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Sycamore Students Show Their Colors



Here are more brightly-colored Sycamore Middle School students. Photo by Connie Voss

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Sycamore Middle School's annual Color Run on Friday April 11, beginning at 1 p.m., gave students a distinctive look.

So what is a Color Run? Students each get a sponsor for \$20, wear a white T shirt and run around the school's perimeter. They pass several color stations en route, where teachers and other adults first throw water, then colored powder and colored slime. The water helps the powder to stick.

The Gridley Fire Department was present at the southwest corner of the route to spray everyone who passed.

Streets around the school were blocked off by Gridley Police.

Proceeds from the sponsorships go to the school with a percentage



Friends, Gracie Perez and Chanel Castaneda, had "a ton of fun" at the Sycamore Middle School Color Run on April 11. Photo by Connie Voss

given to the nonprofit Children's

Hope Foster Agency. The agency's co-founder/executive director Heather Payne and other agency employees were on hand to help with the color stations.

Physical education teacher John Coopridier and the Leadership class students coordinated the event. The decision to include Children's Hope in the proceeds was a first.

"They (the Leadership students) changed up things a little bit from how we did it in the past," Coopridier said.

Payne added, "It was the kids who determined to sponsor Children's Hope. One of our staff's daughters is in his (Leadership) class, and she raised the question if we could have a little bit go to Children's Hope, to benefit the community. They (the class) do other things for us as

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Katharine Quist, First Woman Agricultural Commissioner in Butte County



Katharine Quist is Butte County's first female agricultural commissioner. Courtesy photo

By Connie Voss

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - In January, Katharine Quist from Gridley became the first woman to serve as Butte County's agricultural commissioner and director of weights and measures. Quist replaced the outgoing commissioner, Louie Mendoza, who retired after 22 years.

Quist brings substantial experience, having served as the deputy agricultural commissioner in Butte County for six years. She has worked in other capacities in the office since January.

Prior to working in Butte County, Quist worked in Colusa County. She graduated from Chico State University in May 2004 with a major in plant science and a minor in agricultural business. Butte County has been her home since she came to school at Chico State in 1999.

"I'm excited to be serving my community. Agriculture is definitely the heart of many communities. It provides stability in government," said Quist.

Acting under the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), the agricultural commissioner is responsible for inspecting all plants and agricultural packages coming into the county, consumer protection and the enforcement of pesticide regulations.

The weights and measures capacity involves inspection of all scales and pumps to ensure accurate dispensing of products. For example, there is an inspector's seal on all grocery store scales for produce. Gasoline pumps are also inspected annually and carry similar seals. Commissioner Mendoza's name is on the current green seals but Quist's red

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Girls' STEM Conference Attracts Almost 800 Girls



Eighth-grade girls in Yuba and Sutter counties eagerly listen to Ashley Spicer during her wildlife specialist presentation.

Story and photos
by Connie Voss

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The American Association of University Women (AAUW)'s annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Conference attracted almost 800 eighth-grade girls in Yuba and Sutter counties March 31 at the Yuba College Marysville campus.

The annual conference has been held for about 30 years, according to Martha Bunce, the Executive Council

leader for Marysville/Yuba City American Association of University Women.

The conference, first held in a Marysville church, was moved to the Yuba College campus because attendance grew over the years.

The conference's mission is three-fold: to provide role models, open careers in the STEM fields predominantly occupied by males to the eighth-grade girls and to make STEM classes interesting, exciting and dynamic. This in turn will help

the girls in their class choices when they enroll in high school.

Twenty-four professional women were invited to lead classes about their jobs and how STEM skills are used. A wide variety of careers were represented, including auto repair; marine biology; criminalistics; medical professions such as optometry, chiropractic and veterinary medicine; accounting and aviation.

"My job is to find presenters," said Bunce. "We have people who come

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Live Oak has broken through a historical barrier with the establishment of a Jack in the Box quick service restaurant (a.k.a. fast food). No longer do people who have the munchies have to drive to Gridley, where there is a Burger King and a McDonald's, to get their fix. Jack-in-the-Box has arrived in North Sutter County, and it's like having a McDonald's and a Taco Bell put together because they have hamburgers and

tacos on their menu. What do we know about this Jack-in-the-Box? First of all, it was not founded by a guy named Jack. It was founded by a guy named Robert. It was started in 1951 in San Diego and was the first restaurant ever to use a two-way radio for people to place their order before they got to the window. The speaker and microphone, for this purpose, were mounted in a giant box that they put a clown head on top of. That was the Jack in (or on) the Box, and you would go there and order by talking to the clown head. I guess talking to a box was odd for a generation of people who had never used an intercom to get food. For people who have a phobia of clowns, it was probably a bad experience. Jack is definitely adding to the culinary scene in Live Oak (on top of Dutch Bros. and Penny Candy Store).

There are more than 2,200 Jack-in-the-Boxes in the United States. So, in 1951, the most high-tech thing going on in restaurants was a two-way speaker and microphone system. In 2025, the highest high-tech is Little Caesars, where you can buy a pizza with your phone, and it tells you what box to open at the heater oven when you get there. Never talking to or interacting with a human being in any way, shape or form. What's coming next, you may ask? It's going to be flying robot drones that deliver whatever restaurant food you want to your house. Can you imagine Casa Lupe dropped off at your doorstep in less than 20 minutes? If that's not enough to start a conversation with whomever you're sitting by, I don't know what else I can give you. *** Josh F.W. Cook is an educator and administrator. ★

Christian Life to Offer Easter Service, Egg Hunt and Luncheon

Story and photo by Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Christian Life invites the community to participate in their special Easter service at 10 a.m. April 20. It will be followed by a free egg hunt, crafts and prizes. A free barbecue luncheon is also planned, with hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. The church is located at 1526 Humble Ave., off East Gridley Road. ★



Pictured is, from left, Josie Alvarez, John Whitney and Mila Halterman as they participate in a Christian Life egg hunt

Katharine Quist, First Woman Agricultural Commissioner in Butte County

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The Weigh Master program for truck scales is also administered by the agricultural commissioner. The position requires a number of licenses, of which Quist has 12. These licenses are five in biological agricultural inspection, three in weights and measures, deputy agricultural commissioner, deputy sealer, agricultural commissioner and agricultural sealer. Licenses are issued through the California Department of Food and Agriculture and are issued after both written and oral examinations. ★



Shown is former Agricultural Commissioner Louie Mendoza's inspector's seal on a gas pump. Photo by Connie Voss

Caltrans News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)- The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is alerting motorists that overnight construction work on State Route 99 (SR 99) in Gridley began April 13, after press time, as part of a major roadway improvement project. Crews will work from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. between Hollis Lane and Arch Street in downtown Gridley. Work will include underground drainage installation, clearing operations and the demolition of curbs and sidewalks. Traffic control will be in place during construction hours. Motorists should be prepared for short delays and drive with caution through the work zone. The next two weeks of scheduled night work include utility locating at multiple locations along the corridor and stump removal from Hollis Lane to Standish Lane. Saw cutting for drainage will also be conducted in the Tungsten area, as well as clearing brush from Hollis Lane to

Archer Avenue. This is the first phase of a \$30-million project to rehabilitate the pavement and upgrade the corridor's Transportation Management System (TMS), drainage and pedestrian access. The project includes improvements to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Traffic control will remain in place as needed throughout the summer as construction progresses. The project is expected to be completed by October 2026. Caltrans District 3 is responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. Caltrans reminds motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert" and slow in construction zones for the safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements. The department will issue updates on X @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic information, download the QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★

Girls' STEM Conference Attracts Almost 800 Girls

Continued from page 1 back year after year. We try to have new people every year. I'm looking for those enthusiastic, dynamic women to be up there in front of the girls, saying, 'This is really a great field. Wait 'til you find out about it.'"

Students watched with rapt attention as criminalist Anna Brewer described evidence and advanced technology to solve crimes and wildlife scientists Ashley Spicer and Nicole McLoughlin discussed



Criminalist Anna Brewer enthusiastically discusses criminal evidence and technology used in solving crimes.

methods of identifying different species of wildlife. After the classes

concluded, students received a sack lunch and a Yuba College campus tour. Bunce, a retired educator, emphasized that what is presented at the conference "is just the tip of the iceberg, compared to what's available." She also described her own math learning challenge, dyscalculia (number reversal). Bunce encourages students struggling with learning challenges to ask for help so that the STEM subjects make sense to them. ★

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Welcome Home

Beale Airmen Return from Leading Expeditionary Operations

By Charles Borsos, 9th Reconnaissance Wing

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA (MPG) - Family, friends and teammates gathered April 7 on the tarmac at Beale Air Force Base to welcome their loved ones after months deployed.

Ninth Reconnaissance Wing (9 RW) Airmen supported the 378th Air Expeditionary Wing (378 AEW) for six months, providing critical command and control, operational and administrative capabilities. They returned to Beale Air Force Base following the successful completion of their deployment.

The deployment follows the 24-month cycle of the Air Force Force Generation (AFFORGEN) model that commits units at the wing-level, allowing faster spin-up of the complex, modern systems required on today's battlefield. By deploying a team, that team can more effectively work together down-range.

Chief Creek, Command Chief Sergeant at Beale Air Force Base and of the 378th for the last six



U.S. Air Force airmen embrace with their child at Beale Air Force Base after returning from a six-month deployment on April 7. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Frederick A. Brown



U.S. Air Force airmen embrace with their child at Beale Air Force Base after returning from a six-month deployment on April 7. On deployment, Beale Airmen performed critical command and control, operation and administrative roles as part of the 378th Air Expeditionary Wing. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Frederick A. Brown

months said one of the advantages is "being able to go out and have command elements together."

Still, the ability of airmen from disparate bases to effectively fill mission requirements down range was highlighted.

"We saw airmen come together from across well over 40 bases to perform record levels of combat ops over there," said Col. Charles Hansen, 9th Mission Support Group Commander (9th MSG).

After months away from home, this large chunk from Team Beale returned April 7, completing the "deployment" phase of

AFFORGEN and entering the "reset" phase of recovery and training.

"When they left, it was definitely something where we had to put a lot of processes in place and brainstorm how to fill the gap while all these people were gone," said 1st Lt. Zachary Sims, officer in charge of requirements and optimization within the operations section of the 9th Civil Engineer Squadron at Beale Air Force Base.

Some of those processes included carrying more weight and branching out into roles: "I enjoyed more responsibilities



The U.S. Air Force 9th Communications Squadron show their posters prepared for the arrival of deployed airmen at Beale Air Force Base on April 7. Airmen returned after a six-month deployment supporting the 378th Air Expeditionary Wing. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Frederick A. Brown



U.S. Air Force Col. Keagan L. McLeese, 9th Reconnaissance Wing base commander, embraces family at Beale Air Force Base on April 7. Team Beale served in critical command, control and administrative roles in support of the 378th Air Expeditionary Wing as part of the new 24-month cycle of the Air Force Force Generation model. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Sharon Cardenas

pushed down to me but grateful they will be back with us," said Sims.

Along with loved ones on the flightline, returning Airmen were greeted with refreshments provided by the Beale Military Liaison Council, along with resource information at the Military and Family Readiness Center.

The following day, deployers returned to the Community Activity Center for in-processing and to start the reconstitution phase of the deployment cycle. This included briefing, medical and financial breakouts, and collecting luggage from the deployment during the "bag-drag."

Chief Sgt. DeCarlos Harrison, senior enlisted leader, 9th MSG, said that "reintegration is about the support here on base and it helps get back to normalcy. The support we are getting here is reinvigorating."

Echoing Harrison's feelings of support, Col. Hansen said, "The return was no doubt a very unique experience. After 20-plus years of deployments, it is a great point of pride in how the 9th Reconnaissance Wing and team greeted chock one."

With their return, the Airmen of Team Beale rejoin their units, ready to continue supporting the mission and contributing to the Air Force's operational capabilities. ★



U.S. Air Force airmen assigned to the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, are greeted by family members and Beale personnel as they return from a six-month deployment at Beale Air Force Base on April 7. Photo courtesy of U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Sharon Cardenas

Sycamore Students Show Their Colors



Sycamore Middle School Color Run participants gathered for "before" and "after" pictures. The students will keep their Color Run shirts as mementos of the event. Photos by Michaela Haemmig-Perez

Continued from page 1 well. They collect socks. They do special little bags

they decorate for the foster kids at Christmas time. This Leadership class has

always traditionally done a little something to help local foster youth."

Everyone who participated appeared to be having a great time.



Student Alex Sims displays his colored T shirt. Photo by Connie Voss

When asked why he wanted to participate, seventh-grader Ty Egan said "Because it's fun. I get to hang out with my friends. I did it last year."

Asked if he would do it again next year, Ty replied, "Definitely!"

Eighth-grader Chanel Castaneda said, "This is a ton of fun, especially with

the firefighters here."

Her friend, Gracie Perez, said, "I like the goo!"

This was the girls' last time in the Color Run, since they will be in high school next year. However, all the students have a brightly-colored (and autographed) shirt as a souvenir. ★

MEMORIAL

MYRNA PETERSON HENRY • 09/13/1945 - 04/12/2025

Myrna Peterson Henry was born to Philip and Leone Peterson on September 13, 1945 in Gridley. She grew up, spent most of her life and raised her family in Gridley, CA. She graduated from Gridley High School. She then went to LDS Business College for a certificate in transcription.

Myrna married Jerry Henry on September 3, 1965 until his death in 2016. Myrna was a faithful follower of Christ; a dedicated, loving wife, mother and a caregiver to anyone who needed it. Myrna spent over 20 years working at Feather River Indian Health and developed many cherished relationships there. However, Myrna really thrived when she was caring



for others at home. She spent years caring for her mother, mother in law and then husband as they lived out their later years. She comforted with a strength and kindness that lifted everyone's burdens. Myrna was preceded

in death by her daughter Andrea; husband Jerry; mother Leone; and Father Phil.

Myrna is survived by her children: Brian (Erin) of Yuba City, CA, Drew (Sarah) of Oroville, CA, Kim (Brandon) of Yuba City, CA and Angela (Jed) Taylorsville (UT) as well as 17 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and her brother Ken (Alice) and sister Francie (Mike). Funeral services will be held Friday, April 18, 2025 at 1pm at the LDS Stake Center on Spruce St in Gridley. Funeral services will be under the direction of Gridley Block Funeral Home. There will be a viewing shortly before the services at 12pm

MEMORIAL

EVELYN FRENCH • 06/07/1944 - 04/11/2025

A funeral service will be held on Friday April 18, 2025 at 10 AM at Gridley Block Funeral Chapel for Evelyn Marie French 80, of Gridley, California.

Evelyn passed away April 11, 2025 in Chico, California. She was born on June 7, 1944 in Casa Grande, Arizona. One of four children born to Vernon and Mildred Latham. Evelyn was a long time resident of Gridley, She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Evelyn enjoyed shopping, traveling and gardening. She enjoyed



spending time with their family and adored her Yorkie dog, Paris. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale French, three stepsons Allan, Jim and Rick French, her sister

Kathy and two brothers Richard and Doug. She is survived by her two sons Floyd and Joseph Fontes, both of Gridley, one stepson Richard French of West Virginia, son-in-law Xavier Torres of Gridley, her Granddaughter Ashely (Derrick) Tanner of Biggs and her two Great-GrandChildren, Elliott and Mekinze Tanner of Biggs. Inturnment will be at the Gridley Biggs Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley Block Funeral Chapel

Congressman LaMalfa Statement on the Passage of the SAVE Act



Doug LaMalfa

Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On April 10, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) released the following statement after the House of Representatives passed H.R. 22, the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, a bill that ensures only U.S. citizens can vote in federal elections by requiring proof of citizenship for voter registration.

“The right to vote was always intended to be reserved for United States citizens. Allowing non-citizens that right would undermine the very principles upon which our nation was founded and diminish the value of votes cast by actual American citizens,” said Congressman LaMalfa.

“For years, blue states have exploited weak laws, creating loopholes that put our elections at risk. The SAVE Act is a commonsense solution that closes these gaps and ensures that only U.S. citizens can vote in federal elections, restoring trust and integrity to the process. I am pleased to see the House take this important step towards protecting the sanctity of our elections and the will of the American people.”

The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act reinforces election security by:

Requiring proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections, whether at the DMV, a government office or by mail.

Ensuring voter rolls are accurate by mandating that states remove non-citizens from their databases.

Holding election officials accountable by allowing private citizens to sue if officials register voters without proper proof of citizenship.

Providing states access to federal databases at no cost to verify citizenship status.

Creating a process for legitimate voters who lack standard documentation, ensuring no eligible citizen is wrongly turned away.

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



Rising Wages Test Ranchers Who Provide Vegetation Management

Sheep and goats, increasingly used to eat flammable vegetation in targeted areas, have become a key part of California's wildfire prevention efforts. But ranchers who provide targeted grazing services depend on a viable sheep and goat ranching industry. Their business may be in jeopardy due to a steep rise in the minimum wage ranchers must pay the herders who look after their animals around the clock. Since 2019, that wage has more than doubled, soaring this year to \$4,820 a month. “It’s just become untenable,” said Andr  e Soares, president of Star Creek Land Stewards in Merced County.

California Dairies Make Progress in Cutting Emissions

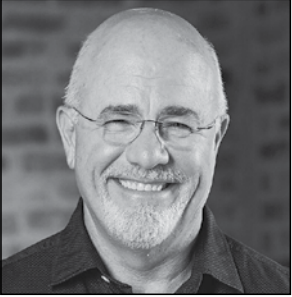
At their current pace, California dairy farmers are expected to meet the state's goal for reducing methane emissions from their farms ahead of schedule. Though methane digesters are often credited for doing most of the heavy lifting, California dairy farmers have been implementing other technologies and conservation practices that help them move the needle toward sustainability. An analysis by researchers at the University of California, Davis, shows that incentive-based programs that drive voluntary efforts by dairy farmers should by 2030 achieve the 40% dairy methane reduction that state lawmakers called for without the need for more regulations.

Research: Overtime Law Costs Farmworkers \$100 a Week

In 2023, University of California, Berkeley, assistant professor Alexandra Hill published research showing California's 2016 agricultural overtime law had not achieved its goal of increasing earnings for farmworkers. She found that Assembly Bill 1066 caused workers to lose hours and pay as farmers shortened the workweek to balance their wage bills. Hill said her continued analysis of farmworker employment data shows farmworkers have earned roughly \$100 less per week on average than they would have without AB 1066. “There is really convincing evidence that work hours for individual farmworkers fell after the law went into effect,” she said.

State Head of Natural Resources Shares Perspective

California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot spoke with Ag Alert   about managing the state's environment and natural resources, including water, air quality, forests, energy and species. “We can do a better job in state government understanding what the different regulatory impacts are on farmers and ranchers,” Crowfoot said. “During the past six years in this job, I've learned a lot from agricultural producers about the aggregated impact, and we can better coordinate our regulatory programs to reduce burdens, whether it is site visits or regulatory timelines, so it reduces the administrative burden. We're open-minded to understanding where regulations aren't working well.” ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

How do you feel about the leasing programs automotive manufacturers offer their employees? I've listened to your show enough to know you don't recommend leasing the traditional way through a dealership.

– Baker

Dear Baker,

I'd advise investigating the details of any deal like this very carefully. Some manufacturer offers, even ones to employees, are nothing more than another way for the company to fleece more drivers. But some manufacturers offer their employees decent programs that aren't a traditional lease. I assume this is the kind of deal you're talking about.

A few of them offer the

Dave Ramsey Says Think with Your Head (and a Calculator), not Your Heart

use of a newer, high-quality car for very little money per month, with no hidden catches. In cases like these, things can work out pretty well for the employee and the company. I've even heard of a few companies offering gas and more in these employee deals.

Now, you're right. I don't recommend leasing in a normal scenario. For the average buyer walking onto a car lot, leasing is a complete rip-off. I tend to call it “fleecing” because getting “fleeced” means getting taken advantage of financially. And that's exactly what happens with consumer auto leases. Basically, a car lease is a contract where, instead of buying a car, you pay in monthly installments to drive it for a set amount of time—usually two to three years. It's basically

a glorified rental car. But unlike a rental, leasing is a form of debt. And on top of all that, leasing is also the overall most expensive way to own a car.


Again, just make sure you check all the details very thoroughly, Baker. Use your head and a calculator, not your heart, when making a decision on something like this.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★



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Community Calendar

Butte County Libraries

Butte County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (G) Gridley branch, 299 Spruce St. and (B) Biggs branch, 464A B St. (open Saturday only). Call 530-552-5652 for more information.

Friday, April 18: Family story time, 10 to 11 a.m. (G) Ladies’ night out movie, 6 to 8:30 p.m. (G)

Saturday, April 19: Biggs Chess club, 1 to 4 p.m. (B) Afternoon Kids’ club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (B)

Wednesday, April 23: Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon (G) and afternoon kids’ club, 2 to 5 p.m. (G)

Friday, April 25: Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G) Enjoy social connections, early childhood resources and story times all provided in a play-filled environment created just for you.

Saturday, April 26: Biggs Chess club, 1 to 4 p.m. (B) Afternoon Kids’ club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (B)

Thursday, April 24 Help Me Grow

10 a.m. to noon at Live Oak Head Start, 2659 Apricot St. Help Me Grow provides free health and developmental screenings to Sutter County children, birth to age 5. The program provides an opportunity for parents to have their parenting and child development questions answered in a fun and relaxed environment. Ampla Health will provide reusable resource bags with information about healthcare and enabling services. For more information, call 530-741-2995.

Friday, April 25 Food Truck Festival

5:30 to 9 p.m. on Broadway Street in Live Oak.

Saturday, April 26 Endangered Species Faire

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Chico City Plaza, 132 W. Fourth St. This family-friendly event, presented by the Butte Environmental Council, includes a parade, live music, art, environmental and craft vendors, live animals and food trucks. For more information, call 530-891-6424.

Dia del Nino

1 to 6 p.m., Nick Daddow Plaza, Virginia Street, Gridley. Since 1925, this event, also known as “Day of the Child,” has become a yearly celebration in Mexico. On this day, children are honored and their importance in society is recognized. It is also a way to support their well-being. There will be free food for children, face painting and other activities. For more information, call 530-990-5587.

Meeting Minders

Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

American Legion Bingo, Thursdays from 4 to 10 p.m. at the Biggs Community Hall, 280-B St. in Biggs.

Biggs City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St. in Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22. More information is available by calling at 530-368-5493.

Gridley City Council meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 to 7p.m. in the council chambers, 685 Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting at gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council. The next meeting will be Monday, April 21.

Gridley Senior Group Breakfast every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. includes bingo at 9:30 a.m. Gridley Recreation Center 194 Washington St. For more information, call 530-846-3264.

Gridley Unified School District (GUSD) Board meetings are generally on the first and third Wednesday each month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 23. For more information, call 530-846-4721.

Live Oak City Council meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. Call 530-695-2112 for more information. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7.

Rotary Club meets every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Hall, 446 Kentucky St. For more information or membership, call 530-632-5990. ★

Timbuctoo Tours Return to Pioneer Day

By Lane Parker

SMARTSVILLE, CA (MPG)

- The Smartsville and Timbuctoo Pioneer Day festival is on Saturday, April 26. For the second year in a row, after an interruption of many years, the festival will take place. It will include tours of the Timbuctoo townsite, thanks to the efforts of E Clampus Vitus Nevada City Chapter 10 and to Clementine, a 1932 MacDonald DrayMaster truck.

I’ve been researching Timbuctoo, California, since 2005, and I’m the co-author, along with Kathleen Smith, of the book “Smartsville and Timbuctoo.” Since Pioneer Day’s first year in 2008, I’ve been there telling the story of Timbuctoo, located just about one mile west of downtown Smartsville.

During the festival’s first several years I led a “hayride” tour to the townsite. On the drive over I would provide a general history of how the area fit into the larger narrative of the California gold rush. At the townsite, everyone took a brief walk on Main Street, and I talked about what was still there and what used to be there “back in the day.”

Unfortunately, because of transportation issues, we had to discontinue those tours. So, I adapted by donning stereotypical “Forty-niner” garb and giving presentations at the festival’s Timbuctoo Theatre as “Timbuctoo Parker.”

These presentations were rewarding in their own way, but they weren’t the same as being able to take folks to the place itself.

Nick Martin has been a



Lane Parker has been researching Timbuctoo, California, since 2005. He is the co-author, along with Kathleen Smith, of the book “Smartsville and Timbuctoo.” Courtesy photo

Clamper for 18 years. Last year, he and other Chapter 10 members donated their time, energy and Clementine, the tour vehicle, to help raise money for the restoration of the historic 1871 Church of the Immaculate Conception in Smartsville.

Three tours of Timbuctoo were scheduled last year, but Clementine had other plans, so the final tour of the day was cancelled because of mechanical issues, including a dead battery, overheating and a blown head gasket.

Still, the two completed tours brought in much-appreciated donations. Martin says that Chapter 10 matched those donations, doubling the money raised for the church restoration.

Martin and the other Chapter 10 members feel it’s important to have a presence at Pioneer Day.

“We’ve always been involved with Smartsville and the restoration,”

Martin told me. Although he isn’t sure yet if he’ll personally be driving Clementine this year, he said that she’ll be ready no matter who’s behind the wheel.

“That’s all fixed now,” said Martin. “She’s running really good.”

This year the Timbuctoo tours are especially exciting for me because preliminary plans to restore the Wells Fargo/Stewart Brothers Store building continue to progress. It will be meaningful to link the narrative of the town’s past not only to its present, but also its future.

Like last year, I’ll be scheduling three tours, spaced throughout the day, starting at 10 a.m.

It’s amazing to think that this will be the Smartsville and Timbuctoo Pioneer Day festival’s 16th year. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone in downtown Smartsville, and also in downtown Timbuctoo. ★

Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings



National Small Business Week is May 4th to May 10th, 2025. To celebrate small businesses during this week, Butte College SBDC is hosting free workshops every day of the week beginning Monday, May 5th through Friday, May 9th.

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

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

Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 | **Time:** 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Location: Colusa City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am
Location: 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville

The Basics of Bookkeeping (Red Bluff)

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

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am
Location: Hampton Inn & Suites, 520 Adobe Rd., Red Bluff

Introduction to Digital/Online Marketing (Paradise)

This workshop will focus on discussing introductory methods of digital and online marketing. You will learn the basics about Search Engine Optimization (SEO), Search Engine Marketing (SEM), Social Media Marketing (SMM), as well as mobile, affiliate, and online Ad marketing. You will be provided real-world examples of which type of marketing best fits your marketing goals, as well as ideas for your future marketing needs. This training is perfect for individuals who are either first getting started in digital/online marketing, or those who would like a little more information on how to develop their current digital/online marketing.

Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am
Location: Paradise Chamber, 6161 Clark Rd., #1, Paradise

Financial Management Series for Existing Businesses (Chico)

This 4-week, 2 hours per week series is designed to teach you how to utilize your financial statements to better manage and understand your business operations, cash flow, and profitability. Focus includes: Interpreting and understanding your financial statements (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet); hands-on exercise and case study; Identifying cash flow cycle and how it impacts your business; Learning how to calculate and use financial ratios to troubleshooting fiscal dangers, and analyzing trends to improve business performance; Using financial tools to make good business decisions for effective spending and break-even analysis; Knowing how to think critically when looking at pricing and costs; and Developing forecasts and budgetary tools and techniques to improve profit. This series is sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank.

Date: Fridays, May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025 | **Time:** 8:30am – 10:30am
Location: Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

To Register for Trainings: CALL: (530) 895-9017
or REGISTER HERE: <https://www.buttecollegesbdc.com/events/>



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



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Woman Held to Answer for Hitting Wheelchair Victim

Butte County District Attorney News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Chico motorist was in Butte County Superior Court on April 9 for striking and killing a man who was crossing in a crosswalk in his wheelchair in Chico in July 2024.

Jennifer Amy Jackson, 50, of Chico, was held to answer on a felony vehicular manslaughter charge filed by the Butte County District Attorney. At the request of the district attorney’s office, Jackson

continues to be held in Butte County Jail on no-bail hold after violating her previous own recognition release conditions of no driving and no use of marijuana.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the July 24, 2024, collision occurred at approximately 12:45 p.m. at the 12th Street and Park Avenue intersection in Chico. A Chico Police investigation found that Jackson was driving northbound on Park Avenue when she veered into the number-one (slow) lane and

sideswiped another vehicle before running the red light at 12th Street. She struck 69-year-old Frank Moodie, who was crossing the street in his motorized wheelchair, in the crosswalk on a green light and a walk signal.

Investigators collected video surveillance in the area that showed the collision. At first, Jackson denied using her phone while driving but later admitted holding her phone as she drove. When officers opened her phone immediately after the collision,

the game Solitaire Dash was open on the screen.

Moodie was thrown out of his wheelchair onto the hood and windshield of Jackson’s car, and then launched 57 feet forward onto the street. He was severely injured as a result and was transferred to Enloe Hospital. He succumbed to his injuries on Aug. 14, 2024.

As a result of his death, Jackson was arrested and charged with felony vehicular manslaughter two weeks later.

Jackson was arraigned and then released on her own recognition by a judge, with the conditions that she does not consume marijuana and not drive.

This past February, she was found to be driving, and upon a drug test, was found to be consuming marijuana. She was placed into custody at that time.

Jackson will next be in court on April 16, after press time, for the setting of her jury trial date. She faces up to six years in prison if convicted. ★

Man Held Without Bail After Third Violent Assault

Butte County District Attorney News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Palermo man has been charged in connection with a violent stabbing in Palermo that occurred earlier this week, his third felony assault case in just over a year.

Timothy Bahadar, 36, was in court April 10 for charges brought by the District Attorney for assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily injury and committing a felony, while released on bail for two other felony assaults.

The current charges stem from an incident on April 7 when Butte County Sheriff’s deputies

responded to a report of a fight at a residence on Occidental Avenue in Palermo.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that according to witness statements, Bahadar started an argument with a visitor to the residence, a 31-year-old male. The male left the residence, followed by Bahadar. When outside, according to the Butte County District Office, a neighbor and a surveillance camera witnessed Bahadar stab the male.

The stabbing victim described an unprovoked attack after he had disengaged from a verbal argument with Bahadar inside the residence. The victim told

deputies that Bahadar stabbed him once in his right-side rib area with an eight-inch knife. The knife damaged the victim’s liver and a kidney artery. He was transported to a local hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery and is recovering.

Ramsey said that Bahadar was out on bail on two separate pending felony cases at the time of his latest crime.

The first pending case stems from a March 2024 incident at a tobacco store in Oroville, where Bahadar allegedly initiated an unprovoked assault upon a 38-year-old customer that escalated into a violent melee. This

resulted in Bahadar allegedly stabbing the customer in the neck with a knife.

Both Bahadar and the customer were taken to a local hospital and treated for injuries. Bahadar was arrested and taken to the Butte County Jail. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily injury but was released from jail when he posted a \$75,000 bail bond. He has been going through pre-trial court hearings since.

The second case involved a domestic violence incident in July 2024. Bahadar is accused in that case of punching and strangling the 16-year-old son of a girlfriend during a disturbance at her Gridley residence. The boy suffered a fractured jaw, a concussion and a subdural hematoma.

Bahadar was charged in that case with felony child abuse and battery with serious bodily injury, as well as committing a felony while on bail. He was arrested and booked at the Butte County Jail but was released after posting another bail bond of \$75,000.

Both of Bahadar’s cases were set to be heard by a jury on May 19.

On April 10, a Superior Court judge granted the district attorney’s motion to deny bail for Bahadar, finding his continued release would pose a threat to public safety. Bahadar’s next court appearance will be on April 16, after press time, when he will appear with his attorney.

If convicted of all charges, Bahadar faces 22 years in state prison. ★

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Will K Brumbaugh, 284 Rio Lindo Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: March 18, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2025
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: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2025
RUN4-18-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000221
The following person(s) are doing business as: Impact Speech Therapy, 60 Declaration Drive, Suite D, Chico, CA 95973
Impact Speech Therapy Inc, 60 Declaration Drive, Suite D, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: March 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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IMPACT4-18-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000187
The following person(s) are doing business as: Road Roaster Coffee, 3856 Cosby Avenue, Chico, CA 95928
TFD Family LLC, 3856 Cosby Avenue, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: March 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 2, 2025
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: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2025
ROAD4-18-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000206
The following person(s) are doing business as: Funes Enterprises LLC/Ocean Valley Hardscape

and Excavation, 13371 Hog Ranch Road, Oroville, CA 95965
Funes Enterprises LLC, 13371 Hog Ranch Road, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: March 12, 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: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025
FUNES4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000234
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bailey Septic and Excavation LLC, 14077 Wingate Circle, Magalia, CA 95954
Bailey Septic and Excavation LLC, 14077 Wingate Circle, Magalia, CA 95954
Date filed in Butte County: March 24, 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: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025
BAILEY4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000243
The following person(s) are doing business as: Kawaii Pop, 2163 4th Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Mallina Grey, 7390 Lincoln Boulevard, Unit 642, Palermo, CA 95968
Date filed in Butte County: March 26, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 24, 2025
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KAWAII4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000167
The following person(s) are doing business as: Novacare Rides, 2237 Stump Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Marvyn O Arabia, 2237 Stump Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County:

February 28, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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NOVA4-25-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000264
The following person(s) are doing business as: Magenta Mountain Garden Design, 842 Bald Rock Road, Beery Creek, CA 95916
Dylan M Gibson and Claire N Sagerdahl, 842 Bald Rock Road, Beery Creek, CA 95916
Date filed in Butte County: April 1, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 1, 2025
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. 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: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2025
MAGENTA5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000263
The following person(s) are doing business as: Prime Home Services, 87 Circle View Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Omar G Felix Leyva, 87 Circle View Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: April 1, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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PRIME5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000242
The following person(s) are doing business as: Mirlice Bookkeeping, 400 Mission Ranch Boulevard, Apt 63, Chico, CA 95926
Alice Maria De Lourdes Simbo, 400 Mission Ranch Boulevard, Apt 63, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: March 26, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 26, 2025
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MIRLICE5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000241
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bright Path Collective, 1235 Lincoln Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Xpression Transformational Living, 1235 Lincoln Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: March 25, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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BRIGHT5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000287
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rush Relief Restoration Services, 6885 Hemlock Street, Redding, CA 96001
Daniel D Lockwood, 6885 Hemlock Street, Redding, CA 96001
Date filed in Butte County: April 9, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 9, 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: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2025
RUSH5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000285
The following person(s) are doing business as: PK Solutions, 1574 Mountain View Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Peter J Kremer, 1574 Mountain View Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: April 7, 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

Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANDRES CAMPOS
CASE NO. 25PR00132
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Andres Campos.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Miguel Campos, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Miguel Campos be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Mindin J. Reid, 950 Tharp Road, Suite 701, Yuba City, CA 95993; (530) 674-9761
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CAMPOS4-25-25

Juvenile Truck Thief Admits Causing Truck Owner's Death

Butte County District Attorney News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A teenage boy was in Butte County Juvenile Court April 4 and admitted to the charges against him for causing the death of the Magalia owner of a truck that he stole from the man's driveway.

The now 17-year-old, who has been in Butte County Juvenile Hall since his crime in December 2024, admitted April 4 to his charges of auto theft and gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated as well as two other earlier vehicle thefts in Chico in April 2024.

The teenager will next appear in juvenile court for sentencing

on May 2, where a juvenile court judge will decide his punishment.

The following is the previous press release from Dec. 13, 2024:

A teenage boy was in Butte County Juvenile Court to hear the charges against him for causing the death of the Magalia owner of a truck he stole earlier that week.

The 16-year-old appeared in court in a wheelchair from injuries he sustained in the crash that he allegedly caused after he stole a truck from the owner's driveway and later crashed the truck with the owner in the bed of the truck.

The charges brought by the Butte County District Attorney included auto theft and gross vehicular manslaughter while

intoxicated. It is alleged that the teenager was driving the stolen vehicle out of a Magalia driveway on Crescent Drive at approximately 2 a.m. Dec. 9, 2024, when the owner, Robert Etta, 50, ran out from his home and jumped in the bed of his truck.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Etta then used his cell phone to call 911 and connected with the Butte County Sheriff's emergency dispatch center. Etta told dispatchers he had jumped in the bed of the truck as a suspect was stealing it and was still in the bed of the truck, afraid to stick his head out, as the suspect was driving "like a maniac" through an unknown area.

Dispatchers immediately

dispatched sheriff and CHP units to the area while at the same time attempting to pinpoint Etta's cell phone location on their computers as it moved in the Magalia area. Dispatchers remained on the line with Etta as he described the truck skidding and swerving at a high rate of speed. The call lasted approximately six minutes until dispatchers heard a vehicle collision.

Within minutes, sheriff's deputies located the collision site on Carnegie Road approximately three miles from Etta's home. The truck had crashed and flipped over on its side off the road.

At the site, deputies located Etta lying on the ground and unresponsive, as well as the

juvenile suspect, who was conscious but seriously injured and unable to walk. Deputies removed both from the immediate area as the truck caught fire.

Etta was later declared deceased by medical personnel who responded to the scene.

The 16-year-old juvenile suspect was transported to the Butte College area where he was then life-flighted to Enloe Hospital where he underwent surgery for a broken leg. He was released the following day and immediately booked into Butte County Juvenile Hall.

The juvenile suspect was ordered to be detained in the juvenile hall until further order of the court.

Man Arrested for Armed Robbery at Gas Station

By Shamaya Sutton

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A 32-year-old man from Gridley was arrested March 23, following a robbery at a gas station in

Benicia.

According to the Benicia Police Department, the suspect, identified as Thomas Wayne Cecil Cabrera, entered the gas station on March 23 and

grabbed a slushie before waiting for other customers to leave. He then allegedly demanded money from the cashier and forcibly broke open the register, stealing an undisclosed amount of

cash along with the drink.

Witnesses provided key details that allowed authorities to issue a Be on the Lookout alert (BOLO). Officers from Rocklin Police Department later

located and detained Cabrera near the 4000 block of Rocklin Road. Benicia officers responded to the scene and took him into custody.

Cabrera was booked into Solano County Jail on a charge of first-degree robbery (PC 211). No injuries

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Benicia Police expressed gratitude to the Rocklin Police Department for its assistance. More information on the arrest can be found online at benicia.citizenrims.com under the "Arrests" tab.

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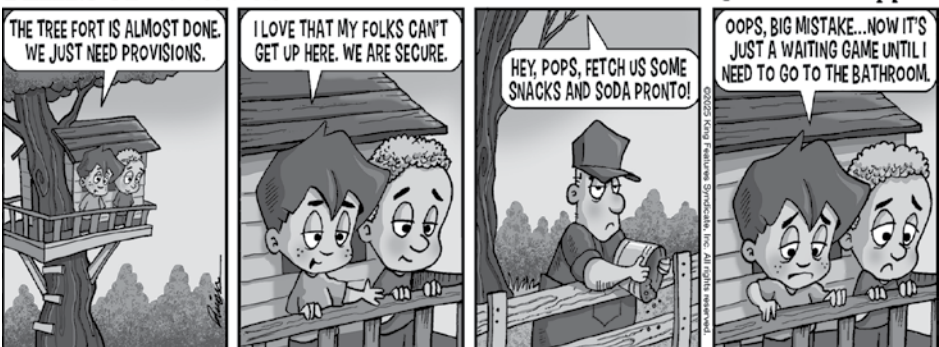
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Other States Do Housing Better Than California; A New Study Shows How They Do It



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Overwhelmingly Californians rate the intertwined issues of housing supply, living costs and homelessness as the state’s most pressing issues, as a recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California confirms.

The terrible trio, as one might term it, also draws constant verbal acknowledgement from the state’s politicians from Governor Gavin Newsom down, and he and legislators have enacted dozens, perhaps hundreds, of measures to address it.

Nevertheless, there’s little evidence that their efforts have had material impact. Either the three situations are beyond the capacity of politics to address, a distinct possibility, or the political efforts to date have not been vigorous enough.

Why, one must wonder, is California plagued while residents of other states enjoy lower housing and living costs and experience much lower rates of homelessness? Shouldn’t our political and civic leaders be examining what these other states are doing right, or are they so afflicted with self-righteous hubris that they cannot entertain such a thought?

A new and very detailed study of housing policies in the nation’s 250 largest metropolitan areas confirms that California is an outlier when it comes to increasing housing

supply and moderating its costs.

Titled “Build Homes, Expand Opportunity” the report is a product of the George W. Bush Institute at Southern Methodist University.

“America’s fastest-growing cities offer lessons on how America can address its housing affordability crisis,” the report declares. “Based on our analysis of the 250 largest metropolitan areas and a deep dive into 25 large metros in the Sun Belt and Mountain states, places scoring best for pro-growth housing and land-use policies are mostly large Sun Belt metros from the Carolinas through Texas to Utah.”

The metros doing the best job of meeting their housing demands, the report says, have policies that make it easy for developers to build. That includes allowing higher-density housing in “substantial fractions of every city,” reducing minimum lot sizes, allowing residential construction in commercial areas, reducing or eliminating parking requirements and embracing innovative technologies such as modular construction and three-dimensional (3D) printing.

In addition to adopting specific housing policies that spur development, the report continues, metros that are meeting demand also pursue complementary policies, such as having enough educational and medical services, allowing “fine-grained mixing of land uses and human activities in as many places as possible,” allowing “dynamic changes in land use rather than trying to freeze neighborhoods,” and providing amenities such as “walkability, revitalized live-work-play

downtowns” and “great parks and trails.”

So, one might ask, which metro areas are hitting all the right buttons and which are not, as determined in the study?

The 25 top pro-housing metros are all either in the Sun Belt, particularly Texas, California’s arch-rival, or in the mountain states such as Utah and Idaho. Number one is Charlotte, North Carolina. and number two is Austin, the Texas capital which is becoming a powerful competitor with California’s Silicon Valley.

Not surprisingly, California metros are heavily represented on the list of the nation’s 25 “most restrictive” metros. While Honolulu is the least accommodating, Oxnard is number two.

Nine of the 25 are in California. They include, in order after Oxnard, San Jose, San Diego, Riverside-San Bernardino, San Francisco, Sacramento, Bakersfield, Fresno and Stockton.

It would be tempting to dismiss the Bush Institute’s report as biased because it comes from Texas, but it contains a wealth of detail and explains how the data were evaluated.

A better response from California politicians would be to read the report and determine what more California could do to make the state housing friendly. The state’s current path on housing, other living costs and homelessness is going in the wrong direction.

Dan Walters is one of the 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. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The 2024/2025 regular season is in the books, but the outcome is still anyone’s guess.

Without question the past season will go down as one of the most discursive seasons of basketball the Sacramento Kings have ever experienced. For many fans the trading of DeAaron Fox midseason came as a shock and a gut punch. Few players have ever seen the meteoric hero worship that DeAaron and his family enjoyed over nearly eight NBA seasons.

Watching DeAaron get married, have a family that fans would come to love as Reece would sit courtside with the babies was heartwarming, and we all seemed to grow up with DeAaron as he and Reece made their home in Sacramento.

But the NBA is a business, and altruism is a fleeting commodity as it relates to owners and General Managers’s, so it’s time for Kings fans to muster the courage to say goodbye and welcome in the new.

This is the nature of the NBA, and other teams such as the Dallas Mavericks have recently gone through the same thing. Speaking of the Mavericks, they will be coming to town on Wednesday night, minus superstar Luka Doncic, who was inexplicably traded not long ago to the LA Lakers in exchange for big man Anthony Davis.

Nonetheless, as the Kings host the first game of the playin tournament in search of a playoff bid, the Mavericks will be no easy opponent. It’s a win or go home game for both teams, and I expect Golden One to be rocking on Wednesday night.

In recent weeks the Kings have witnessed the rise of newcomer Zach LaVine who is leading the NBA in 3-point percentage shooting, and after a tepid beginning with Sacramento, Zach has come on like the all-star he is.

Missing from the lineup will be spark plug Malik Monk who will likely miss the postseason with a calf injury, so coach Christie will have to look for answers elsewhere.

Coming off the bench with some regularity, Doug McDermott has added a spark, and even Isaac Jones sightings have been seen in recent games. These are good tidings for the Kings, as both players have the

ability to bring needed energy and scoring punch from a bench that has lacked that commodity for much of the season.

So, Kings fans, as we look back on the 2024/2025 season what surprises you? Was it the sudden departure of coach Mike Brown, the shock of trading the face of the franchise, or the frenetic nature of this roller coaster season that left the Sacramento squad 2 games below 500?

Many, and I count myself as one, saw the Kings improving on a 46-game win season from just a year ago, and I was convinced this team could surpass the 50-win mark. Sadly, this was not to be, but even with improbable changes fans were forced to accept in a head scratching year, our hometown boys find themselves with an opportunity to still earn a playoff berth.

Some say unlikely, but I say were you watching when the Kings defeated the Boston Celtics shorthanded at the Garden? They went on to defeat the Minnesota Timberwolves, Houston Rockets, Golden State Warriors, Chicago Bulls, Memphis Grizzlies, Cleveland Cavaliers, Detroit Pistons, and the Dallas Mavericks?

Why do I list these teams you ask? Because they are all in the NBA playoffs, and the Sactown ballers have demonstrated time and time again that they are capable of defeating the best teams the NBA has to offer.

By no means does this team have little chance to move into the playoffs, and although Wednesday night will test their mettle, look for the Kings to likely travel to San Francisco on Friday night for a rematch with archrival Golden State.

Yes, the hearts of King’s fans have been wounded, but we represent a resilient crowd, so proudly put on your jersey’s and let’s give the hometown team all the support we can muster!

Sunday’s win over the hapless Phoenix Suns was not the test they will face on Wednesday night but look for something special to happen.

Hope is ubiquitous, and so is our love for this team!

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Why Do People Have Allergies?

– Hailey, 11, Washington State

Dear Hailey,

Under my lab coat, I have a splendid fur coat. That can be a problem when I work with someone who's allergic to cats.

I asked my friend Ed Johnson about it. He teaches classes about the human body at Washington State University.

He told me that allergies happen when your immune system overreacts to a normal thing it perceives as a threat to your body. That thing can be pollen, dust, food, medicine, insect venom or something else. It can be bits of fur and shed skin called cat dander.

“The immune system evolved to protect the body,” Johnson said. “For allergies, it does that with mast cells, which are found throughout your body.”

Mast cells are a type of white blood cell. They’re made deep inside your bones. They hang out in your tissues. They make and store chemicals the body uses during allergic reactions.

Let’s say you’re allergic to cat dander and breathe some in while admiring my luxurious pelt. It goes up your nose and into your body. Your immune system immediately recognizes the dander shouldn’t be there. It starts cranking out proteins called antibodies—especially immunoglobulin E.

That protein is specific to whatever is causing the allergy—like cat dander. It sticks to the outside of the mast cells.

If another bit of dander comes by, the proteins stuck to the mast cell will grab the dander. That makes the mast cell dump out a

chemical called histamine.

Histamine makes lots of changes in your body. It adjusts your blood vessels and tissues so more immune cells can rush to the area. It makes a bunch of mucus. It tells the muscles in your airways, stomach and intestines to move so they can push out the dander.

That histamine dump is why you get allergy symptoms.

“It causes hives and swelling that’s due to excess fluid being in the tissues,” Johnson said. “It causes an increase in mucus and stuff in the airways. It’s why you get sneezes and puffy eyes and all those symptoms. They’re just

a byproduct of the histamine released by the cells trying to protect your body.”

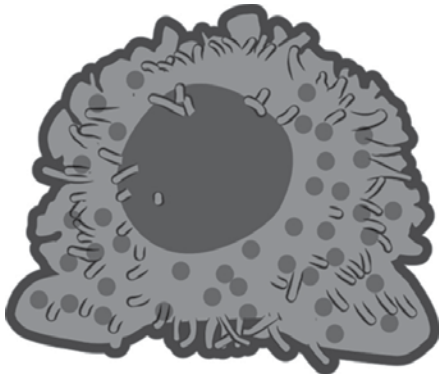
Sometimes people have a very serious allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. Their airways swell so much that it’s difficult to breathe. They have dangerous changes in their blood vessels. That’s an emergency that requires immediate medical help.

Scientists know how an allergic reaction works. But they aren’t sure why some people get an allergic reaction and other people don’t. They’re not sure why some people have serious allergies to normal stuff that can’t really hurt them—like cat dander. Or, in the case of cats, why some are allergic to dander from dogs or humans.

That hista-means it’s a science question ready to be studied by a curious person like you.

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This is a drawing of a mast cell. It makes chemicals like histamine and stores them in little sacks called granules (shown here as dots). A mast cell can release those sacks of histamine and other chemicals. NIH NIAID

First Earth Day Block Party Offered Family Fun

Story and photos
by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On April 12, Gridley City Councilmember Catalina Sanchez hosted Gridley’s inaugural Earth Day Block Party at the Magnolia Terrace cul-de-sac next to St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church. The official Earth Day is April 22.

There were about a dozen booths, including CAL FIRE (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection), Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (Mosquito Abatement), 530 Food Rescue and St. Timothy’s plant booth. In addition, there were mini yoga classes and a composting workshop.

Music and food were also part of the event.

Visitors could tour the St. Timothy’s Community Garden, where Gridley residents can have their own gardening patch as the gate is always open. Free compost is available and the community garden accepts compostable items such as food scraps for the public for this purpose.

The CAL FIRE booth



.Timothy’s Episcopal Church Community Garden is free to the public.

had free stickers, erasers, pencils and coloring books for the youth.

Coloring books, a cloth bag and other free items were at the Mosquito Abatement booth. A large display of mounted insects there fascinated visitors. Vector ecologist Ryan Rothenwander was there to raise awareness of the need for mosquito control.

Jason Mandly of Butte County Air Quality

Management District spoke about the program that swaps out wood-burning stoves for newer, cleaner wood stoves, gas or electric options. About 700 stoves have been swapped out in the county during the last 10 years. A similar program exists for swapping out old farm equipment, such as tractors, sweepers, shakers and harvesters for newer equipment that uses Tier

4 Diesel or electric models. Tier 4 Diesel is much cleaner than the old diesel, according to Mandly.

In conjunction with other food banks, 530 Food Rescue collects edible food left over from businesses that would otherwise be thrown away. The food is then distributed to those in need. According to director Sheila McQuaid, the organization has rescued more than 550,000 pounds of



Young gardener Olive Kinnick shows the plants that she and her father bought at the block party.

food in three years.

For the composting workshop, a microscope was set up by soil ecologist Janelle Luke, showing the living organisms that make compost superior to potting soil.

“One of the most important things about compost is all of the things that live in it, such as amoebas, nematodes, etc. Bagged soils don’t have anything living in them,” Luke said.

According to Luke, California legislation passed in 2016 requires that all organic waste be kept out of the landfills. Although Gridley received a waiver because of low population, Luke pointed out, it will probably be part of the mandate at some point.

The Earth Day Block Party raised community awareness on a variety of environmental issues. ★



Soil ecologist Janelle Luke shows living organisms in compost under the microscope.



Director Sheila McQuaid and Brooke Berezna, representing 530 Food Rescue, had a booth at Gridley’s inaugural Earth Day Block Party.



Vector ecologist Ryan Rothenwander is with the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District insect collection.

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