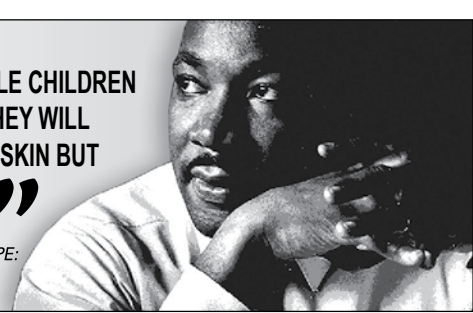




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Ice.Burgie Under New Ownership



Cari, Kelsey and Ted Lewis, new owners of The Burgie. Courtesy photo

By **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Ice.Burgie or The Burgie, as many residents know it, has been a beloved part of Gridley and ‘Home of the Bulldog Burger’ for more than 70 years.

The restaurant is at 1575 State Highway 99, Gridley.

Originally, the name was Ice Burgie Heaven. The Fillmore family of Gridley was one of its earliest owners.

The restaurant was recently

purchased by Gridley residents Ted and Cari Lewis in a deal that has been in the works for several months. The Lewis family has resided in Gridley since 2003.

Jayne Barrow, who owned Gridley Ice.Burgie for 34 years, has retired and will help the Lewis’ for about a month during the transition.

Barrow commented on “how weird it is” to be retired after that many years.

“I already miss seeing all my people, families with kids who now have



The Ice.Burgie has been a Gridley staple for more than 70 years. Courtesy photo



Jayne Barrow recently sold Gridley Ice.Burgie. Courtesy photo

kids. It’s been a pleasure and an honor to own a Gridley icon for so long. It’s been a big journey and a lot of hard work,” Barrow said.

Over the years, Barrow wanted to keep the restaurant a safe and happy

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Live Oak’s PFAs Retested Positive

By **Shaunna Boyd**

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - During the Jan. 15 Live Oak City Council meeting’s public comments, resident Cruz Mora requested an update about the city’s wells’ re-testing to determine the level of PFAs (also called forever chemicals) in the water system.

Another resident submitted a written comment expressing concern about the city’s contract for backflow prevention services, stating that it has led to “significant financial implications for the city taxpayers.” He suggested that the cost be billed to the individual homeowners where the repairs and maintenance are needed: “The current policy of subsidizing these maintenance costs for a small number of water users with the taxes of the larger community is not only inequitable but also contrary to state requirements.”

City Council then considered the introduction of an ordinance authorizing the implementation of an Electric Power Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program, allowing Live Oak to join Pioneer Community Energy.

Pioneer Community Energy is a community choice aggregation that provides local control over the electricity supply, with the primary goal of offering lower rates to residents and businesses within its member jurisdictions. It is a Joint Power Authority that includes Loomis, Auburn, Colfax, Grass Valley, Lincoln, Nevada City, Placerville, Rocklin and the counties of Placer and El Dorado.

Pioneer Community Energy can purchase electricity and sell it to its user at a lower rate than what is offered by PG&E but PG&E still transmits and delivers the energy through its existing infrastructure. The customers will receive just one bill, issued by PG&E, with distribution costs going to PG&E and the energy costs to Pioneer Community Energy.

Pioneer Community Energy’s communications director Gina Stassi-Vanacore spoke to City Council, explaining the benefits of joining the community choice aggregation and laying out the expected timeline. Pioneer Community Energy offers stable and competitive rates, local control, legislative and regulatory influence and advocacy, local jobs and local power

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Nine Graduate from Leadership Farm Bureau Program



The California Farm Bureau officer team congratulates the 2024 Leadership Farm Bureau Class on their graduation at the organization’s 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey in December. From left, CFB First Vice President Shaun Crook, class members James Moller, Harsimerdip “Harry” Sidhu, Rachel Nettleton, Tanya Brouse, CFB President Shannon Douglass, class members Jackie Kennedy, Danielle Vietti, Sy Honig, Ben Abatti III, Alex Arroyo, and CFB Second Vice President Ron Peterson. Photo courtesy of California Farm Bureau

**California Farm Bureau
News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - An intensive training program concluded at the end of the year for nine Farm Bureau members from California who participated in the Leadership Farm Bureau program.

The Leadership Farm Bureau Class of 2024 graduated Dec. 2 during the 106th California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Monterey.

The class learned about communication, team building, advocacy, and the Farm Bureau organization during 10 months of instruction. They participated in training on governmental

policy, personal development, and key issues affecting California farmers, ranchers, and agricultural businesses. They also advocated on behalf of the Farm Bureau with lawmakers in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

“The members we grow today

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

oriented business that has existed for over 70 years. I also want to thank every Burgie employee that has worked for me through the years. Many of whom are still friends and part of my life. I will miss being at the Burgie but I am ready to start a new chapter in my life. The new owners are Ted and Cari Lewis. I hope that you will support them as much as you have supported me. I truly believe that Gridley is a special place to own a small business. Customer service still matters and personal attention is vital. Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart. Please say hello when you see me out and about. Thanks again, Jayne Ethington Barrow. — It is unknown if the Burgie Insurance and risk management advisor Gary Fife will still get free drinks with the change in ownership. ***

Damon Myers passed away on January 12. When we were kids, Damon was my friend, and his brother Craig was also an all-around good guy too. Like Jeff Mardesich and Brandon Brothers, Damon was a key player in my Gridley High School Ag Shop record for accidental industrial fires. Damon fought hard to be sober and happy, it was not easy for him. Damon was pretty up front about his struggles with drugs. He led AA groups when he was clean and sober, he was proud of this achievement. He also loved every opportunity he got to be with his daughter and he loved her more than anything. Mark Mulliner and other friends from the 80's were always rooting for Damon. Damon

attended his class reunion a few months ago - and him being there was one of the things that every person who reported on the gathering mentioned to me. He was liked by everyone, when Matt Jones let me know Damon had died it was a gut punch. Everything we can do to reach out to acquaintances, friends, co-workers, or family members matters. Be prepared for it to never feel like it is enough, but doing or saying something kind and encouraging is worth it. People are gathering at the Moose on the 25th at 4:00 to tell stories about Damon. ***

We also note with great sadness the passing of local farmer and beloved community patron Joe Hughes. Joe and Margaret are pillars of our community, always found in positions of service; they were successful in their professional lives and always shared their wealth, time, and talents. He will be missed. ***

Former Gridley Councilman Mike Greer is busting his buttons with pride as President Trump named Mike's son Jamieson Greer to a cabinet level position in charge of International Trade. Jamieson becomes the highest ranking Gridley connected person in the U.S. government. He is also the highest ranking BYU alumni. Congratulations Greer family, now move back to Gridley. ***

Josh F.W. Cook is an alumni of Butte College and Charter Oak State College in New Britain Connecticut. His column appears weekly in the Gridley Herald. ★

Live Oak's PFAs Retested Positive

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supply resources, and specialized programs. As a result, Stassi-Vanacore said that members generally see at least 20% savings on their energy costs. She added that there is no cost to Live Oak to join Pioneer Community Energy and no costs for the customers. And customers can opt out and remain with PG&E.

In December, Pioneer Community Energy's governing board unanimously approved an expansion of its services to include the counties of Butte, Nevada, Sutter and Tuolumne; the cities of Chico, Oroville, Live Oak, Sonora and Yuba City; and the town of Paradise. Live Oak, Yuba City and Sutter County shared the cost of an Impact Assessment Study to evaluate the potential benefits of joining Pioneer Community Energy and city staff recommended approval of the new ordinance.

If approved by the Live Oak City Council, Pioneer Community Energy will submit an implementation plan in March and then begin the process of securing the additional energy resources needed to cover the new members. The expected service launch would be October 2027.

Councilmember Bob Woten said he supports the proposed timeline since it will allow plenty of time to inform and educate residents about the change so they will know what to expect.

Councilmember Ashley Hernandez said she was in full support of the program.

"The more choice our residents have is huge and the cost savings could be really impactful to everyone's budget," Mayor Jeremy Chapdelaine said.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the amendment and authorize the expansion process through the Public Utilities Commission.

During city manager items, Interim City Manager Rick Crabtree provided an update about the PFAs testing:

"Unfortunately, we just got the results back and we repeated the positive results."

Crabtree said the new results are consistent with the previous levels and a full report will come before City Council at a February meeting.

Interim Public Works Director Jeff Nelson said that the first test showed levels at 3.3 in Well 2 and the new test was at 3.4, which is still well below the action level of 20.

Councilmember Woten asked what the levels are when the water comes out of a faucet. Nelson explained that Well 2 mixes with Well 1 before distribution. After that blending process, the final result is 2.1, which is not considered a health threat level and does not legally require any action or notification.

"No one is happy about having these types of things in their water but you know, it's such a low level and people should not be alarmed," Nelson said.

Vice-Mayor Aaron Pamma said that he appreciated the update because it is important for the public to hear accurate information, rather than pick up misinformation online.

Councilmember Hernandez said she would like to see a comparison of the levels in the water with the levels encountered during other activities, such as visiting a fast-food restaurant. She said that residents are unfortunately frequently exposed to PFAs in their day-to-day activities, so it would be helpful for residents to understand those exposure levels to help reduce public fear.

Councilmember Nancy Santana asked if shutting down Well 2 and digging a new one would remove the PFAs from the water supply or if PFAs were found in other wells. Nelson said that lower levels of PFAs were found in some other wells, so determining the source of the PFAs will be part of the ongoing evaluation. Nelson said that more details, as well as potential mitigation options, will be presented at a future meeting.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting is scheduled for Feb. 5. ★

Woman Sentenced in DUI Death of Student

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release



Lizbeth Torres was 19 at the time of her passing. Photo courtesy of the Butte County District Attorney's Office

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In an emotional court hearing Jan. 16, a Humboldt County woman was sentenced to 11 years and four months in state prison for her collision with a college student on Highway 99 in 2023.

Sierra Lee Miguel, 32, of Arcata, was sentenced to the maximum term by Butte County Superior Court Judge Virginia Gingery following Miguel's earlier no-contest plea to gross vehicular manslaughter for killing Lizbeth Torres, 19, while driving under the influence of methamphetamine. Miguel was also sentenced on a count of child endangerment as she had her four-month-old son in her vehicle at the time of the collision.

Miguel's attorney had asked the judge to place Miguel on probation or in the alternative give her a low prison sentence of four years. However, the judge rejected the request

after hearing emotional pleas from Torres' mother, twin sister and former boyfriend for "justice." They noted Lizbeth Torres was attending Chico State University majoring in criminal justice with aspirations of a career in law enforcement.

Prosecutors also argued Miguel should receive the maximum term permitted under the law due to the egregious nature of the crime and her long history of crimes, including robbery, theft, fraud and substance abuse.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the current charges stemmed from a Sept. 30, 2023, fatal collision

on Hwy. 99 near the Thermalito Afterbay at approximately 11 a.m. Witnesses observed Miguel driving northbound and swerving to the right of the road then back into oncoming traffic. Two vehicles driving southbound ahead of Torres swerved out of the way but Torres did not have enough time to swerve before Miguel collided head-on with Torres' vehicle. Torres died on impact. Miguel's vehicle rolled over and caught on fire with Miguel's four-month-old baby in her vehicle. A passerby extinguished the fire while another rescued the baby from the vehicle.

The baby was miraculously uninjured because he was strapped in a car seat. Miguel was severely injured and spent a month in the hospital.

Forensic evidence established Miguel was driving with a high amount of methamphetamine in her system at the time of the collision and she never applied her brakes before the collision. ★

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Ice.Burgie Under New Ownership



Here is the Ice Burgie Heaven about 1954. Courtesy photo

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place and stressed that with her employees. She has also remained friends with former employees.

Many of the present employees will remain at the restaurant, including Barrow's daughter, Danielle. She has worked at the Burgie for 20 years as manager and cook.

"It's been a real joy, a good, thriving business and I think it will be for Ted and Cari too," Barrow said.

Ted Lewis said that owning the Burgie was not a long-held goal but "everything fell into place. It was meant to be. We're extremely grateful to have Danielle on board with us. She will continue to be a big part of it. We want to keep the tradition going and keep it just the way it is, satisfying customers' expectations of what the Burgie has always been."

Many words of congratulations were posted by well-wishers on social media. Some residents expressed concerns about not wanting anything at the Burgie to change.

"We don't plan to change anything," Lewis said.

Hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays and from 11



The mushroom Swiss burger is just one of the many choices on the Burgie menu. Courtesy photo



The ordering area of The Burgie has outdoor benches in the foreground. Courtesy photo

a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. BringFido.com as "pet-friendly." Dogs are welcome. ★

Nine Graduate from Leadership Farm Bureau Program

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through Leadership Farm Bureau are the future leaders of this organization, and I look forward to seeing all that they do in their counties and for California Farm Bureau," said Ryan Amaral, who manages the leadership program, in a news release.

Graduates of the 2024 Leadership Farm Bureau class are:

Ben Abatti III of Imperial County, a third-generation farmer who grows alfalfa, sugar beets, wheat, and other forage crops in Holtville.

Alex Arroyo of Monterey County, the general manager of King City Transplanting in the Salinas Valley.

Tanya Brouse of Butte County, a program coordinator for the Butte County Farm Bureau, who also works with the Butte Agriculture Foundation.

Sy Honig of Sutter County, a third-generation farmer who owns Honig Farms and is a pest control adviser.

Jackie Kennedy of Glenn County, the founder of Knaughty Farms Olive Oil and

the office manager for a family farm growing olives, rice, and walnuts.

James Moller of Shasta County, a seventh-generation cattle rancher, and a manager for Driscoll's Inc., focusing on strawberry nursery production.

Rachel Nettleton of Kern County, the executive director of the Kern County Farm Bureau and a marketing and communications professional.

Harsimerdip "Harry" Sidhu of Sutter County, a vice president of First Northern Bank in Yuba City who grew up on his family's fruit and nut farm.

Danielle Vietti of Tulare County, a vice president at AgWest Farm Credit in Tulare who specializes in dairy financing.

The class represented the 24th group to graduate from the Leadership Farm Bureau program since its inception in 2000.

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In Loving Memory of Brannon E. Byrne

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Brannon E. Byrne, born March 25, 1968, who departed this life on January 13, 2025. Brannon was a remarkable individual whose determination, work ethic, and steadfast nature left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

From a young age, Brannon excelled at everything he undertook. His determination to succeed was matched only by his relentless hard work and unwavering spirit. Known for being strong-willed and resilient, Brannon's hard-headed nature was a testament to his commitment and passion in all aspects of life. His life was a testament to his love of the outdoors, where he found joy in hunting, fishing, and ranching. He had an entrepreneurial spirit, managing multiple businesses with dedication and vision.

Above all, Brannon was a loving and devoted father. His children, Bryar Earl Byrne and Makenna Haley Byrne were his pride and joy. He dedicated himself fully to their well-being, growth, and happiness, leaving behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.

Brannon also touched the lives of countless individuals as a dedicated and coach of football wrestling and MMA fighting. His love



for these sports extended beyond the sidelines, as he founded a youth wrestling program that introduced many young athletes to the values of determination, grit, and perseverance. His generosity and selfless contributions not only enriched the lives of those he coached but also inspired a legacy of strength and resilience in the community.

Brannon is survived by his beloved family: his children, Bryar Earl Byrne (Phebe Daddow) and Makenna Haley Byrne; his loving wife, Julie Sannar Byrne; Julie's children: Joseph, William & Kalyn, Henry, Morgan, Ethan and Caleb Sannar; his sister, Minden Byrne-King Villapania; and her husband, Joey Villapania; Minden's children: Alec

Justeson, and Vivian King; Joey's children: Jonathan, Jace and Jenna Villapania.

Services:

Services were held on January 22, 2025 at the Mormon Church, at 400 Spruce Street in Gridley. Graveside services followed at Gridley Biggs Cemetery. A celebration of life was held at Expo Hall at the Butte County Fairgrounds, immediately following the graveside services.

Brannon E. Byrne will be deeply missed but lovingly remembered as a shining example of perseverance, generosity, and the enduring impact of a life devoted to his family and the community.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

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Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 | **Time/Cost:** 9:00am - 11:00am; Free
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Colusa Farm Show Celebrates Diamond Jubilee



The Colusa Farm Show is the place to learn about cutting-edge agriculture equipment, technology, and services. The Colusa County Fairgrounds will present the 60th annual Farm Show Feb. 4-6, 2025. Photo by Susan Meeker

By Susan Meeker

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - The Colusa County Fairgrounds is gearing up to welcome visitors to the 2025 Colusa Farm Show, Feb. 4 through 6.

The 44th District Agriculture Association sponsors the exhibition annually, bringing farmers and ranchers from all over Northern California to view the latest in farm equipment and machinery.

"This is our 60th year, so it's a pretty big deal for us," said Colusa County Fairgrounds Chief Executive Officer Laura Ford, on the show's diamond jubilee.

The Colusa Farm Show, originally billed in the 1960s as the Orchard Fair, always has the newest and most innovative technology, according to Farm Show Steering Committee Chair Joe Steidlmayer, who leads a dedicated band of volunteers who make sure the "Granddaddy" of western farm trade shows stays on the cutting edge of agriculture.

As it has been since the UC Cooperative Extension planted the seed for the first show in 1965, the Colusa County Fairgrounds will

greet visitors to the Colusa Farm Show to scope out the latest advancements in agriculture-related equipment and services.

For 60 years, the Colusa Farm Show has matched farms and ranchers with manufacturers and farm service providers, who will highlight the latest advances in agriculture.

About 250 equipment manufacturers and farm service providers are expected for the three-day event.

"The Colusa Farm Show is a rain or shine event," Ford said. "We usually get at least one day of rain, but it doesn't seem to matter. If it is too sunny and warm, farmers are working in the field. If the fields are wet, farmers come here."

Sweepers, sprayers, combines, tillers, mowers, risers, tractors, scrapers, and all kinds of farm vehicles will be on display outside, across the 85-acre grounds. Farm credit and banking services, nursery and seed suppliers, insurance agencies, and water, soil, and conservation experts will be sprinkled outside and inside the exhibit buildings.

Gates of the 60th Colusa Farm Show will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on

Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 4 and 5, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6, the final day of the show.

Food Concessions stands are located near the front entrance and inside Festival Hall.

As it has since its inception, the Colusa Farm Show is free to attend. Parking is available offsite surrounding the Colusa County Fairgrounds.

Ford said the 44th District Agriculture Association is proud to ring in the 60th Colusa Farm Show in 2025, Northern California's oldest and most notable farm trade event.

"The Colusa Farm Show provides farmers and ranchers with one-stop shopping for all agriculture-related services," Ford said.

The Colusa County Fairgrounds is home to multiple on-site buildings that not only support the annual Colusa Farm Show and Colusa County Fair but also support events of all kinds. Whether you are looking for a work event for networking or conferencing, or a more intimate gathering or party, the Colusa County Fairgrounds is a suitable place to celebrate. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



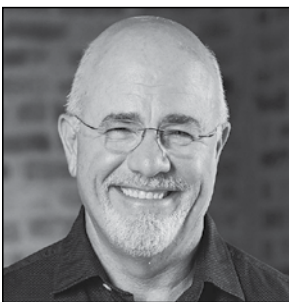
By Barbara Ott

It is not yet Groundhog Day and the trees are starting to bud. The relatively warmer days 50-60 are making them think it is getting close to Spring. We are not but half way there. It has been down to freezing at night, you'd think that might give the trees a clue. I think the difference is not enough and the ground is just a

bit warmer. The Paper Whites are still blooming and have been since November, no complaints there. Many of the Spring bulbs are up. They really should be waiting until February at least. Ah well they will follow their own time. Even the Blueberries have buds. The Hellebores are behaving and starting their flowers when they should. So are the snowdrops. These are both early bloomers all of the time.

So, in the space where we removed the Birch tree there are rocks. Now they need to be moved. That is a challenging job for me. I'll either get my daughter to help, because she wants more rocks or I'll hire my helper person.

When I last moved some rocks, I had my daughter make a mound of rocks in the front yard. I then put a solar light into this mound and it looked great. I have at least four of the very same solar lights in various places in the yard. For the first time, something has been taken from my yard. Someone really needed a solar light and decided the light in the mound was the one. So weird. I could easily take one of the other lights and replace it. I'm waiting a while to do that. For some reason I'm thinking that might save the second light from disappearing. I actually have things of value in the front yard but so far nothing else is missing. May it rain soon!!! ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says

Approach it Like a Sales Call

Dear Dave,

I had an interview for a sales management position during the first week of January. Since then, I've sent two follow-up emails. One was to thank the human resources representative for their time and for considering me for the job. In the second, I reiterated my interest in the position and desire to work for the company. Was this a proper and professional approach? If not, how would you suggest handling things after a first interview?

- Tiffany

Dear Tiffany,

In this situation, I would recommend sending another email. You want to walk right up to that fine line that separates bold and confident from pushy, because that's one of things a good sales manager should be

able to do. Thank them again for their time, and respectfully tell them you understand any hiring decision can be a lengthy process, but you'd like to know when you can expect an answer.

I'm talking about using your experience and the idea that you're a great sales person, who has transformed herself into a great sales manager. In other words, treat it almost like a professional sales call. And don't be afraid to have a little fun with it. If you're still under consideration, that means they like you and you have a shot at the position. You might even hint at the fact they don't want to hire a sales manager who doesn't know how to follow up.

You obviously have sales skills if you worked your way up to a manager's position. So, put those skills to work. If you're on a sales call, and the customer needs to perform some due diligence before deciding,

a smart salesperson will request to schedule a follow-up. In your email, ask if checking back on a certain day in the next couple of weeks will work. You don't want to be obnoxious, but you're looking for an appointment of sorts—a time frame—so you'll know when to follow up without seeming pushy or desperate.

I hope this helps, Tiffany. Good luck!

- 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. ★



Kaweah Farms Find Balance Under SGMA

In November, water managers and farmers in the Kaweah Subbasin in Tulare County won a unique victory when their revised plan for groundwater sustainability convinced state regulators to cancel their consideration of probation for the subbasin under California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. In the first edition of Ag Alert's® new Q&A series, On the Record, published by the California Farm Bureau, water manager Aaron Fukuda talks about navigating SGMA in the Kaweah Subbasin.

Kern County Immigration Sweep Halts Citrus Harvest

Scores of farmworkers stayed home last week amid an immigration enforcement operation conducted in Kern County by U.S. Border Patrol. "The crew didn't show up," said Peter Belluomini, who grows and packs lemons, mandarins and navel oranges east of Bakersfield, and is in the middle of harvesting all three crops. "Instead of 30 people, there were like five," said Belluomini, referring to workers hired through a farm labor contractor for his citrus harvest. "The rest were hiding at home."

State Water Board Readopts Drought Flows for Siskiyou County

Even though hydrologic conditions point to a more positive water outlook for the Scott River and Shasta River in Siskiyou County, state water officials last week readopted drought emergency regulations that curtail water rights in the region, affecting farmers and ranchers. The regulation first took effect in 2021. Readopted for the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds every year since, the order limits surface-water diversions and groundwater pumping.

California Bountiful TV tours San Diego County

In its latest episode, California Bountiful TV explores agricultural and culinary landmarks in San Diego County. Host Aubrey Aquino visits the nation's only producer of avocado oil, a family-owned and -operated egg ranch and a mushroom farm that's tucked into the hills of Escondido. Aquino also enjoys a multi-course fine dining experience in a San Diego backyard with a waiting list that's a year long. The weekly show produced by the California Farm Bureau is up for three Taste Awards this year, with voting taking place through Feb. 7. ★



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Ecocheck Smog Services LLC, 18 Harmony Drive, Oroville, CA 95966.
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This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
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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.
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AMERICAN 1-31-25

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
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
HELENS 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000012
The following person(s) are doing business as: Barber Johns Family Cuts, 1836 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926
Tammie Sue Barbee, 1836 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926
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The following person(s) are doing business as: BSR Design & Consulting, 1145 Richins Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Joquin, Bermudez, 1145 Richins Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000988
The following person(s) are doing business as: Time Pho Boba, 1124 Oro Dam Boulevard, Suite F, Oroville, CA 95965
Mary Lue Vang, 8490 Palermo Honcut Highway, Oroville, Ca 95966
Date filed in Butte County: December 19, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025
TIME 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000026
The following person(s) are doing business as: Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association, 79 Rolling Hills, Oroville, CA 95966
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Date filed in Butte County: January 7, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 8, 2018
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SOUTHSIDE 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000030
The following person(s) are doing business as: Papa Murphys, 2485 Notre Dame Boulevard, #440, Chico, CA 95928
Dhami Properties Incorporated, 136 Manchester Way, Yuba City, CA 95991
Date filed in Butte County: January 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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PAPA 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000980
The following person(s) are doing business as: Alexa Voyer, Axis Tax, Axis Network, 6150 Center Street, Paradise, CA 95969
Axis Tax, 6150 Center Street, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: December 17, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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ALEXA 2-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME - STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000033
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Time Pho Boba LLC, 1124 Oro Dam Boulevard, Suite F, Oroville, CA 95965
Chiad I Tern, 1124 Oro Dam Boulevard, Suite F, Oroville, CA 95965
The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: Individual.
Date Filed in Butte County: January 10, 2025.
This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County s/R. Fridrich, Deputy
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PHO 2-14-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

Filed on December 23, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
WILLIAMS 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #25CV00052
Petitioner Gilberto Ciprian filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Gilberto Ciprian to Gilberto Lopez.

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 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on January 9, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Jan 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 2025
GILBERTO 2-14-25

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 drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse at 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965, all that right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: shown on said Deed of Trust (X)The street address or other common designation of said property: 7362 Humboldt Road, Butte Meadows, CA 95942 (X) Name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is being conducted: Schweiger Trust, 1767 Brinson Lane, Durham, CA 95942 Directions to the above property may be obtained by requesting same in writing from the beneficiary within 10 days from the first publication of this notice. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed of Trust, plus estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale: \$108,180.00 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 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. 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 1-916-939-0772 or visit this internet website: <http://www.nationwideposting.com> address for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 7181060. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com>. 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

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PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING MOSQUITO CONTROL

The Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) hereby gives notice that it intends to continue to control immature (larvae/pupae) and adult mosquitoes throughout the District as necessary to protect the public's health. Applications of public health pesticides may be applied between January 1 and December 31 of each year. The need to apply public health pesticide is determined by surveillance. Actual use varies annually depending on the mosquito and vector-borne disease activity. The District's Integrated Vector Management (IVM) Program includes the use of physical control to remove the breeding source (if applicable), work with property owners/land managers with best management practices to reduce mosquito breeding sites, public education and outreach, biological control, as well as, aircraft and ground applications of public health pesticides as authorized by the California Health and Safety Code sections governing Mosquito and Vector Control Districts.

The District may apply Cal EPA registered public health pesticides for the control of immature mosquitoes to any site that holds water for more than 96 hours or where larvae are present and may apply adulticides to any location where adult mosquito populations meet treatment thresholds or when vector-borne disease is active. A list of public health pesticides used by the District are posted on the District's website at www.buttemosquito.com.

District personnel will on occasion enter onto private property within the District to make inspections for larval breeding or the presence of adult mosquitoes. These inspections and any necessary control measures are made under the authority of California Health and Safety Code Section 2000 et. seq.

The District may also be conducting field surveys to help determine the presence and potential public health risk of West Nile virus, and other mosquito transmitted diseases, Lyme disease, Bubonic Plague and Hantavirus in various parts of the County.

For more information, contact Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965-9250 or call 533-6038 or 342-7350 or visit www.buttemosquito.com.

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Agriculture Acreages Topic of Farm Show Breakfast

Colusa Farm Show Breakfast News Release

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - California State University alumni, farmers, and friends are invited to attend the annual Colusa Farm Show Breakfast and informative discussion about a decade of agricultural production acreages in California and the Sacramento Valley.

Dr. Joel Kimmelshue will be the keynote speaker for the 22nd Farm Show Breakfast, hosted by Chico State College of Agriculture alumni, California Agricultural

Leadership Foundation, and Alpha Gamma Rho.

Kimmelshue is the owner and principal soil and agricultural scientist of Land IQ. He has more than 27 years of consulting experience focusing on practical and applied solutions for development and management of agricultural-based systems, especially irrigated systems. Land IQ, a Sacramento-based agricultural and remote sensing firm, has worked extensively with numerous agricultural, urban, and environmental partners.



Dr. Joel Kimmelshue will be the keynote speaker for the 22nd Colusa Farm Show Breakfast. Courtesy photo

Kimmelshue was raised and worked on a diversified tree

and row crop farming operation in Durham and still maintains an ownership and management interest in the family farming operation.

Kimmelshue is a member of Class 37 of the California Agricultural Leadership Program.

The Colusa Farm Show Breakfast will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. at St. Bernadette Hall, 745 Ware Ave., Colusa.

Proceeds from the breakfast support California Agricultural Leadership Foundation Fellowships as well as Chico State Ag Alumni scholarships

and academic needs.


Breakfast tickets can be purchased in advance for \$75 by visiting the College of Agriculture online at aglead-ers.org/events/ or by calling (530) 898-3737.

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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 **Monday, February 3, 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 Monday, February 3rd, 2025, via email to 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. Remote attendance is available by Zoom.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting will be provided on the City Council agenda available to the public on Friday, January 31st, 2025, located on the City of Gridley website.

Resolution No. 2025-R-004: Establishment of Maintenance Assessment District For Parkland Estates - the City Council of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing to consider the establishment of a Maintenance Assessment District (the "District") pursuant to the provisions of the Benefit Assessment Act of 1982 (Government Code Section 54703 et seq.) and other applicable laws.

Recommended Action(s):

- Staff respectfully requests that the City Council approve Resolution 2025-R-004: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Establishing a Maintenance District for the Maintenance District Being Designated as the City of Gridley Maintenance District - Parkland Estates for APN: 010-200-043-000

SUMMARY:

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 at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Carmen Santana, at (530) 846-3631 or email at csantana@gridley.ca.us

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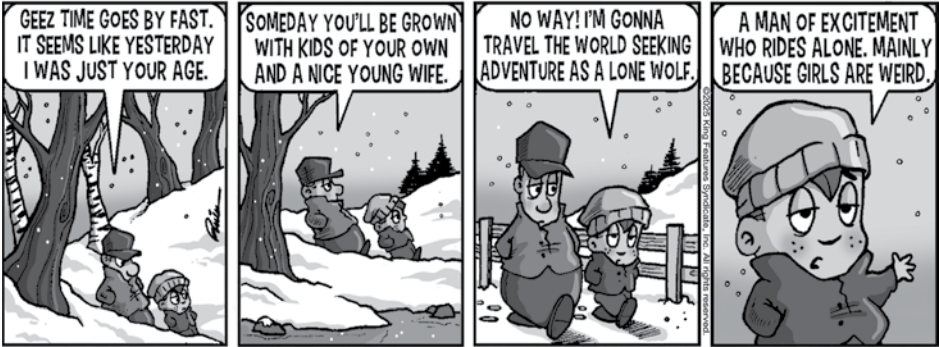
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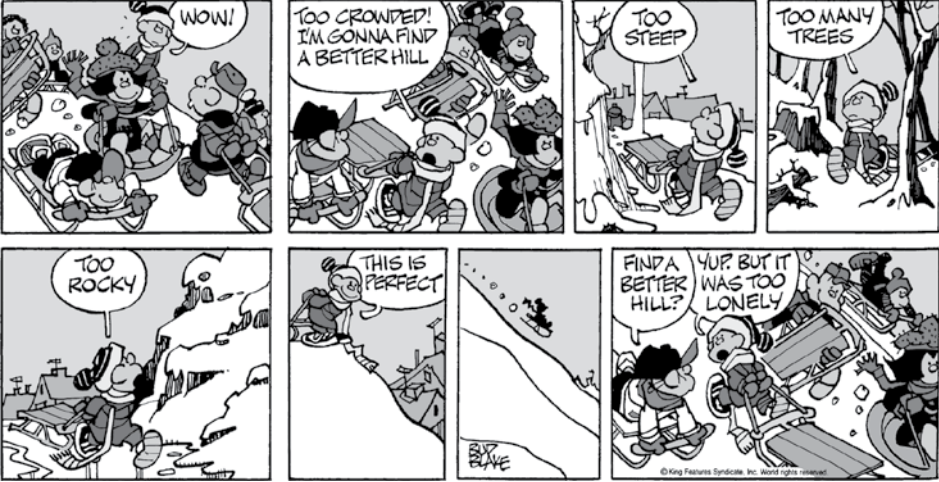
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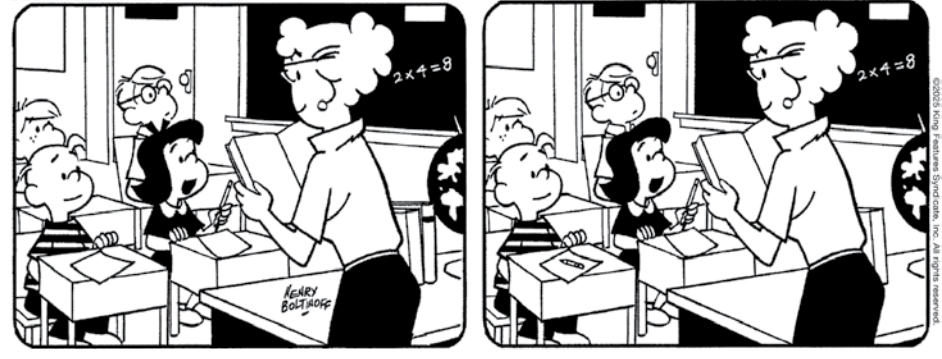


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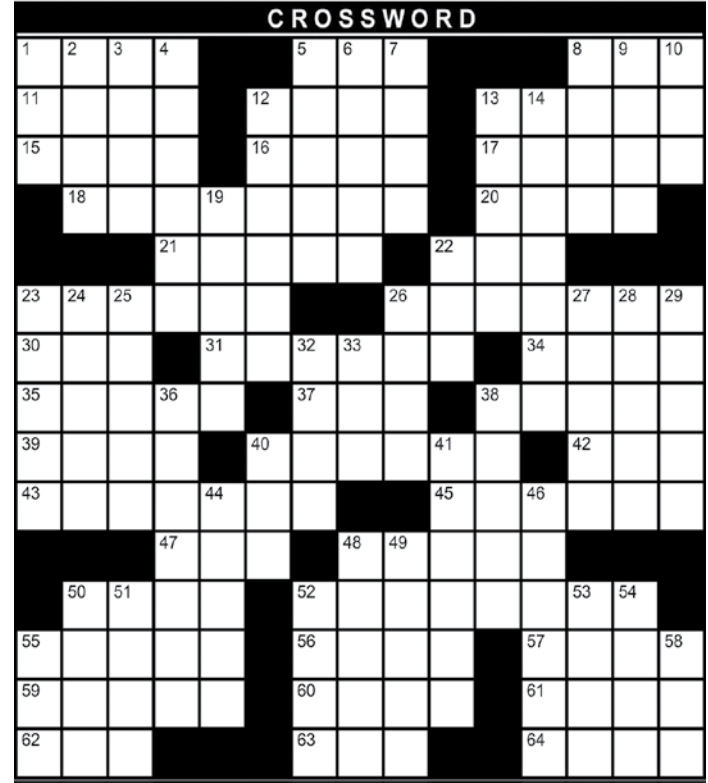
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Who's the hottest team in the NBA right now?! Well, if you're Steve Kerr, he's telling his Golden State Warriors it's the Sacramento Kings, as the former world champs embark on their short journey from the bay area to Golden One Arena on Wednesday night.

Winners of 9 out of the last 10 games, only the Milwaukee Bucks kept the Kings from riding a 10-game win streak.

Solid playoff bound teams like the Celtics, Bulls, and Rockets met with the defensive minded Sactown boys, and each came away wondering what just hit them.

Is there reason for optimism in Sacramento? You bet there is, and if there's one thing the Kings need to be cautious of, it's making an ill-advised trade.

You find many fans or commentators that will argue that the Kings need to strengthen their front court, and the reason is that the current alignment is not living up to their billing.

Third year player, and much lauded Keegan Murray is having a subpar season, and if he doesn't watch out, fans will stop looking at him as a 3-point shooter. As of late, Keegan has made more impact on the boards and on defense than he has as a shooter. Sadly, in a 23-point blow-out of the Wizards, Keegan contributed only 4 points and failed to connect on all 5 of his 3-point attempts.

Not to be left out, Trey Lyles, who has been playing abysmal basketball as of late, scored only 4 points as well, while taking up 20 minutes of play on the hardwood.

Once considered the Kings 3-point assassin, Kevin Huerter took a total of six 3-point shots, connecting on just one. So, Murray, Lyles, and Huerter made exactly one 3-point field goal while putting in a combined 61 minutes of play on the hardwood.

Why do I point out the negatives with the Kings winning 9 out of 10 games and climbing above the 500 mark? Sadly, none of the three just mentioned are likely to bring anything of value on the trade market.

While Keegan Murray held significant value on the trade market just one year ago, his interest and value has dropped to an all-time low, and many teams are likely

not interested in Keegan at all.

Similarly, Kevin Huerter is fortunate to make a basket from 3-point land at all, and the former starter for the Kings and 3-point specialist is likely to fall into the same disinterest category as Keegan Murray.

As for Lyles, like Keegan, he's having a subpar performance in 2024/2025, and his lack of offensive productivity will likely garnish him little interest from other teams.

Unfortunately, while teams turn away from trade offers for Murray, Lyles, and Huerter, they will be coming strong for players like Fox, Monk, and possibly even Keon Ellis.

Of all the players the Kings have currently, it's possible that Keon Ellis has the most prolific upside. Ellis remarkably is supplanting other players on the team, as a Bonafide 3-point shooter. In Sunday night's win over the Washington Wizards, all Keon did was score 18 points in 18 minutes, while connecting on six 3-point shots to lead all players from beyond the arc.

Pay attention Sacramento, and I'm talking to you Monte McNair. Keon Ellis brings game on both ends of the court.

Sabonis remains untouchable if there is such a term in NBA circles today, but the gossip surrounding DeAaron Fox needs to die down, as any trade involving Fox from this writer's perspective is a bad idea.

The Kings need to hold the fort, pay little attention to trades involving Fox and Monk, and hope that Murray, Lyles, and Huerter will return to some form on shooting acumen. Slumps don't last forever, and the fact that the Kings have played with such assiduous vigor and success over the past 3 weeks gives Sactown some much-needed breathing room.

Shout-out to Domantas Sabonis for taking player of the week in the Western Conference last week, and continuing to lead the league in rebounding and double-double's once again. Appreciate this remarkable big man, he's possibly the best we've ever had.

All the best Kings fans and enjoy this team!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

SacRT Awarded Grant to Fund Construction of New Light Rail Station

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The US Department of Transportation (DOT) announced Jan. 10 that Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) has been awarded \$9.5 million from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program.

The grant provides the final funding needed to construct the Dos Rios Station, a new light rail station on SacRT's Blue Line. The station will serve the Mirasol Village housing development and Sacramento's River District, just north of downtown Sacramento.

"SacRT continues to be at the forefront of innovation and community-centric development – making sure our neighborhoods are connected and Sacramentans can get where they need to be," said Congressman Doris Matsui. "The new Dos Rios Light Rail Station is a critical investment for the future of the River District. With this transformative project, we are enhancing mobility and igniting economic growth to improve the quality of life for those residents. I was proud to fight to secure this funding and look forward to seeing its positive impact in the near future."

The Dos Rios Station is a \$43 million dollar project at the intersection of Ahern, Sproule and North 12th Streets. Preliminary work has already begun at the site, constructing a retaining wall and leveling ground. Major construction is scheduled to begin this spring, with riders to expect service disruptions this summer. The station is anticipated to open by the end of 2026.

"Expanding public transit infrastructure strengthens our communities," said U.S. Senator Alex Padilla. "Thanks to funding from



Here is a rendering of the Dos Rios Light Rail Station. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit

the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Dos Rios Station will increase access to reliable and affordable transportation for Sacramento residents, connect historically underserved neighborhoods, and boost local economic growth."

State Senator Angelique Ashby, a key supporter of the project, highlighted the station's impact on mobility.

"The Dos Rios Station provides critical access to the families living or working in the River District," said Ashby. "Public transportation provides opportunities otherwise unavailable to many Sacramento residents. We want riders to move about the city for work, school, and recreation – improving quality of life regardless of income level."

"With the strong support of our congressional delegation and our local partners, we've been making tremendous progress to deliver the new Dos Rios Station. This funding award is the last piece of the puzzle to complete project delivery to increase connectivity for the community," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "Thank you to US Senator Padilla, Congresswoman Matsui, and State Senator Ashby for helping Sacramento to lead the way."

"I'm proud that SacRT, in conjunction with our federal partners, has been

able to respond swiftly to the community's needs to secure funding for the Dos Rios Station," said SacRT Board Chair, Sacramento County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy. "This project is a testament to what we can accomplish when we come together with a shared vision and determination."

"We're extremely excited to be part of this long-awaited celebration for the SacRT Dos Rios Station project which will create a key link in connectivity that has been missing in the River District for decades," said La Shelle Dozier, SHRA executive director. "The new station will serve an important transportation need for residents at the new Mirasol Village development across 12th Street to be able to get to work, school, appointments and other places, while also enhancing access to the new housing, public amenities, and attractions in the district."

The Dos Rios Station represents a collaborative effort to improve accessibility and equity in the Sacramento region. The RAISE grant completes the financing required for the project, enabling SacRT to preserve other funding for system operations and maintenance.

For more information on the Dos Rios Station project and updates, visit sacrt.com/dosrios. ★

Disaster-Prone California Should Adopt a Preventive Approach, Rather Than a Reactive One



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As horrific as they may be, the wildfires sweeping through Los Angeles neighborhoods, destroying homes and businesses and killing dozens of people, are certainly not unprecedented.

Rather, they join a California continuum of natural and human-caused disasters that have afflicted the state throughout its history — fires most recently, but also earthquakes, floods, dam collapses and deadly riots. It's as if Californians must endure periodic calamities as the cosmic cost of enjoying unmatched attributes of weather, scenic beauty, mineral wealth and enormous amounts of arable land.

Precisely 60 years ago, for example, the ruggedly beautiful northwestern corner of California coped with immensely destructive flooding from epic storms. The Eel River basin received 22 inches of rain in just two days.

Several small towns along the Eel and Klamath rivers were destroyed, drowned in as much as 50 feet of water, and dozens of state and local bridges were demolished, isolating the region. The federal government even sent naval ships, including an aircraft carrier, to bring relief supplies and assist in search and rescue efforts.

Less than a year earlier,

Crescent City, a Del Norte County town afflicted by the floods, had been clobbered by a tsunami touched off by a massive earthquake in Alaska.

The persistence of disasters befalling California is underscored by just one data point: During Pete Wilson's governorship in the 1990s, every California county was declared a disaster area at least once, and several times in some counties.

Wilson's emergencies included the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, the 1992 Rodney King riots and heavy flooding in 1997 that sparked disaster declarations in 48 of the state's 58 counties.

Simultaneously during his time in office, California experienced the worst recession since the Great Depression, a severe drought and was just beginning to recover from the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in the San Francisco Bay Area that destroyed a section of the Bay Bridge, among other things.

It was as if the four horsemen of the apocalypse were galloping across California, dragging Wilson behind them.

To his credit, Wilson figuratively shrugged his shoulders and assumed the role of crisis manager, even though, ironically, the disasters undermined his plans for "preventive government" that would deal with issues before they became crises.

If disasters of one kind or another are baked into California's existence, what could be done to mitigate their impacts?

When it comes to floods and wildfires, we could — if we had the political will — either stop building homes in areas prone to flood or

fire, or at least impose strict standards on construction to make buildings less vulnerable, as we do for earthquakes.

There is some anecdotal evidence that homes built with fire-resistant materials, including non-flammable roofs, have fared better in the Los Angeles fires. We could start by imposing tough new building standards when neighborhoods scorched by current fires are rebuilt.

We also need to plan for better escape routes and install better systems for warning people to evacuate. The narrow winding streets in Southern California's upscale communities became death traps for some.

Finally, we need a new approach to insurance coverage. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara is finalizing a new regulatory system that would let insurers include estimates of future losses and costs of reinsurance in their premiums, hoping that it would prop up a very unstable market.

Maybe we should go beyond that. Maybe we need the state to provide basic casualty coverage in a master statewide policy financed by mandatory fees on property, with the option for property owners to purchase supplemental coverage.

If disasters are unavoidable in California, we need to accept that fact and adopt Pete Wilson's preventive approach, rather than merely reacting after the fact.

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. ★

Social Security Matters

About When to Claim Social Security and Taxation of Benefits



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 65 and currently working full-time. Can I apply for and start receiving my Social Security benefit? I'd expect to have to pay income tax on it if/when I do. **Signed: Curious Worker**

Dear Curious Worker: If you are working full time, you should likely delay claiming Social Security at this time. At age 65, you haven't yet reached your SS full retirement age (FRA), so you will be subject to Social Security's "annual earnings test" which limits how much you can earn from work while collecting early benefits. The earnings limit for 2025 is \$23,400 and if you earn more than the annual limit, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you earn significantly over the limit, you may even be

temporarily ineligible to collect SS benefits. FYI, the annual earnings limit goes away when you reach your full retirement age, which for you is 66 years and 10 months, or March 2026.

As you obviously already know, a portion of your Social Security may be subject to income tax after you start collecting. The threshold for taxation of SS benefits depends on your IRS filing status — if you file your taxes as a single and your combined income from all sources (including half of the SS benefit you received during the tax year) exceeds \$25,000 then 50% of your received SS benefits are taxable. But if you file taxes as "married/jointly" and your combined income is over \$32,000, then up to 85% of your received SS benefits are taxable. Thus, whenever you claim SS, you may wish to consider having income tax withheld from your SS benefit. This is optional, and you can do this by submitting IRS Form W-4V to your local Social Security office, or you could choose to increase your income tax withholding at work or, alternatively, pay estimated income taxes quarterly.

So, whether you can claim Social Security now

depends entirely on how much you will earn from working full time prior to your FRA. If you exceed the annual earnings limit before your FRA, SS will take away some of your benefits or, if you greatly exceed the earnings limit, you may even be temporarily ineligible to get benefits (until you either reach your FRA or earn less). But note, if you decide to claim early and any SS benefits are withheld because you exceeded the earnings limit, you will get credit for that (in the form of a slightly increased benefit) after you reach your full retirement age.

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Opening Week for Gridley Basketball

High Wheeler Heading to Majors

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs boys' and girls' basketball teams both split as they opened their regular season this past week.

The Bulldog boys had their home opener on Tuesday, Jan. 14 against the Las Plumas Thunderbirds. The Thunderbirds started and finished the game scorching hot. Everything they shot seemed to go into the basket and after the Bulldogs were able to keep it close after the first quarter (20-15), they did not have enough to keep up. The Thunderbirds shot 64% from the field including 14-20 from three making the score 55-82 ending the Bulldogs 8 game winning streak. Senior Max Tolman led the Bulldogs in scoring with 17 points.

On Friday, Jan. 17 the Bulldogs went to Corning to face the Cardinals. The Bulldogs came into this game with the mindset of redeeming themselves from their previous performance and that's exactly what they did. The Bulldogs dominated the first half scoring at will and playing stifling



defense as they didn't allow more than 8 points in each of the first two quarters (5 in the first, 7 in the second). With a halftime score of 40-12, all the Bulldogs needed to do was cruise to a finish and cruise that's exactly what they did as they won 66-40. Senior Luis Murillo led the Bulldogs in scoring with 15 points.

The Lady Bulldogs opened their regular season on the road against the Thunderbirds on Jan. 14. The Bulldogs started the game by playing tough defense giving them a 9-4 lead after the first quarter but that tough defense unfortunately did not hold. The Thunderbirds would proceed to outscore the Bulldogs in the second and third quarters giving them a 35-30 lead after three setting up a close fourth quarter. Gridley would outscore

the Thunderbirds, but it wasn't enough as the Thunderbirds got away with a 43-46 win.

The Lady Bulldogs faced off against the Corning Cardinals for their home opener on Jan. 17 in hopes to get back in the winning column. The Bulldogs started the game off hot getting an early 12-0 lead before the Cardinals were able to score their first points. This led to a 16-7 lead for the Bulldogs after the first. This would start a small comeback attempt for the Cardinals as they hit consecutive threes but just as the Bulldogs needed a player to step up, senior Brook Marr made plays on both offense and defense to put the Bulldogs firmly ahead. The Bulldogs consistently held a 15-20 point lead the rest of the game and won 52-32.

The Lady Bulldogs will be at home against the Live Oak Lions while the boys will be on the road on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Both games will start at 7:30 p.m. After that, the boys will be at home while the girls will be on the road against the Orland Trojans on Friday, Jan. 24. Both games will again start at 7:30 p.m. ★

Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers are excited to announce 2024 Outfielder Jose Gonzalez has signed a contract with the Houston Astros organization.

Gonzalez, originally from Spring, Texas, was one of the original 26 members of the 2024 Pioneer Baseball League Champion Yolo High Wheelers.

"I am so happy for Jose. He was one of our team leaders and is very worthy of this opportunity. I loved the intensity that he brought to the ballpark every day and I am looking forward to seeing him take his game to the next level with the Astros," said Billy Horton, Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers manager.

A stalwart in the High Wheelers lineup, Gonzalez played in 88 games in 2024, typically in the cleanup position. He led the team in home runs (19), RBI (84) and OPS (1.113). Prior to his time with the High Wheelers, Gonzalez attended Navarro College and Texas State University, and in 2023, made his professional debut in the Major League Baseball Draft League for the Williamsport



Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers Jose Gonzalez has signed a contract with the Houston Astros organization. Photo by Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers

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Gonzalez is the second player in High Wheeler history to be signed to a Major League Baseball contract, joining Mike Sansone. Sansone was picked up by the Boston Red Sox prior to the 2024 season, playing with the Salem Red Sox (Single A) where he finished with a 3.11 ERA, 68 strikeouts, and 9 walks in 72.1 innings.

In February, Gonzalez will report to Houston Astros spring training in West Palm Beach, Florida. ★

Lions Struggle in Opening Week

By Dillon Longmire

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak Lions boys basketball team opened their regular season with two losses to move to 7-7 on the season.

The Lions traveled to face the Orland Trojans on Tuesday, Jan. 14 in a game full of offense. The Trojans came out scorching the net in the first quarter scoring

24 points to the Lions 10. The Lions were able to make a small comeback in the second quarter scoring 18 points to make the halftime score 28-35. Orland was able to continue their scoring in the second half and it ended up being too much for the Lions as they fell 53-69.

On Friday, Jan. 17 the Lions held their home opener against



the Las Plumas Thunderbirds. The Thunderbirds came into the game with fire on their fingertips as they

had just scored 82 points against the Gridley Bulldogs in their first regular season game and while the Thunderbirds didn't score that many points, they still had an impressive offensive effort. After a defensive filled first quarter, the Thunderbirds exploded and scored 25 points to the Lions 10. In the third quarter, the Thunderbirds locked down the Lions and held

them to only 4 points which led to a cruise to the finish and the Thunderbirds won 62-34.

The Live Oak Lions will look to redeem themselves as they take on the Gridley Bulldogs at home on Tuesday, Jan. 21 and then on Friday, Jan. 24 the Lions will head to Oroville to take on the Tigers. Both games will start at 7:30 p.m. ★



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