

Shelbie DeBenedetti
Pitcher of the Week
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Linden weather

The National Weather Service is predicting showers and chance of showers for the week in Linden. Daytime temperatures in mid-60s.



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Linden forecast, high/nighttime low, sunrise/sunset

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	High	Low	Conditions	1st light	Sunrise	Sunset
Saturday	64/48		mostly sunny	6:40	7:05	7:18
Sunday	62/51		60% showers	6:39	7:04	7:19
Monday	64/46		chance of showers	6:38	7:03	7:20
Tuesday	63/49		chance of showers	6:37	7:02	7:21
Wednesday	63/51		chance of showers	6:36	7:01	7:22
Thursday	65/50			6:35	7:00	7:23
Friday	64/48			6:34	6:59	7:23

Elsewhere

By Linden Herald correspondents

Photographer overcame blindness and paralysis

She was legally blind and used a motorized wheelchair, but she managed to capture what she called the "ironic reality" of New York City on film.

Flo Fox, an indomitable photographer who was born blind in one eye and who later lost her vision in the other from multiple



sclerosis — which eventually paralyzed her from the neck down — but who never stopped shooting what she called the "ironic reality" of New York's streetscape, died on March 2 at her home in Manhattan. She was 79.

"I always felt I had one great advantage being born blind in one eye and never having to close that

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Schallberger throws no hitter

Linden's Matthew Schallberger pitched a no hitter against Bret Harte High School and racked up 15 strike outs (he gave up zero walks). With that strong performance, Schallberger is now averaging an impressive 5.1 strikeouts per game. Game details page 3.

Supervisors OK nurses' contract

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors this week approved a new 36-month agreement with the California Nurses Association (CNA), ensuring competitive wages, stability, and operational improvements for county nurses. The agreement includes wage increases of up to 16 percent for inpatient nurses and 11 percent for ambulatory nurses, along with pay incentives and provisions to

support long-term retention and hospital operations.

"This contract is both fair and fiscally responsible, aligning with the Board's strategic priorities to strengthen San Joaquin County's health-care system and support a growing community," said Board Chair Paul Canepa. "I want to thank the County Administrator, the Human Resources team, the union negotiators, and our

(See page 4—Nurses)

25,000 eggs will not be real

San Joaquin County Parks and its partners are hosting the Micke Grove Easter Egg Hunt from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 12 at Micke Grove Regional Park in Lodi with 25,000 filled eggs. Pre-registration is a must to attend this event. Event registration is \$10 per vehicle. Registration links are available at sjparks.com as well as on SJ Parks' Facebook and Instagram pages.

Jr. wrestlers are champions

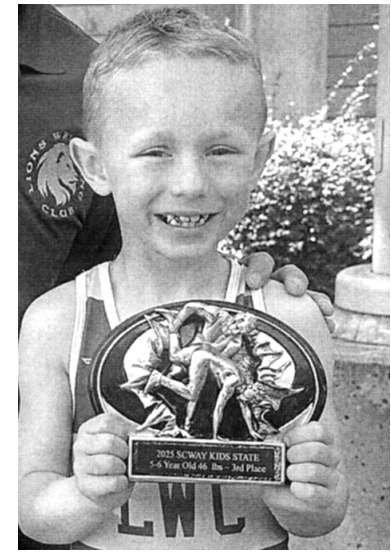
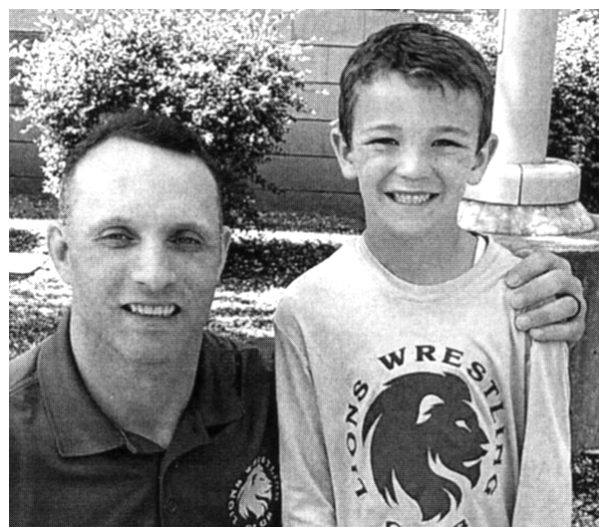


Photo left: Head Coach Bobby Cearley and Chad Nixon; right: Jax Green

Our wrestlers wrapped up an incredible season at the SCWAY State Championship in Clovis, Calif. showing heart, grit, and determination on the mat.

Jax Green battled his way to an impressive 3rd place finish, proving once again why he's one of the toughest out there.

Chad Nixon may have gone 1-2, but he wrestled his toughest matches of the year, leaving it all on the mat with undeniable fight and determination.

We're beyond proud of both wrestlers for their hard work and resilience. The future is bright for these Lions!

Fight to keep voting rights

Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., issued the following statement in response to President Trump's executive order entitled "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections":

"President Trump's executive order "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections" does nothing of the sort. Instead, it is a calculated and dramatic

assault on every American's right to vote. "Sixty years ago yesterday, Martin Luther King Jr. led the historic march from Selma to the state capitol in Montgomery, Alabama, marking a pivotal moment in our nation's quest for voting rights. National outrage over discriminatory voting practices and massive public support of the

march led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 later that year, which eliminated the most restrictive obstacles to voting. Today, we face a similar crossroads in our collective fight to preserve voting rights for all Americans.

"Trump's illegal executive order instead aims to deny hundreds of millions of Americans access to

(See page 4—Vote)

Linden at Disney's Imagination Campus



Members of the Linden High School band were on the Hollywood Backlot Stage during their performance for Disney's Imagination Campus. High schools bands performed throughout the event.

Watch Commander's ...

Day & night report

Homicide (0636) 3800 Block of Melody Court, Lakeview District

Officers responded to the location for a welfare check on an adult female. When they arrived, they located the 36-year-old female victim deceased. Detectives were notified and responded to assist with the investigation.

Strong Arm Robbery (1126) 8400 Block of Cherbourg Way, Valley Oak District

The male victim, 67, was standing at the location when the suspects approached. One suspect offered to sell jewelry to the victim, while the second suspect tried to take his property. The suspect was able to take the victim's property before fleeing the area. SUSPECTS An unknown race male and an unknown race female in their thirties.

Robbery (1121) 100 Block of South Pilgrim Street, Park District

The victims, two females, 45 and 18, and a male, 21, were sitting in their vehicle when the suspects approached. Two suspects walked up to their vehicle, one armed with a handgun, and demanded their property before fleeing. SUSPECTS: Two unknown-race males.

Home Invasion Robbery (1300) 2500 Block of Phelps Street, Park District

The female victim, 33, was inside her apartment when the five known suspects arrived. They kicked in her front door and began hitting and kicking her. The suspects stole her property before fleeing. The victim declined medical. SUSPECTS: Five Black females.

Armed Robbery (1635) 1000 Block of Robinhood Drive, Lakeview District

The victim, 16, was walking in the area when he was approached by the suspects. Four suspects, one armed with a weapon, began assaulting him and stole his property. SUSPECTS: Three Black males and a Hispanic male.

Weapons Arrest (2140) 6100 Block of West Lane, Valley Oak District

Officers responded to a disturbance near the call location involving a subject armed with a firearm. The subject fired off a round before fleeing in his car. Officers located and arrested the suspect. A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded handgun. ARRESTED: Luis Gomez-Martinez, 32, for negligent discharge and weapons charges.

Carjacking (Delayed) 800 Block of South California Street, Seaport District

On 3/18/25 at approximately 1930 hours, the male victim, 53, gave his friend a ride to the listed area. Upon arrival, three suspects assaulted the victim and took his property. The suspects placed the victim in the rear seat of his vehicle and drove him to another location. The victim managed to retrieve his

(See page 8—Crime)

East San Joaquin County Sheriff calls

March 19

- * 8 am, mail box damage, 300 block N. Fine Road
- * 11:39 am, mail theft, 100 block N. Fine Road
- * 4:12 pm, agricultural theft, \$200-\$400, 11900 block E. Eight Mile Road

March 20

- * 7:04 pm, vandalism, 10000 block E. Copperopolis Road

March 22

- * 6:45 pm, illegal firearms, 13400 block E. Tokay Colony Road at Jack Tone Road

March 24

- * 1:15 pm, family quarrel, 22500 block E. Flood Road
- * 3:54 am, vandalism, destroyed property, 17400 blk E. Hwy 4

March 25

- * 8:54 am document fraud, 12400 block N. Tully Road

Quote ...

"Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely". —
19th century English historian and moralist
Lord John Dalberg-Acton (1887)

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Crossword

By Myles Mellor
Answers on page 6

Across

- 1 Something to tote
- 4 Choice
- 8 Flagged vehicle
- 11 Wear and tear
- 12 Shake, as a tail
- 13 One may be caught in it
- 14 Blitzed
- 15 Ending for school or middle
- 16 Do some simple calculating
- 17 It holds water
- 19 Forms a lap
- 21 ___ Brunswick
- 23 Fireplace stuff
- 26 Of the shore
- 30 Give assistance to
- 31 Attempt to persuade
- 32 Hit the spot
- 34 Fruit-basket items
- 36 Dire declaration
- 37 News story
- 39 Fall on the set, perhaps
- 43 Cheering crowd member
- 45 Go the distance
- 47 Word paired with "neither"
- 48 The I in TGIF
- 49 Have good feelings about
- 50 Big or baby, e.g.
- 51 Receive
- 52 Dropped
- 53 White Monopoly item

Down

- 1 Tulip planting
- 2 Could be major or minor
- 3 Realizes
- 4 Celestial revolver
- 5 Cabin component
- 6 Turns to account
- 7 Television, newspapers, etc.
- 8 Affrays
- 9 Crisis offering
- 10 Converted sofa, often
- 18 Newspaper advertising section, e.g.
- 20 Concert sale item
- 22 Portrayed
- 24 "A Midsummer Night's Dream" extra
- 25 Double agent e.g.
- 26 Trophy shape
- 27 It's picked out
- 28 Contrary to
- 29 Statute
- 33 Had a spoonful of
- 35 Is popular with customers
- 38 Word after e or G
- 40 Do ___ others as ...
- 41 When two hands come together
- 42 Place for a house
- 43 Newton ingredient
- 44 Was a consumer
- 46 Travel between the poles?



The second grade teacher stood before her noisy class, raised her voice and shouted, "I want you to be so quiet that you can hear a pin drop!"

Silence suddenly prevailed. When Danny could no longer contain himself, he shouted, "Let 'er drop!"

It's not unusual to have an attitude like that toward God. We pray and wait. Then pray again. Then wait a little longer. Still, nothing happens. It seems as though we are waiting for "the pin to drop."

Psalms 28 begins with the "silence of God." In fact, He is so silent that the Psalmist becomes impatient and shouts, "If you don't answer soon, I will be like those going down to their grave - abandoned!"

The subtle message from David was that if God did not answer his prayer his enemies would rejoice. "They," he reminds God, "care nothing for what the Lord has done or what His hands have made." In other words, "God, I don't want You to be embarrassed. I don't want people to ridicule You. I've laid my life and Your reputation on the line and if You are silent, if you let me down, they will believe that You are untrustworthy!"

David was not afraid to present his case to God and demand help. He did not want "unbelievers" to look at his situation and say, "I told you so. Your God is no more dependable than ours. He's not even listening!"

Not so. David looked at them and said, "Praise the Lord! For He has heard my cry for mercy." David prayed. God answered. And everyone saw God "at work."

A man whose wealth exceeded his common sense was once asked, "How much money does a man need to be happy?" His reply was quick and honest: "Just a little more!" Many "things" promise satisfaction and happiness at a distance. But as possessions increase and wealth accumulates, expectations once valued are never fulfilled.

It is different with those who seek the Lord. In Psalm 84 the author wrote, "Blessed - or happy - are those whose strength is in You, who have set their hearts on being with You and following You on life's journey."

Happiness is not found in what we have but Who has us. Christianity is not about our possessions but what we possess in Christ and the fact that He possesses us. A true believer, an honest disciple or a sincere "follower of the way" is one who recognizes that the Lord is all-powerful and gives us the strength we need to live the Christian life.

And living the Christian life will bring true blessings and genuine happiness to the one who walks with God. Those who live the Christian life as described in His Word will find fulfillment and completeness in Him.

One translator studied this verse for years and finally decided that it would best be translated, "How enriched are those who draw their strength from You, whose hearts are focused on You."

Those attempting to draw strength from the "things" that are of this world will be left weak, weary and worn-out. And anyone whose heart is focused on what is seen will discover that their vision will not survive reality.

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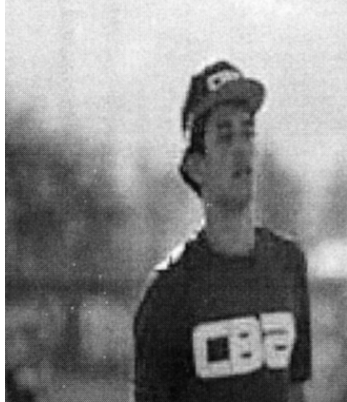
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No hitter for Linden's Matthew Schallberger

Linden waltzed into their game on Friday with two straight wins... but they left with three. Their pitcher stepped up to hand the Bret Harte Bullfrogs a 3-0 shutout. Give some credit to the fans of both teams: the last four times they've met, the home team has come away the winner.

Bret Harte's batters probably



weren't too happy with Matthew Schallberger (picture above), who pitched a no hitter and racked up 15 Ks (he gave up zero walks). With that strong performance, Schallberger is now averaging an impressive 5.1 strikeouts per game.

At the plate, Linden saw four different players step up and record at least one hit. One of them was Nikko Vigna, who scored a run and stole a base while going 1-for-3.

Linden pushed their record up to 7-3 with the victory, which was their fourth straight at home. Those wins came thanks in part to their pitching effort, having only surrendered 1.3 runs on average over those games. As for Bret Harte, their defeat dropped their record down to 6-4.

Linden has won four straight games at home, while Hughson has won four straight on the road. Linden's win bumped their record up to 7-3. As for Hughson, their vic-

tory bumped their record up to 10-2.

The Linden Varsity Boys Baseball team won their game against Summerville High School by a score of 10-4, February of 2024, but they didn't allow them the same satisfaction on Tuesday. Linden blew past Summerville 10-4. The result was nothing new for the Lions, who have now won four contests by six runs or more so far this season.

Matthew Schallberger made a splash no matter where he played. On the mound, he pitched 1.1 innings while giving up no earned runs or hits. He has been consistent : he hasn't given up a single earned run in eight consecutive appearances. He was also big at the plate, scoring two runs while going 2-for-5. The dominant performance also gave him a new career-high in RBI (three).

In other batting news, Linden let Braden Busalacchi and Brody Black run wild. Busalacchi got on base in four of his five plate appearances with one home run, two runs, and two RBI, while Black scored three runs while getting on base in four of his five plate appearances. That's the most runs Black has posted since back in March of 2024. The team also got some help courtesy of Nikko Vigna, who scored a run and stole a base while going 2-for-4.

Linden has been performing well recently as they've won four of their last five games. That's provided a nice bump to their 8-4 record this season.

The victories came thanks in part to their pitching effort, having only surrendered 2.8 runs on average over those games.

League Pitcher of the Week



Linden's own, Shelbie Debenedetti, has been named the Cal Pac League Pitcher of the Week. She has more than 14 games saved for La Sierra University located in Riverside, Calif. She is a Linden Class of 2021 graduate and played for the softball Lions. Last year she was a Co-Golden Eagle of the Week for her college squad.

Linden softball

Linden Lions softball is headed in fresh off scoring the most runs they have all season. They were the clear victors by a 13-3 margin over Summerville on Tuesday. The victory made it back-to-back wins for the Lions.

Nina Lagorio made a splash while hitting and pitching. She looked comfortable on the mound, tossing three innings while giving up no earned runs off two hits. What's more, she

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posted three strikeouts, the most she's had since back in May of 2024. She was also stellar in the batter's box, going 2-for-4 with three RBI, one triple, and one stolen base.

In other batting news, Olivia Fears was a standout: she scored two runs and stole a base while going 1-for-3. Katie Schallberger was another key player, scoring two runs and stealing a base while going 2-for-3.

Linden's victory bumped their record up to 4-5. As for Summerville, they have been struggling recently as they've lost four of their last five matchups. That's put a noticeable dent in their 4-5 record this season.

Linden can bid farewell to their five-game losing streak thanks to their game on Friday. They never let the Bret Harte Bullfrogs get on the board and left with a 12-0 win.

The Lions' hitters stepped up

their game for this one, as that was the most runs they've scored all season.

Cambel Dunn tossed a big game, not allowing a single earned run over five innings pitched. She has been consistent recently: she hasn't given up more than two walks any time she's pitched this season.

At the plate, Lily Alonso was incredible, going a perfect 3-for-3 with seven RBI, two triples, and two runs. That's the most RBI she has posted since back in March of 2024.

The team also got some help courtesy of Audrey Pitt, who scored three runs while getting on base in all three of her plate appearances.

Linden always had someone on base and finished the game having posted an OBP of .556. They easily outclassed their opponents in that department as Bret Harte only posted an OBP of .368.

Linden's victory bumped their record up to 3-5. As for Bret Harte, they are on a three-game losing streak that has dropped them down 1-4.

More about...

Nurses

nurses for working together to ensure fair increases and stability for our nursing staff. As one of the few remaining acute care public hospitals in California, San Joaquin General Hospital is a vital part of our community, and this agreement values the dedication of our nurses while securing the hospital's future for generations to come."

The last agreement, from April 2021 to April 2023, included an 8% wage increase for all nurses, an additional 6% increase for specified nursing classes, and an additional 4-6% increase for other nursing classes. This agreement was extended through April 2024, giving all nurses an additional 8.5% increase. San Joaquin County and CNA began negotiating the new contract on March 14, 2024, and came to terms on March 3, 2025, following 20 meetings over the

11-month process.

The updated contract, effective April 7, 2025 – April 7, 2028, was approved by CNA members on March 11, 2025. The total cost is approximately \$63.3 million, with a net county cost of \$3.87 million. The Board's approval authorizes the Human Resources Director to finalize the agreement, ensuring continued support for the county's nurses and the essential services they provide.

Linden meetings

Linden Municipal Advisory Council meets the 3rd

Wednesday of every other month, 7 p.m. at the Linden Peters Fire District classroom. The council is an advisory body to the board of supervisors and the San Joaquin County Planning Commission relating to the interest and welfare of the residents of the

Linden township.

Linden Peters Chamber of Commerce

April 21

The goal of the Linden-Peters Chamber of Commerce is to promote a local economy by providing opportunities for businesses to showcase and

promote their business, encourage the connections and prospective clients, and to encourage community members to shop locally, 7-8:30 PM.

Linden Peters Fire classroom. Join the meeting held the 3rd Monday of the month 7p.m. at the Linden Peters Fire District

**More about ...
Vote**

the ballot box by making it costly and burdensome to register to vote and cast a ballot. Under the guise of protecting Americans from voter fraud, this unprecedented and reckless interference into state election processes is premised on a widely debunked myth of massive non-citizen voting. Make no mistake, President Trump, through this action, shows that he fears voters and America's longstanding principles of democracy. As California Secretary of State, I will do all in my power to ensure that all eligible Californians can freely and securely participate in our democracy."

President Trump this week signed an executive action to overhaul elections in the United States, including requiring documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote in federal elections and de-

manding that all ballots be received by Election Day.

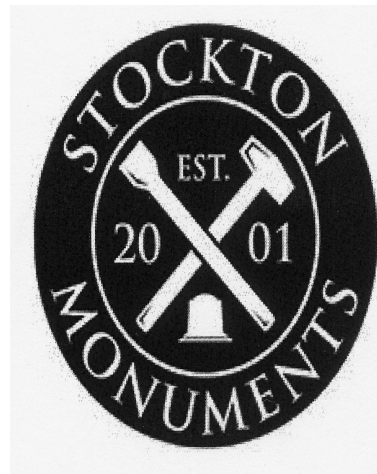
Why this matters:

* The order says the U.S. has failed "to enforce basic and necessary election protections" and calls on states to work with federal agencies to share voter lists and prosecute election crimes. It threatens to pull federal funding from states where election officials don't comply.

* The move, which is likely to face challenges because states have broad authority to set their own election rules, is consistent with Trump's history of criticizing election processes.

* Voting rights groups have expressed concerns that the requirement could disenfranchise people. An estimated 9% of U.S. citizens of voting age, or 21.3 million people, do not have proof of citizenship readily available, according to a 2023 report by the Brennan Center for Justice and other groups.

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County lawman was known for mugshots—and his castle

Thomas Cunningham who served as San Joaquin Co. Sheriff from 1871 to 1899

Cunningham was born on August 17, 1838, in County Longford, Ireland. He came to the U.S. at age 10, settling in Brooklyn, New York where he was apprenticed as a harness maker.

In 1855, he relocated to Stockton and moved into public service as a volunteer fireman with the city's Eureka Engine Company. He was later appointed chief. In 1871, he ran for and was elected Sheriff of San Joaquin County, quickly establishing himself as an innovator with a passion for efficiency and effectiveness.

Sheriff Cunningham was well known for popularizing the use of mugshots.

Every individual who was arrested or handled by his department was photographed, and the pictures compiled into books. The books were distributed to other law enforcement agencies to aid in the identification and capture of criminals. His "rogues' gallery" was known up and down the West Coast and estimated to contain more than 40,000 photographs. Cunningham also standardized the firearms used by his deputies and established a training program

which required monthly recertification exercises.

During his administration, a new county courthouse and jail were built in downtown Stockton. He had significant input and influence in the design of the new jail which became known as "Cunningham's Castle" (picture below).

The fortress-like structure located at the corner of San Joaquin and Channel streets was state-of-the-art and the pride of the Sheriff's Department. It was demolished in

1961 owing to its deterioration and the need for a larger facility.

Cunningham was an active sheriff who directly participated in the work of his department. Perhaps the most notable moment of his career came in 1883 when he helped locate and capture the notorious stagecoach robber, Black Bart. The arrest earned Cunningham statewide fame and cemented his legacy as one of the greatest law enforcement agents in the history of San Joaquin County and California.



Tight lines ...

Compiled by E-Rod, Linden Herald correspondent

March 24 was a fishing day that Saul and Kali Perez had been planning for several years. The Wentzville family heard about huge blue catfish being caught from the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers near St. Louis, so they decided spring break would be the perfect time to get on the water with their two kids.

The Perezes had booked a day on the water with Capt. Wally Maier, who runs Show Me Catfishing Trophy Guide Service. Air temperatures were in the 40s, so the family dressed ac-



cordingly.

"It was cold and overcast that early morning and we were all wearing winter clothes and snowpants," Kali tells Outdoor Life. She says it was the first time they'd fished with a guide as a family. "But we started catching catfish right away and that warmed us up."

Their youngest, 8-year-old Reese, started out on the rod, Kali says. But after losing two fish back-to-back, it was 9-year-old Rhett's turn. He hooked and landed a 7-pound channel cat in no time. "It was supposed to be my turn to catch the next catfish," Kali explains. "But Reese was pouting about losing his first two fish after his brother caught one, so we decided to let him catch the next fish."

He'd get his chance around 8:30 a.m., when a rod bowed over in the one of the rod holders on Capt. Maier's 26-foot aluminum boat. Reese grabbed the reel handle and felt the biggest fish of his young life.

by Pete Barrett March 18, 2025

On November 1, 2024, the fly fishing community lost one of the most renowned and respected fly tiers in the sport's history. Bob Popovics will be remembered fondly for his impact on fly fishing and, more specifically, fly fishing the surf for striped bass. His renowned patterns, such as the Beast Fleye, among many others, have influenced a new generation of fly tiers to carry on his legacy. He will forever be regarded as one of the greatest fly fishermen of all time, and as a family man who inspired so many. (This article was originally published in the October 2017 issue of On The Water Magazine) – Matt Haefner

Many coastal fly-rodders consider surf fishing to be the ultimate challenge. Pumping on a Guatemala sailfish, throwing a fly to a humongous tarpon, or wading a pretty grass flat for a bonefish are high on the totem pole, but they require a fat wallet and many hours of travel. Not surf fishing. We all live within a coffee-mug drive from some of the greatest fly-fishing to be found in the world, and the chance to catch one of the greatest gamefish, the striped bass.

One of the best at the game of surf fly-fishing is Bob Popovics. He's been at it since the late 1960s and lives only minutes from New Jersey's Island Beach State Park. Surrounded by good buddies and good surf-fishing opportunities so close to home, his experiences also include days spent at remarkable surf fly-fishing haunts in New England, Montauk, and the Outer Banks. Bob is known as much for his fly-tying and fishing skills as he is for his patience teaching everyone who will listen to his tips and strategies.

"Surf fly-fishing is a very visual experience," says Bob, "and to be good at it, you have to be an observer, be aware of your surroundings, the type of beach, the breeze, the currents and beach structure. Watch everything that happens all around you. Before you make the first cast, walk up to the beach, wait a few moments, and observe. Watch the wave sets, get the feel of the rhythm of things before you start fishing. Prior to my first cast, I check out the water for signs of bait, cloudy and clear water edges, the formation of bars and points, the location of white water and calm water, and the types of birds in the area. You need patience to be an observer," he advises, "but it makes you a better fly-fisherman."

Bob likes to keep things uncomplicated. He may have enough gear and equipment in his beach buggy to stock a tackle shop, but he keeps only the bare essentials in a shirt or jacket pocket when he's standing at the water's edge. "I always have my stripping basket, and like to use a Velcro belt, which is so much easier to get on and off than a buckle-type belt. My pliers are on my wading belt, and I pare down what I need to just a few flies and essentials. Instead of taking 20 of each type of pattern, such as crab flies, Bucktail Deceivers, or Jiggies, I take maybe three of each so I have enough on hand to replace a broken-off or fish-chewed fly. I like soft fleece wallets that fit into my shirt pockets to keep a supply of favorite flies close at hand."

When bigger baits are in the surf, Bob Popovics' go-to patterns include Bucktail Deceivers, The Beasts and Spread Fleyes. He also keeps a spool of 16-pound tippet handy, and another of 12 pound for really clear water. He usually doesn't use a heavy mono bite tippet. If blues show up, he has a screw-top tube container in his pocket (like the kind that hold cigars) with 8-inch wire leaders pre-tied using a haywire loop at one

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LEGAL NOTICES

NAME CHANGE HEARING

Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, 180 E. Weber Ave., Stockton CA 95202
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Filed Jan. 28, 2024
 Case STK-CV-UNC-2025-1330
PETITION Jeanette Jensen FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS Jeanette Jensen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name: Jeanette Jensen
 Proposed name: Janessa Margaret
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a written objection that includes the reasons for this objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: March 24, 2025
 Time: 11:00 AM, Dept. L1 Superior Court, 217 W. Elm St., Lodi CA 95240
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county Linden Herald
 Date: Jan. 28, 2025
 S/ Erin Guy Castillo
 Judge of the Superior Court
 3/6

Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, 180 E. Weber Ave., Stockton CA 95202
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Filed Jan. 28, 2024
 Case STK-CV-UNC-2025-1325
PETITION Alan Jensen FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS Alan Jensen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name: Alan Jensen
 Proposed name: Jake Francis
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a written objection that includes the reasons for this objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, 180 E. Weber Ave., Stockton CA 95202
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Filed Jan. 21, 2024
 Case STK-CV-UNC-2025-946
PETITION Jackeline Case FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS Jackeline Case filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name: Jackeline Case
 Proposed name: Jacqueline Case
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a written objection that includes the reasons for this objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: March 24, 2025
 Time: 11:00 AM, Dept. L1 Superior Court, 217 W. Elm St., Lodi CA 95240
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county Linden Herald
 Date: Jan. 21, 2025
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 Doc. #2025-005989
 1/24/2025
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 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Tracy Ford Used Cars, 2628 Robertson Rd., Tracy CA 95304
 Dornoch Inc., 3500 Auto Plaza Way, Tracy CA 95304
 California corporation
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by a corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 1/25/13
 S/ Brian T. Nokes, President
 3/6

Original (First Filing)
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 1/24/2025
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 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Tracy

Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, 180 E. Weber Ave., Stockton CA 95202
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Filed March 6, 2025
 Case STK-CV-UNC-2025-3431
PETITION Alethea Malik Phifer FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS Alethea Malik Phifer filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name: Alethea Malik Phifer
 Proposed name: Alethea Huggins Phifer
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a written objection that includes the reasons for this objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: April 28, 2025
 Time: 8:30 AM, Dept. L1 Superior Court, 217 W. Elm St., Lodi CA 95240
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county Linden Herald
 Date: March 6, 2025
 S/ Erin Guy Castillo
 Judge of the Superior Court
 4/10

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2024-117434
 1/31/2025
 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Satus, Auxiliator, Practical Essential, Parabilis Auto, Sullen Transportation, 110 N. San Joaquin St., Stockton CA 95202
 Ronnie Linell Smith Jr., 110 N. San Joaquin St., Stockton CA 95202
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on N/A
 S/ Ronnie Smith Jr.
 3/6

Fictitious Business Name

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2024-002434
 1/10/2025
 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Judy's Hair Salon, 1121 N Wilson Way, Stockton CA 95205
 Teresa Gonzalez 1121 N Wilson Way, Stockton CA 95205
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 11/1999
 S/ Teresa Gonzalez
 3/6

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2024-107514
 12/9/2024
 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Freshco Food Center #4, 2720 Country Club Blvd., Stockton CA 95204
 Calistocks, Inc., 3750 W Shields Ave., Fresno CA 93722
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 CA corporation
 This business is conducted by a corporation.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 12/02/2024
 S/ Abdulgalti F. Hussein, President
 2/6

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-000919
 1/6/2025
 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Haynes Board and Care, 17201 N. Tully Rd., Lodi CA 95240
 Sandra Haynes, 17201 N. Tully Rd., Lodi CA 95240
 Cheryl Parker 17201 N. Tully Rd. Lodi CA 95240
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by co-partners.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 1/3/2020
 S/ Sandra Haynes-Andrews
 3/6

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 1/24/2025
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 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Tracy Ford Used Cars, 2628 Robertson Rd., Tracy CA 95304
 Dornoch Inc., 3500 Auto Plaza Way, Tracy CA 95304
 California corporation
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by a corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 1/25/13
 S/ Brian T. Nokes, President
 3/6

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 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Tracy

Ford, 3500 Auto Plaza Way, Tracy CA 95304
 Dornoch Inc., 3500 Auto Plaza Way, Tracy CA 95304
 California corporation
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by a corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 6-15-10
 S/ Brian T. Nokes, President
 3/6

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 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Tracy Ford Used Cars, 2628 Robertson Rd., Tracy CA 95304
 Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-014689
 2/25/2025
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 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Switchback Enterprises, Inc., 8874 Live Oak Road, Stockton CA 95212
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 Switchback Enterprises, Inc., 8874 Live Oak Road, Stockton CA 95212
 CA corporation
 This business is conducted by a corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on NA
 Kevin Holtberg, President
 3/27

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-011550
 2/13/2025
 Re-file Previous file 2020-049173
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as G4 Construction, 1040 West Kettleman Ln., Ste 1B #185, Lodi CA 95240
 Gregory James Georguson, 1040 West Kettleman Ln., Ste 1B #185, Lodi CA 95240
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 8/4/2020
 Gregory James Georguson
 3/27

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-015099
 2/28/2025
 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as TGA Construction, 7206 Stonecrest Ave., Stockton CA 95207
 Antonio Gonzales, 7206 Stonecrest Ave., Stockton CA 95207
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 2-7-25
 Antonio Gonzalez
 3/27

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-014856
 2/13/2025
 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Kona Ice Of Ripon, 623 Ripona Ave., Ripon, CA 95366
 Spencer's Shaved Ice LLC, 623 Ripona Ave., Ripon, CA 95366
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 CA LLC
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 2019
 Bernadette Romero-Spencer CEO
 3/27

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-011700
 2/13/2025
 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Kona Ice Of Ripon, 623 Ripona Ave., Ripon, CA 95366
 Spencer's Shaved Ice LLC, 623 Ripona Ave., Ripon, CA 95366
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 CA LLC
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 2019
 Bernadette Romero-Spencer CEO
 3/27

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-013439
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 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as United Towing, 1125 S. Stockton St., Lodi CA 95240
 Adil Khan, 1125 S. Stockton Street, Lodi CA 95240
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on N/A
 Adil Khan
 3/27

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-009073
 2/3/2025
 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Bennett Realtors, 709 W. Kettleman Lane, Lodi, CA 95240
 Juanita Mae Bennett, 709 W. Kettleman Lane, Lodi CA 95240
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 1-1-91
 Juanita Mae Bennett
 3/27

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-0067700
 2/26/2025
 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Restorative Solutions, 1470 Telegraph Ave., Stockton CA 95204
 Rony Michael Scippio, 4719 Quail Lakes Dr PMB134
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 1/27/

2025
 Rony M Scippio
 3/27

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-011338
 2/12/2025
 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Complete Home Inspection, 2890 Rhett Ct., Tracy CA 95376
 Samuel Robert Hernandez, 2890 Rhett Ct., Tracy CA 95376
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 2-12-2025
 Samuel Robert Hernandez
 3/27

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-007656
 1/30/2025
 Original
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Stalvi Foundation USA, 3324 Cherry Street, Lodi CA 95240
 Fakhri-Jahaan Organization USA, Inc., 3609 Trefethen Way, Sacramento CA 95834
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 CA corporation
 This business is conducted by a corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on NA
 S/Muhammad Ahmad Awan, President
 3/27

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-006355
 1/27/2025
 Refile Previous file 2022-140888
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as SK Donuts, 8526 N. Lower Sacramento Rd., Suite 28, Stockton, CA 95210
 Brew & Bake Café, Inc., 6116 Welch Ave., Stockton, CA 95210
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 CA corporation
 This business is conducted by a corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 1/1/2020
 Pagna Pong, CEO
 3/27

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-012668
 2/18/2025
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Kwik Electric, 4213 Fort Donelson Dr., Stockton, CA 95219
 Michael Balte, 4213 Fort Donelson Dr., Stockton, CA 95219
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 10/1987
 Michael Baltes
 4/10

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-011700
 2/13/2025
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Eeveelatte, 5314 Britton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95219
 Gianna Estrella Jarin, 5314 Britton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95219
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 1/3/25
 Gianna Estrella Jarin
 4/10

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-014869
 2/25/2025
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Switchback Enterprises, Inc., 8874 Live Oak Road, Stockton CA 95212
 Switchback Enterprises, Inc., 8874 Live Oak Road, Stockton CA 95212
 CA corporation
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by a corporation.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on N/A
 Kevin Holtberg, President
 4/10

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-019084
 3/6/2025
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as The Gallery Eastbay Flooring, 2405 N. El Dorado St., Stockton CA 95204
 Malo Coy Valdez, 2405 N. El Dorado St., Stockton, CA 95204
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 02/01/2001
 Malo Valdez
 4/10

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-014376
 2/24/2025
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Green Land Maintenance, 3911 Munford Ave., Stockton, CA 95215
 Green View Investments, Inc., 3911 Munford Ave., Stockton, CA 95215
 CA corporation
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by a corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on N/A
 Roxana A. Guzman Vasquez
 4/10

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-021395
 3/14/2025
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Crime Scene Pizza, Crime Scene Cookies, 4719 Quail Lakes Dr., Suite G #3193, Stockton CA 95207
 Crime Scene Foods LLC, 4719 Quail Lakes Dr, Suite G #3193
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 CA limited liability company.
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 3/13/25
 Stephen Robinson, managing member
 4/10

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-019410
 3/7/2025
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Lodi Travel Tailor, 811 Daisy Ave., Lodi CA 95240
 Anne C. Isquierdo, 811 Daisy Ave., Lodi CA 95240
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on N/A
 Anne C. Isquierdo
 4/10

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-020403
 3/11/2025
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as Lily's Cleaning Services, 3150 Turnpike Rd., Stockton, CA 95206
 Lilia Cuen, 3150 Turnpike Rd., Stockton CA 95206
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by an individual.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 2/8/25
 Lilia Cuen
 4/10

Original (First Filing)
 Doc. #2025-013874
 2/21/2025
 Steve J. Bestolarides, Recorder/County Clerk
 Fictitious Business Name Statement
 The following person is doing business as A Moveable Feast, Morada Eats, 8436 Treasure Ave., Stockton CA 95212
 John Douglas Seed, 8436 Treasure Ave., Stockton CA 95212
 Carol Ann Seed, 8436 Treasure Ave., Stockton CA 95212
 County of Place of Business: San Joaquin County
 This business is conducted by a married couple.
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the name or names listed above on 09/2010
 John Douglas Seed
 4/10

Crossword

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What to do for childrens' time off

(NAPSI)—When the final bell rings for the school year, many parents have concerns about how to keep their children active and engaged without the structure of attending class. In 2025, the challenges are more complex than ever, driven by technology, social media and a rapidly changing world. With the right mindset and game plan, however, parents can navigate these challenges and build stronger, healthier relationships with their children.

Challenge: Peer pressure and social media

Teens feel the need to conform to standards set by friends or what they see online. Help them understand that online doesn't reflect reality.

To cope, discuss the impact of social media. Encourage critical thinking and how to evaluate content. And consider setting limits on screen time.

It may also be a good idea to consider changing your internet service provider, as many teens using multiple devices can consume all your bandwidth, suggests Ezee Fiber, one of the leading high-speed Internet service providers.

Challenge: Communication breakdown

A major struggle facing many parents and children is communication. Teens can become withdrawn and less open to sharing.

To cope, consider focusing on listening without interrupting. Set regular check-ins to discuss topics one-on-one. And find common ground, such as engaging in activities your children enjoy, perhaps gaming or streaming entertainment.

Challenge: Setting boundaries As children increasingly become more tech savvy, they may seek greater privacy. Parents can struggle with finding the right balance.

To cope, discuss topics such as trust and boundaries. Your children need to know you trust them, but a parent also has to keep them safe. Gradually give them more privileges over time as they prove they can handle it. And be clear about expectations; children need to know the family rules and values, and consequences for breaking either.

Challenge: Technology overuse

Spending too much time behind screens isn't good for children, and they need a variety of activities to ensure they are developing physically, emotionally and mentally.

To cope, set screen time limits and get your children to focus on offline activities such as reading and exercise. Designate certain times or areas (e.g., dinner table) as screen-free zones to encourage face-to-face interaction. And be a role model so your children understand that limits are followed by parents too.

Moving time often means evaluating home service providers

Summer also can mean moving for many families. It's important to check with home service providers to ensure they still fit the family's needs.

Many have failed to keep up with having enough high-speed Internet service bandwidth as the average home has more than 20 connected devices in 2025, says Ezee Fiber. To learn more about Ezee Fiber's offerings, go to EzeeFiber.com where you can check out the packages and deals.

If you can read this—thank a teacher

(NAPSI)—If you can read this, thank a teacher. And while you're at it you may be interested to learn that teachers, principals, curriculum and instruction leaders, chief academic officers, senior literacy leaders, and school supervisors hope to improve the effectiveness of their current adolescent literacy programs. The Problem

School district leaders are generally committed to integrating the science of reading principles into instruction. However, according to a recent survey from Lexia—a thought leader in literacy education—60% are dissatisfied and believe schools lack the professional development, age-appropriate reading materials, and data needed to impact adolescent literacy outcomes. What The Survey Showed

More than half of survey respondents report that teacher training, time, and staffing are top concerns. Fifty-seven percent of district leaders say they need more professional development in the science of reading for middle- and high-school teachers, and 57% need more time in their schedule to focus on literacy improvement because so many students are reading below or far below grade level. In addition, 55% report that attracting and retaining literacy educators is one of their greatest challenges.

The school leaders also state that, based on feedback from teachers and students, several other aspects of their adolescent literacy programs need improvement as well. Thirty-six percent of respondents say they need better literacy teaching strategies, 33% need more age-appropriate materials for adolescent readers, and 32% need real-time data to improve their implementation plan.

The survey also reveals gaps in support for students with dyslexia and emergent bilinguals. More than half of respondents (57%) are not confident that intervention strategies are adequate for successful outcomes for adolescent readers, and 52% need more teachers on staff who can support secondary English language learners.

An Answer

"The survey findings indicate that while a majority of leaders are committed to aligning literacy resources with the science of reading, many districts need more support and guidance to translate these principles into effective classroom practices for adolescent students," said Lexia President Nick Gaehde. "For the past 40 years we've been focused on transforming literacy education and delivering research-based solutions grounded in the science of reading.

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end to attach to the tippet. The open end is then haywired to the fly.

"Most of the time, I know what to expect when I hit the beach, so if the mullet are running, I take mullet patterns and don't bother loading myself down with a bunch of flies that probably are not appropriate. I do like to have a color selection on hand in case I need to change from a bright fly to a dark one, and same goes for short and long patterns."

Bob favors a 9-foot rod, and although some surf fly-casters will go longer with a 9 1/2- to 11 1/2-foot rod, he says, "Although I've tried it, I haven't gotten into the two-hand casting style, and use single-hand rods most of the time. I prefer a rod that is not an ultra-fast design."

"In my consulting work with Temple Fork Fly Rods, I've come to like the Flip Pallot Mangrove series and the Bob Clouser rods, which have a tad more bend in the butt section as compared to a stiff, ultra-fast taper fly rod. The Mangrove and Clouser rods give the surf fly-caster better control of the presentation when mending the line or lifting it to make a quick cast to reposition the fly. This is an essen-

tial feature for any good surf fly rod."

"A floating line is my first choice when selecting a fly line. I like the RIO Outbound and Outbound Short lines; the standard Outbound for distance casting, the OBS for short, in-close casting. Most fly-anglers can dependably cast 50 to 70 feet – at that distance, most beaches will be about 5 to 7 feet deep. A striped bass can easily see the fly at that depth and if you need to go deeper, a weighted fly like a Jiggy or a Clouser Minnow will get there," advises Bob.

A floater with a short intermediate head is his second choice. "You want to be able to pick up line and re-cast, if necessary, and this is still possible with an intermediate sink-tip fly line. You need to do this if the fish moves away from you after you've made a cast, or if the fish veers off at an angle from its original swimming direction."

"A floating line behaves badly and makes a poor presentation in the surf only when you allow it to be carried away by a breaking wave. You can overcome this by working the line in between the waves, letting it ride and fall as the waves roll to the beach. Watch the sets. After six or seven waves, there's usually a calm area before the next set starts. You can make a nice presentation into this calm water."

Bob recommends learning line-mending skills. This quick, circular flip motion of the rod tip will adjust the line's position in a current or wave to keep the fly tracking nicely. If the wave action makes it impossible to control the fly, he uses a roll-cast, then lifts for a back-cast and shoots a forward cast to reposition the fly in calm water. Bob says, "Rod handling becomes second nature; after a while, you don't even think about it. The line mending and lifting just become automatic responses to the motions and actions of the waves."

We all dream of catching a fish so big we won't have to fib about it, but typical surf-caught striped bass run from schoolies to teen size and perhaps into the 20-pound range. A 30-pounder is an astonishing catch. Even the biggest striped bass will not take too much line, so Bob prefers lightweight large-arbor reels that can hold about 150 yards of backing. "You don't need a huge reel. The weight of a big reel gets tiring and feels like you have an anchor under the rod. More important is a large spool diameter that retrieves line quickly. Keep in mind that I can play most fish by simply bringing the line in by hand and dropping it into the stripping basket."

"Most reels today are salt-water worthy," he says, "and it's probably more important to consider which hand you use to crank in the line. Right or left, the dominant hand is your best choice. A right hander will reel faster, longer and more smoothly with the right hand; the opposite is true for a southpaw."

It's natural to want to walk into the surf up to your knees, but Popovics prefers being higher on the sand because the bass will often be right in the wash. When fly-fishing a beach, the currents and structure are important. The basic current is from the incoming and receding waves, but there are also beach currents generated by wind that can run along the beach. These areas can all be worked by letting the fly swing in the current, mending the line as needed to keep in touch with the fly and not let the waves pull line, causing an erratic retrieve and slack line.

Bob suggests surgically casting along the beach structure just like a trout fishermen in a small stream. The bass aren't everywhere; they hold and travel along definite structure such as a slough between the beach and a sand bar, a cut in a sand bar, a point of the beach with white water along its sides, the edges of clear and cloudy water, and also the calm water. "Work all of it," he says.

"Use wind and currents to your advantage when walking the beach. Keep the wind off your non-casting side, when possible, or walk with the current a few steps in between casts."

Bob's good friend, Lou Tabory, once told him, "There's no substitute for time on the water," and Bob echoes that with more good advice. "Even a fishless morning can still be a great day because of the experience earned and knowledge gained. Count the hours, not the fish. Be an observer, look for things, think about what's going on around you, work the structure and remember that time on the water builds casting and fishing skills."

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eye while taking a picture," she told Viewfinder, the Leica Society International journal, in 2022. "I also didn't have to convert a three-dimensional



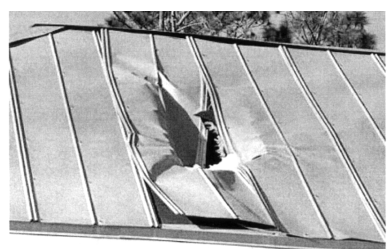
view to a flat plain, since that was the way I automatically saw. All I had to do was frame the image perfectly."

As the vision in her left eye faded — it was like looking through "two stockings," she said — Ms. Fox switched to a 35-millimeter autofocus camera. She initially released the shutter by pressing a rubber bulb in her mouth; later, she enlisted help to shoot the pictures after she had framed the shot. She began photographing late in the day or at night, to avoid glare that strained her eyes.

—*New York Times*

Mystery falling ice leaves a dent in crash landing

The Federal Aviation Administration said a mysterious ice chunk that crashed through the roof of a Florida home in February did not come from an airplane.



The FAA was notified when the large piece of ice fall onto a Palm Coast home on Feb. 3 and punched through the metal roof, landing in the structure's living quarters.

An FAA spokesperson said the investigation determined the 6-foot-by-3-foot ice chunk did not fall from a plane.

"The FAA contacted airlines whose aircraft were operating in that area when the incident occurred. Inspections of those aircraft did not find evidence of water leaks that could have caused ice to form on the outside of the aircraft," the spokesperson wrote in a statement provided to WFTV.

No further details were provided by the FAA. The ice chunk's origins remain a mystery.

Shopper had an eye for rare art and turned \$2.98 to almost 3K

An Ohio woman bought a painting for \$2.99 at a thrift store and it ended up being auctioned for \$2,875 when it was found to be the work of Johann Berthelsen.

Dayton resident Marissa Alcorn said she and her fiance stopped at a Goodwill store after dinner and were able to leave when she spotted an interesting frame on a cart brought out from the

back by a store employee. Alcorn told WDTN-TV she thought it was an "awful painting," but decided to buy it because it was only \$2.99.

She said she was loading the painting into the car when something caught her eye.

"It had a little plaque at the bottom of the frame," Alcorn said. "Out of curiosity, I type in the name and find out it was Johann Berthelsen."

Berthelson, a famed American impressionist, died in 1972. His works often sell for thousands of dollars.

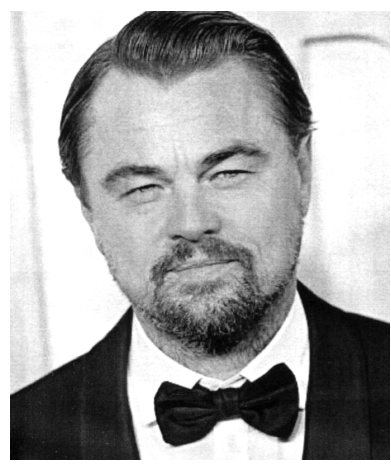
"My first thought was: 'This isn't real,'" she said. "It's probably just a fake."

Members of a free art appraisal group on Facebook urged her to have the painting authenticated, and she took it to Cincinnati auction house Caza Sikes, where experts confirmed it was indeed a Berthelson work titled "Chapel, St. Patrick's Church." The painting sold for \$2,875. Alcorn said the money will go toward her upcoming wedding.

"I think it's probably a once in a lifetime thing," she said. "I don't think I'll ever find something like that again, but you never know."

New film for DiCaprio—opens with a brew, then a bang

Warner Bros. released a trailer for *One Battle After Another*,



the mysterious new Paul Thomas Anderson film starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

The YouTube post, which promises a full trailer release next week, opens with Leonardo DiCaprio's character sipping a beer before being interrupted by gunfire.

The teaser also features brief appearances by co-stars Teyana Taylor, Chase Infiniti and Sean Penn.

The plot details of *One Battle After Another* remain shrouded in mystery, although Anderson's script is reportedly inspired by Thomas Pynchon's novel *Vineland*.

Interesting artist used Newton's Law

Fred Eversley, a sculptor who used a technique dating back to Isaac Newton to make otherworldly discs of tinted



resin, died on March 14 in Manhattan. He was 83.

His death, in a hospital, was confirmed by his wife, Maria Larsson, who said that he died after a brief illness.

Mr. Eversley was a Brooklyn schoolboy of 12 or 13 when he first learned, from an issue of *Popular Mechanics*, that the centrifugal force created by spinning a vessel of liquid will push its surface into a parabola. Newton did this with a bucket and a rope; Mr. Eversley, working in his parents' basement, used a pie plate of Jell-O on a turntable.

When he returned to the idea nearly three decades later, after giving up a career as an engineer, he was a fledgling sculptor in the busy artists' community of Venice Beach, Calif., experimenting with plastics and dye. Using liquid polyester, which he called "the cheapest, the least toxic and the most transparent" resin available, he worked out a process for casting separate layers of resin colored violet, amber and blue in a spinning cylindrical mold.

The result was a form he stuck to for the next 55 years: a translucent disc, somewhat bigger than a vinyl record and much thicker, displayed vertically on a pedestal. Each disc has a highly polished parabolic concavity on one side that creates optical effects like a lens, sharpening and minimizing the view behind it. At the same time, the colors sparkle and change dramatically, according to the light in a given room and a viewer's movements; as Mr. Eversley liked to say, it becomes a kind of kinetic sculpture without kinetic elements.

Court rules against ghost guns—even for ghosts

The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld federal restrictions aimed at curtailing access to kits that can be easily assembled into homemade, nearly untraceable firearms, a rare move by a court that has taken an expansive view of gun rights.

In a 7-to-2 decision, written by Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, one of the court's conservatives, the justices left in place requirements enacted during the Biden administration as part of a broader effort to combat gun violence by placing restrictions on so-called ghost guns.

Justice Gorsuch included photographs, unusual in court opinions, to illustrate how one of the gun kits, Polymer80's "Buy Build Shoot," came with "all of the necessary components to build" a Glock-style semiautomatic weapon. He wrote that it was "so easy to assemble" that it could be put together in about 20 minutes.

"Plainly, the finished 'Buy Build Shoot' kit is an instrument of combat," Justice Gorsuch wrote, adding that no one would confuse the pistol "with a tool or a toy."

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Crime

vehicle today. SUSPECTS: three Black male adults.

Battery on an Officer (1226) 3900 Block of Genova Lane, Valley Oak District

The suspect assaulted the male victim, 41, and the female victim, 39, over a dispute. Upon officers' arrival, the suspect resisted, was placed into control holds, and kicked an officer. ARRESTED: Adan Luna, 20, for resisting arrest, battery, and battery on an officer.

Weapons Arrest (1511) Filbert Street and Minor Street, Park District

Officers conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle in the listed area. During the stop, officers searched the vehicle and located two firearms. ARRESTED: 17-year-old male juvenile for weapon charges.

Resisting Arrest (2300) 1200 Block of Doray Court, Civic District

The suspect was in the area, heavily intoxicated, and threw an object at a passing Fire engine. Upon contact by officers, the suspect threatened them and resisted arrest. Force had to be used to take him into custody. ARRESTED: Angel Ramos, 29, for throwing a projectile at a vehicle, resisting arrest, and drunk in public.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon (0248) 1200 Block of East Park Street, Park District

The male victim, 44, was inside the residence when the known suspect threatened the residents and attempted to stab the victim with a knife. Upon officers' arrival, the suspect resisted arrest, and force was used to take him into custody. ARRESTED: Eduardo Regeno-Hernandez, 18, for assault with a deadly weapon, terrorist threats, child abuse, and resisting arrest.

Armed Robbery (2000) 1000 Block of North Wilson Way, Park District

The female victim, 58, and the male victims, 18 and 24, were working inside an area business when the suspect attempted to steal merchandise. When the employees confronted the suspect, he threatened them, retrieved a firearm from a vehicle, and threatened them again. The suspect fled in the vehicle. SUSPECT: Black male adult.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon (1000) 100 Block of East Weber Avenue, Civic District

An officer was walking in the area when the suspect approached and made a slashing motion with a sharp object. The suspect dropped the object and fled, but he was apprehended by the responding officers.

The officer was not injured. ARRESTED: Tyler McDonald, 32, for assault with a deadly weapon.

Pursuit Arrest (1400) West Lane and Bianchi Road, Valley Oak District

Officers attempted to conduct an enforcement stop on a dirt bike in the listed area, but the rider failed to yield, leading officers on a short pursuit. The rider stopped and was taken into custody without incident. ARRESTED: 16-year-old male juvenile for traffic charges.

Pursuit Arrest (1355) Feather River Drive and March Lane, Lakeview District

Officers attempted to stop one of the involved vehicles. The driver failed to yield, leading officers on a pursuit. The suspect eventually came to a stop and was arrested without further incident. ARRESTED: Terrance Ellise, 36, for evading.

Weapon Arrest (2007) Hunter Street and Church Street, Seaport District

Officers conducted a proactive checkout of an occupied vehicle in the area. The suspect was found to be in possession of a loaded firearm and was arrested without incident. ARRESTED: Fernando Mederos, 18, for weapon charges.

Weapon Arrest (0020) Navy Drive and Stockton Street, Seaport District

Officers contacted the suspect who was involved in a vehicle collision. The suspect was found to be in possession of an illegally modified firearm. ARRESTED: Steven Wagner III, 29, for weapon charges.

Shortly after 6 PM March 26, Deputies attempted a traffic stop near Flemons Ave and Mariposa Rd in Stockton, when the driver failed to yield, leading to a two-mile pursuit. The suspect driver, with outstanding Felony Warrants, drove with complete disregard for the public's safety. The pursuit ended near 8th Street and Airport Way when the suspect wrecked into a civilian vehicle.

The civilian driver was transported to the hospital for treatment with non life threatening injuries. Both suspects were taken into custody pending charges. A search of the suspect's vehicle resulted in the discovery of three bags (approximately an ounce) of methamphetamine.