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Scholarships for Local Medical Students



Applications are now being accepted through April 1 for Enloe Health's Invest in the Future Scholarship. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

Enloe Health News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Medical or osteopathic students with ties to the North State will have an opportunity to earn Enloe Health's Invest in the Future Scholarship.

Enloe Health is an independent, nonprofit system offering an array of medical services for patients throughout Butte County and California's North State. Medical services include cardiac surgery and heart care, neurosurgery, orthopedics, joint replacement, cancer care, maternity care, women's services and bariatrics.

The Invest in the Future Scholarship is available to applicants

who graduated from a high school in Butte, Glenn or Tehama counties or from California State University, Chico, who aspire to practice medicine in the area.

Chosen applicants will be awarded up to \$3,000. The number of scholarships will be determined when all applications have been received. Multiple recipients might be selected.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is April 1. Recipients will be announced by April 30. The scholarship is administered through the Enloe Health Recruiting Department.

"We're thrilled to offer this scholarship again," said Sean Maiorano, D.O., Enloe Health's Chief Medical Officer. "Providing aspiring students

from the area with the opportunity to pursue their dreams and practice medicine shapes the future of health care in the North State."

Applicants must be attending an accredited medical/osteopathic school or an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited residency program within the United States.

Applicants must provide a completed application, cover letter, two letters of recommendation, proof of acceptance or good standing in a medical or osteopathic program, and curriculum vitae.

Find the scholarship application online at www.enloe.org/invest-in-the-future. ★

Butte County Announces First Flu Death, Urges Vaccination

Butte County Public Health News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte County Public Health (BCPH) is reporting the first flu-related death for the 2024-25 flu season, underscoring the severe impact of seasonal viruses. The individual, who was in their 60s and unvaccinated, passed away due to complications from influenza.

Residents, especially those at increased risk for complications, are urged to get vaccinated against the flu and take other actions to prevent respiratory illnesses.

"Our hearts go out to the family and friends affected by this tragic loss," said Dr. Jarett Beaudoin, Butte County Health Officer. "These deaths are a heartbreaking reminder of the seriousness of respiratory illnesses, particularly for those most vulnerable, including young children, older adults, and individuals with underlying health conditions."

Vaccination remains one of the most effective ways to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death. BCPH strongly encourages everyone 6 months and older to get vaccinated against flu and COVID-19 to protect themselves and those around them. Vaccination of pregnant women also helps to protect infants too young to be vaccinated.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are available at local healthcare providers and pharmacies throughout Butte County. Residents are encouraged to talk with their healthcare provider for more information on vaccine availability and eligibility. The RSV vaccination is available for older adults, pregnant people, infants, and caregivers of children younger than 19 months. Contact your healthcare provider to determine if RSV vaccination is recommended for you.

In addition to vaccination, community members are urged to take everyday precautions to reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses, including:

- Washing hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth
- Staying home when sick
- Keeping sick children home from school according to the school's sick child policy (typically symptom-improving and no fever)

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Lake Oroville Capacity at 82%

California Department of Water Resources News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) continues federally required flood control releases from Lake Oroville to maintain flood protection for downstream communities. Water is being released through the Hyatt Powerplant for energy production and from Oroville Dam's main spillway. With lessening storms and reduced inflows into Lake Oroville, Department of Water Resources has decreased total Feather River flood control releases to 17,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). Releases are subject to change based on ongoing weather conditions.

Between October and June, the Department of Water Resources is required to operate Lake Oroville for flood control under federal Water Control Manual guidelines set by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These federal regulations establish a set storage space that is reserved to capture inflows from rain and future snowmelt, while protecting downstream communities from damaging flood events through



Here is a drone view of water levels at Bidwell Bar Bridge and Bidwell Canyon Marina at Lake Oroville in Butte County. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources

coordinated releases. To maintain this storage space, DWR is required to release water from Lake Oroville.

Releases to the Feather River are coordinated closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other downstream water operators. Feather River recreation users are advised to remain alert as river flows are expected to be swift and cold and may change based on projected weather forecasts.

The information below reflects current reservoir

level estimates. Forecasts can change quickly and may affect the estimates provided.

Current Oroville Reservoir Level: 857 feet elevation

Current Storage Capacity: 82 percent

Total Releases to the Feather River: 17,000 cfs; decreasing to 15,000 cfs on Feb. 17 and 14,000 cfs on Feb. 18

The Lake Oroville reservoir is the largest storage facility in the State Water Project, providing flood

protection while supporting environmental and water delivery needs to 27 million Californians. Some water released from Lake Oroville is distributed locally for agriculture benefits, while the remaining Feather River releases flow south through the State Water Project system to reduce salinity effects in the Delta, provide irrigation for crops in the Central Valley, and eventually make their way to Southern California. Department

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

I had the opportunity to speak on a policy panel at the California Forestry Association Innovation Conference in Sacramento last week. The rate and intensity of wildfires in California are finally causing those who run the state to take perhaps a different view of the environmental policies that have gotten us to this place. There is a lot of talk about global warming or climate change and catastrophic fires. Make no mistake. What's happening with our forests and wildfires in urban areas is caused by lousy policy more than it is

the changing of the climate. Mother Nature does her thing; it is the politicians that do not add water storage capacity as the population doubles; they don't make laws that require clearing foliage under power poles until after the fires; they don't make major changes to the State Forestry Practices Act even though they claim "everything has changed." It's not just the politicians and the system; I have heard neighbors fight the removal of trees from under the power lines because they like where the trees make shade on their patio. How we as a people think about the environment, especially trees, needs a huge change. There are examples of policy course corrections; U.S. mining companies abandoned critical mineral production in the 1990s mainly due to low profit margins, increased competition, and rising production costs, leading to reduced domestic capacity.

This decline created a dependency on foreign sources, particularly China, which now dominates the global supply of critical minerals essential for advanced technologies and defense systems. Efforts to resolve this issue include federal strategies to boost domestic exploration, production, and processing of essential minerals. America will be mineral-independent again, just as changes in energy policy will make America energy-independent. Mistakes in public policy can be fixed. Forest policy should be a priority for the next adjustment.

One way to know it's time to put out your garbage cans is when all your neighbors have put out their garbage cans. Go with the herd on simple issues.

Josh F.W. Cook's Pi-Line column appears weekly in the Historic Gridley Herald. ★

Ric Lim Named Parade's Grand Marshal

Marysville Chinese Community News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The 145th annual Bok Kai Parade organizers are proud to announce that Ric Lim has been selected as the grand marshal for this year's event, set to take place on March 1 in Historic Downtown Marysville.

With a lifetime of dedication to public service and community involvement, Ric Lim has made significant contributions to Marysville and the Yuba Sutter Area.

A retired civil servant, Lim dedicated many years to roles including food service worker, equipment operator, chief EEO counselor and EEO investigator.

Beyond Lim's professional career, Lim served as a private investigator, a maintenance worker for the Marysville School District and a dedicated volunteer with the Marysville Police Department for 22 years.

In addition to his service, Lim has been a key figure in cultural and civic organizations, having served as the past president and vice-president of the Chinese Community and as a member of the Hop Sing Society.

"It is an incredible honor to be chosen as the grand



Ric Lim has been selected as the grand marshal for this year's Bok Kai Parade. Courtesy photo of Marysville Chinese Community

marshal of this year's parade," Lim said. "I am humbled to be recognized by the community that has meant so much to me throughout my life."

The 145th annual Bok Kai Parade will kick off at

11 a.m. March 1, featuring a vibrant procession of floats, performers and community groups, all celebrating the spirit and history of Bok Eye and the Marysville Chinese Community. ★

Congratulations, Manzanita Students of the Month



January's Students of the Month, in the front row from left, are Ozric Corriea, Jack Wilson, Luna Penalzoza Gaona, Luis Martinez, Logan Montero and Levi Brown. In the back row from left are Principal Joe Lodigiani, Alex Chavez, Chase Cari, Justice McCurdy, Kamryn Oakley, Millie Dent, Theresa Baxter, Emily Chavez and Jesiah Gonzalez.

Story and photo by Shelly Cahoon, School Secretary, Manzanita Elementary School

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as Manzanita Elementary School's Students of the

Month for January. The students are Ozric Corriea, Jack Wilson, Luna Penalzoza Gaona, Luis Martinez, Logan Montero, Levi Brown, Alex Chavez, Chase Cari, Justice McCurdy, Kamryn Oakley, Millie Dent, Theresa Baxter, Emily Chavez, Jesiah Gonzalez,

Amara Servin, Dawson Morfin and Abrielle Becci. They have been recognized by their teachers and Principal Joe Lodigiani as students who demonstrate perseverance, do their best and are great role models for Manzanita Elementary School. ★

Students Speak at Gridley Lions



Gridley High School students speaking at the recent Gridley Lions Speaker Contest, from left, are Joseph Schohr, Annie Woods and Charlie Medina. Courtesy photo

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Lions recently heard three Gridley High School students share their ideas about the 2025 theme for the Lions Student Speaker Contest.

The speaker contest's theme was "AI (Artificial Intelligence): Friend or Foe?"

The student speakers were Joseph Schohr, Annie Woods and Charlie Medina.

The Gridley High School students joined many other students throughout California who were vying for the Lions Student Speaker Scholarships. The

student who wins through to the state level will earn \$21,000 in scholarships.

The entire contest from all the participating Lions Clubs throughout California provides more than \$120,000 in scholarships to participating students going on to two- or four-year colleges.

The winner of the Gridley Club's contest was Schohr, who will compete in the Lions Zone Contest on March 5 in Gridley. His fellow Gridley High students, Woods and Medina were also strong speakers with well-thought-out ideas.

Congratulations to the three students for their participation in the local speaking contest. ★



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GHS Leadership Delivers Valentines

By Jennifer Davidson, Gridley Unified School District

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Last Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Gridley High School leadership students traveled to Marbella Assisted Living in Oroville and the Gridley Post Acute Center to deliver hand-made valentines for all the residents.

The students made more than 100 cards to hand deliver.

It was a great community service opportunity and the residents were happy to have visitors, according to school district officials. And it's one of the leadership students' activities that they enjoy each year. ★



Valentine cards were delivered by Gridley High School Leadership Class students last week at Marbella Assisted Living in Oroville and the Gridley Post Acute Center. Courtesy photo

Biggs City Council Replaces Water Meters

By Connie Voss

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Items of business at Biggs City Council meeting on Feb. 11 included the unanimous approval of a contract with Regional Government Services (RGS) for city accounting services. Two other firms were considered but the review committee said that Regional Government Services showed greater competency and was the clear choice.

Approval was also granted for the purchase of 40 new replacement water meters to comply with Assembly Bill 2572. The meters will cost \$12,027.32, which required approval because the amount exceeds the \$10,000 limit on the city administrator's authorization. The amount is within the city budget and does not include installation costs.

Interim City Administrator Cliff Wagner gave an update on various city-owned properties under lease, such as the two in the Industrial Park, one for agriculture and the other the Fiber Optics center. The agriculture lease is current but other leases have expired.

Wagner recommended that the leases be renewed or canceled. Some upgrades will be needed, according to councilmembers. Discussion involved the profit that the properties bring in, justifying the cost of upgrades. The councilmembers voted unanimously to update the leases.

Department reports began with the Fire Department. Fire Chief Chip Fowler said that the equipment on loan to Southern California has been returned and some firefighters are still there. Volunteer firefighters are being tested and 34 new recruits have been outfitted county-wide. County firefighters rescued 23 people and nine dogs from flooding in Butte and Tehama counties in January. Councilmember Anita Wilks asked about the fire hydrant seals and Fowler said that the hydrants are inspected annually.

City planner Bob Summerville reported that three pre-approved, pre-permitted Accessory

Dwelling Unit (ADU) plans are now available on the city website at cityofcolusa.com. The Accessory Dwelling Unit plans should eliminate about 30% of

authorization was approved for Wagner to execute a contract with Gannett Fleming in the amount of \$138,961 for the construction management of the long-awaited Second Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project. The contractor had communicated possibly beginning in the spring or summer to avoid school traffic. Councilmember Wilks indicated that she would favor "to get right on it" rather than waiting until the summer.

Public Works superintendent Paul Pratt gave a report on department actions to mitigate the increase of wastewater due to recent heavy rainfall. Wagner expressed his appreciation for the long hours of "hard, dirty, gritty work" that Pratt and his team have done to maintain the system. Residents with flooding emergencies can contact the city Public Works line at 530-868-1396 to be connected to the emergency team.

During committee reports, Councilmember Wilks said that she attended the Small Cities Organized Risk Efforts (SCORE) Board of Directors meeting. Thanks were extended by Small Cities Organized Risk Efforts to City Clerk Roben Benish for getting invoices submitted on time. A new service available to the city at no cost would be the Employer Pool Notice Program, to be discussed at a future City Council meeting.

Wagner reported that about 3,000 legislative bills are introduced in California each year, with a good portion impacting electric utility regulation. As administrator for a Publicly Owned Utility (POU), Wagner and his staff track and comply with all the new regulations. Wagner was also successful in gaining access to the ARV Compliance Service tracking system.

Wilks commented that she recently attended the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) meeting and observed that the Northern California Power Agency is working very hard to reduce utility costs. ★



the permitting time and costs. Anyone who wants to take advantage of these plans can contact Summerville at his office at 530-868-6008.

After some discussion,

Butte County Announces First Flu Death, Urges Vaccination

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Wearing a mask in crowded indoor spaces
Covering coughs and

sneezes
Avoiding close contact with those who are ill
Those who have flu-like symptoms should contact their healthcare provider

right away. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, and fatigue. ★

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Crime Reports



Gridley Police Report

January 29, 2025 - February 12, 2025

- Jan. 29:** At 9:40 a.m. on the 1500 block of SR99, Gridley, Matthew Phillip Largent, 26, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Felony Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Jan. 29:** At 3:15 p.m. on the 1600 block of SR99, Gridley, Robert Wade Hopkins, 46, was arrested for Posses marijuana over 1 oz/28.5 grams (M) (11357 (B) HS), Posses unlawful paraphernalia (M) (11364(A) HS), Posses controlled substance (M) (11377(A) HS), Probation violation:rearrest/revoke (M) (1203.2(A) PC) and Driving w/o license (42500(A) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Jan. 30:** At 1:32 p.m. on the 1300 block of SR99, Gridley, Marshall James Hollingsworth, 34, was arrested for Carry concealed dirk or dagger (F) (21310 PC) and Possess unlawful paraphernalia (M) (11364(A) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Feb. 3:** At 12:20 a.m. on the 1500 block of Hwy 99, Gridley, Isai Omar Ramirez Guerrero, 22, was arrested for Possess controlled substance (M) (11377(A) HS), Driving w/o license (12500 (A) VC), Expired Registration (4000(A) (1) CVC) and Outside Agency – Felony Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Feb. 8:** At 12:34 a.m. on the 14000 block of SR 99, Gridley, Daniel Eugene Kester, 35, was arrested for Outside Agency – Felony and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Feb. 10:** At 5:08 p.m. on the 1600 block of SR 99, Gridley, Daniel Brian Sanchez II, 33, was arrested for 5 Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrants and was booked into Butte County Jail.
- Feb. 11:** At 10:46 p.m. on the 1500 block of SR 99, Gridley, Christopher Wayne Fizer Jr, 30, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail. ★

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A Veteran Today

Bulldog Boys Gear up For Playoffs



By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs boys' basketball team finished off their strong regular season and secured their third straight Butte View League Championship this past week.

On Feb. 11 the Bulldogs traveled to Orland to face the Trojans. After a tightly-contested first quarter that had the Bulldogs leading 17-13, the Bulldogs took off and never looked back. A 4-point lead turned into an 11-point lead at halftime and then it only grew from there.

The Bulldogs won the game 67-39 and this win secured the Butte View League Championship. Junior Jacob Boyan led the team in scoring with 15 points and eight rebounds. Luis Murillo, Bikram Kullar and Gus Stogsdill all added 10 points each.

On Feb. 13, the Bulldogs traveled to Oroville to take on the Tigers. This was a game completely dominated by the Bulldogs. In each of the first three quarters, the Bulldogs did not allow more than eight points and scored 12 or more in every quarter (22 in the second). The

Bulldogs got a 61-37 win and this dominating effort capped off an impressive regular season where they finished with a 22-4 overall record and 9-1 in league. The strong season has given the Bulldogs the first overall seed in the league, rewarding them with a

first-round bye in the playoffs. The Bulldogs will play the winner of the Feb. 19 Anderson Cubs and Colusa Redhawks game, after press time, at home 7 p.m. Feb. 21. ★

Parks Supports Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation



California State Parks' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division has recommended \$3.45 million in grant awards aimed at enhancing safe, responsible and sustainable off-highway vehicle recreation. Photo courtesy of California State Parks

California State Parks News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division has recommended \$3.45 million in grant awards aimed at enhancing safe, responsible and sustainable off-highway vehicle recreation across the state.

The funding, part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program, will support nine projects led by cities, federal agencies and nonprofit organizations in California.

The recommended projects prioritize off-highway vehicle recreation safety education, trail maintenance, habitat restoration and resource protection.

Some of the highlighted grant recipients include, Sierra Buttes Trail

Stewardship awarded \$164,405 to maintain approximately 48 miles of motorized trails in the Plumas National Forest, and Tahoe National Forest awarded \$103,270 to complete the remaining mile of the Big Boulder single-track trail re-route as part of the Downieville Trail Network.

State Parks will forward the applications to the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration for final approval once the recommended agencies fulfill specific federal requirements.

Grant programs such as the Recreational Trails Program help advance California's Outdoors for All Initiative, by providing funds to local, state, federal and nonprofit organizations to develop motorized and non-motorized recreation trails (paved, non-paved and backcountry) and trail-related facilities projects as well as acquire trail corridors. ★

Valdez Nabs Pitcher of the Week Award



Chico State Athletics News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - The spring keeps improving as Amelie Valdez earns the first FloCollege/California Collegiate Athletic Association Pitcher of the Week award after her spectacular three-win weekend at the 2025 Kickoff Classic.

This is the first time the junior has received this award, as her team starts the season with one of the best starts in the conference at 5-0.

Valdez was lights out in the circle in all three starts, combining for 21 strikeouts in 20 innings pitched. Impressively, the junior from Atwater pitched two complete games and only sacrificed a single run, resulting in a 0 ERA for her first weekend of competition.

The right-handed pitcher was a consistent starter for the Wildcats last season and had a



Wildcat junior Amelie Valdez earned her first FloCollege/California Collegiate Athletic Association Pitcher of the Week award after the 2025 Kickoff Classic. Photo courtesy of Chico State Athletics

flurry of strong performances as a sophomore. However, she put in valuable and quality time in the offseason to grow her game, garnering an excellent grasp on the leadership role that

inevitably fell upon her shoulders for the pitching crew this season.

Valdez was named the 2025 CUI Kickoff Classic Most Outstanding Pitcher Award alongside the conference honor. ★

Air & Space Expo at Beale AFB



The United States Air Force Thunderbirds are scheduled to amaze the crowd at the Beale Air & Space Expo 2025. Courtesy photo

Beale Air Force Base News Release

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA (MPG) - Col. Keagan McLeese, 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander along with team Beale and all of "Reece Town, USA" proudly announce the Beale Air & Space Expo 2025. To honor a legacy of reconnaissance and celebrating "70 years at 70,000 feet", the open house is scheduled to captivate audiences at Beale Air Force Base, June 7-8, 2025.

This year's air show represents a testament to Beale's rich history, current capabilities, and future trajectory under the themes of "Our Legacy, Our Capabilities, and Our Future". The dynamic displays will offer an immersive experience into military heritage, delve into the evolution of cutting-edge warfighting technology, and demonstrate innovations and advancements that will shape the future of national security.

"We are very excited to open our doors and welcome the public into our home for the first time in six years. This experience will be more than just an air show. It will be an interactive experience, telling the story of our reconnaissance legacy and casting a vision for our bright future as we write history here in Northern California. We invite everyone to witness the dedication, precision, and teamwork that define the world's greatest

Air Force," McLeese stated.

Beale Air Force Base is partnering with the Beale Military Liaison Council for the highly anticipated event. Attendees can anticipate a thrilling lineup of performances, including high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft demonstrations from the world-renowned U-2 Dragon Lady, and awe-inspiring aerial displays by the legendary U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. The event will also feature an engaging Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) section designed for visitors of all ages.

"We are beyond excited to be part of this incredible event," said Sami Nall, Chair of the Beale Military Liaison Council. "With thrilling aerial performances, interactive exhibits, and a chance to see aviation history up close, the energy will be electric—from the skies to the tarmac."

Media accreditation for the air show will open on April 1, 2025, offering media professionals and social media influencers an exclusive opportunity to cover the premier aviation event.

Save the date and join us for an unforgettable experience celebrating a legacy of reconnaissance and the future of military aviation at the Beale Air & Space Expo 2025.

Admission to the air show is free. For premium experience options visit the event website at BealeAirShow.com. ★



State to Revisit Ban on Driverless Tractors

During the past half-century, the emergence of new agricultural technology such as aerial drones, autonomous tractors and other equipment has changed the way crops around the world are planted, cared for and harvested. But in California, a regulation from the state's Division of Occupational Safety and Health, or Cal/OSHA, dating to 1977, has prohibited the use of autonomous agricultural equipment without a driver at the helm. After years of advocacy from farm groups, the agency's standards board has empaneled an advisory committee to examine the regulation, signaling it may consider revising it.

'Frustrated' and 'Confused': Army Corps Dam Releases Sent Farmers Scrambling

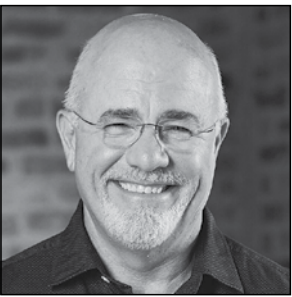
An unscheduled order by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to release water at maximum capacity from dams at Lake Kaweah and Lake Success in Tulare County late last month prompted fears of flooding from local farmers and water managers. Alexandra Biering, a water policy expert and director of policy advocacy for the California Farm Bureau, said she had never seen anything like it. "There is a huge danger to the downstream public," Biering said of making unscheduled releases of that magnitude. Local water managers succeeded in getting the releases dialed back to less than a third of full capacity.

Delegates Adopt Labor, Trade, Crop Insurance Policies

At the American Farm Bureau Federation's 106th convention, held last month in San Antonio, voting delegates representing every state and nearly every agricultural commodity deliberated on policies affecting agricultural productivity and profitability. The policies approved at the meeting will guide the nation's largest general farm organization in its legislative and regulatory efforts throughout 2025. California Farm Bureau successfully authored changes that were approved by the delegate body. This included added language to support broadening federal crop insurance for tree and vine losses and discouraging regional limitations.

Rancher Paved the Way for Female FFA Membership

More than 1 million nationwide learn about agriculture and develop leadership skills through FFA. In California, the organization is thriving, with 104,469 members in 360 chapters. Almost half of those members are girls. This wasn't always the case. FFA was an all-male organization for more than 40 years. Thanks in part to the efforts of female pioneers such as Mary Rickert of Shasta County, membership opened up to girls in 1969. National FFA Week is Feb. 15-22. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says She'll Be Just Fine and The Best Laid Plans

that's the case, she won't whittle it all down to nothing. So, if she's in good mutual funds—not single stocks—I think she'll be just fine.

Now, let's talk about the mortgage. I would absolutely recommend she go ahead and pay it off. If she can do that at age 76 and still have \$540,000 left, that's the way to go. Let's pay off the house, and then she can start taking her income off a percentage of the remainder. She won't need much with the house payment out of the way, because she won't be sending money to the bank to pay the anymore.

– Dave

The Best Laid Plans

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have been talking about paying off our mortgage in the next two or three years. Do you think we should make this happen by paying extra toward the house, or invest that money on top of the 15% we're putting into retirement?

– March

Dear March,

If I were in your shoes, I'd pay extra on the house. On the other hand, you're

not really doing a bad thing by putting the extra cash it into retirement, either.

But here's the deal. No matter how well you plan, you never know exactly what will happen over the upcoming years of your life—or the life of your investments. You might think you know. You may even believe you've taken every possibility into account. The hard, cold truth, though, is even the best and smartest plans don't always work out the way we think they will—or the way we want them to.

And if something unplanned or unforeseen happens, it sure would be a nice thing to own your home free and clear, wouldn't it?

– 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

During times of stress, working in the garden is always a relaxing activity for gardeners. Whether it be flowers, vegetables or trees, one finds the blood pressure lower, the mind releases its cycle of worry, the heart opens to the universe. Most gardeners are seasonal thinkers whether they realize it or not. Seasonal thinkers notice

where the sun is in the sky, what the plants are doing with their flowering or leaf forming. They remember to add compost or new soil to their gardens in the spring. They notice the life cycles of the insects in their gardens whether annoying or helpful. It is a rich and fulfilling life. It helps armor gardeners from a lot of the stress of life outside of the garden. It is a sustaining way of life for peace of mind. Winter is a time of deep rest and getting ready for all of the explosion that will be happening in the Spring. Enjoy these gray days and drizzly times.

With all of this in mind there were a few bright cold days that were just

right for cutting the crepe myrtle. I've never done a hard cut on that tree before. I've kept it short by carefully shape pruning. It got away from me during this time of back pain. So hard prune I did. During that process I found four Praying Mantis egg cases in its branches. I collected those bundles of eggs and put them in a warm place on my bonsai shelves. I'm looking forward to seeing the hundreds of perfectly formed teeny baby Praying Mantis hatch out and wander around their new world looking for food. They are so small they can be easily mistaken for odd looking ants. What a joy it is to feel in tune with so much seasonal life. ★

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Date/Time: Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2025; 9:00am – 11:00am

Cost/Location: Free; 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville

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Date/Time: Thursday, March 6, 2025; 9:00am – 11:00am

Cost/Location: Free; 425 Webster St., Colusa

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Date/Time: Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2025; 8:30am – 10:30am

Cost/Location: Free; Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

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Date/Time: Thursday, March 20, 2025; 9:00am – 5:00pm

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000047
The following person(s) are doing business as: KG3 Farms, 49 Bob Way, Oroville, CA 95965
Garet M Knipe and Katelynne J Knipe, 49 Bob Way, Oroville, CA 95965

Date filed in Butte County: January 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 1, 2024
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple . 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 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025
FARMS 2-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-000035
The following person(s) are doing business as: Shell Energy Solutions Retail Services, 909 Fannin Street, Suite 3500, Houston TX, 77010
MP2 Energy NE LLC, 909 Fannin Street, Suite 3500, Houston TX, 77010

Date filed in Butte County: January 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. 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 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025
SHELL 2-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000948
The following person(s) are doing business as: California Lifestyle Properties, 2445 Oro Dam Boulevard, Suite 8, CA 95966
Mario John Gattavara, 2445 Oro Dam Boulevard, Suite 8, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: December 5, 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 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 2025
LIFESTYLE 2-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000085
The following person(s) are doing business as: Prestige Cleaning And Junk Removal, 1458 Gilstrap Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Maria Ursula Quist, 1458 Gilstrap Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: January 29, 2025. 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: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
PRESTIGE 2-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000049
The following person(s) are doing business as: Brimstone Landscaping, 12565 Rim Road, Oroville, CA 95965
Jeremiah E Daniel, PO Box 4163, Oroville, CA 95965

Date filed in Butte County: January 15, 2025. 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: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
BRIMSTONE 2-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000074
The following person(s) are doing business as: Pam's Sweet Mountain Bakery, 13768 Sugar Pine Drive, Magalia, CA 95956
Pamela Suzzan Muckenthaler, PO Box 1162, Paradise, CA 95967

Date filed in Butte County: January 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 24, 2025
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: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
SWEET 2-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000046
The following person(s) are doing business as: The Fun Fishery, 1700 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965
Ka Thao, 3141 Claremont Drive, Oroville, CA 95965

Date filed in Butte County: January 14, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 14, 2025
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: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
FUN 2-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000055
The following person(s) are doing business as: Elite Trash Can Cleaning Inc, 710 Luds Way, Oroville, CA 95965
Elite Trash Can Cleaning Inc, 710 Luds Way, Oroville, CA 95965

Date filed in Butte County: January 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above

business name on: January 17, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. 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: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
ELITE 2-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000082
The following person(s) are doing business as: Paradise Hair Company, 5923 Clark Road, Suite J, Paradise, CA 95969
Sarah M Bates, 6649 Callitris Court, Magalia, CA 95954

Date filed in Butte County: January 28, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 28, 2025

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: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
PARADISE 2-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000108
The following person(s) are doing business as: CindysBohoWest, 807 Gilstrap Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Cindy Stowe, 807 Gilstrap Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: February 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 5, 2025

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: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025
BOHO 3-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000062
The following person(s) are doing business as: Annikasage. Beauty, 568 Manzanita Avenue, Suite #3, Chico, CA 95926
Annika S Powell, 1285 Filbert Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: January 23, 2025. 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: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025
ANNIKA 3-7-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000103
The following person(s) are doing business as: Nicks Custom Golf Cars, 2990 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95973
S and S Investment Club, 5340

Gateway Plaza Drive, Benicia, CA 94510

Date filed in Butte County: February 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 2017
This Business is conducted by: Corporation. 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: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025
NICKS 3-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000107
The following person(s) are doing business as: Mirrorcraft, 2610 Highway 32, Unit J, Chico, CA 95973
Robret B Orear, 2610 Highway 32, Unit J, Chico, CA 95973

Date filed in Butte County: February 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 5, 2025
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: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025
MIRROR 3-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000065
The following person(s) are doing business as: Timely Expressions, 6350 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966
Timothy J Byler and Ida M Byler, 6350 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: January 23, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. 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: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025
MIRROR 3-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000065
The following person(s) are doing business as: Timely Expressions, 6350 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966
Timothy J Byler and Ida M Byler, 6350 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: January 23, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. 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: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025
TIMELY 3-14-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

CASE #25CV00240
Petitioner Anthony Paul Franco filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Anthony Paul Franco to Anthony Paul Murphy.

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 March 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on January 28, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
ANTHONY 2-28-25

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

CASE #24-CV04510
Petitioner Tova Jones filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ABlessing Cavell Boissiere-Jones to ABlessing D'Foreign Donald Jones.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing March 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on January 21, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
ANTHONY 2-28-25

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

CASE #24CV03266
Petitioner Sharon Bridgett Cooper filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Sharon Bridgett Cooper to Sharon Bridgett Wagner.

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 March 26, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 01, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on January 22, 2025
Tamaral L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025
SHARON 3-7-25

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

CASE #25CV00316
Petitioner Whitney Ann Wolff filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Whitney Ann Wolff to Whitney Wolff Park.

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 March 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on February 3, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 2025
WOLFF 3-7-25

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

CASE #25CV00336
Petitioner Nino Pinocchio filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Anthony James Pinocchio III to Nino Anthony James Pinocchio III.

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 April 2, 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 February 4, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2025
NINO 3-14-25

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S.No.: 2024-01204-CA-REV A.P.N.: 001-055-008-000
Property Address: 420 C STREET, BIGGS, CA 95917
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALEPURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/22/2006. 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. Trustor: JERI M CUMMINGS, A UNMARRIED WOMANDuly Appointed Trustee:Western Progressive, LLCDeed of Trust Recorded 05/30/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0027462 in book ---, page-- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California. Date of Sale: 03/10/2025 at 03:30 PMPlace of Sale: ON THE STEPS OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE NUMBER 1 COURT STREET, OROVILLE, CA 95965Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 261,448.30 THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK 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, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust.Street Address or other common designation of real property: 420 C STREET, BIGGS, CA 95917 A.P.N.: 001-055-008-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances,

under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 261,448.30.Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 this 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 (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2024-01204-CA-REV. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855)-976-3916, or visit this internet website https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 2024-01204-CA-REV to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238 Ventura, CA 93003Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx Trustee Sale AssistantDate: February 7, 2025

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ORDINANCE NO. 437

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AMENDING SECTION 2.10.010 OF THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE FOR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council of the City of Biggs Does Ordain as Follows:
Section 1. Amendment to Section 2.10.010

Section 2.10.010 of the Biggs Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:
2.10.010 Regular Meetings.

The regular meetings of the City Council of the City of Biggs shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 6:00 p.m. If a regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day at the same hour unless otherwise rescheduled by resolution of the City Council. All regular meetings shall be held at Biggs City Hall, located at 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs, CA unless otherwise designated by the City Council.

Section 2. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption.

Section 4. Certification

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in accordance with applicable law.

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption. In lieu of publication of the full text of the ordinance within fifteen (15) days after its passage, a summary of the Ordinance may be published at least five (5) days prior to and fifteen (15) days after adoption by the City Council and a certified copy shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing **ORDINANCE** was duly and regularly introduced and read at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of January 2025 and adopted by the City Council of the City of Biggs at a regular meeting thereof held on the 11th day of February 2025 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS Bassett, Wilks, Arnold, Sheppard, and Squires
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ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS

ATTEST: APPROVED:
Roben Benish James "Bo" Sheppard
CITY CLERK MAYOR

Lake Oroville Capacity at 82%

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of Water Resources continues to monitor lake levels, weather forecasts, and mountain snow levels to optimize water storage while allowing for carry-over storage into next year.

Within the Oroville-Thermalito Complex, the Department of Water Resources maintains several areas that preserve and enhance wildlife habitat. Encompassed within the Thermalito Afterbay's 17 miles of shoreline and 4,300 surface acres of water are numerous brood ponds that provide prime habitat and breeding areas for waterfowl and giant garter snakes, a protected species. While water levels at the Afterbay may fluctuate based on agriculture and hydropower operations, the Department of Water Resources ensures brood pond habitats remain stable. A flap gate outlet system permits water to flow into brood pond areas, raising water levels while preventing water from being released and maintaining a stable elevation for waterfowl nests and giant garter snakes. These measures ensure these species continue to thrive, upholding DWR's commitment to protect, restore, and enhance the natural and human environments.

Lake Oroville is one of the State Water Project's premier recreational destinations and one of California's best fishing spots. The lake provides both warm-water and cold-water fisheries, with excellent bass fishing

opportunities during the fall and winter months.

To improve fish habitats at Lake Oroville and the Thermalito Afterbay, the Department of Water Resources works with members of the California Conservation Corps (CCC) to bundle recycled Christmas trees and anchor them in various locations around the lakebed. Anchoring the trees allows them to remain submerged, providing juvenile fish safe refuge, and improving fisheries and recreational fishing opportunities. Installation of the Christmas tree habitats will occur in the coming weeks.

Driftwood Abatement at Lake Oroville

With a significant increase in runoff into Lake Oroville from recent storm systems, Department of Water Resource's civil maintenance crews have been patrolling the branches of Lake Oroville to capture floating woody debris before it reaches the main body of the lake. Higher inflows wash woody debris into the reservoir, which can impact water infrastructure and present a hazard to boaters. Over the next few months, Department of Water Resources crews will collect, contain and pull larger pieces of wood out of the lake and away from shoreline areas using boom lines.

Department of Water Resources crews spent a significant amount of time collecting woody debris in Lake Oroville in 2023 and 2024 following heavy storms and high reservoir

levels with over 19,000 cubic yards of woody vegetation collected. Floating debris removal ensures continued infrastructure operations and the safety of the recreating public on Lake Oroville. However, boaters and other water recreationists should take precautions when operating watercraft on Lake Oroville and should remain alert for floating debris.

Staffed by knowledgeable guides, the Lake Oroville Visitor Center features interpretive displays on Oroville Dam, area geology, wildlife and habitat, hydroelectric power, and cultural and historical artifacts. View videos in the theater about the construction of Oroville Dam, walk or hike along nearby trails, and visit the 47-foot-tall observation tower that provides unsurpassed panoramic views of surrounding areas. Free guided tours for school and community groups are available by reservation. Parking and admission to the Visitor Center are free.

The Department of Water Resources, the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) maintain over 92 miles of trails in the Oroville area. An interactive map of recreation facilities, including open trails and their permitted uses (hike, bike, horse, multi), is available on Department of Water Resource's Lake Oroville Recreation webpage. A paper trail map is available

at various locations, including most entrance kiosks and the Lake Oroville Visitor Center.

Upstream migrating fish totals through the Feather River Fish Monitoring Station between Jan. 1 and Jan. 29, are:

Fall-run Chinook salmon: 23

Steelhead: 63

Ahead of anticipated increased river flows at the fish monitoring station, monitoring equipment has been removed, which will impact count estimates.

To see previous year data, visit CalFish.org.

Current Lake Operations

Lake Oroville is at 857 feet elevation and storage is approximately 2.8 million acre-feet (MAF), which is 82 percent of its total capacity and 131 percent of the historical average.

Feather River flows are at 7,000 cfs through the City of Oroville with 10,000 cfs being released from the Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet (Outlet) for a total Feather River release of 17,000 cfs downstream. Total Feather River releases will decrease to 15,000 cfs on Feb. 17 and 14,000 cfs on Feb. 18, with flows from the Outlet remaining at 10,000 cfs. Department of Water Resources continues to assess Feather River releases daily.

The public can track precipitation, snow, reservoir levels, and more at the California Data Exchange Center. The Lake Oroville gage station is identified as "ORO." ★

Pelletier Shoots Career Round



Chico State women's golfer Brooke Pelletier. Photo by Chico State Athletics

By Rick Hoskin,
Chico State
Senior Athletics
Communications
Coordinator

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Chico State women's golfer Brooke Pelletier turned in her best score in her collegiate career as the junior carded a 3-over 74 in the second and final round of the Cal State LA Spring Kickoff at the Rio Hondo Golf Club on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

A Chico native who hailed from Pleasant Valley High School, Pelletier's second round score leaped her 11 spots to a five-way tie for 22nd out of 86 participants. The Wildcats as a team finished 14th out of 16 despite finishing 33-over par, a 10-stroke improvement from Monday's first round.

Pelletier had a spectacular outcome in the back-9, finishing 2-under

highlighted with three birdies and five pars. She made four birdies in the front to close out her day.

Trinity Hernandez and Hollyn Drennen both had 80 scores in their second trip through the course. Hernandez made par in 11 holes while Drennen achieved two birdies and came up even nine times.

Ariana Blagrove made a pair of birdies as she scored an 83 and Alexis Elliot rounded out the 'Cats with an 88.

Cal State San Marcos ended up taking the tournament win by finishing 22-over in the two rounds. Cal State Monterey Bay's Tilda Kvarnrud won individual medalist honors as the only participant to make par.

The Wildcats' spring tour continues February 24-25, when they will play in Cal State East Bay's Tim Tierney Pioneer Shootout at Corica Park (North) in Alameda. ★

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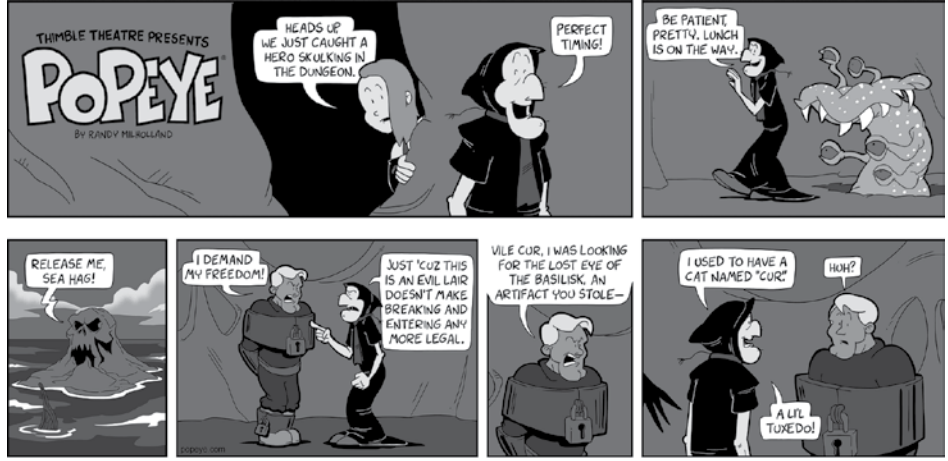
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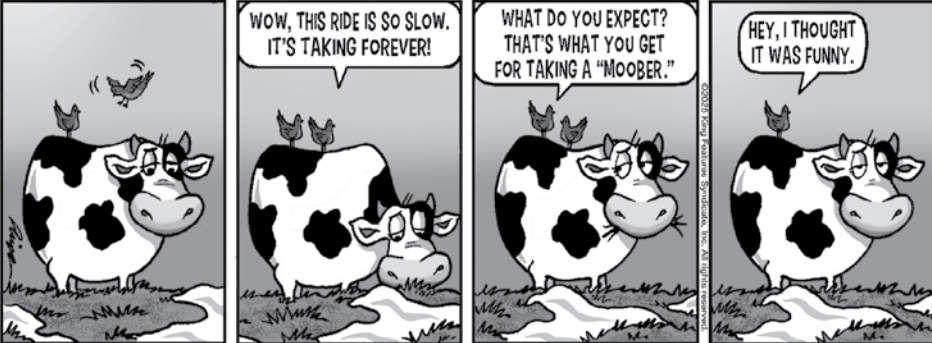
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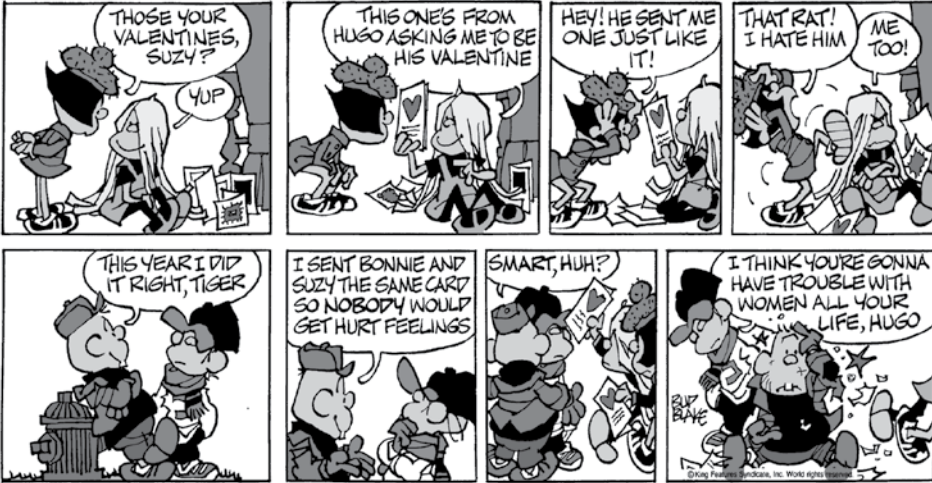
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By V.G. Harris



Well, the all-star break is upon us, and if ever there is a time of reflection needed for Sacramento Kings fans, the time is now.

A beloved member of the Kings family is no longer with the team, and there are some fans that are simply not getting over it. For others, they understand that at the end of the day, the NBA is a monstrous business, and even the most electric of players at times, must be moved for the good of the franchise.

Make no mistake about it, Zach Lavine is no slouch, and he may not be as fast as DeAaron Fox, but this former all-star has game.

Zach has already impressed fans with his mid-range game, and as his 3-point prowess kicks in, Sacramento fans will get a look at the true foray of talent that this baller has to offer.

The acquisition of Jonas Valanciunas is not only welcome, it is long overdue. I have been writing about this big man for over a year, and my only consternation is why he wasn't acquired over the off season when he was available?

Valanciunas will prove his value as the Kings strive to come down the home stretch healthy, and with a team that is just now finding its rhythm.

Amazingly, as the newly assembled Kings have yet to have a single practice with the bevy of new players and that includes newcomer Markelle Fultz. Markelle was drafted No. 1 overall in the 2017 draft, ahead of players like Jason Tatum, Donovan Mitchell, and yes, Sacramento's former point guard DeAaron Fox. Ironic, I would say so, but the NBA is a league of second chances, and if anyone ever needed one, it's Markelle Fultz.

After a storied college career with the Washington Huskies, Markelle leaped to the front of the class and was drafted No. 1 overall by the Philadelphia 76ers. Sadly, his NBA career would get off to an abysmal start, as he suffered a debilitating shoulder injury and the 76ers gave up on their No. 1 pick. Fultz was traded to Orlando Magic but after 5 uneventful and injury riddled seasons, the Magic did not resign Markelle.

I smiled from ear to ear when I heard that Markelle was quoted as saying on his signing with the Kings, "I haven't felt this good since I came into the league. I never had the opportunity to take my time and get healthy, so being able to do that last summer has been great for me. I'm super excited for this opportunity and I'm thankful for it."

I love hearing that kind of talk, and just as the Kings have had No. 1 draft choice busts in the past, perhaps a real opportunity to turn back the clock has finally come their way.

Our starting five is full of talent, but with departure of Alex Len, Kevin Huerter, Jordan McLaughlin, Jalen McDaniels, and most recently Colby Jones, the real question has been the quality and depth of the bench.

Recently acquired Jake LaRavia and Jonas Valanciunas will bring a sturdier presence to front line, and with a healthy Markelle Fultz coming off the bench to give malik Monk some much-needed rest, it's entirely possible the Kings bench is in its best posture all season.

Isaac Jones remains a diamond in the rough, and I'm hopeful coach Christie hasn't lost sight of him. Dynamic, athletic, and able to jump out of the gym, Issac is in his rookie season, and has still to get anything resembling a real shot at playing time. Don't miss on this guy, because I see an enormous upside, and just as we've seen Keon Ellis rise to new heights, so can Isaac Jones.

So, imagine Valanciunas, Keon Ellis, LaRavia, Fultz, Trey Lyles, and Isaac Jones as the key bench players, with Devin Carter and Doug McDermott in the wings. I believe this is overall the strongest bench the Kings have had in the past three seasons, so hold onto your seats Kings fans, because it's just possible the fun has just begun.

There are stories yet to be written, and it's my hope that players like Markelle Fultz and Isaac Jones will soon take center stage! Playoffs, NOT Play-in!

Enjoy the home stretch Kings fans, it could be a real barn burner!

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

Social Security Matters

About Claiming Social Security when I have a Health Savings Account (HSA)



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I have reached my full retirement age (66 plus 8 months) and plan to apply for Social Security this month, but I've seen articles which say that when I apply, I must also take Medicare Part A. This, even though I am continuing to work and am covered by my employer's health insurance (a high deductible plan). I contribute bi-weekly into an HSA (Health Savings Account). I've read that Medicare back dates Part A coverage by 6 months, which suggests I would have had to stop contributing to my HSA six months ago. If this is true, will I need to pay penalties and such to the IRS? I'm not able to find anything else about this topic, and I'm wondering what you might have to say. I have my wife and two children on my employer's HDHP. We contribute \$6,000 annually to our HSA and my employer contributes \$1,250 on January 1st each year. We can live

without the HSA, but the taxes and IRS penalties concern me. Signed: Wanting to Claim SS (but concerned)

Dear Wanting to Claim: I'm afraid that what you've read is correct – it is mandatory for you to take Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) when receiving Social Security benefits after age 65. Medicare Part A is free to you, and even though you are still covered under your employer's creditable high deductible healthcare plan and can delay taking Medicare Part B, you must take Medicare Part A to collect Social Security after 65. Medicare and your employer's plan will coordinate healthcare benefit payments.

That does, however, also mean your Health Savings Account (HSA) will be affected because, as you have found, Medicare will backdate your Part A coverage by 6 months. And because Part A is not a high deductible plan (a requirement for HSA), any contributions you make after the effective date of Part A will be subject to an IRS penalty, and your HSA contributions won't be considered tax-exempt. This will mean the IRS will likely assess a 6% excise tax on any contributions made after your Part A effective date, and you'll need to pay income tax on those

contributions.

What you may wish to consider is stopping your HSA contributions now and waiting an additional six months or so to claim your Social Security benefits (to get beyond the HSA penalty phase). This would have the advantage of avoiding the IRS penalty on your HSA contributions and would also increase your Social Security benefit due to Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs). You earn DRCs at the rate of .677% for each month beyond your FRA that you wait to claim, which means an SS benefit about 4% higher if you wait six months longer to claim SS.

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A 1995 California Court Ruling That Restored Immigrant Rights Could Backfire Now



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California has the nation's largest population of undocumented immigrants with roughly 1.8 million people. Over the last three decades, Californians' attitudes about that fact have undergone an astonishing swing.

Hostility reached a peak in the early 1990s, demonstrated by passage of Proposition 187 in 1994 by a 3-2 margin. The measure would have required police to check the legal status of people they encountered and barred public services, including education, to those who could not prove citizenship or legal residency.

It was the centerpiece of Republican Gov. Pete Wilson's campaign for a second term, contending that undocumented people were overwhelming the state's budget.

However, support for a crackdown was not confined to GOP voters. Not only did many Democrats — then as now the largest bloc of voters — vote for the measure, but a Legislature dominated by Democrats passed anti-immigrant laws, such as banning driver's licenses.

Soon, however, public sentiment and the political atmosphere began to change. Undocumented immigrants and their advocates scored a big win a year after Prop. 187's passage when federal Judge Marianna Pfaelzer

ruled that the measure violated the federal government's exclusive power to regulate immigration.

"The California voters' overwhelming approval of Proposition 187 reflects their justifiable frustration with the federal government's inability to enforce the immigration laws effectively," she wrote at the time. "No matter how serious the problem may be, however, the authority to regulate immigration belongs exclusively to the federal government and state agencies are not permitted to assume that authority. The state is powerless to enact its own scheme to regulate immigration or to devise immigration regulations which run parallel to or purport to supplement the federal immigration laws."

A few years later, after Democrat Gray Davis succeeded Wilson, the state abandoned an appeal of Pfaelzer's ruling. In subsequent years the Legislature repealed other laws, such as the one on driver's licenses, and has done whatever it could to treat undocumented immigrants as if they were legal residents, such as expanding health care benefits.

When Donald Trump was elected president in 2016 and promised a crackdown on illegal immigration, California reacted with legislation to make it more difficult for federal immigration authorities to capture and deport undocumented Californians.

The most important was Senate Bill 54, introduced a month after Trump won the election. Dubbed the California Values Act, it essentially bars California police from aiding in any way federal efforts to identify and deport undocumented immigrants.

SB 54 survived one court challenge but Trump is once again in the White House, declaring his intention to rid the nation of undocumented immigrants, and is taking aim at California and other states with sanctuary laws.

The U.S. Department of Justice has filed suit to overturn Illinois laws quite similar to California's SB 54, and its contention in the Illinois suit could — with great irony — convert the federal court decision against Prop. 187 three decades ago into a hammer to smash SB 54. If California was illegally interfering with the federal government's exclusive power over immigration in Prop. 187, the suit implies, sanctuary laws also interfere with that power.

The 23-page complaint, filed in federal court in Chicago, alleges that Illinois laws "have the purpose and effect of making it more difficult for, and deliberately impeding, federal immigration officers' ability to carry out their responsibilities in those jurisdictions."

California officials are aware that the Illinois suit will not be the only challenge to local and state laws meant to protect undocumented immigrants.

Were the Illinois suit's argument to prevail, the situation in California could come full circle. A legal principle that protected California's immigrants from Prop. 187 in 1995 might make identifying and deporting them easier in 2025.

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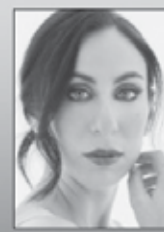
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Biggs Boys Seeded Second in D6 Playoffs

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Sandwiching wins over Mid-Valley League rivals Maxwell and Williams around a loss to non-conference opponent Durham, the Biggs Wolverines now head into the Northern Section Division VI playoffs after being awarded the No. 2 seed.

Making the trip to Maxwell on Feb. 11, Biggs got off to a somewhat sluggish start, but following a timeout and a pep talk from Coach Roscoe Deel, put the pedal to the metal and never looked back as they cruised to a 61-31 victory over the Panthers.

Brady Smith and Hunter Seipert led the way with 12 points apiece, Hudson Brewer pitched in with an 11-point effort, while David Ibarra-Carmona collected 10 rebounds.

In Durham on Feb. 13, Skyler Long registered a 15-point, 13-rebound double-double and

Ibarra-Carmona grabbed another 10 boards, but it wasn't enough as the Wolverines fell 40-58 to the Trojans.

Rounding out the regular season at home against Williams last Friday night, Biggs proved an ungracious host as it downed the Yellowjackets 57-34.

Smith ended the night with 15 points and seven assists, Long doubled up for the second straight game with 10 points, 11 rebounds and then dished out seven assists to spark the Wolverines.

Seipert added 10 more points to the total, Johnny Conn pulled down 11 rebounds, while Ibarra-Carmona finished with another 10-rebound game.

Biggs (16-8) finished second to Portola in the MVL and began its playoff run on Feb. 20 at home against No. 7 Los Molinos with the winner advancing to a second-round game on Feb. 25 against the winner between No. 3 Plumas Charter and No. 6 Loyalton. ★



The Wolverines' Hunter Seipert drives to the basket as Maxwell's Levi Velasquez defends. Seipert had 12 points and eight assists in the game.



Biggs guard Brady Smith glides to the basket for two of his 12 points in the Wolverines' 61-31 win over Maxwell on Feb. 11.

'Ninja' Assault Defendant Sentenced

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - After emotional victim statements heard Jan. 22 in Butte County Superior Court, a judge sentenced the so-called "ninja" attacker to 16 years and four months in prison.

Samuel Dickenson, 31, of Chico was sentenced by Judge Corie Caraway to the maximum term after having previously pleaded guilty to attempted rape of a child under 10 years old, attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

The charges related to an August 2024 attack where Dickenson, disguised in an all-black ninja outfit, armed himself with knives and duct tape, and entered the home of a Magalia family at about 10:40 p.m. with the intent to kidnap and rape an 8-year-old girl he knew lived there.

The child and her mother were not home at the time but the child's grandparents were.

Butte County District Attorney Mike

Ramsey said Dickenson stabbed the grandmother, 70, twice in the chest, while she was in the living room. When the grandfather, 72, came into the living room to rescue his wife, Dickenson repeatedly beat him in the head with a large roll of duct tape. The grandfather was also stabbed in the ribs during the altercation.

The child's 13-year-old brother heard the commotion, locked himself in the residence's bathroom, and called 911. Sheriff's deputies immediately responded but Dickenson had fled. The next day, Dickenson turned himself in to law enforcement.

The grandmother was taken to the hospital, where she was treated and eventually released. The grandfather sought medical treatment for his injuries the next day. Both are recovering.

The victims and their family members addressed Judge Caraway during the sentencing hearing. The eight-year-old's mother told the judge: "Since the brutal attack, I have had nightmares and flashbacks during the day that leave me in tears in public. My trust in people is gone. If someone I thought was family could attempt to kill my parents and kidnap and rape my child, surely anyone is capable of doing it as well... I must make sure my kids do not see or feel the fear that I have. I need to make sure they feel safe, even when I do not think we are."

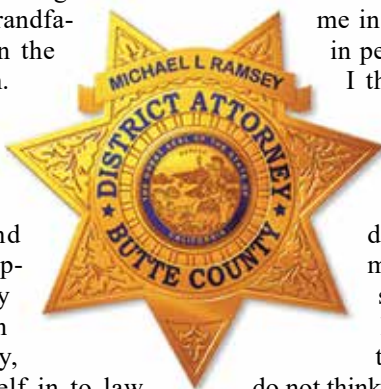
The grandmother said: "My stab wounds took about two months to heal and the pain disappeared but the emotional wounds will never go away. Samuel Dickenson is the individual responsible for taking away any sense of security in

our own home."

The case prosecutor, Jessica F. Miller, told the judge that Dickenson took advantage of a position of trust when planning and carrying out this attack. The eight-year-old and her family had previously lived with Dickenson's family in Chico for a few months shortly after being displaced by the Camp Fire in 2018. Dickenson became enamored with the child and then rekindled his acquaintance with the child's family to locate her in Magalia to plan his kidnapping and rape.

The prosecutor noted it was only through serendipity that the 8-year-old was not home at the time of the attack. She had broken her foot earlier that day at a fair and was at urgent care at the time.

Given the charges, Ramsey said, Dickenson will be subject to a Department of State Hospitals screening at the end of his prison sentence to determine his status as a sexually violent predator, which could result in his commitment to a secure state hospital for life. ★



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