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Chloe's Cosmetics Holds Grand Opening



Chloe Nguyen, flanked by guests, cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Chloe's Cosmetics. Photo courtesy of Lynne Spencer

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On March 5, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Chloe's Cosmetics and Beauty PMU (Permanent Makeup) Academy, 1061 Hazel St. Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce President Lynne Spencer and other well-wishers attended the event. Tattoo artist Chloe Nguyen specializes in permanent makeup, including fine-line tattoos, powder ombré brows, lip blush, hand brows, scar camo and scalp micro-pigmentation. She is experienced with 30 certified master trainers worldwide. "I am passionate about helping my clients achieve their beauty goals through techniques rooted in quality, safety and artistry," Nguyen said on her website at chloes-cosmetics.com.

On the Chloe's Cosmetics Facebook page, Nguyen said, "I am incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support & encouragement I have received as I open my permanent makeup & tattoo studio. This journey has been a dream come true. It wouldn't have been possible without the love & care from my family & friends." Makeup appointments last from two to three hours and the process has four stages: consultation to answer any questions, shaping to evaluate bone structure and map the brows, color and ink application, and perfecting session, about three weeks after the application. Due to the use of numbing agents, there is little to no pain involved, according to the website at beautypmuacademy.com. "We all have a unique skin type

whether it be oily, dry or combination, and permanent makeup can heal differently, according to your skin type. When we do your consult, and I understand your brow goals, I will recommend the best technique for you. So, having an open mind will allow me to guide you to your best results," said owner Tracy Wynn. Classes for the Beauty Permanent Makeup Academy offer three day-in-person training and official certification. No experience is required and classes start at \$29 for 30 minutes. Walk-in hours are 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Mondays and Sundays are by appointment only. For an appointment, call Nguyen at 530-370-4095. To enroll in the academy, call 916-937-7672. ★

Work Begins on South Paradise Vegetation Management Project

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department has officially commenced work on the 8,000-acre South Paradise Vegetation Management Project (VMP) this week, following the receipt of a \$1.5-million Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The funding has been used to purchase a new excavator specifically built for the purpose of masticating brush, along with a transport vehicle and maintenance costs for the next five years. The new masticator will play a key role in the project's efforts to reduce hazardous wildfire fuels, create defensible firebreaks and enhance overall community protection in the South Paradise area. The project will utilize various treatments, including mastication, chipping, pile burning, and prescribed fire applications, all carried out with safety and environmental responsibility at the forefront. "This project marks a critical step in our ongoing work to protect Butte County from the increasing threat of wildfires," said CAL FIRE Butte County Fire Department Chief Garrett Sjolund. "With the addition of this new masticator, we are strengthening our ability to reduce wildfire fuels, build firebreaks and ensure a safer, more fire-resilient landscape for our communities." The South Paradise Vegetation Management Project has involved collaboration with the Butte County Fire Safe Council in both planning and determining the location of treatments. In addition to vegetation management, the project will provide fire crew training before the upcoming fire season, ensuring that personnel are prepared for the demanding tasks of fire suppression. The treatments in the South Paradise area are aimed at reducing the overall fire risk while promoting a safer environment for residents. The project is part of a broader effort to protect

Live Oak Considers Water Rate Increases

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Live Oak City Council members heard a mid-year budget report and considered amendments to the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget during their March 5 meeting. Finance Director James Ramsey highlighted various changes to revenues and expenditures, with a projected ending balance of approximately \$2 million in the General Fund. When looking at the city's special funds, Councilmember Ashley Hernandez asked for specifics on the Water Fund deficit. Ramsey acknowledged that the Water Fund had a \$2.3-million deficit in December 2024 and by the end of the fiscal year, the deficit is expected to grow to \$3.5 million. Hernandez said she was concerned that staff couldn't anticipate that the deficit would increase that much in such a short time. Vice-Mayor Aaron Pamma was also alarmed by the change and said that City Council should have been notified much sooner. "It's not acceptable," Pamma said. With such a large deficit, Pamma pointed out, the city is ineligible for many grants and loans that could improve the water system. City Council voted unanimously to adopt the amended 2024-2025 budget. The council then heard a presentation on a water rate study, funded by a grant from the State Water



The city has 2,500 water accounts and most currently pay around \$24 per month. The proposed increases will result in estimated monthly bills of \$38 to \$44 in the first year and up to \$82 to \$85 by 2029. Photo by Delo via Pixabay

Board and conducted by Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consulting. Project manager Alison Lechowicz said, as already indicated in the budget report, "your water utility is way behind the cost of service." As an enterprise fund, the water fund is supposed to be fully supported by the rates charged for service. But Live Oak has not updated its water rates in many years, so current rates are among the lowest in the region. As a result, annual expenses (\$1.8 million) are much higher than revenues (\$932,000), resulting in an annual operating deficit of \$921,200.

Even with past loans taken out to sustain the water fund, the deficit will hit \$3.5 million by the end of June. Current rates cannot cover the cost of operation or pay down existing debt. The water rate study provided options for significant rate increases, which will cover operations, improvements and debt repayment. To minimize the impact on ratepayers, the proposed rate increases would be phased in over five years, with three schedule options considered: Option 1 would increase rates by 50% the first year and 20% the next four years. Option 2 would

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have a 60% increase the first year, 30% in the second and third years, and 5% in the fourth and fifth years. Option 3 recommended a 40% increase each year for the first three years and then 5% each year.

Lechowicz recommended Option 2, because it would most quickly move the fund into a net positive position.

Another recommendation was to eliminate the current base water allotment and only charge for actual water usage. Lechowicz said charging for actual cost is fair and reasonable, because then lower usage results in a lower cost for the customer.

The city has 2,500 water accounts and most currently pay around \$24 per month. The proposed increases will result in estimated monthly bills of \$38 to \$44 in the first year and up to \$82 to \$85 by 2029. Lechowicz said those rates are in line with most neighboring jurisdictions.

City Council can select one of the options to set a legal maximum increase for each year in the schedule. An annual review would consider the rate of inflation and whether any grants or loans were secured. If the financial situation had improved, City Council would have the ability to approve a lower increase for that year.

Lechowicz outlined the legal guidelines for the process, which include outreach to residents and notification of a public hearing. Ratepayers also have the option to submit written protests against the increase, and if more than 50% do so, then the increase cannot be adopted.

During Public Comment, one resident said, “I don’t want a rate increase. Nobody wants a rate increase. But it seems like we dug ourselves into a hole here and we’ve got to get back out of it.” He said increasing rates was a better option than allowing the fund to go under and be forced to use a commercial water supplier, which could increase rates even more.

However, another resident called in to say, “It’s preposterous that they’re proposing 200% increase over five years,” which would be “too much for residents in our disadvantaged community.” He said that City Council should move funds around to



balance the deficit and then pursue grants and other funding.

Another caller said the bigger concern was water quality, stating that there are currently issues with discoloration, chlorine and PFAs in the water.

Councilmember Nancy Santana was hesitant to dramatically increase water rates while there are existing quality issues.

Councilmember Hernandez said she doesn’t want to raise rates but the existing deficit makes the city ineligible for grant funding that could support improvements to the water system.

Vice-Mayor Pamma said the current water rate is the “definition of kicking the can down the road” and is “an example of failed leadership over time.” A study in 2017 recommended rate increases but the council at that time did not approve it. Pamma suggested that the Water Fund would likely be in a better position now if a modest increase had been implemented at that time.

Mayor Jeramy Chapdelaine said the city does not have enough in reserves to cover the deficit. Without rate increases, the water fund will be defunct and then taken over by a regulatory agency that will impose whatever rates are deemed necessary.

“We’re at a critical point now,” said Chapdelaine. “In order to be able to continue to provide this service, action needs to be taken.”

City Council voted 4-1 to move forward with Option 2, with Santana dissenting. The city will now begin the public outreach and notification process for an upcoming public hearing and final vote by City Council.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. March 19. ★

Gallagher, Dahle Announce Efforts to Aid Paradise School District

Office of Assemblymember James Gallagher News Release

PARADISE, CA (MPG) - On March 5, Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-East Nicolaus) and Senator Megan Dahle (R-Bieber) announced legislative action to help the Paradise Unified School District (PUSD) recover from the devastating Camp Fire in 2018, which destroyed nearly 14,000 homes, about 85% of the community.

Most significantly, Gallagher and Dahle requested \$21.5 million to rebuild Paradise Elementary School, which was destroyed in the fire, either through the state budget process or a stand-alone bill, AB 842.

“Remarkable progress has been made in Paradise and everyone involved should be commended. But the job is not done,” said Gallagher. “Rebuilding this elementary school is a key part of the community’s recovery and we are committed to making it happen.”

With partial funding already secured, reconstruction of the school is scheduled to begin this spring with the goal of finishing the first phase of the project by August 2026. The \$21.5 million requested by Gallagher and Dahle is needed to complete construction and keep up with growing enrollment.

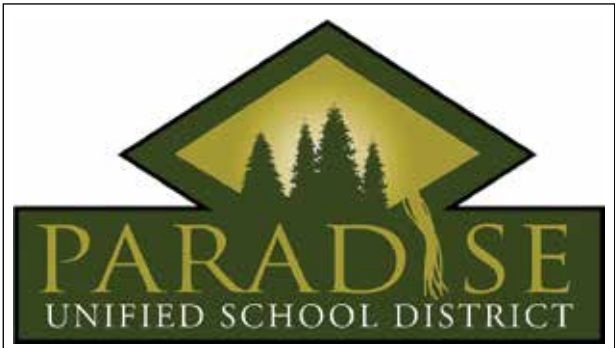
“The rebuilding of Paradise Elementary is a critical step in the continued recovery of Paradise and its surrounding communities,” said Dahle. “I



James Gallagher



Megan Dahle



The \$21.5 million requested by Gallagher and Dahle is needed to help complete construction of Paradise Elementary School which was destroyed in the 2018 Camp Fire.

look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure that the State of California is doing everything possible to help Paradise thrive.”

Tom Taylor, Superintendent of Paradise Unified School District, also expressed the need for assistance, “We are excited to see the growth beyond expectation, however this has resulted in the need for us to rebuild Paradise Elementary more quickly than expected. State funding is a critical component to recovery for families in Paradise.”

Additionally, the Paradise Unified School District recently sought assistance from Gallagher and Dahle to avoid being penalized by the state for being unable to meet school staffing requirements. Gallagher and

Dahle have responded by submitting a formal budget request and by authoring legislation, Assembly Bill 1438, to extend the Paradise Unified School District’s staffing ratio waiver by at least 7 years. Without this waiver extension, the Paradise Unified School District may face more than \$150,000 in state penalties annually.

“High levels of trauma and enrollment growth are requiring us to add administrators as we are adding students and classes. This was never a challenge before the pre-fire,” added Taylor. “AB 1438 will help ensure that Paradise Unified is not wrongfully penalized for trying to manage a very complex and fluid recovery process.” ★

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communities, wildlife and natural resources by addressing wildfire threats before they can escalate into catastrophic events.

The work is expected to continue throughout the year, with additional updates provided to the community as the project progresses. CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department encourages residents to stay informed and continue practicing fire-safe measures to reduce the risk of wildfires. ★



CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department has officially commenced work on the 8,000-acre South Paradise Vegetation Management Project (VMP) this week. Photo courtesy of Butte County Fire Department



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New Clock Honors Dick Jones

By **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY (MPG) - In honor of its centennial, Gridley Rotary Club has ordered a commemorative clock to be placed on the Hazel Street side of the Gridley Museum.

The clock is nearing completion and installation is scheduled for May 9.

The 10-foot-tall clock will have a plaque in memory of long-time Rotarian Dick Jones, who died last year at age 90.

Jones was raised in Gridley, attended local schools and graduated from Gridley High School in 1951.

A Gridley Rotary International Club member for 48 years and a past president, Jones was

also a Paul Harris Fellow, recognized as a Rotary Major Donor and constantly supported Rotary through volunteering his time and serving on multiple subcommittees.

Jones was also known for his decades of involvement in the Gridley Little League, which resulted in one of the baseball fields at Manuel Vierra Park being named after him.

The total cost for the clock is \$17,000. About \$3,000 remains to be gathered.

Many thanks are due to those who have already donated funds, said Gridley Rotary Club members.

All who wish to remember Jones can make a tax-deductible donation by contacting



Dick Jones receives the Rotary Major Donor award from District 5180 Governor Desiree Wilson, left, and former Rotary President Lisa Van De Hey in 2022. Jones died last year at age 90. Photo by Seti Long

Gridley Rotary President Lynne Spencer at 530-870-0563 or Margaret

Hughes at 530-693-2528, by mail at Gridley Rotary Club, P.O. Box 454,

Gridley, CA 95984 or by Venmo at @RotaryClub-Gridley. ★

Rock Solid Musical Performance

Gridley Christian Church News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Kids Choir will present their spring musical “Rock Solid” at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23 at Gridley Christian Church.

Through singing and acting, 22 children from age 4 through eighth-grade will explain God’s promises for the trail of life that each person travels.

To join Kids’ Choir or for more information, call Bonnie at 530-933-9845.

Gridley Christian Church is located at 580 Washington St. It is a church where everyone is family.

Call Pastor Ed at 530-846-4002 with any concerns. ★

The Hall Sisters to Perform in Oroville

Live On Stage, Inc. News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Hall Sisters will showcase the talent and charm that led them into the national spotlight and inner circle of the music industry in a special concert at State Theatre in Oroville on Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m.

The Hall Sisters are one of the industry’s hottest up-and-coming, premier acts in the country/pop genre, having already performed in iconic venues such as Carnegie Hall and The Grand Ole Opry. The sibling quartet marries stunning harmonies and brilliant musicianship

with engaging, uplifting and family-friendly music. Owing to their upbringing in a home filled with music from a wide range of artists and genres, their show features heart-wrenching ballads and instrumentals, fiery fiddle tunes, and country music classics, sprinkled with pop. Their repertoire features, but is not limited to, hit songs like “Good To Be Alive,” “Bookdocks,” “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy,” and more!

Established in 1952, the Oroville Concert Association (“OCA”) presents an annual concert series to Oroville as an expression of their

mission: “to offer every man, woman and child in this community the opportunity to experience the magic of affordable, live, quality performances by bringing audiences and professional artists together.” The Oroville Concert Association also provides free matinees for local schools, serving thousands of students each year. Through the generous support of patrons and sponsors, evening concert series tickets are offered at affordable family friendly prices.

Tickets are available online at orovilleconcertassociation.org or at the door on the night of the



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concert for \$35 each for adults. Students attending with a paying adult will

be admitted for \$15 at the door. For more information, call 530-520-4238

or 530-990-3316 or email info@orovilleconcertassociation.org. ★



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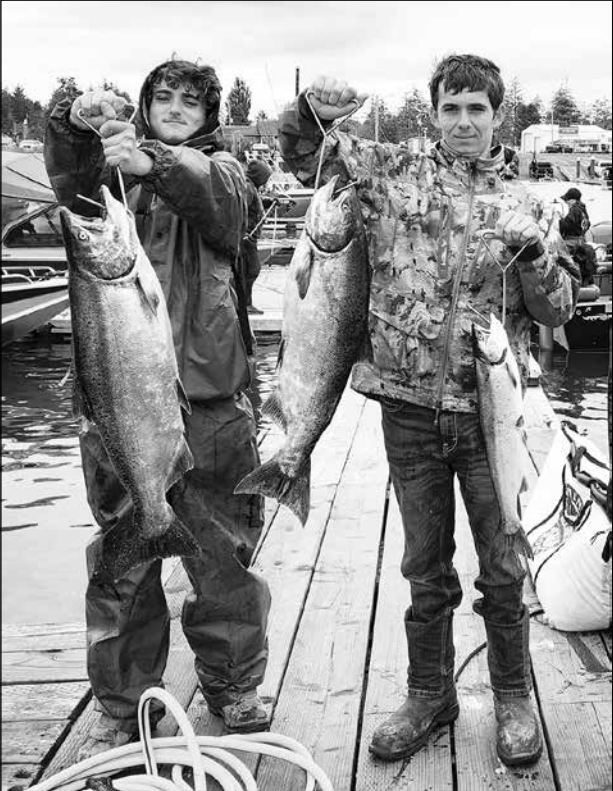
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The Tragedy on Thermalito Afterbay



Wesley “Wes” Cornett, left, and his brother, Andruw “Dru” Cornett were on a family salmon fishing trip at the Columbia River in August 2024. Photo courtesy of Dawn Coultrap

By Will Sheffield

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 14, 2024, tragedy struck the Clark/Combs family when their two teen sons were involved in a Thermalito Afterbay hunting accident.

The incident grabbed the public’s attention and an extensive search effort ensued.

Multiple factors impeded the search and what was hoped to be a live-find rescue turned into a grueling 23-day recovery operation. Meanwhile, mother April Clark; stepfather Henry Combs; and their other three children suffered through the holiday season, with the parents refusing to leave the banks of the Thermalito Afterbay until their two boys were recovered.

Day of the Incident

Brothers Andruw “Dru” Cornett, 19, and Wesley “Wes” Cornett, 17, of Olivehurst left home early Dec. 14 for a round of early morning duck hunting on the Thermalito Afterbay, which they had frequented many times. The brothers put in for spots at Gray Lodge and Delevan Wildlife Refuges but pulled bad numbers and opted for the waters outside of Oroville.

According to family members, the boys were accomplished kayakers and they used their kayak to set out their duck decoys that day.

But a heavy storm that wasn’t forecasted until later that afternoon set in on the brothers. Extreme sustained winds upwards of 50 MPH whipped the water into 4-6’ swells and heavy rain created dangerous conditions as the boys attempted to wrap up their hunt.

The waters turned treacherous and the brothers were in trouble.

At 8:33 that morning, Dru called 911, alerting first responders that his brother’s kayak overturned and they needed immediate help. Dru reported that Wes was seen in the water swimming north but neither boy had life jackets. Despite warnings from Butte County Sheriff’s

Office (BCSO) dispatchers, Dru went in the water after his brother.

According to a BCSO report on the recovery efforts, Butte County Search and Rescue was immediately activated at a “Code 3” (emergency response) status, with BCSO officers and CAL FIRE also responding Code 3.

A BCSO deputy was on scene first, with CAL FIRE’s Water Rescue team on scene just minutes after at 8:55 a.m. BCSO Marine Unit, along with Search and Rescue, joined the initial search.

The kayak, a paddle and a pair of waders were recovered but the boys were not located that Saturday. The discovery of their personal items led searchers to believe they were indeed still lost on the water and had not left the location, as some speculated.

Despite the worsening weather conditions, hope was on a “live find” and BCSO reported the highest probability areas of finding the boys to search first.

The Search Continues

Due to the extreme wind and weather conditions, aerial searches by helicopter and drone were not possible during the recovery’s first portion.

Swells 6” and over made it difficult for the hull-mounted sonar scanners to collect live mapping during the search’s continued water rescue component. As the weather shifted, searchers continued to encounter additional environmental issues.

BCSO stated that vegetation overgrowth in the waters that grew to 10’ tall hindered the sonar searches, being impenetrable by the equipment. Not only did vegetation create a visibility issue for divers but it also presented an entanglement risk.

Divers disturbed silt during their search, clouding fridged waters. They were forced to limit dive times and take precautions to guard against hypothermia, since water temperatures often ran 45 degrees or below. Cold



Volunteer diver Juan Heredia, volunteer diver Camila Heredia, boat operator Kenny Pishek, stepfather Henry Combs and boat operator Lee Day prepared to go out for another search. Photo courtesy of Will Sheffield

temperatures were also believed to be a factor in why the brothers weren’t immediately found.

Other resources called in to help in the extended search included multiple types of mounted and drag sonar, high resolution cameras fixed to poles and a remote-operated vehicle, divers and ground search.

The organized search effort employed a grid formation to comb the waters with BCSO reporting that each search area during their eight-day search effort received a minimum of six sonar passes. Volunteers adopted the same method in their water searches.

On Monday, Dec.16, the boys’ parents requested the help of certified divers via video on social media to augment the local and neighboring county resources currently carrying out the search by authorities.

Multiple first responders from Butte, Nevada, Placer, Yuba, San Joaquin, Shasta, Alameda, El Dorado, Napa, Placer, Tehama and Stanislaus counties joined the search for the brothers, including the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Water Resources, the California Rescue Dog Association and WOOF Search Dogs.

Behind the Scenes of the Volunteer Effort

As news of the incident spread on social media, more volunteers wanted to help.

Juan Heredia of Angels Dive Team arrived on day two of the search and was later joined by Nick Rinn of Oregon Rescue Divers, Big Valley Divers and North State Divers. Other volunteer divers included family friend Chris Green Sr. and Chris Green Jr., divers Patrick and Tiffany Pipkin, Donal Morganson, Jeff Wyatt and Chris Murra.

While the divers searched below, volunteer boat operators Kenny Pishek, Lee Day, Pete Moor and Reese Lolmaugh kept their boats running and the search on course. Licensed drone operator Dean Dyrr added another eye-in-the-sky in the aerial search.

Rinn said that the time of year played a large role in the private volunteer turnout: “Happening right before Christmas with a family of young kids that have siblings, and now you’ve got a mother and a father that are experiencing unimaginable discomfort,

frustration, sadness, everything you could possibly imagine; I just felt that.”

Family members and some volunteers camped on the banks during what became a 23-day long search continued by private searchers and limited BCSO support. April and Henry did not leave the volunteer camp located to the north of Monument Hill, except for a few hours Christmas evening to spend with their other children.

Terrible weather patterns continued to batter the north state with winds and rains creating muddy and miserable conditions for volunteers and campers.

Good Samaritans donated new popups and tarps to shelter those working along the banks during the rains at what became known as “the volunteer search area.” Many donated anonymously and their assistance helped pay for oxygen to replenish the divers’ tanks. A warming station was also organized by community members so that searchers and divers could get out of the weather.

Those who weren’t diving or on boats, such as Rinn, helped refill oxygen tanks to support the diving efforts in any way possible.

The community rallied behind the family, raising funds, while residents and businesses provided meat for camp or catering for searchers.

Numerous individuals walked the banks and levees, and others brought their boats out to help with the water searches.

“The more people they had showing up to show their support to help, whether we found them or not, it was giving them (family) some sort of hope that people are still looking,” said Rinn.

Day added, “It hit real close to home for a lot of people and being so local, everybody just felt like they had to do something.”

Henry and others at the volunteer camp encountered those who had delayed their Christmas Day celebrations to walk the levees and look for the brothers as the search continued through the holidays.

Closure

After 17 days of dedicated searching, Andruw’s body was recovered at 9:40 a.m. Dec. 31, 2024, near where the brothers were last seen.

His younger brother remained missing until Sunday, Jan. 5, when



Oregon Rescue Divers’ Nick Rinn and Chris Murra on Dec. 19, 2024 search the Thermalito Afterbay for the brothers. Photo courtesy of Will Sheffield

BCSO was alerted that a volunteer walking along the Thermalito Afterbay’s west bank, south of the State Route 162 bridge (Monument Hill Bridge) had spotted something in the water.

There was a perceived sense of urgency to retrieve Wesley, because of his location’s high visibility. Day and Heredia quickly located and recovered Wesley in Day’s boat. Both divers expressed that they wished to respect the family and keep Wesley from public view until BCSO could officially take over the teen’s recovery and identification.

With Wesley returned, the Clark/Combs family could begin the difficult job of grieving and healing.

Church services were held for the Cornett brothers Feb. 15 with an invite-only ceremony held after in honor and remembrance of their young lives. Heredia, who dedicates himself to helping families such as the Clark/Combs find loved ones lost in water-related accidents, performed an astounding 57 dives during the search for the Cornett brothers. He was joined by his wife, Mercedes, as he was honored for his efforts by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors on Jan. 28.

Referring to the search for the Cornett brothers, Heredia and Mercedes said, “The community of Oroville and surrounding cities should be proud to live there, as we have witnessed one of the most powerful united communities come together when in need, in all of our searches we have done.”

Heredia, Day and Rinn agreed that the BCSO search efforts were well rolled out and resources were deployed longer than they had experienced in other recovery efforts but the search had some difficulties and they offered suggestions.

Day suggested that “Fish and Game commissions should implement annual training of the importance of wearing a life jacket and

implement it like seatbelts to ‘Save Lives.’”

Rinn suggested BCSO Marine Units have additional dive training in that area for continued experienced familiarity in those heavily vegetative, difficult conditions such as the Afterbay waters.

Volunteer divers shared the opinion that the massive outpouring of community support and volunteerism that they witnessed was highly impressive and reflective of a caring community.

Many of the divers agreed that social media and the constant updates motivated more volunteers to join the search but Day added a cautionary statement due to some of the issues that the Clark/Combs family experienced with misinformation and images spreading online.

“My thoughts on this tragedy, and all other tragedies that have happened (is) for the public and community to never film and share anything like this ever again. Videos were posted online before the parents were even notified,” Day said.

Thanks to the Volunteers

Special thanks to all the volunteers and divers who assisted in the search, multiple law enforcement and support agencies, and many local businesses that donated to the cause, including but not limited to: Teri Dubois; Scott Fennel; Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain; FoodMaxx, Oroville and Linda; Bigfoot Eats and Market, Clipper Mills; Wagon Wheel Market, Oroville; New Earth Market, Yuba City; Rolling Stone Pizza, Yuba City; El Rey Mexican Restaurant, Marysville; Casa Lupe Market, Gridley; Rail House Pub & Grill, Gridley; Marcello's, Yuba City; Popeyes, Oroville; Cool Hand Lukes, Yuba City; Silver Dollar Saloon, Marysville; Cesar Espinosa, Yuba City; and Feather Falls Casino, Oroville. ★



North State Diving divers from Oroville enter the Thermalito Afterbay waters on Dec. 18, 2024 to locate the Cornett brothers. Photo courtesy of Will Sheffield



Big Valley Divers from Chico were among the several volunteer divers who participated in the joint search effort. Photo courtesy of Will Sheffield

Young Drivers Given Tips on Truck Safety



The "Sharing the Road" initiative aims to teach teen drivers how to safely interact with large trucks on the road. interactive experience is designed to reinforce safe driving behaviors and reduce risky maneuvers. Photo by fkevin via Pixabay

Butte County Public Health Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte County Public Health (BCPH) is proud to announce a new partnership between its Safe Routes to School program and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTI) to provide crucial education to young drivers at Pleasant Valley High School in Chico and Las Plumas High School in Oroville.

This initiative, "Sharing the Road," aims to teach teen drivers how to safely interact with large trucks on the road. The Sharing the Road program features an engaging in-class presentation paired with a hands-on truck experience using Virginia Tech Transportation Institute's specially designed semi-truck. Students will have the opportunity to sit in the driver's seat of the truck, allowing them to fully comprehend the extent of blind spots and gain a first-hand perspective of what

truck drivers can and cannot see while operating their vehicles.

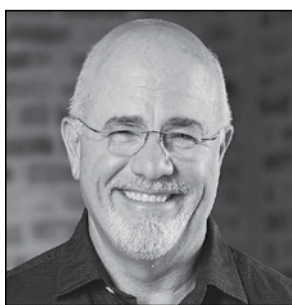
This interactive experience is designed to reinforce safe driving behaviors and reduce risky maneuvers near large trucks. According to Virginia Tech Transportation Institute's team of researchers, approximately 139 crashes occur each day in the United States involving a large truck and a teen driver. Furthermore, 78% of crashes and near-crashes between passenger vehicles and large trucks are initiated by the passenger vehicle driver. These statistics highlight the critical need for educational programs such as Sharing the Road to equip young drivers with the knowledge and skills necessary to prevent collisions and promote safer roadways for all.

Butte County Public Health and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute recommend several safety tips for motorists of all ages,

with a focus on safe driving around large trucks. Always wear your seatbelt, regardless of whether you're in the front or back seat. Be aware of truck blind spots; if you can't see the driver in their mirrors, they can't see you.

In addition, never cut off trucks, as they take longer to stop and require more space. Avoid squeezing in on a truck's right side during wide turns. Maintain a safe distance behind trucks to ensure better visibility. When passing, do so safely by avoiding lingering beside trucks, not passing on the right, and merging only when you can see the truck's front in your mirror.

For more information about these programs, visit Virginia Tech Transportation Institute's Sharing the Road at cmv-roadsharing.org/about.html or Butte County Public Health's Safe Routes to School at buttecounty.net/1217/Safe-Routes-to-School. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

We've been following your plan, and it's been a real blessing to us. Last week, my mother-in-law told my wife they haven't paid their property taxes. They owe \$5,000, which was originally due in January, but she didn't say why they hadn't paid the bill. I love my in-laws. They're good people, but they're big spenders—and in my mind—a little irresponsible with their money sometimes. We make a good living, and we could help them out. But my wife and I have talked, and we're both afraid this situation may be just the tip of the iceberg. Can you give me some advice?

— Bill

Dear Bill,

My best advice is this. First of all, you shouldn't do anything. This is a really touchy situation. You and your wife definitely need to be on the same page about how you want

Dave Ramsey Says

Help, Don't Enable

to handle things. But your wife should be the one to address this, because she's their child. The last thing you need is to be labeled as the nosey or stingy son-in-law.

Believe me, I understand and respect your position. And I agree with the notion you two don't want to enable any bad habits. But this is family we're talking about. You and your wife should try to find a way to help them if they really need help. If that includes some kind of guidance or counsel, that's fine. If it means giving money, make certain you know exactly where it's going, and why it became an issue in the first place. I mean, when you give someone \$5,000 to help with a problem, you automatically earn the right to have a say in exactly how the money's going to be used.

Maybe your wife could go over to their house for a visit and just talk about things. In the process, she might learn some details on the situation that would help you guys make a bet-

ter, more informed decision on moving forward. Chances are her mom and dad didn't raise her to have dessert first, then eat her vegetables. But in a sense, it sounds like that might be what they're doing.

Long story, short? They need to pay their property taxes now. It sounds like they've got the money to take care of what needs to be done *and* have some fun. But if they don't, some kind of course correction needs to happen. And I mean soon! Otherwise, they're liable to see their financial dignity slip away.

— Dave

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

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

My heart is full of toad joy! Signs of big toad poops tell me they are present in two parts of the back yard. One I found in the back near the turtle tank. I expected that because that's where I released 10 large to medium toads and six tiny toads last year. I'm fairly sure I found the burrow they

dug. They chose to dig under a flower pot a couple of feet away. Why do I think they are there? I have been seeing little signs of digging under that flower pot that was never there before I released them. It is small crumbly dug up soil that looks like little toady claws would make them. About four feet away is where I spied the big black plop. Joy, joy, joy. Then I found another one on the sidewalk near the patio. Joy, joy, joy. It makes sense that a toad would find that a good home. Where the big ones came from, they had burrowed under the foundation of the building. I can't see all of the cement edge

of the patio in that area to see anything dug up, because that is my strawberry, blueberry garden. It is full of strawberry plants and I put new acid soil on top not too long ago. It would have a lot of good yummy baby snails all under those leaves. That night after finding the plop, I went out at night to star gaze, so I didn't turn on the light. What did I hear as I walked out but the crunch of a snail under my shoe. I remembered the plop and thought too bad I don't like to crunch the snails and this one was cleaning up the plop. Life is like that. I'm sure the snail's relatives will love finding many other plops. ★



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000103
The following person(s) are doing business as: Nicks Custom Golf Cars, 2990 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95973
S and S Investment Club, 5340 Gateway Plaza Drive, Benicia, CA 94510
Date filed in Butte County: February 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 2017
This Business is conducted by: Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025
NICKS 3-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000107
The following person(s) are doing business as: Mirrorcraft, 2610 Highway 32, Unit J, Chico, CA 95973
Robret B Orear, 2610 Highway 32, Unit J, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: February 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 5, 2025
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: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025
MIRROR 3-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000065
The following person(s) are doing business as: Timely Expressions, 6350 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966
Timothy J Byler and Ida M Byler, 6350 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: January 23, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025
TIMELY 3-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000144
The following person(s) are doing business as: Fabians Auto Repair, 570 East Gridley Road, Gridley, CA 95948
Fabian Auto Repair, 277 Nevada Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: February 18, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 14, 2025
This Business is conducted by: Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025
FABIAN 3-21-25

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FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Biggs Unified School District
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
PROPOSALS DUE: March 27, 2025 before 3:00pm

The Biggs Unified School District is requesting proposals from qualified architectural firms which comply with all requirements set forth by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). For New Construction, Modernization and deferred maintenance projects in the Biggs Unified School District. Interested firms may pick up RFQ at the District office.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Biggs Unified School District
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES
PROPOSALS DUE: March 27, 2025 before 3

The Biggs Unified School District is requesting proposals from qualified project management firms which comply with all requirements set forth by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). For New Construction, Modernization and maintenance projects in the Biggs Unified School District. Interested firms may pick up RFQ at the District office.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000098
The following person(s) are doing business as: Broadway Skin Studio, 242 Broadway Street, Suite 12, Chico, CA 95928
Macey Glyn Hart, 242 Broadway Street, Suite 12, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: February 3, 2025. 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: Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025
STUDIO 3-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000097
The following person(s) are doing business as: Extravagant Landscape, 3549 Esplanade Space 448, Chico, CA 95973
Ramiro Dillanes, 3549 Esplanade Space 241, Chico, CA 95973 and Jamin U Chavez, 1552 Elm Street Unit B, Chico, CA 95928 and Jose J Carmona, 3549 Esplanade Space 448, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: February 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 3, 2025
This Business is conducted by: COpartners. 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: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
LANDSCAPE 3-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000173
The following person(s) are doing business as: 4Dot Studios, 2240 St George Lane, Suite 6, Chico, CA 95926
Stacia C Higman, PO Box 2434, Paradise, CA 95967
Date filed in Butte County: February 27, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 27, 2025
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: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025
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Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025
4DOT 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000181
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rockfort Sweeper, 7766 Old Honcut Road, Oroville, CA 95966
Gerardo Sanchez Cruz, PO Box 635, Palermo, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: March 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 3, 2025
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ROCK 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000142
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rite Aid #6548, 14115 Lakeridge Circle, Magalia, CA 95954
Thrifty Payless Inc, 200 Newberry Commons, Eters, PA 17319
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2025
RITE 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000137
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rite Aid #6087, 650 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Thrifty Payless Inc, 200 Newberry Commons, Eters, PA 17319
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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AID 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000140
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rite Aid #6094, 220 West East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Thrifty Payless Inc, 200 Newberry Commons, Eters, PA 17319
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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business name on: N/A
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#6094 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000139
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rite Aid #6091, 2700 Oro Dam Boulevard East, Oroville, CA 95966
Thrifty Payless Inc, 200 Newberry Commons, Eters, PA 17319
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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#6091 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000138
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rite Aid #6090, 1583 Highway 99, Gridley, CA 95948
Thrifty Payless Inc, 200 Newberry Commons, Eters, PA 17319
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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#6090 4-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000186
The following person(s) are doing business as: I Am Adventure Books, 834 Muir Avenue, Chico, CA 95942
Joshua A Shelton, 834 Muir Avenue, Chico, CA 95942
Date filed in Butte County: March 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 4, 2025
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV00336
Petitioner Nino Pinocchio filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Anthony James Pinocchio III to Nino Anthony James Pinocchio III.
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 April 2, 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 February 4, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025
NINO 3-14-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV00523
Petitioner Stephanie Martindale filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Hunter Grace Farley to Adalynn Grace Martindale.
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 April 16, 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 February 20, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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MARTINDALE 3-21-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV00455
Petitioner Edward Henry Quint filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Edward Henry Quint to Alan Simmons.
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 April 16, 2025, 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 February 13, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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QUINT 3-28-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV00545
Petitioner Jordan Faith Anderson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ryder Andersyn Yetter to Ryder Eugene 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 April 16, 2025, 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 February 20, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
ANDERSON 3-28-25

BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENT TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE,
CHAPTER 24 (ZONING ORDINANCE),
ARTICLE III, DIVISION 3 (WALLS AND FENCES)
AND ARTICLE VII, DIVISION 1 (DEFINITIONS)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **March 25, 2025, at 10:30 am**, or shortly thereafter, to consider an amendment to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Articles III and VII. The hearing will be open to the public and held at the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville, California.

Summary of Amendments to Butte County Code Chapter 24 (Zoning Ordinance),
Article III, Division 3, §24-62 (Walls and Fences) and Article VII, Division 1 (Definitions),
Project #: ZCA25-0001:

This is a County-initiated amendment to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 24, Article III, Division 3, to add §24-62), to allow golf ball safety nets. The inclusion of golf ball safety nets will allow residents to apply for an administrative review process to ensure compatibility with the applicable zone, surrounding land uses and apply appropriate design standards. The amendment also includes adding a definition for golf ball safety nets to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 24, Article VII Division 1).

It is determined that this Zoning Ordinance Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15303.

The amendment summarized above is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965.

Comments regarding the project may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above. Members of the public can submit public comments in the following ways: U.S. Mail to 25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, ATTN: Clerk of the Board; call (530) 552-3300; or email to: **ClerkoftheBoard@ButteCounty.net**. Please include the agenda item number when submitting public comments.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact us at (530) 552.3662. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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Gridley Council Approves New Police Vehicle

By **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley City Administrator Elisa Arteaga gave a strategic planning informational presentation at the Gridley City Council meeting on March 3.

This plan outlined key challenges, priorities and recommended actions to address the most important areas relative to Gridley. Next steps were discussed with the council, especially in the area of infrastructure. Eight miles of streets have been put in since 2018, using funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



Instead of contracting out the work, Gridley Public Works is now in charge of street work. According to Vice-Mayor Bruce Johnson, Gridley's last street rating was "C." Johnson asked what it would take to get the streets to an "A" rating and the response was \$42

million. Funds from the street budget are insufficient to cover this rating change, according to officials.

"We are doing what we can," said Johnson.

One challenge is that street potholes, when patched, are subject to water damage from rain and do not last long. To repair the roads more effectively requires a more involved process.

The Police Department then requested approval for the purchase of a new vehicle in order to reassign a current police administrative pool vehicle to the administrative employee pool car inventory. The lowest

bid amount for the purchase was received from Larry Geweke Ford and approval was given for the purchase.

Vice-Mayor Johnson also gave a committee report on Sutter Butter Flood Control. Johnson praised the agency for the work done on the West Levee and the 200 Year Flood Plan. Insurance rates will be lower because of the plan being in place.

"They've done a wonderful job. It's one of the better flood-control agencies in the state because of how much they've accomplished," Johnson added.

Travel policy,



Vice-Mayor Bruce Johnson represents Gridley at the Sutter-Butte Flood Control Agency. Courtesy photo

energy-efficiency contract review and banking request for proposal will be discussed at the March 17 meeting. ★

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CASE NO: 21PR00316
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In the Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of BARBARA RAMSEY, Conservatee
NOTICE is hereby given that, subject to confirmation by the above entitled Court, on April 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter within the time allowed by law, the undersigned, as conservator of the person and estate of BARBARA RAMSEY, will sell at private sale to the highest and best net bidder on the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, all right, title and interest of conservatee and subsequently all right, title and interest of the estate in real property thereon located in the County of Butte, State of California, and more particularly described as follows: A lot located at 680 Memorial Way, Paradise, California, 95969, previously contained a mobile home prior to the Camp Fire in 2018. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: AP#: 052-090-023-000 All that certain real property situated in the unincorporated area of the County of Butte, State of California, described as follows: PARCEL I: THE EASTERLY 49 1/2 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING

DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND: A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, M.D.B. & M., DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT WHICH IS SOUTH 0° 26' WEST 948.2 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 15, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED FROM INEZ CARROLL, ET AL, TO EVA W. KING, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 20, 1954, IN BOOK 736, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, AT PAGE 377; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID KING PARCEL, NORTH 89° 51' EAST, 400.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID KING PARCEL, NORTH 89° 51' EAST, 99.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0° 26' EAST, 97.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID KING PARCEL; THENCE NORTH 89° 51' WEST, 99.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0° 26' WEST, 97.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL II: A NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROAD PURPOSES, TO BE USED IN COMMON WITH OTHERS, OVER A STRIP OF LAND 20.0 FEET IN WIDTH, THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE SOUTH 89° 51' EAST, 139.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0° 26' EAST, 87.6 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT DISTANT SOUTH 0° 26' WEST, 10.0 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE DEED TO SAMUEL C. SHAW AND BETTY D. SHAW, HUSBAND AND WIFE, RECORDED FEBRUARY 1, 1961 IN BOOK 548, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, OF BUTTE COUNTY, AT PAGE 359; THENCE PARALLEL WITH AND 10.0 FEET DISTANT FROM THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SHAW PARCEL, NORTH 89° 52' EAST TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE NEAL COUNTY ROAD. EXCEPTING THEREFROM SO MUCH OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY WHICH LIES WITHIN THE LINES OF PARCEL I, SHOWN ABOVE. The sale is

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WTS No: CA07001041-24-1
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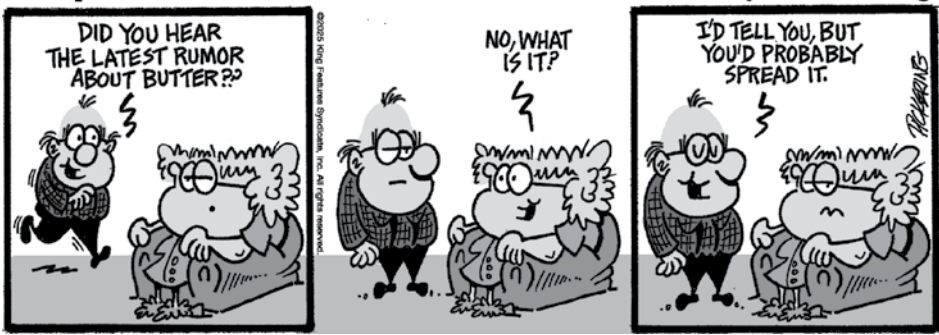
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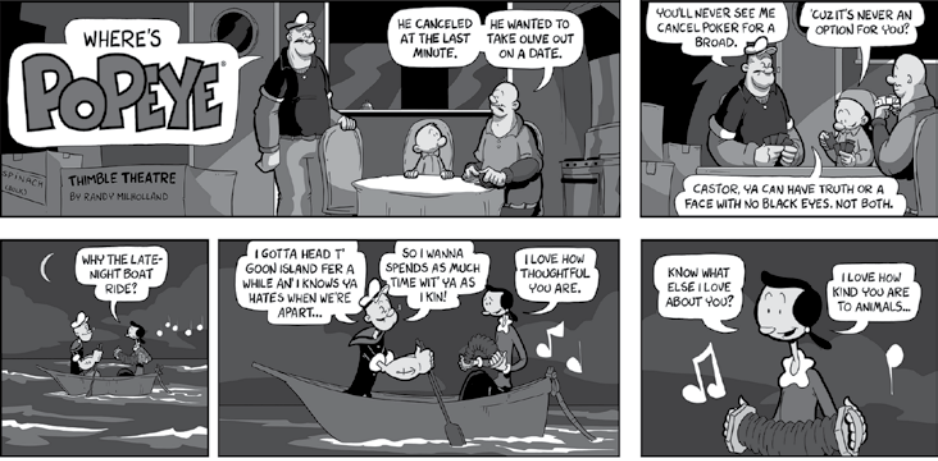
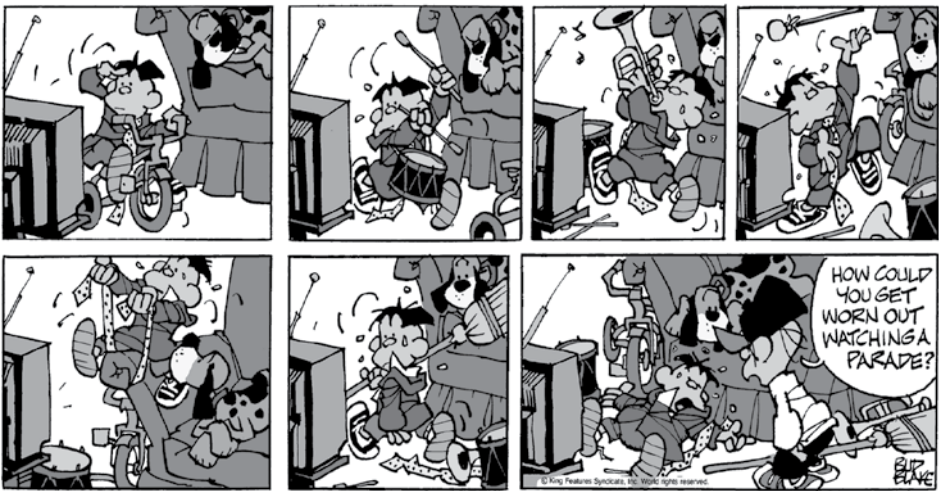
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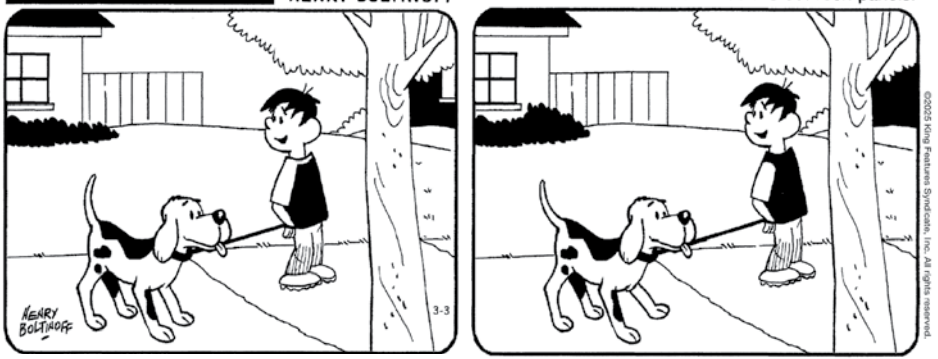
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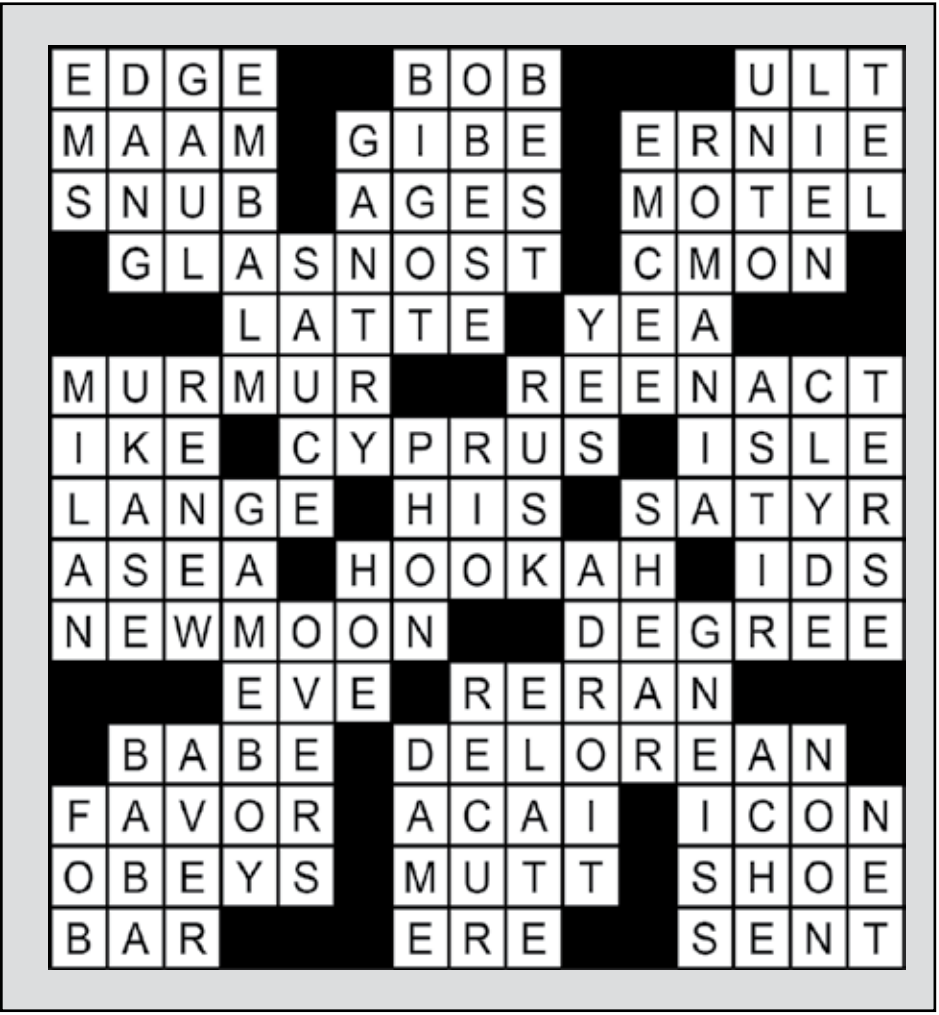
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8. Last month
11. "Howdy, ____!"
12. Hurtful remark
13. *Actor Hudson of Winston Zeddemore fame
15. Give the cold shoulder
16. *Musical based on 1980s rock "Rock of ____"
17. *Comedy horror "____ Hell"
18. *Transparency, to Gorbachev
20. Slangy "Follow me!"
21. Coffee shop order
22. Pro vote
23. Heart abnormality
26. Act out Civil War battle, e.g.
30. Eisenhower, familiarly
31. Mediterranean island
34. Small island
35. *Oscar-winning "Tootsie" actress Jessica
37. Not hers
38. Dionysus' pipe-playing companion
39. Not on land
40. Water pipe
42. Dog tags, e.g.
43. First lunar phase (2 words)
45. Higher education reward
47. Biblical mother
48. *What "I love Lucy" did in the '80s
50. Name of the Blue Ox
52. *Gull-winged sports car
55. Party handout
56. Smoothie berry
57. Clickable image
59. Follows orders
60. Mixed breed canine
61. *Air Jordan, e.g.
62. **Cheers" setting
63. Byron: "Maid of Athens, ____ we part"
64. Dispatched

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3. Person of French descent
4. Preserve, as in body
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7. Cr me de la cr me
8. "Do ____ others as..."
9. Property right
10. ____ Aviv
12. Bridge-like structure
13. Wedding singer, e.g.
14. *Ceausescu's country
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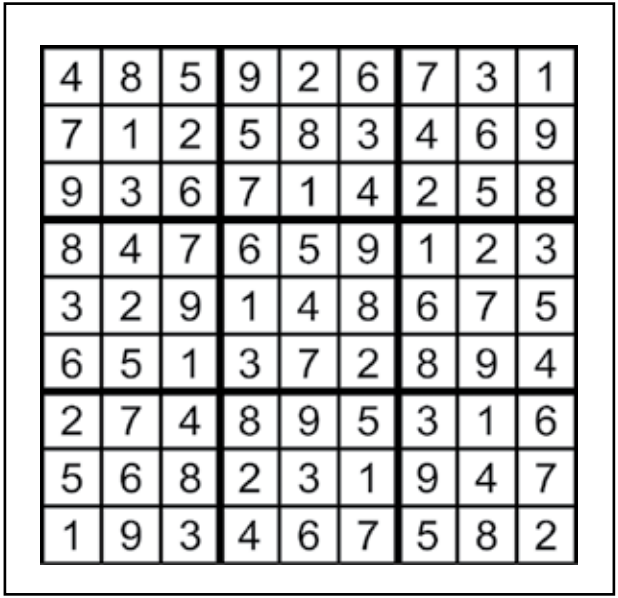
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36. *Hand-held "Tetris" device (2 words)
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40. Gardening tool
41. Quick and skillful
44. Sets, in cricket
46. Metamorphic rock
48. Happen again
49. Fill with spirits
50. Rum cake
51. Affirm
52. ____ Maggie Smith
53. Pain
54. "High" time
55. Watch chain
58. Nothing but this in basketball?

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



There are tough losses and then there are tough losses.

The Sacramento Kings went into Inglewood Sunday night winners of four out of the last five games and came within a gnat's eyelash of supplanting the L.A. Clippers for the eighth spot in the western conference. Sadly, that did not happen, largely because future hall of famers Kawhi Leonard and James Harden exercised their collective will and made shots when it mattered most.

After the western conference player of the week Zach Lavine missed a tough game ending 17 ft. shot to end regulation, the Kings played the talent laden Clippers to a standstill and actually took a one-point lead with less than 22 seconds remaining in overtime.

Shaking off a poor shooting night in which Kawhi Leonard went 1-7 from 3-point land and was held to 17 points for his nights work, Leonard made his only shot attempt in overtime. King's fans watched in agony as with no time left on the clock, Kawhi's shot bounced twice before finally falling through the twine for a 1-point victory.

Cream rises to the top, and players with the talent of a Kawhi Leonard may miss shots all night but always seem to be there when it matters most.

So, Kings fans and players alike must defenestrate the Clippers loss, because in 24 hours the 40-win New York Knickerbockers will invade Golden One Arena, and the Kings need this game like few they've needed all season.

Much like the Clippers, the Knicks are laden with talent, and this contest will test the mettle of this newly assembled team.

The Kings have been shorthanded with both Domantas Sabonis and Malik Monk sidelined with injuries but tonight may see the return of Monk to the starting lineup. Sidelined for three games with a sprained toe, Malik would be a welcome sight against a formidable Knicks lineup.

Fans should be taking note that this new version of the Kings not only has taken care of business as it relates to sub 500 teams, but has given every opponent a tough out, night in and night out. This team plays tough, and every fan wants to see is a team that brings their best effort every night.

Whether it's Keon Ellis, newcomer Jake LaRavia, or the reemergence of Keegan Murray, this version of the Kings is playing better defense than any team in recent memory. It takes great energy to hold teams to under 110 points per night, and the Kings are approaching those numbers.

Rising to 15th overall in defensive rating, the Kings are allowing opponents 113 points per game, but without question the newcomers have made a difference.

All their collective skills will be needed Monday night against a New York Knicks team that is averaging just a shade under 117 points per game, and I expect a play-off atmosphere at Golden One Arean on Monday night.

For those pundits and fans that have been critical of Keegan this year, I will say that this season has seen two versions of Keegan Murray. Early on Keegan's 3-point shooting was so bad I just wanted anyone else to shoot, and his percentage was in the low 20's. But, as Keegan's defense became a theme that seemed to inspire his game, his second half 3-point shooting has nearly doubled to over 40% in the second half.

Not to be overlooked was last Friday nights game against the San Antonio Spurs. Sacramento Kings fans welcomed back DeAaron Fox and family to Golden One Arena with a rousing win, besting the Spurs from start to finish and winning by a margin of 127-109.

King's fans were classy in their pregame ovation, and later when DeAaron handled the ball, boos could be heard as well.

What I say is, I'm glad this game is in our rear-view mirror. It had to happen and it's a game that can only occur once. DeAaron will undoubtedly play many more games at Golden One Arena, but none will come with the emotion that was present at the arena on Friday night.

It's time for Kings fans to come together, realize that this new version of the Kings is making a legitimate run for the playoffs, and enjoy the process!

Stay tuned Kings fans, this is going to be fun!

All the best!

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

California Uses Gimmicks Instead of Addressing the Heart of Its Budget Problem



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

One of the many gimmicks that California's governors and legislators employ to paper over budget deficits, thus avoiding real spending cuts or increasing taxes, is to assume some level of savings from making state agencies and programs more efficient.

They will plug arbitrary numbers into the budget from such supposed efficiencies, then, along with other gimmicks, declare that the budget gap has been closed and pat themselves on the back for the feat.

The 2024-25 budget is a prime example of such political expedience. As enacted last June it totaled \$297.9 billion, of which \$211.5 billion was general fund spending. But the budget assumed that the state would receive \$207.2 billion in general fund revenues, so it had a gap to bridge.

Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislators turned to a series of gimmicks and indirect loans to close the gap, including \$2.9 billion from assumed efficiency savings in state agencies and state universities.

However, when Newsom unveiled a 2025-26 budget proposal in January, the plan acknowledged that while the universities met their relatively tiny savings goal of \$200 million, other agencies would reduce spending

by just \$800 million, or less than a third of their \$2.7 billion goal.

The new budget also revealed that 2024-25 general fund spending had ballooned to an estimated \$232 billion — \$21 billion more than the final version had assumed — and while projected revenues had also increased to \$217 billion, the 2024-25 deficit would widen to \$15 billion.

Last month, the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, reported that his staff was having difficulty getting accurate information from the administration about the underachieving efficiency decree.

"We have tried to get information from some of the larger departments to better understand what types of operational changes are being implemented to achieve the identified savings," Petek wrote. "As we discuss in greater detail later, we have received limited information thus far."

This venture into the weeds of state budgeting generates two observations: One, that gimmickry is an integral part of the current process, and second, that the state faces chronic gaps between income and outgo, a condition dubbed a "structural deficit."

It is an ongoing mismatch between what the state's tax system can produce in revenues and what current law says must be spent. The problem dates back to 2022 when Newsom declared that the state had a \$97.5 billion surplus, based on surging revenues.

He and legislators raised spending sharply on that assumption, but it proved to be an illusion, resulting in the income and outgo gap that will continue at least for the

remainder of Newsom's governorship — unless he and legislators make real spending cuts or increase taxes.

Moreover, the destructive and deadly wildfires that swept through Los Angeles will impact both the revenue and spending sides of the state's ledger, more than likely increasing the structural deficit.

Newsom and legislators have already approved a \$2.5 billion appropriation for fire-related costs, which would increase the deficit even more unless he can persuade President Donald Trump to send federal aid. Even with a federal bailout, however, Newsom is likely to leave his successor, whomever that might be, with a fiscal headache.

Newsom surely hopes to skate through without either deep spending cuts or increasing taxes, while continuing to cover the chronic gaps with gimmicks such as arbitrary efficiency savings, direct and indirect loans and creative bookkeeping.

He has even increased spending in some categories despite the sluggish revenues, most spectacularly — and most irresponsibly — jacking up state subsidies for the Southern California film and video industry.

Sending more money to Hollywood while telling state universities to tighten their belts, potentially impacting enrollment, would seem to be the height of misplaced priorities.

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Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Optimism vs. Pessimism



"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. For myself I am an optimist - it does not seem to be much use being anything else."
- Sir Winston Churchill

Optimists see the glass half-full while pessimists see the glass half-empty. This is the classic illustration of the difference between optimists and pessimists. Although the statement captures one element of optimism, there is much more.

Optimism is deeper than how one views a particular situation. Optimism is a core belief system that influences attitude, action, and outlook. Optimism drives accomplishment whereas pessimism inhibits progress. Optimists never give up. Their drive is endless. Regardless of the challenges encountered, they keep going until the desired goal is reached.

There has never been a pessimist responsible for any innovation, discovery, or invention. Pessimists are prone to mental stress and physical ailments. Pessimists give up in the face of adversity. Pessimists experience much less happiness than their optimistic counterparts.

Pessimists justify their outlook as being realistic. They deny being pessimistic and label optimists as unrealistic dreamers. Pessimists claim they don't want to be disappointed. Pessimists don't expect things to work out. When their self-fulfilling prophecy comes true, their outlook is reinforced.

Since there aren't any advantages to being a pessimist, you may as well be an optimist. As an optimist, your life will be more enjoyable. You will find solutions for problems, overcome obstacles, and achieve your goals.

Pessimistic tendencies are common. Even optimists can have pessimistic thoughts. What distinguishes optimists from pessimists is their fundamental attitude. An optimist will not be deterred by a negative thought. They understand that a single thought is not nearly as significant as one's overall outlook.

It's great if you are an optimist. You understand first hand all of the benefits. Although you may be criticized by pessimists, your perspective holds fast. You can't understand why anyone would maintain a negative view of life.

But what if you are a pessimist. Is it possible to become an optimist? Yes, if you want to. A good place to start is by monitoring what you say to yourself and others. You want to purge the following negatives: I can't, it won't work, I don't know how, there is no chance, I'll probably fail, or I don't have what it takes. Instead, use this positive language: I can, I'll find a way to make it work, I'll learn how, there is a chance, I won't stop until I succeed, and I have what it takes.

At first you will catch yourself with mostly, if not entirely, negative self-talk. Each time, replace the negatives with positives. It will take time and practice to change your language. Don't get discouraged.

As you change your internal concepts you must apply them. When faced with any obstacle or adversity, believe in yourself and your ability to find solutions. Answers always exist. It's the optimists that discover them.

Don't allow others to dampen your spirit. Ignore any assertions that you are dreaming or being unrealistic. Dreaming is a source of inspiration. "Unrealistic" thinking enables you to evaluate any and all possible paths for your journey.

Your transformation to optimism will be eminently worthwhile. From my own experience, along with studying the lives of many others, being an optimist will empower you to accomplish much more than you ever thought possible. At times, it may seem difficult to remain optimistic. But look for, and you will find, the spark which will keep you going.

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Bulldogs Baseball Opens Season in Colusa

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs baseball team started their season in the Colusa Mike West Invitational where they faced the Durham Trojans, Winter Warriors, and the Colusa Redhawks.

On Friday, March 7, the Bulldogs faced off against the Durham Trojans. In the first inning, the bats were flowing for both the Trojans and Bulldogs, both of which scored runs. The inning ended with the Trojans leading 3-2 and nobody scored again until the third inning when the Trojans scored two more runs.

Both the Bulldogs and Trojans would then tighten up on defense for the rest of the game as the Bulldogs would hold the Trojans to no runs for the rest of the game but unfortunately would only score one more time in the fifth leading to a 5-3 opening loss.

Junior Eli Punzo led the Bulldogs in runs with two while junior Riley Engelmann had one



Gridley High School baseball team players in the dugout. Photo by Jennifer Corriea

run, and one RBI. Then on Saturday, March 8, the Bulldogs faced the Winters Warriors. The game was defense heavy with no runs allowed from either team until the sixth

inning when Gridley High junior Brandon Busch batted in junior Aceson Gomez for the game's only run leading the Bulldogs to win the game 1-0.

Later in the day, the Bulldogs faced the Colusa Redhawks in a game that was similar to the game against the Trojans.

The Bulldogs went down 4-1 through four innings. Then in the fifth inning the Bulldogs scored three runs to tie the game.

The game remained tight until the seventh inning when the Bulldogs scored a walk off run to win the game 5-4.

Juniors Eli Punzo, Tanner Abbott, and Aceson Gomez had one run while senior Garrett Francis also had a run.

On March 11, the Bulldogs traveled to Red Bluff to face the Spartans. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs lost the matchup 6-5. Details of the game were not available by press time.

The Bulldogs will next face the Winters Warriors at home on Wednesday, March 19. ★

Bulldogs Boys State Championship Run Ends

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs boys' basketball team played in two exciting down-to-the-wire games in the 2025 CIF State Boys Basketball Championships.

On Tuesday, March 4 the Bret Harte High School Bullfrogs (Angels Camp) traveled to Gridley for the first-round playoff game. The game was close with each of the first three quarters, ending with a score that was a difference of no more than one point. Both teams played stifling defense, giving both teams

an equal chance down the stretch. The packed Gridley gym was buzzing as the fourth quarter started.

The fourth quarter remained a repeat of the first three until the Bullfrogs went on a 6-0 run to take a 40-34 lead with 1:40 left on the clock.

Over the next 1:10, the Bulldogs went on a 5-0 run that included a three pointer from senior Max Tolman to bring the Bulldogs within one point.

The next Bullfrog possession resulted in a turnover giving the Bulldogs the ball back with



29.5 seconds left.

After a timeout from head coach Nathan Link, the Bulldogs started what was a chaotic possession until senior Gus Stogsdill converted on a highly contested layup giving the Bulldogs a 41-40 lead with five seconds left.

As the crowd was roaring, the Bullfrogs came out and attempted a full court pass that was intercepted by Gus Stogsdill, ending the game with a 41-40

win for the Gridley High School Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs then traveled to Redding on Thursday, March 6 for their third game of the season against the University Prep Panthers who ended the Bulldogs section championship hopes just 5 days earlier.

The Bulldogs and Panthers went on large runs that swung the score each way throughout the game. Neither team beat the other in the scoring column in consecutive quarters.

As the fourth quarter started, the Panthers led 47-38 after a huge scoring

third quarter where they scored 23 points to the Bulldogs 11.

The Bulldogs would tighten up on defense and have a huge offensive fourth quarter, scoring 19 points to the Panthers 10 and forcing overtime.

In overtime, both offenses were firing on all cylinders, but the Panthers barely ousted the Bulldogs, scoring 13 points to the Bulldogs 10 and escaping with a 70-67 win and ending the Bulldogs season.

The Bulldogs had a dominant season, ending with a 25-6 overall record and 9-1 in league. ★



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