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Above: Contestants lined their horses up for judging at the Butte County Jr. Horse Show held at the Butte County Fairgrounds last weekend. Photo courtesy of Maisie Jean-Cousins



Left: Some of the winners of the Butte County Jr. Horse Show showcase their champion belt buckles and other winnings after the competition held Aug. 17 at the BCF arena. Photo courtesy of Maisie Jean-Cousins

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Youth from around Butte County were able to highlight their skills and show off their equines at the Butte County Junior Horse Show held in Gridley over the weekend of Aug. 17.

The show was held at the Butte County Fair Arena and featured English, Western and Ranch discipline horses.

Maisie Jean Cousins of the University of California Cooperative Extension, Butte County, and the show's manager told the Herald the event "welcomed 4-H, FFA and Grange members in Butte and surrounding counties" and that it hopes to return each August.

Heather Corfee judged 15 entries shown by youth ages 18 and under. Jean-Cousins says that each class of judging varies dependent on whether

it is English pleasure, Ranch pleasure or Western pleasure classes, which judges the movements of the horse, versus Equitation classes, which judge the posture of the riders.

Contestants could be seen walking their horses, mounting and riding them for judges throughout the show, also wearing the appropriate attire depending on what class they were showing in.

Champions included Quincy Watner  
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## Battle Continues to Clean Up Virginia Street

Story by Connie Voss, photos by Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - At the Aug. 5 Gridley City Council meeting, city attorney Tony Galyean provided a much-needed update on the clean-up of the two abandoned properties at 390 and 110 Virginia St.

The structures have been a source of serious concern and frustration for Gridley residents and business owners for a long time, understandably, those in the immediate vicinity. Resident Stacey Gramps and her daughter, Annie Woods, addressed the council on June 19 of last year. They spoke emphatically and presented each council member with photographs of the horrific condition of the properties. The Gramps' home is watched by the homeless people who stay in the buildings. The family has witnessed public urination and open drug use. Woods described having been followed by homeless men and expressed concern for her own safety as well as others. A homeless man attempted to break in to their home on June 13, just the week before the council meeting. Woods' 3-year-old brother became fearful whenever someone came to the door.

About three months later on Oct. 2, the City Council heard from Community Service Officer Katie Hill who stated that all efforts to contact owners of the property have been unsuccessful. She explained that establishing a receivership would be an option. At the same meeting, President Mike Dahl of the Gridley Lions Club said that the buildings are beyond repair and need demolition, adding "you need to move on this."

The Gridley Police also voiced a willingness to help with street closures, should the buildings be demolished.

At the most recent Aug. 5 meeting, Attorney Galyean cited myriads of code violations, including accumulation of fire debris and junk, hazardous electrical conditions and structural hazards from decomposed and rotting wood. And the list goes on. He said it would be necessary to establish a health and safety receivership for the properties, handled by an independent law firm that deals in receiverships, Jones Mayer PLC. Attorney Amanda Pope from the firm has been engaged for this. A  
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## Sixth Street Stir

Story and photo by Seti Long

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - What has become a controversial project in the City of Biggs came before the City Council for direction at their Aug. 13 meeting.

Developers have been working with landowners on a potential project located on Sixth Street across from Dakota and Trent streets that could potentially bring 18 single-family homes and 42 apartment complexes to Biggs.

The council was asked to entertain a rezoning request that would shift the high-density land usage designation needed for the 42 apartment complexes from the south end of the proposed project's tentative map to the north end, closer to city services.

The City of Biggs agenda states that the project has been rezoned twice in an effort to meet



The potential development of the property located along 6th Street in Biggs is currently a hot topic in the small town.

the State of California's housing mandates. The apartment complex is financed with tax incentives that require a specific set of tenants, not specifically low income.

Kory Hamman,

representing the property owners and project, addressed the council and community members in attendance with concerns regarding the proposed development.

Hamman spoke of the

benefit of the project to the City of Biggs and the difficulties getting a developer to start projects such as this in the small town, and he attempted to address the fears of increased crime,

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Since the Butte County Fair bought more than one full-page color ad in the Historic Gridley Herald, I think they deserve additional commentary as they more or less paid to print this column for the next three weeks.

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 First up, I proffer the winners of the Missette and Miss Teen Butte County contests. The Official 2024 Pi Line Missette winners are: Melody Ramsey and River Nichols. We hope Melody will finish law school soon and run for District Attorney. We have been voting for a Ramsey for 40 years, and at some point, we need to transition, and she has the brains, ability, and personality to do the job. No offense to the current DA; we just think this young woman is the bright future we have been looking for. River Nichols has the most charming first name and fantastic poise, and anyone who admits

to pranking their Dad gets extra points. Paulina Martinez from Live Oak is the stand-out first-place winner for Pi Line Miss Butte County as she shows Turkeys at the Fair. Having shown Dorset sheep and several of Lisa Dillabo's cattle at the Fair in my earlier years, I would never get in the ring with a Turkey; A deadly, vicious, and sneaky animal. Paulina has all of the charm, charisma, and joy de vivre of a pageant contestant with the courage and tenacity of a bullfighter - because Turkeys are worse than Bulls. Congratulations to the winners.

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 The Destruction Derby was a little overpriced at \$25. You can get more excitement and destruction at the corner of Hwy 99 and Pennington Road in Live Oak every school day at 8:15 a.m. and drink Dutch Bros. while you do.

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 Thank you to everyone who showed up to buy animals at the auction.

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 Working with people who are 20 to 25 years younger than yourself, you can learn things you did not know - you did not know. Upon offering some younger types a BIG HUNK candy bar, they explained to me in very sincere and slowly

spoken, slightly louder words - that "older people" eat BIG HUNKS. Sadly, the conversation digressed as other slightly younger people took over by asking, "What is a BIG HUNK." I remained troubled that my favorite candy bar was being stigmatized in this way when I read in a Major San Francisco newspaper that the Annabelle Candy Company, located just down the street from my prestigious alma mater, California State University, Hayward, had filed for bankruptcy. Not to sound like a ranting older gentleman - I just want to tell you, younger people, that you will miss ABBA ZABBA, BIG HUNK Almond, ROCKY ROAD, Salted ROCKY ROAD, U-NO, and LOOK when they are gone.\*\*\*  
 Dogs mauled a woman to death in Feather Falls. If you have a dog, you are responsible for it, even if the dog convinces you otherwise. Ask your homeowner's insurance person; Dogs are a huge liability, and the consequences of keeping a bad dog, or pack of dogs, around and not protecting people has serious consequences.

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 Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator. Views expressed here are solely his own. ★

# First Human West Nile Virus Infection Confirmed in Butte County

## Butte County News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On Aug. 2, the Butte County Department of Public Health (BCPH) announced the first confirmed human West Nile Virus (WNV) infection in Butte County this year.

As of Aug. 2, five human West Nile Virus infections have been confirmed in California. West Nile Virus is usually active from June through October, with August typically being the peak month in Butte County. The Butte County Department of Public Health reminds residents to protect themselves from West Nile Virus by reducing mosquitoes on their property and preventing mosquito bites.

The infected person in Butte County is more than 60 years old and is experiencing a severe West Nile Virus illness.

People infected with West Nile Virus generally fall into three categories:

- Asymptomatic (one in 10 people)
- Mild to moderate fever illness with fatigue and body aches (one in five people)
- Severe illness with neurologic symptoms such as encephalitis or meningitis (less than one in 150 people).

For those who develop a severe West Nile Virus illness, symptoms could last several weeks and some symptoms could be permanent.

People 50 years old and older, and individuals with diabetes or hypertension, have a higher chance of getting sick and are more likely to develop complications.

West Nile Virus is transmitted to humans and animals by the bite of an infected

mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Residents can reduce the risk of infection by practicing the "Three Ds," which follow:

**DEET** – Use a proven insect repellent that includes DEET or look for EPA-registered repellents that contain one of the following active ingredients: picaridin, lemon eucalyptus oil, para-menthane-diol or IR3535. Always use according to label instructions. DEET can be used safely on infants and children 2-months-old and older.

**DAWN AND DUSK** – Mosquitoes that transmit West Nile Virus bite in the early morning and night. Wear proper clothing and repellent if outside during these times. Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep mosquitoes out. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.

**DRAIN** – Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate or drain all sources of standing water on your property, including flowerpots, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls. Mosquitoes can lay up to 300 larvae in one bottle cap of water. For standing water that cannot be drained such as fountains and ponds, consider adding "Mosquito Dunks" or mosquito fish, which feed on mosquito larvae. Report unmaintained swimming pools to the local Mosquito and Vector Control District at 530-342-7350 or 530-533-6038.

**West Nile Virus Resources:**  
 Butte County Department of Public Health's West Nile Virus Website ([tinyurl.com/j6sejd83](https://tinyurl.com/j6sejd83))  
 California West Nile Virus Dashboard ([westnile.ca.gov](https://westnile.ca.gov)) ★

# Park Fire Update

## By Seti Long

**BUTTE, TEHAMA, SHASTA, PLUMAS COUNTIES, CA (MPG)** - A month and a half after the Park Fire started on July 7, the fire continues to burn, as of press time.

On Aug. 20, CAL FIRE reported that the Park Fire is 55% contained with 429,401 acres consumed throughout Butte, Tehama, Shasta and Plumas counties.

The Aug. 20 Park Fire Incident Report by CAL FIRE reports that "containment on the

fire continues to increase." Fire crews continue cleanup operations and are monitoring for spot fires to "ensure that the fire remains within its perimeter."

Most evacuation orders have been lifted, including evacuation warnings. CAL FIRE stressed that "repopulations are ongoing and we ask that you stay cautious as crews will continue to be working in the fire area."

For more information on the Park Fire, visit <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/7/24/park-fire>. ★

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# Orchard Hospital CEO Selected to Lead Madera Hospital

*Steve Stark has led the Gridley hospital and served in the community since 2015*

## American Advanced Management News Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Steve Stark, the regional CEO of Orchard Hospital, Glenn Medical Center in Willows and Colusa Medical Center, has been selected to lead Madera Community Hospital in the central San Joaquin Valley, effective immediately, Orchard Board Chairperson Clark Redfield announced Aug. 15.

With Stark's departure, Amy Micheli, DNP, FNP-BC, at American Advanced Management will assume the role of interim hospital administrator to ensure a smooth transition.

Stark has served at Orchard since 2015 and helped lead the hospital to American Advanced Management in 2023, securing the hospital's success through a management services agreement. He also has been active in the Gridley Rotary and Lions clubs.

"During Steve's time at Orchard Hospital, he worked closely with our incredible staff, community members and providers to build a healthcare organization that we can all be proud of," Redfield wrote in messages to board members and hospital employees.

"We are immensely grateful for the image and reputation he has helped create and preserve."

Highlights of Stark's tenure and team include:

Attracting more inpatients to the 24-bed Orchard Hospital, which is operating nearly full in 2024 compared to half full in 2020, procuring nearly \$8 million in grant funding to put the first youth psychiatric health facility in Butte County, expanding rural health clinic services into Oroville, recruiting numerous physicians and advanced practitioners for the rural health clinics and modernizing health care IT systems to have a single patient and provider experience

Micheli, who serves as American Advanced Management's corporate chief operations officer and director of provider



Steve Stark will lead Madera Community Hospital. Photo courtesy of American Advanced Management



Amy Micheli will assume the role of interim hospital administrator at Orchard Hospital. Photo courtesy of American Advanced Management

relations for the acute hospital division, brings more than 26 years of health care experience to her role. She began her time at the company as chief operations and nursing officer for both Colusa and Glenn Medical Centers in 2018.

"Amy's expertise, leadership and strong local relationships will be crucial as we continue our mission to provide excellent health care to our community," Redfield said.

After earning her registered nursing degree at Yuba College, Micheli

earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in nursing and her Family Nurse Practitioner board certification. In addition to her executive role, she provides clinical hospitalist services at multiple hospitals.

A Live Oak resident, Micheli looks forward to serving the North Valley community with the Orchard Hospital team, she said.

"We have incredible employees and providers here and a wonderful community." ★

# Enloe Medical Center Recognized Among Best Regional Hospitals for Fifth Year

## Enloe Health Press Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - U.S. News & World Report ranked Enloe Health Enloe Medical Center as a Northern Sierra's Best Regional Hospital for the fifth consecutive year. The medical center placed No. 49 in California. This year, only 466 hospitals were recognized as Best Regional Hospitals. That's fewer than 11% of the 4,500 hospitals U.S. News analyzed nationwide.

Enloe Medical Center is also rated as High Performing in nine adult procedures and conditions — the top distinction U.S. News gives for Best Hospitals Procedures & Conditions ratings. These nine procedures and

conditions are in addition to the 2024 High Performing Hospital for Maternity Care distinction received in December 2023.

Enloe Medical Center earned recognition for heart failure, colon cancer screening, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), hip replacement, kidney failure, knee replacement, leukemia, pneumonia, and stroke.

"Enloe Health's caregivers continuously demonstrate a commitment to providing exceptional care. That's what makes these achievements possible," said Enloe's President and CEO Mike Wiltermoor. "This recognition inspires us to continue working toward

excellence and our vision of delivering exceptional health care experiences."

Year after year, Enloe Medical Center continues to increase its rating as High Performing for several Procedures & Conditions, with seven in 2022, eight in 2023 and nine in 2024.

"I am deeply proud of our hospital's recognition as a Best Regional Hospital by U.S. News & World Report," said Chief Medical Officer Sean Maiorano, D.O. "We always strive to make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our communities."

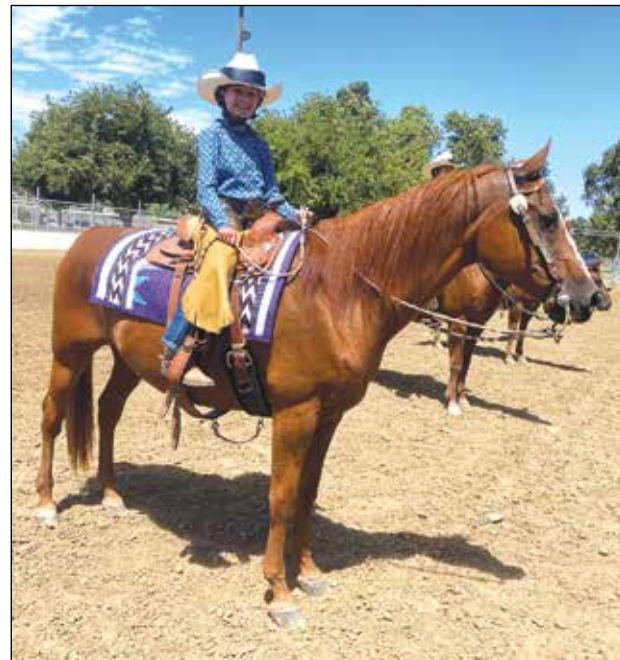
To learn more about Enloe Health's awards and recognitions, visit [www.enloe.org/accomplishments](http://www.enloe.org/accomplishments). ★

# A Show of Horses

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(Durham 4-H) Junior English Champion, Western Champion and Ranch Champion; Lolo Gore (Durham 4-H) Intermediate Western Champion and Ranch Champion; Meridian Pulsifer (Hallwood 4-H) Senior Western Champion, Senior Ranch Champion; Rowan Riley (Shasta 4-H)-18 & Under Walk-Jog Champion and Ella Proano (Hallwood 4-H)-18 and Under Walk-Jog Reserve Champion.

Beautiful belt buckles were awarded to high point champions, with ribbons and buckets filled with goodies going to other participants for their outstanding animals. ★



"Whoa!" This youth rider smiles as they compete at the Butte County Jr. Horse Show held recently in Gridley. Photo courtesy of Maisie Jean-Cousins

# Battle Continues to Clean Up Virginia Street



The structures have been a source of serious concern and frustration for Gridley residents and business owners for a long time.

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receiver for the properties has been designated as Red Griswold.

The owners of the two properties are being served with a notice to abate, allowing them 30 days for clean-up. If no response is made, the city will proceed with lawsuits of receivership. The city and the receiver/new owner would then proceed to either clean up or demolish the buildings. However, it would be cheaper for everyone if the owners would assume that responsibility. One of the owners, Devon Waterbury, also owns the warehouse that burned on Aug. 1, across from the Post Office. Galyean indicated that if the owners need more than 30 days, a time schedule agreement

would be presented to the City Council for approval. He also reassured the council that "this is moving forward with every bit of urgency that this council has directed that it should."

Messenger Publishing Group spoke with Attorney Galyean over the phone who indicated that the lengthy process is progressing "fairly expediently." Several inspections were needed before the notice could be served. Short of having a court order, the city is moving through the necessary steps regarding the owners' property rights.

Upon hearing this news, Gramps said, "It's deeply concerning that despite our efforts over a year ago to address the issue of the homeless individuals

living in the abandoned buildings, nothing has been done... We've witnessed fires being started, ongoing disturbances and the growing risk to both the safety and health of our community... I understand that things take time - certain policies and procedures are necessary - but with time comes the increasing risk of further dangers and potential disasters, especially with this building close to schools and in the path of students walking to and from school daily. Students have provoked the homeless people in the past... How are we going to be proactive and prevent our town from becoming just another place overtaken by these problems?" ★



Here is a close up photo of the interior conditions of the building located on the southeast corner of Magnolia and Vermont streets in Gridley. It illustrates the extent of debris and filth that is strewn throughout the structures.

# Sixth Street Stir

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traffic or unsightly properties that were a worry for residents.

The apartment complex would be similar to those built in Gridley recently on Ford Avenue and would require applicants be screened with background checks and credit checks.

Council and Hamman were met with

strong resistance from community members who loudly voiced concerns over the project.

Mayor Brian Basset closed public comment on the issue, saying that the council needed to discuss the matter after hearing from Hamman and the public that evening to "see what options we do have to satisfy the state and try and satisfy our city." ★

# Ballot Initiatives Become Pawns in Democrat Schemes



Commentary by Ted Gaines

The shocking national political events have rightfully dominated the news of the past few weeks. But in relative obscurity, governments everywhere are still working, and the California political establishment has been busy waging a war of deception and disempowerment against our citizens. This time, they're targeting the ballot initiative process, an important form of direct democracy.

First is the death of the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (TPGAA), a voter-rights initiative aimed at putting the brakes on runaway taxes and fees plaguing our famously expensive state. The Taxpayer Protection and

Government Accountability Act would have put the tax- and fee-increase reins in voter hands, as summarized by the Wall Street Journal: "The initiative would require a majority of voters to approve taxes adopted by the Legislature. Both the Legislature and voters would have to approve regulatory action that increases state revenue. Charges for specific government services or products like fishing licenses would have to reflect the actual cost of providing the service or product. The initiative would also raise the threshold for localities to pass all special taxes to two-thirds."

When the initiative qualified to be placed on the ballot this November, what did Governor Newsom, the man who supposedly represents all 40 million Californians, do? He sued to get it removed from the ballot, and a hyper-partisan California court sided with the Governor and removed the measure. The Governor and Legislature can't let anything disrupt their endless taxing and spending. The people won't even have a chance to

tighten the reins on government growth. So much for democracy.

Next up are two cynical, pro-crime smokescreens floated by the Legislature and Governor Newsom to cloud the result of an actual tough-on-crime initiative on the November ballot.

The initiative, Prop. 36, would undo some of the infamous Prop. 47, which essentially legalized shoplifting under \$950 and gave blessing to open-air drug markets, turning California into a criminals' paradise and pushing retailers to the brink.

Prop. 36 will put some teeth back into the criminal justice system, protect businesses and families, punish criminals for a change, and mend the social fabric weakened by rampant crime and drug-den takeovers of our public spaces.

But the California Legislature is sadly and shockingly pro-criminal. To them, "the system" is always the problem, never the people who are filling up shopping carts and walking out of stores in broad daylight, with no fear of punishment. So, they sprang into action by

drafting a package of bills that sounded tough-on-crime but included "poison pills," meaning the bills would be voided if Prop. 36 passed. Voters reading the ballot summary for Prop. 36 could have been confused, thinking they were weakening law enforcement by voting for the measure.

Thankfully, this shameful deceit eventually collapsed under a massive outcry by law enforcement and a public weary of crime.

After the bills failed, Governor Newsom floated another initiative to compete with Prop. 36, again to soften and undermine the commonsense changes found in the people's initiative. That last-minute effort cratered as well because even legislative Democrats refused to support a competing proposition to Prop. 36, leaving the people with an honest chance to change the course of the state this coming November.

Sacramento Democrats also understand that having Prop. 36 on the ballot hurts their chances in November. Their efforts to thwart the reforms in the initiative are as much political as they are

philosophical.

Instead of obsessive politicking, the Democrats should look at their own policies and try to understand why a measure that punishes criminals, creates safe neighborhoods and businesses, and closes drug markets is considered an electoral threat to them.

The capitol is the people's building, not a walled fortress to protect incumbents and special interests, and voters are not an inconvenience to be shooed away by the courts or by trickery.

Despite the worst efforts of Sacramento Democrats, the people still have a chance to support Prop. 36 in November and build a brighter future for our state.

Senator Ted Gaines (Ret.) was elected to represent the Board of Equalization's First District. He is a leading taxpayer advocate, defender of Prop. 13, and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly ten million constituents in 34 counties of northern, eastern, and southern California. For more information, visit [www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines](http://www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines). ★



Assemblyman James Gallagher

# Gallagher Releases Statements

## Newsom's Latest Gas Price Stunt

### Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher issued the following statement blasting Governor Newsom's latest attempt to distract from the role California taxes and fees play in our state's outrageously high gas prices.

Newsom's proposal (A bill? An executive order? Another strongly worded letter?) would mandate refiners to stockpile inventory as a cushion against "price spikes," doing nothing to address the sky-high prices Californians struggle with on a daily basis.

"Let me put this in a way Gavin Newsom would understand: If the French Laundry was forced to make a bunch of meals but wasn't allowed to sell them, their menu prices would go up. Same concept here.

"If Newsom was serious about bringing down prices, he would streamline the approval process for new gas storage projects, stop pushing new regulations that will add even more costs and make it easier to produce energy here in California.

"Democrats have imposed the strictest regulations and highest gas taxes in the country - and that is all reflected in the price at the pump. Newsom's announcement is just one more half-baked attempt to distract from that simple fact." ★

## Resolution Condemning Trump Shooting and Political Violence Passes Unanimously

### Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Aug. 15, the California State Assembly unanimously passed HR 116, a resolution condemning political violence and the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump that took place July 13, in Butler, Pennsylvania. The resolution, co-authored by 64 members of the Assembly, was introduced by Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) and represents a strong

bipartisan stand against the disturbing trend of violence in American politics.

"Violence has no place in our democracy," said Gallagher.

"This resolution reaffirms our commitment to resolving political differences through dialogue and respect, rather than through acts of violence."

On July 13, President Trump was wounded by gunfire while addressing a crowd at a campaign rally. The attack also tragically claimed the life of Corey Comperatore, a decorated firefighter and

veteran who was protecting his family and left two other rallygoers critically injured.

HR 116 underscores the Assembly's dedication to promoting civil discourse and condemns all forms of political violence. The resolution also acknowledges the bipartisan calls for unity from both President Trump and President Biden following the incident.

The full text of the resolution is available at [https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240HR116](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240HR116). ★

## Dems Finally Passing Public Safety Bills

### Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - An important package of retail theft and crime bills passed out of the Assembly Aug. 8 after several shady attempts were made by Democrats to kill the bills earlier this year.

"These bills are a good first step towards reducing crime and keeping Californians safe," said Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City).

"It's shameful that Democrats tried to play politics with something as important as public safety. I am grateful to all the Californians who made it clear they were sick of political games and demanded these bills pass without poison pill amendments."

The bills passed after Democrats attempted to sabotage the Homelessness, Drug Abuse, and Theft Reduction Act (also known as Prop 36) by inserting poison pills that would have automatically repealed the bills if the initiative passed. These bills, which address organized retail theft, vehicle burglary and arson, will now return to the State Senate for a final vote before going to the governor to be signed into law. ★

James Gallagher has represented California's Third Assembly District since 2014. Before joining the Assembly, he served on the Sutter County Board of Supervisors for six years. He is honored to serve Butte County - Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville, Paradise, Glenn County - Orland, Willows - Placer County - Sutter County - Live Oak, Yuba City, Tehama County - Corning, Red Bluff, Tehama, Yuba County - Marysville, Wheatland. ★

# Chico Announces Partial Reopening of Upper Bidwell Park

### City of Chico News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Upper Bidwell Park was significantly impacted by the Park Fire in the areas where it initiated and then burned back into the park near Devil's Kitchen continuing to the end of Upper Park Road. The south side of the park from Bloody Pin Trail to Ten Mile House Road was also impacted. These impacts left many burned trees and associated hazards.

After an assessment of the road, trails, and the removal of hazardous trees along the road where the fire initiated, the city has determined that portions of Upper Bidwell Park can be reopened. The areas to be reopened starting Friday, Aug. 16 are as follows.

#### Open Areas on North Side of Bidwell Park:

- Main Entrance Gate at Wildwood Avenue.
- North side of Five Mile Recreation Area
- Parking Lots A to Parking Lots E (Horseshoe Lake)
- Chico Observatory
- Upper Park Gun Range
- Upper Park Road to Diversion Dam Gate
- Swimming areas at Day Camp, Alligator Hole, and Bear Hole

#### Trails are opened as follows:

- North Rim Trail/ Fenceline Trail is open to Red Bud Trail only.
- Middle Trail is open to Bear Hole Connector only.
- Upper Trail and Upper Upper Trail open

to Middle Trail Connector only  
Yahi Trail is open to Bear Hole only.

#### Open Areas on South Side of Bidwell Park:

Trails, except: Legacy Trail, from Annie Bidwell Trail access at Centennial & Chico Canyon Road to Bloody Pin Trail only and Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course.

For continued public safety, the following burned sections on both the North and South side of Upper Bidwell Park will remain closed to all park users (bicyclist, joggers, hikers, etc.) until further notice:

Upper Park Road beyond Diversion Dam gate

Ten Mile House Road  
On the North side, all portions of trails past the designated trail end points listed in Section 8. above.

On the South Side, all portions of trails east of Bloody Pin trail.

The city is asking for the public's cooperation by not entering the closed areas. Pursuant to Chico Municipal Code Section 12.R.04.370 anyone who enters a designated closed area of Bidwell Park is subject to citations and fines.

The Park Division appreciates the public's understanding during this closure. The Park Division of Public Works O&M will continue to mitigate hazards, deploy rehabilitation efforts and open additional areas as quickly as possible. For more information, contact Linda Herman, City of Chico Park & Natural Resources Manager at (530) 896-7800. ★



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# Governor Newsom Signs Legislative Package Cracking Down on Retail Crime and Property Theft

## Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Building on California's robust laws and strategies to reduce crime and protect communities, Governor Newsom signed landmark legislation to further crack down on property and retail crime on Aug. 16. The new laws provide tougher criminal penalties for repeat offenders and additional tools for felony prosecutions.

"Let's be clear, this is the most significant legislation to address property crime in modern California history. I thank the bipartisan group of lawmakers, our retail partners, and advocates for putting public safety over politics. While some try to take us back to ineffective and costly policies of the past, these new laws present a better way forward — making our communities safer and providing meaningful tools to help law enforcement arrest criminals and hold them accountable," said Governor Gavin Newsom.

"A promise made is a promise kept — we're taking bipartisan action to make our communities safer and stronger," said Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire.

"These ten critical bills will crack down on retail theft, blunt local crime, and help our downtowns thrive for decades to come. Thanks to the partnership of Governor Newsom, Speaker Rivas, and the tireless work of our Senate and Assembly colleagues, California communities are getting the laws they need and rightfully deserve."

"California's hard-working business owners asked for our help, and today we are delivering thoughtful, balanced new laws that will protect their livelihoods, workers and customers," said Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas.

"To those who brazenly harass and shoplift from our stores: Accountability is here. I'm deeply proud of my colleagues for taking on this crucial public-safety issue,

and I thank Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, the Governor, Pro Tem and Attorney General for their dedication and leadership. In California, we keep each other safe and get the job done."

"I am grateful to the Governor for signing this landmark legislative package and to Speaker Rivas for making retail theft a priority," said Select Committee on Retail Theft chair, Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur.

"This legislation directly benefits Californians by addressing the urgent issue of retail crime, which impacts shoppers, business owners, and workers across our state. Many constituents have expressed concerns about local retailers closing, job losses, and safety. By working together with various stakeholders, we crafted a balanced solution that disrupts retail crime rings while maintaining crucial criminal justice reforms. This law is a significant step toward making our communities safer and stronger."

In January, Governor Newsom called on lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to enact robust laws to better assist law enforcement and prosecutors in safeguarding communities and holding criminals accountable. On Aug. 16, Governor Newsom signed 10 new public safety laws to strengthen California's existing law enforcement tools and better protect Californians.

### Why It Matters

The laws offer new tools to bolster ongoing efforts to hold criminals accountable for smash-and-grab robberies, property crime, retail theft, and auto burglaries. While California's crime rate remains near historic lows, these laws help California adapt to evolving criminal tactics to ensure perpetrators are effectively held accountable.

### What These New Laws Do:

Cracks down on the theft and sale of stolen items: Creates

stricter penalties for individuals involved in retail and property theft, mandates sentencing enhancements for large-scale operations, and creates new crimes — imposing enhanced felony charges and extended prison sentences.

Increases enforcement and prosecutions: Bolsters existing laws to ensure police can arrest retail theft suspects with probable cause — even if they didn't witness a crime in progress.

Combines values to meet felony thresholds: Permits the aggregation of stolen goods, enabling prosecutors to combine the value of multiple stolen items — even across different victims and counties — to help meet the threshold for felony grand theft.

Targets smash-and grabs: Creates new penalties for criminals who damage businesses and property in the course of theft.

Fights car break-ins and theft: Adds new and increased penalties for possession of items stolen from a vehicle with intent to resell, and allows prosecution of automotive property thefts, regardless of whether the vehicle was locked.

Eliminates retail theft sunset provisions: Maintains important organized retail crime statutes and task forces to protect communities. The organized retail law, which has been effectively used by CHP and others in the Organized Retail Crime Task Force, would have expired on Jan. 1, 2026.

California law provides existing robust tools for law enforcement and prosecutors to arrest and charge suspects involved in organized retail crime — including up to three years of jail time for organized retail theft. The state has the 10th toughest threshold nationally for prosecutors to charge suspects with a felony, \$950. 40 other states — including Texas (\$2,500), Alabama (\$1,500), and Mississippi (\$1,000) — require higher dollar amounts for suspects to be charged with a felony.

The Aug. 16 signing includes the enactment of following



Governor Newsom signs 10 bills on Aug. 16 that implement a crackdown on retail theft. Photo courtesy of the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

measures that will help strengthen California's existing laws:

AB 1779 by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin — Theft: jurisdiction

AB 1802 by Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer — Crimes: organized theft

AB 1972 by Assemblymember Juan Alanis — Regional property crimes task force

AB 2943 by Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas — Crimes: shoplifting

AB 3209 by Assemblymember Marc Berman — Crimes: theft: retail theft restraining orders

SB 905 by Senator Scott Wiener — Crimes: theft from a vehicle

SB 982 by Senator Aisha Wahab — Crimes: organized theft

SB 1144 by Senator Nancy Skinner — Marketplaces: online marketplaces

SB 1242 by Senator Dave Min — Crimes: fires

SB 1416 by Senator Josh Newman — Sentencing enhancements: sale, exchange, or return of stolen property

While not included in the Aug. 16 announcement, Governor Newsom is also expected to soon sign AB 1960 by Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas.

### Local support to fight organized retail crime

Governor Newsom has invested \$1.1 billion since 2019 to fight crime, help local governments

hire more police, and improve public safety. Today's action builds on the Governor's Real Public Safety Plan — which focuses on strengthening local law enforcement response, ensuring perpetrators are held accountable, and getting guns and drugs off our streets, including by deployment of California Highway Patrol to hot spots including Oakland, Bakersfield, and San Francisco.

As part of the state's largest-ever investment to combat organized retail crime, Governor Newsom announced last year the state distributed \$267 million to 55 communities to help local communities combat organized retail crime. These funds have enabled cities and counties to hire more police, make more arrests, and secure more felony charges against suspects.

### Statewide efforts targeting retail theft and organized crime

Last year, the California Highway Patrol reported an annual 310% increase in proactive operations targeting organized retail crime, and special operations across the state to fight crime and improve public safety. And since January 2024, CHP's Organized Retail Crime Task Force is on track to surpass the work in 2023, making 884 arrests and recovering more than a quarter of a million stolen goods valued at over \$7.2 million. ★

## MEMORIAL

### DOUGLAS STANLEY RUDD • 12/21/1959 – 07/16/2024

It is with deep sorrow that the family of Doug Rudd, 64, announces his death in the early morning of July 16th. Doug was a strong and determined man, but never had a chance to fight the pancreatic cancer that swiftly took his life.

Doug was born to Jean and Gary Rudd on December 21, 1959, in Gridley, California. "The shortest day of the year," he enjoyed saying. He was a proud Gridley Bulldog and an unselfish and fun-loving athlete. "A one in a million kid," his beloved football coach still says. In 1978, Doug attended Cal Poly, SLO, pledged the Chi Chapter of the AGR agricultural fraternity, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanized agriculture, returning home to farm with his dad. It was all he ever wanted to do. Doug was a hard worker who others loved to work with. He had a kind and generous heart, and he loved the land and his family, a dedicated son and brother.

Doug married his high school sweetheart Laura on July 25, 1981, and for 43 years they had a wonderful life together. He was a loving and devoted husband and father who was deeply proud of their children. There was great joy in being a grandfather.

Doug found the time needed to make a difference in his community over the years. He was a Little



League coach, a founding member of the Gridley chapter of California Waterfowl Association, and an early board member of Gridley Education Foundation, retiring in 2018. He was a 1997 graduate of Agricultural Leadership Foundation Class 26, and past Butte County Farm Bureau president. Doug joined the board of Red Top Rice Growers in 1995, serving as secretary-treasurer for 17 years before becoming its president in 2017, the position he held at the time of his death. In all that he did, Doug was a problem solver who served with humility, integrity, and common sense. He cared about doing the right thing for the right reasons.

Doug was a faithful friend. A longtime member of both the Moose Lodge and the Monday Night Football club, he was always ready to lend a hand, especially if cooking was required. Doug was a good cook and an avid outdoorsman. He opened the Shovellers duck club, managing it for 40 years and hosting many traditional

hunts and good meals.

Doug is survived by Laura and their children, Shelley (Clayton Sakoda), Steven (Kelly), and Julie (Curtis Travioli), and his grandchildren Sophie and Theo Sakoda, and Quinn, Myer, and Hank Douglas Travioli. He is also survived by his parents and brothers, David, Drew and Denny, and their families.

Doug's family wishes to sincerely thank Angee and Kim from Colusa Medical Center Hospice for the care they so warmly gave Doug. Even in the last weeks of his life, Doug charmed people wherever he went, with a twinkle in his eyes and kind and observational humor. Smile when you think of Doug. He will be forever loved and missed beyond measure. Interment service will be held at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery gazebo on Friday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. His life will be celebrated afterward on the family ranch where he lived, beginning at noon.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

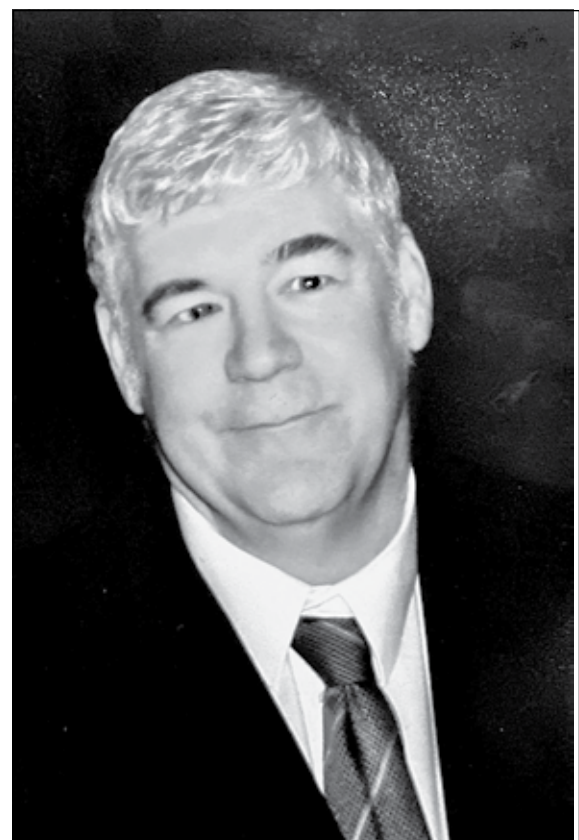
## MEMORIAL

### MARTIN JESSE MCGILVRAY • 8/28/1953 – 8/14/2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Martin Jesse McGilvray, who left us peacefully on August 14, 2024, at the age of 70. Marty was born on August 28, 1953, in Santa Rosa, California, and spent his life surrounded by love and faith.

Marty is survived by his devoted wife of 48 years, Clara Jane McGilvray, whom he married on May 28, 1976. Together, they built a family filled with love and laughter, and they were blessed with five children: Jordan (Melissa) McGilvray, Mack (Mandi) McGilvray, Angie (Tim) Webb, Mary (Eddy) Roberts, and the late Henry Jedidiah McGilvray. Marty's legacy also includes 18 cherished grandchildren, who brought him immense joy and pride. He is also survived by his brother Michael Durrant and many other family members who will miss him dearly. Marty was preceded in death by his son Henry Jedidiah McGilvray, his mother Hilda Ruth Nevers, his father Orval McGilvray, and his brother Russell McGilvray.

In his youth, Marty was known for his athletic prowess as a heavyweight wrestler and football player. His dedication to



his faith was exemplified by his two-year mission to Denver, Colorado, for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His commitment to service continued throughout his life.

For 27 years, Marty worked as a systems software specialist for the State of California, where he was respected and valued for his expertise and dedication. Despite facing significant health challenges in recent years, Marty's spirit remained unyielding, and he faced each day with courage and grace.

Marty's family

remembers him as a loving father and husband who inspired those around him with his strength, kindness, and unwavering faith. He will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service to honor Marty's life and legacy will be held August 23rd, 10am at 400 Spruce St. Gridley CA.

Rest in peace, dear Marty. Your love and spirit will live on in the hearts of your family and all who were blessed to know you.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

# Californians: Your Rent May Go Up Because of Rising Insurance Rates

By Levi Sumagaysay  
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**CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - Like single-family homeowners in California, landlords are facing higher insurance premiums, too. And they're passing along some of those costs to their tenants.

Many insurance companies have stopped writing policies in the state because of increased wildfire risks, but that's not the only reason. They say in the case of any catastrophe, the potential costs of replacing any residential or commercial property, from labor to material costs, is just plain more expensive now. So even owners of properties in areas that are not at high risk for wildfires have had their policies canceled because their buildings may need repairs or improvements. Landlords are having to find other insurers, or having to turn to the ever-growing and more expensive FAIR Plan, the insurance industry-run plan that is mandated under California law to be the insurer of last resort.

This is where the insurance crisis could worsen the housing crisis, according to some experts. Increased insurance costs for properties other than single-family homes are starting to affect the rental market — in a state where almost half of residents are renters — and could compound the state's housing problems, they say.

Josh Hoover, an insurance broker in the Los Angeles area, handles mostly commercial accounts and said "it's almost impossible" to find coverage for any large structure. In late 2022, Allstate said it would stop writing new property insurance in the state, including commercial policies. Then State Farm, the biggest insurer in the state, recently canceled policies for tens of thousands of homes, residential community associations, business owners and commercial apartment properties.

"Even buildings made in the '80s are now considered old, which is ridiculous," Hoover said. "Most carriers want everything updated in the last 30 years. They want a new roof, electrical redone, plumbing redone — they want you to have copper pipes."

## For Landlords, 'Death by a Thousand Cuts'

Earlier this year, Farmers canceled the policy on a 33-unit apartment building



A rental sign in front of an apartment complex in Tower District in Fresno on July 27, 2023. Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/Catchlight Local

in San Bernardino that was built in the 1960s, said its co-owner, Uwe Karbenk. Karbenk found an out-of-state insurer instead of going with the more expensive FAIR Plan, but his premium has still increased by \$28,000 to more than \$41,000 a year.

Combined with state laws that limit how much he is allowed to raise the rent each year — 5% plus inflation, or up to 10% in some cases, with possibly other rent-control measures on the way — Karbenk said being a landlord in California is "a little bit like death by a thousand cuts." He added that if his profit margin continues to shrink, he would rather invest in something else besides real estate.

"One of these measures, it's not a big deal," Karbenk said. "But over the years, it's really difficult for mom-and-pops."

Mike Placido and his wife are definitely a mom-and-pop. They own two rental properties, a four-unit building in San Gabriel and a duplex in Alhambra. He said they bought the properties as a way to supplement their retirement income when the time comes in a few years.

When State Farm canceled the policy on their San Gabriel property, Placido got a quote from the FAIR Plan for \$8,600, much higher than their old \$2,600 premium. Instead, he was able to cobble together three different policies from a Florida-based insurer to get the coverage the old policy provided for \$6,500, a 150% increase. So he said he plans to raise rents in January.

"It's not like I'm some land baron," Placido said.

"I'll pass along as much as I possibly can, as much as the market can bear, and I'll shoulder the rest. I have no choice."

## Yet Another Worry for Renters

About 44% of Californians are renters, according to the U.S. Census. The median monthly rent in the state is \$2,850, a third higher than the national figure, according to online real estate marketer Zillow. About 30% of the state's renters are considered severely cost-burdened, meaning they spend at least half of their income on housing, according to an analysis by the Public Policy Institute of California. Now their rents could rise to even more burdensome levels.

Shanti Singh, legislative director for statewide renters' rights organization Tenants Together, said "it's still kind of an unknown how common it is" that tenants' rents are rising along with insurance costs, partly because not all landlords say why they're raising rents.

"It depends on the landlords," Singh said. "Some are transparent; a lot of them aren't."

Any significant rent increases have not yet shown up in Zillow's data, which shows California's median rent is actually down about \$100 compared with last year, though it has climbed higher since the beginning of the year.

In the Bay Area, two renters who didn't want to be named out of fear of retaliation from their landlord said the rents at their live-work complex jumped earlier this year, and the reason was spelled out to them in an email that had

"insurance costs" in the subject line.

Singh said she fears things will only get worse for renters as the effects of climate change, such as wildfires, continue to weigh on the affordability of insurance, and in turn, housing.

"Tenants are going to have the least recourse," Singh said. They "always

uninhabitable and uninsurable — whichever comes first.

Sarah Karlinsky, director of research at the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley, said the lack of enough housing within already developed cities means more building "at the fringe of regions, in places that are more dangerous,"

climate change make it more important than ever for renters to have their own insurance, said Emily Rogan, senior program officer for United Policyholders, a consumer advocacy group.

Renters insurance would cover the costs for tenants to stay "somewhere else as you figure out where to live in case of a severe weather event," Rogan said.

## Effects on Commercial Properties and Businesses

Small businesses that rent their space will be affected by their landlords' rising premiums, too.

John Reed owns a mixed-use commercial property in Oakhurst, outside Yosemite — an area that has seen its share of fires in the past several years. Last year, his fire insurance cost about \$2,800, but Berkshire Hathaway canceled his policy. He got three different quotes from the FAIR Plan, with the highest being \$24,000. Then, he found a plan from Lloyd's of London for about \$14,000.

Reed said he will have



Mike Placido stands in front of a four-unit rental property that he and his wife own and manage in San Gabriel on Aug. 12. Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

end up bearing a disproportionate brunt of what they can afford."

## Housing and Climate Change

Singh and others who deal with California's lack of affordable housing expressed concern about whether certain parts of the state will eventually be

also known as the wildland urban interface, or the WUI, in wildfire speak.

"If we don't want to continue down this road, we have to fundamentally rethink our development patterns," Karlinsky added.

Laurie Johnson, an urban planner and former chief catastrophe response and resiliency officer for the California Earthquake Authority, pointed out that some property owners in the state who own their buildings and have no mortgages might choose not to insure their properties because of the rising costs. That's worrisome, she said.

"It feels like we want to keep our multifamily stock insured and don't want to take the risk of losing it," Johnson said. Hoover, the insurance broker, agreed and said he has had some clients tell him they plan to forgo insurance.

Johnson added that just as jurisdictions have been requiring seismic retrofitting in case of earthquakes, protection against fires and other catastrophes — and the ability to replace whatever might be lost — is vital: "You would be displacing so many people."

The growing risks of

to pass on his increased costs to his six tenants. "As a landlord, I can't hit them with the whole burden all at once," he said. "If I'm able to afford it, I will try to spread that out over a two- or three-year period."

California's insurance commissioner, Ricardo Lara, has unveiled a multi-part plan to address the state's insurance woes, mainly focused on wildfires. For example, insurers will be allowed to use catastrophe models if they agree to write policies in certain areas of the state. But Insurance Department spokesperson Michael Soller pointed out that Lara also recently announced a deal with the FAIR Plan that creates a high-value commercial coverage option.

"The reforms will have broad benefits for the availability of insurance," Soller said.

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Pictured here are houses in San Francisco on July 12, 2023. Photo by Samantha Norris, CalMatters

# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Congratulations to Kings standout De'Aaron Fox and his wife Recee! Their young family has recently added a baby girl, and on behalf of all Kings fans I want to say a hearty congratulations to you both.

Many Kings fans have enjoyed watching Recee and baby Reign the past season, as they sit courtside and root on De'Aaron and the Kings nightly.

As an NBA veteran and former all-star, I fully expect De'Aaron to have another all-star season this year, and with the added presence of DeMar DeRozan, Fox could potentially have his best year yet.

Many believe with De'Aaron's improved three-point shooting, and his dynamic drives to the hoop, DeRozan's stellar midrange game may give Fox even better looks at the basket.

The same can be said for Keegan Murray, whose three-point shooting fell off a bit after having an eye-popping rookie season.

Teams tightened up the D on Keegan in his sophomore campaign, and the open looks he enjoyed in his rookie season were harder to find last year.

Look for DeRozan to help Keegan get back on track, and I believe every Kings fan is firmly convinced that Keegan's best basketball is still in front of him.

I have listened to NBA pundits that have downgraded the Kings to a 44-win prospect in the coming season, and this writer wonders what these supposed experts are looking at.

I see a 50-plus win team hitting the hardwood for Sacramento this year, and that is without Monte McNair making any further improvements to the roster. McNair has done a yeoman's job as a young GM, and is already developing a reputation as a GM not to be taken lightly.

Not since the Geoff Petrie days have we seen someone in the front office with the acumen that our own Monte McNair has demonstrated. So, take heart Kings fans, because I believe McNair is here for the long haul, and his 13-year stint with the Houston Rockets has proven invaluable to the Kings, as he continues to make prudent moves that are consistently

improving this team.

Many fans criticized choosing another guard in acquiring Devin Carter, but I firmly believe that utilizing the philosophy of choosing the best possible talent, regardless of position, was the correct prescription for the Kings, and just like choosing Keegan Murray two years ago, I believe that young Carter will prove his value in the 2nd half of the 2024/2025 season.

Many believe that the only reason he wasn't taken in the top 10 was due to impending shoulder surgery that has already taken place. Carter's availability looks to be sometime in late January, so his rookie campaign will consist of only half a season. I'm convinced that McNair chose wisely, so working him into the lineup in the all-important drive to the finish could make Devin Carter another fan favorite.

The continued talk is that the Kings still need a power forward to match up with stalwart big man Donatas Sabonis, and there still remains quality players that are on the open market.

One name I haven't heard mentioned is Indiana Pacers small forward Doug McDermott, who may yet be a sleeper that just needs more time on the hardwood.

A playoff team last year and a good one, the Pacers gave McDermott only 14 minutes per game while adding 5.5 points per game each night. McDermott was the 11th pick overall in the 2014 draft, and at 32 years of age could bring a veteran presence to a young Kings roster.

Tobias Harris is more of a household name, and while scoring 17.2 points per game for the 76ers last season, has scored 20 or more for the season twice in his 9-year career, and would also fit nicely into the Sacramento lineup.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because the roster for the upcoming season is not yet cast in stone, and just one more move could propel this playoff bound team to a place deep in the playoffs!

All the best, and please send your comments to [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★  
*Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com)*

## Mandatory Chronic Wasting Disease Testing Now Required in Four Hunt Zones



Chronic Wasting Disease testing is required in four California hunt zones. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

### California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Archery deer seasons opened throughout most of California on Saturday, Aug. 17, including in four hunt zones – D7, X9a, X9b and X9c – where successful hunters are required to test their animals for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) within 10 days of take.

In response to the recent Chronic Wasting Disease detections in Madera and Inyo counties, the California Fish and Game Commission recently adopted regulations requiring mandatory Chronic Wasting Disease testing in the affected hunt zones to better understand the extent of the current outbreak, to inform decision-makers and to help protect California's deer and elk herds by limiting the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease.

"Hunters in California have always played a vital role in the conservation and health of our deer herds, and we need their help today more than ever to help manage CWD," said Dr. Brandon Munk, senior wildlife veterinarian at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

"We're not only looking for hunters to comply with these sampling requirements in the four affected hunt zones, but we're also asking all hunters to get their deer tested so we can better understand the magnitude of the outbreak we're dealing with."

Mandatory sampling applies to all deer tag holders hunting in the newly designated Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zones, including those with A16, A17, A18, D7, G3, G39, J12, X9a, X9b or X9c deer tags.

### Permissible Chronic Wasting Disease sampling methods include:

Bringing the deer, or just the head, to a California Chronic Wasting Disease sampling station or the California Department of Fish and Wildlife office ([wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Sampling-Station](http://wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Sampling-Station)), bringing the deer head to a participating meat processor or taxidermist ([wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Meat-Processors-Taxidermists](http://wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Meat-Processors-Taxidermists)); or hunters may self-sample their deer and bring the retropharyngeal lymph nodes directly to a California Chronic Wasting Disease sampling station or CDFW office ([wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Sampling-Station](http://wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Sampling-Station)).

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife offers a how-to-video, printable guide and data card for Chronic Wasting Disease sampling, data collection and self-sample submissions on its website ([wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Collect-Submit-Samples](http://wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Collect-Submit-Samples)).

Hunters in the mandatory sampling zones also are required to provide their

name, GO ID, deer tag or document number and harvest location along with their samples.

### Carcass Handling and Movement Guidance

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife asks that California hunters follow best practices for safe carcass handling and movement within these hunt zones. Field dress and leave the internal organs and spinal column at the site the deer was taken. If self-sampling your harvest, remove the skullcap with antlers attached and leave the brain at the site of harvest. Otherwise, bring the intact head to a California Department of Fish and Wildlife office or sampling station for Chronic Wasting Disease testing.

### Checking Test Results for Chronic Wasting Disease

To check test results for your deer, enter your document/tag number in the "Find Your CWD Testing Results" section of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance web pages. Please understand it will take three to five weeks for testing to be completed and results posted.

### Wildfires and Forest Restrictions

Archery deer seasons in California often coincide with peak wildfire threats. Hunters are reminded to research the areas they intend to hunt ahead of time, including checking with the U.S. Forest Service for any restrictions and closures within California's national forests. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Emergency Closures web page provides information on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife lands and facilities that may be closed due to fire, construction or public health concerns.

### Sierra Pacific Industries Closes Public Access to Private Forestlands

Due to the increasing risk of wildfires, Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) closed its California forestlands to public access as of June 28. SPI considers several wildfire risk factors when closing its lands, including increasing temperatures, dry vegetation, low moisture levels in fuels and long-range weather forecasts for the region. The closure will remain in effect until moisture levels and long-range weather forecasts improve. Use of SPI's roads and walk-in access to the company's privately owned lands for recreational purposes is prohibited. Public roads crossing SPI lands are not affected by the closure. ★

## Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

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

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

**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Butte College-Glenn County Center, 1366 Cortina Drive, Orland

### Financial Management Series for Existing Businesses (Orland)

This 4-weeks, 2 hours per week series, sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank, is designed to teach you how to utilize your financial statements to better manage and understand your business operations, cash flow, and profitability. Focus includes: Interpreting and understanding your financial statements (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet) hands-on exercise and case study; Identifying cash flow cycle and how it impacts your business; Learning how to calculate and use financial ratios to troubleshoot fiscal dangers, and analyzing trends to improve business performance; Using financial tools to make good business decisions for effective spending and break-even analysis; Knowing how to think critically when looking at pricing and costs; and Developing forecasts and budgetary tools and techniques to improve profit.

**Date:** Thursday, September 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2024 | **Time:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm

**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Butte College-Glenn County Center, 1366 Cortina Dr., Orland

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

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

**Date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 5:00pm

**Cost:** \$120 per person (includes book); \$80 per person (book not included)

**Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

### Branding Your Business (Oroville)

If you are planning to grow your business, brand clarity is a must! Focusing on your customers and target audience is vital to the success of your branding. We will define the meaning of branding, discuss branding ideas and tips, the difference between branding and marketing, why branding is important to your business and customers, how to create your brand and a branding plan, and how to successfully measure the results.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free | **Location:** The Barrell Room, 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville

### The Basics of Bookkeeping (Paradise)

Learn basic concepts for setting up your bookkeeping and develop an understanding of financial statements to better manage your business. Learn and understand common terms used in bookkeeping so you can converse confidently with lenders, financial advisors, and bookkeepers. Learn key concepts for good record keeping for your business.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Paradise Chamber of Commerce, 6161 Clark Road, Paradise

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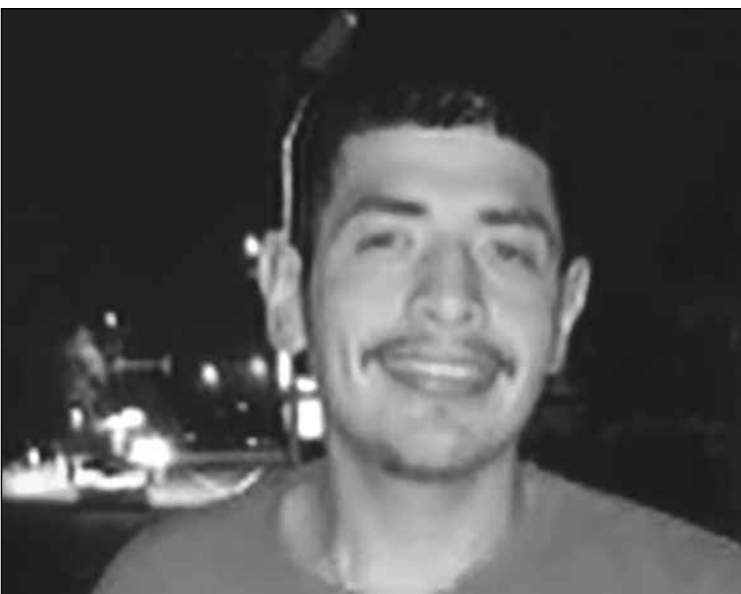
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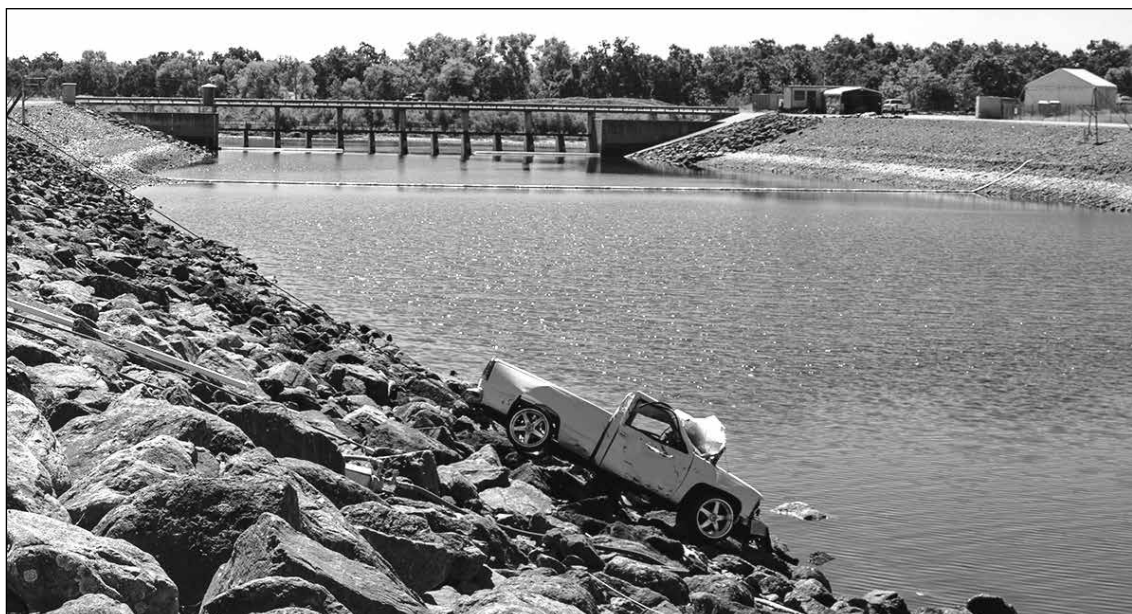
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# Sheriff's Department Searches for Julio Gutierrez



Julio Gutierrez was reported missing by his family Aug. 18. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Butte County Sheriff's Department at 530-538-7322. Photo provided by Butte County Sheriff's Department



Julio Gutierrez's truck is pulled from the waters of the Afterbay Release Station after his truck was discovered submerged. The driver has not yet been located. Photo by Will Sheffield

## Butte County Sheriff's Department News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On Aug. 18, at approximately 2:41 a.m., family members of Julio Gutierrez, 22, reported him missing. Deputies started an investigation and determined Gutierrez did not return home

after attending an event in Biggs.

During the investigation, evidence of a traffic collision was located on Larkin Road, near the Afterbay Release Station. Deputies were concerned that the vehicle involved in the traffic collision left the roadway and was possibly submerged in

the water. Officers from CHP responded and conducted a traffic collision investigation.

Butte County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue personnel responded and assisted in the recovery of a submerged vehicle. Deputies determined the vehicle belonged to Gutierrez.

Gutierrez was not inside the vehicle. Deputies and search and rescue personnel are actively searching for Gutierrez.

Search efforts continued Aug. 19 for Gutierrez. A Butte County Sheriff's Department detective and pilot searched the area by air and search and

rescue teams will search the water again, as of press time. Gutierrez is described as a Hispanic male adult, 5'8" tall, weighing 170 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Butte County Sheriff's Department at 530-538-7322. ★

# Chico Woman Arraigned for Shooting CPD Officer During Standoff

## Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - A Chico woman was in Butte County Superior Court on Aug. 15 to enter a plea to charges of assault with a firearm on a peace officer and negligent discharge of a firearm.

Sharna Christie Potter, 36, of Chico, pleaded not guilty to counts of assault with a firearm on a peace officer and negligent discharge of a firearm and denied a special allegation of personal and intentional discharge of a firearm. Immediately after entering her pleas and denial, Potter's public defender expressed a doubt as to Potter's present mental capacity. The judge suspended the criminal proceedings and appointed a psychologist to examine Potter.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey stated that Potter was arrested on Saturday morning, Aug. 10 after a 10-hour standoff with Chico Police that started the night before.

According to Ramsey, at approximately 10:15 p.m. on Aug. 9, Chico Police received multiple 911 calls from residents

in the area of the 3100 block of Rogue River Drive in Chico, who had heard multiple gunshots in the neighborhood. Chico Police immediately responded to investigate and canvassed the neighborhood for possible victims and witnesses. During the canvass, officers contacted Potter at the front door of her home. The District Attorney's Office said that Potter told officers she was the person who had fired the shots but declined to provide any more information. She then retreated into the residence and closed the door. Attempts to further communicate with Potter were ineffective.

Officers surrounded the residence to safely contain Potter until the Chico Police Department Crisis Response Unit could be called to the scene and the surrounding neighbors could be safely evacuated. Once the Crisis Response Unit arrived, a trained crisis negotiator attempted for several hours to communicate with Potter. On multiple occasions, the District Attorney's Office said, officers observed Potter looking out through windows and occasionally yelling at the officers but she refused to further

communicate or exit the residence. On at least one occasion, it was reported, an officer observed Potter holding a handgun as she peered out the window.

During the initial hours of the standoff, Chico Police Department detectives worked with an on-call Butte County deputy district attorney to obtain an arrest warrant for Potter and a search warrant for the residence.

After the standoff had lasted approximately seven hours, Chico Police inserted pepper gas into Potter's house in an attempt to get Potter to exit. A short time later, Potter fired two shots from a handgun toward the Chico Police Department Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV) that was parked in front of her house, according to the District Attorney's Office. Both shots hit the ARV. Shrapnel from one of the bullets deflected off of the ARV and struck a Chico Police detective, causing non-life-threatening injuries.

Potter eventually exited the house and surrendered to Chico Police approximately three hours later, shortly after 8:30 a.m. When she surrendered, it was reported that Potter had a handgun on her person. She

was arrested and booked into the Butte County Jail.

Ramsey said that during her Aug. 15 brief court hearing, Potter was ordered to be removed from the courtroom by the judge because of her repeated verbal outbursts.

Potter is expected to be back in court on Sept. 26 for a Mental Competency Hearing. Before that date, she will meet with a psychologist and be evaluated.

The judge ordered Potter to be held in the Butte County Jail without bail, noting that at the time of the shooting, Potter had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants for her arrest issued last year by the court.

Potter had been charged in two separate cases alleging she had driven under the influence and had previously been convicted of driving under the influence on two prior occasions. Those cases had been suspended last year pending a psychological evaluation of Potter's mental competence to stand trial then. Although Potter submitted to an evaluation by a psychologist, she failed to return to court for her competency hearing and had been a fugitive since December 2023. ★

# Man Pleads to Attempted Murder

## Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - A Chico man was in Butte County Superior Court on Aug. 14, where he admitted to breaking into homes in Chico where one resident was present and stabbing that resident repeatedly.

Raphael Santa Evans, 39, of Chico, pleaded no contest to attempted murder and a count of first-degree residential burglary.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the Feb. 24 stabbing occurred at approximately 8 p.m. when the male resident of one side of a duplex on Fair Oaks Circle was in the shower. It was

reported that Evans broke through the home's front door and then through the bathroom door, stabbing the 47-year-old male victim with scissors.

The victim wrestled the scissors away from Evans but Evans used a ceramic toilet lid from the bathroom to beat the victim, breaking the lid. Evans then allegedly picked up a subwoofer from the living room and began beating the victim again. The brutal beating ended only when Evans noticed officers arriving.

At that point, a blood-covered Evans burst out of the victim's residence charging toward the officers but was safely detained. The victim was taken to the hospital with

several life-threatening stab wounds. He underwent emergency treatment and was kept for six days in the hospital before being released.

Ramsey said surveillance videos showed Evans breaking into the unoccupied side of the victim's duplex and stealing the scissors minutes before attacking the victim on the other side of the duplex. This was the first-degree residential burglary to which Evans pleaded no contest.

For the attempted murder, Ramsey said Evans faces seven years to life in prison in addition to a maximum of six years for the first-degree burglary. He remains in jail on a no-bail hold until his sentencing on Sept. 11. ★

# Chico Woman Pleads in Death of One-Year-Old Child

## Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - A Chico woman appeared in Butte County Superior Court Aug. 15 regarding the fentanyl overdose death of her infant boy. Christy Ann Scarbrough, 40, appeared in Butte County Superior Court that morning and entered a no contest plea to a felony count of child abuse. She also admitted that she permitted the child to suffer unjustifiable pain that ultimately resulted in the infant's death.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Scarbrough found the boy face down in his crib on the night of July 6, 2023, the boy's first birthday. The child was blue and unresponsive. She took him to Enloe Hospital, where he was ultimately pronounced dead.

An investigation by Chico Police revealed there was a straw in the baby's

crib that tested positive for fentanyl. An extensive investigation followed by the police and District Attorney's Office including an autopsy that showed an extraordinarily high amount of fentanyl in the infant's gastric acid, indicating the baby ingested the fentanyl.

Ramsey said Scarbrough is an admitted fentanyl user. The use of a straw is a common method of adult ingestion of fentanyl, a powerful opioid.

Scarbrough was previously convicted of child abuse in 2013 and sentenced to prison when her then seven-week-old daughter tested positive for methamphetamine. That child did not suffer great bodily injury and was removed from Scarbrough.

Scarbrough is being held without bail and is due to return to court at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 12 for sentencing. She faces up to 10 years in state prison. ★

# Four Arrested During Stolen Boat Investigation

## Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On July 3, a victim contacted the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and reported his boat and several other items of property had been stolen from his residence outside Chico. Based on video surveillance, Butte County Sheriff's Office deputies determined at least two suspects were involved in the theft.

Deputies identified one of the suspects as Mark Seldon, 47, of Chico. Detectives obtained a felony arrest warrant for Seldon.

Detectives contacted Seldon on Aug. 7 and placed him under arrest. During his arrest, detectives located ammunition and evidence related to the boat theft. Seldon was booked into the Butte County Jail for a felony count of possession of ammunition by a prohibited person, and for a felony count of taking a boat without the owner's consent.

On Aug. 12, the Tehama County Sheriff's Office located the stolen boat. The boat had been dumped in an orchard in the Vina area. Detectives responded and determined the engines and several other parts had been removed from the boat.

Detectives identified two other suspects as James Procarione, 36, of Red Bluff, and Joseph Wright, 40, of Chico. On the night of Aug. 15, detectives contacted Procarione at a residence in Red Bluff. During the contact, detectives located a part from the stolen boat. Detectives also located evidence giving them cause to say Procarione was involved in the theft at the victim's residence. Procarione was booked into the Butte County Jail for multiple charges, including a felony count of grand theft and for a felony count of taking a

boat without the owner's consent.

During Procarione's arrest, detectives located evidence giving them cause to say the engines from the boat had been removed at Wright's residence, according to the Sheriff's Office. On Aug. 16, detectives obtained a search warrant for Wright's residence, which is located in the 16000 block of Highway 99, Chico.

During the service of the search warrant, detectives contacted Wright and Michelle Mills, 35, of Chico.

Detectives located numerous evidence items to include parts from the stolen boat,

methamphetamine and a shotgun. Wright was booked into the Butte County Jail for multiple charges, including a felony count of taking a boat without the owner's consent and for a felony count of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm. Mills was booked into the Butte County Jail for a felony count of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office encourages anyone with additional information to contact Detective Casey Whitney or Detective Mike Worch at 530-538-7322. ★

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Date filed in Butte County: August 1, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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APPRAISE 8-30-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000578**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Javi's Toilet Rentals, 1369 Larkin Road, Gridley, CA 95948  
Javier Rodriguez, 1369 Larkin Road, Gridley, 95948  
Date filed in Butte County: July 26, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 26, 2024

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JAVIS 8-30-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000615**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Austen Marie, 216 Bentwater Loop, Chico, CA 95973  
Amanda M Wycoff, 216 Bentwater Loop, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: August 9, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 1, 2023

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000614**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Campbells First Class Auto Glass, 757 Center Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948  
GlassPro LLC, 757 Center Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948  
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CAMPBELLS 9-13-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000610**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Factory Direct Homes, 13407 Garner Lane, Chico, CA 95973  
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FACTORY 9-13-24

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV02304  
Petitioner Eathan Ritter filed

a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Eathan Ritter to Eathan Rodriguez.

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 September 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on July 29, 2024  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024  
RITTER 8-30-24

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV02403

Petitioner Cody Braxton Earl filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cody Braxton Earl to Cody Braxton Billington-French.

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 October 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on August 14, 2024  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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EARL 9-13-24

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV02402

Petitioner Brannon Leland Earl filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Brannon Leland Earl to Brannon Leland Billington-French.

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 September 25, 2024, 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 July 25, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: August 23, 30, Sept 6, 13, 2024  
FRENCH 9-13-24

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VIRGINIA JANE LO RUSSO**  
CASE NO. 24PR00336

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Virginia Jane Lo Russo.

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: September 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Adele M. Din, Attorney at Law, 1104 Corporate Way, Sacramento, CA 95831; 916-302-2007  
Publish: August 16, 23, 30, 2024  
LORUSSO 8-30-24

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHIRLEY M. ROBERTS AKA SHIRLEY ROBERTS**  
CASE NO. 24PR00347

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Shirley M. Roberts aka Shirley Roberts.

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: September 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

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Publish: August 16, 23, 30, 2024  
ROBERTS 8-30-24

**AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DOROTHY LEE MACK**  
CASE NO. 24PR00351

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

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: September 24, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

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## TRUSTEE SALE

TS No: CA0900068-22-3 APN: 010-310-062-000 TO No: 2459806CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 17, 2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 11, 2024 at 03:30 PM, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse at 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on August 24, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021-0037658, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, executed by PATRICK A BAYNARD, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for LAND HOME FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 250 RANDOLPH AVE, GRIDLEY, CA 95948 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$186,526.45 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business

in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA0900068-22-3. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA0900068-22-3 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: August 6, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA0900068-22-3 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bobbie La Flower, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0463947 To: GRIDLEY HERALD 08/16/2024, 08/23/2024, 08/30/2024  
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APN: 130-290-010-539 TS No: CA05000426-23-2 TO No: 240244008-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided

to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 3, 2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 18, 2024 at 11:00 AM, East Entrance, Plumas County Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on December 6, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018-0006683, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by PATRICK A WHITTEN, AN UNMARRIED MAN, AND TOBI L WHITTEN, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for SUMMIT FUNDING, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 39 GRAEAGLE MEADOWS RD, GRAEAGLE, CA 96103 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$167,491.99 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil

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**SUMMONS (PARENTAGE)**

SUMMONS (PARENTAGE-CUSTODY AND SUPPORT) CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): 24PA00387 NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Megan Jourdain and Joseph Hunter Jourdain YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado, Lea la informacion

a continuacion y yan la pagina siguiente. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: (El NOMBRE DEL DEMANDANTE): Leo Glisic You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call or court appearance will not protect you. Usted tiene 30 DIAS CALENDARIO después de que se le presente esta Citación y Petición para presentar una respuesta (formulario FL-120) en el tribunal y tener una copia notificada al peticionario. Una carta, llamada telefónica o comparecencia ante el tribunal no lo protegerá. If you do not file your response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, el tribunal puede hacer órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. Es posible que se le ordene pagar la manutención y los honorarios y costos de los abogados. For legal advice contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org) or by contacting your local county bar association. Para obtener asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto con un abogado de inmediato. Obtenga ayuda para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Autoayuda en Línea de los Tribunales de California (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), en el sitio web de Servicios Legales de

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y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es): Robert A. Goodman, 1300 Clay Street, Suite 600, Oakland, CA 94612; 510-987-7800 Date: (Fecha) 3-15-2024 By: Sharif Elmallah, Clerk of Court Deputy STANDARD RESTRAINING ORDER (Parentage – Custody and Support) ORDEN DE RESTRICCIÓN ESTANDAR (Paternidad – Custodia y Manutención) Starting immediately, you and every other party are restrained from removing from the state, or applying for a passport for, the minor child or children without the prior written consent of every other party or an order of the court. This restraining order takes effect against the petitioner when he or she files the petition and against the respondent when he or she is personally served with the Summons and Petition OR when he or she waives and accepts service. This restraining order remains in effect until the judgment is entered, the petition is dismissed, or the court makes other orders. This order is enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received a copy of it. En forma inmediata, usted y cada otra parte tienen prohibido llevarse del estado a los hijos menores para quienes esta acción judicial procura establecer una orden entre hijos y padres o una orden de custodia, ni pueden solicitar un pasaporte para los mismos, sin el consentimiento previo por escrito de cada otra parte o sin una orden de la corte. Esta orden de restricción entrara en vigencia para

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Keep in mind that in business, retained earnings are used for more than just emergencies. They're also for buying more land, equipment and anything else that'll grow your operation. But you always want a pad in there. What if you have an unusual year, and your

budget estimates are way off? It could be unexpected expenditures, or the fact you simply had a bad year. In business, that's an emergency, and you'd take that out of retained earnings.

Doing a budget, whether it's in business or personal finance, gets easier and more accurate with time and practice. You won't get everything right the first couple of tries, but with a little time and experience your budgeting skills and estimates will become more accurate.

I hope this helps, Thomas. Thanks for all your hard work!

—Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author; personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more.* ★

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Update on the Toad front. A friend has toads she wants removed. She even knows the location of the burrow. These are big toads. So, on toad safari I will go. I think I will wear gloves in case they decide to pee on me. Some amphibians can carry salmonella so erring on the side of caution is always

good. I'm going to read a little to see if there are suggestions for toad capture. This is making me so joyful!

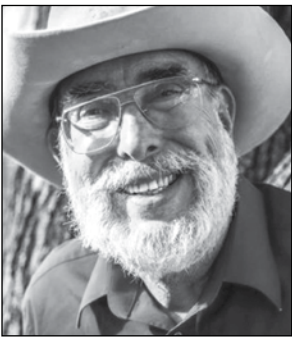
Here we are almost the end of August. More normal summer weather, which is good. Since we've passed Mid-Summer and the harvest is starting in earnest, it is also time to plant fall/winter crops. We are fortunate to be able to grow vegetables all year. Be sure to rotate what you plant to a new site and give everything either a boost of compost or some mild fertilizer. This time of the year I fertilize for blooms for next year and fruit for next year. If you have fruit on trees at this time wait until it is off to fertilize. I also top off soil thinly

either with compost or new soil.

The O Henry peaches are ripening. They are a worth the wait. So juicy and delicious. The table grapes put on a second batch and they will be ready soon. There are more starting to develop. We will see if a third crop will be harvested. I grow them vertically. I removed lower vines this year and I regularly cut back the long vines. Removing the lower vines maybe contributed to the multiple harvest, just a guess. I picked one green apple from my newly planted column apple tree. I knew apple trees can be problematic in the area but I'm trying anyway. Go out and try to see the Perseids meteor shower. ★



## Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

### "Slim," he said, "Never Hit a Critic"

world would be to write a boring biography of Max Evans.

So many years later, after countless lunch interviews and little expeditions here and there with Max, I finished his biography, "O! Max Evans, the First Thousand Years." It isn't boring.

Max had grown up in a small town in Texas called Ropes. I visited the town once and saw where his grandfather's store had been and saw the house he grew up in and was told his little brother is still buried in the backyard in an unmarked grave.

Nothing evil, just another issue people in those days of covered wagons, cattle drives and wind had to face. They were tough people and it was a tough life.

Max fit right in.

He went from cowboy-ing to painting pictures to writing some of the best literature about life in the West that's ever been seen. He was tough. Hitler tried to kill him on D Day plus one when Max was "blown up" by one of Adolf's railroad

guns. Max survived. It killed everyone else in the outfit.

But survive? Oh yes. He had an inner-ear balance problem because of it for the rest of his life. Right up until two days before his 96th birthday. That was right in the middle of the pandemic, so we couldn't even gather for a farewell lunch or sacred words, or to have one of us bring a bottle of something.

To sum up what this old cowboy curmudgeon with an honorary doctorate in literature meant to me ... he was another member of my family. After three years working on his bio, I was wrapping it up and finally about to write the darn thing.

"So Max," said I, "do you have any advice for beginning writers?"

He looked across the table at me without any sign of a smile.

"Slim," he said, "never hit a critic."

"O! Max Evans: The First Thousand Years" is available from the University of New Mexico Press. UNMpress.com. ★

### Walnut Sector Faces Slow Recovery, as Growers Pull Less-Productive Trees

With more California walnut orchards being removed, the outlook for the industry is expected to improve as growers try to balance supply and demand. But such efforts alone will not be enough to put them on a fast track to market recovery and profitability. A report by RaboResearch Food and Agribusiness says walnut production may not decline as fast as acreage because growers are taking out older, less-productive trees and "heritage" varieties that are also lower yielding. Growers are also removing orchards with poor water availability or soil quality.

### State Pesticide Regulators Get Funding Infusion From New Mill Tax

Guided by a plan that prioritizes new pest management approaches and a goal to eliminate high-risk pesticides by 2050, state Department of Pesticide Regulation Director Julie Henderson outlined priorities now being supported by a \$34 million revenue boost from raising the mill assessment on pesticide sales. Annual increases in the mill assessment—a fee that farmers pay when they purchase pesticides—went into effect in July. Henderson said the mill assessment increase will support Sustainable Pest Management initiatives and add 117 new positions.

### Farm Leaders Sound Alarm Over Increasing Economic Pressures

With some of the state's major agricultural commodities struggling and farmers and ranchers facing increasing economic and regulatory pressures, California farm leaders say the industry will continue to lose farms as more are squeezed out and few people enter the business. In a meeting last week of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, farmers and farm advocates representing specialty crops, winegrapes, cattle and dairy voiced their concerns about problems vexing the industry. Agricultural leaders warned of more consolidation and fewer farms.

### Red Leaf Blotch Disease Found in California Almond Orchards

University of California plant pathologists have confirmed red leaf blotch disease in almonds for the first time in the state. The disease surfaced in May when a UC orchard crops advisor found unusual leaf symptoms in an almond orchard straddling the Merced-Madera county line. Infected leaves on the non-pareil, Monterey and Fritz varieties had yellow spots with orange to dark red-brown centers. The disease has been found to date in Madera, Merced, San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties. Officials say it likely entered the state on imported plant material. ★

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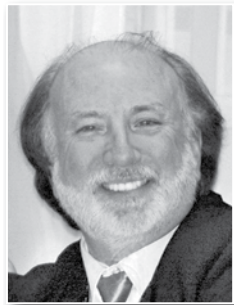
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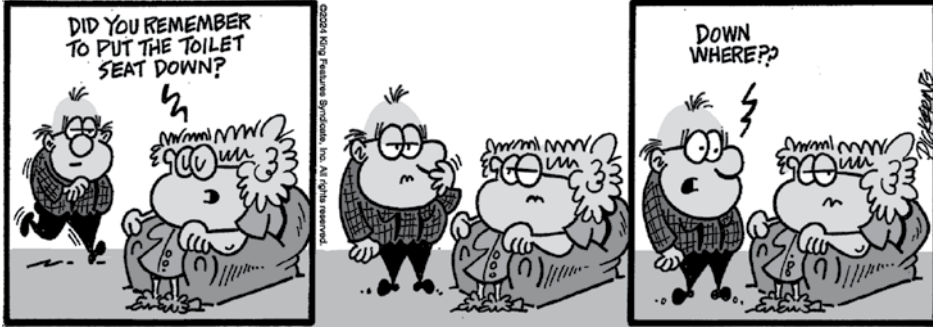
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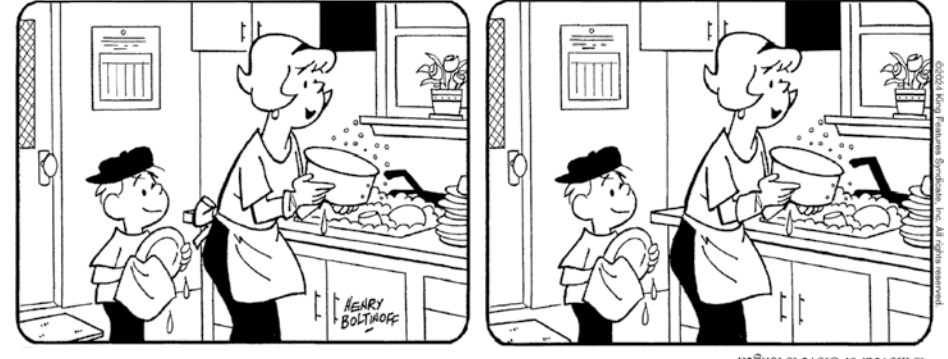
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  - Painter Chagall
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  - Spanish earthen pot
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## Thompson Fire Escapee Pleads Guilty

**Butte County District Attorney's Press Release**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - An Oroville man, who was arrested after being found illegally wandering within the closed area of the Thompson Fire and then escaped while handcuffed, pleaded guilty to nine separate charges Aug 7 in Butte County Superior Court.

Zackary Mason Elliott, 22, of Oroville, pleaded guilty to charges including escaping from custody, evading a peace officer while driving recklessly, providing a false name, resisting an officer, theft (of handcuffs), vandalism and drug possession charges. The charge of reckless driving to escape the police carries a potential sentence of three years in state prison, while the rest of the charges are misdemeanors.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on July 3, 2024, at approximately 2:15 a.m., in the east Oroville area where California State Fish and Wildlife wardens were patrolling areas that were under mandatory evacuation orders at the time due to the Thompson Fire which had begun the day before. The wardens were part of a large contingent of local and out-of-area officers helping keep the area residences safe from potential looters.

Ramsey said while manning a road closure on Oro Dam Boulevard East near Glen Drive, the wardens noticed a vehicle approaching from within a closed area, however, the vehicle rapidly

turned around and sped away when it got close to the roadblock. A Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant pursued the vehicle and stopped it for traffic violations near Pine Oaks Road. Elliott, the driver and only occupant, attempted to explain his presence in the closed evacuation zone at 2:15 a.m. as wanting to visit his grandmother, but he could not provide her name, address, or contact information.

Initially, Elliott provided a false name, which he ultimately admitted was because he had warrants for his arrest from Southern California for theft. The lieutenant arrested Elliott on the warrants and placed him in handcuffs. Elliott was in the process of being placed in a patrol car when another unrelated vehicle pulled up and the occupants began to aggressively argue with a nearby Butte County Sheriff's Deputy. That confrontation became physical due to the actions of the other driver and the lieutenant and other wardens moved to assist the deputy.

In the confusion, Elliott was able to slip the cuffs to the front of his body and run to his car. He jumped in and sped away, pursued by the lieutenant's vehicle. Elliott fled at speeds exceeding 100 mph on Oro Dam Boulevard East heading into downtown Oroville. He then drove through two additional roadblocks, causing Butte County Public Works employees, who were manning them, to quickly move out of the way. Due to Elliott's extremely dangerous driving, the decision was made to cease the pursuit for public safety.

Ramsey said for the next week, state wardens, along with the District Attorney's Office, worked to locate Elliott who was now an escaped prisoner and get him safely back into custody.

Investigators eventually discovered Elliott had gone out of county for work and would likely be returning to Butte County on July 12. When Elliott returned, his car was met at the county line by three California Highway Patrol vehicles along with three Fish and Wildlife vehicles. Elliott's car was boxed in and Elliott was taken into custody.

In Elliott's car officers located methamphetamine and a pipe. Elliott admitted to his escape and described how he had cut off the handcuffs and stashed them at a friend's property. Wardens responded to that location and discovered the handcuffs, cut open and in two pieces, hidden in a speaker box in the yard.

Elliott's girlfriend, Elizabeth Fay Egger, 24, also of Oroville, was also later located and arrested that same day for aiding a fugitive after it was discovered she knew Elliott had escaped, drove him out of the county and allowed him to use her car. Egger will next appear in court on Aug 28 at 8:30 a.m. to set a date for her preliminary hearing.

As a result of his pleas, Elliott faces up to three years in state prison on the evading felony charge and several years in county jail on the misdemeanors when he next appears in court on Sept 4, at 9:30 a.m. Elliott remains in custody without bail pending sentencing. ★

## Butte College Foundation Awards 200 Scholarships



Scholarship recipients celebrate their achievements. Photo courtesy of Butte-Glenn Community College District

**Butte-Glenn Community College District News Release**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On Saturday, Aug. 17, Butte College presented over 200 scholarships totaling nearly \$200,000 at its annual Scholarship Awards brunch. The event, hosted by the Butte College Foundation, honored students from diverse backgrounds. Scholarships are awarded on several criteria including financial need, academic achievement, civic engagement and chosen areas of study.

In addition to the awards distributed during the brunch, the foundation presents scholarships to students in the law enforcement, fire, and state parks academies during their commencement ceremonies. It also collaborates with the local community to distribute another \$200,000 in external scholarships. In total, the foundation provides scholarships to more than

500 students annually, helping them further their education and careers.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to impact this many students and thankful to our donors who make these scholarships possible," said Linda Zorn, interim executive director of the Butte College Foundation.

The Butte College Foundation scholarship application opens each February and is available to all incoming, current and returning Butte College students, including high school seniors. The foundation supports the advancement of Butte College students, programs and staff through grants, endowments, donations and scholarships. To donate to an existing scholarship, visit [butte.edu/give](http://butte.edu/give). If you would like more information on ways to give, contact the Butte College Foundation at (530) 895-2359 or [foundation@butte.edu](mailto:foundation@butte.edu). ★

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### Vehicle Fires

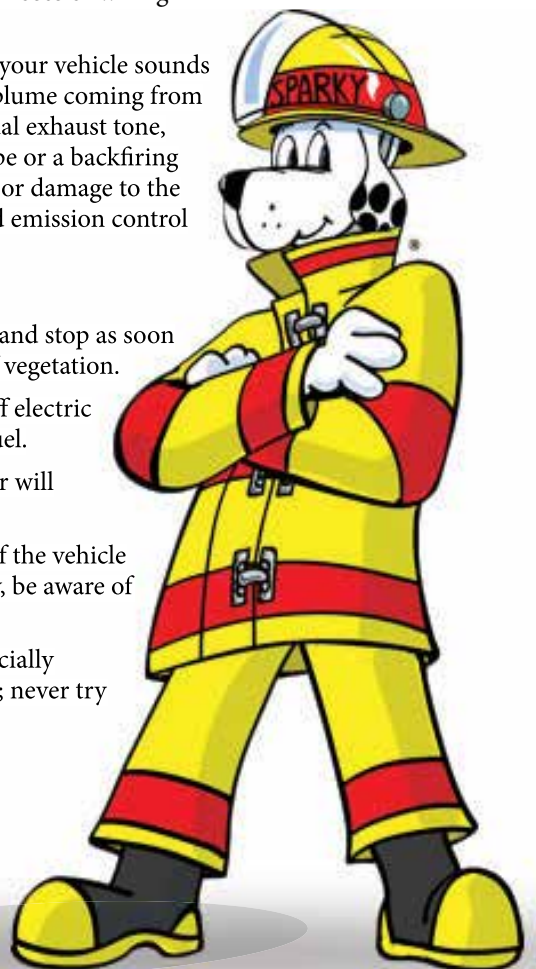
On average, 33 vehicle fires are reported per hour, and these fires kill one person a day. Cars and other passenger vehicles account for the vast majority of vehicle fires and associated losses. While only about 19% of vehicle fires actually occurred on highways and 17% were in parking lots; 33% occurred on streets, roads or driveways. When vehicles burn in driveways the fire often spreads to the home causing more damage and endangering the lives of people inside. CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department would like to offer these helpful tips:

Most vehicle fires resulted from mechanical or electrical failures or malfunctions.

- Have your vehicles inspected at least annually by a trained, professional mechanic.
- Watch for fluid leaks under vehicles, cracked or blistered hoses, or wiring that is loose, has exposed metal or has cracked insulation.
- Have any fluid leaks, damaged hoses or wiring repaired as soon as possible.
- Be alert to changes in the way your vehicle sounds when running, or to a visible plume coming from the tailpipe. A louder than usual exhaust tone, smoke coming from the tailpipe or a backfiring exhaust could mean problems or damage to the high-temperature exhaust and emission control system on the vehicle.

**If a vehicle fire occurs:**

- Pull off to the side of the road and stop as soon as safe to do so. Avoid areas of vegetation.
- Turn off the ignition to shut off electric systems and stop the flow of fuel.
- Keep the hood closed, more air will make the fire bigger.
- Make sure everyone gets out of the vehicle and stays at least 100 feet away, be aware of traffic.
- Call 9-1-1. Firefighters are specially trained to combat vehicle fires; never try to fight a vehicle fire yourself.



# Lake Oroville Update

## Department of Water Resources News Release

### OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Brad Freeman Trail Improvements

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is making progress on a project to improve a 1.5-mile section of the Brad Freeman Trail between Cherokee Road and the Highway 70 Garden Drive overpass. Department of Water Resources crews are removing old asphalt and nearby vegetation and laying base rock along the trail in preparation for future paving work. Trail paving is expected to occur in September, with the work schedule subject to change based on material and crew availability.

Overall trail improvements include upgrading the existing gravel/dirt trail to include an eight-foot-wide asphalt path for cyclists and a four-foot-wide decomposed granite path for pedestrians. Existing entrance bollards will also be replaced with wider, accessible box gates. The improvement project is supported by a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant through the National Park Service, with remaining funding for the \$700,000 project provided by DWR. During construction, portions of the Brad Freeman Trail may be closed intermittently for paving and grading work. Trail improvements are being completed in phases and work may be suspended during the winter months depending on weather conditions. Project completion is expected by June 2025.

### Improving River Flow Measurements

The Department of Water Resources has a new partnership opportunity to support the state's ability to measure stream and river flows through the California Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP) as climate extremes continue to impact the state's water supply.

As part of the approximately \$7 million program, the Department of Water Resources is seeking to partner with public agencies to install, upgrade and/or reactivate existing stream gage stations. A stream gage is a set of instruments installed along a river or stream that measures, records and transmits data on flow, water temperature and dissolved oxygen levels. Water agencies and the public rely on the essential information these gages provide for multiple purposes including:

- Planning, forecasting and warning about floods and drought conditions

- Managing and informing



A section of the Brad Freeman trail near Garden Drive in Oroville is prepared for future paving work. Photo courtesy of the Department of Water Resources

reservoir operations

- Monitoring environmental conditions to protect aquatic habitats

- Planning for safe and enjoyable recreational activities

- Assessing groundwater and surface water interaction

- Monitoring stream flow impacts due to long-term changes in weather patterns

### DWR Holds Emergency Preparedness Exercise

The Department of Water Resources' Oroville Field Division hosted an emergency preparedness exercise Aug. 7 for staff and local emergency management agency partners including the Butte County Sheriff's Office and Cal Office of Emergency Services (OES). The exercise included a review of the Oroville-Thermalito Complex dams, inundation maps and an overview of DWR's incident command team structure which follows National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Public safety is DWR's top priority as a critical infrastructure operator. The exercise reinforces DWR's commitment to enhancing emergency preparedness and maintaining relationships

and collaboration with local emergency response partners. A second, more in-depth emergency exercise is scheduled later this month in which DWR staff and local emergency management partners will respond to a mock emergency scenario. DWR leads emergency preparedness trainings on a yearly basis to ensure Oroville Field Division staff readiness for any type of emergency or incident.

### Oroville Recreation

Staffed by knowledgeable guides, the Lake Oroville Visitor Center features interpretive displays on Oroville Dam, area geology, wildlife and habitat, hydroelectric power and cultural and historical artifacts. View videos in the theater about the construction of Oroville Dam, walk or hike along nearby trails and visit the 47-foot-tall observation tower that provides unsurpassed panoramic views of surrounding areas. Free guided tours for school and community groups are available by reservation. Parking and admission to the Visitor Center are free.

DWR, State Parks, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) maintain over 92 miles of trails in the Oroville area. An interactive map of recreation facilities,

including open trails and their permitted uses (hike, bike, horse, multi), is available on DWR's Lake Oroville Recreation webpage: <https://water.ca.gov/What-We-Do/Recreation/Lake-Oroville-Recreation>. A paper trail map is available at various locations, including most entrance kiosks and the Lake Oroville Visitor Center.

Lake Oroville is also one of California's best fishing spots. The lake provides both warm-water and cold-water fisheries and is a popular destination for bass tournaments. The marinas at Bidwell Canyon and Lime Saddle are open daily and provide a variety of services including a convenience store, gas, boat rentals and more.

Upstream migrating fish totals through the Feather River Fish Monitoring Station between January 1 and August 10 are:

- Spring-run Chinook salmon (March 1 through June 30): 7,121
- Fall-run Chinook salmon (July 1 through present): 2,567
- Steelhead: 904

### Current Lake Operations

Lake Oroville is at 836 feet elevation and storage is approximately 2.52 million acre-feet (MAF), which is 74 percent of its total capacity and 114 percent of the historical average.

Feather River flows are at 1,300 cubic feet per second (cfs) through the City of Oroville with 6,700 cfs being released from the Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet for a total Feather River release of 8,000 cfs downstream. DWR continues to assess Feather River releases daily.

Releases from Oroville Dam's main spillway ceased earlier this summer, but water is still being released through the Hyatt Powerplant for power generation, water deliveries and environmental requirements. When the main spillway is not in use, water may still be seen on the main spillway outlet as the seals on the eight radial gates are not designed to be watertight. The gate seals do not play a role in the structural integrity of the gates. Visitors to Oroville Dam may also notice minor amounts of water flowing from drains built into the emergency spillway. This is normal and expected given the emergency spillway design. The dam and emergency spillway continue to operate as intended.

The public can track precipitation, snow, reservoir levels and more at the California Data Exchange Center: [cdec.water.ca.gov](https://cdec.water.ca.gov). The Lake Oroville gage station is identified as "ORO."

*All data as of midnight 8/15/2024.* ★

## Kittle's Participates in 'Gun Storage Check Week'

### NSSF News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Firearm Industry Trade Association (NSSF) and Project ChildSafe launched a second Gun Storage Check Week observance coincide with National Suicide Prevention Month.

Kittle's will participate in Gun Storage Check Week (Sept. 1 through 7), the inaugural observance convened by NSSF, to encourage gun owners and their families to check on their firearm storage practices and do their part to prevent unwanted access.

NSSF, a respected advocate for responsible firearm ownership, launched Gun Storage Check Week to remind gun owners and their families to "Make sure it's secure," the campaign's slogan. This collaborative effort underscores a shared

commitment to preventing firearm-related incidents.

Secure firearm storage is the most effective way to help prevent firearm accidents, suicides and theft. Many secure storage options are available, including lock boxes, cable locks and full-size safes, to secure firearms when not in use in homes and vehicles. When firearms are not under your direct control or being carried on your person, it's best to place them in locked storage. Fast-opening lock boxes are a good solution for firearms kept for home security.

"Most gun owners store their firearms safely and responsibly, but we can do more to help prevent firearm-related accidents, suicides and thefts by using Gun Storage Check Week as an occasion to review storage practices and make changes,

if necessary, to prevent unauthorized access," said Patrick Kittle, owner of Kittle's.

"No one wants their gun in the hands of an unsupervised child, a person in crisis, an individual who lacks knowledge of safely operating firearms or a thief," says Joe Bartozzi, President and CEO of NSSF.

"If something bad happens because your gun isn't stored securely, you'll regret it, probably forever."

The NSSF websites, [GunStorageCheck.org](https://GunStorageCheck.org) and [ProjectChildSafe.org](https://ProjectChildSafe.org), offer a variety of firearm safety education resources, including a Gun Storage Check Week infographic for reviewing safe storage practices, a handout on firearm storage options and a handout on tips for firearm safety in your home. ★

## Enloe Nationally Recognized for its Commitment to Heart Attack Care

### Enloe Health Press Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Enloe Health Enloe Medical Center has received the American Heart Association's Get with The Guidelines® - Coronary Artery Disease STEMI Receiving Center Gold Plus recognition for its commitment to providing rapid, research-based care to people experiencing a specific type of heart attack known as an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), acknowledged to be more severe and dangerous than other types of heart attacks.

Each year, approximately 285,000 people in the United States experience this type of heart attack, caused by a complete blockage in a coronary artery. Nearly 40% of people who go to the emergency room with acute coronary syndrome

are diagnosed with an ST elevation myocardial infarction. Like all heart attacks, this requires timely treatment to restore blood flow as quickly as possible.

Recognition as a STEMI Receiving Center is designed to showcase hospitals that provide 24/7 support for ST elevation myocardial infarction. These important facilities coordinate with a network of referring hospitals and emergency medical services to provide guideline-directed ST elevation myocardial infarction and non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI) care. An NSTEMI heart attack occurs when an artery is partially blocked.

The STEMI Receiving Center award is earned by hospitals that demonstrate a commitment to treating patients according to the most up-to-date research-based guidelines

for STEMI care as outlined by the American Heart Association.

"Enloe Health is dedicated to improving the quality of heart care and the American Heart Association's Get with The Guidelines program helps us achieve that goal," said Enloe's President and CEO Mike Wiltermood.

"The program puts proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, so patients have the best possible chance of survival."

Enloe Health also received the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes™ Honor Roll award. Target: Type 2 Diabetes aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes, who might be at higher risk for complications, receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to heart attack. ★

# Pre-Season Football Prep



A play takes shape during the Biggs vs. Gridley scrimmage.



A Biggs player nearly commits a facemask.

Story and photos by Seti Long

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - The field and stands of Biggs High's stadium was packed Saturday as teams from Gridley and Biggs met in a pre-season scrimmage.

Both the JV and varsity teams took the field at 10 a.m., Aug. 17, splitting the gridiron in half to put practiced offensive and defensive maneuvers into action.

Quarterbacks from each team got a chance to intimidate rival defenses, with heavy hitters blocking and attempting to protect the pocket at the direction of coaches.

Four 15-minute halves would end in time for a lunch break before they returned to the field again for more work before the start of the season.

Biggs will travel to Redding, opening their season against Redding Christian on Friday, Sept. 9.

Gridley is set to begin their season with an away game against University Prep, next Friday, Aug. 30.

Biggs Varsity Wolverines are: Brady Smith, senior; Davis Long, senior; Logan

Harrison, senior; Skyler Long, junior; Izriac Garcia, senior; Jordan Zamora, junior; Eddie Ayala, senior; David Ibarra, senior; Gio Mitchell, junior; Jordan Hoff, junior; Kyle Own, senior; Austin Steele, senior; Ethan Villanueva, senior; Solomon Melendez, senior; Johnny Conn, senior; Peyton Dake, junior; Russell Cote II, junior; Hunter Seipert, junior; and Albert Ramos, junior.

Gridley Varsity Bulldogs are: Gus Stogsdill, senior; Ben Clement, senior; Pablo Amezcua, senior; Diego Corona, senior; Jason Davis, junior; Cody Grover, senior; Riley Engleman, junior; Alejandro Garcia Casteneda, senior; Rafeal Franco, sophomore; Oscar Gurrero, senior; Lonnie Keel, senior; Canon Moore, junior; Noe Moran, junior; Luis Murillo, senior; Eli Punzo, junior; Cesar Ortiz, senior; Sualo Ramirez, junior; Harper Solander, junior; Bernie Rodarte, sophomore; Kaleb Sherwood, senior; Max Tolman, senior; Nathan Zumwalt, senior; Dane Becker, junior; Nolan Weagant, senior; Chris Rodriguez, senior; Amber Jackson, sophomore. ★



A Biggs player makes a solo tackle.



Gridley celebrates a touchdown.



A Biggs player gets in some throwing practice.

## California Expands Access to Naloxone



Governor Gavin Newsom

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA, (MPG)** - On June 21, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that CalRx-branded over-the-counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, 4 mg, will be available for free to eligible organizations through the Naloxone Distribution Project.

This follows the state's contract with Amneal Pharmaceuticals to purchase an over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray product through CalRx's Naloxone Access Initiative at a significantly lower price.

"The CalRx brand is more than a logo; it's a way to show that the state cares. CalRx is proof positive of California's innovation, business acumen, and most importantly, our heart. California is spending smarter by making life-saving drugs more affordable so that we stretch our dollars further – and make that same low price accessible to more people," Newsom said.

Eligible entities can obtain CalRx over-the-counter naloxone

HCL nasal spray, for free through the California Department of Health Care Services Naloxone Distribution Project. CalRx is also working on an option for individuals to buy CalRx over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray directly. Additional details will be shared on the Naloxone Distribution Project website as they become available.

Qualifying California business entities and organizations seeking to purchase CalRx over-the-counter naloxone HCL nasal spray, for \$24 per twin-pack can do so by visiting CalRx's Get CalRx website at <https://calrx.ca.gov/get-naloxone>.

In May alone, the state purchased approximately 24,000 units, leading to \$415,000 in savings. Since the Naloxone Distribution Project was created, more than 4,433,700 units have been distributed, and more than 277,000 lives have been saved.

"By making naloxone widely available and affordable, we are empowering communities and saving lives," said California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. "This is a crucial step in our ongoing efforts to tackle the opioid crisis head-on."

The overdose epidemic claims thousands of lives each year throughout the nation – and California is combatting this through an all-hands-on-deck

approach. A critical component of that is through harm reduction services and methods like naloxone, which can reverse opioid overdoses swiftly and effectively.

By making CalRx-branded over-the-counter naloxone nasal spray readily accessible, and maximizing the state dollars used to purchase it, California is taking a significant step toward reducing the number of opioid-related deaths and ensuring that over-the-counter naloxone is available when and where it is needed most.

Governor Newsom released the Master Plan for Tackling the Fentanyl and Opioid Crisis to support overdose prevention efforts like the CalRx Naloxone Access Initiative. Recently, Governor Newsom launched Opioids.CA.GOV, a one-stop-shop for Californians seeking resources around prevention and treatment.

The CalRx Biosimilar Insulin Initiative continues to move forward to bring this lifesaving and life-sustaining drug to market as soon as possible. Following recent meetings with the US FDA, CalRx's partner Civica has a clear path forward. California is using its market power as the 5th largest economy in the world to save lives and make health care and medication more affordable. More information about CalRx can be found at <https://calrx.ca.gov>. ★

## Arrest Made After Individual Drops Firearm in Uber

Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On July 23, an Uber driver picked up Jonathan Melo, 24, in Yuba City and drove him to Oroville. After Melo exited the Uber, the Uber driver located a firearm in the back of the Uber. Butte County Sheriff's Office deputies collected the firearm and video surveillance from inside the Uber.

Detectives conducted an investigation and reviewed the video surveillance. Based on the investigation, detectives located evidence giving them cause to say that Melo was the individual who dropped the firearm. Detectives also

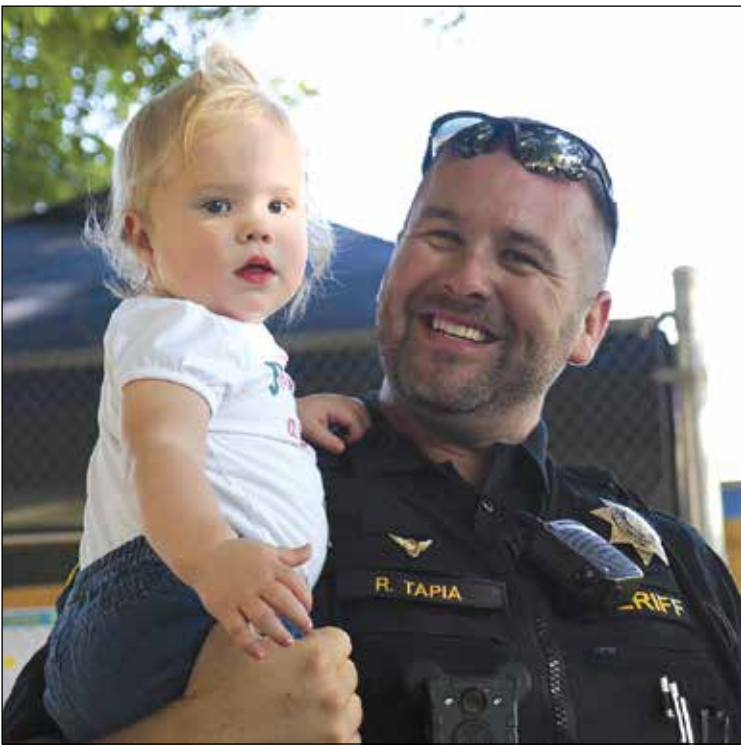
obtained information giving them cause to say Melo is an active member of a criminal street gang.

Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Melo for felony counts of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and ammunition. On the night of Aug. 13, detectives located Melo in the 2600 block of Feather River Boulevard, Oroville. Melo was placed under arrest and transported to the Butte County Jail.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office encourages anyone with pertinent information to come forward. Anyone with information is requested to contact Detective Mike Worch at 530-538-7322. ★



# A Night Out in Live Oak



Sutter County Sheriff's Officer Tapia take a moment out of the community fun for a photo with this little one! Photo by Christopher Pedigo



Sutter County Fire Department took control of the grill and helped serve hungry Live Oak residents free hot dog meals during the evening's event. Photo by Christopher Pedigo

By Seti Long

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The City of Live Oak celebrated alongside their brothers and sisters in law enforcement at National Night Out earlier this month. Members of the city departments, city officials, Live Oak

Lions Club, Sutter County Sheriff's Department and the Sutter County Fire Department joined Live Oak residents at Memorial Park for an evening of fun, food and opportunities to win fun prizes. This year, the ducky derby was held during the National Night

Out celebration. Live Oak children released floating rubber ducks into the community pool representing each contestant, which were retrieved by Sutter County Sheriff's Departments K-9 officer. Three lucky winners were chosen by the K-9, who were awarded scooters.

Sutter County Fire manned the barbecue and handed out free hot dog meals to those in attendance. In addition, Sutter County Library officials were on hand with free books for youth and school supplies were handed out. Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana told the Herald that the city's backpack

giveaway has been combined with National Night Out for somewhat of a "back to school" bash. Children enjoyed Bingo, swimming and visiting with the various types of law enforcement that turned out to the event, including Live Oak's motorcycle deputy throughout the night. ★



Sutter County Library representatives provided free books for families to take, promoting literacy and educating the public on local resources. Photo by Christopher Pedigo



A motorcycle police officer brought his ride to the event. Photo by Christopher Pedigo



Sutter County Sheriff's Office representatives handed out swag and treats to children at Live Oaks National Night Out, creating strong relationships with community members. Photo by Christopher Pedigo



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