people who work with birds, poultry or cows or have recreational exposure, such as hunting, are at higher risk. To date, there have been no reported human H5N1 bird flu cases among Butte County residents.

The best way to protect yourself and your family from H5N1 is to avoid direct contact with wild birds and other animals infected with or suspected of being infected with bird flu viruses.

It remains safe to enjoy poultry and dairy products. As a reminder, residents should always properly handle and cook eggs and poultry products, including cooking to an internal temperature of 165°F. There is no concern about the safety of pasteurized milk or dairy products. Pasteurization has continually proven to successfully kill bacteria and viruses, such as influenza, in milk.

Safety recommendations for upland bird and waterfowl hunters:

Harvest only waterfowl that look and

behave healthy. Do not handle or eat sick game. Do not handle wild birds that are visually sick or found dead.

Field dress and prepare game outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

Wear rubber gloves or other impermeable disposable gloves while handling and clean-

Remove and discard intestines soon after harvesting and avoid direct contact with intestinal contents. Place waste in a plastic bag and dispose in a garbage container that is protected from scavengers.

Do not eat, drink, smoke or vape while handling dead game.

When done handling game, wash hands thoroughly with soap and water (or alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable), and clean knives, equipment and surfaces that came in contact with game. Wash hands before and after handling any meat.

Thoroughly cook all game to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit before consuming.

Clean and disinfect clothing, footwear and hunting gear before traveling to other areas. As appropriate, footwear and gear can be washed with soap and water, then disinfected in household bleach diluted 1:10 with water for at least 10 minutes.

Bathe dogs with pet shampoo after hunting outings and do not feed dogs raw meat, organs or other tissues from harvested

Falconers should avoid hunting waterfowl and other waterbirds during the HPAI outbreak.

#### **Bird Flu Resources**

View the California Department of Public Health Bird Flu website at cdph. ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/pages/Bird-Flu.aspx.

View the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at cdc.gov/ bird-flu/situation-summary.

View the California Department of Food and Agriculture bird flu guidance for waterfowl hunters website at wildlife.ca.gov/News/Archive/avian-influenza-guidance-for-waterfowl-hunter.

View the American Veterinarian Medical Association website at avma. org/resources-tools/animal-health-andwelfare/animal-health/avian-influenza/ avian-influenza-companion-animals.

# **Caring for Women Relocates**

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Caring for Women (CFW), a pregnancy resource center that has been in Gridley since early 2022, moved from its Hazel Street location to 50 East Gridley Road, Suite A. The center will reopen on Feb. 10.

When the Gridley center first opened in 2022, then-manager Penny Derosier said that Caring for Women started in 1986 as a hotline and opened its first resource center in Oroville in 1996.

"The community saw a need for women who were pregnant and didn't know what to do," said Derosier, who later moved to Chico to do pastoral work.

The new office manager, Louise Erickson, gave the Gridley Herald a tour of the facility, located in the recently completed building next to BMO Bank. Gridley Children's Clinic is in the same building.

Erickson said the new site has better visibility.

A lobby, counseling room and a room full of donations are all furnished and ready to go.

"We offer everything from free pregnancy tests to physical resources, such as diapers, wipes, maternity clothes, baby (and older kids) clothes, educational materials on abortion and adoption and parenting classes," Erickson said.

Referrals to community resources are also offered, as well as free ultra-sounds at the Oroville location, in partnership with CareNet of Paradise.

Caring for Women hopes to offer free ultrasounds at the Gridley location in the future, according to Erickson.



Manager Louise Erickson is shown with the many donated items available for women and families in need. Photo by Connie Voss

All patrons have access to one-on-one options counseling for those facing unplanned pregnancies.

"If they don't know what they're going to do, we get them all of the information on abortion, adoption, caring for and parenting the child,' Erickson said.

The center does not provide or refer for abortions but provides alternatives and education about the procedure.

According to the Charlotte Lozier Institute, "60% (of women who get abortions) would have preferred to give birth if they had received more emotional support or had more financial security." (See https://lozierinstitute.

Caring for Women can help fill those needs, according to Erickson.

Women experiencing post-abortion issues are also encouraged to come in for counseling and healing.

"All services are free and confidential," Erickson said. "We just want to meet the needs of the community."

The Gridley Caring for Women Pregnancy Resource Center will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays. For more information, call Caring for Women at 530-649-2315 or visit online at www. CaringForWomenCenter.org.

A 24-hour hotline is available at 530-532-9362.

The Oroville center, which is open 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, is at 2362 Lincoln St., Oroville and the phone number is 530-533-8388. Free ultrasounds are available on Thursdays.

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