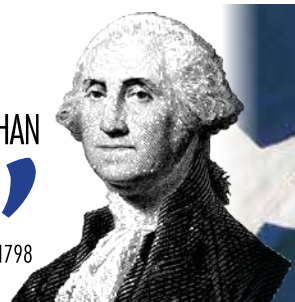


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Aiden Berg Wins Youth Speech Contest



The 2025 Rotary speech contest winners are Ana Martinez, Paulina Martinez and Aiden Berg, with recently-elected Rotary President Jim Brown.

Story and photos by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY (MPG) - Three high school students, Paulina Martinez, Ana Martinez and Aiden Berg, from Live Oak, participated in Gridley Rotary's annual speech contest at the Rotary Feb. 6 weekly luncheon.

"The Magic of Service" was the annual speech contest's theme. Speeches were five to eight minutes in length.

Paulina Martinez gave the first

speech.

"Service means to help your community and not expect anything in return," Paulina Martinez said.

The Miss Butte County Scholarship program has provided her with plenty of service opportunities. As Miss Teen Butte County, Paulina Martinez will provide a total of 1,000 hours of community service throughout her one-year reign.

Paulina Martinez said her favorite event so far was helping with the Color Run to raise funds for Avie's

Place, the planned recreational park and playground for the physically impaired in Oroville. The influence of service has inspired her to pursue a career as a pediatric dentist.

Next up was Ana Martinez, who spoke about her participation in the Women's March as "an act of service that would have an impact on all of our society. Acts of service have helped shape our country into what it is today."

Ana Martinez cited examples of

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City Council Debates Planning Commission Appointment Process

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - During the Feb. 5 Live Oak City Council meeting, Finance Director James Ramsey submitted the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), completed by the certified public accountant firm Rogers, Anderson, Malody, and Scott LLP.

Ramsey summarized the findings, stating that as of the end of the last fiscal year in June 2024, "the city's net position overall is at \$81 million, which is a decrease of about \$3.1 million." Ramsey said that position includes \$59.7 million in capital assets, "which cannot be used to pay any expenditures or debts of the city."

The city's General Fund balance decreased by \$812,436 due to expenditures greater than actual revenues received, ending with a fund balance of \$2.3 million. Ramsey said that the majority of those funds are assigned but some reserve funds could be reallocated.

Across all governmental funds, fund balances ended at \$6.1 million, a decrease of \$1.1 million due to "a number of capital projects that were recorded during the fiscal year," according to Ramsey.

Some significant decreases were recorded in the water fund, which decreased by \$1.5 million due to capital contributions, and the sewer fund, which decreased by \$1 million due to an increase in net pension liability and operating expenditures greater than revenues.

Councilmember Nancy Santana wanted to know if any of the reserves can be reallocated to cover the deficit in the water fund.

Ramsey explained that the water fund is an enterprise fund, which is supposed to be supported by charges for services.

"If you use the reserves from the General Fund to make the deficit in the water fund whole again, that's a gift of public funds to the water fund," said Ramsey, adding that he would not recommend making such a gift.

Vice-Mayor Aaron Pamma asked if the funds could be loaned to the water fund. Ramsey replied that was a possibility, with required interest and a repayment plan, so he was working on bringing a proposal to council

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Butte College to Honor Outstanding Alumni



Jessica Bjork-Madrigal, vice president and co-owner of Bjork Construction Company, Inc., will be honored at Butte College's annual Spring Gala on March 8. Courtesy photo

Butte College News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Butte College's annual Spring Gala on March 8 will highlight the profound influence that Butte College alums have on their communities and industries.

Two outstanding alumni, Jessica Bjork-Madrigal, a leader in the construction industry, and Ryan Fellers,

a distinguished Chico fire captain and instructor, will be honored.

Bjork-Madrigal, vice president and co-owner of Bjork Construction Company, Inc., has built a remarkable career in the construction industry, according to Butte College staff. After attending Butte College from 2005 to 2007, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in construction management from



Chico Fire Capt. Ryan Fellers will be honored at Butte College's annual Spring Gala on March 8. Courtesy photo

California State University, Chico, and a Master of Science in construction management from Arizona State University.

Bjork-Madrigal has helped lead Bjork Construction Company for nearly a decade. Under her leadership, the company continues to be recognized across many areas, including workplace excellence, sustainability and diversity. Bjork Construction

has placed in the Top 25 of the San Francisco Business Times' list of top women-owned businesses in the Bay Area, been awarded the San Francisco Business Times' "Best Place to Work" award and the Diversity & Inclusion Award from the Associated General Contractors of America. Bjork-Madrigal advocates for women in construction, speaking at

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Significant repairs have been completed on the County Veterans Memorial Building in Gridley. \$1.5 million that came from the legal settlement with PG&E & the County foot- agree the bill. The building has received a certificate of occupancy and is available for use. The county defers to the Veteran Service organizations in managing the building and its uses. It would be great to see the vet groups open the building to more community functions, especially for young people. Try to run the thing like a business and allow community members to host events when they need a bigger space. It is the best vets hall in the County, a magnificent memorial to local service members. I remember going there for Halloween and for dances as a kid, but that all tapered off as the building became older and older and worn out. The City of Gridley has a recreation department with very popular youth sports programs. They often run out of field space for soccer and borrow various gymnasiums from the

local school districts for the basketball programs. The Veterans Hall is an excellent venue for volleyball. The American Legion and VFW have some critical decisions to make now that the building is back in good order. In an ironic twist of fate, in the same week that the veteran's hall became certified for use and occupancy, Supervisor Chairman Kimmelshue's office in the old courthouse flooded. It seems if the water couldn't go through the roof of the Veteran's Building, it wanted to go somewhere else.

The January Cattle Inventory report showed another slight decline in cattle herds nationwide, reaching record low levels. As of January, the total number of cattle and calves was 86.7 million, down by 1% from last year.

Gridley Country Ford is advertising "Big City Inventory and Small Town prices," which is a big deal if you remember during COVID, the Ford lot was practically empty. It's nice to see the lot full. Go buy a Ford.

Other cities and the County are trying to leave PG&E and join Pioneer Community Energy. Problem is Pioneer just reported their rates are only 10% lower than PG&E. Rates are too high. The State government did it.

News of PFAS in water well reports in Live Oak. First issue what is a PFAS: Per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of synthetic chemicals that are resistant to heat, water, oil, and grease. They are also known as "forever chemicals" that come from modern stuff we use daily. We encounter them in nonstick cookware like Teflon pans, water-resistant clothing and outdoor gear, and stain-resistant carpets, furniture, and fabrics in our homes. They're also present in food packaging, such as grease-resistant paper and pizza boxes, various cleaning products, and personal care items, including shampoo, dental floss, and cosmetics. Beyond consumer goods, PFAS play crucial roles in industrial processes, including metal plating and etching, semiconductor manufacturing, textile and leather treatment, and paper product manufacturing. Because they're everywhere, the city tests for them constantly. I'm confident that Live Oak will find a solution, probably by digging a new well or a deeper well, but this problem is happening in more and more places.

Josh F.W. Cook's column appears weekly in the Historic Gridley Herald. Subscribe today if you don't already have home delivery. ★

City Council Debates Planning Commission Appointment Process

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at the mid-year budget review.

The Live Oak City Council voted unanimously to accept and file the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Mayor Jeremy Chapdelaine then made his recommendation for appointments to the Live Oak Planning Commission, which currently has three open seats on the seven-member board.

The city received eight applications and Chapdelaine said two were qualified to serve. He suggested that City Council re-appoint Michelle Serpa as a returning commissioner to serve a four-year term and appoint Harry Sidhu as a new commissioner serving a two-year term. Chapdelaine also asked that the application period be extended to consider for the third open seat.

Councilmember Santana asked why City Council wouldn't fill the last seat from the available applications and why the applicants were not at the meeting to share their qualifications with the council: "Did we invite them?"

Chapdelaine answered, "No, we didn't. I did not feel that it was appropriate or fair to actually invite five to six other people that at this point weren't being considered for this seat."

Councilmember Bob Woten said he "just made a recommendation for appointment based on the

applications" when he was mayor.

But Santana said when she served as mayor, the applicants were "always invited" to speak before they made any decisions.

Legal counsel advised that the code does not specify a process and that the council votes on the mayor's recommendation.

Vice-Mayor Pamma, who recently vacated a seat on the Planning Commission, said he has been through both types of selection processes and that it's important for the candidates to speak to the City Council: "We've got to understand who's making decisions for our city moving forward. ... It's important to have people in place whose views align with what we're talking about and trying to push for this town." He noted that only Commissioner Michelle Serpa was at the meeting.

Councilmember Santana suggested moving this item to a later date and to "be fair and equal and invite all the applicants instead of just discard them and repost it."

"We work for the people. We're elected by the people," Santana said. "It's not just about one councilmember or one mayor and who they want. It's really not fair to these applicants."

"I think it's really wrong not to invite them to be here," Santana said. "You applied and the mayor doesn't like you. So sorry, you're out."

The other councilmembers were offended by her implications, with

Councilmember Woten saying she was "out of line."

Vice-Mayor Pamma said, "We need to keep cohesion here and professionalism, please. That's not the way it should be conducted." He said that the mayor has made a recommendation and it needs to be voted on, and if the majority don't agree, then City Council will move forward on a different course.

Chapdelaine repeated his recommendation, which was motioned for approval by Woten. The motion failed 2-2, with Pamma voting no and Santana abstaining, which was counted as a no vote.

Pamma made an alternate motion to re-appoint Serpa to the four-year term, which passed 3-1, with Santana abstaining.

Chapdelaine said his fellow council members made valid points and he appreciated the comments. Council directed staff to readvertise for Planning Commission applicants while retaining the existing applicants in the pool for consideration. All applicants will be informed of the meeting when City Council next considers the appointments.

A written public comment by resident Dale Carlson said emails from the public are going into the city's spam email folder. Issues brought up by the public are not being addressed, Carlson said, and the city is not meeting its responsibility to citizens.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 19. ★

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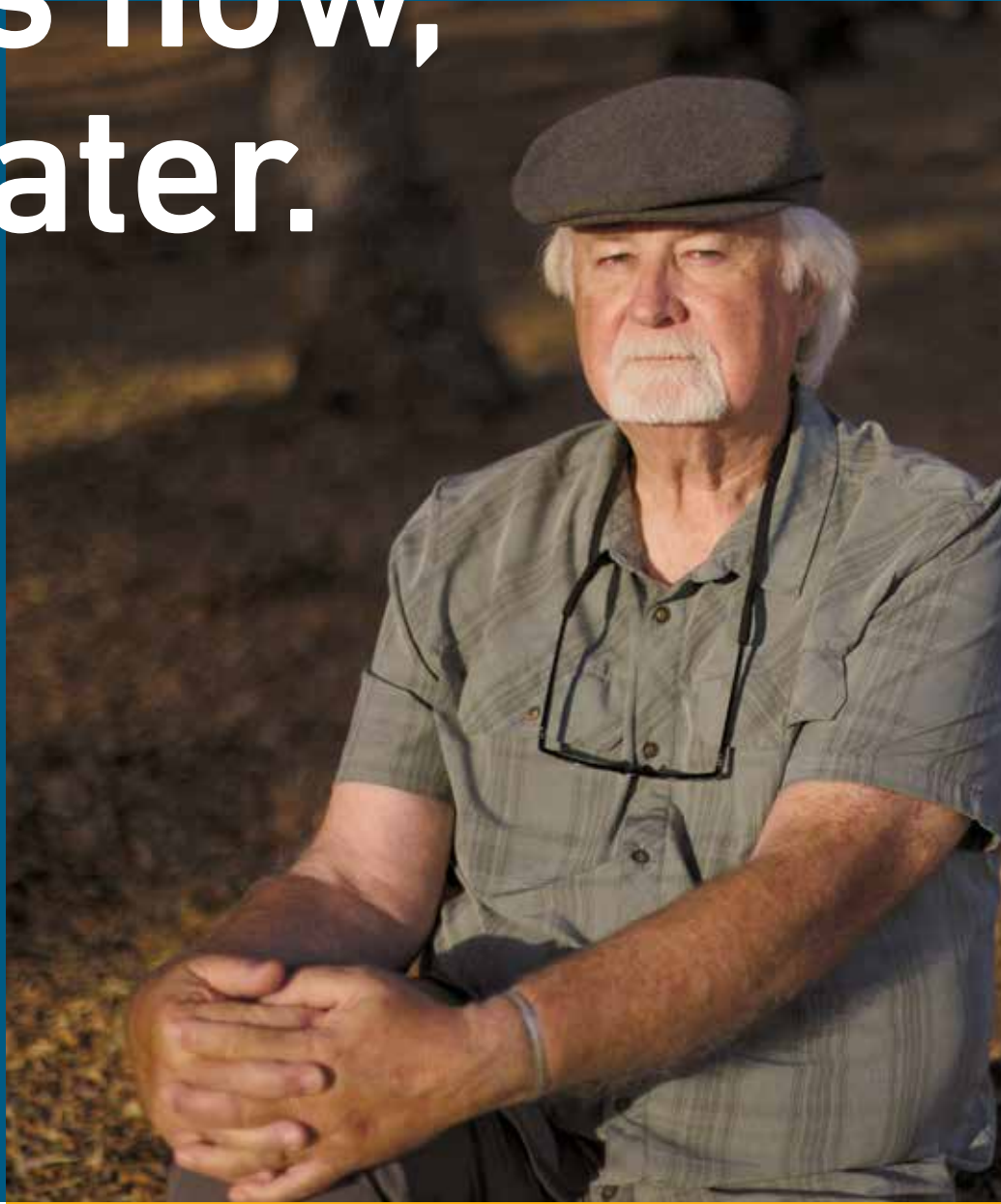
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Tri-Counties Community Center Says Goodbye to Longtime Director

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Tri-Counties Community Center in Marysville held its third annual gala on Jan. 25 while saying goodbye to its longtime director Peggy DeHaan. DeHaan has worked and volunteered with the center for the past seven years but recently decided to retire from her position, due to ongoing health issues.

"My love for the community is what made this the perfect place for me," said DeHaan. "I loved sharing about Tri-CC within our community, I've had more fun here and I've met the most wonderful people."

Some of those people include DeHaan's husband, Harry DeHaan, who she met while working at the center. Harry DeHaan now serves as the board's president having just been re-elected for another two-year term this past December.

"Having everyone here means a lot to all of us," said Harry DeHaan. "This next year is going to be about change. We've got three new board members and they're all going to bring new ideas and new visions to the center. They're going to bring a younger vision to the center which we need. Me and Peggy have been doing this for about six years and have made a lot of great progress but we need more progress, so I think our new members are going to do what we need to do to bring it to the next level."

The center's newest board members include Erin Gladden, Courtney Sullivan and Katrina Inman. All three connected with Peggy DeHaan during the center's toddler time program. Gladden, who currently works for Yuba County Office of Education's family resource center, will serve as the center's new secretary and said she is excited to restart the children's garden as well.

"I'm happy to be a part of the board and help out," said Gladden. "It's been a



Peggy DeHaan poses with Isabella Vargas, left, the winner of Tri-Counties Community Center's \$500 scholarship for "excellence in volunteerism."

good experience so far."

The primary focus of the gala was to thank and honor a year's worth of program leads, volunteers and community supporters. As such, awards were given to select members as voted on by the board. These included Victor Bugarin and Chloe Provencio for "volunteers of the year" and Mark Hubble for "board member of the year." Provencio, who is currently in high school, has spent many hours helping to clean the center. Meanwhile, Bugarin has committed to helping run programs such as archery three days a week in addition to other volunteer hours and taking on beautification projects at the center. Hubble, a national champion skater several times over, was credited for assisting in the building's many repairs and general maintenance needs in addition to his contributions as vice-president of the board and program lead for Wednesday Skate Night.

"He always rises above what needs to be done," said Peggy DeHaan.

During the event, the center's three scholarship award recipients were also announced. This was only the second time that the center has been able to disperse its "Excellence in Volunteerism Award," exclusively offered to local high schoolers based on why it's important to give back to their community. Akasha Malik won the \$50 scholarship, Mohammad Mehar Ali the \$100 scholarship and Isabella Vargas the grand \$500 scholarship.

"Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who has supported us," said Peggy DeHaan.

DeHaan's contributions to the center have been far and wide. From the establishment of substance-abuse prevention programs to high school job fairs and the return of Family Prom Night and Santa's Winter Wonderland, it was said that her impact on the center will be felt for years to come.

"Seven years ago, she had a dream and her dream was to bring this center back to life," said Betty Johnson, DeHaan's mother and longtime volunteer. "Peggy has put her heart and soul into this center and she is so very sad and heartbroken that she has to step down. I'm just so very proud of her for living her dream, she has done a fantastic job and we wish her all the best."

Provencio added "Peggy has been awesome to me and I don't know where my life would be without her."

Many of DeHaan's colleagues were sad to see her go but DeHaan promised to continue to be a familiar face around the center.

"I have been promised that I can continue to organize and participate in Santa's Winter Wonderland and our annual Gala," said DeHaan. "Besides that, I would like to continue my many friendships here."

Tri-Counties Community Center is located at 1830 B. St. in Marysville. To learn more, visit tricontiescommunitycenter.com. ★

County Invites Comments on Wildfire Protection Plan

Butte County Fire/CAL FIRE News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Butte County is partnering with residents, community leaders, land managers, fire personnel and other stakeholders to update the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

A Community Wildfire Protection Plan is a collaborative document developed for a community or group of communities in the wildland urban interface. It is a comprehensive and strategic plan that aims to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to people, property, and natural and cultural resources.

The wildfire protection plan process involves a thorough assessment of the community's wildfire risk and vulnerabilities, including the analysis of fire history, fuel (vegetation) conditions, weather

patterns and the community's capacity to respond to wildfire events. Based on the assessment, the plan outlines a set of actions that can be taken to reduce the risk and improve the community's preparedness and resiliency.

Butte County is currently accepting comments on the public review draft of the 2025 Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The public review draft of the 2025 Community Wildfire Protection Plan and online public comment forms are available through the county website at <https://butte-county-cwpp-buttecountygis.hub.arcgis.com>. The plan is also available in printed copy at the Butte County Administration Building at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 213, Oroville.

The public review period for the draft plan runs from Feb. 7 to Feb. 21.

For more information on this project, visit <https://butte-county-cwpp>. ★



Butte College to Honor Outstanding Alumni

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university events about her experience in the field. Bjork-Madrigal hopes to pass on the business to her children someday, continuing her family's legacy in the construction industry.

Chico Fire Captain Fellers, a graduate of the 29th Butte College Fire Academy, has dedicated his career to public safety and firefighter education. After beginning his firefighting journey as a California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) seasonal firefighter in the Nevada-Yuba-Placer unit, Fellers became a volunteer firefighter with Chico Fire Company 1 in 1999.

In 2002, Fellers was hired as a firefighter for the City of Chico. His leadership and dedication resulted in his promotion to fire apparatus engineer in 2010 and fire captain in 2014. Fellers currently serves on the rescue team and steps in as battalion chief when necessary.

Beyond his service in the field, Fellers has given back to the Butte College Fire Academy as a supervisor and instructor, ensuring academy recruits meet the highest standards. He is widely respected throughout the state for his contributions to firefighter training and safety.

"This year's honorees are great examples of the diverse pathways a Butte

College education can open up," said Superintendent/President Virginia L. Guleff. "They reflect the many ways our alumni go on to create meaningful change in their industries and communities."

The Butte College Foundation hosts the annual Spring Gala to enhance student opportunities and success. Student volunteers from the industrial technology programs and the Butte College Ag Leadership Club work on the event. The gala includes dinner, a silent auction, a dessert auction and a live auction, along with performances by Butte College students and student emcees from the Speech and Debate team.

The event's platinum sponsors are the Law Offices of Daniel H. Alexander, MJB Welding Supply and Tri Counties Bank.

"We sincerely thank our community and sponsors for their support of Butte College students. Your generosity makes a significant impact on their educational journeys," said Suzanne Watroba, executive director of the Butte College Foundation. "We look forward to honoring our supporters and alumni at our upcoming gala."

Butte College's annual Spring Gala is at 6 p.m. March 8 at Manzanita Place in Chico. Tickets at \$150 each are available at butte.edu/springgala. Manzanita Place is at 1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico. ★

Aiden Berg Wins Youth Speech Contest

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the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s, Rosa Parks and the Montgomery bus boycott to illustrate her point.

"When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on that bus in Montgomery, Alabama, it was not just a simple refusal but an act of service," Ana Martinez said.

Ana Martinez might join the military after high school to give back to the country.

In the last speech, Berg said, "Service is key. Service is me."

"Service is an opportunity to help your community unite the people within it to create a lasting impact," Berg said.

Using the example of his grandmother's service in the Salvation Army, Berg praised the organization and their mission. Berg emphasized the lasting friendships made when engaged in service.

"My personal experience with service has been life-altering and I truly believe it is beneficial to becoming a better person," Berg said.



Visiting Rotarians from Liberia, Cecelia, Guscie and Gus Flomo; talk to Gridley Rotary President Jim Brown.

his Future Farmers of America chapter and his mother have influenced his perspective on service. He is considering a career in criminal law, possibly as a forensic scientist.

First-place was awarded to Berg, second-place to Paulina Martinez and third-place to Ana Martinez. Berg represented Gridley at the Rotary District 5180 semi-final speech competition on Feb. 12, after press time, in Marysville.

Another guest at the Feb. 6 luncheon was Gus Flomo, representing one of the Rotary International districts in West Africa that comprises 10 countries: Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Mali, Burkina

Faso, Cote D'Ivoire, Senegal, Ro Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde. This district was the recipient of several grants from Gridley Rotary.

Flomo reported on the service that has been possible due to the grants, including clean water, agriculture and overall health projects. In Liberia, a tractor and a rice mill were supplied by the grants from Gridley Rotary. Flomo's wife, Cecelia, is a senior nurse supervising more than 13,000 nurses and midwives in Liberia.

"Your impact has been felt over so many years," Flomo said. "Thank you for your continuous support to Liberia." ★



Farm Bureau Voices Support for Farmworkers, Dispels Rumors of Widespread Disruptions

California Farm Bureau published a press release Jan. 30 dispelling erroneous news reports and social media posts that claimed immigration enforcement raids had caused widespread labor shortages affecting citrus harvest in the Central Valley. A Border Patrol operation in Kern County disrupted work on some farms last month, but employees returned to work after a few days. "We recognize that some workers may feel uncertain right now," said Bryan Little, senior director of policy advocacy at the Farm Bureau. "We will do everything in our power to ensure that agriculture remains a place where you are safe and supported."

Young Farmers and Ranchers Excel at National Farm Bureau Convention

California Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers stood out in competitive events at the American Farm Bureau Federation annual convention, held Jan. 24-29 in San Antonio. Representing the Golden State in the YF&R Excellence in Agriculture Award, Jynel Gularte of Monterey County earned a fourth-place finish in the national competition. The award recognizes YF&Rs who do not derive most of their income from an agricultural operation but who contribute and grow through their involvement in agriculture and leadership. Gularte, from Gonzales, is controller and compliance

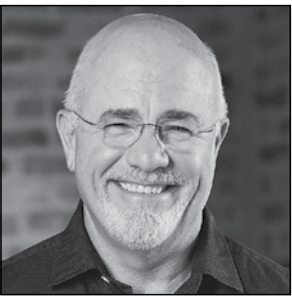
officer for her family's vegetable farm. She serves as chairwoman of the Central Coast YF&R.

Regulatory Price Tag Mounts for Lettuce Growers

On the Voice of California Agriculture podcast, produced by California Farm Bureau, host Gary Sack discussed a recent study that found the cost to California lettuce growers of complying with the state's environmental, labor and food safety regulations has increased by a whopping 63.7% during the past seven years. As of last year, increased regulations brought the total cost of compliance for lettuce growers to \$1,600 per acre, the researchers found, accounting for more than 12% of total production costs, even as farmgate values for the crop remained nearly unchanged.

California Bountiful TV Tours Orange County

In its latest episode, California Bountiful TV explores agricultural and culinary landmarks in Orange County. Host Aubrey Aquino visits an Anaheim food hall housed in an old citrus packinghouse, the agritourism destination Tanaka Farms in Irvine and a unique dining establishment that features fresh, local produce. The weekly show produced by the California Farm Bureau is up for three Taste Awards this year, with voting for the Viewers Choice category taking place through Feb. 7. ★



Dave Ramsey Says Safe and Easily Accessible and The Tortoise and the Hare

Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,
I stopped contributing to my 401(k) temporarily to help us build an emergency fund a little faster. Things are going slowly, though, and I'm getting worried. My wife and I are both 46, have no debt except our home and we have a combined household income of \$100,000 a year. We have \$20,000 in a single stock, and I was wondering if we should cash out that stock and use the money for our emergency fund.

– Doug

Dear Doug,

That's exactly what I'd do. I'd cash out that stock as soon as possible, and put the cash in a simple money market account with check writing privileges and no penalties for early withdrawals.

Basically, your emergency fund is in stock right now, and that's a bad place to keep it. You never know when life will throw unexpected expenses your way, or when the stock market will go down. You always want your emergency fund to be safe and easily accessible. Remember, your emergency fund is insurance—not an investment.

After that, make sure you keep pushing forward and jump back into Baby Step 4. That means start pour-

ing money into your 401(k) again.

Great question, Doug!

– Dave

The Tortoise and the Hare

Dear Dave,

I'm trying to get out of debt and start handling my money better. Should lower the amount I'm contributing to my 401(k) so I can pay off my car and house faster?

– Austin

Dear Austin,

I can tell you're excited about the idea of getting out of debt. And that's a good thing! But I don't want you to get ahead of yourself when it comes to gaining control of your finances.

Here's my Baby Steps plan. The first thing you should do is set aside a beginner emergency fund of \$1,000. That's Baby Step 1. Next comes Baby Step 2, which means paying off all your debt, except for your house. This would include your car. During this time, you should temporarily stop any kind of investing and retirement contributions, so you can attack your debt with a vengeance.

Once your mortgage is the only debt you have, it's on to Baby Step 3. This means you start saving money to grow your begin-

ner emergency fund into a fully-funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. After that, it's on to Baby Step 4, which is investing 15 percent of your pre-tax income for retirement. In your case, that would mean re-starting contributions to your 401(k).

The rest of the plan goes like this. Baby Step 5 is putting money into your kids' college funds, if you have kids. Baby Step 6 is focusing on paying off the house early, and then comes the real fun. Baby Step 7 is where you build wealth and give like crazy.

It may take a little time in some cases, but there are millions of people out there who will tell you this—following the Baby Steps works!

– 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

Here we are sneaking up on Spring. Will it be late as the ground hog predicted or will it simply happen whenever the earth wants it to happen? I always bet on the seasonal cycles. The days are getting longer which is a surefire sign. The earth is starting to warm. I stand by this statement based on the emergence of weeds

and of course early flowers. On sunny days the air is warmer. Bugs and snails are starting to come out of winter abodes. I'm hoping the toads are still with me. I'm fairly certain that they made a burrow under a flower pot. We'll see. I want them out and about eating baby snails and slugs, as well as any other creepy crawlers they want to eat. I will declare it toad party day once I see signs of one.

I've been scattering the old columbine seeds I put into bottles to share with others. I did share a lot but now is the time to empty all the containers to get ready for the new seeds. If you know me or see me, ask about columbine seeds if you are

interested. Another flower I'm thinking of introducing is the Nigella or Love in a Mist. This is a very ready to grow somewhat invasive annual flower. I had it in Berry Creek. I've chosen to not put it here until now. It'll satisfy my need to have random beautiful flowers blooming in random wonderful places. The columbine grows like this and it is a wonder. I simply have to remember to put them toward the back of the gardens so when they get rangy, they don't block the view of other flowers.

I'm ready for the snail invasion. Plus, I'm ready to see the nefarious ways these snails attack just in time for the Spring Equinox. ★

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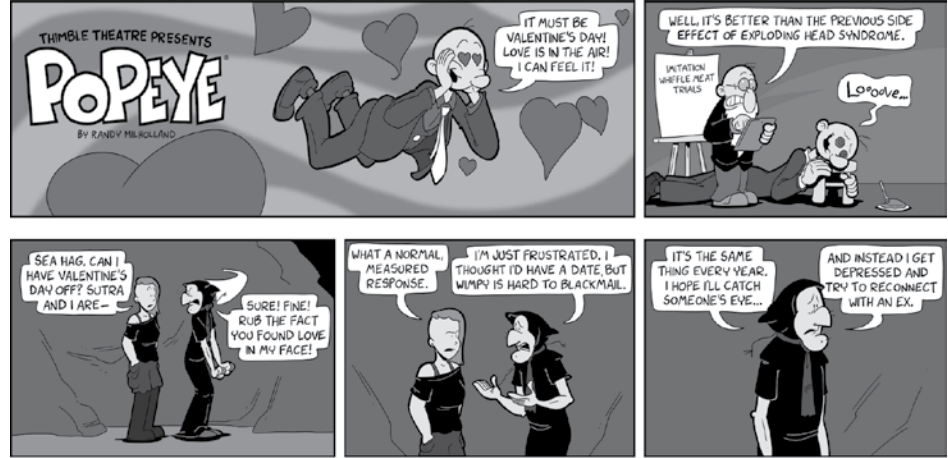
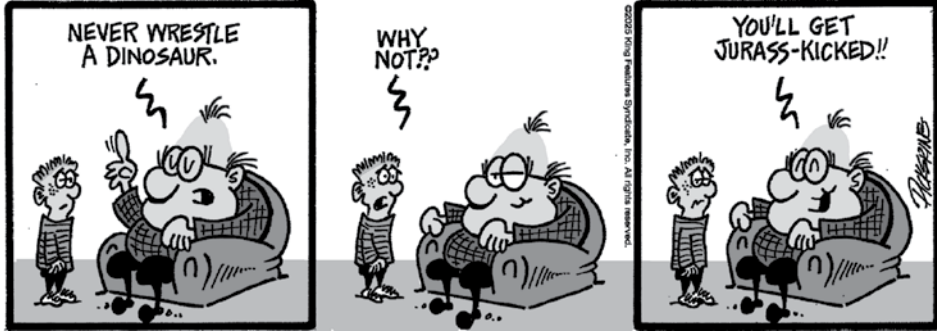
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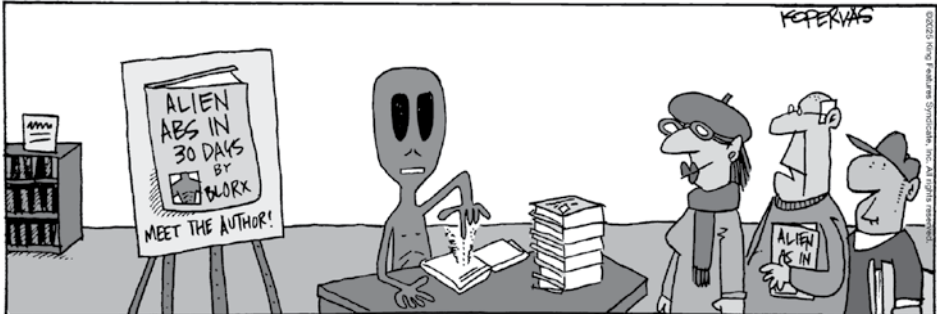
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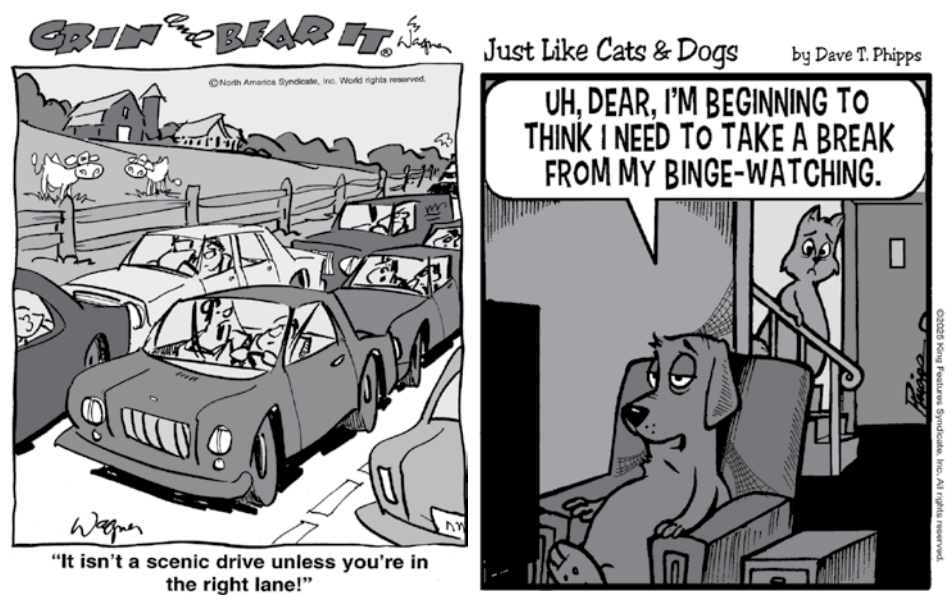
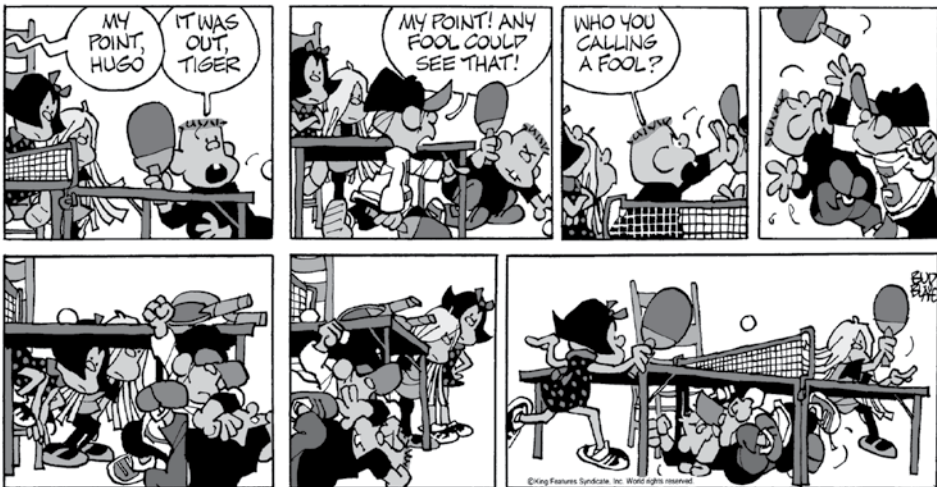
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Close your eyes for just a moment and imagine it's opening night of the 2024/2025 basketball season. The public address announcer introduces the following players for the Kings, Malik Monk, DeMar DeRozan, Keegan Murray, Zach Lavine, and Domantas Sabonis.

Noticeably absent is of course DeAaron Fox, but even so, how did that lineup sound? Oh, did I mention that Jonas Valanciunas is backing up Sabonis, and we added 2nd year man Jake LaRada, recently acquired from the Memphis Grizzlies.

The starting lineup features three players that have multiple all-star appearances, and the potential scoring power from these five players should wet your lips.

On Saturday night against the only team in the NBA that beat the Kings six times in the 2023/2024 campaign, all three of the recent acquisitions were available and playing for the Sactown ballers.

The first quarter was a basketball nightmare as the hometown team went down by 20 points early, and Kings killer Zion Williamson took the Kings to the woodshed. It was not a pretty sight as Williamson and the Pelicans did pretty much whatever they wanted to do.

The Kings drew within 11 points at halftime, but the best was yet to come. As if deciding it was time to show the faithful hometown crowd what this new assembly was capable of, Sacramento rung up 45 points in the third quarter, and astoundingly held the Pelicans to only 22 points.

Fans were treated to show rarely seen, but it couldn't have come at a more prodigious time. The Sactown boys wowed the home crowd with a collection of 3's, fast break scores, frenetic defense, and in general treated the fans to a glimpse of what this new iteration of players are capable of.

In the end the Pelicans made a game of it, but even after briefly taking the lead in the 4th quarter, the Kings bore down and played solid down the stretch, putting this contest in the win column by the score of 123-118.

What a relief to break the Pelicans winning streak over the Kings, but more importantly, it was eye opener to see

what these players are capable of doing together.

Keep your eyes on Zach Lavine, as he is getting better every game. He is known for being a high percentage 3-point shooter, and although that has yet to be seen in his new uniform, I am looking for him to break out soon.

The real question that every fan is asking themselves, is can this team make the playoffs this year?

Players need to play, and coaches need to coach, but the short answer is yes.

I will say again, coach Christie needs to pay close attention to who is on the bench, and I'm particularly talking about Isaac Jones. Isaac makes his presence felt every time he's on the court, and with his length is constantly getting his hands on the ball.

The Kings have a real NBA defender in Keon Ellis, and I believe Isaac Jones can compliment that defensive effort. He has a nice touch around the rim, can rebound, and in general looks like he belongs when given the chance.

6'9" rookies with game are a hard commodity to find, and he's already signed to a contract, and showing up for every game.

Just as Mike Brown brought Keon Ellis along last year, and he's paying dividends now, so can Isaac Jones find ways to make the Kings a better team.

True, the Pelicans did not have a good win-loss record, but the win on Saturday night was more than that. If you want to get excited, go back and watch the 3rd quarter again and then sit back and imagine what might be.

The Sactown boys hit the road for three games, starting with the Dallas Mavericks Monday, and then on to New Orleans for back-to-back games on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

These three games will give fans a better glimpse into the new team chemistry, and in the tightly packed western conference, just one four- or five-game winning streak can catapult a team into playoff contention.

Hold onto your seats Kings fans, because the best is yet to come!

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

Social Security Matters

Why was Social Security Money Moved to the General Treasury?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Why were the Social Security funds moved from the Social Security account to the General Fund with the government? Is it not then called a tax making it an entitlement? That then gives the government control of our retirement. Most of us feel that someone should be in charge and use the Social Security fund with investments that grow our savings.

I invested my 401K and savings, and the original amount made me money during the Trump years, and I'm now trying to catch up. I make this statement because I draw more from my investments than I receive from Social Security. **Signed: Questioning Senior Citizen**

Dear Questioning Senior: I'm afraid I must inform you that no Social Security funds have ever been moved from the Social Security account to the government's General Fund – this is a pervasive myth which we have refuted many

times over the years. For information, here is one of many articles I have published on this topic, which I hope you find interesting: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-about-repaying-social-security-money-taken-by-politicians/>.

Someone actually is charged with monitoring our Social Security funds – a board of Social Security Trustees consisting of the Secretaries of Treasury, Labor, and Health & Human Services, as well as the Commissioner of Social Security plus two Public Trustees. Each year the Social Security Trustees do a complete analysis of the Social Security program, especially its financial status and outlook for the future. If you have interest in the Trustee's latest annual report, here is a link to the 2024 analysis: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/tr24summary.pdf>.

What you will find in the Trustees' report is that Social Security will run out of reserved funds in about 2033, necessitating an across the board cut of about 21% for everyone, unless Congress acts soon to reform the program and restore it to fiscal solvency. The Trustees have warned Congress about this problem for many years, but Congress has yet to find the bipartisan cooperation needed to fix the problem.

AMAC (the Association of Mature American Citizens) has steadfastly offered proposals to Congress which would restore Social Security to solvency and will continue to do so with the new 119th Congress, which convened on January 3, 2025.

Please know that we appreciate your feedback and commend you for the wise use of your 401k investments, something that many of our members find necessary to supplement their Social Security. Remember, Social Security was never intended to provide all your retirement income, so earlier saving to supplement your retirement financial needs was a very wise move on your part.

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California Schools Continue to Struggle with Test Scores in Reading and Math



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Gov. Gavin Newsom issues one of his periodic boasts about California's superiority vis-a-vis other states — particularly those with conservative politics such as Texas and Florida — he conveniently omits aspects that are less than admirable. The exclusions include California's levels of poverty, homelessness, unemployment, utility bills and housing costs that are the nation's highest, or close to it.

One of California's starkest — and most important — let-downs is the consistent failure to help elementary and middle school students achieve higher national test scores in basic educational skills, such as reading and math.

Simply put, California's education system is not only behind most other states, but even trails those that Newsom and other Californians consider to be culturally backward. Moreover, California schools have not yet recovered from the educational losses suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This harsh reality is revealed in the latest round of academic testing by the federal National Assessment of Educational Progress. The data are voluminous and difficult to parse, but EdSource, a nonprofit news outlet devoted to charting California education trends, has thankfully

done it for the rest of us.

"The latest scores show mostly no progress," EdSource reported last week. "Scores in fourth and eighth grade reading fell again, leaving California 9 points and the nation 8 points below 2017. Math was mixed — up in fourth grade, but not enough to catch 2019, with eighth grade taking another dip."

EdSource further found that average scores "mask widening disparities between the highest and lowest-performing students. On fourth grade reading, student scores at the 90th achievement percentile fell 1 point between 2019 and 2024, and scores at the 75th percentile fell 3 points. However, scores for students in the 10th percentile fell 10 points, and for students in the 25th percentile, they fell 8 points."

Stubbornly low levels of reading and mathematics skills among elementary and middle school students are particularly worrisome because they are tools that must be mastered to successfully navigate high school and post-graduation college classes or job training. The lapses not only affect the students' chances to become successful adults but the state's needs for an educated workforce and voting public.

Current data underscore that negative effect. While California has a huge homeless population and more than a million members of its labor force are jobless, employers are also finding it very difficult to fill job vacancies with workers who are either skilled or can be trained.

This isn't a new issue. California has been lagging behind other states for decades and has a chronic "achievement gap" between

poor or English-learner students and those from more privileged circumstances.

More than a decade ago, then-Gov. Jerry Brown and the Legislature overhauled school finance to provide additional funds to schools with large numbers of students at risk of failure. While countless billions of dollars have been rerouted, the outcomes have improved only fractionally at best.

Money is certainly a factor in the quality of instruction. The state has sharply boosted spending on schools in recent years and they would have nearly \$25,000 per student in Newsom's proposed 2025-26 budget. Newsom has fostered additional state aid for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten, the state is now providing universally free lunches, and has implemented early screening to detect reading deficiencies.

Those are potentially positive steps to close achievement gaps, but money is not the only factor. EdSource notes that "some states whose scores exceeded California's on fourth-grade reading, including Mississippi, Connecticut and Colorado, adopted comprehensive reading plans grounded in the science of reading."

That's the current term for phonics, which California's education establishment has often resisted despite ample evidence that it improves kids' ability to read.

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

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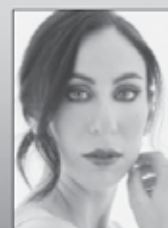
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Roadrunners Looking to Playoffs

Butte College Athletics News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Butte College Women's Basketball team has dominated the first half of conference play. Entering the second half of the season, the Roadrunners are boasting an undefeated record in Golden Valley Conference play. Not only have the Roadrunners won all their conference matchups, but they have done so convincingly, securing each victory by double digits.

A major force behind Butte's success has been the stellar performances of Giselle Rodriguez and Shade Satoca.

Rodriguez has been a scoring machine, leading the team with over 20 points per game. Her ability to create shots and

knock down key buckets has been instrumental in the team's success.

Meanwhile, Satoca has been a versatile powerhouse, averaging just under 20 points per game while also dominating the boards with over 10 rebounds per contest. She has also displayed impressive play-making ability, leading the team with over five assists per game.

As the Roadrunners continue their march through the Golden Valley Conference, they look to maintain their high level of play and carry their momentum into the post-season. With their balanced attack, strong defensive presence, and standout performances from Rodriguez and Satoca, Butte College is proving to be a serious contender.



Butte College freshman guard Sheri Enneking being congratulated as she heads to the bench. Photo by Butte College Athletics

Stay tuned as the Roadrunners aim to finish the season strong and make a deep playoff run. ★

Bulldog Boys Close in on League Title

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldog boys basketball team continued to play well this past week and improved to 20-4 overall and 7-1 in league.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4 the Bulldogs hosted the Corning Cardinals and dominated on both sides of the ball. The Bulldogs allowed no more than eight points in every quarter and scored 12 or more in every quarter except the 4th.

All night the Bulldogs played lockdown defense and although they scored their lowest point total since Dec. 30, It was enough to put away the Cardinals with a final score of 48-29. Senior Luis Murillo led all scorers with 14 points while junior Bikram Kullar chipped in with 13 points.

On Friday, Feb. 7, the Bulldogs hosted the Live Oak Lions for their senior night. The Bulldogs celebrated the achievements

of seniors Max Tolman, Luis Murillo, Matthew Miskin, and Gus Stogsdill. After that, the Bulldogs put on a show and dominated the Lions. The Bulldogs led 44-19 at halftime after a scorching hot first half where they scored 18 in the first, and 26 in the second. The Bulldogs would keep up their scoring in the second half and send their rival Lions home with an 80-52 loss. Senior Matthew Miskin led the Bulldogs with 14 points while seniors Luis Murillo, and Max Tolman added 11 points each.

The Bulldogs will look to become the third consecutive winner of the BVL Championship this last week of the regular season when they'll take on the Orland Trojans in Orland on Feb. 11, and the Oroville Tigers in Oroville on Thursday Feb. 13, after press time. Both games will start at 7:30 p.m. and the Bulldogs will need to win one of two in order to claim the Championship. ★

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Bulldog Girls End Skid with Dominating Week

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldog girls basketball team ended their three-game losing streak and moved to 8-15 overall and 4-4 in league this past week.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4 the Bulldogs traveled to Corning to face the Cardinals and played a strong game right when they needed it. The Bulldogs and Cardinals both played strong defense in the first quarter as the Bulldogs scored nine and the Cardinals scored seven. The Bulldogs then went into the second quarter and played what might've been their strongest quarter of the season scoring 17 points and holding the Cardinals to four and went into halftime with a 26-11 lead. That would ultimately be the deciding quarter of the game as the Cardinals and Bulldogs played a tightly contested third and fourth

quarter. Ultimately, the Bulldogs went home with a 57-40 win

On Friday, Feb. 7, the Bulldogs took a short bus ride to Live Oak to face the Lions. The game was tight through the first three quarters as the rivals exchanged turnovers and forced missed shots. The Bulldogs went into the fourth quarter with a lead of 33-28 and just when it seemed like a nail-biting finish was in store, the Bulldogs ramped up their defense and held the Lions to only three points while keeping their offensive intensity. The Bulldogs took the game with a final score of 46-31.

The Bulldogs have a pair of important home games to close out the regular season. On Tuesday, Feb. 11 the Bulldogs are scheduled to take on the Orland Trojans and then on Friday, Feb. 14 the Oroville Tigers will come to town, after press time. Both games will start at 7:30 p.m. ★



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