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# Veterans Honored with Musical Tribute and Quilts of Valor



The Monday Quilters honored six veterans with beautiful quilts. From left are Edward Daoust, Bob McCall, Richard Valentini, Eugene Anderson, Ed Kawasaki and Eric Zancanella.

By Delaina Watson and Cindy Scott, photos by Chris Pedigo

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Those attending the Veterans Day Musical Tribute enjoyed the Oroville Community Concert Band as they played several pieces: a somber tribute to the battle at Gettysburg, several marches and, of course, the rousing "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Ethan Jacobsen, who narrated the music, said that marches were composed for the parades, which were common during times of war.

The Monday Quilters presented beautiful, patriotic quilts to six veterans. This is their 10th year presenting quilts to veterans who have served "down range," and they have presented more than 60 quilts to area

veterans so far.

Delaina Watson, who introduced the honorees, hoped the quilts would be a daily reminder of their appreciation for the veterans' sacrifices and the sacrifices of their families.

George R. McCall III, better known as Bob, joined the U.S. Navy on July 15, 1967, and served until June 10, 1971. McCall III was first stationed at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he trained on electrical fixed-wing aircraft for two years.

In January 1969, McCall III transferred to Alabama and Virginia to receive helicopter systems training for six months. McCall III then went to Vietnam, where he worked throughout 1970 on the electrical systems of helicopter gunships that protected river

boats. McCall III achieved the rank of Petty Officer 3 and said he was proud to serve in the U.S. military.

Edward Daoust joined the U.S. Navy in 1969 and served aboard the USS Tioga County, which took him to the Philippines, Korea, Hong Kong, and Vietnam. Daoust also served on the USS Blanco County, transporting Marines and equipment up the Mekong Delta. His ship was scheduled to be decommissioned in December 1970 as the war was winding down, allowing Daoust to take an early honorable discharge.

Daoust reached the rank of E-3 and held the positions of Boatwain's Mate and Paint Locker Operator. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal

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## Fraudulent Checks Attempted Against City of Live Oak

By Shaunna Boyd

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - At the Nov. 6 meeting of the Live Oak City Council, they first held a special meeting with an update of an incident of fraudulent checks.

Finance Director James Ramsey explained that on Monday, Oct. 28, Bank of America and Golden Pacific Bank notified the city that someone was attempting to cash forged checks that included the city's account number, logo, address and other contact information.

Staff quickly closed the account and opened a new one, and have since been updating deposit instructions with various agencies, such as the California State Controller's Office, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA), etc. In order to update the new account information with the City's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) account, the council has to pass an official resolution updating the names and titles of the authorized signers on the account. After the resolution has been submitted, the city will again be able to transfer funds to and from that account.

There is no fiscal impact from changing the account number, and Interim City Manager Mark Scott said, "We didn't lose any money because of the fraudulent checks."

Councilmember Bob Woten asked they were able to duplicate the city checks, and Finance Director Ramsey said, "Fraudsters are very creative." They could have seen an old or canceled check, or "just taken our logo and put in on a check." The checks were being used out of state, instead of locally, which helped flag them as fraudulent.

The council voted unanimously (with Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana absent) to approve the resolution updating the Local Agency Investment Fund account information.

During the regular meeting, Interim City Manager Mark Scott requested the council approve a contract with Bob Murray & Associates to perform executive search services for the Live Oak city manager position.

Scott said, "As you know very well, we have

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# Let's Go Dutch!

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - After months of anticipation, Gridley finally welcomes Dutch Bros Coffee to town.

The walk-up and drive-through coffee venue was started back in 1992 by Oregonians Dane and Travis Boersma. Known for its vibe and high energy, Dutch Bros crewmembers are typically lively and chatty, furthering the sentiment of building relationships that was instilled in the company by its founders.

According to its website, Dutch Bros Coffee has grown from its original start as a pushcart run by the Boersma brothers where they would "serve up espresso, rock their favorite music and make connections with their community" to multiple locations in the Northwest. The company began in Grants Pass, Oregon and has branched out into neighboring states.

Currently, the company



Dutch Bros Coffee in Gridley is set to open Friday, Nov. 15 with a celebratory ribbon-cutting scheduled with the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce at 10 a.m. Photo by Mickey Mrakuzic

continues to expand while striving to "make a difference one cup at a time," raising money for worthy causes.

In 2007, Dutch Bros began the "Drink One for Dane" honoring co-founder Dane Boersma after his ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease) diagnosis. Since, Dutch Bros has dedicated

a day in May to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and aims to help #EndALS.

Dutch Bros Coffee also raises money for children during its "Bucks for Kids" campaigns and other worthy organizations with its Dutch Luv campaign.

Gridley's Dutch Bros opens promptly in the morning hours: the

company's typical open hours are 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

For more information on Dutch Bros, visit its website at [Dutchbros.com](http://Dutchbros.com).

The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce plans to welcome Dutch Bros with a ribbon-cutting opening day at its newest location on 1464 CA-99 at 10 a.m. Nov. 15. ★

# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Butte College football update. The Roadrunners quarterback through seven touchdowns in their game against Feather River College in a big win. They beat Feather River 62-42; the week before, they beat Shasta College 55-46. Those could easily be mistaken for basketball scores. If you like offense and special teams, This is the team for you. This certainly seals a bowl appearance for Butte. Looking at the roster, few young people From Gridley are on the team. The college seems to be attracting out-of-town talent in large numbers.

At the last election, Measure H passed, and the Butte Board of Supervisors already started to hire additional law-enforcement personnel as well as prosecutors in the District Attorney's office. If you couple those changes with

the fact that every county in the state voted yes on Proposition 36 - to make crime illegal again - our lives will be measurably better. The criminal justice reforms that the state put in law have been a disaster, and when you couple that with legalizing drugs, it's become a billion-dollar mess. The elected legislature wouldn't fix it, and so the people did by gathering the signatures and putting 36 on the ballot. Clearly, a message has been sent. Whether or not the people in Sacramento receive the message is yet to be determined.

I had a chance to talk to our local representative in Congress, Doug LaMalfa, and he has moved up many notches in seniority because so many other members of Congress either got new jobs or decided not to run for reelection in 2024. So now he moves up, and his side of the aisle is the in-charge side of the aisle. Our humble, bearded local boy has become a powerful operator in Washington. He also has the President's phone number.

This is good news for local communities. If you add up all the money that goes to Washington from the states, California has

always been a net donor, with more money going out than coming back to our communities. There is some hope that as the government changes, things may get better. It is not that often that we see Congress and the President in the hands of the same party, it will be fascinating to watch. Now would be a good time to pray for all of our elected leaders. Hoping they make changes that increase liberty and ensure we don't collapse from indebtedness.

I've received several inquiries as to whether I'm using artificial intelligence in my writing. I actually have come to despise the artificial intelligence writing assistant because it keeps trying to take over as I write (it likes to use fewer words). For some reason, the computer thinks it could do better than I could at being me. I appreciate that the number of grammatical and spelling errors that get put in the newspaper (to be remembered forever) has been significantly reduced by technology; that said, a total takeover is not what the Cook ordered.

*Josh F.W. Cook is an educator and administrator.*

# An Empty Table

Gridley Museum Honors Vets



The Gridley Museum, for a limited time, will feature this table honoring veterans. Photo by Mickey Mrakuzic

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - An empty table sits inside the windows of the Gridley Museum, looking out toward Kentucky Street longingly.

The empty table isn't just a lonely chair, but a metaphor and a symbol of some of the struggles survived by veterans.

On the small round table, a definition has been placed by museum volunteers, outlining what each item represents. For example, the single place setting symbolizes the loneliness of the prisoner of war, the red rose in a vase representing the blood that may have been shed in sacrifice, and the tiny grains of salt sprinkled on the plate, symbolic of the countless tears of families as they wait for the return of their loved ones.

In addition to the moving display, the volunteers at the museum have posted bios and images of local veterans in the windows. Guests can learn about the local veterans that served in various skirmishes either by a visit inside or a stroll along downtown Gridley's historic streets.

Some of the past locals mentioned include Private Henry Clay Veatch who served in the Civil War, Shiego J. Tanimoto, Tech, 4th Grade, that served in the U.S. Army during World War II and even information from a letter written by Dick Cassady Jr. sent to his family from Korea, where he was stationed.

The Gridley Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and is located at 601 Kentucky St., Gridley. This display will be available for a limited time only.

# Utility Pole Fire Causes Power Outage



PG&E was dispatched to the scene to extinguish the fire and repair the switch. Photo by Katie Voss

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Heron Landing residents were surprised by an electrical fire on Veterans Day, burning at the top of a PG&E pole along W. Biggs-Gridley Road. The fire occurred at about 3 p.m. Nov. 11. A nearby Heron Landing resident called 911.

The road was blocked off by police, and CAL FIRE arrived. However, since the fire was electrical, PG&E was tasked with putting it out. Power to the line was shut off and the power was re-routed by the crews. Fortunately, the fire did not spread beyond the pole's top.

The pole's location is directly behind the home of Adam and Katie Voss. Katie and their 8-year-old son, Logan, witnessed the event.

"Luckily, it had just rained so everything that was falling wasn't catching on fire down below," Voss said.

Logan commented, "It looked like fireworks. It was flashing pink, yellow, orange and green."

According to PG&E spokesman Paul Moreno, the resulting power outage impacted 835 customers. Power was restored by 4:48 p.m. for most of those affected. The remaining three residents had power restored by 3:25 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Moreno said that the cause of the fire was "a failed overhead switch that burned" and is still under investigation.

"The majority of poles do not have switches," Moreno said. No damage estimates were made, as of press time.



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# Veterans Honored with Musical Tribute and Quilts of Valor

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with Suspension Ribbon. Daoust remained in the Naval Reserves until July 1974.

Eric Zancanella joined the U.S. Army in 1967, served for 29 years and four months, and retired in 1996 as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves Transportation Corps. Zancanella served in the Vietnam War in Thailand from August 1969 to May 1970. He was a Platoon Leader, Operations Officer for day and night shifts, Maintenance Officer, and briefly Acting Company Commander in a truck company.

Zancanella shared that in war, “boots on the ground are the tip of the spear, and the support staff are the shaft that carries it forward.”

Eugene Anderson joined the U.S. Air Force in 1966 in Oakland and served for 11 years, six months and 27 days, retiring in 1977 as a tech sergeant (E-6). Anderson served in Da Nang, Vietnam, also known as “Rocket City,” from 1968 to 1969. One memory Anderson shared was of losing two airplanes, one on the runway and one that was shot down, and remembering the four brave crew members who lost their lives. Anderson was awarded the Air Commendation Medal.

Richard Valentini joined the U.S. Air Force in 1975 and is a Vietnam-era veteran, achieving the rank of sergeant (E-3). Valentini served as an Emergency War Medic at Beale and Travis Air Force Bases, and he was also a Russian interpreter and linguist at Beale with Top Secret Military Clearance. Valentini



The Oroville Community Band treated veterans and the audience to a rousing selection of patriotic tunes.

earned the Air Force Good Conduct Medal and the Air Force Longevity Service Award for four years of honorable service. Valentini left the Air Force in 1979.

In closing remarks, Cliff Wagner recalled joining the U.S. Army at 17 and the long days of marching formations the soldiers endured in the humid heat of Fort Knox and Fort Benning. Wagner said there was special significance for the soldiers in the marches that were played as they ended their exercises.

Pastor David Henry, First Baptist Church of Gridley, said in the evening’s benediction that it had been an opportunity to reflect gratefully on the sacrifice of the veterans and a “God who gives us so much.” ★



The Navy Sea Cadets solemnly presented the colors and salute for the Gridley Veterans Day Program.



Local quilters gifted area veterans with beautiful hand-made quilts in red, white and blue, honoring them for their service.

## Fraudulent Checks Attempted Against City of Live Oak

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had an opening for city manager for some time now. We made an effort to do an internal search and find a candidate—didn’t work out. I think this day and age it’s gotten very difficult to find city manager candidates.” So, the city interviewed three firms and identified Bob Murray & Associates as the best choice.

Once the contract is approved, Bob Murray & Associates will begin working on the brochure, placing ads and contacting potential candidates. Scott expected candidates would be brought forward for Council consideration in January, with a possible appointment to the position in February.

The contract fee for services is \$17,500, plus expenses not to exceed \$6,500.

“That’s a good price in this market,” said Scott.

Mayor Ashley Hernandez said, “This is a good choice for us,” and council voted unanimously to approve the contract.

Interim City Manager Scott also introduced a resolution to appoint Richard Crabtree as the new interim city manager.

“I’m very happy to make this presentation,” said Scott, because with his current circumstances, he can’t continue making the drive to Live Oak from Fresno. “I regret that I can’t do this forever. I’ve had a great time and have

loved to have a chance to be a part of the Live Oak community, even for this short period of time.”

Scott said Crabtree has prior experience as the city manager and city attorney for the City of Red Bluff, as well as serving on the Paradise City Council. Scott said Crabtree is “clearly an overachiever, and I’m very happy he’s stepped up to fill this role.”

The council thanked Scott for his work with the city and for finding a candidate to step in for the transition. They voted unanimously to approve Crabtree as the new interim city manager.

Interim City Manager Scott also provided council with an update about the Business Grant Program, which allocated \$572,473 of the city’s federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support improvements to local businesses that were impacted by the pandemic. Local businesses were eligible for grants of up to \$20,000 for exterior improvements and up to \$10,000 for interior work—and approximately \$310,203 has been expended from the fund at this point.

American Rescue Plan Act guidelines require that the funds be committed by the end of December 2024 and spent by the end of December 2025. Scott said that many of the businesses have already completed their

improvements, but some are still working on their plans for the funding. The city will be asking the remaining businesses to submit their final plans by the end of the year so the funding can be spent by June 2025—giving the city time to determine how much funding will be available for reallocation to other programs before the American Rescue Plan Act deadline.

Scott said that the Business Grant Program ended up being quite difficult to navigate, so it would be difficult to hand over to the new interim city manager.

“So, I’m just going to take it through to completion, and I’m not going to charge for it. I don’t do this work for the money. ... Hopefully we’ll get it done and spent well,” Scott said.

Councilmember Bob Woten said, “I think you’ve done an excellent job at trying to correlate everything and make some sense out of it. ... I think it was a great program for our businesses and for our community. Because the better our businesses look, the better our community looks.”

The council all agreed that the program was a good use of funding and a good investment in the community, thanking Scott for guiding the program.

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for Nov. 20. ★

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

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

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# Mural Fundraiser to Support Deaf Muralist and Deaf Culture Awareness Nov. 15

## Sign Sign Mural Project News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - The local community is invited to a unique and inclusive event, the Show [Your] Love Mural Fundraiser, on Friday, Nov. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Winchester Goose, 824 Oroville Ave., Chico.

This fundraiser is an opportunity to support Valerie Rose, a talented deaf artist and activist, in creating a vibrant new mural paired with AR (augmented reality) on the Show Love thrift store. The event will be deaf-friendly and aims to raise awareness about American Sign Language (ASL) and deaf culture while bringing a new public art installation to life.

Valerie Rose is the founder and coordinator of the Sign Sign Mural Project, an initiative that aims to create accessible and inclusive art for all while promoting ASL and Deaf culture. Born with single-sided deafness (SSD), Valerie's first language is ASL, and she is passionate about using her art to inspire social change. Her work as an ASL teacher and her commitment to the Deaf community make her a strong advocate for accessibility and inclusion.

Attendees of the Show [Your] Love Mural Fundraiser will enjoy a raffle featuring incredible prizes donated by over 30 local artists, businesses, and organizations. Raffle items include gift cards, unique artwork, jewelry, and exclusive offerings from names like Cafe Coda, Equilateral Coffee, Momona and many more. Each



raffle ticket can be placed toward a specific prize, allowing attendees to choose what they hope to win.

### Event Highlights

The Winchester Goose will offer a special cocktail, with a portion of proceeds benefiting the Sign Sign Mural Project.

Over 30 donations from local businesses and artists will be raffled off in curated baskets.

Learn about ASL and Deaf culture in an inclusive setting. Valerie Rose's pre-recorded ASL presentation will include closed captions for hearing attendees.

Show your support by purchasing themed merchandise, including stickers, hats and bags.

The goal is to raise at least \$3,000 for this mural project. Any additional funds will support future projects by Valerie Rose and the Sign Sign Project, further promoting accessibility and the rich visual culture of the Deaf community.

Those unable to attend the event but wishing to contribute can donate directly at <https://www.cascadianow.org/the-sign-sign-mural-project>.

Follow Valerie's ASL teaching and local events on Instagram at @SignClub.

Join us in celebrating art, accessibility, and community at the Show [Your] Love Mural Fundraiser. Together, we can make a difference for deaf culture and create a world that's more inclusive for everyone. ★

**Above: the ASL sign for "I love you."** Photo by Kevin Malik via Pexels

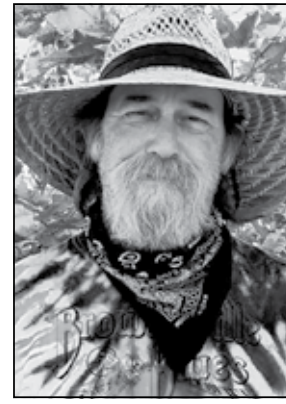
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### CLYDE ARLEN DAVID FROST • 11/23/1957 - 11/5/2024

Clyde Arlen David Frost, 66, passed away on November 5th, 2024, surrounded by loved ones.

David was born on November 23, 1957 in Gridley California to Betty and Frank Frost. He graduated from Gridley High School in 1975. He joined the Air Force soon after and was Honorably Discharged in 1977. After his time in the Air Force David had many careers, including working the oil rigs in Oregon but was most notably a skilled welder fabricator at several Northern California agricultural milling facilities.

David loved spending time outdoors doing the things he enjoyed the most- riding his motorcycle, exploring local trails on his mountain bike, going to the races, and listening to the Blues. An athlete in



his youth, he loved football and baseball. He loved his pets and almost always had a dog by his side.

David was a loving and supportive father to his children, always ready to dole out advice or just call to check in. David was incredibly proud of his grandchildren. He loved to spoil them with gifts and play catch with them while

providing plenty of pointers on how to pitch.

David had many adventures, and you knew you were on his good side when he reminisced with you- often in hilarious detail.

David was preceded in death by his parents Betty and Frank. He is survived by his children Tiffany Norris and Jacob Frost; grandchildren Riley Frost, Lila Norris, Amelia Norris and Noemi Frost; brothers Frank Frost and James Frost; sisters Susie Frost and Mary Lou Long, and several loving nieces and nephews.

Dad, Papa Motorcycle, brother, uncle, and loyal friend.

We will miss your stories, Dave.

Per David's wishes, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.



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## Well, I'm Glad That's Over

A billion and a half or so dollars later and here we sit with a new president elect. Has the cost to run a presidential election grown to an amount so large as to have to add another zero to the million dollar mark?

Both candidates spent a ton of money and I think of all the places and people that money could have helped. Instead, all those greenbacks evaporated into the coffers of radio, TV, social media and print companies trying to convince one another that his or her candidate was the solution to all our country's ills and at the same time, avoid the firing up of the trains to haul us all away to internment camps.

What a fecal demonstration.

Maybe we should just have candidates print up their resume and master plans for the future and send that out by mail to every U.S. citizen in the country and be done with it.

Looking far into the future, with inflation likely to continue for decades, is it possible the cost to run a presidential campaign to touch a trillion dollars at some point?

Don't scoff too quickly. If you would have told a founding father that a billion plus dollars would be spent trying to decide who would occupy the White House, they would have thought you were certifiable.

Yet here we are.

Honestly, way before Election Day I felt sorry for whoever won.

Yea, I know both candidates promised to solve inflation, end the wars, stop racism, lower housing costs and get a handle on our southern borders. The chance of that all occurring no matter who got the nod however is as unlikely to happen as powering all our electric needs from a field of jelly beans.

That's not to say good things might have come from either candidate. The probability, at least in my opinion, some things hopefully will improve, but the chance of any one candidate harnessing inflation in the next few years is slim to none.

Not to be too doom and gloom and draw the ire of a nasty letter to the pro-verbial editor. But I can comfortably say that five decades of economic study gives me at least some insight as to how things work economically speaking. And I am not talking about reading a few headlines in the morning news and then mounting my editorial soapbox to pretend I know something about how the world of money works.

So here goes.

My pity for the new president elect, no matter who it turned out to be, was one of simply hitting the keys of my trusty, dusty

calculator and seeing the big E show up on the screen, meaning there can be no more math entered that yields a comprehensible answer.

In plain English, it means the U.S. government, by the twisting the arm of the central bank of the U.S., the Federal Reserve, has printed up way too much money from air over the past five decades as to dilute the value of each dollar we hold.

So much so, everything now costs a lot more than it used to. And I mean a lot more. And it's just in the past few years has it finally reached critical mass and ignited the fires of inflation to the point where we all finally notice it, despite what the government tells us.

Even during the time leading up to the election, we were told things were getting better. But apparently voters didn't buy it. So say the Gallup Pollsters, citing the economy as the number one issue going into the election.

In the words of James Carville, political consultant for many years who said in 1992: "It's the economy stupid".

And no amount of assurance by a billion dollars' worth of ads or the proverbial letters to the editor apparently can convince us otherwise.

And no, inflation is not any one administration's fault so don't send those complaint letters in just yet. Administrations for decades have kept open the money spigot on government spending and the tsunami of CoVid relief spending was just the proverbial snowflake that ignited the avalanche of higher prices we now are witnessing.

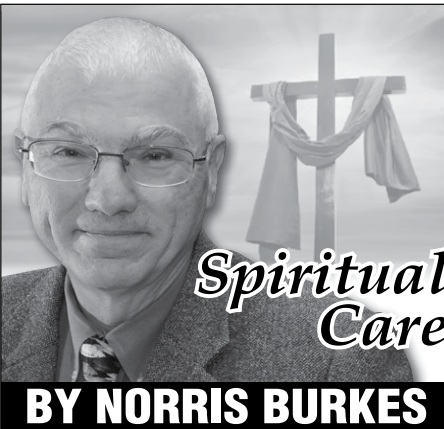
In conclusion, I do feel sorry for the new man on campus. President Trump will have his hands full addressing all the things he wants to accomplish. Unfortunately however, in my opinion, lowering prices to any significant level will be at least one thing he won't be able to do.

Truth be told, it would take a whole lot more than a President to rein in inflation. And I will cover that in next week's article.

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

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## Say more than, "Thank for your Service."



### Spiritual Care

BY NORRIS BURKES

This Veterans Day, I want you to do more than just thank a veteran for his or her service.

As a veteran of 28 years, I want to challenge you to go beyond patriotic rhetoric by asking some specific questions of the veterans you encounter.

First, ask us what we did in military service. Don't worry; our stories aren't just about bombs and bullets and boats.

For instance, most of us would love to tell you about how we deployed on more than a few humanitarian missions.

If you ask, we'll tell about operations like "New Horizon," where we built schools, clinics and playgrounds all over South America.

Some of us can tell you about cleaning up New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, while others will tell you about flying into countries devastated from earthquakes or tsunamis.

Ask us what we did, and we might recollect building runways in the desert, pitching tents in the jungle, hot-loading a plane, setting up communications links in the Australian outback and launching a satellite that gave you the cable TV you enjoy.

Get us talking and we'll tell you about fixing planes, loading planes, flying planes, jumping from planes, fueling planes in flight.

As a chaplain, I can tell you about the blessings I prayed over planes as well as the blessing I had of walking away from a plane crash.

This generation of service members might lose you in their technical talk, but I assure you they are proud to talk about the satellites they control, the drones they fly and the cyber warfare they engage.

After you ask them about what they

did, ask them where they've been.

They'll likely share their version of Johnny Cash's song, "I've Been Everywhere."

They've filled passports doing temporary duty in places like Antigua, Ukraine and Djibouti on the Horn of Africa.

They've flown planes over the North Pole, landed them on the South Pole and navigated submarines under both.

And yes, they've even spent some time in "dark sites" that don't exist.

They shivered with their families on assignment in Minot, N.D., and spent a few sweltering years in Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

My family loved the two years they spent in Izmir, Turkey, while other military families enjoyed the island seclusion of Guam or the Azores.

A few lucky ducks will regale you with stories of embassy duty in Paris, London or Madrid.

But if you want to go deep, ask them what it means to have served.

If you listen well and they think you're interested, they just might tell you.

But it's just as likely they won't be able to tell you. It's just as likely that there will be a hitch in their voice, a mist will form in their eyes, and they'll turn away from that question.

Don't get me wrong. They're proud of the things they've done and they want to share them with you.

But I caution you: There are some things they won't share.

Taking an oath to obey the legal orders of those appointed over them meant that they also did the unimaginable and for some the unspeakable.

I know because they told their chaplain.

They told me about the lives they couldn't save and the lives they had to take. They've shown me their physical wounds and they've bared their moral wounds.

Thankfully, the stories of most servicemembers run the course of everyday life; albeit a life of transfers every two or three years, endless inspections and exercises, family separations, and making ends meet on military pay.

It was a life of long ago, but it was life from only yesterday.

Ask us and we'll tell you. ★

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# Sending Shoeboxes Full of Love

*Operation Christmas Child Collection Starts Next Week*

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - November welcomes the giving season, with many hearts turned toward the needs of the less fortunate during the holidays.

Once again, the First Baptist Church is spearheading the local collection for Operation Christmas Child or the collection of shoeboxes filled with gifts for children for Samaritans Purse.

For as little as \$10, which covers shipping, the public is invited to fill a shoe box or plastic tote the size of a regular shoe box, with Christmas gifts meant for children in developing nations. These gifts mean the world to the children that receive them.

Diane Sheats, who has volunteered for more than five years with the program, said that these simple boxes "change lives!"

The boxes will include copies of the "Greatest

Journey" booklet in their own language (boxes are shipped to countries throughout the world) and a disciple course that introduces the youth to the Gospel, according to Sheats.

For those wanting to donate, simply choose an age range between 2 to 4, 5 to 9 or 10 to 14 years old and designate whether your package is for a boy or girl.

Messages of faith, love and support are suggested as a personal touch from the sender.

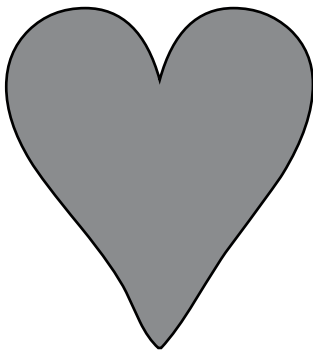
Next week kicks off national collection week and the First Baptist

Church will be accepting shoe-box sized packages from Monday, Nov. 18 to Monday, Nov. 25.

Collection times are as follows: Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Nov. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m., Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Nov. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m., Nov. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m., Nov. 24 from 12 to 2 p.m. and Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The First Baptist is located at 100 Vermont St., Gridley. If you are unable to make those collection times, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4wb5x6xd> to create your own shoebox, print a label and volunteer.

Instructions on how to pack a shoebox, including a "build your shoebox online" option, is available online, with more detailed information at [Samaritanspurse.org](http://Samaritanspurse.org). Navigate from the main page by clicking on the Operation Christmas Child banner. ★



# Gridley Emergency Relief Services Pauses Christmas Basket Program

**Gridley Emergency Relief Services News Release**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Each Christmas season, Gridley Emergency Relief Services (G.E.R.S.), working with participating churches in the Gridley/Biggs area, put together Christmas Baskets for lower-income families in the Gridley and Biggs area.

This year, unfortunately, we will not be distributing baskets. During our planning meeting, we ran into some roadblocks that we were unable to overcome. This is not an end to Gridley Emergency Relief Services; it is a temporary roadblock. Gridley Emergency Relief Services is continuing its goals of helping those who find themselves in unexpected difficulties during the year.

We would like to thank those of you who have shared in this outreach over the years and we look forward to what we can do together over the years to come. We have already started the process for the Christmas Baskets for 2025 and are looking forward to seeing that event happen.

How can you help? As an all-volunteer Christian organization, we treasure the help we receive. There are three ways you can help Gridley Emergency Relief Services.

Pray. Taking time to pray for the volunteers and those we strive to serve is


the greatest thing you can do. It may sound insignificant but it isn't. Without the prayers of our supporters, Gridley Emergency Relief Services would be unable to meet the needs of those who seek us out.

Give. In order to meet the growing need for assistance, financial help is required. You can help meet this need in a couple of ways. Talk to your pastor about sponsoring a fundraiser for Gridley Emergency Relief Services. Send a one-time gift to G.E.R.S. or commit to supporting Gridley Emergency Relief Services on a regular (monthly, quarterly or yearly) basis to G.E.R.S., P.O. Box 931, Gridley, CA 95948. The outreach for those in need does not stop when Christmas is over.

Share. Spread the word that although there will be no distribution of baskets by Gridley Emergency Relief Services this year, the plans are already in the works for next year. Talk with your pastor or other leaders in your church on how your church can alongside Gridley Emergency Relief Services help meet the needs of those in need in our community.

This decision to skip the distribution this year was not an easy one nor was it taken lightly. If you have any questions regarding this, please give Ed Lucas, pastor of Gridley Christian Church, a call at 530-846-4002. ★

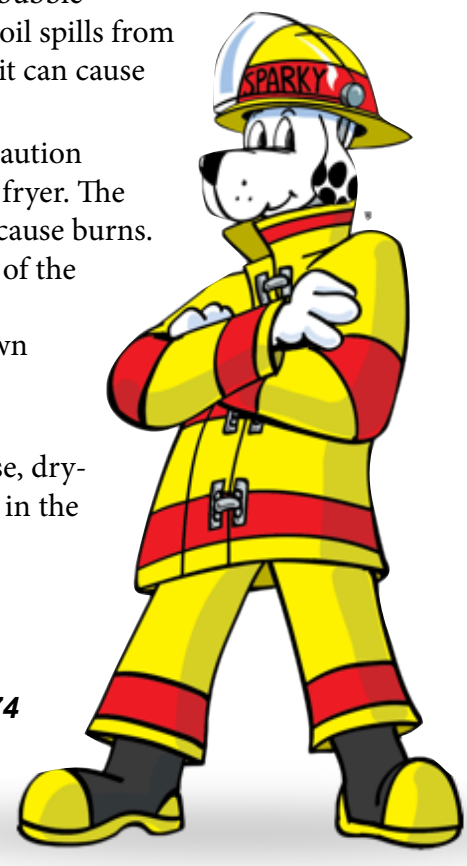




## SPARKY'S CORNER Turkey Fires


Careless cooking is the number one cause of residential fires. Never leave anything unattended while cooking! Don't let an unfortunate grease fire ruin your holiday meal. With the holiday season fast approaching, here are some helpful tips and safety information to make this holiday season a memorable one, brought to you by CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department.

- Stay Away from the House – Set up the turkey fryer more than 10 feet away from your home and keep children and pets away. Never leave it unattended.
- Find Flat Ground – The oil must be even and steady at all times to ensure safety. Place the fryer on a flat, level surface and carefully gauge the amount of oil needed.
- Use a Thawed and Dry Turkey – Make sure your Thanksgiving turkey is completely thawed and dry. Extra water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over. If oil spills from the fryer onto the burner, it can cause a fire.
- Monitor the Temp – Use caution when touching the turkey fryer. The lid and handle can cause burns. Also be sure to keep track of the oil's temperature as many fryers do not have their own thermostats.
- Be Prepared – Have a fire extinguisher (multipurpose, dry-powder) ready at all times in the event that the oil ignites.



Thank You, and Be Safe!!

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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



## Riley Reviews

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING GETS AN EARLY RUSH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

**A Film and TV Review**  
by Tim Riley

### “THE LINCOLN LAWYER: Season 3” ON NETFLIX

Christmas lights are mostly not up yet, and still holiday programming is already available before anyone has had the chance to carve up a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner.

You can count on the Hallmark Channel to fill their schedule with a surfeit of Christmas movies. It happens every year, and this one is no exception.

Hallmark didn't even wait for Halloween before launching “Scouting for Christmas,” in which Tamera Mowry-Housley's Angela is a busy realtor since her amicable divorce a couple of years ago to Dakota (James Paladino), a paleontologist whose adventures kept him anywhere but home.

Now, she is a devoted if often harried, single mom to smart and loving 10-year-old girl Brooklyn (Audrey Wise Alvarez). Angela's busy schedule makes it hard for her to find time for much of anything, or anyone else.

Angela can barely get Brooklyn to her scout meetings on time, much to the disapproval of other mothers. Brooklyn gets the idea to have William (Carlo Marks), the owner of her favorite bakery, cater her scout troop's annual holiday event, and asks Angela to work on pitching the idea to the other moms.

Despite sensing that her daughter might be trying to play cupid, Angela agrees to help and finds herself enjoying time with William, but is reluctant to open her heart and life to someone new.

When Dakota enters the picture again, after missing his ex-wife, Angela must decide what is best for her daughter and best for her heart. “Scouting for Christmas” presents a holiday dilemma.

Oddly enough, Hallmark's all-new, six-episode holiday series “Mistletoe Murders,” was launched on Halloween, in what can be some sort of counter-programming on the eve of an ancient Celtic festival when the souls of the dead returned to their homes.

Sarah Drew headlines as Emily Lane, a small-town shop owner with a secret. The series also stars Peter Mooney as local detective Sam Wilner and newcomer Sierra Marilyn Riley as his teenaged daughter Violet.

“Mistletoe Murders” follows Emily, the outwardly friendly proprietor of a charming year-round Christmas-themed store, Under the Mistletoe. However, her inner voice reveals a sardonic sense of humor, cunning intellect, and keen eye for details most people would miss because she has a big secret.

Residing in the quaint tourist town of Fletcher's Grove, Emily finds herself compelled to investigate a crime when her friend is accused of murder. Emily had tried to fit in without letting

anyone get too close, but the murder case changes everything.

And when she begins her sleuthing, Detective Wilmer, a smart local cop, with a crush on Emily that is not completely unrequited, begins to wonder if there's more to Emily than meets the eye.

Of course, it's only a matter of time before Emily's secret past catches up with her. Other than the fact that Emily runs a holiday-themed gift, “Mistletoe Murders” makes for an interesting choice for a Christmas-related program.

A sequel to Hallmark's “Three Wise Men and a Baby” returns in a story that begins five years later with the Brenner brothers preparing for another memorable Christmas in “Three Wiser Men and a Boy.”

In a crazy turn of events, the director of Luke's (Andrew Walker) son Thomas' (Miles Marthaller) school holiday musical steps down. Luke is desperate to make his son's stage dreams come true.

Luke enlists the help of his brothers Taylor (Tyler Hynes) and Stephan (Paul Campbell). Meanwhile, the trio navigates meeting their mom Barbara's (Margaret Colin) new boyfriend.

The brothers grapple with their own feelings about this relationship. In true Brenner brother fashion, they are all in for a Christmas they will never forget. Maybe they will end up being wiser men.

Earlier in the year, Great American Family announced that Danica McKellar (“The Wonder Years”) and Oliver Rice (“Firefly Lane”) were set to star in “A Royal Christmas Ball,” which was acknowledged as a working title.

With a premiere date of this television film set for Friday, November 29th, the title is now “A Cinderella Christmas Ball.” This change may be owing to the fact that the working title was taken for a TV movie seven years ago.

McKellar's Chelsea Jones is a dance instructor and studio owner in Chicago who inspires kids to find themselves through dance. Just before Christmas, Chelsea discovers a photo she's never seen before.

Chelsea thinks the young woman is her birth mother who passed away when she was only five years old. The woman is in a wedding dress tugging on the hand of a man wearing a wedding ring, but all that is all than can be seen of the man Chelsea believes may be her father.

The photo's handwritten inscription reads, “Our place, Havenshire, December 23, 1984.” With only the internet, a plane ticket, and lifelong determination to go on, Chelsea now has four days in Havenshire to solve the mystery of her birth family.

Along the way, she'll sneak into a castle, teach stubborn Prince Phillip (Oliver Rice) how to dance, and be in just the right place on Christmas Eve when the bells toll. ★

a split second longer before releasing the ball, and some wrist action has been eliminated. His shot has more push and less wrist, which will undoubtedly lead to more made free throws.

Sabonis' shot looks the same, but his concentration looks better, and he's putting more arc on his shot than in seasons before.

All said, we will gladly applaud these early season results and say going from last to first in the NBA in anything deserves noteworthy credit.

After the season's first two games, both losses, pundits and fans alike were wondering how long it would take for 6-time all-star DeMar DeRozan to fit in with his Kings teammates.

The next eight games have answered that question, and with the exception of the Kings 107-98 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, the Sac Town boys have been in every game this season. The current 6-4 record could easily be 8-2, but without question, the ranks of Sacramento Kings fans are filling every game with excited basketball fans that are ready for a historic season. My prediction of 50 plus wins, barring injury, will not only happen, it will propel this team beyond the first round of the playoffs.

Many fans are hoping and predicting that Monte McNair will make an in-season trade or acquisition that will strengthen the bench.

The win on Sunday, Nov. 10 saw bench superstar Malik Monk go down with an ankle injury and will reportedly miss the Nov. 11 game against the San Antonio Spurs (after press time). If there is one player the Kings can ill afford to miss its spark plug Malik Monk, and we all wish Malik a speedy recovery.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because these hardwood gladiators that have suddenly discovered the mystery of making free throws, are in action this week against the Spurs, Sun's again, Timberwolves, and the Utah Jazz.

If you haven't been out to a game, don't miss the chance. This group loves playing together and they are a pleasure to watch!

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

What a difference a week makes, and after Sunday night's thrilling overtime win over a much-heralded Phoenix Suns team that had only one loss on their season record, Sacramento Kings fans are flying high.

After a disappointing and somewhat head scratching start, the Kings have climbed out of an 0-2 hole, to post a respectable 6-4 record after ten games.

Sunday's contest featured three Kings players with 20 points or more, with Huerter and Murray chipping in with 17 and 14 points respectively.

Well balanced is the name of the game, and in the fourth quarter, the Suns were without an answer for the mid-range game of both DeRozan and Fox. Both players drove deep into the paint time and time again, only to step back and take easy 6-to-10-foot jumpers that touched nothing but net.

It was a mid-range clinic, and DeMar DeRozan has already given Kings fans a serious dose of what to expect the rest of the season. This heady veteran has the quintessential mid-range jump shot, and he not only makes them with regularity, he has a habit of getting fouled as well.

Fouling DeRozan is probably not the best strategy for opposing teams as he is shooting a sizzling 86.4% from the charity stripe.

Going into the Nov. 10 game against the Suns, remarkably, the cellar dweller Sacramento Kings in 2023/2024 in free throw shooting, were leading the entire league with an 84% success rate. All but one player on the team is averaging 80% or better from the line, and this represents one of the most dramatic turnarounds in many years.

Only bench player Alex Len, shooting a dismal 50% from the line, is struggling, and if this trend continues the Kings will add significantly to their season win total.

Among the most notable contributors are stalwarts DeAaron Fox and Domantas Sabonis, who after averaging a paltry 71% last season, have raised their averages to 86% and 83% respectively. This is a dramatic improvement, and it begs the question, what happened during the off season to contribute to such a remarkable improvement?

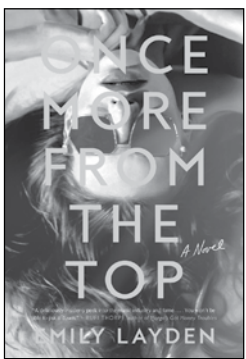
I have noticed that DeAaron is taking just

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## Take A Moment to Relax Before the Holidays



**Once More From the Top**  
by Emily Layden; Mariner

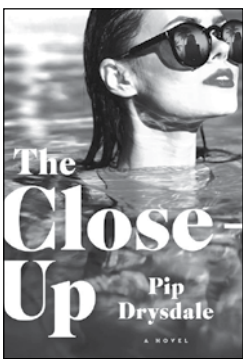
Most people have heard of Dylan Read's music, or at least know of her. Dylan became a household name when she released her album in her senior year of high school, propelling her to instant fame and notoriety as a pop star for the last 15 years. Carefully crafting the perfect lyrics and melody, Dylan Read is a perfectly maintained icon.

What people don't know is the childhood she has kept hidden, a past that is about to resurface in more ways than one. Now, Dylan will have to face her past and its influence on her musical career.

A truly immersive story that will take its readers deep into the psychological effects of hidden secrets, old friendships, and the true cost of fame.

**The Close Up**  
by Pip Drysdale;  
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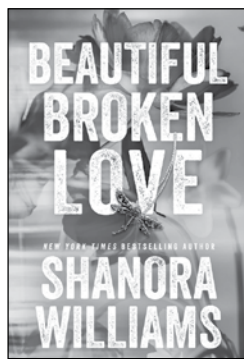
When Zoe Ann Weiss moved to LA to become an author, she never expected to fall for a bartender who



was an aspiring actor; all she wanted to do was write. But Zach felt like a muse, and quickly, she released her first novel, a thriller, that flops. Then Zac ghosts her, and the writer's block hits.

Three years later, Zoe is at a dead-end job, with no prospect of love and extreme writer's block. Until she makes a delivery that changes everything. Now a famous actor, Zach, is on the other end of the door, and all the feelings flood back. All too quickly, their romance seeps into the public eye and Zoe's book goes viral. Now, everyone knows who she is. But the more she becomes known, a stalker emerges, reenacting scenes from her book against her. While Zoe's writer's block is finally healed, she has a new problem: she could be writing the end of her own demise.

A fast-paced thrill ride that will take its readers into a whole new world of drama, deceit, and twists that will keep them



**Beautiful Broken Love**  
by Shanora Williams;

Montlake

A “sexy sports romance” that will sweep readers into the emotional clutches of grief and healing.

Seven months ago, Davina's life was shattered when her husband died in her arms. Now, she can only cope by throwing herself into her self-built skincare line. As her brand grows, she becomes a viral success and is on the edge of landing a major endorsement deal. Now, all she has to do is meet with Deke Bishop, the hot NBA star, to endorse her brand. But there is more to Deke than meets the eye; he is hiding his own pain, and there is an intensity with him she can't deny. As feelings begin to bloom, so does the guilt. Now Davina must learn how to give herself permission to love, before a chance at love slips through her grasp. ★

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# One Issue Trump and Newsom Agree On? Homeless Encampments

By Marisa Kendall  
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When President-elect Donald Trump moves into the White House in January, he will become a key figure in California's homelessness crisis, holding the federal purse strings and setting policy at the national level.

So what will this change of power mean for the state as it tries to move its nearly 186,000 homeless residents — the most in the nation — indoors?

Housing and homeless services experts in California worry the Trump administration will cut federal funding in those areas, while also doing away with policies deemed too "progressive."

But surprisingly, based on what he's said so far about one of the key issues regarding homelessness, Trump's agenda isn't much different from Gov. Gavin Newsom's. Trump pledged to tackle the encampments that have made cities "unlivable" by working with states to ban urban camping and arrest those who don't comply — something many cities in California started doing before Election Day, as Newsom encouraged them to clear camps.

"The homeless have no right to turn every park and sidewalk into a place for them to squat and do drugs," Trump said in a campaign video posted online in April 2023. The video appears to be the last time he revealed specific homelessness policy intentions.

"There is nothing compassionate about letting these individuals live in filth and squalor rather than getting them the help that they need," Trump said.

Newsom, who in most other arenas is one of Trump's biggest foes, has said nearly the exact same thing.

"There is no compassion in allowing people to suffer the indignity of living in an encampment



Gov. Gavin Newsom has endorsed the sweeping of homeless encampments. Photo by Jules Hotz for CalMatters

for years and years," Newsom said in September before signing a package of housing bills. In July, Newsom ordered state agencies to ramp up encampment sweeps, and he threatened to withhold state funding from cities that fail to do the same.

More than two-dozen California cities and counties already have introduced or passed new ordinances cracking down on camps (or updated existing ones to make them more punitive), after the Supreme Court gave them the green light to do so in June.

Trump also said he would move unhoused people to tent cities staffed with doctors and social workers.

That plan alarmed Alex

Visotzky, senior California policy fellow for the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

"We need to remember that involuntary carceral approaches don't work and just delay our efforts to end homelessness," he said.

If Trump pushes these policies at the national level, especially if he offers federal funding for sweeps and tent cities, it could spur California cities to further crack down, Visotzky said.

As the Trump administration gets to work replacing the heads of federal agencies such as the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, there's a good chance California will get tossed

out along the way, said Sharon Rapport, director of California state policy for the Corporation for Supportive Housing. The new guard likely will scrap at least some policies viewed as the gold standard in California, such as "housing first," which says unhoused people, even those struggling with an addiction or their mental health, should be offered housing with no strings attached, and then services to help them recover.

It's also a good bet California would see large cuts to funding for federal housing and homelessness programs — including the voucher program that subsidizes rents for hundreds of thousands of Californians, Rapport said.

That's worrying for organizations such as Abode, which provides housing and other services for homeless Californians in seven counties.

"Federal funding is the brunt of what we receive either directly or through other entities, so it could be really impactful if there's a huge reduction," said CEO Vivian Wan. "It's just going to hurt all of our communities."

Marisa Kendall covers California's homelessness crisis for CalMatters. With more than six years of experience navigating this complex topic, Kendall has won multiple awards for her sensitive, comprehensive coverage. ★

## California Will Likely Feel the Consequences of Donald Trump's Decisive Victory



By Dan Walters,  
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Elections have consequences, as California is likely to learn when Donald Trump once again moves into the White House.

The state has been a bastion of anti-Trump sentiment ever since the bombastic billionaire real estate tycoon first ventured into politics nearly a decade ago.

Its political figures — particularly Gov. Gavin Newsom, former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and U.S. Senator-elect Adam Schiff — have sought and achieved notoriety for their public denunciations of Trump.

Trump has responded in kind. As president, he attempted to thwart some California policies, such as its reductions of farmers' supplies, and as a candidate portraying Vice President Kamala Harris's home state as a hellhole of crime and social decay.

There's no reason to believe that Trump, despite election night promises to bridge the nation's stark conflicts, will not continue using California as a punching bag during his second stint as president.

The agricultural water conflict is likely to resurface because the state is still trying to reduce farmers' share. Trump's promised crack-down on undocumented

immigrants would likely have its greatest impact on California. The state's aggressive crusade to reduce reliance on carbon-based fuels will conflict with Trump's pledge to ramp up oil and gas production.

That's just three points of friction between California and Trump's second presidency, and many more are out there such as gun control and transgender participation in women's sports.

California officialdom appears ready for four years of confrontation. On election night, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas told Politico, "California will do everything we can to protect America from Donald Trump." Attorney General Rob Bonta promised to wage legal battles against Trump on gun control and abortion rights, telling the political news outlet, "We have gone down to the detail of what court do we file in."

Positioning as a Trump foe is a slam dunk tactic for California politicians, especially those, such as Bonta, who may aspire to succeed Newsom as governor two years hence.

But, one might wonder, what does Harris's defeat and Trump's victory bode for Newsom? He will no doubt lead the opposition if Trump tries to punish the state, as he anticipated in a recent interview.

"They're not going to wait to wind up. It's ready, fire, aim — not ready, aim, fire," Newsom said. "And that is going to create a dynamic that will be profound in two senses — from a governing perspective and also from a political attack perspective."

However, would he take the next step of joining

what will be a clutch of Democratic politicians angling to succeed Trump in 2028?

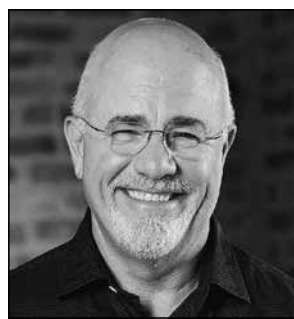
While laboriously building a national political profile in the last two years, Newsom repeatedly denied any ambition of becoming a presidential candidate, saying at one point he has "sub-zero interest."

National political media never bought the line and continued to portray him as a potential aspirant for the White House. However, whatever ambition Newsom may have had if Joe Biden bowed out this year was dashed when Democratic leaders immediately anointed Harris as the substitute.

Her decisive defeat probably means that she has hit the political ceiling, particularly since initial election night finger-pointing dwelled on her shortcomings as a candidate, as well as the Democratic Party. The door is now open for Newsom to run, unless he truly intends to finish out his second term as governor and return to life as a restaurateur and wine merchant.

Newsom has spent half of his 57 years climbing up the political ladder, one rung at a time. Is he really willing to give it up? What he does in the coming months, either entering the Democratic Party's forthcoming battle royale or exiting the national political arena, will answer the question.

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. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have paid off all our consumer debt, and we're in Baby Step 3 building up our emergency fund to six months of expenses. When do you recommend buying a new car in the process? Do we have to wait until we've finished all the Baby Steps?

— Aaron

Dear Aaron,

Congratulations! You two are taking really positive steps forward in gaining control of your finances. I'm proud of you!

Ok, I'm not sure if you're talking about buying a newer car—like a great two- or three-year-old model—or an actual new car. I don't advise buying a brand new car, unless you have a net worth of at least \$1 million. Why? Because at that point, you've got enough assets that you won't get rocked by the crazy depreciation that comes with buying a brand new vehicle.

Don't get all down after hearing this. I'm not saying you should drive a junker until you pay off your house. I recommend that people drive the minimum they can in terms of a car until they complete the first three Baby Steps. As you already know, Baby Step 1 is a beginner emergency fund of \$1,000. Baby Step 2 is paying off all debt except for your home, and Baby

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Step 3 is fully funding your emergency fund with three to six months of expenses.

After you've accomplished the first three steps, then you can move up to a nicer car. Notice I didn't say move up to a new car. I want you to save up cash, and get a really nice, slightly used car—one that someone else has taken the big hit in depreciation on. That's what the typical millionaire does.

And I want you to model your financial behavior after people who are in the position you want to be in one day!

— Dave

### This Isn't Just a Dispute

Dear Dave,

Recently, my husband and I discovered that his ex-wife used his Social Security number to open three or four credit card accounts. We've called the credit card companies, and we've disputed the charges and explained the situation. Is there anything else we can do?

— Kendra

Dear Kendra,

File a police report immediately, and if possible, have this woman arrested. That may sound harsh, but the fact is she has committed criminal fraud. That's not something you, or anyone else, should take lightly. If you haven't already, make sure you both also put fraud victim alerts

on your credit reports immediately.

I'm very serious about this, Kendra. Don't stop with just alerting the credit card companies. You should be speaking with, and communicating via email—plus snail mail—directly with the fraud victim division at every credit card company involved. And here's the really important part. Make sure they understand that this is a denial of responsibility on your part—not simply a dispute.

Try to be nice, and let them know you're sorry this happened. But clearly explain that all these charges are the result of a criminal act perpetrated against you. You may have to stand your ground with some of the credit card companies, because they might try to lay a guilt trip on you—or outright lie—to get you to pay the bills. Don't do it. These charges are not your responsibility. I'm really sorry this happened to you folks.

— 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. ★

# Enrollment Deadline Set for State Debris Removal Program

## Butte County News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Board of Supervisors has adopted a resolution setting a deadline of Jan. 15, 2025, for Park Fire and Thompson Fire-impacted residents to enroll in the State Debris Removal Program.

Under the county ordinance, all residents whose properties were affected by the recent Park

and Thompson Fires are required to enroll in a Debris Removal Program to restore the health and safety of impacted communities and make way for the rebuild process. The enrollment deadline of Jan. 15, 2025, ensures all eligible properties can be cleared promptly and that resources are allocated effectively.

Detailed instructions, guidance and enrollment forms for both the State and Alternative Debris Removal Programs are available

on the county's website at [bit.ly/disasterrecoverybutte](http://bit.ly/disasterrecoverybutte) under Phase II Debris Removal. The ROE Center continues to be open with staff available to answer questions and assist residents with the process. The ROE Center is located at 765 East Ave., Suite 130, Chico.

Failure to enroll in the program by the Jan. 15 deadline will result in the inability to participate in the State Debris Removal Program, which could delay recovery efforts for individual homeowners and

require them to complete the Alternative Program requirements.

Butte County is committed to supporting its residents and communities in times of crisis and recovery. Many employees from Butte County departments have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents since these devastating fires.

The ROE Center is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and is located at 765 East Ave., Suite 130, Chico.

You can also reach staff by calling 530-552-6264.

Cal OES has also opened its Disaster Recovery Operations Center for residents who are enrolled in the State Program to ask questions and get information. That office is located at 1367 E. Lassen Ave., Suite A-1, Chico, and is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. You can also call 530-691-9051 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. ★

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Antonio Hernandez, 2454 Norte Dame Boulevard, #100, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: October 8, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 8, 2024  
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ARCOS 11-15-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000825**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Emic Psychological Health Incorporated, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816  
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Date filed in Butte County: October 16, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 7, 2024  
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**STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000818**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Weird Find, 2163 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Oroville, CA 95965  
Mallina D Grey, 7390 Lincoln Boulevard, Unit 642, Palermo, CA 95968  
Date filed in Butte County: October 15, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 11, 2023  
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WEIRD 11-15-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000665**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Green Clean, 5470 Cabernet Way, Forest Ranch, CA 95942  
Chris A Sjostrom, 5470 Cabernet Way, Forest Ranch, CA 95942  
Date filed in Butte County: August 29, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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GREEN 11-29-24

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

**CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV02908**  
Petitioner Salvador Ramirez Arroyo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Salvador Ramirez Arroyo to Salvador Ramirez.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed October 11, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15, 2024  
RAMIREZ 11-15-24

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV03476**  
Petitioner Zechariah Elijah Thomas Engdahl filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Zechariah Elijah Thomas Engdahl to Zech Elijah Steggall.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on October 18, 2024  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024  
ZECH 11-22-24

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV03346**  
Petitioners Nathaniel Jones

and Justina Wimberly filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Justina Lynn Wimberly to Justina Lynn Jones.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on October 9, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024  
JUSTINA 11-22-24

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV03618**  
Petitioner Cathleen Marie Greenwell filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cathleen Marie Greenwell to Cathleen Marie Poor.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 11, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on October 28, 2024  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024  
GREENWELL 11-29-24

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV02600**  
Petitioner Sarah Danielle Sedillo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Sarah Danielle Sedillo to Sarah Danielle Sedillo Anderson.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on October 24, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 2024  
ANDERSON 12-6-24

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV03552**  
Petitioner Susan Edith Cliff-Hovey filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Susan Edith Cliff-Hovey to Susan Edith Cliff.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on November 1, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the

Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 2024  
CLIFF 12-6-24

### TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 24-69762 APN: 010-360-043-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/26/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: LISA MARIE BURNS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, AND CHARLES LYLES II, AN UNMARRIED MAN, JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS LAW, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 7/28/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-0025257, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, Date of Sale: 12/11/2024 at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$466,576.06 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 210 LITTLE AVE GRIDLEY, CALIFORNIA 95948 Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. A.P.N #: 010-360-043-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and

size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-866-539-4173 or visit this internet website [www.servicelinkauction.com](http://www.servicelinkauction.com), using the file number assigned to this case 24-69762. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 1-866-539-4173, or visit this internet website [www.servicelinkauction.com](http://www.servicelinkauction.com), using the file number assigned to this case 24-69762 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: 11/4/2024 ZBS LAW, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450 Irvine, CA 92606 For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920 For Sale Information: 1-866-539-4173 [www.servicelinkauction.com](http://www.servicelinkauction.com) Ryan Bradford, Trustee Sale Officer This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 41631 Pub Dates 11/15, 11/22, 11/29/2024 GRIDLEY HERALD 11-29-24

### SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRIDLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, of the County of BUTTE, State of California, will receive up to and no later than December 11, 2024 at 2:00pm sealed bids for the award and contract for the furnishing of all labor, materials, transportation and services required for the construction of the SCIENCE CLASSROOM and such bids shall be received at the office of the Gridley Unified School District, 429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 19, 2024, at 3:30pm Meet at 300 E. Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this invitation and the Contract Documents. Electronic copies may be obtained upon request from the office of the Architect; Nichols, Melburg & Rossetto, 555 Main Street, Suite 300, Chico, CA 95928. Make requests to [nimerfroh@nmrdesign.com](mailto:nimerfroh@nmrdesign.com) with a subject heading of "Gridley High School Science Classroom Building"

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bid bond made in favor of the Board of Trustees, Gridley Unified School District, executed by the bidder as principal and an admitted surety company as surety. All bonds for this project must be issued by an Admitted Surety, an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of Insurance in the State of California during this business year, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract if it be awarded to them in conformity with the Contract Documents and shall provide the surety bond as specified therein within five (5) days after notification of the award of the contract to bidder.

It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom a contract is awarded, and upon all subcontractors under them, to pay no less than the general prevailing rates of per diem wages to all workers in the execution of the contract. Pursuant to the provisions of the California State Labor Code, and Local Laws thereto applicable, the said Board of Trustees has ascertained the prevailing rate of wages in the locality where this work is to be performed, for each craft and/or type of worker or mechanic needed to perform the work of this contract. General Prevailing Wage Rates shall be those rates pertaining to Butte County as published by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1.

Copies of the Prevailing Wage Schedules may be obtained from the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA 94101, or [www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html).

Each contractor and subcontractor must be registered with DIR prior to submitting a bid.

The District has set an overall goal for this Project that Bidders obtain a minimum 3% of their bid amount in participation by certified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises ("DVBE"). The participation may be through work or supply of materials. If a Bidder is unable to obtain the full 3% participation by one or more DVBEs, then the bid may be found responsive only if it establishes "good faith efforts" to meet the goal. The requirements for good faith efforts are set forth in Section 00 48 00 DVBE Requirements in the project specifications.

The bidder awarded this contract may elect to receive 100% of payments due under the contract from time to time without retention of any portion of the payment by the public agency, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the public agency in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The Gridley Unified School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any defect or irregularity in bidding.

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# Why Trump Won and Won Big! The Issue is Liberty!



**Commentary by  
Harold Pease Ph. D.**

November 5 was the most important election in our nation's political history. American flags were everywhere so patriotism was strong, and the people felt they needed to get back to freedom basics. The silent majority came forward. Donald Trump's 900-plus rallies were attended in numbers never seen before. Kamala Harris rallies had to have a concert with someone famous, or have a previous president, Bill Clinton or Barack Obama, with her to break a thousand attending; worse, or have rally goers paid to attend. As anticipated, the people came out for Donald Trump.

In a truly fair election without electronic cheating, illegals voting, voter rolls cleaned up, ballot harvesting, totally uncensored information, media

not weaponized and etc. Trump would have won by at least 70%, maybe 75% as we have indicated before. But cheating was off the charts the last two years, more especially the last month, with hundreds of examples, even so, he won with THEIR electronic voting system but not by these percentages. This makes his victory much more profound. No one in American history has experienced more election opposition.

Why this profound victory? Several reasons can be identified. The vast majority of Americans know now that Joe Biden did not win in 2020, Trump did. That Covid-19 was mostly used for mail-in-balloting, which is, and always has been, prone to cheating. That Hunter Biden's laptop was real and held back from exposure by America's intelligence community until after the 2020 presidential election. A fourth of Biden voters would have chosen Trump had they known this. That the laptop revealed 459 crimes, most of which should have put the president's son in jail for many years—but didn't. That Biden was personally corrupt, had over 20 shell companies extracting millions from foreign

countries, some potential enemies, with Hunter selling state secrets. Classified documents were in Joe's possession as a U.S. Senator and Vice President in several different places that should have given him a lengthy prison sentence even before he ran for president in 2020.

Americans now know that the CIA was corrupted decades ago—at least since the Kennedy Assassination. That the FBI has turned rogue even leading the January 6 insurrection while dressed as MAGA. That it is the lead suspect for many in the assassination attempts on Trump both at Butler, Pennsylvania and Trump's Florida Golf Club—it yet suppresses the telephone conversations on several of the phones of both would be assassins that likely would have exposed accomplices, even themselves, as aiding. That the DOJ was weaponized to go after parents at school board meetings, MAGA, and everyone else exposing Deep State corruption.

Most now believe that the Deep State is real. It has been around since the McKinley presidency preceding the Spanish American War and was in both major political parties thereafter. It was a movement of monopoly

tycoons, principally John D. Rockefeller and JP Morgan, seeking first power over the nation, then world economic dominance. It came out of the shadows and organized publicly in 1921 as the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), anyone of major importance thereafter, in either major political party, was CFR connected. The Deep State maintained control over both major political parties through George W. Bush. Its two principal opponents during those years were John F. Kennedy and Barry Goldwater, both destroyed by the Deep State, Kennedy by assassination and Goldwater by election annihilation. The Tea Party movement rose in 2009 against both political parties and Trump, an outgrowth of that movement although not a part of it, opposed the Deep State entirely. MAGA people rejected their control. Today Deep State control is embedded with the Democrat Party and RINO faction of the Republican Party who both see extinction of themselves if Trump wins.

In this digital war MAGA are the patriots and the Dems and RINOS the globalists. Only the most ill-informed are unaware of this reality. As

Democrats flee to MAGA for freedom from the Deep State, most notably Elon Musk, Robert F Kennedy Jr. and Tulsi Gabbard, they are replaced by illegal immigrants who are immersed with gifting for their loyalty: health-care, food stamps, social security, placement and housing in cities and promised citizenship. These are the invisible army Barack Obama promised should be created—as big as the armed forces. These are likely to rise with chaos never seen before in America if enough cheating fails and Trump wins.

LibertyUnderFire.org has published on all of these topics over many years—793 columns. Trump has slowly, but successfully, awakened the public to this awful condition. It had to be this way to prevent a very bloody civil war in 2020. Trump had to vacate the White House so that Biden and the Deep State could rule to be exposed. Everyone is at a different place on the exposure trail. Not everything we have written above is believed by all but enough is that in an election without corruption which November 5 was not, Trump would have won by at least 70%. This 9 years of awakening, with Trump the principle

victim, has prevented a bloody civil war.

There is yet another reason for Trump's victory—tyranny, that most believed eventually would have come to all had he not won! Those who visibly oppose are punished. The DOJ and FBI are Deep State assets now. This last week, the week before November 5 election, nearly four years after the J6 event "suspects are still being arrested, convicted and jailed. This week alone:[a] Father and son from New Jersey [were] arrested—West Virginia man arrested—Illinois man pleads guilty—Texas man found guilty,—2 men from Virginia found guilty—Colorado man sentenced to 3 years—California man sentenced to one year" (Ep. 3489b, Nov. 1, 2024, 34:10).

This, after the Supreme Court ruling June 28, 2024, in Fischer v. United States, on Section 1512(c)(2), that overturned most J6 convictions (about 350 persons). This SCOTUS decision has been mostly ignored by the Biden/Harris Admin. as they have most other court decisions and the Constitution. The real issue as to why Trump won so big is liberty!

*Dr. Harold Pease is an expert on the United States Constitution and a syndicated columnist.* ★

## Trump Wins BIG and America Self-Corrects

*The border is about to be closed and Mexico may be paying for it*

**Commentary by  
Katy Grimes, California Globe**

The American people just sent a big message to the left:

Men pretending to be women will no longer play in girls' sports.

Trans-women are men, and can't get pregnant, by the way.

The border is about to be closed—and Mexico may be paying for it.

Haitians eating the cats and dogs and Venezuelan gangs will be deported.

The spigot spending money on illegal aliens will be shut off.

Abortion is not the "right" stupid ghoulish leftist women think it is.

Pornographic books in our children's schools should be burned. Trump said he will cut federal funding for any school pushing critical race theory, racial gender ideology, and DEI.

Sex-trafficking children will be stopped and a lot of prominent people will be prosecuted.

America will become energy independent once again.

Inflation will be reduced and America will be affordable again.

World War III will be halted.

America's military will be rebuilt.

A recent Gallup poll showed that an overwhelming majority of U.S. voters want new voter integrity laws:

84% want to require all voters to provide photo ID in order to vote; 83% want to require people who are registering to vote to provide proof of citizenship.

Trump promised he will secure our elections, including same day voting, voter ID, paper ballots and proof of citizenship.

The Democrat talking point was "Trump is Hitler." Republicans are not fascists, and Trump isn't

Hitler. In fact, the American people just showed the left how much we love America—the America the founders created.

Notably, whenever your debate devolves to "you are Hitler," you have lost the argument as well as the battle.

Equally, Kamala calling Trump a "fascist" when her polling was sinking was heinous—especially after three assassination attempts on the former President.

The middle class the left always calls the "white working class" is actually black working class, Hispanic working class, Asian working class and white.

Trump even won young people. Identity politics is dead.

Voters want tougher criminal penalties and are about to get them. In fact, California voters are so exhausted from the state's escalating violent crime and business-killing retail theft,

as well as the dismissive response from Democrats, California voters overwhelmingly just passed Proposition 36, which will make significant reforms to California drug and theft laws. This is big.

Notably, Gov. Gavin Newsom and most legislative Democrats oppose tougher criminal penalties and have unbridled disregard for crime victims.

Trump will make the expiring individual income tax cuts from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent. We all win.

On Business Taxes, Donald Trump will lower the corporate income tax rate from 21 percent to 20 percent, and lower the corporate income tax rate to 15 percent for companies that make their products in the U.S.

The attacks on Elon Musk for his purchasing Twitter in order to allow free speech on the internet are now toothless.

Free speech is a critical issue for most Americans, and that mattered in the 2024 presidential election.

The 2024 Presidential Election may have been the most corrupt, immoral scandalous election ever, and with the weakest presidential candidate in recent history—Kamala Harris.

Trump's win is why they tried to bankrupt him, why they tried to impeach him, why they tried to imprison him, why they tried to kill him. The corrupt left knew that when given a choice and fair elections, the American people would re-elect Donald Trump.

*Katy Grimes, the Editor in Chief of the California Globe, is a long-time Investigative Journalist covering the California State Capitol, and the co-author of "California's War Against Donald Trump: Who Wins? Who Loses?"* ★

## California Secretary of State Issues Unprocessed Ballots Report

**California Secretary of State  
News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., reminds all Californians that county elections officials are hard at work continuing to count ballots from the Nov. 5 General Election.

County elections officials have up to 30 days after Election Day to complete their extensive tallying, auditing, and certification work (known as the "official canvass"). The frequency of updated results varies by county.

As of Nov. 7, California's county elections officials have already processed and counted 10,728,985 million ballots from the Nov. 5 General Election. County elections officials estimate 5,472,423 million outstanding ballots remain to be processed and counted. The unprocessed ballots report—a compilation of estimates from county elections officials—is available at [electionresults.sos.ca.gov/unprocessed-ballots-status](https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/unprocessed-ballots-status).

Vote-by-mail ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received by county elections officials no later

than 7 days after Election Day must be processed.

"County elections officials have been hard at work processing and counting the millions of ballots cast by California voters. Ensuring the accuracy and the integrity of the vote count is critical to our democracy. State law gives county elections officials up to 30 days after Election Day to complete vote counting, auditing, and certification," Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber said. "In California, we work to ensure every ballot is counted properly and every ballot is accounted for," Secretary Weber added.

County elections officials must report their final results to the Secretary of State for the Presidential contest by Dec. 3 and all other state and federal contests by Dec. 5. The Secretary of State will certify the results on Dec. 13.

For additional information about the ballot counting process, go to [sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/vote-counting-process](https://sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/vote-counting-process).

The Nov. 5 General Election Calendar can be found at [elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2024-primary/section-08-general-election-calendar.pdf](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2024-primary/section-08-general-election-calendar.pdf). ★

## Senator Dahle Blasts CARB for Massive Gas Price Increase

**Senator Brian Dahle, California's  
First Senate District News Release**

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION (MPG)** - Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) released the following statement after a meeting with members of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and concerned residents who opposed the vote that could raise gas prices upwards of 65 cents per gallon immediately:

"Today's decision by CARB will not only make it more expensive for families, but also disproportionately affect residents in rural communities in my district who must travel long distances for groceries, healthcare, etc. Californians shouldn't have to forfeit taking their family out to dinner in order to afford putting gas in the car just to get to work."

"My Republican legislative colleagues and I have repeatedly called for greater accountability and transparency regarding today's vote. As decision-makers, they need to be aware of the impact of their choices and lack of responsiveness to community needs. I deeply appreciate every one of my constituents who took the time to sign the petition to help stop

this vote from happening without greater justification of why the price increases. Unfortunately, these unelected bureaucrats are out of touch, and they chose political shenanigans instead of listening to the voices of thousands." ★



**Brian Dahle represents California's 1st Senate District, which is made up of all or parts of: Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Siskiyou and Sierra counties.** Courtesy photo

# Gridley Sports Complex Phase 1 - Notice Inviting Bids

## City of Gridley Public Notice

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The City of Gridley ("City") will receive sealed envelope bids only for the Gridley Sports Complex Phase 1 at Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky St., Gridley, CA 95948 until 2 p.m., Dec. 5. At which time or thereafter said bids may be read aloud. Bids shall be valid for 90 calendar days after the bid opening date.

The work shall consist of the following: Constructing a concrete plaza, gravel parking lot, grading and excavating the existing retention basin, installing sports field lighting, installing a new drainage system, and demoing existing facilities shown on the plans.

The contractor is to carefully examine the

site of the proposed work and is to make his or her own determination of the scope of the work to be performed, and he or she is to carefully examine all Contract Documents. No Prebid meeting will be held.

No proposal will be accepted unless it is made on a proposal form furnished by the City of Gridley within these specifications. To ensure consideration, the proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked BID PROPOSAL which also bears the name of the project, and the date and time set for opening of proposals.

The engineer's estimate for this project is \$3,783,000, including the alternative bid.

Direct any bidding questions to Dave Harden at [dharden@ben-en.com](mailto:dharden@ben-en.com) by 5 p.m. Nov.18. ★



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# Crime Reports



## Gridley Police Report

October 15 - November 7, 2024

**Oct. 15:** At 12:08 a.m. on the 200 block of Spruce Street, Gridley, Michael Jacob Nielsen, 53, was arrested for suspicion of Possession of a Controlled Substance (M) (11377(A) HS) and an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Oct. 16:** At 11:29 p.m. on the 1800 block of Hwy 99, Gridley, Asif Mahmood Ali, 38, was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Oct. 20:** At 8:11 a.m. on the 200 block of Haskell Street, Gridley, Shaie Raven Armstrong, 20, was arrested on suspicion of a (M) Simple Battery of an ex-spouse/date/etc (243(E)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Oct. 23:** At 2:32 p.m. on the 1400 block of California Street, Gridley, Armando Simo, Jr, 38, was arrested on suspicion of Possession of Unlawful Paraphernalia(M) (11364(A) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Oct. 25:** At 8:19 p.m. on West Biggs Gridley Road and Peach Street, Gridley, James Allen Pruitt, 47, was arrested on suspicion of DUI alcohol (M) (23152(A) VC), DUI alcohol/0.08 percent (M) (23152(B) VC) and Driving without a License (12500(A) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Oct. 30:** At 8:47 a.m. on the 1600 block of Hazel Street, Gridley, Brandon Charles Carnevale, 25, was arrested on suspicion of Probation Violation: Rearrest/Revoke (F) (1203.2(A) PC) and Use or Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance (M) (11550(A) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Nov. 2:** At 4:07 p.m. on Sycamore Street and Jackston Street, Gridley, Russell Earl Ellison, 41, was arrested on suspicion of violating a court order for Domestic Violence (M) (273.6(A) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Nov. 3:** At 3:36 p.m. on the 1400 block of Staff Drive, Gridley, Grizzelda Zamirah Espino Hernandez, 19, was arrested on suspicion of Robbery (F) (211 PC) and Child abuse w/o gbi/dth - Simple (M) (273A(B) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Nov. 4:** At 3:17 p.m. on the 1400 block of Staff Drive, Gridley, London Dijon McNeally, 21, was arrested on suspicion of Robbery (F) (211PC) and Child abuse w/o gbi/dth - Simple (M) (273A(B) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**Nov. 7:** At 5:05 p.m. on the 300 block of Virginia Street, Gridley, Don Gordon Butler, 71, was arrested on suspicion of Trespass:refuse to leave property:Peace officer request (M) (602(O)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail. ★

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## Thompson Fire Arsonist to Stand Trial

**Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) -**

An Oroville man has been ordered to stand trial in Butte County Superior Court on two counts of arson following a fire that caused significant property destruction and led to mandatory evacuations of northeast Oroville and Kelly Ridge on July 2.

Spencer Grant Anderson, 26, was held to answer Nov. 12 on charges of arson, including arson of inhabited structures and arson to forestland after a judge determined there was sufficient evidence linking Anderson to the blaze that destroyed 13 homes and damaged or destroyed a total of 34 structures.

The fire, known as the "Thompson Fire," prompted widespread evacuations and caused severe damage to the Oroville area.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said testimony presented

at Anderson's preliminary hearing Nov. 12 showed the fire was started by an incendiary device thrown from a passing vehicle. Arson investigators from CAL FIRE ruled out other potential causes, focusing on video surveillance that showed Anderson driving his Toyota sedan near the fire's origin on Cherokee Road north of Oroville. Through a process of elimination, investigators identified Anderson as the likely suspect after interviewing and excluding other drivers captured on surveillance around the time of the incident.

Testimony from those other drivers at the Nov. 12 hearing corroborated the investigative timeline. A driver who followed behind Anderson by nearly a minute reported seeing flames on the roadside as he traveled toward Oroville, while a driver moments ahead of Anderson did not observe any signs of fire as she drove through the area.

Testimony Nov. 12 noted

that after several weeks of continuing forensic investigation and round-the-clock surveillance of Anderson, CAL FIRE investigators and the District Attorney's Office said they finally had sufficient evidence to contact and confront Anderson.

During investigators' questioning Aug. 22, according to the District Attorney's Office, Anderson admitted he purchased fireworks from a "safe and sane" fireworks stand in Oroville on the morning of the fire, then went up to Cherokee Road to "test one" by throwing it out his car window.

Ramsey noted that Anderson has a prior criminal "strike" conviction for a felony threat, and as a result, if convicted of the arson charges, faces a potential sentence of 21 years in state prison.

Anderson's next court appearance is set for Dec. 4, when his jury trial date will be set. He remains in custody without bail at the Butte County Jail. ★

## Chico Man Held to Answer on Golf Club Murder

**Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) -**

A Chico man was held to answer in Butte County Superior Court Nov. 12 after his preliminary hearing for the killing of another man with a golf club.

Hunter Edward Hamlin Harris, 28, of Chico, was charged with murder with the use of a weapon, a golf putter.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said his office filed the charge on Harris for the killing of Austin Robert Olson-Swanick, 29, of

Chico, on the morning of May 26.

Ramsey said an investigation by Chico Police detectives revealed Harris and Olson-Swanick were staying in an apartment in the 2500 block of The Esplanade in Chico with other people when they got into a physical fight outside the apartment that morning. The fight was broken up by persons in the apartment and the two men returned inside of the apartment.

However, a second physical altercation erupted inside the apartment where Harris struck Olson-Swanick in the head and neck area with a golf putter

multiple times, according to the District Attorney's Office. Olson-Swanick's cause of death was severe blood loss from a puncture hole in one of his neck arteries caused by the jagged broken shaft of the putter, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Ramsey said that Harris initially fled the scene of the crime and was later found by Chico police and arrested two hours later for the murder of Olson-Swanick.

Harris will be in court next on Dec. 18 for setting of his jury trial date. He will remain in custody in the Butte County Jail in lieu of \$1,125,000 bail. ★

## Tundra Swan Tours Available



A bevy of Tundra swans swim by. Courtesy of CDFW

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -**

Celebrate the bird migration on the Pacific Flyway this fall and winter! The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) wildly popular swan tours are set

for selective Saturdays, November through early-January.

Held in partnership with Mathews Rice Operation, the free tours traverse privately-owned flooded rice fields north of Marysville. This area boasts one of the largest overwintering populations of tundra swans in the

Central Valley, as well as abundant geese, ducks, shorebirds and raptors. These popular tours last approximately two hours.

To register, visit [register-ed.com/programs/california/273-tundra-swan-tours](http://register-ed.com/programs/california/273-tundra-swan-tours). For more information, contact [genelle.treaster@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:genelle.treaster@wildlife.ca.gov). ★

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# Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Finds Lost Hiker

## Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On the night of Nov. 9, the Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team was activated to respond to the Milsap Bar area for a lost/missing hiker (MP).

Upon interviewing the reporting person (RP), we learned that our missing hiker and reporting person had set out on Thursday, Nov. 7 to hike down to the Middle Fork of the Feather River to do some recreational gold panning. The reporting person became tired and the missing hiker suggested they split, with the missing hiker deploying to retrieve water for the exhausted reporting person. The reporting person reported that it was the last time he physically observed the missing hiker.

On Nov. 8, the reporting person waited at the location where he split from the missing hiker all day, spending another night in the elements. On Saturday morning, the reporting person made the decision to hike out to their truck, hoping to reconnect with the missing hiker there. After arriving back at their truck and not finding the missing hiker there, the reporting person called 911.

A CHP Air Ops helo, H-20, was deployed and just after sunset, located the missing hiker's campfire on a steep cliff approximately 1,000 vertical feet down canyon from Milsap Bar Road, and 1,000 feet above the Feather River.

Due to the steep terrain, a hoist operation was ruled out and a joint rescue team from Butte County Search and Rescue and



The Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team poses for a photo after a successful rescue. Photo courtesy of Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue



Volunteers comb through the woods searching for the missing hiker. Photo courtesy of Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue

CalFire were deployed to rescue the missing hiker. After a lengthy hike through very thick vegetation, crews accessed the missing hiker, assessed he was in good health and without major injury and assisted him up and out of the canyon.

### What went wrong

The reporting person and the missing hiker split up. You should always stay together; surviving as a team is always easier than surviving alone

### What went right:

Upon realizing he was lost, the missing hiker found an emergency shelter site and stayed put.

Both the reporting person and the missing hiker were prepared to spend the night in the elements. As you can see from the pictures of the missing hiker's

emergency shelter, he had tarps and the ability to make a fire.

In the current conditions, dehydration and starvation will kill you within days but hypothermia can kill you within hours. Always have fire-starting material and the ability to shelter from the elements. Visit [buttesar.org](http://buttesar.org) for more information on the 12 Essentials.

Outstanding teamwork and collaboration between Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, CAL FIRE/Butte County, and CHP - Valley Division Air Operations were also a contributor.

Please remember that Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit auxiliary of the Butte County Sheriff's Office, and we rely solely on donation and grant funding. We receive no public tax dollars. Please visit [buttesar.org](http://buttesar.org) to donate. ★



The missing hiker had tarps and the ability to start a fire, which massively helped with the rescue. Photo courtesy of Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue

# Search and Rescue Holds Annual Cadet Academy Field Exercise



Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue volunteers pose for a photo. Photo courtesy of Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue

## Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue News Release

**JONESVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On Nov. 3, the Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue held its annual Cadet Academy field exercise in Jonesville.

The new Search and Rescue cadets utilized the training they received over the

course of 11 training days to demonstrate the ability to sustain themselves and recover subjects in austere conditions. They began the morning in the snow at 6 a.m. building shelters large enough to fit two rescuers and two recovered subjects. They also demonstrated land navigation skills using a map and compass, man tracking skills, gaining an understanding



Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue held its annual Cadet Academy field training exercise Nov. 3. A mock missing/injured person search was performed. Photo courtesy of Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue

of K-9 flanking skills.

After a quick lunch break, they were deployed on a mock missing/injured person search. Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue personnel meticulously planned a realistic scenario with clues, witnesses and injured subjects.

The cadets demonstrated excellent teamwork and communication and made a

quick recovery and extract of the injured subject using a stokes litter.

Please join us in congratulating the seven new cadets on completing the first step in becoming a full member of the Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue all-volunteer team.

A special thank you to @Butte County CERT for volunteering to bring up lunch. ★

# Manzanita Elementary Names Students of the Month

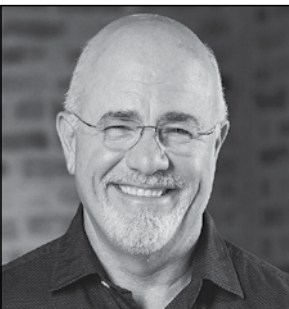
By Shelly Cahoon, Manzanita Elementary School

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as Manzanita Elementary School's Students of the Month for the month of October.

They have been recognized by their teachers and principal as students who demonstrate a Growth Mindset, do their best and are great role models for our school. ★

On the front row from left are Kinsley Johnson, Lucas Yahuaca, Sofia Carrillo Lopez, Jett Moss, Raymond Sowden, Haze Summerfield and Gracie Snyder. In the middle row from left are Brooklyn Hill, Zeke Ballez, Emilee Topete, Francisco Acosta, Emmett Chavez, Sergio Felix. In the back row from left are Principal/ Superintendent Joe Lodigiani, Sebastian Saucedo, Shaun Santillan and Niellie Warfield. Photo courtesy of Shelly Cahoon





Dave Ramsey

## Dave Ramsey Says Imitate Successful Behavior This Isn't Just a Dispute

your emergency fund with three to six months of expenses.

After you've accomplished the first three steps, then you can move up to a nicer car. Notice I didn't say move up to a new car. I want you to save up cash, and get a really nice, slightly used car—one that someone else has taken the big hit in depreciation on. That's what the typical millionaire does.

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— Dave

### This Isn't Just a Dispute

Dear Dave,

Recently, my husband and I discovered that his ex-wife used his Social Security number to open three or four credit card accounts. We've called the credit card companies, and we've disputed the charges and explained the situation. Is there anything else we can do?

— Kendra

Dear Kendra,

File a police report immediately, and if possible, have this woman arrested. That may sound harsh, but the fact is she has committed criminal fraud. That's not something you, or anyone else, should take lightly. If you haven't already, make sure you both also put fraud victim alerts on your credit reports immediately.

I'm very serious about this, Kendra. Don't stop with just alerting the credit card companies. You should be speaking with, and communicating via email—plus snail mail—directly with the fraud victim division at every credit card company involved. And here's the really important part. Make sure they understand that this is a denial of responsibility on your part—not simply a dispute.

Try to be nice, and let them know you're sorry this happened. But clearly explain that all these charges are the result of a criminal act perpetrated against you. You may have to stand your ground with some of the credit card companies, because they might try to lay a guilt trip on you—or outright lie—to get you to pay the bills. Don't do it. These charges are not your responsibility.

I'm really sorry this happened to you folks.

— 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.* ★

## Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

There is a payoff, Doc told us, for getting the aches and pains of old age. Doc should know. We have it on good authority that he is actually older than a flat, brown rock.

"Sure," said Doc, in his usual cheerful way. "You get gray hair, or maybe kinda bald like ol' Steve here, and you develop wisdom, which we all know just means you know not to argue with your wife, right? So then what happens? Your grandchildren think you have all the answers."

Doc leaned over conspiratorially. "I LIVE to embarrass my grandchildren."

Dud wanted specifics. "With me," Doc said, "it's dancing. You see, they are all teenagers now, and therefore they are cool and know everything, and the world couldn't turn

### Now if only Alsace could get along with Lorraine .....

without them. So when their friends come over and they crank that stereo up to where it's killing the neighbor's geraniums, I ask them just once to turn it down."

"Takes me a lot more than once," Dud said. "I swear those kids are hard of hearing."

"But do you dance for them?" Doc asked. "You see, if they don't turn it down, I kinda totter to my feet and start what the kids call the Grandpa Boogie. I mean I shake it like an Egyptian pharaoh. I wiggle and jiggle and stick out my chin like this ... and sort of thrust myself around the floor until one of them dashes over and shuts off the music. Then I go sit down and read the paper again. The first couple of times I did that, the kids got me to one side and begged me never to do that again. I guess they were just jealous of my moves. Well, I hated to show them up in front of their friends, seeing as I could dance better than they could, but the

music was too loud. I tell them when the music gets more than just kinda regular, I can't help myself and dance fever hits me like a sledgehammer."

"So," Steve said, "how did you do it? I mean, show us, OK?"

So Doc stood up and went into spasms, twitches and slides that had the whole coffee shop cracking up, and people didn't know whether to applaud or call the paramedics.

"The really great thing," said Doc, sitting back down, out of breath, with his coffee, "is that these kids think they invented being cool. And I blindsided them with great mo-o-o-o-ves!" I showed them a slink or two.

"And you'd be surprised how much quieter it is when they come over these days."

*Brought to you with a smile from Slim's just-out fun novel, Whimsy Castle. At better book stores and on the internet at Amazon, Kindle, Barnes and Noble, Ebay, Thriftbooks and Page Publishing.* ★

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Fall color is happening everywhere. The leaves and their wonderful hues of orange, red, gold, brown are easy to notice. There are hidden gems too, like Mandarins, Oranges, Pomegranates, Pyracanthas and Persimmons coloring up under leaves. Sometimes the Mandarins are sweet before they turn orange. Because I have an abundance of Mandarins, I taste away throughout

November, checking for the change from sour to sweet. I always hope to have sweet Mandarins at Thanksgiving to send home with family and friends.

The other natural things that contribute to the rich fall colors are the sky and the clouds. That drift of gray clouds in a crystal-clear blue sky gives contrast to the brilliance of the leaves and the fall flowers like chrysanthemums. I have some flowers on the patio that are now tucked up next to the warmer areas of the house, called Streptocarpus. Another name is Cape Primrose. They are somewhat related to African Violets. These flowers start to bloom in summer. I have purple and a cream pink. Many people grow them indoors. So far, I've had great success

growing them outdoors. In summer they need protection from the sun and in the winter protection from the cold. This year these plants have taken off. They've been blooming like crazy since September. As the nights have become colder, the flowers have intensified in color. It is a wonder to see them so rich and intense every day.

All of these seasonal changes including the rich overturned soil in the vegetable garden with young onion starts, add to the overall feast of color for the eyes at this time of year. The fresh green grass adds to this wonder palette of fall color. Beauty and love can be yours everyday by observing what is all around. Gratitude comes naturally in this season, if you let it. ★



### Achieving Organic Targets May Require Creating New Markets

In April, Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration announced California will aim to convert 10% of its cropland to organic agriculture by 2030. Those targets could be a heavy lift in light of recent trends in organic acreage. In 2022, the most recent year with data reported, about 4% of the state's cropland was organic, and after years of expansion, the share of acreage that was organic had declined for two straight years. Some stakeholders are pushing for the state government—as a major food buyer for schools, prisons and other publicly funded institutions—to leverage its purchasing power to create the market needed for California to achieve its goals.

### State Water Board Announces Draft Updates to Bay-Delta Plan

California water officials are taking another step forward as part of a broader process to improve conditions for struggling fish populations in the San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its tributaries. Last week, the California State Water Resources Control Board announced draft updates for the Sacramento River and Delta phase of the state's water quality control plan, known as the Bay-Delta plan. Thad Bettner, executive director of the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, a group that holds contracts with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to divert water from the Sacramento River, said the draft updates mark the beginning of the implementation process, which he said "could have significant impacts on agriculture and the environment."

### Farmers are in peak season producing Japanese dried persimmons

Otow Orchard in Placer County is in full swing producing hoshigaki, traditional Japanese dried persimmons. Each year, farm owners Tosh and Chris Kuratomi set aside some of the persimmons grown on their 40-acre property, and over about three to six weeks, hand-peel the fruit, string it onto a rack and massage it every three to five days until it's sufficiently dried into a sugary delicacy. They then package it and sell it at their farmstand and by mail order. This year's persimmon crop has been plentiful but with small fruit, Tosh Kuratomi said, adding that he's almost running out of rack space. As usual, customer demand nearly is exceeding supply, even at a cost of \$60 per pound mail order or \$37 per pound at the farm stand.

### Online Grocery Shopping Continues to Gain Popularity

A recent report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture highlights a significant shift toward online grocery shopping in the U.S. It notes that about one in five individuals who typically do household grocery shopping made an online purchase in the past month. Shoppers most likely to shop online were women, ages 15-24, non-Hispanic White, married or partnered, from a household with young children and more educated. Time constraints were the top reason for shopping online. Pickup and delivery options were used almost equally. USDA noted that the rise in online grocery shopping presents opportunities to improve food access, encourage healthier choices and reshape the grocery retail landscape. ★



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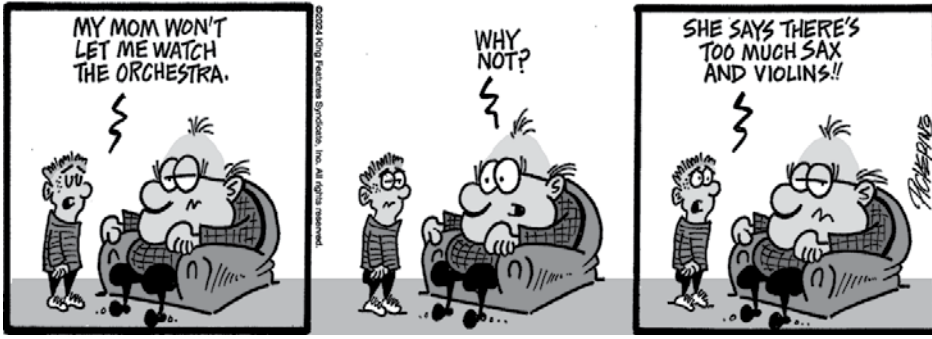
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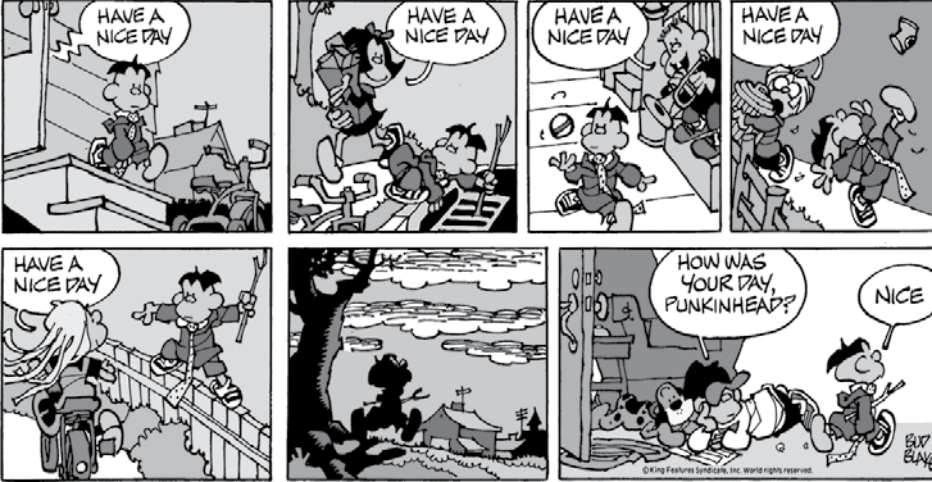
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by Dave T. Phipps



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# 14U Titans Prevail in SYF Super Bowl



The 14U Gridley Titans celebrate their win in the first ever SYF Super Bowl on Nov. 9, at Bear River High School.

## Story and photo by Gridley Youth Football

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - For the first time in Sacramento Youth Football (SYF) history, a Super Bowl consisting of the National Athletic League division champions Gridley Titans and the Pioneer Valley League division champions Bradshaw Christian Pride was scheduled. The big game was played Saturday, Nov. 9, at Bear River High School with the Titans coming back from an early eighteen-point deficit to win by a final score of 28-18.

The game started with Bradshaw Christian receiving the ball first. The Pride were able to capitalize on the first drive and score a touchdown. Gridley received the ball on the ensuing kickoff and were initially able to move down field only

to be stopped on a fourth down, turning the ball back over to the Pride.

Bradshaw with the ball again, was able to march down the field and score another touchdown. Gridley did not give up, and on their next drive they continued to move down the field. Bradshaw Christian, with momentum on their side, was able to put pressure on Titans quarterback Alec Luquin as he was attempting a pass and hit his arm, allowing a Bradshaw player to intercept the ball and return it for a touchdown. Down 18 to zero with two minutes left on the clock before halftime.

The Titans still did not give up. They have shown over the years that the game is not over until all four quarters have been played, so as Gridley marches down the field in under two minutes, Luquin connected with receiver

Isaiah Juarez for a 26-yard catch that put the titans in the red zone. With momentum now on the Titans' side, they were able to punch in a 1-yard touchdown run by Chandler Dixon right before half. Kicker Jose Briseno made the PAT kick making the halftime score 18-7.

At the start of the second half The Titans kept momentum on their side, marching down the field aided by great blocking by the offensive line and great running from Hudson Oakley and Benny Zumwalt who was able to punch in a 1-yard touchdown. The Titans were successful on the PAT making the score 18-14.

A key factor to the Titans' second half success was great kicking from Jaiden Bandy who was able to kick and recover two onside kicks, and pooch one to the left side of the field, which

was recovered by Gridley's Isaiah Juarez. Those key kicks allowed the Gridley Titans to have possession for the majority of the second half.

With the Gridley Titans marching down the field late in the second half, they were facing a fourth down and eight, when Alec Luquin was able to connect with Isaiah Juarez for a 33-yard completion to keep the drive alive. Hudson Oakley was then able to punch in a 10-yard run for a touchdown. The successful 2-point conversion allowed the Titans to take their first lead in the game 22-18.

Bradshaw Christian had one last chance to march down the field and score but were starting the drive with the ball on their own 15-yard line. The Gridley Titans were able to drive them backwards and stop them all 4

downs, allowing the Titans to get possession back at the Pride one yard line. Benny Zumwalt was able punch in one last touchdown to seal the game.

Titans Head Coach Tony Luquin commented on his team's great achievement, "This team I've been able to coach for the last seven years is something special, the hard work and dedication they have has shown in their work. In the last four seasons we have been able to have a record of 42-1 and won four NAL division championships, and this year the first ever SYF Super Bowl Championship. That one loss that happened this season was the best thing to happen to the team because it reminded them what it felt like to lose and let me tell you they did not like it one bit, they used it as fuel the remainder of the season." ★

# The Bulldogs Dominate in Last Game of Season

By Dillon Longmire

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Bulldogs traveled to Corning to face the Cardinals on Friday, Nov. 8, in a game where a higher playoff seed was at stake.

After the Cardinals had their senior night celebration, the ball was kicked off to the Bulldogs for their first drive of the game. The offense would take the ball and march down the field using the run game, taking up just over seven minutes of game time before senior quarterback Gus Stogsdill ran in the first Bulldog touchdown of the game. Making the score 7-0 with 4:36 left in the first quarter.

The Cardinals would receive the ball and respond with a long drive of their own pounding the Bulldog defense with the running game and eventually scoring using the legs of senior quarterback, Kanon Gregorio. Instead of kicking the PAT to tie the game, the Cardinals would instead go

for two and convert, taking the lead 8-7 with 10:32 left in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs and Cardinals would then trade punts on each of their possessions following their opening touchdowns, but when the Bulldog offense got the ball for their third possession, they would once again run the ball and score with quarterback Gus Stogsdill. The Bulldogs would then convert on a two-point conversion of their own making the score 15-8 with two minutes to go in the half.

The Bulldogs would get tricky before halftime and recover an onside kick giving themselves a short field. They would then score in just four plays using the legs of Stogsdill once again, making the score 22-8 going into halftime.

The second half would be almost a repeat of the first half. The Cardinals would rush for another touchdown with junior running back, Kaleb Flournoy on



Gridley Titans senior quarterback, Gus Stogsdill (3) runs in the first Gridley touchdown against the Corning Cardinals on Friday, Nov. 8. Courtesy photo

their first drive of the second half and the Bulldogs would score multiple times using runs and passes resulting in a final score of 44-16.

With the win, The Gridley Bulldogs finish the regular

season with a record of 7-3 (4-1 in league play) and take the 5th seed into the playoffs. They will go on the road to face the University Prep Panthers for a rematch from the first week of the season. The Corning

Cardinals finished the regular season with a 4-6 record (3-2 in league play) and will go on the road to face the Yreka Miners in the playoffs. Both games are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 15, after press time. ★

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# Forest Health Grant Funding Aims to Restore and Protect Thriving Forest Ecosystems



California landscape damaged by catastrophic wildfire. Photo courtesy of CAL FIRE

## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is announcing the availability of up to \$70 million in funding for projects aimed at improving forest health across the state. CAL FIRE is soliciting applications for projects that work to proactively prevent catastrophic wildfires and restore forests to healthy, functioning ecosystems while also sequestering carbon and reducing

greenhouse gas emissions. Applications will be accepted from Nov. 13 and are due by no later than 3 p.m. Jan. 15, 2025. "We know this work makes a difference both in forest health and wildfire resilience and that is why CAL FIRE is proud to have awarded over \$700 million in Forest Health grant funding since 2017," said Chief Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director of Resource Management. "This Forest Health grant funding supports sustainable land management practices, reforestation efforts, promotes a healthier ecosystem,

and ensures that future generations can enjoy and benefit from California's natural resources." The Forest Health Program funds active restoration and reforestation activities aimed at providing for more resilient and sustained forests. This ensures the future existence of forests in California while also mitigating climate change, protecting communities from fire risk, strengthening rural economies, and improving California's water and air. A virtual pre-recorded workshop will be made available to

explain the grant process and requirements. Please check the Forest Health webpage at [www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-health](http://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-health), to view the workshop. Any questions can be directed to [ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov](mailto:ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov). Projects that receive funding from the Forest Health grant program are designed to complement the California Forest Carbon Plan, California's Natural and Working Lands Implementation Plan, California's Wildfire & Forest Resilience Action Plan, California's Strategic Plan for Expanding the Use of Beneficial

Fire, and AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan. The Forest Health grant program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment, particularly in disadvantaged communities. *Projects will reduce the risks to California's forests from extreme disturbance events including catastrophic wildfires, drought, disease, and pest mortality.* ★



CAL Fire personnel carefully watch a prescribed burn in Butte County. Photo courtesy of CAL FIRE



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- Referrals to specialists ✓
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