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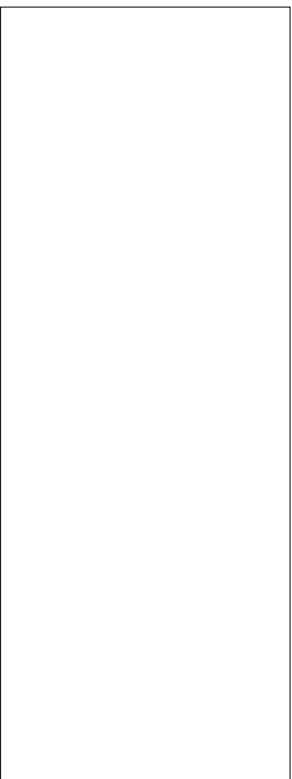


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## Gridley High School Music Program to Host Renaissance



Students from the Gridley High School Band and Drama Club will perform Nov. 13 and 14. Photo by Salvador Anguiano

### Gridley Unified School District News Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley High School Music program presents their annual evening in the Renaissance.

Enjoy a festive meal, delectable market goods and extraordinary entertainment. This year, Renaissance will be presented by students from the Gridley High School Band and Drama Club. Students from Gridley High School and Sycamore Middle School bands will also help serve the food.

The show dates are 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14. Doors open at 6 p.m. both nights.

Adults are \$18, students are \$12 and children under 3 are free. When ordering tickets, include children 3



Attendees will enjoy a meal, market goods and entertainment. Photo by Salvador Anguiano

and under in your order so that seats can be saved for them (if seats are needed). All tickets must be ordered through the Gridley High School student store. Seating will be first come, first serve.

The stage will not be in the center of the room. The setup for seating will be the same as the 2023

Renaissance, so if you want a seat close to the stage, plan to arrive early to reserve your seats. To easily find the link for tickets, go to [www.GridleyMusic.com](http://www.GridleyMusic.com).

If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer in some way, contact band director Ethan Jacobsen at [ejacobsen@gusd.org](mailto:ejacobsen@gusd.org). ★

## Ace Hardware Sponsors GHS Costume Contest

Story and photos by Connie Voss

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - For the second year in a row, Ace Hardware in Gridley sponsored a Halloween costume contest for Gridley High School students with a little twist.

The ones wearing the costumes were Halloween skeletons all named Bob. They were decorated by each of the four classes. The students supplied some of their own items and used other decorative articles from the store. All four entries were on display at Ace, while customers voted on which one was best.

The winning class will receive \$500 toward the "Safe and Sober" party at the end of the school year.

A comical spin on "Where's Waldo?" was the theme of the freshman class entry. This included the placement of Waldo stickers throughout the store for customers to find and return for a piece of candy.

For the sophomore class entry, a Cat Lady skeleton in a bathrobe and slippers was festooned with kitten skeletons. A doormat with the words, "Wipe Your Paws," was added as a finishing touch.

The juniors dressed three skeletons as a football player and cheerleader,

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The camouflaged duck hunter costume was the idea of the GHS Seniors.

## Get Out and Vote



MPG Staff

**CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - With the Nov. 5 General Election just days away, the California Secretary of State's Office has several reminders for voters.

The California Secretary of State's Office reminds eligible citizens who missed the Oct. 21 deadline to register to vote that the "Same Day" voter registration process can still be completed through Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 5).

Same Day Voter Registration, known as Conditional Voter Registration in state law, is a safety net for Californians who miss the deadline to register to vote or update their voter registration information for an election.

Eligible citizens who need to register or re-register to vote within 14 days of an election can complete this process to register and vote at their county elections office, polling place or vote center. Their ballots will be processed and counted once the county elections office has completed the voter registration verification process, according to the California Secretary of State's Office.

Visit [caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov](http://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov) for a list of early voting locations where you can complete the Same Day Voter Registration Process.

In other election news, ballot drop-off locations opened on Oct. 8.

Vote centers opened for early in-person voting in all Voter's Choice Act counties on Oct. 26.

Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned by mail, at a drop-off location or at the Butte County Elections Office. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day (Nov. 5) and received by 5 p.m. Nov. 12.

Call the Butte County Elections Office at 530-552-3400, Option 1 or go online to [buttevotes.net/35/](http://buttevotes.net/35/) Elections for more information about the Nov. 5 election. ★



# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

We note with great sadness the passing of Sandi Boeger, long-time Gridley School Board Trustee, beloved mother, wife, and one of our community's most reliable, capable, wise, and accomplished women. Both my wife and my father served with her as school board trustees. Both will attest that Sandi Boeger was always, for decades, well-informed, asked the right questions, and was a natural leader in difficult times. She was a Renaissance woman with a master's degree in English and a love for the theater, arts, and literacy. She was a devout religionist and served in leadership positions in the Christian Church of the Brethren, always focused on children and their well-being

- and education. It is one thing to lead and serve well, but it is another to do so for decades. She did. Sandi was consistent, grounded, and steady. She led with kindness and was respected by even those who disagreed with her. Micheal Boeger can lay claim to being one of the luckiest men in the world, having fallen in love with her in his youth; they have been together for more than 60 years in this life. She will be missed; the memory of her life will be a blessing to us all.

Also of note is the passing of Jim Long, father of the Historic Gridley Herald Editrix, Seti Long. Surely, he was proud of his highly accomplished daughter and how her work and character shape our community for the better. Mr. Long will undoubtedly find the Jeep of his dreams to cruise the streets in heaven.

They say these difficult things come in threes. Chris Eggers, one of my classmates from the GHS class of '88, also left this life since the last time I penned this weekly column. It is a different kind of sadness

when people who are your age (or younger) pass away. It is another layer of emotion when a childhood friend - a person who was a part of the first 18 years of your life finishes their course. Chris was my friend; he always made me laugh and was gregarious, hilarious, and kind. It has been more than a decade since I last talked to Chris. Nonetheless, it hit like a ton of bricks when I learned that he had died. He comes from a family legendary for their friendliness and for making a difference in the community. Thinking about Chris this week brought back a flood of memories from our childhood. We had many youthful adventures with Harley, Robert, Denny, Clay, Mark, Erik, Craig, Carlos, Jeff, Cord, Mikey, John, Duke, Tony, Brian, Phil, Kelly, and many more. Thinking back on those years, I'd like to thank him for being a part of a magical time for so many of us. God rest his soul. Chris Eggers was a good friend.

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

# Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Tours Announced



Gray Lodge Wildlife Area provides habitat to over 300 species of resident and migratory birds and mammals, including more than 1 million waterfowl every year.

## California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) have announced wetland and wildlife tour availability for the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area.

Guided Wetland Tours by Reservation at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, 3207 Rutherford Road, Gridley (95948).

A wildlife naturalist will lead any group, school or organization on a 2/3-mile route through the diverse wetlands of the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. General information includes wildlife identification, behavior patterns and conservation efforts. The experience can be catered to include requested information.

Each tour is limited to 30 people. This land is part of the CDFW Lands Pass Program and has an associated fee-for-use requirement. There is no additional cost for the tour. Come prepared and be respectful of other visitors. For more information, call (530) 846-7505 or email lori.dieter@wildlife.ca.gov.

Guided Wildlife Tours at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, 3207 Rutherford Road, Gridley (95948).

This hour-and-a-half tour starts at 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tour participants will stroll a third of a mile to an elevated viewing deck where participants will have a bird's-eye view of wildlife. Visitors often encounter hawks, herons, turtles, cormorants,

swallows and much more. This is one of the premier birding spots in Northern California, as migratory ducks and geese usually take the spotlight. Tours are canceled in heavy rain.

This land is part of the CDFW Lands Pass Program and has an associated fee-for-use requirement. There is no additional cost for the tour. To sign up, visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-walk-gray-lodge-wildlife-area-butte-co-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-walk-gray-lodge-wildlife-area-butte-co-tickets). To purchase a Lands Pass, visit [wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/lands-pass](http://wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/lands-pass). There is a limit of 25 people per tour. Come prepared and be respectful of other visitors. For more information, call (530) 846-7505 or email [lori.dieter@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:lori.dieter@wildlife.ca.gov). ★

# Secretary of State Reminds Voters of Their Rights

## California Secretary of State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With the Nov. 5 General Election quickly approaching, California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., reminds California voters that they have a Voter Bill of Rights to ensure that every eligible California voter can cast a ballot easily, confidentially, and free from intimidation.

"Californians should review the Voter Bill of Rights before heading to the polls to ensure a smooth voting experience," Secretary of State Weber said. "I urge voters to take the time to know their rights before heading to the polls."

The California Voter Bill of Rights, which is printed in the Voter Information Guide sent to every active registered voting household in the state, will be posted in every polling location and vote center.

The Voter Bill of Rights includes important voting rights information. For example, voters have the right to vote if they are a registered voter even if their name is not on the list at their polling place. If this is the case, they will be provided a provisional ballot, and their vote will be counted if elections officials determine they are eligible to vote.

Voters have the right to vote if they are still in line when the polls close. It is important that voters understand this right and don't just walk away from their place in line because it is 8 p.m. on Election Day. And voters have the right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering them or telling them how to vote.

Voters have the right to get a new ballot if they have made a mistake and haven't already cast their ballot. They also have the right to drop off their completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling location or vote center.

If a voter needs help at the polls, they have the right to ask questions of election officials about election procedures and they have the right to watch the election process. They also have the right to get help casting their ballot if needed.

Voters have the right to get election materials in a language other than English if enough people in their voting precinct speak that language.



The Nov. 5 General Election quickly approaching. Photo by Edmond Dantès via Pexels

It is also a right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to elections officials or the Secretary of State's Office.

The Secretary of State's Voter Information Hotline is available for all voters if they have questions about the voting process or if they need to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity. Voters can call one of the toll-free voter hotlines listed below:

- (800) 345-VOTE (8683) – English
- (800) 232-VOTA (8682) - Español / Spanish
- (800) 339-2857 - 中文/ Chinese
- (888) 345-2692 - हिन्दी / Hindi
- (800) 339-2865 - 日本語 / Japanese
- (888) 345-4917 - ភ្នំពេញ / Khmer
- (866) 575-1558 - 한국어 / Korean
- (800) 339-2957 - Tagalog
- (855) 345-3933 - ภาษาไทย / Thai
- (800) 339-8163 - Việt ngữ / Vietnamese
- 711 – TTY/TDD

The Voter Bill of Rights is also available online and available in 10 languages at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-bill-rights](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-bill-rights).

### Important Voting Information

Voters who are unsure of their voter registration status can quickly check it online at [voterstatus.sos.ca.gov](http://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov).

Voters can track their ballot by signing up at: [wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov](http://wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov) to automatically receive text, email or voice status alerts, including that their ballot has been received, counted or needs to be corrected before their ballot can be counted.

A complete list of drop box locations can be found on the Secretary of State's Early Voting and Vote-by-Mail Ballot Drop-off Locations webpage at [caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov](http://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov). ★

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## Gridley City Council Business



By **Connie Voss**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Five items for consideration by the Gridley City Council were reviewed at the Oct. 21 meeting and all were unanimously approved.

The Fire Department Grant Cost Share involves receiving a grant from CAL FIRE to purchase personal protective equipment for volunteer firefighters. The city will contribute a portion of the cost that will not exceed \$4,878.

Butte County has developed a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to help reduce long-term risks to people, property and other community assets from future hazards and national disasters such as floods and wildfires. City Council voted to adopt it. Details of the plan can be accessed at [www.buttecounty.net/808/Local-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan](http://www.buttecounty.net/808/Local-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan).

For the State Route 99 Water Relocation Project, the council authorized Gridley Administrator Elisa Arteaga to execute a task order with 4Leaf Inc. This will cover construction inspection services, at a cost of \$113,867 and a budget of \$125,000. Councilmember Angel

Calderon raised concerns about sidewalks and lighting in the area. Both of those features will be part of the finished project. Calderon also indicated that any work done in the vicinity, such as that of PG&E, needs to be approved by the city first, so that safety concerns can be minimized.

The council then approved the city Cash Investment Policy as previously set forth by Gridley Finance Director Martin Pineda, although he was not present at the meeting.

Finally, the Taxing Agency Compensation Agreements for lots in the Gridley Industrial Park were approved. This action authorizes city staff to negotiate with taxing agencies that receive a share of sales proceeds from former City of Gridley Redevelopment Agency property sales, based on the terms in the agreement.

Aside from the regular council meeting, a study session was held regarding the Right of Way Abandonment of the section of Vermont Street that was turned over to Gridley Unified School District. The meeting was only informational, with no action taken. ★

## Beans, Brews, and BBQs Event to Fund FFA

By **Reagan Witt, student at Gridley High School**

I am interviewing Mr. Dreesmann, who has been in the Gridley FFA's Ag Department for over twenty years.

**Mr. Dreesmann, what is the history of fundraising for FFA at Gridley High School? How did the Rib Feed in the Spring start?**

My first year at Gridley High School, Dave Dillabo, Rod Risso, and I spoke to the Officer Team about consolidating their fundraising efforts into a single event. At the time, they were doing car washes, selling candy and jerky, and hosting other events all year to earn money for FFA conferences, travel, and competitions at various Career Development and public speaking events across California. My idea was to reduce the number of fundraising asks to the community and parents by organizing one major event that everyone could support in some way. Some people donated items for silent and live auctions, others bought tickets, and many helped to host the event.

Before Gridley, I had been at Wheatland High School, where I worked with their advisors and officer team to start a Crab Feed, which they continue to this day. That year at Wheatland, I also started a Rib Cook-Off with their officer team.

The officers in Gridley decided to try a Rib Feed since there were already several crab feeds in town. They wanted it to be an all-you-can-eat event, with affordable prices to encourage as much community participation as possible. The support was overwhelming from the beginning. Doug Rudd was in charge of BBQing the ribs the first year, with help from local community members, parents, and farmers. Jake and John Stowe, Manuel Silva, Gary Olson, David Choate, Drew Rudd, and many others pitched in. Since then, Mike Kossow has led the BBQ crew for most years. It would be impossible to list everyone who contributed, but their efforts are truly appreciated.

In the beginning, Jan Silva and Sue Dunlap led a group of moms

in providing their famous beans for nearly 1,000 attendees. My wife, Rachael Dreesmann, took over for many years, and more recently, the Muzzy family has managed the food, from beans to potato and pasta salads.

Sandra Waller coordinated with FFA families to provide a wide array of homemade desserts for both dine-in and drive-thru attendees. At its peak, the event served almost 1,500 adults, kids, and helpers in one day.

**Mr. Dreesmann, what is this new event that will benefit FFA members at Gridley High School?**

The newly elected officers met this summer at their retreat to plan the year and decided to change the fundraising schedule. They will discontinue the traditional Drive-Thru BBQ in the Fall and the popular Gridley FFA Rib Feed in the Spring. Instead, the Parents Club will sponsor a new event at the Butte County Fairgrounds on Nov. 16.

This new event marks a fresh start and aims to support the future farmers in our community while meeting rising costs for travel, conferences, competitions, and supporting our growing Agricultural Department, which now includes five teachers and a Junior High Program.

The event will be hosted by the Gridley High School Parents Club and features three parts: Beans, Brews, and BBQs.

The event will be held at the Butte County Fairgrounds. Dinner and chili tasting will be from 4 to 7 p.m., followed by social time, music, and dancing until 10 p.m. Farmers Brewery is a proud partner for this event.

### Tickets

Dinner tickets serve as entry to the event and are \$40 in advance (higher at the door). This includes our famous pork ribs, chicken, a variety of chili tastings, sides, two drink tickets (soda or Farmers Brew), and entry into a door prize drawing featuring items made by Gridley High School agriculture students.

### Competitor Entry

Teams of two may enter in one of three divisions: Open (\$100), Youth

(\$75), and Service Club (\$100).

Each team receives two dinner tickets, two engraved cups for unlimited drinks, and two aprons. Winners in each category will receive valuable donated prizes along with local fame!

### Sponsorship Opportunities

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General donations under \$500 are also welcome and appreciated (>\$250 required to claim tax deduction). In-kind donations will be recognized at the appropriate sponsorship level based on their market value.

### Additional Information

There will also be a silent auction featuring local donations and student-built projects. If you would like to donate, need tickets, or want to enter the competition, please contact us at [gridleyffaevents@gmail.com](mailto:gridleyffaevents@gmail.com) or stop by the Gridley High School front office. Thank you for your continued support of the Gridley Agricultural Department. ★



**Support your local FFA.** Photo provided by Hilary Bastiani

## Celebrating 75 Years of Marriage!



Lillian and Carrol Lewellen celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary November 5th.

They met in Seattle and married in Green River, Washington. They have resided in the Gridley area after Carrol retired from the Army. They have 5 children and 14 grandchildren plus 10 great grandchildren.



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# New Bishop to Serve Gridley Congregation



Bishop Dustin Barnette will serve the Gridley 1st Ward Latter-day Saint congregation with counselors Kyle Henry and Adam Voss. Left to right: Ashley and Kyle Henry, Jennifer and Dustin Barnette and Adam and Katie Voss. Photo by Libby Tolman

By Libby Tolman

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Bishop Dustin Barnette will serve the Gridley 1st Ward congregation of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints. Barnette is the Plant Manager of Sunsweet in Yuba City, and he and his wife Jennifer have four children. He will be assisted by counselors Adam Voss and Kyle Henry.

The Gridley 1st Ward consists of the west side of Gridley, and the towns of Biggs, Richvale and Butte City. Barnette replaces Josh McLean, who served for over five years. ★

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# Let's Talk About Thankfulness

*Biggs Assembly of God Church Wants to Help Spread Gratitude this November*

By Seti Long

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - In the spirit of gratitude and fellowship, Pastor Bob Culverson and the Biggs Assembly of God Church present a series of speakers focusing on thankfulness as we move into the holidays.

On the evenings of Nov. 7, 8 and 9, religious leaders will speak on thankfulness and gratitude. Guests can expect a variety of presenters from different churches. Local pastor Ed Milton will take the podium on Nov. 7, Bishop Michael Scaggs out of Oregon is expected to speak on the Friday, Nov. 8 and the Nov. 9 speaker is planned to be Pastor Rick Scribner.

Speakers are Christian based but hail from different religious backgrounds. Culverson said that this is a perfect way to show that members of other faiths and even those of no faith may be experiencing the same obstacles as his own

congregation, making this a perfect time to fellowship and be of service.

Culverson says that events such as this are a growing trend within the faith communities. He shares that it was visiting a similar event with one of his deacons years back that inspired the Biggs Assembly of God Church to begin their own event.

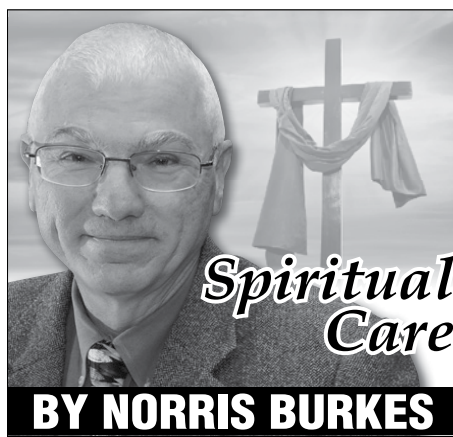
2024 marks the second year that Biggs has held the event and hopes that residents of all faiths and backgrounds will attend.

After each speaker there will be time to build fellowship and mingle, with light snacks and refreshments provided. Upon the conclusion of Saturday's speaker, Culverson plans to hold a full pot-luck dinner for attendees.

For more information, contact the Biggs Assembly of God Church and Pastor Bob Culverson at 530-868-5992.

All speaker sessions will be held at the church located at 3079 5th St., Biggs. ★

# Rolling with Power — Or Rolling with Jesus?



"drinking out of the same cup." Jesus wasn't talking about happy hour here. He was saying, following me has a cost you might not want to pay.

But here's where Jesus speaks the truth to James and John as they seem to seek the power then being held by only the influential rulers and religious leaders.

Jesus gets in his disciples' face and tells them. "You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around," he said, "and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads."

He points out that Christ-followers have to be different. "It can't be the same with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant."

"That's what I've done," he explains, "I came to serve, not to be served."

Power is not the model we follow. Instead, Jesus is showing we wield ultimate power only when we set ourselves aside.

We employ true power by serving. But if we serve only to climb a ladder, we will fall. We must serve only for the sake of service—even to the point of giving our lives away.

Jesus was patient with James and John in their misguided search for power. And as one who sometimes follows the fame, I count his patience as good news for me. I just might have a chance as well.

So, if you count yourself as a servant this election day, let your ballot fall silently into the ballot box and return to service.

And, I must point out, if you're voting to bring Jesus into power, he doesn't want that power. If all we seek in this election is a shortcut to Christian power, we only do damage to ourselves or those around us.

The winners this election year will be the ones who serve. Not the ones who demand they be served.

That's not how Christians roll. We don't roll with power, we roll with Jesus. ★

Tell me, did you have a frightening Halloween? Were you visited by a slew of goblins and ghosts?

If you thought that day was frightening, brace yourselves for the election next Tuesday. A good many of us are absolutely terrified who might win. I'll admit, I'm scared too.

Fortunately, I found some clarity about our elected power in an incident recorded in the eleventh chapter of Mark's Gospel, v. 31 and following.

In the accounting, you read that Jesus lead his parade of followers toward Jerusalem, when he decides to share with them a prediction of absolute terror.

Jesus prophesizes, he's about to be mocked, flogged and killed. And three days later he will rise.

What follows is a request from two of his main men, James and John. The request seems to be the perfect example of a non sequitur speech — a conclusion or statement that does not logically follow from the previous argument or statement.

James and John, interrupt Jesus's ghoulish talk with, "Can we get a seat in your Kingdom cabinet, one on the left of you and the other on the right?"

These guys are all about me. Me. Me. Can't it be me in power with you?

Jesus is like, sure, you'll get a piece of this too. For following me, you'll be

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# The California Fair Plan

The California Fair Plan (CFP) is a property insurance program of last resort. Once an entity of obscurity, its notoriety has vaulted into the forefront of the public eye as wildfire events have increased dramatically over the past decade.

As owning an authorized CFP insurance agency, I often have to explain what exactly the CFP entity is and why it exists. Having covered CFP in past Money Matters articles, I won't rehash all its mechanisms again but you can obtain past articles by emailing me.

A disturbing article has been gathering attention concerning the viability of the CFP written by Thomas Frank of Politico way back in March of this year.

Before diving into Frank's article, I will begin by reminding readers that CFP is not a government sponsored company. Instead it is a state mandated program that is made up of all the insurance companies that do business in the state of California lumped into one big ball.

Established in 1968, the CFP would provide property insurance in areas that a single company might hesitate to insure for whatever the reason.

Recent wildfire events have been obliterating entire communities, and since CFP includes all the resources of all the insurance companies that make up the entity, it is assumed it has the ability to cover all the policies it issues.

As of June 2024, the CFP has issued over 400,000 policies and that number continues to climb. Compared to 2019, its number of policies has increased 164%.

Enter the Frank article entitled "California Insurer of last resort is a ticking time bomb".

Frank states the state-chartered entity is in dire straits because of the alarming increase in fire events, the rapid increase in enrollment and rules that limit the CFP to assess rates.

This appears to not only be Frank's assessment but of CFP itself. In the article, Frank quotes Victoria Roach, the president of the CFP as saying "We are one event away from a large assessment. There is no other way to say it because we don't have the money on hand to (pay every claim) and we have a lot of exposure".

The "large assessment" Roach is talking about would be additional surcharges to existing policy holders much like a property tax assessment where participants would receive a bill that would be due and payable much like policy premiums.

Roach claimed it could be upwards of two billion or more. An event the size of the 2018 Camp Fire that destroyed 18,000 structures could require more than twice this amount.

It is possible that after a major fire event, the CFP would be forced to impose surcharges on millions of insurance policies of varying types which would include those insured by other entities other than CFP as well as current CFP policy holders.

The article goes on to state "This assessment could be the costliest in California history due to the size of the state and the large amount of property located in wildfire prone areas".

At minimum, it could mean an individual assessment of \$1,000.00 or more on policies regardless of type throughout the state.

"It's a ticking time bomb" said Michael D'Arelli, executive director of the American Agents Alliance Association. "We are going to have a major event and meltdown" the article goes on to say.

Assembly member Jim Wood said in a hearing where CFP president Roach attended "We are like one bad fire away from total insolvency. If this was Wall Street. I am not sure you could get away with this".

Roach agreed. Part of the problem is the CFP has been asking for rates increases to help cover the potential shortfall. The actual increases allowed were a fraction of the amounts the CFP said it needed partly due to a 1988 ballot measure that was approved by voters to control insurance premiums.

In conclusion, many property owners I talk to call the program the "California Unfair Plan". Like it or not, we have to begin to accept the reality of the situation and its costs.

Wildfires are on the increase and more and more property owners are having to use CFP. The cost to replace damage structures is also on the increase due to the horrendous inflation the past few years.

Add that all up and it may mean unless voters and the state allow insurers to increase rates even further, we could all suddenly see an invoice out of the blue to bailout the California Fair Plan. Either that or see rates on all types of insurance further skyrocket.

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

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# Ace Hardware Sponsors GHS Costume Contest



The Freshman class made a "Where's Waldo?" entry complete with a game for customers.



The Cat Lady was entered by the Sophomores, with eight kitten skeletons.



Juniors went all out with the "Roast the Lions" display.

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with the third one representing a Live Oak Lions player roasting over a fake fire. "Roast the Lions" was the theme, and roast

the Lions they did, with a score of 49-3 at the football game last Friday.

Camouflaged gear and a salt gun adorned the hunting skeleton entered by the

senior class. The "hunter" was accompanied by several duck decoys.

Store owner Katie Candelario said she had the idea to have the contest for

the high school students a few years ago after a skeleton was purchased for the store. The employees decorated it but then decided it would be fun to involve the

high school students, while incentivizing the Safe and Sober parties.

"We actually had a customer come in and donate \$15 toward the cause. So

whoever wins will get \$515. I thought that was sweet," Candelario said.

The winner was still to be determined at press time. ★

## Time to Fall Back

By MPG Staff

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 3!

Daylight saving time officially ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3. That will put the Sacramento

region, and most of the nation, back into standard time and end daylight saving time for 2024.

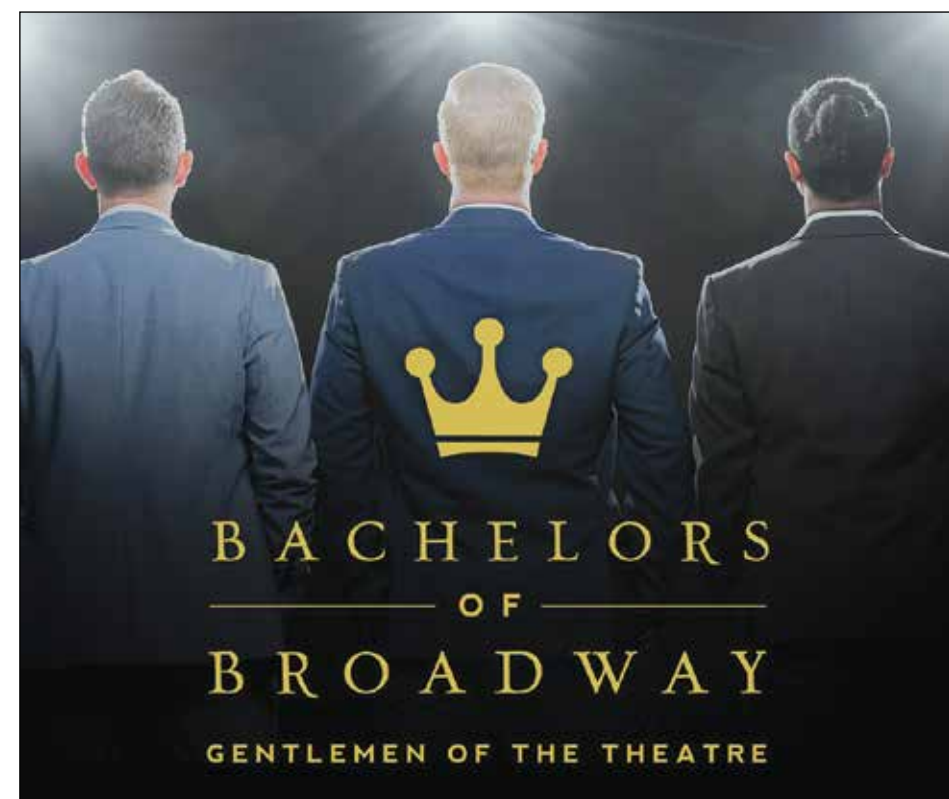
When clocks reach 2 a.m. local time, they will go back one hour to 1 a.m. Luckily, most modern internet connected devices will make the time change automatically.

Other "not so smart" devices such as grandfather clocks and late model vehicles, will have to wait until someone wakes up Sunday morning.

Daylight saving time will return the second Sunday in March. For 2025, it will be Sunday, March 9. ★



## Bachelors of Broadway to Perform in Oroville



Three Broadway vocalists will take the stage Nov. 14. Photo courtesy of Oroville Concert Association

**Oroville Concert Association News Release**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Three of Broadway's most dynamic male vocalists will be performing the biggest hits from the most beloved musicals of all time in a special concert at State Theatre in Oroville at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14.

Tickets are available online at [orovilleconcertassociation.org](http://orovilleconcertassociation.org) or at the door on the night of the concert for \$35 each for adults. Students attending with a paying adult will be admitted for \$15 at the door. For additional information call 530-520-4238 and/or 530-990-3316, or via email at [info@orovilleconcertassociation.org](mailto:info@orovilleconcertassociation.org).

talented and delivered Broadway-quality as promised," said the Executive Director of Avenel Performing Arts Center.

Performed by three of New York City's top theatrical performers, Bachelors of Broadway offers soaring and thrilling melodies in contemporary three-part vocal harmony. Brought to you by the creators of Shades of Bubl  and Two on Tap, this show breathes new life into vintage classics from the Golden Age of Broadway with visually dynamic multimedia elements and lush symphonic arrangements of songs from both contemporary and classic musicals, including "Wicked," "Phantom of the Opera," "Hamilton," "West Side Story" and more. Established in 1952,

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

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### Consider these year-end financial moves

Once again, it's the busy holiday season. Still, try to take the time to consider some financial moves before we turn the calendar to 2025.

First, review your investment portfolio to ensure it is performing as expected and still fits your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Next, if you can afford it, consider adding to your 401(k) and health savings account. And if you have a flexible spending account, you'll want to spend any unused funds before the year ends, or else risk losing them.

If you have children, consider opening a 529 education savings plan,

which allows for tax-free withdrawals for qualified education expenses.

Here's another suggestion: Contribute to an emergency fund to help cover six months of living expenses or unexpected costs such as a major home or car repair.

And if you're 73 or older, make sure you take the required withdrawals from your traditional IRA so you can avoid penalties.

Finally, review your estate plans, especially if you've recently experienced changes in your family situation such as marriage, remarriage or the birth of a child.

These moves may prove helpful — not only for 2024 but in the years to come.

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Is there panic in Sactown? Angry fans? How about just plain dismay?

My response would be no one should panic two games into the regular season.

Do you have the right to be angry? Of course you do, but dismay is probably better and it's a practical emotion when you consider that the hometown ballers lost every preseason game and have now opened the season with a dismal 0-2 record.

More puzzling than the zero-win Kings, however, is trying to figure out what is going through the mind of former coach of the year Mike Brown.

After losing to the Timberwolves in a game that, by my estimation, the Kings should have won, coach Brown relegated his protégé Keon Ellis to the end of the bench. Arguably the Kings best defender sat out the entire game with no explanation from the head coach.

While the Lakers ran off 21 unanswered points to start the fourth quarter, and the Kings allowed LeBron James to literally take over the game by himself, defensive standout Keon Ellis cooled his heels and watched LeBron show the Kings how to shoot 3-point baskets.

From a fans perspective it was hard to watch, but by all accounts, the game was ostensibly over. But no, the Sactown boys came roaring back to make the game a dogfight, and with less than a minute remaining, Sacramento needed only a stop, and a 2-point shot to tie the score.

Sadly, as in the Minnesota game, this one would slip away too, but the question remains, why was Keon Ellis conspicuously absent when defense was so sorely needed.

After being awarded coach of the year two seasons ago, Mike Brown had arguably one of his worst coaching performances last season, as the Kings were eliminated in the play-in series.

What contributed to the abrupt ending was in large part the frenetic way coach Brown managed his bench all season.

Previously much heralded Davion Mitchell never received consistent minutes off the bench, and like Keon Ellis just discovered, was listed as did-not-play (DNP) in the box score too many times.

This should be perplexing for any fan,

but in fairness to coach Brown, I simply want to hear from him the reasoning behind these moves.

Surely there is a cogent reason for starting Keon Ellis in the first game of the season, and then putting him on the bench for the entire game against the Lakers.

It was obvious the Kings had no answer for defending LeBron James, so why not let Mr. defense Keon Ellis have a try?

In the past I have given coach Brown a lot of credit for bringing Ellis along, and certainly taking a player from the G league to starting on an NBA squad is worthy of praise.

But please answer the question. Why is Keon out, completely!

This is exactly what happened to fan favorite Davion Mitchell, and now he plays for another NBA team.

I don't expect coach Brown to reveal every element of his coaching strategy, but lineup changes make for obvious questions.

At the end of the day, the fans are poised to forgive it all for a win Monday night over the Portland Trail Blazers.

As I said before, this is not the time to panic, but it is time for the coaching team to make some practical decisions, which should include playing the best players we have.

Inserting newcomer Doug McDermott into the Minnesota game to start the fourth quarter was a real head scratcher, and although like most Kings fans, I'm curious to see what he can do, bringing in a new player in the heat of the fourth quarter seemed questionable at best.

I would love to see McDermott get some minutes off the bench but getting him some playing time earlier in the game seems like a more practical approach, so let's keep our fingers crossed that we'll see Doug on the hardwood sometime soon.

King's fans let's bring our A game to the arena Monday night (after press time) and root our gladiators onto their first win of the season. Positivity is the name of the game, so let's enjoy this one together!

All the best Kings fans!

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

# When a Ghost Visited Gridley

By John Raspanti

"A ghost can be a lot of things. A memory, a daydream, a secret." -Stephen King  
Over 100 years ago, the young couple strolled near the Depot and Gridley Park, laughing as they wandered.

It was a quiet night, balmy and overcast. A whisk of a breeze caressed their faces.

They were alone - or so they thought.

Suddenly, near the depot, a figure with the face of a beautiful woman all in white floated up to them. The apparition hovered near the young man, regarding him sadly, and after a pause and one more longing look, floated away.

The young couple immediately fled towards nearby downtown, out of breath and in shock.

They located a constable on duty and reported what they had seen.

The constable retraced their steps and returned to the park, but found no sign of a woman in white.

When word got out about the apparition, residents chuckled, considering the story nothing more than a hallucination brought on by intoxicating youthful love.

A few nights later, the apparition returned. Two young men were walking along Hazel Street when one of them turned and spotted a figure floating above them. The youngsters bolted away as fast as they could, startled by the speed of the apparition. It seemed to disappear as they reached the business district.

Soon after, two men spotted the specter again near the depot. Like before, she floated near them. This time, they claimed, the phantom retrieved a knife hidden in her elegant white robe and hovered closer. One man pulled a revolver and fired.

They tripped over each other as they ran away, not bothering to look back.

No longer laughing, the town held an emergency meeting. Sixty armed men volunteered to patrol the depot and downtown area. They told locals they'd shoot to kill.

They never got the chance. The ghost vanished, never to be seen again.

Some figured the incidents were an elaborate practical joke created to scare the town.

Whatever it was, the mysterious lady in white lives on in local lore, still searching for her long-lost love. ★



## Riley Reviews

"SATURDAY NIGHT" RELIVING THE CHAOTIC FUN OF TV SHOW LAUNCH

A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

"SATURDAY NIGHT" Rated R

For a column that writes about film and television, it would be almost indefensible to forego a critical look at the film "Saturday Night," the story of the tumultuous start to a late-night television show now just a year shy of reaching the half-century mark.

The sketch comedy variety show "Saturday Night Live," now in its fiftieth season, has had its own turbulent history over the years as cast members, some shooting up to considerable stardom and success in films and television, would sometimes run afoul of NBC's corporate culture.

Even Lorne Michaels, creator and producer and occasionally appearing on his own show, stepped away early on for five seasons, but remains a force behind the scenes to this day as executive producer.

The original title for the late-night program, which debuted on October 11, 1975, was "NBC's Saturday Night," a reference overlooked in "Saturday Night" because that is a piece of trivia irrelevant to the premise of the movie.

The film, at a running time approximating the time frame of a dress rehearsal, centers on the madcap countdown to the premiere episode going live from Studio 8H at New York's Rockefeller Center.

All eyes are on the 11:30 p.m. launch, as studio executives and other honchos, most notably an anxious Dave Tebet (Willem Dafoe) telling Lorne Michaels (Gabriel Byrne) "your crew is in open rebellion," indicate that the ninety minutes preceding the broadcast looms as a potential disaster of epic proportions.

The very same NBC executive is only inches away from pulling the plug, and the angry voice of Johnny Carson, host of NBC's "The Tonight Show," on a phone call to Michaels, is upset that a bunch of nobodies could sabotage his late-night show, even though he would benefit from their failure.

The staging of the chaotic buildup to showtime is likely exaggerated for the purpose of dramatization, and in the compressed period leading up to the show going live, the enterprise becomes of mix of fact, fiction and myth rolled into a big ball of irreverent, wacky moments.

With a rather large cast of characters, from actors and network executives to the production crew and security, even some of the notable cast members get short-shrift, but above all the focus is truly on Michaels trying to corral his counter-culture performers.

Alternately appearing energetic and at times flummoxed, Michaels is performing a juggling act, getting help from his then-wife Rosie Shuster (Rachel Sennott), a contributor to many of the sketches.

Looming over the fast-approaching launch time, Michaels has his challenges in dealing with comedians and inexperienced actors, particularly with an erratic John Belushi (Matt Wood) who avoids signing his contract until right up to the moment that the putative curtain rises.

Bad enough having to wrangle the crew, Michaels and Shuster are not only scrambling for rewrites on the fly, but also have to deal with mechanical failures, power outages, and the set catching fire, while trying to maintain a sense of sanity and calm.

An on-the-set NBC censor struggles with some objectionable material, leading to the acerbic staff writer Michael O'Donoghue (Tommy Dewey) uttering profane contempt that might have easily come from George Carlin (Matthew Rhys) who appears as a host and drops a few F-bombs.

Even a scorecard on the cast members may not prove helpful because, unless you are familiar with the original performers, not everyone is immediately recognizable in filling a certain role.

However, Chevy Chase (Cory Michael Smith) stands out, if for no other reason than famously uttering the "Live from New York, It's Saturday Night" opening line, even though the actor bears enough to the genuine article along with the delivery of his signature pratfall.

Lamorne Morris does such a great job of being the only Black cast member as Garret Morris that you might wonder if he's the actual offspring of the actor who later created the fictional character of Dominican baseball player Chico Escuela, speaking only in broken English.

In this large ensemble cast, there are plenty of characters reduced to cameo roles, some of them expanded. J.K. Simmons does a great turn as veteran comedian Milton Berle paying a visit to the set and unable to contain his antipathy to anarchic comedy.

While the character of Andy Kaufman (Nicholas Braun) is immediately recognizable for his unique style, the notable female cast members Jane Curtin (Kim Matula), Gilda Radner (Ella Hunt), and Laraine Newman (Emily Fairn) are regrettably underused.

One thought about "Saturday Night" is what did the filmmakers believe would be the target audience for this film? It would appear tailored to those who remember the early years, rather than a younger generation not even knowing the genesis of the "Blues Brothers" created by Belushi and Dan Aykroyd.

The selling point for "Saturday Night" is the sheer lunacy of a revolutionary turn in television history where the satirical skewering of culture and politics was a novel concept. More than anything, it's a trip down memory lane and plenty of messy, unruly fun. ★

## FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS

By Amy Shane

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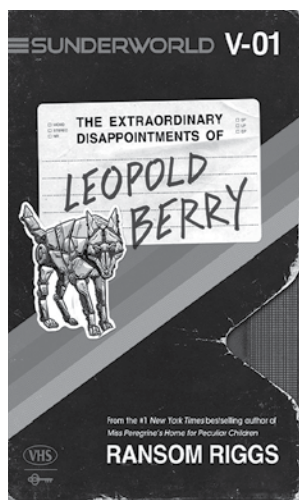
# The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry

by Ransom Riggs

Leopold Berry used to love the fantastic world within the 1990s fantasy T.V. show - Max's Adventures in Sunderworld, but that was when he was a kid. Now, Leopold is just a disappointment, or that's how he views himself in this world. After the death of his mother, the only way Leopold found solace was to watch the crazy T.V. show he found recorded on a VHS tape his mother had hidden away. Even though there was only one season, he found himself obsessed, binging and carefully dissecting the show.

But life moves on, and now that Leopold is seventeen, he knows he has to get his life in order. Until the day he notices some strange things happening on the streets of L.A., even more bizarre than he is used to. First, a peculiar robotic raccoon gives him a coin, but when a man plucks a tooth to feed to the meter he knows it's a sign. Leopold quickly realizes that Sunderworld, the world of his beloved TV show, is not just a fantasy, but a reality.

With his best friend Emmett right beside him, Leopold quickly uncovers



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the truth: Sunder is real and in danger. And this is exactly what Leopold has been waiting for: his purpose, a calling, and a reason to finally not be a disappointment. With the silver coin in hand, Leopold and Emmett get the chance of a lifetime, entry into Sunder. Now, Leopold finally feels like he has a chance to prove who he meant to be and save the childhood world he came to love. But even in Sunder, extraordinarily failing is still the path set out for Leopold to follow, but this time, consequences follow. As he navigates this new world,

Leopold begins to discover more about himself than he ever thought possible, but also is on the run from two worlds that both seem to be out to get him.

From the author who brought readers the fascinating world of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, Ransom Riggs delivers a whole new fantasy world in The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry. Once again, Riggs delivers a powerful magical storyline that dances just on the edge of being believable or readers wanting it to be believable. Strong character storylines allow readers to instantly feel for each and every one of them, whether it's compassion, curiosity, hate, or even identifying one thing is for certain readers will fall for the unbelievable magical world of Sunder.

With magic, friendship, half-mechanical raccoons, and the power to stand for yourself when no one else will, readers will instantly fall for this new fantasy series. With its vintage VHS cover, this book is hard to miss and a perfect addition to any bookshelf. ★

# B-Line

## Butte Regional Transit

### PROPOSED FARE INCREASE

Butte Regional Transit (B-Line) is proposing a fare increase to begin in January 2025. The transit system is required by law to maintain a certain level of farebox recovery. Fares were last increased in September 2019. Increasing fares is necessary to improve fare coverage and to help fund the increasing cost of the system.

It is proposed that the base fare for local fixed route be increased from \$1.75 to \$2.00, and for regional fixed route from \$2.40 to \$3.00. It is also recommended that the fare for paratransit be increased from \$3.50 to \$4.00. All other fare categories, for both fixed route and paratransit, would be increased accordingly.

To see the complete fare increase chart go to the **B-Line web page at [www.blinetransit.com](http://www.blinetransit.com)**. Then click on the **Resources link**.

To make comments, or to ask questions, about the proposed fare changes, please contact B-Line at:

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Comments are due by Monday, November 25, 2024

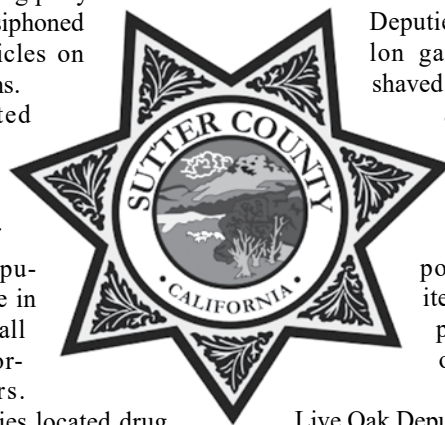
A public hearing on this increase will be held on Thursday December 12, 2024 at 9:00am at the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) Board of Directors meeting at 326 Huss Drive, Ste 100, Chico, CA 95928.

# Live Oak: Theft Arrest

## Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Sutter County deputies took multiple fuel theft reports at the Live Oak school district's fleet yard the week of Oct. 14. The reporting party stated that the suspect siphoned gas from school vehicles on three separate occasions.

Deputies conducted surveillance of the area on Saturday, Oct. 19, and Sunday, Oct. 20. As part of the surveillance, deputies observed a vehicle in the Live Oak City Hall parking lot, after normal business hours. Upon approach, deputies located drug



paraphernalia, a machete and a knife, in plain view, from the window of the vehicle.

Deputies contacted 39-year-old Dale Allen Brooks Jr. from Yuba City, and a records check determined he was on probation out of Colusa County. Due to the circumstances, a

vehicle search was conducted. Deputies located two five-gallon gas canisters, numerous shaved keys, burglary tools and a sawed-off .410-gauge shotgun.

Brooks was booked into the Sutter County Jail for possession of burglary items, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a firearm and theft.

Keep up the good work  
Live Oak Deputies! ★

## California Reservoirs Are Flush, But Water Politics May Trump Hydrology



By Dan Walters, [CALMatters.org](http://CALMatters.org)

Most of us operate on the calendar year — the 12 months that begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

Many governments and major corporations use the fiscal year — typically beginning on July 1 and running until June 30 of the following year.

However the federal government's fiscal year, which began on July 1 for 132 years, was shifted in 1974 to an October 1 start to accommodate federal officials' insistence on a month-long escape from Washington's steamy summer weather.

In California, the most important calendar may be the "water year," which also begins on October 1, because how much the state's reservoirs have in storage and how much nature provides in the form of rain and snow are existential factors in the lives of nearly 40 million people.

The water year begins on October 1 because historically, the state's roughly six-month-long rainy season begins in the fall.

Federal and state managers of California's extensive system of dams, reservoirs and canals that capture, store and distribute water count how many acre-feet (each one 326,000 gallons) they have in the water bank. They then project how much more they can anticipate over the

next half-year and plan on how much and when they will deliver water to dozens of local agencies, especially those serving agriculture.

The current water year begins with healthy water savings. After two relatively wet winters, including the blockbuster 2022-23 season that ended several years of drought, major reservoirs have close to 100%, or above, of historic October levels.

Shasta Lake, the largest federal reservoir, has 107% of historic October storage this week, while Lake Oroville, the state's biggest, is at 96%.

That should be enough to carry the state through a relatively dry 2024-25 winter, which is possible because meteorologists see a 71% chance that the season will be dominated by a La Niña condition in the Pacific Ocean. It often — but not always — tends to push the jetstream to the north, bringing heavier precipitation to the Pacific Northwest but reducing rain and snow to the south, meaning California.

"California experienced record heat and dry conditions this summer, drying out the landscape and putting our hydrology behind before the water year even starts," state climatologist Michael Anderson said in a statement issued by the Department of Water Resources to mark the 2024-25 water year's onset. "While there is still a lot of uncertainty around how La Niña could impact the state this year, we know we can count on it to include extreme conditions."

California's weather is notoriously difficult to forecast more than a week or two in advance, so the only

certainty about the new water year is that it begins with strong storage numbers. That said, how much water is actually delivered to downstream users will depend not only on storage and precipitation but on California's ever-shifting regulatory climate.

Official state water policy is to become more resilient to the long-term effects of climate change, assumed to be less precipitation in the form of snow and more in rain. That indicates a need for more storage to capture winter rains, such as the pending construction of Sites Reservoir on the western side of the Sacramento Valley.

However, the state also wants San Joaquin Valley farmers, who receive the bulk of water deliveries from federal and state reservoirs, to take less, thus providing more water for wildlife in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Meanwhile, Donald Trump is promising that if he returns to the White House, he'll help farmers resist reductions that the state wants.

In California, tricky water politics are as important as hydrological factors such as precipitation and storage.

That would have been a far more important topic for the nothingsburger special legislative session that Gov. Gavin Newsom called on gas prices.

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

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### EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 500-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

To: All interested Agencies Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Butte County (County) has determined that the Gridley Behavioral Health Facility Project is located in a 500-year floodplain and the County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management. The project is located at 185 Sycamore Street, in the City of Gridley within Butte County, California (APNs: 010-170-001, 010-170-019, 010-170-003, and 010-170-020). The project will include the construction of a one-story Behavioral Health Center (BHC) and potential rehabilitation work on the existing County office building on parcels owned by Butte County. The BHC would ideally be close to 14,000 square feet (SF) but maybe closer to 10,000 SF to stay within budget. The project also includes the renovation of the existing parking lots on the west and south side of the properties. The project may be supported in part by HUD Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds.

According to the Federal Insurance Rate Map for project site (panel 06007C1125E, effective 1/6/2011), the project site is located within a 500-year floodplain (Shaded Zone X) with a 0.2% annual change of flood hazard. The site is currently fully developed with an existing Veterans Memorial Hall, a County Office building, parking lot and landscaping.

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

Written comments must be received by the County on or before November 18, 2024 at the following address: Butte County, 2081 2nd Street, Oroville, CA 95956. Attention: Shawn Rohrbacker, Project Manager, Butte County General Services.

Comments may also be submitted via email to Shawn Rohrbacker at [srorhbacker@buttecounty.net](mailto:srorhbacker@buttecounty.net). A full description of the project may also be requested via mail or email at the addresses above.





# Preparing for Extreme Weather Swings as New Water Year Approaches

California Department of Water Resources News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) on Sept. 26 previewed the new Water Year, which started on Oct. 1, by highlighting preparations for more extreme weather events this season following a record hot summer across much of California and a looming La Niña pattern.

Over the past decade, climate extremes have posed significant challenges to water managers, especially the extreme hot and dry conditions that frequently persist well past summer months and into the fall. California is seeing that right now with above-average temperatures forecast into October and no rain in the current forecast. At the same time, the water that California does receive will arrive from more powerful storms, and hotter temperatures will mean less winter precipitation falls as snow and more will arrive as rain, increasing flood risk.

“California has experienced the full range of climate challenges in recent years from extreme drought to severe flooding and we will be seeing more of that in the future,” said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. “To meet these dramatic challenges, California is starting this water year with more accurate forecasting and additional investments in flood protection and groundwater recharge.”

The Department of Water Resources and partner agencies are making California more climate resilient, taking actions to protect and boost California’s water supplies by taking an all-of-the-above approach to creating a



Pictured here is a drone photo of Lake Oroville taken Sept. 5. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Water Resources

resilient water supply in the face of a changing climate.

Investments in Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations and improved data collection on hydrological conditions across the state through the Department of Water Resources’ \$7 million California Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP) will allow California to incorporate the best available science and data into its water management decisions.

California is also investing in protecting Californians from extreme weather events. Floodplain restoration and flood infrastructure projects such as the Lookout Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration and Flood Improvement Project and the Lower Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback Project will work with nature to improve wildlife habitat while reducing flood risk to hundreds of thousands of Californians.

California is also starting this water year with significant progress in bringing groundwater basins across the state closer to long-term sustainability, protecting drinking water supplies against the impacts of climate change. Last winter, the Department of Water Resources launched the Flood Diversion and Recharge Enhancement Initiative, which supports local groundwater recharge efforts that increase the volume of flood flows diverted from local waterways to recharge areas and expand local capacity to divert and receive future flood flows. The Department of Water Resources has invested over \$100 million in groundwater recharge projects since the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act was signed into law in 2014.

While Lake Oroville, the State Water Project’s largest reservoir, is currently 101 percent of average for this date, the latest outlook

from NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center shows a 71 percent chance of La Niña conditions emerging this fall. While seven of the 10 La Niña events this century resulted in dry years, research also suggests that even as the climate grows hotter and drier overall, the precipitation that California does receive will arrive in stronger storms, increasing the risk from flooding.

“California experienced record heat and dry conditions this summer, drying out the landscape and putting our hydrology behind before the water year even starts,” said State Climatologist Dr. Michael Anderson. “While there is still a lot of uncertainty around how La Niña could impact the state this year, we know we can count on it to include extreme conditions.”

The record dry conditions this summer broke multiple records across the state for consecutive days of triple digit temperatures. In the critically important Sierra Nevada watersheds, precipitation this fall will be vitally important to ensure the winter snowpack can translate into runoff that fills our reservoirs, which provides a third of the water used in California.

In addition to today’s preview of the new Water Year, the Department of Water Resources released the 2024 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment Summary Report on Monday, Sept. 30. The summary report, which includes water shortage information at the supplier level, as well as regional and statewide analyses of water supply conditions, finds that all suppliers have assessed that they will have adequate supplies to meet demand in the coming year. ★

## Newsom Vetoes Legislation that Would Have Supported News Publishers

California Newspaper Publishers Association News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California News Publishers Association (CNPA) is disappointed with Governor Gavin Newsom’s decision to veto AB 2095 (Maienschein), which would have taken important steps to modernize the publishing of public notices while maintaining the print protections for notices.

AB 2095 would have expanded

digital access for the public in one central location. Under the bill, which took into account minority newspapers who were already in compliance with AB 2095, public notices would have to be placed in the newspaper’s print publication, on the newspaper’s internet website or electronic newspaper and on a statewide website that is a repository that would have been free to the public and searchable in expanding the reach of these important notices.

“Public notice remains a vital service to the residents of California as

they not only rely on print editions of newspapers for public notices regarding governing body activities and other information, but on issues that may also impact them, including environmental hazards, financial matters, and many other issues that impact communities,” said Charles Ford Champion II, president and CEO of the California News Publishers Association. “While we had some important legislative wins this year, including AB 224, we are disappointed with the Governor’s decision to not see the urgency and importance

of this vital bill. We want to thank our bill author, Assemblymember Maienschein for this commitment to news publishers and local communities statewide.”

The California News Publishers Association remains committed to the protection and promotion of adjudicated newspapers across California, while ensuring that the more than 10 million Californians who rely on home-delivered print newspapers or their e-editions for news remain intact and viable into the future for all communities including ethnic, minority,

elderly, and rural populations.

About CNPA

The California News Publishers Association represents hundreds of publications throughout the state of California and has been established since 1888. For years, the California News Publishers Association has protected the interests of newspapers through member services, a legal helpline for members, and legislative advocacy on behalf of the industry, from the smallest weekly to the largest metropolitan daily. To learn more, visit <https://cnpa.com/>. ★

# Stop Criminals, Drugs, Theft

By John McGinness

California voters will have several very important decisions to make as they complete their November 2024 ballots. One that has the potential to reverse a decade of deterioration of the state’s criminal justice system is Proposition 36.

To adequately analyze the merits of Proposition 36, a quick review of history is in order. Ten years ago, voters approved Proposition 47 based upon assurance that it would improve public safety. The voters were deceived – Proposition 47 eliminated compounding consequences for several theft and possession and use of dangerous drugs. Many crimes were reduced from felonies to misdemeanors, eliminating the deterrent value of discipline.

The results have been devastating for the state of California. Urban, suburban, and even rural areas once used for recreation have been taken over by critically addicted people living like walking zombies. Retail businesses have become so frequently victimized by “smash and grab” thieves that merchants have been forced to lock up much of their merchandise out of reach, inconveniencing legitimate customers and staff. Fentanyl poisoning has become the leading cause of death for Americans 18-45-years-of-age. On average, over 200 deaths by fentanyl poisoning occur in the United States every day. Consider the tolerance

society would have in an environment in which 200 people were killed in a commercial airline crash every day – public outcry would be extreme and warranted; change would be mandated by an outraged public. Yet persons in positions of leadership seem oblivious or apathetic to the plight of our youth.

Proposition 36 will restore the ability of the criminal justice system to impose compounding consequences on chronic habitual offenders for the sake of discouraging unacceptable behavior. Specifically,

offenders convicted not once, but twice of possession of hard and dangerous drugs will be eligible for felony prosecution or completion of a court-supervised treatment for addiction. This course of action was common before the passage of Proposition 47, when drug court was a viable option for those first charged with felony drug possession. The impetus for treatment is now gone by virtue of chronic drug offenders suffering through addiction and only being cited for misdemeanor violations of law. That means no time in custody in California, and no incentive to participate

in court supervised treatment. Those cited typically ignore their citations, fail to appear in court and continue to live their destructive lifestyle, wreaking havoc on the streets, parks and public facilities throughout the state. Proposition

36 will give incentive to those who badly need treatment. Those who complete the treatment and graduate from the program will have the opportunity to have their record expunged and avoid incarceration, liberating them to live rich full lives. Proposition 36 will also reclassify fentanyl as a hard drug, and provide enhanced penalties on those who possess fentanyl while armed with a firearm. As or thieves, Proposition 36 will impose the potential for felony consequences for persons twice convicted of petty theft and charged with a subsequent theft case. It simply demands that

consequences be brought against those who habitually violate the law for the sake of discouraging habitual lawlessness.

Critics have asserted that Proposition 36 represents a reversion to days of mass incarceration. It does not!

Proposition 36 is a bipartisan concept created by elected attorneys of diverse political and philosophical affiliation, supported by big city mayors from California’s diverse communities, to provide incentive for treatment for those chronically addicted to dangerous drugs, as well as common sense solutions to those who habitually break the law and diminish the quality of life for law abiding Californians.

If concern for law abiding citizens and those seeking to safely pursue their dreams in this state is insufficient to motivate voters to support this thoughtful proposition, consider the wellbeing of the people directly adversely impacted by the results of the horrific current state of law. Since 2014, when Proposition 47 passed, the number of chronically addicted people living on the streets of California has exploded. Failing to recognize the wellbeing of those

lost to drugs on the streets represents an apathetic disregard for our fellow human beings. Swift, lawful action taken to put these lost souls on the path to a vastly better existence is the compassionate and appropriate action to be taken by the electorate of this state.

Ten years ago, the political leadership of the state of California misled the voters, assuring them that Proposition 47 would enhance public safety, that eliminating thoughtful punitive consequences for lawlessness would somehow make the schools and neighborhoods safer. Many of those same people are again describing Proposition as something vastly different than what it is. Proposition 36 is a plan to reduce homelessness, drug addiction, and theft in California. Law-abiding taxpayers deserve better, future generations of Californians deserve better and those in the grip of addiction need our help. Please do not be fooled by the same people who misled the voters to pass Proposition 47.

Please help save California. Vote “Yes” on Prop.36.

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## Planning Commissioner Vacancy CITY OF GRIDLEY



The City of Gridley has one vacancy on the Planning Commission that needs to be filled. It is composed of five members. In order to have decisions made by the Planning Commission, it must have a quorum of three commissioners when a meeting is held. The Planning Commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm if there is business to conduct.

city limits. It is comprised of individuals that have an interest in their community and wish to participate in the planning of their community. Planning Commissioners are trained by the city clerk and/or designee to the commission to support and help new commissioners understand how the process works. This includes training on how to understand the issues that they

Planning Commissioners are appointed by the City Council to assist in the review or approval of planning decisions. The Planning Commission advises the city council on land use planning issues.

will be reviewing.

The City is accepting letters of interest until 5:00 pm on Nov 13 th 2024. A simple letter would tell the City a little about yourself and your interest in the community. Letters should be addressed to the City Clerk and mailed or hand delivered to 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948.

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# Newsom Announces Over \$1.3 Billion for Public Transportation Projects



Governor Gavin Newsom announced funding supporting a multiyear, multibillion dollar investment to modernize and expand the state's public transit network. Courtesy photo

## Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Governor Gavin Newsom announced Oct. 25 an award of more than \$1.3 billion to 27 new public transportation projects intended to fund transformative rail and transit improvements throughout the state. These projects will give Californians real alternatives to driving and help to keep California on track to meet the state's ambitious climate goals.

"California is expanding

our transportation network and making it greener and more equitable. From new zero-emissions buses in the Central Valley to vital rail projects in Orange County, we're building a better transit system to benefit all Californians," Governor Newsom said.

The Oct. 25 funding announcement is part of a multiyear, multibillion dollar investment to modernize and expand the state's public transit network and prioritizes safety, equity, climate action and economic prosperity in the transportation decisions

California makes. The \$1.3 billion in competitive awards approved today follows more than \$2.2 billion distributed to agencies statewide earlier this summer on a formula basis pursuant to SB 125. The projects awarded today will leverage more than \$8.6 billion in matching local, federal and other state funding.

"Under Governor Newsom's leadership, California is furthering its commitment to fund transit projects that boost the state's zero-emissions goals," said California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. "This critical investment is yet another major step towards growing a more sustainable and equitable transit system for those who work, live and play in California."

Projects receiving funding come from all corners of the state—notably, several awards are being awarded to first-time applicants and awardees. Examples of projects include:

\$12.6 million awarded

to Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) to design and construct a new intermodal transportation center to serve the Calexico East Port of Entry and purchase four electric zero-emission vans to expand public transit to the new facility connecting vulnerable communities within the City of Calexico and Imperial County. Imperial County Transportation Commission is a first-time awardee, and this represents an important investment in this area of the state.

More than \$117 million awarded to Golden Empire Transit (GET) to purchase 18 zero-emission buses to increase BRT line frequency to 15 minutes and establish a new commuter bus service. It will also add California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP) validators for credit card payments on all buses. Golden Empire Transit will also install new hydrogen fueling infrastructure and modernize the Downtown Transit Plaza to include new bus bays and modern passenger

amenities. The Transit Plaza will include the construction of 81 affordable housing units and will have retail and medical space on the ground floors. Golden Empire Transit is a first-time awardee, and this represents a significant investment in Bakersfield and adjacent unincorporated areas in Kern County.

\$125 million awarded to Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for the Coastal Rail Infrastructure Resiliency Project to implement improvements, including sand replenishment, at four locations along a 7-mile coastal section within the Orange County Transportation Authority-owned Orange Subdivision of the 351-mile Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor that are at high risk of failure. Over the past 3 years, there has been a cumulative total of over 12 months of closures in this section of the corridor due to extensive railroad track movement and slope instability. The

Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program-funded improvements will safeguard the reliability and resiliency of the railroad at least for the next 30 years. Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program funding is matched with \$80 million of Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funding awarded by the California Transportation Commission last week, and it is expected to attract additional federal funding for this nationally important rail corridor.

The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program has provided more than \$11.5 billion in funding to 153 projects since 2015, funded primarily from Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, Cap-and-Trade program proceeds and the General Fund.

A complete list of the recipients can be found at [https://calsta.ca.gov/-/media/calsta-media/documents/tircp-cycle\\_7\\_project-award-list\\_2024-10-23\\_final\\_all1y.pdf](https://calsta.ca.gov/-/media/calsta-media/documents/tircp-cycle_7_project-award-list_2024-10-23_final_all1y.pdf). ★

## Sutter NWR Water Availability Improvements



Piles being driven for the new Sutter NWR lift station project. Photo courtesy of Ducks Unlimited

### Ducks Unlimited News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - This year (2024), thanks to an unusually wet winter and spring, Sutter National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) near Yuba City will be flooded in time for the Oct. 21 waterfowl-hunting season opener.

As California's hunters can attest, that doesn't always happen. It's often uncertain when the refuge will open to hunting due to limited water.

But in the years to come, the wetlands on the 2,591-acre refuge will have a more reliable water supply, thanks to an ongoing project Ducks Unlimited is overseeing in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and a grant from the California Natural Resources Agency.

Work is underway on a \$16 million lift station that will allow the refuge to make the most of its water supply. As it stands, the water levels in the ditch that the refuge pulls water from often drop too low in the fall for the existing gravity-fed infrastructure to flood 1,540 acres of the refuge's managed wetlands inside the Sutter Bypass. Currently, it's only when the water levels in the ditch rise typically later in the season that the refuge can flood that area.

When completed in 2024, the new lift station will allow the refuge to pull water from the ditch at lower levels, offering better chances of having water on opening day. The lift station comes with screens to ensure that fish, such as salmon, aren't harmed in the process.

"This is the first major step in securing Sutter National Wildlife Refuge's water for the benefit of migratory birds," said Jacob Byers, the refuge's manager. "We still have work to do, but with our partners, we're moving the needle on maximizing available water on our refuge. Sutter, part of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex, is a critical component in a greater network of federal, state and private lands that benefit wildlife. This project will help us meet our mission of sustaining migratory birds across the Pacific Flyway." ★

### Project will help deliver CVPIA water.

The Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), which passed in 1992, mandated certain Central Valley wildlife areas and refuges, including Sutter, have higher priority access to river water.

More than 90 percent of the Central Valley's wetlands have been lost to development. A goal behind the law was to ensure adequate water reached specific state wildlife areas and federal refuges so that wildlife can make the most out of these few remaining, critically important wetlands.

Unfortunately, Sutter National Wildlife Refuge hasn't taken advantage of this federally promised water since the infrastructure to get it to the refuges wasn't built yet. The new lift station will be an important component in any future large-scale project to supply CVPIA water to Sutter NWR in the years ahead.

In other good news, Ducks Unlimited and its partners are also on track to complete a \$52 million water-supply improvement project in the coming months that will allow Gray Lodge Wildlife Area in Gridley to finally receive its full allotment of CVPIA water.

"It's an exciting time for the public wetlands of the Sacramento Valley," said Ducks Unlimited Regional Biologist John Ranlett. "The millions of waterfowl and other birds that rely on our state and federal wetlands will benefit from these Ducks Unlimited projects. California's hunters and other wildlife enthusiasts will also enjoy these improvements to our wildlife areas and refuges for years to come."

*Ducks Unlimited Inc. is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing wetland and grassland habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has restored or protected more than 16 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science, DU's projects benefit waterfowl, wildlife and people in all 50 states. DU is growing its mission through a historic \$3 billion Conservation For A Continent capital campaign. Learn more at [www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org).* ★

## New Resources Help Promote Teacher Prep Programs

### California Commission on Teacher Credentialing News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** -The State Collaborative for California's Educator Workforce has released a new suite of tools to make high quality teacher preparation programs more accessible and affordable to prospective teachers across the state.

California faces persistent teacher shortages that force many districts to hire substitutes or teachers who have not completed a preparation program. These shortages are greatest for early childhood educators as well as those who specialize in teaching students with disabilities and who are multi-language learners.

Despite the state's unprecedented investments to strengthen the teacher pipeline, high quality preparation programs are often inaccessible or unaffordable for many prospective teachers.

To address this challenge, education leaders from state agencies, public, and private teacher preparation programs developed a suite of resources to help prospective teachers identify preparation pathways that best meet their needs given their individual experience and education, as well as guidance on available financial resources to make preparation affordable.

"All students need and deserve well-prepared, credentialed teachers. This resource toolkit will help California attract, grow, and retain the number of talented teachers needed to educate the next generation," said Mary Vixie Sandy, Collaborative lead and executive director of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing along with Commission Chair Marquita Grenot-Scheyer.

The toolkit, available on the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's Roadmap to Teaching website, features:

Funding Your Future in Teaching, which offers financial planning steps for every aspiring educator along with sample funding packages for those considering a California-based teacher residency program; and

A Teacher Candidate Funding Explorer database of resources to help prospective teachers offset the cost of earning a teaching credential.

In addition, the site includes a set of similar resources for teacher preparation program leaders that provide guidance on funding programs that pay teacher candidates a living wage while they earn their credential. The resources include:

A Teacher Preparation Program Funding

Explorer, a searchable database of federal and state funding sources that can be used to improve teacher preparation programs; and

A series of Teacher Residency Program Funding Scenarios that describe strategies for combining funding to develop and sustain a teacher residency program.

"Teacher preparation programs are available and can be affordable, but too many prospective teachers are unaware of the pathways available into teacher education. We have come together to increase awareness of those pathways and to give teacher candidates the information they need to select the pathway that's best for them," said commissioners and higher education representatives, Annamarie Francois, University of California, Shireen Pavri, California State University, and Kimberly White-Smith, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities.

A new state law allows for individuals who hold a qualifying bachelor's degree or higher in any subject to be considered for admission to most teacher preparation programs.

"Teacher shortages are a nationwide issue that must be addressed by tackling barriers to equitable access and the affordability of teacher preparation programs," said Daisy Gonzales, executive director of the California Student Aid Commission. "These new tools will not only help prospective teachers identify high-quality teacher preparation programs, but also allow them and higher education institutions to participate in designing regional educational pathways to meet California's urgent need for teachers."

The resources were created through the State Educator Workforce Collaborative – a collaboration between state agencies and teacher preparation programs including the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, California State Board of Education, California Department of Education, California Student Aid Commission, California State University Chancellor's Office, University of California Office of the President, California Community College Chancellor's Office, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, and Department of Finance and Office of the Governor – with research and support from WestEd.

For more information on the program visit the Commission on Teacher Credentialing at [www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/roadmap-to-teaching/financial-resources-for-teacher-candidates](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/roadmap-to-teaching/financial-resources-for-teacher-candidates). ★

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# All You Need to Know About Nagar Kirtan or ‘Sikh Parade’

By MPG Staff

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Each year, the Gurudwara Sahib or “Sikh Temple” in Yuba City hosts one of the largest Sikh Parades outside of the Indian subcontinent.

The festivities are always held on the first weekend in November and begin with hymns and a continuous reading of the Sikh’s holy scriptures (Sacred Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji) in its entirety. Friday is marked by fireworks and Saturday by the raising of the flag and open tours of the temple and gurdwara grounds.

The weekend culminates in a large parade on Sunday morning with thousands gathered to witness the Nagar Kirtan (religious procession) dedicated to Prakash Purab of Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (compilation of Sikh’s holy scriptures). The Panj Piare (the five beloved ones) lead the procession of the Nagar Kirtan. This is normally followed by one main float, which carries the Sacred Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji along with several Granthi’s performing kirtan (Hymns of Guru Ji) and attending to the Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji. The Sangat walk behind the Guru Ji singing Hymns of Guru Ji.

The procession winds through Yuba City roads on a 4.5-mile route. Each year, many volunteers cook and donate an astounding amount of free food and beverages to anyone at the Sikh Parade. All are welcome. The Sutter County Sikh Parade was inaugurated in 1980 and has now grown to attract nearly 100,000 spectators each year from throughout the world.

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, Nov.1

8 p.m. - Kirtan Darbar (hymns of Guru Granth Sahib) followed by fireworks

### Saturday, Nov. 2

9 a.m. - Raising of Nishan

Sahib Sikh flag followed by Kirtan

10 a.m. - Open house and tour of gurdwara grounds

6 p.m. - Rain Sabae Kirtan until midnight

### Sunday, Nov. 3

11 a.m. - Guru Gadee Nagar Kirtan Annual Sikh Parade

### Parade Route

The parade route starts at the Temple, travels down Tierra Buena Road to Butte House Road to Civic Center Boulevard to Poole Boulevard to Tharp Road, back onto Butte House Road in the opposite direction turning onto Tierra Buena Road ending back at the Temple. Route markers are attached to telephone poles along the parade route.

The first two letters identify the street name and the number is in sequence. For example, TB1 is Terra Buena Blvd in front of the Temple. Generally, the marker numerical sequence follows the direction of the parade until it turns back onto Butte House Road. In an emergency, please reference these route markers to help direct public safety personnel to your location.

The Sutter County Sheriff’s Office recommend using Waze for navigation as it will route you around road closures. Visit [www.waze.com/live-map](http://www.waze.com/live-map).

### Parking

Park off of Pease Road and at the River Valley High School where a free shuttle service will be available. Utilize the direction information to navigate to the parking lots. Vehicles that are parked along the parade route and in the residents-only areas will be towed at the owner’s expense.

Parking will not be available at the following locations: Hooper Avenue from True Road to North Colusa Frontage Road, True Road from Hooper Avenue



**Pictured is a scene from the annual Sikh Parade in Yuba City. The parade will be held this Sunday.** Photo courtesy of the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office

to Madison Road, Pepperwood Avenue from True Road to Butte House Road, Madison Road from True Road to Butte House Road, Butte House Road from Madison Road to Tierra Buena Road, Kira Courts, Vi Courts, Butte House Road from Elmer Road to the east side of Stabler Lane, Poole Boulevard from Tharp Road to Civic Center Boulevard, Tharp Road from Poole Boulevard to Butte House Road, the Back Gate to Del Prado Mobile Home Park on Queens Ave. - “The Ramp” and State Route 20 between Harter Parkway and El Margarita Road.

### Bus Route Information

Transportation is provided between River Valley High School and the Sikh Temple. The bus route will begin at 8 a.m. and

run every 10 minutes. The last bus will leave the Temple at 6 p.m.

### Road Closures

Roads surrounding the parade will be closed on Sunday. It is important to note that driving in a closed area not only disrupts the event but also poses a threat to life safety. Law enforcement officers will be monitoring these areas, and any violations may result in citations.

“Throughout the year, the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office works closely with partnering agencies in preparation for the Annual Nagar Kirtan in Yuba City, known to many as the Sikh Parade,” stated the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office in a recent press release. “With collaboration of our local, state and

federal law enforcement partners, we tirelessly work together to ensure the safety of our communities. The Sutter County Sheriff’s Office is aware of potential threats that may arise each year surrounding the publicity of the parade. Although most threats are unverified, we will continue to work closely with our partners to ensure the safety of our community. We encourage members of the public to be vigilant and report anything they consider suspicious to law enforcement.”

To report a crime or suspicious activity, call the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office at (530) 822-7307, the Yuba City Police Department at (530) 822-4660 or emergency dispatch at 911.

For more information, visit [bepreparedsutter.org/sikhparade](http://bepreparedsutter.org/sikhparade). ★

# Butte County Burn Permit Suspension to be Lifted

## CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Effective 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, the burn permit suspension in Butte County will be lifted.

CAL FIRE Butte Unit Chief Garrett Sjolund is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current burn permits may now resume burning on permissible burn days. All CAL FIRE burn permits are issued annually and can be obtained online at [burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/](http://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/) or through your local jurisdiction at [bereadybutte.com/burn-permits/](http://bereadybutte.com/burn-permits/).

CAL FIRE burn permits will be required until the end of the declared fire season. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity and the chance of winter weather have begun to diminish the threat of wildfire. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, follow all guidelines provided, and maintain control of the fire at all times. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto

neighboring property.

Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissible burn day prior to burning.

Visit <https://bcaqmd.org/> or call 855-332-9407 (residential) or 855-332-9406 (agricultural) for burn day status and to familiarize yourself with BCAQMD regulations.

### Residential Pile Burning Requirements

Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles, and tree trimmings may be burned.

The burning of trash, painted wood, or other debris is not allowed.

Do NOT burn on windy days.

Piles should be no larger than four feet in diameter and in height. You can add to the pile as it burns down.

Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles.

Have a shovel and a water source nearby.

An adult is always required to be in attendance of the fire.

Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards. State, federal and local



**Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards.** Photo by StockSnap via Pixabay

land management and fire agencies will also be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed

at improving forest health and resiliency on private and public lands.

For more information on

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

# Butte College Police Officer Charges Related to Child Pornography

## Butte County District Attorney’s Office News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Butte College police officer was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court Oct. 25, where he pleaded not guilty to charges of possession and distribution of child pornography, and the possession of an illegal assault rifle and silencer.

Allen Lamont Charles, 48, was arrested by Butte County Sheriff’s Office detectives on Aug. 28 on possession and distribution of child pornography charges but was released from the Butte County Jail on the same day after he posted \$150,000 in bail.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the investigation

began with a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) through the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) data system. The cyber tip was received by the Butte County Sheriff’s Office and investigated further by their detective unit.

Subsequent investigation revealed Charles was

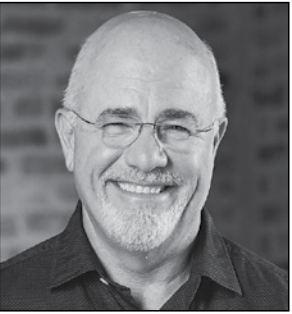
not only in possession of child pornography images and videos but had distributed some of them to two separate individuals. The investigation also showed the accounts used to send the images were accessed from multiple locations, including Charles’s home and an IP address assigned to the Butte College campus where he worked.

After the investigation, an arrest warrant was authorized for Charles and he was arrested without incident on Aug. 28 as he was leaving his home for work. During the arrest, according to the District Attorney’s Office, additional electronics were seized from Charles’s person, which were later forensically examined and found to

have additional child pornography images on them. A search warrant was also executed at Charles’s home, during which detectives said they discovered an illegal assault rifle and a silencer.

Charles remains out on bail and his next scheduled court appearance is on Dec. 4 for the setting of his preliminary hearing in Superior Court. ★

## Dave Ramsey Says Spend, Save and Give



Dave Ramsey

have a little fun going on a vacation or buying something—reasonably priced, of course—that you’ve had your eye on.

Like you said, Baby Step 1 is saving \$1,000 for a starter emergency fund. Baby Step 2 is where you pay off all debt—except your home—using the debt snowball method. In Baby Step 3, you go back and fully fund your emergency fund with enough cash to cover three to six months of expenses.

But don’t have so much fun that you forget about the other Baby Steps. Baby Step 4 means putting 15 percent of your income into pre-tax retirement plans, like mutual funds and Roth IRAs. Don’t neglect saving for college if you have kids. That’s Baby Step 5. And Baby Steps 6 and 7 are paying off the house early and building wealth and being outrageously generous. Live like no one else, so that later you can live and give like no one else.

Everyone likes having

fun. And there’s nothing wrong with spending some cash if you can afford it. I just want people to make sure they have their finances in order first. Remember, there are only three things you can do with money. You can spend it, save it and you can give it away. Following my plan will allow you to do all three without putting yourself in a financial bind.

Keep up the good work!

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.* ★

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

This is a good time to thin and replant your iris plants. Save the healthiest rhizomes to replant. Clean off old leaves, make sure there are some healthy-looking roots attached. Get rid of old buggy parts and give the healthy parts you don’t use to others. This can happen every two to three years. If you save the bigger, healthier rhizomes

there is a better chance of bloom the following year. Some folks say that when you transplant iris you lose a year of flowers. This has not been my experience. You’ll start losing blooms if you don’t thin them out so might as well go for it. I have some great rebloomers in yellow if anyone is interested, I will be thinning them soon. Message me at [beeecott@gmail.com](mailto:beeecott@gmail.com) if you want some. These irises are in the Butte County All-Star Garden at Patrick Ranch. They will bloom in the correct amount of sun at least three times a year. I’m moving some to the front yard because I removed my white irises. I’m putting some white irises back in and adding the

rebloomers. There are also some white rebloomers at Patrick Ranch but I don’t have that variety. I’ll have to get out to their sale and get some. I tend to keep to the tried-and-true colors for Iris. Some very beautiful color combinations will come back every year. For some reason there is a tendency for some of the fancier exotic colors to revert to purples, blues and yellows. One of the wonderful things about Iris are their many colors but also their hardiness. They can be planted in parts of the yard that don’t get as much water and still have spring flowers. Get out and get digging. Happy thinning of the veil. This is the New Year in many cultures around the world.. ★



### Farms Face Ruin as Groundwater Law Takes its Toll

Implementation of California’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, has left farmers in some areas of the San Joaquin Valley in dire financial straits as they confront groundwater pumping restrictions that limit their ability to irrigate their crops. Arshdeep Singh, director of the Punjabi American Growers Group, said he has worked this year with 10 farmers facing bankruptcy. Researchers have estimated the pumping reductions needed to stabilize the region’s aquifers could result in farm revenue losses of more than \$7 billion a year in the valley.

### State to Consider Scott and Shasta River Flows Rules

California water officials last week directed staff to create a report that outlines the scientific basis for development of permanent instream flow requirements on the Scott and Shasta rivers in Siskiyou County to aid salmon and steelhead trout. In addition to developing the scientific basis report, the California State Water Resources Control Board asked staff to assess the economic impacts of baseline minimum flows and to continue modeling and developing information that could be used in the future to evaluate water year-specific minimum instream flows.

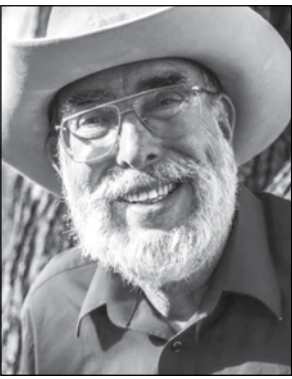
### Federal Officials Weigh Endangered Species Act Listing for Monarch Butterfly

The iconic monarch butterfly—famed for its vibrant orange and black wings—makes its annual stop along California’s Central Coast this month to overwinter. This journey is part of a multigeneration migration that spans North America, with monarchs traveling as far as Mexico and Canada. But their numbers have dwindled. Chip Taylor, founding director of Monarch Watch, discussed how a potential action to list the monarch as threatened or endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act would affect California farmers and ranchers.

### Food Safety Manager Points to Diverse Jobs in Agriculture

When Katie Verhoef was earning her bachelor’s degree in business administration, she did not imagine that she would one day oversee food safety for a California grower, packer and shipper. Verhoef works as the food safety manager for San Joaquin Valley-based AC Foods, which has farms in California, Oregon and Australia. As an eight-year member of the Kern County chapter of the California Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers program, she also talks to college students about different career possibilities in agriculture. ★

## Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

“This whole election process just doesn’t work for me,” Dud said, sipping his coffee. “There’s no way we can tell who is best for the job.”

Doc, being the senior member of the Mule Barn truck stop’s world dilemma think tank, looked kindly at Dud. “Well, haven’t you been reading what each guy stands for, Dud?”

Dud shrugged. “Sure. But I firmly believe they

only tell you what you want to hear. They’re the best, and the other guy is going to take you straight to ruined aspirations.”

“Ruined aspirations?” piped up Steve, the cowboy with the owlish look of pure bowlegged intellectualism. “That’s why I’ve always thought we need a contest. A real contest. Have them put their aspirations where they’ll do the most good.”

“A contest?”

“Bull riding,” said Steve, nodding sagely. “Just put them on bulls and the first one to fall off loses.”

“But what does bull riding have to do with taxes and warfare and education

and all that stuff?” asked Doc.

“Nothing at all,” said Steve, “but you can bet it will separate the serious candidates from the oh-what-the-heck guys.”

“I like what I’m hearing here,” said Dud, with a grin. “Only problem is, if they ride bulls, one of them might get killed.”

Steve grinned, “Helps simplify the process, doesn’t it?”

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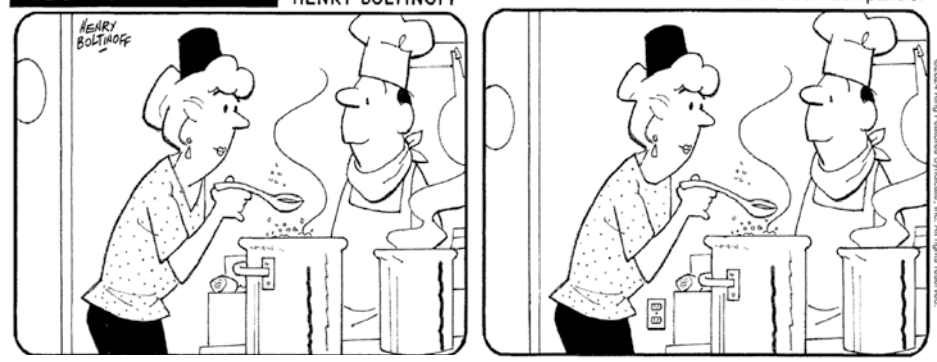
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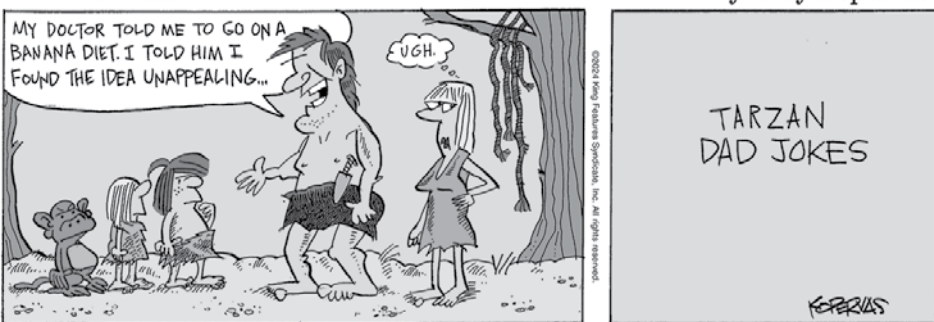
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  15. Aren't, colloquially
  16. Mimicked
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  - Wading bird
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# Gridley Titans Football



10U Titans football and cheer team photo. Courtesy photo

## Titans 10U

By Jason Davis Sr., Coach

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - On Saturday, Oct. 26, the #2 seed 10U Gridley Titans matched up against the #3 seed 10U Corning Lions in Cottonwood. The last time these two teams met, it was a close game with the Titans winning by five points. This time around it was a different story, the Titans dominated the Corning Lions on both sides of the ball. The final

score was 27-0 Titans.

The Titans defense only allowed one first down which came late in the game. Israel Hernandez had a big play on defense stripping the ball from Corning's running back with a recovery by Nash Benson. On offense the Titans scored on every drive but one, for a total of four touchdowns on the day. Boss Davis threw a touchdown pass to Weston Paquette early in the

game. The Titans had three rushing touchdowns as well, with two by Deandre Carothers and one by Israel Hernandez.

With the win the 10U Titans headed to the championship game on Saturday, Nov. 2 in Willows, where they will face off against the only team to beat them this year, the West Valley Jr. Eagles. Kickoff is scheduled for noon. ★

## Titans 12U

By Brandon Oakley, Head Coach

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Titans 12U football team lost to the West Valley Jr. Eagles 35-0, on Saturday, Oct. 26.

This was a first-round playoff game. The Titans played a

physical game and battled hard. Out of nine teams in their league, the 12U Titans finished their season in the top four. This was a successful season that focused on attitude, effort and leadership. It was an honor and a privilege to coach the kids this season. ★

## Uninsured Farmworker Gets Reassuring News After 'Gift of Surgery'

By Yanet Luna, Special to the Territorial Dispatch

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Farmworker Yanet Munoz of Williams got some disappointing news after doing a non-invasive colon cancer test at home: Her test came back positive for cancer and she would need a colonoscopy to confirm a correct diagnosis.

Munoz, a recent widow, had no health insurance or ability to pay for a colonoscopy. However, once alerted to the positive test results, the nonprofit agency Operation Access immediately connected her with Dr. Saad Aziz, a gastroenterologist affiliated with Sutter Health in Yuba City.

Aziz performed a colonoscopy on Munoz at Sutter North Surgery Center in Yuba City and the results showed the at-home test had produced a false-positive.

"When I heard the word 'cancer,' I was frightened,"



Yanet Munoz, third from left, stands with a Sutter care team, including Dr. Saad Aziz, second from left. Photo courtesy of Sutter Health

Munoz said. "But now I feel happy and relieved that the results came back negative."

Munoz is one of hundreds of patients who were able to access care through Sutter Health's "Gift of Surgery" program. Since 2009, Sutter Health physicians and clinicians and care teams have participated in more than 8,100 surgical procedures and

diagnostics services for patients who are uninsured and cannot afford care. The program, which started in the Bay Area, has now come to the Yuba-Sutter region; Munoz's procedure was the first to be performed at Sutter Health in Yuba City.

In the first half of this year, Sutter Health performed 224 surgical free procedures and diagnostic

services. The not-for-profit health system expects to complete nearly 500 surgeries in total by the end of the year.

"Gift of Surgery is a wonderful program that ensures that patients who may not have access to the care they need, now have a way to get these procedures done in a timely manner," Aziz said.

"Sutter Health invests

deeply in our communities to close healthcare gaps, increase access to care and improve individual and community wellness," said Kelly Brenk, senior director of Community Health at Sutter. "The 'Gift of Surgery' program is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when we work with not-for-profit community partners to improve the overall health of our communities."

More than 100 Sutter Health doctors volunteer their time and expertise to perform outpatient surgeries and procedures, including hernia repairs, colonoscopies, cataract surgeries, knee alignment repair, gall bladder removal and more.

"We envision a future where everybody can get the medical care that they need, when they need it, and our partnership with Sutter Health allows us to make that reality come true," said Ali Balick, Operation Access program director.

Sutter Health is a not-for-profit healthcare system dedicated to providing comprehensive care throughout California. Committed to health equity, community partnerships, and innovative, high-quality patient care, Sutter Health is pursuing a bold new plan to reach more people and make excellent healthcare more connected and accessible. Sutter Health currently serves nearly 3.5 million patients and has more than 57,000 employees and clinicians, and 12,000-plus affiliated physicians, with a unified focus on expanding care to serve more patients.

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# The Bulldogs Claim the Harvest Bowl

Story and photos by Dillon Longmire

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Bulldogs dominated and took home the Harvest Bowl trophy for the 11th straight year, against the Live Oak Lions this past Friday, Oct. 25. Final score was 49-3.

The Bulldogs set the tone early scoring a touchdown in the first 52 seconds of the game using the legs of senior wide receiver, #6 Kaleb Sherwood. The Lions would then respond with a lengthy 12-play drive using both runs and passes to move down the field, but only came away with a field goal, making the score 7-3 late in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs would respond quickly with multiple chunk plays from senior quarterback, #3 Gus Stogsdill and end up running in a touchdown to end the first quarter with a score of 14-3. The Lions would once again move the ball converting on multiple third and fourth downs, using the arm of senior quarterback #7 Aaron Rodgers. The Lions would move into the red zone, but were unable to finish the drive as the Bulldogs forced a turnover on downs.

The theme of quick scores would continue for the Bulldogs as they would score a rushing touchdown (once again from Gus Stogsdill) in only one play to make the score 21-3 with seven minutes to go in the second quarter. The Bulldog defense would force a three and out and the offense would score once again in only one play



The Bulldogs line up to kick the ball away after scoring a touchdown against the Live Oak Lions, on Oct. 25.



The Bulldog defense rushing Live Oak quarterback, Aaron Rodgers, during the 2024 Harvest Bowl.

but this time using the arm of Stogsdill as he threw a long pass to junior wide receiver, #7 Canon Moore

who was open in the end-zone for a touchdown. The Lions would then almost completely

abandon the running game and use the arm of quarterback Aaron Rodgers which proved to be

somewhat effective as they would move the ball down the field once again but got turned over on downs.

After that Live Oak drive took up a decent amount of time, the Bulldogs would get the ball with only 50 seconds left in the first half. That proved to be no problem for the offense as they moved down the field and scored in only three plays after a touchdown pass from Gus Stogsdill to junior wide receiver, #5 Eli Punzo, making the score 35-3 entering halftime.

The second half would go by quickly as the game would go into a running clock after the Bulldogs scored another touchdown using the legs of Stogsdill to make the score 42-3. The Bulldog defense would not allow another score from the Lions and the offense would score for the last time using senior running back, #40 Lonnie Keel. Time would expire and the Bulldogs claimed the Harvest Bowl trophy once again.

Even though the score indicates otherwise, the Lions had a shot to keep the game close if they could've finished drives in the first half. Three first half drives would end up in the red zone, but the Lions were only able to score on one. An impressive throwing performance from quarterback Aaron Rodgers should give the Lions hope for the rest of the season.

The Gridley Bulldogs will host the Las Plumas Thunderbirds in what may end up being their final home game of the season while the Live Oak Lions will go on the road to face the Oroville Tigers. Both games are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 1, after press time. ★



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