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## Bird Flu Detected

*Virus Detected in Butte County Backyard Poultry Flock*



The Butte County Department of Public Health wants poultry owners to be aware of the potential for H5N1 exposure. Photo by William Dais via Pixabay

**Butte County Public Health News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Department of Public Health (BCPH) has received notification from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) of a bird flu (H5N1) infection in a

non-commercial backyard poultry flock in Butte County.

The Butte County Department of Public Health wants poultry owners to be aware of the potential for H5N1 exposure, know the signs of infected poultry and take steps to prevent exposure to themselves and others. While the general public's health

risk is low, people who work with birds, poultry or cows or have recreational exposure to them are at higher risk. There have been no reported human H5N1 bird flu cases among Butte County residents, as of press time.

The best way to protect yourself

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## Suspect Arrested in Connection with Bidwell Mansion Fire

**California State Parks News Release**

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - Officers with California State Parks, CAL FIRE's Office of the State Fire Marshal, Chico Police Department, and the California State University, Chico Police Department on the afternoon of Jan. 2 arrested a suspect on felony arson charges in connection with the Dec. 11 fire that severely damaged Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park.

Kevin Alexander Carlson, 30, of Chico, was taken into custody and booked at the Butte County Jail on multiple charges, including Penal Code 451(c) Arson.

The early morning fire caused extensive damage to the historic mansion. CAL FIRE investigators found clear indicators pointing to an intentional act and on Dec. 17, determined the cause to be arson.

Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park remains closed to the public. Completed in 1868, the 26-room mansion was undergoing an extensive renovation that was nearly complete when the fire broke out.

California State Parks has begun discussing the future of the state historic park with community partners, including the city of Chico; CSU Chico; the Mechoopda Indian Tribe; and the Bidwell Mansion Association. State Parks is assessing what remains of the mansion and how that fits with its designation as a California Historical Landmark and being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Any decision about the future of the park will involve substantial community input and engagement, tribal consultation, and considerations of national standards for historic properties.

California State Parks acknowledges its partners' efforts in providing the resources and expertise needed to bring this suspect into custody. It was a collaborative effort with CAL FIRE – Office of State Fire Marshal Arson and Bomb Unit; Chico Police Department; CAL FIRE – Butte Unit; CSU Chico Police Department; Butte County District Attorney's Office; the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other allied agencies.

If the public has any photos or videos related to the Bidwell Mansion fire, call the CAL FIRE – Office of State Fire Marshal Arson and Bomb Unit hotline at 1-800-468-4408. ★

## County Public Health Welcomes New Health Officer

**Butte County Department of Public Health News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Department of Public Health has announced the appointment of Dr. Jarett Beaudoin as the county's new public health officer.

Beaudoin brings a wealth of experience in clinical medicine, academia and public health to this vital role, where he will lead efforts to protect and improve the health and well-being of Butte County residents.

Beaudoin is a dual-board certified physician in Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine, holding a Master's in Public Health. Beaudoin completed his residency training in a combined Family and Preventive Medicine program at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Beaudoin's multidisciplinary expertise makes him uniquely qualified to address the health challenges facing the community.

Most recently, Beaudoin served as a family physician in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University



Dr. Jarett Beaudoin is now a Butte County public health officer. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Department of Public Health

of California at Davis. In this role, he cared for patients of all ages in outpatient, emergency and inpatient settings.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Beaudoin join

our team," said DeAnne Blankenship, interim director of the Butte County Department of Public Health. "His extensive background in clinical practice, public health and

medical education will be instrumental as we continue to address critical health issues, from communicable disease prevention to community wellness initiatives." ★

# Six Decades of Agriculture in the Sacramento Valley

Story by Susan Meeker,  
photo by Cheri Azevedo

**COLUSA, CA (MPG)** - Something was happening in agriculture in the mid-1960s that inspired farm trade shows to spring up to educate farmers on the latest innovations that would help them survive the challenges of the 20th century.

The Sacramento Valley helps produce the world's grain, nuts, meat, fruit, and dairy products, according to the annual agriculture crop statistics the state requires from county agricultural commissioners.

Milk, rice, cattle, tomatoes, prunes, peaches, pears, walnuts, wheat, and sugar beet values from the annual harvest, when the Colusa Farm Show was first organized, were reported to be in the hundreds of millions, although the statistics of gross agriculture values were often misinterpreted as an indicator of the farmer's prosperity.

"Over the years, production and operating costs have steadily increased while the value of farm products has shown only slight gains," reported Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner Herbert W. Chandler, in his 1965 crop report, the year when planning began for the first Colusa Farm Show (Orchard Show). "Technological advances in farming practices have made it possible to increase production of the various farm commodities - and only through these technical advances have the farmers been able to stay in business."

Colusa County's agriculture was valued at only \$44.2 million that year, after Butte, Sutter, Glenn, and Yolo, and surrounding counties reported a devastating crop year that left farmers looking for answers.

Throughout the Sacramento Valley, 1965 ushered in a prolonged cool and wet spring that delayed rice, milo, bean, and



Sunset marks the end of rice harvest in Colusa County, once again the leading producer of the crop in the Sacramento Valley.

sorghum plantings. It slowed the development of deciduous fruit crops and an unusual and damaging rain in the middle of August dealt peach and prune growers a severe blow.

"Brown rot and fruit drop, resulting from this storm, caused growers to lose considerable fruit and, in some instances, their entire crop," reported Butte County Agricultural Commissioner Donald J. Black, in his 1965 crop report.

Although livestock, regionally, and Sacramento County's leading industry, milk, realized favorable gains for the year from advantageous rainy conditions, and the favorable fall weather provided excellent harvesting conditions for nuts, a severe freeze in December of 1965 resulted in the

loss of nearly two-thirds of the valley's citrus crop.

A decade after the first Farm Show, crop values nearly doubled throughout the valley.

In Colusa County, rice was king, with a gross value of \$67.3 million in 1975, topping tomatoes (\$11.9 million); sugar beets (\$11.2 million), and wheat (\$7.9 million). Prunes (\$2.8 million), Barley (\$2.6 million), and walnuts (\$2.3 million) held a distant eighth, ninth, and 10th place, respectively.

The same year, the passage of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, which gave farmworkers the right to unionize, left farmers and consumers facing higher prices for farm goods. As a result of the legislation, California imported

agricultural workers to work for lower wages and landowners suffered significant losses in land values, according to the Journal of Labor Research.

By the mid-1980s, crop values in Colusa County stayed steady, from \$140.8 million in 1984, up to \$141.6 in 1985; and up again slightly to \$143.3 in 1986, as farmers sought out the best practices and farm equipment to meet the increasing costs of production.

In the mid-1990s, planting acres varied for the region's tomatoes, while wheat made significant gains with increased acreage, production, and price in product.

Yet, 1995 started with devastating predicaments for the agriculture industry, with

widespread flooding and late planting contributing to serious problems for growers.

Colusa County's largest crop, rice, took a reduction in value from \$112.9 million in 1994 to \$95.6 in 1995 to \$92.3 million in 1996 as both production per acre and value per unit decreased.

At the same time, tomatoes and almonds would continue to increase in value and production acreage, along with significant increases in both livestock and livestock products.

"Even with the terrible start in 1995, total county production value set another all-time high of \$304.9 million," reported Agricultural Commissioner Harry Krug, in his 1995 crop report.

At the turn of the 21st century, the farming landscape would remain unchanged.

The 2005 crop year for Colusa County was valued at \$392.7 million, which was a \$41 million increase from 2004 and \$31.1 million more than the prior record high of \$361.6 million in 2003.

By 2020, Colusa County's gross crop values would reach nearly \$1 billion, with almonds surpassing rice as the county's top crop in 2014, 2019, and 2022, with significant gains made in the production of seed crops.

According to the latest crop report (2023), the gross value of Colusa County's agricultural production reached \$878 million, reflecting a substantial increase of 102.7% compared to the estimated value for 2022, when drought, freeze, and high fall temperatures decimated rice, almond, and walnut production.

"This recovery marks a significant positive shift for our agricultural industry, following the challenges faced during the 2022 crop year," said Agricultural Commissioner M. Anastacia Allen, in her 2023 crop report. ★

# First Snow Survey Shows Snowpack Near Average

*After a Warm, Dry Fall, Recent Storms Provide Boost to Snowpack but Return of Dry Conditions Looms*

Department of Water  
Resources News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) Jan 2 conducted the first snow survey of the season at Phillips Station. The manual survey recorded 24 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 9 inches, which is 91 percent of average for this location. The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of the Department of Water Resources' water supply forecast. Statewide, the snowpack is 108 percent of average for this date.

Recent years in California have been marked by extremely hot and dry conditions broken up by periods of intense rain and snow. So far, this water year has been no different. A record-breaking hot and dry summer continued well into the fall, but a powerful atmospheric river in November broke several rainfall records in Northern California. A series of storms in late December provided another boost.

"While our snowpack looks good now, we have a long way until April when our water supply picture will be more complete," said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. "Extreme shifts between dry and wet conditions are continuing this winter and if the past several years are any indication, anything could happen between now and April and we need to be prepared."

The Department of Water Resources' electronic readings from 130 stations placed throughout the Sierra Nevada indicate that the statewide snowpack's snow water equivalent is 10.7 inches, or 108 percent of average for this date, compared



California Department of Water Resources staff members (from right) Andy Reising, Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager, Manon von Kaenel, Water Resources Engineer, Angelique Fabbiani-Leon, State Hydrometeorologist, and Jordan Thoennes, Water Resources Engineer, conduct the first media snow survey of the 2025 season at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada. The survey is held approximately 90 miles east of Sacramento off Highway 50 in El Dorado County. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources



California Department of Water Resources staff Angelique Fabbiani-Leon, State Hydrometeorologist, conduct the first media snow survey of the 2025 season at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources



California Department of Water Resources staff (from left) Angelique Fabbiani-Leon, State Hydrometeorologist, Manon von Kaenel, Water Resources Engineer, Andy Reising, Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager, and Jordan Thoennes, Water Resources Engineer, conduct the first media snow survey of the 2025 season at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources

to 28 percent on this date last year. California has seen this pattern before. In both 2013 and 2022, the January snowpack was well above average thanks to December storm activity, only for dry conditions to take over the rest of the winter, quickly

erasing early season snow totals and continuing existing drought conditions across the state.

"We are fortunate to have had several solid snow-producing atmospheric river systems so far

this season," said Department of Water Resources Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager Andy Reising. "The fall was extremely dry, so our healthy snow totals are thanks to a handful of big storm systems in November and late December. But to finish the year where we need to be, we will still need additional snow building at a regular pace throughout the winter."

Major reservoirs statewide are currently 121 percent of average thanks to two consecutive years of above average snowpack conditions, which occurred after the driest three-year period on record in California. DWR is preparing for these swings between extreme conditions by investing in climate resilience, including the use of Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations, floodplain and flood infrastructure improvements and groundwater recharge efforts that will ensure California is able to capture and use as much water during flood conditions as possible.

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California's water needs. Its natural ability to store water is why the Sierra snowpack is often referred to as California's "frozen reservoir." Data from these snow surveys and forecasts produced by the Department of Water Resources Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit are important factors in determining how Department of Water Resources manages the state's water resources.

Department of Water Resources conducts four media-oriented snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month, January through April and, if necessary, May. The next survey is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 3. ★

# Two Bodies Recovered at Thermalito Afterbay



The bodies of 17-year-old Wesley Cornett, left, and 19-year-old Andrew Cornett have both been recovered. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office

## Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

**THERMALITO, CA (MPG)** - On Dec. 31, a Butte County Sheriff's Office pilot was flying in the Thermalito Afterbay area, as part of the continuous search for Andrew Cornett, 19, and Wesley Cornett, 17. The teenage brothers have been missing since Dec. 14, after duck hunting at the Afterbay.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. Dec. 31, the Butte County Sheriff's Office pilot spotted a body in the north side of the Afterbay, within the original search area. The Butte County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit and Butte County Sheriff's Search

and Rescue immediately responded and recovered the body. The decedent has been positively identified as Andrew Cornett and next-of-kin has been notified.

During the recovery, the Butte County Sheriff's Office pilot was forced to land, due to a drone flying extremely close to the Butte County Sheriff's Office helicopter.

On Jan. 5, at approximately 9:12 a.m., a citizen walking on the west bank of the Thermalito Afterbay, just south of the Highway 162 bridge, spotted a body in the water and called 911. The Butte County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit was on the water at the time as part of the limited continuous

search for missing duck hunter Wesley Cornett.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit immediately responded and recovered the body. Through DNA

analysis, the body was positively identified as Wesley Cornett. We send our condolences to the family and friends of Wesley and Andrew Cornett during this devastating time. We would also like to thank the many allied agencies and volunteers who assisted in the search.

Anyone with any additional information or questions is urged to contact the Butte County Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit at 530-538-7671. ★

# Bird Flu Detected



For more information about the bird flu (H5N1), check out the California Department of Public Health Bird Flu website at [cdph.ca.gov](http://cdph.ca.gov). Photo courtesy U.S. Department of Agriculture

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and your family from H5N1 is to avoid sources of exposure. That means avoiding direct contact with wild birds and other animals infected with or suspected to be infected with bird flu viruses.

The bird flu virus is mainly spread by wild birds, especially in wild waterfowl such as ducks and geese. Any wild bird species can also become a source. The Butte County Department of Public Health strongly urges anyone involved with poultry production from the small backyard to the large commercial to protect their flocks by increasing steps to prevent disease.

Recommendations for bird flu virus prevention can be found on the California Department of Food and Agricultural website at [cdfa.ca.gov](http://cdfa.ca.gov) and the United States Department of Agriculture website at [usda.gov](http://usda.gov).

Signs of H5N1 in poultry often include sudden death, trouble breathing, clear runny discharge (from nose, mouth, and

eyes), lethargy, diarrhea, decreased food and water intake, swelling (eyes, head, wattles, or combs), discolored or bruised comb, wattles, or legs, stumbling/falling or twisted neck.

Poultry owners with flocks that have experienced any unusual/suspicious illness or deaths should call the California Department of Food and Agriculture Sick Bird Hotline at 866-922-BIRD (2473).

Backyard poultry flock owners should take steps to prevent the spread of the disease, which are listed below.

Avoid touching your face when handling poultry.

Always wash your hands with soap and warm water before and after handling poultry.

Separate new or returning birds from your flock for at least 30 days.

Don't share equipment with neighbors.

Keep feed, drinking water, equipment and other supplies secure and out of reach of wild birds or rodents.

Keep your flock away from wild or migratory birds, especially waterfowl.

Isolate any ill animals and contact your veterinarian.

Consider wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) such as respirators (N95 masks), eye protection (face shields or safety goggles) and gloves.

Have a dedicated pair of boots or other closed-toe footwear that are worn when handling poultry and working near poultry equipment and supplies. Remove these shoes before entering your home.

For more information about the bird flu (H5N1), check out the California Department of Public Health Bird Flu website at [cdph.ca.gov](http://cdph.ca.gov).

View the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Bird Flu Current Situation website at [cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary](http://cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary).

View the American Veterinarian Medical Association avian influenza website at [avma.org](http://avma.org). ★

# Kids' Choir Rehearsals Begin

## Gridley Christian Church News Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Rehearsals for the spring musical "Rock Solid" began on Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Gridley Christian Church. Kids four years old through eighth grade are welcome to come on Tuesdays and learn to sing and act in this fun musical that will be performed on Sunday, March 23.

During this energetic musical, two brave teams of hikers are participating in the Summit Challenge. Along the trail, they encounter various dangers and obstacles. They learn about God's promises for life that keep them going to the finish line.

Participation in Kids' Choir is free and

is a rich experience in Christian musical theater. Age-appropriate parts are given. Solos and speaking parts are given to those who want them. Those with speaking parts will work with our amazing drama coach, Mark Johnson. A Bible lesson, memory verse, sign language and snack time are part of the rehearsal time.

To register or for more information, call Bonnie at (530)-933-9845. If needed, kids from the Gridley schools can be walked to the church on Tuesdays after school by a trusted adult from the church. Let us know if you need this service. Come join us! Singing for Jesus is fun!

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

Gridley Parks & Recreation is excited to announce it's

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MEMORIAL

STANLEY ROBERT DEEN • 02-06-1932 — 12/31/2024

Stanley Robert Deen passed away December 31, 2024, in Gridley, CA.  
 Born February 6, 1932, to John and Grace Deen.  
 He was raised in the Gridley area and spent his life farming with his brother.  
 He is survived by one niece Dandrea Deen, one Grand Niece Fairryn Graff,  
 and one Grand Nephew Colton Graff.

A memorial graveside service will be held at Gridley Biggs Cemetery  
 on January 17, 2025, at 2:00pm.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

LaMalfa Sworn in for Seventh Term

Office of Congressman  
 Doug LaMalfa News  
 Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Jan. 3, Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) was sworn in for his seventh term as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing California's 1st Congressional District. With a Republican majority in the House, Senate, and the White House, Rep. LaMalfa is optimistic about the chance to advance legislation that supports rural areas, strengthens forest management, and ensures that energy remains affordable and sourced right here in America.

the White House, we have an opportunity to focus on what really matters for rural America— returning common sense to government by reducing spending, removing illegal immigrants, and bringing consumers prices down on energy. Plus, we'll focus on needed actions for keeping American Farmers producing and thinning our overgrown forests. We've got everything it takes to get things done right here at home. We can't afford more policies that drive up energy costs and leave us dependent on foreign food, foreign building supplies, or foreign energy. We need to prioritize American workers and American families."

Rep. LaMalfa emphasized his commitment to practical reforms. "Whether it's addressing wildfire risks, ensuring prosperity in



Doug LaMalfa

rural areas, or making sure energy is affordable again, there's a lot of work ahead. I'm ready to get to work for the people I represent and I'm hopeful we'll see real progress this session."

*Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties.* ★

LaMalfa Statement on Offshore Oil Ban

Office of Congressman  
 Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) released the following statement in response to President Biden's executive order permanently banning new offshore oil and gas development in portions of U.S. coastal waters:

"President Biden's eleventh-hour ban on offshore energy development is a reckless move that puts America's energy future at risk. This political stunt will cost thousands of hardworking Americans their jobs, drive up energy costs for families, farmers, and industries already struggling with inflation, and make us more reliant on foreign countries for the resources we need.

domestic energy production, this administration is prioritizing radical activist demands over American workers, national security, and economic stability. Shutting down critical energy projects in the last few days of their administration is simply spiteful to the American people and an attempt to hamstring the next administration. In a few short weeks we will be working with a new administration to overhaul these policies so that we can strengthen our energy independence, lower costs for families, and create good-paying jobs here at home."

*Congressman Doug LaMalfa is Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties.* ★

Crime Reports



Gridley Police Report

December 17, 2024 - January 2, 2025

- Dec. 17:** At 11:31 p.m. on the 900 block of Magnolia Street, Gridley, Elvis Lee Ellison, 39, was arrested for Disorderly conduct: alcohol (M) (647 (F) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Dec. 17:** At 11:31 p.m. on the 900 block of Magnolia Street, Gridley, Gabriel Aaron Schnepel, 41, was arrested for Disorderly conduct: alcohol (M) (647 (F) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Dec. 18:** At 4:04 p.m. on the 200 block of Sycamore Street, Gridley, Marcus Anthony Carter, 38, was arrested for an outside agency felony warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Dec. 18:** At 4:12 p.m. on the 200 block of Sycamore Street, Gridley, Marcus Anthony Carter, 38, was arrested for PRCS violation (F) (3455(A) PC), Obstruct/resist/etc. public/peace officer/emergency med tech (M) (496(A) PC), Possess unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(A) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Dec. 24:** At 1:32 p.m. on the 1500 block of State Route 99, Gridley, Armita Akbaarpour, 23, was arrested for Giving false ID to PO - All other offences (M) (148.9(A) PC) and receiving/etc. known stolen property (M) (496(A) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Dec. 27:** At 7:34 a.m. on Locust Street and Oregon Street, Gridley, Cesar Alejandro Navarro, 41, was arrested for Probation violation: rearrest/voke (F) (1203.2(A) PC), Get credit/etc. others id - Identity theft (F) (530.5(A) PC), Possess controlled substance (M) (11377(A) HS) and Possess unlawful paraphernalia (M) (11364(A) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Dec. 31:** At 4:07 p.m. on the 1500 block of SR99, Gridley, Marshall James Hollingsworth, 34, was arrested for Possess unlawful paraphernalia (M) (11364(A) HS), Obstruct/resist/etc. public/peace officer/emergency med tech - all other offences (M) (148(A)(1) PC), Burglary: second degree - All other larceny (M) (459 PC) and Receive/etc. known stolen property (M) (496(A) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Jan. 2:** At 12:11 p.m. on the 100 block of Magnolia Street, Gridley, Thomas Patrick Macias, 56, was arrested for Outside Agency - Felony Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Jan. 2:** At 1:21 p.m. on Magnolia Street and Ohio Street, Gridley, Dallas Dale Brazzel, 32, was arrested for PRCS violation (F) (3455(A) PC), Forge/alter vehicle registration/etc. (F) (4463(A)(1) VC), Possess controlled substances (M) (11377(A) HS), Possess unlawful paraphernalia (M) (11364(A) HS), Drive w/o license (12500(A) VC) and Running a stop sign (22450(A) CVC) and was booked into Butte County Jail. ★

MEMORIAL

DEBBIE JEANNE (LITTLE) MIDDLETON • 03/29/1956 - 12/28/2024

Debbie Jeanne (Little) Middleton, born on March 29, 1956 in Sacramento, CA passed away peacefully on December 28, 2024, at Rideout Hospital. She was 68 years old.

Debbie was a proud graduate of Gridley Union High School, Class of 1974.

Throughout her life, she demonstrated a deep commitment to her community, volunteering at the Gridley Seniors Food Distribution Center, where her kindness and generosity touched the lives of many. She also had a long career in the automotive repair service industry, where her dedication and expertise were greatly valued.

Debbie was preceded in death by her beloved son Andrew Middleton, her



parents Jeanne and Harold Little, and her sisters Carol Fleweller and Diana Mosley. Her strength and resilience through these losses were a testament to her unwavering spirit.

She is survived by her brother Frank Little and his wife Rhonda, her

sister Donna Esquivel and her husband Gabriel, her ex-husband David Middleton, her daughter Kristina Ferreyra, and granddaughters Hailey, Brittany, Emilee, and Julie, and her great-grandchildren.

Debbie's memory will be treasured by all who knew her. She will be remembered for her warm smile, generous heart, and dedication to those she loved. Her legacy of compassion and service will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and community.

Graveside services to celebrate Debbie's life will be at Sutter Cemetery on January 17, 2024, 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a local food bank or charity of your choice in her honor.

MEMORIAL

ELAINE JOSEPHINE LOPES • 1924 — 12/24/2024

Longtime Gridley resident Elaine Josephine Lopes passed away December 24, 2024, at the age of 100, in Gridley, California.

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Edward Thomas Lopes.

She is survived by her children; Rosemarie Borrowman, Duane Lopes, Brian Lopes, and Valerie Hurd; her 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 1:00pm at Gridley Biggs Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.



MEMORIAL

JAMES SAPP • - 02/09/1961 — 01/06/2025

James Sapp expired Monday January 6 surrounded by his wife and daughters.

His Celebration of Life will be held on January 18 at 11 a.m. at Christian Life Church, 1526 Humble Ave., Gridley



Butte College SBDC  
 In-Person  
 Business Trainings

How to Use Facebook & Instagram Ads to Grow Your Business (Red Bluff)

In this 2-hour presentation, we will dig into what makes advertising profitable OR a money pit and how to best avoid the pitfalls that many businesses make. Topics include: The Do's & Don'ts about your Pricing Model & how to use it for effective Ads; The ONE THING that does not show up on Facebook or Instagram but is the secret to Profitable Ads; The FOUR numbers you must track to make or break your profitability when advertising on Facebook & Instagram; How to KNOW exactly how much money you are making from your Ads & avoid the guessing game; Understanding profit strategies for brick & mortar and service businesses; Learning the types of business that SHOULD NOT be advertising online; Sharing information on Ads & online copy that are leads and sales generators; How to identify the correct target market for your Ads; and A step-by-step planner for orderly planning to ensure your online campaign has the biggest chance for success

**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2025 | **Time/Cost:** 9:00am - 11:00am; Free  
**Location:** Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2810 Main St., Red Bluff

The Basics of Bookkeeping (Orland)

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

**Date:** Thursday, January 23, 2025 | **Time/Cost:** 9:00am - 11:00am; Free | **Location:** 1366 Cortina Dr., Orland

How to Use Facebook & Instagram Ads to Grow Your Business (Paradise)

In this 2-hour presentation, we will dig into what makes advertising profitable OR a money pit and how to best avoid the pitfalls that many businesses make. Topics include: The Do's & Don'ts about your Pricing Model & how to use it for effective Ads; The ONE THING that does not show up on Facebook or Instagram but is the secret to Profitable Ads; The FOUR numbers you must track to make or break your profitability when advertising on Facebook & Instagram; How to KNOW exactly how much money you are making from your Ads & avoid the guessing game; Understanding profit strategies for brick & mortar and service businesses; Learning the types of business that SHOULD NOT be advertising online; Sharing information on Ads & online copy that are leads and sales generators; How to identify the correct target market for your Ads; and A step-by-step planner for orderly planning to ensure your online campaign has the biggest chance for success

**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2025 | **Time/Cost:** 9:00am - 11:00am; Free  
**ocation:** Paradise Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 6161 Clark Road, Paradise

Unlocking Global Markets for Business Growth (Chico)

According to the World Trade Center, "...70% of global purchasing power is outside of the United States, exporting companies grow two to four times faster, are 17% more profitable, 8.5% more productive, are more resilient, and survive longer in competitive markets..." Attend both or Part 1 or Part 2 of this event to learn how exporting can be part of your strategic business plan. You will learn: How to access global markets; The benefits of growing internationally; and How the World Trade Connect Incubator and Accelerator Programs can support your international growth.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:** World Trade Connect - Two District Programs:

The Incubator! Part 1

- A dynamic, 90-minute program for the "Export Curious" (no experience, want to learn more).
- Provides an insightful overview of the key factors to consider when preparing your business for international markets.
- Includes a comprehensive self-assessment to evaluate your business readiness for global success.

The Accelerator! Part 2

- Export Viable/Ready (specific interest in expanding internationally), or Existing/Accidental Exporters (exporting on a small scale and interested in expanding).
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- Funding Opportunities: Pitch to receive up to \$7,500 in funding.
- Market Research Assistance: Identify promising markets.
- Website Globalization Assessment: Market to a global audience.

Take your first step towards global growth! Attend one or both parts of this event!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 | **Time/Cost:** 9:00am - 12:30pm; Free  
**Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico.

To Register for Trainings: CALL: (530) 895-9017  
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Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least 72 hours in advance of this event; please send an email with the subject header ACCOMMODATION REQUEST to Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico, CA 95928, (530) 895-9017, [kouwaso@butte.edu](mailto:kouwaso@butte.edu)





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# How to Run a Business

Last month I wrote an article on running a restaurant and as I was writing it, I realized, with a few specific differences, running a successful business is just as easy, or for many, just as hard as the very difficult restaurant business.

Actually it can be maddening to start a business and probably as it should be. For if it was easy, the things that make it hard are the seeds of giving good service and/or providing a good product.

An entrepreneur that starts a business will find out soon enough whether he or she is doing it correctly by how many "votes" they get in the process.

Votes in the business world are dollars. Put in simple terms, although business startups need time to get the word out and attract customers, eventually, given enough time, the votes (dollars) should start trickling in. Either that or what you are offering is not very much in demand.

The longer you operate, the more dollars (votes) should come rolling in. If you are doing it right that is.

I once had lunch with a business mentor that had been in the business of mentoring for many years. He made the comment he was having a hard time monetizing his service.

To me, that meant he had a hard time making enough money at doing what he was doing. In business terms, he had a hard time getting enough votes.

People vote with their dollars. Offer something they want and they'll cast their votes your way and fill your coffers.

Take APPLE for example. Apple gets billions of votes every year because people love what they offer in the form of their phones and their ancillary businesses like the APP STORE.

If a new business is opened and the dollars don't eventually start flowing in meaningful amounts, it either means the public doesn't need or want whatever it is you are offering or in the way that you are offering it.

In the restaurant business, it might mean they don't like your food or your service. If it's a clothing boutique, maybe they don't like the clothes you're selling, or maybe your prices are too high.

It could be a number of things that are causing you not to get votes (make money). The bottom line is the public, much like a disliked politician would lose due to lack of votes, are not casting enough votes in your direction.

I can't tell you how many people I talk to year after year that couldn't

make a business work.

Like my previous article mentioned: nine out of ten new businesses end up in the trash heap. And unfortunately, may do significant financial damage to the entrepreneurs in the process.

The failures are not tied to any one type of business, although the restaurant business seems to be the top dog in business flop overs along with web based businesses. Web based businesses have many home based platforms which are started on an idea and a whim with often little capital, which may be why the numbers are so high for web business failures. As for the high number of restaurant failures, as anyone that has run one will tell you, it's a darn hard business both in hours and profit margins as well as the inherent mechanisms of offering a perishable item.

In conclusion, starting a successful business can be very rewarding both financially and personally if you come up with the right recipe both in your offering and how you offer it.

There are many things you will have to address and navigate in the process of starting a new business and I won't list them all here due to space constraints, but plan on working an ungodly number of hours to both start up and run your new business.

You can forget about sleeping in and better plan on long days and even longer nights. Most successful business owners will tell you they never worked harder nor longer. It's just the way of it.

Those that refuse to put in the long hours are probably the nine out of the ten that fail because they went back to bed.

All kidding aside, it's damn hard to open a new business. So make a solid plan, perhaps get a mentor, listen to advice and research, research, research.

It's not easy but it's worth it if you do it right.

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

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# Two Arrested During Magalia Shooting Investigation

## Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

**MAGALIA, CA (MPG)** - At approximately 5:51 p.m. Jan. 3, Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies responded to the 6200 block of Columbine Road in Magalia after receiving reports of gunshots heard in the area.

Butte County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived and located evidence that a house on Columbine Road had been shot at several times. No one was injured in the shooting.

Deputies and detectives immediately began investigating and identified the suspects as Colleen Down, 35, and Dakota Rice, 32, both of Magalia. At approximately 8:25 p.m. Jan. 3, a deputy located Down's vehicle on Jack Pine Way in Magalia. The deputy initiated a traffic enforcement stop on the vehicle but the vehicle's driver did not stop.

After a short pursuit, the driver, identified as Down, crashed the vehicle in the area of NimsheW Road and Smokey Way, according to the Sheriff's Office, and fled

on foot. Deputies quickly located her and placed her under arrest. During a search of Down's vehicle, detectives said they located three firearms.

Down was transported to a local hospital for injuries sustained during the collision. She was later booked into the Butte County Jail for felony counts of shooting at an inhabited dwelling, being a prohibited person in possession of firearms and ammunition, violation of a restraining order, and evading peace officers with wanton disregard for public safety.

Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Rice, and a search warrant for his residence, which is located on Kilgord Court, Magalia. In the early morning hours of Jan. 4, deputies and detectives arrested Rice at his residence. During a search of the residence, detectives said they located additional evidence related to this investigation. Rice was booked into the Butte County Jail for a felony count of shooting at an inhabited dwelling. Anyone with information about this incident is urged to call Detective Astrologo at 530-538-7671. ★

# New Law Inspired by Ex-Lawmaker's DUI Adds to Alcohol Education in California Schools

By **Ryan Sabalow**, **CALMatters.org**

California public school students will get additional coursework on the harms of alcohol in 2025, thanks to a new law from a former lawmaker whose drunken driving arrest inspired her legislation.

In September, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2865 by former Los Angeles Democratic Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, whose DUI last year helped derail her political career.

California schools are already required to provide instruction about alcohol, narcotics and other dangerous drugs. This bill would require that schools also provide instruction about the short- and long-term harms of excessive drinking — including alcohol's link to chronic diseases, mental health problems and deaths.

As she pitched her bill to her colleagues in 2024, Carrillo told them that it was important for students to learn about alcohol's consequences in the hopes they don't go down the path she did.

"I wish I would have known in high school what I know now," she said at one hearing. "I would have made different choices."

On Nov. 3, 2023, Carrillo crashed into parked cars in Northeast Los Angeles. Police said her blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit, according to the Los Angeles Times. She ended up pleading no contest to the DUI in the middle of her race for Los Angeles City Council, which she lost. Because

she ran for city council, Carrillo left her Assembly seat this year.

Carrillo said her DUI was a wake up call for her. She said she started going to therapy and became sober. As she reflected on her life, she said her own struggles with booze began at an early age. And she was troubled by how prevalent alcohol is in society, despite its documented dangers.

## Alcohol is a National and Global Health Issue

According to federal health officials, alcohol-related diseases kill 178,000 people in the U.S. each year, and death rates are increasing. Noting that alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer, including bowel and breast cancers, the World Health Organization last year declared that "when it comes to alcohol consumption, there is no safe amount."

Carrillo testified that 54 Californians die each day from alcohol.

"I want young people to learn early how something that is so legally and easily accessible can do so much harm if not consumed with more knowledge and more responsibility," she told her colleagues.

Her bill passed without any lawmakers voting against it.

## What Law Will Do

Under the new law, school boards can decide which grades receive the new instruction. They can ask the state for reimbursements for the costs of instruction, training and updates to instructional materials, said Nicholas Filipas, a spokesperson for

the California Department of Education.

At the San Juan Unified School District in the Sacramento region, educators shouldn't have trouble rolling the bill's requirements into their schools' curriculum, said Raj Rai, a spokesperson for the district, which educates about 39,000 students.

"Alcohol education has been embedded into our high school health class curriculum for quite some time," Rai said in an email. "Our curriculum team will review the currently adopted health materials to see if anything additional is needed to meet the new requirements."

The district already has several programs that teach students grades six through 12 about the harms of alcohol and drugs with the goal of reducing or eliminating teen substance abuse.

The district's high schools also regularly participate in California's Highway Patrol's "Every 15 Minutes," Rai said.

The CHP describes the program as challenging teens to "think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, their community, and many others."

*Ryan Sabalow is a Digital Democracy reporter for CalMatters. A graduate of Chico State University, he began his career covering local news for the Auburn Journal in Placer County and The Record Searchlight in Redding.* ★

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the City Council will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Friday, January 17, 2025, via email to [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us) or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the City Council for consideration.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting, will be provided on the City Council agenda available to the public on Friday, January 17, 2025, located on the City of Gridley website.

**Resolution No. 2025-R-001:** A resolution approving a four-year extension of Tentative Subdivision Map No. 2-19 (TSM 2-19) per Govt. Code §66452.6(e)(a). The approved Tentative Subdivision Map proposes to develop approximately 5.4 acres into forty-one (41) single-family residential parcels; two lots, Lots A and B for stormwater purposes; and one lot, Lot C for access to APN 010-270-072 located at the southwest corner of the development. The subject site has a General Plan land use designation of Residential (R) and is zoned Single-Family Residential District (R-1) for a proposed density of 7.6 du/ac located on the south side of Sycamore Street. (APN: 010-270-120)

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the City Council on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Carmen Santana, Administration, at (530) 846-3631 or email at [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us).

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## NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE

[Civ. Code Sec. 798.56a(e); Comm. Code Secs. 7209, 7210]  
**TO REGISTERED OWNERS CAROL DAUGHERTY, MITCHELL JACK MANLEY, ALICE MARJORIE MANLEY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST** in the following goods:

A 1971 mobilehome, Tradename ACLID;  
HCD Decal Number LBN3981, Serial numbers A473407 and A473408;  
HUD Label/Insigina Numbers A511508 and A511508 measuring  
61 feet, five inches in length and 12 feet in width per section for a total width of 24 feet.

**SINCE THE DEMAND MADE** under Civil Code Section 798.56a(e) and Commercial Code Sections 7209, 7210(2) of the Commercial Code by **COBBLESTONE II OLH LLC** ("Community Owner") for payment in full of the storage charges due and unpaid was not satisfied, the above-stated mobilehome, held on account of **CAROL DAUGHERTY**, and due notice having been given to all parties known to claim an interest in the mobilehome and the time specified in the notice having expired, notice is hereby given said mobilehome, and all of the fixtures contained in the home, will be advertised for public sale and sold by auction at **10:00 A.M. on FEBRUARY 3, 2025, at 139 BIRCH PARKWAY, OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA 95966.** The subject mobilehome, and all fixtures contained in the home, will be sold in bulk, "as-is" without warranties of title, fitness for a particular purpose or any other warranties, express or implied, and will be subject to a credit bid by Community Owner. The sale is subject to change upon proper notice.

**Please take notice** payment at the public sale must be made by certified funds within three (3) days of the warehouse lien sale or at the time the mobilehome is removed from the premises, whichever is sooner. Failure to pay or remove as required will result in failure of the bid in which case the next highest third party bid will be taken subject to these same terms and conditions; if the next highest bidder is Community Owner's credit bid, then Community Owner's credit bid will prevail.

Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of \$18.92 from September 26, 2024 through December 18, 2024, plus utilities and other charges due as of December 1, 2024, of \$530.82, including estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge only; actual charges incurred must be paid to satisfy the demand for payment), all associated with the storage of the mobilehome in the sum of \$2,893.06. Additionally, you must pay daily storage in the amount of \$18.92 per day accruing on or after December 19, 2024, plus utilities and other charges associated with the storage of the mobilehome due after December 1, 2024, and continuing until the mobilehome is removed from the Park.

**Please take further notice** all third-party bidders must remove the subject mobilehome from the premises within three (3) days after the sale or disposition of the same. **THE MOBILEHOME MAY NOT REMAIN IN OLIVE HILL AFTER THE SALE OR DISPOSITION.** Any purchaser of the mobilehome will take title and possession subject to any liens under California Health & Safety Code §18116.1. All bidders are responsible and liable for any penalties, or other costs, including, but not limited to, defective title or other bond, which may be necessary to obtain title to, or register, the mobilehome.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000974**  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000991**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bangor Feed, 5690 La Porte Road, Bangor, CA 95914  
Samantha Beers, PO Box 57, Bangor, CA 95914  
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BANGOR 1-17-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000001**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: An Honest Smog, 2270 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA 95965.  
Ecocheck Smog Services LLC, 18 Harmony Drive, Oroville, CA 95966.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000004**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: American Concrete Coatings, 1240 Bird Street, Oroville, CA 95965.  
American Concrete Coatings, LLC, 1240 Bird Street, Oroville, CA 95965.  
Date filed in Butte County: January 2, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000964**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Helens Henhouse, 1055 Siskiyou Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965.  
Rey Chale Cacho Pacis, 1055 Siskiyou Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965.  
Date filed in Butte County: December 10, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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HELENS 1-31-25

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME**

CASE #24CV04030

Petitioner Ryeon Cook filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ryeon Eric Cook to Nazeo Ryeon Spavone.

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 January 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on December 9, 2024  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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RYEON 1-17-25

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE AMENDED**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME**

CASE #24CV03952

Petitioner Leighanne Herndon Williams filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Leighanne Herndon Williams to Cherry Veritas Williams.

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 February 12, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte,

North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on December 23, 2024  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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WILLIAMS 1-24-25

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT A PRIVATE SALE

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**  
CASE NO: 22PP00124  
**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT A PRIVATE SALE**

In the Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of **BOBBY RAY BRADLEY** Conservatee NOTICE is hereby given that, subject to confirmation by the above entitled Court, on January 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter within the time allowed by law, the undersigned, as conservator of the person and estate of **BOBBY RAY BRADLEY**, will sell at private sale to the highest and best net bidder on the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, all right, title and interest of conservatee and subsequently all right, title and interest of the estate in real property thereon located in the County of Butte, State of California, and more particularly described as follows: A lot located at 13517 South Park Drive, Magalia, California, 95954, previously contained a mobile home prior to the Camp Fire in 2018. **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** AP#: 066-210-051 All that certain real property situated in the unincorporated area of the County of Butte, State of California, described as follows: PARCEL I: LOT 290, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "PARADISE PINES COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES UNIT NO. 4 "; WHICH MAP WAS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON OCTOBER 27, 1971. IN BOOK 38 OF MAPS, AT PAGE(S) 69,70,77,72 AND 73.EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL MINERALS, OIL, GAS, ASPHALTUM AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES, WITH PROVISION THAT ANY AND ALL MINING OPERATIONS SHALL BE DONE FROM ORIFICES OUTSIDE THE SURFACE AREA OF THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND THAT NO DAMAGE SHALL BE DONE TO THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND. PARCEL II: A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT OVER LOTS A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, LAND M (THE COMMON AREA) OF SAID PARADISE PINES COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES UNIT NOS.1, 2, 3 AND 4. The sale is subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record, any encumbrances of record to be satisfied out of the purchase price. The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis except as to title. The conservator of the estate has an exclusive listing with Century 21 Select. Interested parties may contact Sheerene Mehrizi, Realtor at (530) 774-3377. The terms and conditions of the sale are: cash sale, taxes, rents, operating, and maintenance expenses, premiums on insurance acceptable to the purchaser shall be pro-rated as the date of confirmation of sale. Escrow charges, examination of title, recording of conveyance, any title insurance policy shall be paid 1/2 by Buyer and 1/2 by Seller. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids prior to entry of an order confirming the sale.

SHELBY BOSTON, Public Guardian  
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## TRUSTEE SALE

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
Foreclosure No. 7181060 APN# 060-090-005 On February 5, 2025 at 3:30 p.m., Mid Valley Title and Escrow Company, Trustee, or Successor Trustee or Substituted Trustee of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Gregory D. Borene and Alexandra Borene, husband and wife, and recorded September 5, 2014 as Instrument No. 2014-0027918, of Official Records of Butte, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default thereunder recorded October 3, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024-0026227, of Official Records of said County, will under and pursuant to said Deed of Trust sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, a cashier's check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check for a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice for abandoned mobile home. If the legal owner of the home at Grande MHP #7. Gridley CA 95948 does not claim it by January 22, 2025, it will be auctioned on e-bay.com for 10 days starting January 22, 2025. Contact [BGHMP@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:BGHMP@OUTLOOK.COM) HL Angel LLC 9009 Chaff Ct. Elk Grove CA 95758

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## BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **January 23, 2025, at 9:00 am**, in the Butte County Board of Supervisors chambers, County Administration Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville. Public comments will be accepted in person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to view or listen to the meeting remotely.

**Link: <http://bccdds.net/PlanningCommission>**

**Event (Meeting) Number: 2558 416 3706** or Phone number: 1-408-418-9388

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### Project Information

**Project:** Butte County Environmental Review Guidelines Update (Project File: MISC23-0022)  
**Project Description:** County-initiated update of the Butte County Environmental Review Guidelines to align it with the latest version of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and to reflect the County's current environmental review procedures and practices. These Guidelines are applicable to the unincorporated area of Butte County.

The intent of these Guidelines is to establish County policies and procedures for implementing the requirements of CEQA, as contained in §21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code, and the State's CEQA Guidelines, as contained in §15000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations. The County's Guidelines were last fully revised in 1996. Since that time, there have been significant changes in CEQA and its implementing guidelines as a result of court decisions and legislative actions. The update will also incorporate adjustments to the County's environmental review procedures and practices to reflect changing needs.

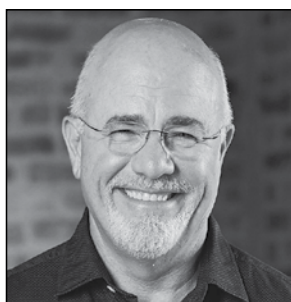
The proposed activity is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under section 15061(b)(3), which exempts activities covered by the rule that CEQA applies only to projects with the potential to significantly affect the environment, and section 15308, which exempts actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of the environment.

The Butte County Environmental Review Guidelines document is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. For information, please contact Senior Planner Rowland Hinkel, Butte County Development Services Department, Planning Division, at 530.552.3684 or [rhinkel@buttecounty.net](mailto:rhinkel@buttecounty.net).

BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
PAULA M. DANELUK, AICP, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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## Dave Ramsey Says The Game's Not for Everyone and The Safest Place?



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I'm 38, and after looking and waiting for years, I think I've found a rental property scenario I like. My plan is to take \$30,000 out of my retirement account, and use it as a down payment on a property. My loan payment would be \$1,400 a month, but I could easily rent the place for \$1,800 a month. What are your thoughts?

– Colin

Dear Colin,

No offense, but I can tell you've never been a landlord before. Bringing in nearly \$1,800 a month, while paying out \$1,400 may seem like a nice place to be. But you've left one very important factor out of your equation—risk. Rental properties just sit there empty sometimes. And this happens to all rental properties. You'll also have repairs to contend with, renters who don't pay and other expenses. See what I'm saying? You won't be able to count

on an easy \$400 in your pocket every month.

Now, I love real estate. I understand the excitement and allure. But what you're really saying is you want to cash out part of your retirement, get hit with a penalty and take on debt, all to buy an investment property. This is not a good plan.

My advice is to save up, and pay cash for one small, decent rental property to see if the landlord game is really for you.

– Dave

### The Safest Place?

Dear Dave,

Where is the best place to keep my savings?

– Angie

Dear Angie,

In my mind, when it comes to savings, the idea is to park the money in a safe place—like a money market account or basic savings account—and keep it separate from the rest of your cash, so you don't accidentally spend it on the wrong thing. I'm not really concerned

with making money in a savings scenario, so things like setting money aside for an emergency fund or vacations fall into this category.

Investing, on the other hand, is when you're going to leave the money alone for a bare minimum of five to 10 years in order to grow it. Things like college planning and retirement fall into this category. In these instances, I recommend good, growth-stock mutual funds that have stable track records of at least 10 years.

I hope this helps, Angie!

– Dave

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

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

So, I'm scrambling to get my peach trees sprayed for Peach Leaf Curl. I missed the December spraying for many reasons. Last year when I had back problems and didn't spray until the end of January, I learned that with a bit of planning three sprays can be done by the end of February. Last year this was risky

business because it was a terrible Peach Curl year. I know a lot of people who had trees that were almost defoliated the fungus. I lucked out and had some curl but was able to pick the affected leaves and the trees were healthy for the rest of the producing season. So, I am spraying when there are two days in a row of no rain. I thoroughly drench the branches. I also make the Liquicop a wet bit stronger than recommended. The plan is to spray before the next rain, then wait about two weeks and spray again. Then, depending on the weather I hope to get at least one if not two more sprays in by the end of February. I tend to go overboard

spraying for this fungus. The other important thing to do that some folks forget is to thoroughly rake and clean out all old debris under the trees. This environmental work makes a lot of difference and gets some of the fungus away from the trees. Sometimes I think I'll spray once I get the trees pruned. This is a mistake if I don't get to the pruning sooner than later. Now I spray even if the trees are not pruned. That way they are treated and when parts are removed the remaining branches and spurs are fully treated. I'm looking forward to crisp cold sunny days to get a lot of clean up work done. May your new year be full of wonder. ★

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by Jeff Pickering



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by Dave T. Phipps



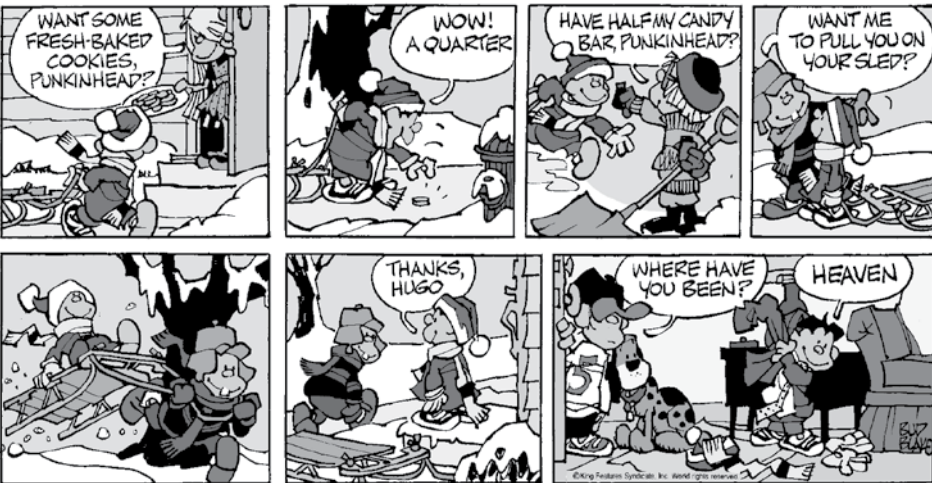
## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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by Dave T. Phipps



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  - "Snow Day exercise?"
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  - Tasseled hat
  - All together (2 words)
  - Military College of South Carolina, with The
  - For every
  - a.k.a. association football
  - "All-day Snow Day garb?"
  - Delete
  - Crude fuel
  - Read-only disc
  - Good's counterpart
  - Popular flowering shrub
  - Female ancestor
  - Two heads are better than one, e.g.
  - Bering Strait state
  - Rudolph's Clarice, e.g.
  - Like thick smoke
  - Fountain option
  - "No two are alike, sing.
  - Surround (2 words)
  - Tangerine plus grapefruit
  - "Like a river, with over
  - #1 Down, pl.
  - Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
  - Olufsen's partner
  - Sound of a bell
  - Not him
  - Surfer's stop
- DOWN**
- Odds' partners
  - Tubby little cubby
  - "He's Just Not That \_\_\_ You"
  - Of the same period
  - "Popular Snow Day pastime
  - Some tournaments
  - Zugspitze, e.g.
  - "Severe weather
  - Deed hearing
  - Algae, sing.
  - Marble bread
  - \_\_\_ Jack, English pirate
  - "As opposed to rain
  - Irregular
  - Type of conifer
  - Musketeers' swords
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  - Cerebellum location
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  - Students' dwellings
  - "Snow Day reading choice
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## Assembly Republicans Respond to Newsom's Budget Preview

### Assembly Republicans News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On Jan. 6, Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher and Assembly Budget Committee Vice Chair Heath Flora responded to Gov. Newsom's budget "preview," calling for real action to improve the lives of Californians.

"Newsom is doubling down on the same failed programs that stuck Californians with record homelessness, soaring energy and housing costs, and one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. The only new thing in this budget is a giveaway to the governor's Hollywood donors and even higher taxes on small

businesses," said Gallagher. "Californians were clear in the last election - they want lower prices, safer streets and a government that works for them. This budget doesn't even come close to getting that done."

"The governor can say whatever he wants, but fancy words don't change the reality Californians see every day. It's time to put ideology and ambition aside and do what's right for the people of our state," said Flora. "The problems facing Californians have come to a head under Gov. Newsom - he needs to show he's serious about turning things around."

### Budget Fast Facts

Newsom's budget is only balanced with \$7.1 billion pulled from the rainy day

fund.

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office is expecting deficits of \$20 billion - \$30 billion for three straight years starting in 2026.

This plan will grow general fund spending by \$17.4 billion from this year's levels.

Last year's budget promised to eliminate 10,000 vacant state jobs and reduce spending by \$4.9 billion by operating more efficiently. Now Newsom is backpedaling from that promise - only cutting 6,500 positions and falling short on operational efficiency savings by \$1.4 billion.

There is no additional funding for drug treatment programs that will be necessary thanks to the passage of Proposition 36. ★

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

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Chico man was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court Jan. 3 on multiple counts of sexual acts against children.

Robert Allen Smith, 55, was advised of the charges against him, including multiple sexual acts against multiple victims under the age of 14 years old.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey stated Smith was arrested as a result of an extensive investigation by the Chico Police Department.

Ramsey said Chico detectives began investigating Smith in August 2024 after receiving a complaint from a victim. The now 11-year-old victim reported multiple molestation acts when she was between 4 and 6 years old. The investigation led Chico detectives to identify Smith as the suspect in numerous other sexual acts with female children going as far back as the 1990s.

Working with the District Attorney's special victims' unit, detectives obtained an arrest warrant to arrest Smith for the sexual

acts. Smith was arrested at his home located in the Chico Genesis pallet shelter on Dec. 31. Smith was found in possession of methamphetamine during his arrest, according to law enforcement.

Smith was transported to the Chico Police Department for an interview, according to the District Attorney's Office, where he became agitated and started slamming his head on a wooden table. He resisted efforts to be restrained and had to be placed in a full body restraint to protect himself and the officers from any injury, according to the District Attorney's Office.

The District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint alleging sexual acts with four separate victims, battery on an officer and possession of methamphetamine. Smith is facing 100-plus years to life in prison, given the multiple victims and the fact they were all under the age of 14 when the sexual acts occurred.

The arraignment judge ordered Smith to be held in the Butte County Jail on \$425,000 bail. Smith will be back in court on Jan. 9 after press time to enter a plea and set his preliminary hearing. ★

## Chico Gang Member Sentenced to 31 Years in Prison for 2021 Shooting

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

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Chico gang member was sentenced Dec. 31 in Butte County Superior Court for a 2021 gang-related shooting.

In October 2024, Raul Daniel Linarez-Rodriguez, 34, of Chico, was found guilty as charged of assault with a semi-automatic firearm. The jury also found true special allegations that Linarez-Rodriguez used a firearm in the commission of the offense and caused great bodily injury to the victim. The jury also found Linarez-Rodriguez guilty of reckless discharge of a firearm, two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and being a felon in possession of ammunition.

The jury also found true allegations that Linarez-Rodriguez had previously been convicted of a serious and violent felony, specifically a 2005 gang-related shooting for which he had previously served 14 years in state prison.

On Dec. 31, Linarez-Rodriguez was sentenced to 31 years and four months in state prison.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said

the jury was presented evidence that on Oct. 27, 2021, shortly after 10 p.m., a male subject dressed completely in black, with a red bandana covering his face and hood covering his head, approached a gas station and convenience store located at the intersection of East 1st Avenue and Longfellow Avenue in Chico.

The masked subject engaged the clerk in a brief discussion and then pulled a semi-automatic handgun and fired two shots. The first shot hit the clerk. The second shot missed but hit a car parked across the street at a fitness center. After firing the shots, the masked subject fled the area. The shooting was witnessed by a nearby citizen who called 911. The victim clerk was transported to Enloe Hospital and treated for a gunshot wound through his upper left thigh.

The jury was told by the trial prosecutor, Supervising Deputy District Attorney Marc Noel, how detectives from the Chico Police Department used the witness' description of the masked suspect and security video from the gas station store to identify Linarez-Rodriguez as the

shooter. Multiple detectives spent hours independently reviewing the security video frame by frame and were able to identify Linarez based on gang affiliation, tattoos on visible skin, glasses worn by him and an unusual physical head tic during the conversation with the clerk.

Noel noted that detectives were also aware that 15 days before the shooting, on Oct. 12, 2021, Linarez-Rodriguez had been attacked and beaten by members of a rival gang. Although the store clerk was not involved in that incident, detectives determined the clerk was a friend of one of the attackers and an associate of the rival gang.

Officers arrested Linarez-Rodriguez on Nov. 20, 2021. He was seen driving on East Avenue and the police attempted a traffic stop at the entrance to a local shopping complex. However, Linarez-Rodriguez refused to yield and led police on a pursuit through the shopping center parking lot. He was able to briefly elude police by exiting the parking lot onto Ceanothus Avenue. He was relocated and arrested within three minutes.

Jurors heard from the owner of a house on Ceanothus Avenue who located a loaded firearm on his front lawn and turned it over to Chico Police. The firearm was the same caliber and physically identical to the firearm seen in the Oct. 27 shooting. The firearm and shell casings

found at the scene of the Oct. 27 shooting were sent to the Department of Justice Criminalistics Lab in Chico for analysis. Criminalists there forensically determined the gun was the one used in the Oct. 27 shooting and found Linarez-Rodriguez's DNA on the trigger.

Linarez-Rodriguez was well known to the Chico Police Department because of his prior conviction in 2006 for a gang-related shooting and for subsequent arrests and convictions for being a felon in possession of firearms while on parole for his 2006 conviction. ★

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# Average California Farm Loses \$19,734 per Year to Natural Hazards

## Trace One News Release

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - High grocery prices have been a defining economic story in recent years, driven by a combination of factors including pandemic-related supply chain breakdowns and labor shortages. However, an increasingly critical driver of food price inflation has been the impact of natural disasters—such as droughts, floods, and hurricanes—on the nation’s agricultural output.

In Florida, a devastating combination of hurricanes and disease has sharply reduced orange harvests over the past several years, leading to soaring costs for citrus. Prolonged droughts in critical agricultural regions like the Midwest and California have curtailed the supply of grains, contributing to higher prices. In Texas, episodes of extreme heat have stressed livestock, decreasing productivity and raising costs for dairy and meat products.

The increased frequency of natural hazards has created a challenging environment for farmers. However, the effects of climate- and weather-related disasters are not uniform, varying greatly depending on location. To pinpoint where these events are having the greatest impact on farmers and the nation’s food supply, researchers at Trace One—a company specializing in regulatory compliance for the food and beverage industry—conducted an in-depth analysis of the latest data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Here’s what they found.

### Annual Agriculture Loss Due to Natural Hazards

Drought is the most common cause of economic loss in the agriculture industry.

According to estimates from FEMA, natural hazards cause an average of \$3.4 billion in agricultural losses annually, with drought being the single largest contributor. Drought alone accounts for more than half of these losses, averaging \$1.8 billion per year. The financial impact of drought underscores its threat to farmers, particularly in regions reliant on water-intensive crops.

Other significant contributors to agricultural losses include hurricanes, which cause \$471 million in annual losses, along with flooding (\$424 million) and cold waves (\$278 million). Events such as hailstorms, strong winds, and heat waves collectively add hundreds of millions in losses to the yearly toll. While less frequent,



Drought is the most common cause of economic loss in the agriculture industry. Image by Siggly Nowak from Pixabay

disasters like tornadoes, wildfires, and winter weather also contribute economic strain in certain regions.

### Expected Annual Losses by Region

California farms are facing the largest losses due to natural hazards.

Natural disasters impacting agriculture vary significantly across U.S. regions due to differing climates and geographic vulnerabilities. Drought is a persistent challenge on the West Coast, particularly in California, as well as the Southwest and parts of the Southern Plains, where water scarcity hampers crop yields and livestock production. Hurricanes have the most severe impact in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions, where states like Florida and North Carolina frequently experience storm surges and high winds that devastate crops and infrastructure. Riverine flooding is most problematic in the Mississippi River Basin and its extensive tributary networks, as well as in the Pacific Northwest. Cold waves are most prominent in the Midwest and Mountain West, where freezing temperatures can damage crops and livestock operations.

Taken together, California leads the nation in agricultural losses due to natural hazards, with farms in the state incurring an estimated \$1.2 billion in losses annually. This figure dwarfs losses in other states, with drought being the most significant hazard affecting California’s vast agricultural sector. On a per-farm basis, California reports an average loss of \$19,734—the highest of any

state—reflecting its reliance on high-value crops such as fruits, nuts, and vegetables, which are particularly vulnerable to water shortages.

By comparison, Texas, which ranks second, faces an expected annual loss of \$199 million, with droughts again being the primary driver. Iowa, North Carolina, and Florida round out the top five, each suffering from a combination of droughts and hurricanes, though with lower total and per-farm losses than California.

At the county level, California continues to dominate the rankings, with Santa Barbara County reporting the largest expected losses at \$238 million annually. Drought is the principal hazard here, impacting high-value crops like strawberries, vegetables, and wine grapes. Other California counties, such as Yolo, Napa, Sutter and Colusa, also rank highly, with annual losses ranging from \$68 million to \$112 million. These counties experience some of the highest loss rates per farm, with those in Santa Barbara County and Yolo County losing an estimated \$175,120 and \$140,459 each year, respectively.

### Here is a summary of the data for California:

- Total expected annual loss: \$1,245,887,089
- Expected annual loss per farm: \$19,734
- Expected annual loss rate: 2.19%
- Total farms: 63,134
- Total agriculture value: \$56,797,402,704
- Worst natural hazard for agriculture: Drought

For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:

- Total expected annual loss: \$3,380,082,197
- Expected annual loss per farm: \$1,779
- Expected annual loss rate: 0.69%
- Total farms: 1,900,487
- Total agriculture value: \$488,704,132,158
- Worst natural hazard for agriculture: Drought

### Methodology

The data used in this study is from FEMA’s National Risk Index and the USDA’s Census of Agriculture. To identify locations where natural hazards have the greatest impact on the nation’s food supply, researchers at Trace One analyzed and ranked locations based on their average annual economic loss (expected annual loss) in 2024 dollars within the agricultural sector. This metric accounts for damages caused by natural hazards such as cold waves, hail, heat waves, hurricanes, riverine flooding, strong winds, tornadoes, wildfires, and winter weather events, using data collected since 1996. In the event of a tie, locations with greater expected annual losses per farm were ranked higher. The analysis also incorporated the expected annual loss rate, calculated as the expected annual loss divided by the total annual value of the agricultural sector for each location. Additionally, researchers identified the worst natural hazard for agriculture in each location, which is the hazard contributing the largest share of the expected annual loss. ★

# CHP Highlights New Laws for 2025

## California Highway Patrol News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is highlighting the new public safety laws that were passed during this year’s legislative session and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom. Unless otherwise noted, the laws referenced below took effect on Jan. 1.

### Combating Retail Theft

**Crimes: Organized Theft (SB 982, Wahab)**  
Senate Bill 982 makes the crime of organized retail theft permanent and strengthens measures to address retail crime. The bill eliminates the expiration date for specific provisions targeting organized retail theft, ensuring long-term tools for law enforcement to combat this issue.

**Crimes: Fires (SB 1242, Min)**  
Senate Bill 1242 amends Penal Code Section 452 regarding the unlawful setting of fires. It updates penalties and legal language to clarify offenses, including circumstances involving organized retail theft.

**Sentencing Enhancements: Sale, Exchange, Or Return of Stolen Property (SB 1416 Newman)**

Senate Bill 1416 focuses on combating organized retail theft by increasing penalties for those involved in the resale of stolen goods, often referred to as “fencing.” The bill, until January 1, 2030, creates sentencing enhancements for individuals who sell, exchange, or return stolen property for value, particularly when the property exceeds specific thresholds. Punishment increases from one year to four years based on a property value scale ranging from \$50,000 to over \$3 million.

**Theft: Jurisdiction (AB 1779, Irwin)**  
Assembly Bill 1779 addresses

the issue of organized retail theft by streamlining the prosecution process. Specifically, it allows district attorneys to consolidate charges for theft offenses committed across multiple counties into a single trial, provided all affected county district attorneys agree.

**Crimes: Organized Theft (AB 1802, Jones-Sawyer)**  
Assembly Bill 1802 ensures that the crime of organized retail theft remains permanently defined in state law and extends the CHP’s Property Crimes Task Force indefinitely. This bill eliminates the “sunset” clause that would have allowed the statute and the task force to expire.

**Regional Property Crimes Task Force (AB 1972, Alanis)**  
Assembly Bill 1972 expands the scope of the CHP’s Regional Property Crimes Task Force to include cargo theft as a property crime for consideration and requires the task force to provide logistical and law enforcement support for railroad police.

This bill emphasizes cargo theft as a specific priority and aims to strengthen resources for law enforcement agencies to combat these issues. As an urgency statute, AB 1972 went into effect immediately upon its passage last August.

**Crimes: Shoplifting (AB 2943, Zbur)**  
Assembly Bill 2943, also called the “California Retail Theft Reduction Act,” strengthens measures to combat organized retail theft by creating a specific crime for serial retail theft, allowing the aggregation of property value for thefts committed within 90 days to qualify as grand theft. It empowers law enforcement to make arrests using video evidence or sworn statements, shields businesses from lawsuits for reporting crimes and promotes rehabilitation through diversion programs

for minor offenders. The bill aims to dismantle theft rings while balancing public safety and criminal justice reforms.

**Crimes: Theft: Retail Theft Restraining Orders (AB 3209, Berman)**  
Assembly Bill 3209 creates a retail crime restraining order. A court can issue a restraining order when sentencing an individual for specific retail theft-related crimes, including vandalism of a retail store and assaulting a retail store employee.

**Emergency Alert Information Sharing: Law Enforcement (AB 2645, Lackey)**

Assembly Bill 2645 allows transportation agencies operating electronic toll collection systems to share real-time license plate data with law enforcement during active emergency alerts, such as AMBER, Ebony or Feather Alerts. This legislation eliminates the need for a search warrant in such situations, enabling quicker responses to locate suspect vehicles linked to emergencies, such as child abductions.

**Tools to Address Reckless Driving and Sideshows**  
Vehicles: Speed Contests (AB 1978, Sanchez)

Assembly Bill 1978 permits storing a vehicle when an individual is arrested but not taken into custody for obstructing or placing a barricade on a highway or off-street parking facility for purposes of aiding a speed contest or exhibition of speed.

**Vehicles: Impoundment (AB 2186, Wallis)**  
Assembly Bill 2186 permits the arrest and custody of individuals engaged in an exhibition of speed in an off-street parking facility. It permits the impounding of the individual’s vehicle for not more than 30 days.

**Vehicles: Sideshows and**

**Street Takeovers (AB 2807, Villapudua)**  
Assembly Bill 2807 defines a “sideshow” and a “street takeover” as the same type of event.

**Vehicles: Removal and Impoundment (AB 3085, Gipson)**  
Assembly Bill 3085 provides authority to seize and impound a vehicle with a warrant when the vehicle was used in violation of a speed contest or exhibition of speed (including aiding or abetting). This bill also permits electronic service of the notices of impoundment and storage hearings.

**Electric Bicycle Safety**  
Electric Bicycles, Powered Mobility Devices and Storage (SB 1271, Min)

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, SB 1271 focuses on improving the safety standards for electric bicycles (e-bikes), powered mobility devices and related lithium-ion batteries. It requires these devices and their components, such as batteries and charging systems, to be tested by accredited laboratories to meet specific safety standards. The bill also mandates labeling these products to show compliance with safety regulations, ensuring consumers are informed. Furthermore, it prohibits distributing, selling or leasing e-bikes and related equipment unless they meet these standards, aiming to reduce risks such as fire hazards and electrical malfunctions. Beginning Jan. 1, 2028, the bill would prohibit a person from renting or offering for rental an electric bicycle, powered mobility device, charging system or storage battery unless it has been tested to the specified safety standard.

**Vehicles: Electric Bicycles (AB 1774, Gipson)**  
Assembly Bill 1774 prohibits modifying an electric bicycle’s

speed capability to an extent it no longer meets the definition of an electric bicycle.

**Clean Air Vehicle Sticker Extension:**  
Vehicles: High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (AB 2678, Wallis)  
Assembly Bill 2678 permits vehicles with a Clean Air Vehicle decal to drive in High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes until Jan. 1, 2027, if federal law permits.

**Autonomous Vehicles**  
Vehicle Equipment: Driver Monitoring Defeat Devices (SB 1313, Ashby)  
Senate Bill 1313 prohibits using, possessing or selling devices designed to interfere with driver monitoring systems in vehicles equipped with advanced driver assistance systems or autonomous technology. These systems monitor driver alertness and help ensure safety when automated features are used. Violating this law is classified as an infraction. Exceptions are provided for manufacturers testing new technology, vehicle repairs and updates compliant with safety standards or modifications for disability accommodations.

**Autonomous Vehicles Interactions with First Responders and Traffic Violation Notices – AB 1777 (Ting)**

Upon the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) adoption of necessary regulations, AB 1777 creates new authority for a law enforcement officer to issue a “notice of autonomous vehicle (AV) noncompliance” to an AV manufacturer for an alleged traffic violation committed by one of their vehicles. Beginning July 1, 2026, AB 1777 establishes additional requirements for how AVs that operate without a human operator in the vehicle interact with first responders, including a requirement for manufacturers to provide a two-way device in the vehicles to communicate with first responders. ★