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Everybody Loves Red Suspenders Day



The final fire truck in the parade sprays the eager children. Photo by Connie Voss

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - It was a perfect day for the annual Red Suspender's Day celebration, and it was very well attended. Festivities kicked off at 7 a.m. May 17 with the pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Gridley Lions Club.

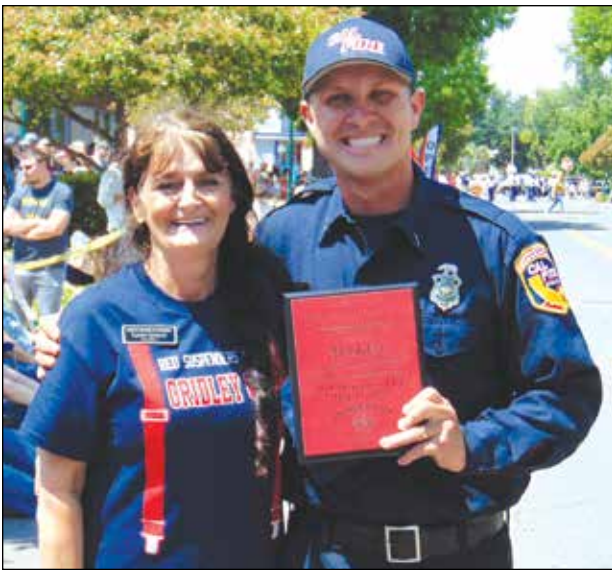
Next on the agenda was the Bed Race event at 9:30 a.m. Little League teams from all around town enthusiastically participated. Many heats were run, with two beds at a time. Ultimately, the girls' team, the Gators, won on a technicality; the boys' team member on the bed did not remain lying down.

Gator's coach Daniel Inguanzo praised the team.

"We had a great season. Our girls worked very hard. In the entire race, it was them making the decisions, them choosing who to pick. That's really great because they understand leadership and teamwork, and that's what we're striving for," said Inguanzo.

Treyson Wakefield of the McDonald's team expressed how much fun it was, even though his team didn't win. Robert McDowell of the Mariners team related some of the technical difficulties they had with their bed.

Since the parade didn't start until 11 a.m., visitors had time to shop among the 105 vendors present for the event. Etched glass, needlework, plants



Gridley Firefighter of the Year Alex Klein is with Gridley Chamber of Commerce President Lynne Spencer. Photo by Connie Voss

and informational booths for local agencies were some offerings available at Daddow and Rotary Parks.

Lance and Wanda Swift of Blue Rooster Gifts and Glass came from Grimes

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County Has at Least Three Memorial Day Ceremonies

By MPG Staff

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - There are at least three public Memorial Day celebrations in Butte County on Memorial Day, which is Monday, May 26, for residents to attend in Gridley and Chico.

There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony held in recognition of the nation's fallen servicemen and women as well as for those still serving by the Gridley-Biggs Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee. The event will feature guest speaker Colonel Glen Brady, retired from the United States Air Force after 26 years of distinguished service. The ceremony will conclude with a fighter jet flyover by pilots from the Ninth Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base.

The Community Memorial Day Ceremony will be at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District, 2023 Highway 99, Gridley, from 10 to 11 a.m. May 26. For more information, contact Cliff Wagner at 530-321-1388.

In Chico, area residents can gather at the Chico Cemetery to join its Memorial Day event at 10 a.m. May 26 to remember and honor fallen service members and veterans. The event will commence with an aircraft flyover at the cemetery, followed by a full presentation with laying of the wreaths, a live band, speeches and presentation of the colors.

Chico Cemetery representatives advise families of veterans who are not buried in the veterans' sections that the cemetery staff will not place small flags and crosses on those spaces, due to staffing shortages this year. However, flags will be available at the office for anyone who would like to put the flags on their loved one's spaces. Chico Cemetery is at 881 Mangrove Ave., Chico.

A shorter, follow-up ceremony will be held at Glen Oaks Memorial Park at 2 p.m. May 26 with speeches, bag pipers, snow cone truck and the playing of "Taps." The park is at 11115 Midway, Chico. For more information, visit facebook.com/share/16T-MJdZhWB/.

High Hopes and Big Swings

Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers Kick Off Spring Training at Bryant Field

Story and photos
by Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Spirits were high and energy electric as all 34 prospects for the Marysville-based High Wheelers gathered in the dug-out at Bryant Field on May 12 for the first full-squad workout of the season.

For fans, it was a preview of the most competitive baseball to ever step foot in Marysville.

For the players? It's eight days to make the cut.

"You can sort of look at it as an extended tryout," said head coach Billy Horton. "They've got a week to show us what they've got. If for some reason someone doesn't make it, we might still call them back later down the road."

By the end of spring training, eight players will be cut, narrowing the roster to 26. Many are returning faces but about a third are new. And they're hungry.

The High Wheelers are the latest team to take over Marysville's iconic Bryant Field, following in the cleats of both the Gold Sox and the Drakes. But this isn't your average summer ball. According to Vice-President and General Manager Erik Gardner, it's the highest level of talent that the region has ever seen.

"Basically, what happened during COVID is there were 40 rounds

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Team owner Lon Hatamiya (left) shakes hands with outfielder Gio Brusa (No. 19) of Lodi during the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers' first official spring training session at Bryant Field on May 12. Brusa is one of several high-level athletes joining the roster this season.



The freshly prepped infield and outfield of Bryant Field in Marysville is ready for action as the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers prepare for their 2025 season. The field improvements aim to support night games and enhance the player and fan experience.

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Orchard Hospital Updates Swing Bed Program

**Story and photos by
Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Orchard Hospital staff showed off the newly renovated East wing on May 13.

The remodeling took six months to a year, according to Orchard Hospital employees Alyssa Hall and Gloria Vasquez. However, renovation efforts to the entire hospital are ongoing.

"They had to get it all up to code," Hall said.

Guests were treated to sandwiches and drinks and then toured the refurbished Physical, Occupational and Recreational Therapy rooms.

The Physical Therapy room is a mini gymnasium with exercise equipment. Physical therapists are on-site 15 hours a day, seven days a week. All 24 patients are seen daily for personalized care.

In the Occupational Therapy or Life Skills room, patients learn/relearn cooking, eating, laundering and personal care strategies. Patients who have had a stroke and suffer from mobility



Patient and centenarian Mary Ann Boeger enjoys her time in the Activity room at Orchard Hospital.



Here are Orchard Hospital Swing Bed Program employees Alyssa Hall and Gloria Vasquez.

issues need this therapy, for example.

A full-time occupational therapist will be hired to be available every day. Renovation of this room took two to three months.

Recreational therapy takes place in the activity room, where there are puzzles, books, yarn for knitting, paint and paper, magazines and a popcorn machine.

All the rooms function as part of the Swing Bed

Program that provides rehabilitation following surgery, illness or injury. The hospital-based program goal is to help patients safely return to their homes or residential facilities through skilled nursing care and therapies.

The hospital has had the Swing Bed Program since opening in 1949 but for the first time, most of the bedrooms are now single occupancy for patient privacy.

"Most skilled nursing facilities have two, sometimes three patients to a room," said Hall. "Those facilities usually have 70 to 100 beds but we have only 24 patients, so we have the capability of single rooms. It's an acute transitional rehabilitation that is short-term. They come here for wound care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, intravenous antibiotics, comfort care or if they need education on their

tube feed. We do all that here and then they usually go home. If they can't go home, then Vasquez works with the family to do placement for long-term care. We have a doctor here 24/7. Larger facilities have a doctor come once a month and a nurse practitioner who comes once a week."

The length of time for individual treatment depends on the patient's insurance since every

insurance is different, Vasquez said, but usually is a maximum of 100 days.

During the tour, the Gridley Herald met up with patient Mary Ann Boeger, who just recently turned 100 years old. Boeger appeared very spry and was enjoying a jigsaw puzzle with activity coordinator Briana.

"We need to get the word out to people about the changes to the hospital. There's so much to offer here. I'm just so proud of the people that make the innovations. They made such a good use of space. I love the décor. I like Orchard Hospital," Boeger proclaimed.

Born and raised in South Dakota, Boeger came to Gridley at the urging of her brother during World War II. She got a job, met her husband and has lived here ever since.

"I've had a wonderful life out here," Boeger said. When asked what the secret is to living so long, Boeger replied, "Christian faith, liking people and having young friends. Age is just a number." ★



Swing Bed Program physical therapists Jim Bettencourt and Delaney Springer highlight the equipment in the new Physical Therapy room at Orchard Hospital.



The newly refurbished Occupational Therapy room at Orchard Hospital helps patients practice life skills before returning to their homes.

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for their third year.
“I quit my job to do this. We do this every weekend, all the way from Stockton to McCloud,” said Wanda Swift.

An enterprising young man, Dwight Cooper, was selling his bubble wands to shoppers, making his way on foot around the crowds.
All 46 classic cars for the car show were exhibited along Kentucky Street for public viewing. The car that drove the farthest to participate came from Yreka.

Duane Naylor from Biggs brought a 1926 Tall T Rat Rod, built by his son, Brayden, who was unable to attend.
“He built the frame. I think he built the car in seven months. He welds



The Bed Races did not disappoint. Photo by Connie Voss

and fabricates. I showed him how to build the first one and then he wanted to build this one on his own. This is what he came up with,” said Naylor. “The only thing I did on this

was help with the roof. A Rat Rod is basically just whatever parts you get, you put together. This part is Model T; that’s a Model A, and the engine is from a boat. I got him started

on building them and now he’s addicted to it.”
The Naylor’s apparently did a good job, their vehicle won Best Rat Rod. Other winners included Best Engine, Wes Boone; Best Truck, Jack Hogan; Best Hot Rod, James Lemere; Best Interior, Randy Lavelock; Best



Dwight Cooper sells his bubble wands to Red Suspenders Day attendees. Photo by Connie Voss

Paint, Darrel Parsley; Best Motorcycle, Lance Andersen; People’s Choice and Best of Show went to Randy Lavelock for his 1951 Cadillac.
The parade got off to a great start with a police motorcade and color guard. Gerardo Negrete from Gridley High School sang the National Anthem. ★



Here is the triumphant girls’ Bed race team, the Gators. Photo by Connie Voss



Gridley firefighters are in the Battle of the Barrel. Photo by Connie Voss



Randy Lavelock’s winning car is a 1951 Cadillac. Photo by Connie Voss



Gerardo Negrete from Gridley High School sings the National Anthem. Photo by Connie Voss



The “Hijas de Maria” folklorico dancers won first-place in the parade. Photo by Lisa Van de Hey

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You should always be able to ask as many questions as you’d like when working with your financial advisor. So, before you have your annual review, think carefully about what you’d like to ask.

Here are a few suggestions:

- *Are my goals still realistic?* When you first began working with your financial advisor, you may well have articulated several financial goals. For example, you might have said that you wanted to pay for most of your children’s college education, or that you’d like to retire at age 55, or that you hope to travel internationally every year during retirement. In fact, you could have many different goals for which you’re saving and investing. When you meet with your financial advisor, you’ll certainly want to ask whether you’re still on track toward meeting these goals. If you are, you can continue with the financial strategies you’ve been following; but if you aren’t, you may need to adjust them. The same is true if your goals have changed. You and your financial advisor will want to build a strategy to address any new or different goals such as emergency cash needs, having adequate insurance protection or estate planning.
- *Am I taking on too much — or too little — risk?* Put market declines in perspective. The financial markets always fluctuate, and these movements will affect the value of your investment portfolio. Suppose you watch the markets closely every day and track their impact on your investments. You may find yourself fretting over their value and wondering whether you’re taking on too much investment risk for your comfort level. Conversely, if during an extended period of market gains your own portfolio appears to be lagging,

you might feel that you should be investing more aggressively, which entails greater risk. In any case, it’s important to consult with your financial advisor to determine your risk tolerance and use it as a guideline for making investment choices.

- *How will changes in my life affect my investment strategy?* Your life is not static. Over the years, you may experience any number of major events, such as marriage, remarriage, loss of a spouse, birth of children or grandchildren, changing jobs or illness leading to early retirement. When you meet with your financial advisor, you will want to discuss these types of changes, because they can affect your long-term goals and your investment decisions.
- *How are external forces affecting my investment portfolio?* Generally speaking, you will want to create an investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And, as mentioned, you may need to adjust your strategy based on changes in your life. But should you also make changes based on outside forces, such as interest rate movements, political events, inflation, new tax legislation or news affecting industries in which you have invested substantially? Try not to make long-term investment decisions based on short-term news. Yet, talk with your financial advisor to make sure your investment portfolio and spending strategy are not out of alignment with relevant external factors.

By making these and other inquiries, you can help yourself stay informed about your overall investment picture and what moves, if any, you should make to keep advancing toward your goals. A financial advisor is there to provide you with valuable guidance — so take full advantage of it.

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Children’s Hope Shines Light on Foster Care Awareness Month

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Children’s Hope Family Agency News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - May is National Foster Care Awareness Month, an opportunity to recognize the thousands of children and youth who need safe, supportive homes and the everyday heroes who step up to offer them.

For Children’s Hope, a foster family agency proudly serving 18 Northern California counties, the mission has always been clear: create brighter futures, one individual at a time.

More than 60,000 children are in foster care

across California. The need for safe, loving homes, especially for sibling groups, teens and children with higher-level needs, is more urgent than ever.

“You can count the number of seeds in a single apple but you can’t count the number of apples in a single seed,” said Chief Executive Officer Benjamin E. Payne.

Children’s Hope offers a wide range of programs beyond placement, providing support services. These services include Transitional Housing Programs, counseling, enrichment funding for

activities such as music and sports, transportation to family visits, family visitation rooms and trauma-informed behavioral support through the Intensive Services Foster Care program.

Every resource is designed to empower both the child and the family. This month, Children’s Hope invites the community to learn more about becoming a resource parent, donating or supporting ongoing outreach efforts.

To learn more about becoming a resource parent or to donate, visit childrenshopeffa.org or call 530-846-4955. ★

Bulldog Softball Clinch Bye in Thriller

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs softball team held strong and performed in an important game against the Orland Trojans.

On Tuesday, May 13 the Bulldogs hosted the Orland Trojans in a game that had huge play-off implications. The Bulldogs started fast and scored three runs in the first inning putting pressure on the Trojans. That score of 3-0 would

hold as the pitching and defense from both teams played strong. That was until the fifth inning when the Trojans scored three runs and tied the game at 3-3. The Bulldogs would respond quickly and add two more runs and take the lead once again.

The Trojans would score one run in each of the remaining innings and tie the game at 5-5 when the Bulldogs went up to bat for the final time in regulation. The Bulldogs would end the game with

two runs batted in and finish the game with a final score of 7-5. Sophomore Kaydenze Pruitt led the Bulldogs with three runs, three hits, and four RBI’s (runs batted in).

That win gave the Bulldogs the second seed in the D3 Softball Super Regional playoffs and secured a first-round play-off bye. The Bulldogs will face the Orland Trojans again on Tuesday, May 20, after press time, at home in their second-round playoff game. ★

Late Surge Lifts Lassen Over Gridley

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs baseball team lost in their second-round matchup against the Lassen Grizzlies.

The Lassen Grizzlies traveled to Gridley on Friday, May 16 for their playoff matchup. After a 1-0 start for the Grizzlies, pitchers Tanner Abbott (Gridley), and Tony Carvalho (Lassen) produced a strong showing of pitching and when a ball was hit, the strong defenses from both teams held.

The 1-0 Lassen lead held until the bottom of the sixth inning when senior Luis Murillo scored after being batted in by senior Gus Stogsdill. That run tied the game 1-1 setting up a tense seventh inning. As the Bulldogs took the field, junior Eli Punzo looked to close the game for the Bulldogs as he took over pitching duties. This change would prove to be costly for the Bulldogs, as the Grizzlies scored 4 runs and pushed the score to 5-1 forcing the Bulldogs to need to summon up some offense

that had been missing up to that point. That offense would not be found and the Bulldogs would lose the game 5-1 as the Grizzlies celebrated their advancement in the playoffs.

Although the Bulldogs lost, their season is not over. The Bulldogs will face the West Valley Eagles in West Valley on Tuesday, May 20, after press time. If the Bulldogs win, they will face the loser of Lassen vs Yreka with a chance to advance to the division championship game. ★



MEMORIAL

BETTY JENSEN BARROW • 04/16/1925 - 05/16/2025

Betty Jensen Barrow, age 100 years old and one month exactly, left this life on May 16, 2025. She was born on April 15, 1925, to Willis Clifford and Eulalia Hyde Jensen. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Omer, two older sisters, Marvis Fife and Donna Stoddard, one younger sister, JeriAnn Gunnel, as well as an infant brother, Jack. Betty married Omer Nielson Barrow on April 10, 1950, in the Salt Lake City Temple. Together, they lived in Gridley, California until Omer’s passing in 1995. Here, they had a family of five children: Bradley, Tawnia, Valerie, Lynette, and Mathew. Betty’s family was the joy of her life, and she built a loving relationship with each one of them.

Betty was born in Salt Lake City, UT and lived in Metropolis, NV, for 12 years, having many fond childhood memories and being surrounded by family and friends. Her father was a schoolteacher there. She was a good student and skipped 8th grade when she moved to California and began high school in Gridley.

During WWII, Betty spent time in San Francisco, living with her sister, Donna, doing clerical work. This was an exciting part of her life, and she has many fond memories of this time. In later years she used her clerical talent by keeping books for Brad’s and Dale’s, companies into her late 80’s, keeping

her mind sharp.

Betty served a mission to Alberta, Canada for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She continued throughout her life to serve in many leadership positions in the church and community. She had a firm testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In her later years, Betty enjoyed traveling occasionally with family. She was an avid reader and had an extensive library of favorite books. She loved music as well and often had the stereo playing. She loved to sew, knit, crochet, and quilt. Her skill with a needle is legendary, and most of her great grandchildren have a beloved lap quilt of her making, given to them at the Bear Lake Reunion. She knitted afghans and sweaters for anyone who asked. She sewed aprons for family and friends. The last few years Betty hurried to finish beautiful Christmas socks for many members of the family. Betty also had a great love for her garden, particularly the beautiful roses and peonies along the driveway.

She was a wonderful wife and mother, making good meals, caring for the home and children. She made bread and canned during the season, and of course, cookies. Betty survived Typhoid Fever, Open Heart Surgery, Breast Cancer and Melanoma. She recently enjoyed celebrating her 100th birthday in Utah and Gridley where she visited with many loved ones.

Betty was playful and made it a point to be happy and optimistic. She lived in Legacy Assisted Living in Utah for one and a half years and made some wonderful friendships.

Playing cards was one of her favorite pastimes. In fact, Betty walked to the playing table on her last night and enjoyed a game of cards with some of her children, before quietly passing from this life in the morning.

At her passing, many residents and people working at Legacy said that Betty was a wonderful addition to their community. They said, “she was the light of the assisted living home; she was special; she was a loved friend, and they had a difficult time saying goodbye.”

She was dearly loved and will be missed.

Betty was predeceased by her husband Omer Nielson Barrow. She is survived by her sons, Bradley Jensen Barrow (spouse Sharon), Mathew Omer Barrow, (spouse Michelle), and daughters Tawnia Singleton (spouse Larry), Valerie Butterfield (spouse Gordon), and Lynette (spouse Dale), 22 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren, with more to come.

The funeral will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 400 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA, on May 29th at 10 a.m. Interment of the body will be at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District.

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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. Call 530-552-5652 for more information.

Tuesday, May 20 through Saturday, May 31: All Butte County Library branches will be taking a break from regular programming to prepare for summer reading. Thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Saturday, May 24: All branches closed for Memorial Day holiday.

Thursday, May 22 through Monday, May 26

Silver Dollar Fair at the Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair St., Chico. Kick off summer with our carnival, pony rides, fair food, pig races and live entertainment. Tickets and full schedule information at <https://www.silverdollarfair.org/p/tickets>

Friday, May 23

“Light the Night” bike party event, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Live Oak. Let’s encourage more people to give biking a try and highlight its benefits for individuals and our community. Meet up at the Live Oak Skate Park parking lot, 10200 O St. Light up the ride with lights on bikes and bring your music and friends.

Friday, May 23 and 30

Spring Concerts in the Park, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 50 Montgomery St., Oroville. Presented by Feather River Recreation & Park District and sponsored by Explore Butte CA. In addition to incredible music, you can explore a variety of local vendors offering delicious food, refreshing beverages, and unique items. More information at <https://www.frrpd.com/>

Upcoming – June:

Saturday, June 7

Preserving Food with Friends, 10 a.m. to noon at the Garden at St. Timothy’s, 410 Jackson St. This month we’ll be working on pickles. For more information, contact preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com

Wednesday, June 18

Water fight with the Sheriffs, 11 a.m. to noon at Pool Park, 9955 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak.

Thursday, June 19

Butte County Farm Bureau’s 2025

Summer BBQ at the Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St., Gridley. No-host social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. This fundraiser includes a raffle, silent auction and live auction, dinner, dessert and bounce house for the kids. Tickets and more information at <https://www.buttefarmbureau.com/>

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

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

Biggs City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled for May 27 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

Downtown Chico holds a night market every Thursday night through September 25, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Broadway. The market offers a vibrant blend of farm-fresh produce, unique artisan crafts, and live entertainment, all set in a lively community atmosphere. Presented by the Downtown Chico Business Association. Call 530-345-6500 for more information.

Gridley City Council meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. 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: <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council> The next meeting will be Monday, June 2.

Gridley Senior Group Breakfast every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. 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 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 28. Call 530-846-4721 for more information.

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 June 4.

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. ★

Newsom Blames California’s Worsening State Budget Outlook on Trump’s Tariffs



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

As Governor Gavin Newsom unveiled a revised 2025 to 2026 budget on May 14, he blamed a “Trump slump” from President Donald Trump’s tariffs and other economic moves as the major factor in increasing the state’s deficit by another \$12 billion.

“California is under assault,” Newsom told reporters at a budget briefing, declaring that Trump’s actions had created “a climate of deep uncertainty.”

The initial budget Newsom proposed in January already had at least an \$11 billion gap between income and outgo that he filled with reserves, loans, deferrals, raids on special funds and accounting maneuvers.

State tax receipts were running ahead of expectations during the early part of the year, but after Trump imposed tariffs on imported goods, saying it would spur domestic production, Newsom and his budget staff revised revenue estimates downward, particularly personal income taxes.

“Washington’s imposition of tariffs has driven a downgrade in both the economic and revenue forecasts,” the revised budget declares. “Combined with increased expenditure growth above the governor’s (January) budget, most notably in Medi-Cal, the state must now close an estimated shortfall of \$12

billion to balance the budget and provide for a prudent discretionary reserve. This will require difficult but necessary decisions to reduce ongoing expenditure growth to maintain budget resilience and stability for critical state programs.”

The revised budget maintains overall spending at virtually the same level of the January version, \$322 billion, but drops general fund expenditures by \$2 billion to \$226 billion.

As noted, the state also experienced a multibillion-dollar spike in costs for Medi-Cal, the state’s health care system for the poor, which contributed to the \$12 billion deficit estimate. Newsom proposed a series of maneuvers to close the new deficit, primarily reductions in Medi-Cal, including a freeze on adult enrollments and \$100 per month premiums for Medi-Cal enrollees.

By singling out Medi-Cal as a major driver of state spending and urging reductions, Newsom was doing a 180-degree political pirouette from a year ago, when he was boasting about achieving nearly 100% medical care coverage for Californians with the addition of thousands of undocumented immigrants to the programs rolls.

The latest expansion of California’s chronic budget gap, what fiscal experts deem a “structural deficit,” makes it virtually certain that Newsom’s governorship will end 19 months hence with the state’s finances still unbalanced. The governor’s own budget staff and the Legislature’s nonpartisan budget advisor, Gabe Petek, have both projected multibillion-dollar deficits well into the future. It doesn’t appear

that a sudden economic boom will provide fiscal salvation.

The revised budget projects that California’s economy faces a sluggish future, with little overall job growth and unemployment rates, which are now among the nation’s highest, virtually unchanged. Accordingly, state revenues are projected to increase slowly.

The forecasts don’t assume that the national economy will drift into recession, as some economists are predicting due to Trump’s tariffs. If one occurred, it would depress revenues even more.

The budget also does not assess the potential reductions in federal aid to states, particularly in health care, that Trump and Republicans in Congress have proposed. Medi-Cal and other social and medical programs are targets in both Washington and Sacramento because they are among the largest items in both federal and state budgets.

As services are trimmed to close budget gaps, advocates for the poor, public employee labor unions and progressive groups are increasing pressure for tax increases to balance the state’s books.

Newsom has resisted those calls, but if the projected multi-year deficits become reality, the tax increase drumbeat will grow louder. He can and probably will continue to shun tax increases but if he does, the pressure will hit his successor, whoever that is, immediately upon inauguration.

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. ★

Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings



Butte College SBDC is a flagship program providing technical assistance throughout Butte, Glenn, Tehama, & Colusa Counties with free one-on-one business consulting and low to no fee trainings in all areas of business startup, development, management, growth & access to capital.

Understanding Food Costs and Pricing (Colusa)

This is a 2-hour workshop on understanding food costs and pricing. This training is for both existing and startup restaurants and food businesses. Topics include: Understanding profit and loss statements; Industry benchmarks for food costs; How to work from a budget; Industry techniques for calculating plate costs; How to price profitability; and best practice for managing inventory.

Date/Time: Monday, June 2, 2025; 2:00pm – 4:00pm

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

New Venture Series for New and Startup Businesses (Chico)

A 4-week series providing essential information to individuals thinking about starting a business and new business owners. Topics include: Legal Requirements, Market Analysis, Cost Analysis, Funding Your Business, and Overview of the Business Plan - bringing it all together. Learn the legal requirements for starting your business, how to assess your market and plan for direction, how to obtain funding, types of funding available, calculate start-up costs & complete your business plan.

Date/Time: Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2025; 8:30am – 10:30am

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

Delivering Outstanding Customer Service in a Retail Business (Oroville)

Excellent Customer Service is critical for increasing sales and profit, employee and customer retention, and sustaining business success. Learning the nuances of customer service that result in outstanding customer experience is a strategy for success in any business. Learn tools to properly train team/ staff, improve customer’s experience, and create a pleasant environment for all. Include: Advantages of outstanding customer service (i.e., increase sales and profit, customer retention, theft reduction); Creating outstanding customer service (phone, in-person, virtual); Knowing customers’ wants and expectations and examples of modeling practices and behaviors (i.e., scripts feedback, reward) and more.

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 10, 2025; 9:00am – 11:00am

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

HR Essentials for CA Small Businesses: A Practical Guide to Compliance & Best Practices (Chico)

This workshop will guide you through California human resource fundamentals, hiring, compliance, & employee management. You will learn: Why human resource matters for your small businesses (legal compliance, avoid costly penalties, employee retention, reduce turnover, hiring & performance management); Key California Labor Laws (overtime rules, meal & rest breaks, At-Will employment); Employee Classification - AB 5 Law (Employee vs Independent Contractor); Hiring Laws and Best Practices (Ban-the-Box Law, Salary history ban, anti-discrimination, job posting requirements/SB 1162); Required New Hire Documents (IRS & California Tax Forms, employee notice, workers’ comp sexual harassment prevention training); Employee Benefits & Retention (affordable benefits for small businesses, retaining talent); Required Benefits in California (sick leave & time off requirements, retirement account); Employee Management & Compliance (performance management, final paycheck rules); Employee Terminating Process; HR Tools & Resources for Small Businesses.

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 17, 2025; 8:30am – 10:30am

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

ServSafe Food safety Training & Certification (Chico)

California Uniform Retail Food Facility Law requires re-certification of competence in Food Safety and Sanitation every 5 years. Passing the ServSafe® exam is necessary to renew your certification. Training includes National Restaurant Association ServSafe® Exam, Essentials book, Answer Sheet and Certificate. This training is recognized by the California Health Department and fulfills the State of California certification obligations. Learn the importance of food safety practices and how to implement them. The training is State certified. Participants must register and purchase books 3 weeks before training to allow for book delivery and self-study. Seating is limited. Prepayment reserves your seat.

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 24, 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

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



Ask DR. UNIVERSE

What is a Supernova?

– Grady, 7, Oklahoma

Dear Grady,

I was exploding with excitement to ask my friend Guy Worthey about supernovas. He’s an astronomer at Washington State University.

He told me a supernova is a very energetic explosion in space.

There are different kinds of supernovas. One kind—called a type II supernova—happens when a really big star dies.

“Why would a star bother to blow up?” Worthey said. “It seems dramatic. Human beings don’t blow up when they die.”

But humans don’t have cores that do nuclear fusion. Deep inside a star, protons and neutrons bang together and make new chemical elements. That nuclear fusion is why stars shine.

Our sun is a smaller star. It only fuses hydrogen and makes helium. When the hydrogen runs out, it’ll start fusing the helium. Someday—about five billion years in the future—the sun will run out of energy and start to die. But it’s not big enough to supernova.

To do that, a star needs to be at least eight times heavier than our sun. Those high-mass stars fuse all kinds of stuff in their cores—like carbon, neon, silicon and iron.

“They end up building this central part that’s full of ashes from all those fusion episodes,” Worthey said. “And that’s not stable. It collapses under its own weight, and then there’s kind of a bounce that comes out. That causes some more runaway fusion, and that propels this explosion.”

Inside the supernova, particles keep banging together. That makes heavy elements—like iron. The explosive power of a supernova throws elements out

into the universe. That’s how those elements ended up on planet Earth.

Without supernovas, we wouldn’t have oxygen in the air. We wouldn’t have iron in our bodies to transport that oxygen. We wouldn’t have most other

elements—like the silicon that powers the device you’re using to read this.

A supernova leaves behind a black hole or a neutron star. They both cram lots and lots of mass from the dead star into a super small space. That gives them tons of gravity. It’s why they’re so weird and interesting. Like how black holes are invisible because light can’t escape their gravity.

Or how one teaspoon of a

neutron star weighs as much as ten million cars.

Another kind of supernova is called type I. That happens when two stars orbit each other. One star may start siphoning the matter from its companion star—basically stealing its mass. Eventually, the star will lose so much that it collapses and explodes. A type I supernova can also happen when two stars collide.

These supernovas are more common and extra bright. Astronomers use their bright light like a ruler to measure distances in space.

But a supernova isn’t something astronomers see every day.

“Supernovas don’t happen that often,” Worthey said. “We’re kind of overdue for a supernova in our galaxy—which is exciting.”

Nobody knows which star will supernova next. It’s going to be an explosive surprise.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



This is the Crab Nebula. It’s what’s left over from a supernova that happened in 1054. Ancient astronomers in China and Japan wrote about seeing it. The blue glow in the middle is from the neutron star that formed after the supernova. Image: NASA/ESA



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Guy B Baldwin and Sharon L Casey, PO Box 547, Bangor, CA 95914

Date filed in Butte County: April 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 1988

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TOWANI 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000324
The following person(s) are doing business as: Jiffy Lube, 1218 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Guynn Inc, 4580 Garden Brook Drive, Chico, CA 95973

Date filed in Butte County: April 22, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 1, 1995

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JIFFY 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000270
The following person(s) are doing business as: Rancho Laguna, 534 Hurlerton Road, Oroville, CA 95966
Angelica Alencastro and Martin Alencastro, 534 Hurlerton Road, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: April 3, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2025

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RANCHO 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000327
The following person(s) are doing business as: JR Tax Services, 392 Connors Court, Suite B, Chico, CA 95926
Judith C Rodriguez, 7 Messenger Court, Chico, CA 95973

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JR 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000347
The following person(s) are doing business as: Baked Smashed and Fried, 1166

Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Peace Love and Potatoes, 1166 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: April 30, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 30, 2025

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BAKED 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000274
The following person(s) are doing business as: Unified Service Solutions, 2132 16th Street, Oroville, CA 95965

Atsoca Selasor LLC PO Box 722, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: April 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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UNIFIED 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000305
The following person(s) are doing business as: Best Yards, 3819 Grizzly Creek Road, Oroville, CA 95965
Michael S Englund, 3819 Grizzly Creek Road, Oroville, CA 95965

Date filed in Butte County: April 16, 2025. The Registrant com-

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BEST 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000296
The following person(s) are doing business as: Soul Metamorphosis, 5887 Bennett Road, Chico, CA 95973
Keri L Aschwanden, 5887 Bennett Road, Chico, CA 95973

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SOUL 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000353
The following person(s) are doing business as: Winters Bakery, 2250 Notre Dame Boulevard, Apt 4, Chico, CA 95928
Jesse D Winters, 2250 Notre Dame Boulevard, Apt 4, Chico, CA 95928

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WINTERS 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000350
The following person(s) are doing business as: Honeysuckle Farms, 4801 Vivian Lane, Forest Ranch, CA 95942
Honeysuckle Farms LLC, 4801 Vivian Lane, Forest Ranch, CA 95942

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HONEY 6-6-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000365
The following person(s) are doing business as: Plants and Produce, 5505 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969
John T Heinke, 5365 Clark Road, Paradise, CA 95969

Date filed in Butte County: May 7, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 7, 2025

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PLANTS 6-13-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000357
The following person(s) are doing business as: Synergy Studio, 4696 Foothill Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966
Adriana Long, 4696 Foothill Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966

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

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CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV01351

Petitioner Yvonne Jean DeRenard filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Yvonne Jean DeRenard to Yvonne Jean Felker.

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 June 11, 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 April 14, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court

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FELKER 5-23-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV01486

Petitioner Wendy Ann Thornton filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Wendy Ann Thornton to Julia Ann Ogonowski.

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 June 18, 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 April 18, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
JULIA 5-30-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV01517

Petitioner Martha Jane Martin filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Martha Jane Martin to Jane Martin.

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 June 4, 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 April 18, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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MARTIN 5-30-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV01388

Petitioner Herlinda Gonzales filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Herlinda Gonzales to Linda Gonzales.

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 June 11, 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 April 15, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court

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GONZALES 5-30-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
KEITH MOORE
AKA KEITH ROBERT MOORE
CASE NO. 25PR00176

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Keith Moore aka Keith Robert Moore.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Justin Quiggle, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Justin Quiggle 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: June 3, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. 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: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661

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MOORE 5-30-25



City of Biggs City Council NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday June 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Biggs City Council will conduct a public hearing at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs, California, to consider the following matter:

Approval of the Report of Delinquent Fees (Report) related to utility charges for collection on the property tax roll prepared by the Butte County Tax Collector.

A list of addresses potentially affected by this action is on file with the City Clerk.

The City Council shall make its determination upon each charge as described in the Report. Their final determination shall cause the Report to be filed with the County of Butte. The Tax Collector shall include said delinquent fees and charges for taxes levied against the respective lots and parcels of land.

Property owners and any other interested persons may contact Carrie Pahua, Billing and Collections, at 530-868-5493, or submit written comments to City Hall prior to 4 p.m. on June 24, 2025, or by emailing the City Clerk at cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov, or in person at the Public Hearing.

As a continued courtesy to the public, the meeting will be broadcast free via the internet - no comments will be allowed remotely. The zoom link to watch the meeting is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5308680100>.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Billings and Collections, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs at or prior to the close of the public hearing.

Roben Benish
City of Biggs City Clerk

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BUTTE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

2025-26 BUDGET AND LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN: INSPECTION AND HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the 2025-26 proposed budgets and Local Control and Accountability Plan for the following school districts in Butte County will be available for public inspection on the dates indicated below. Also shown are the dates, times, and locations for the public hearings on the 2025-26 proposed budgets and LCAP.

Biggs Unified School District

Public Inspection: June 6, 2025 to June 11, 2025
300 B Street Biggs, CA 95917

Public Hearing: June 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Biggs Unified School District
300 B Street, Biggs, CA 95917

Gridley Unified School District

Public Inspection: June 6, 2025 to June 10, 2025
429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Public Hearing: June 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Gridley Unified School District - Board Room
429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Manzanita Elementary School District

Public Inspection: June 20, 2025 to June 25, 2025
627 E. Evans Reimer Road, Gridley, CA 95948

Public Hearing: June 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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High Hopes and Big Swings

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in the Major League Baseball (MLB) draft and they shortened it to 20,” Gardner said. “So, these are guys that were like 23-30, right on the cusp of getting there. Last year alone, three of our players signed pro contracts.”

Team owner Lon Hatamiya agrees.

“We’re the defending champs but this is a new chapter,” said Hatamiya. “I don’t think Marysville’s ever had baseball this good. It’s a great opportunity for us and the community, that’s why we’re investing in this field, to keep these guys playing their best.”

That investment shows. Fresh fencing, new padding, and a state-of-the-art LED lighting system now line the park, opening the door for night games and cooler crowds. The digital scoreboard is expected to be installed by early next week, with the old scoreboard heading to Yuba College as a donation.

“We’ve put a lot of heart into getting this place ready,” Gardner said. “It’s go time.”

With the Oakland A’s relocating to Sacramento, the High Wheelers expect increased scout traffic in the stands. But for local fans, the focus is on access and fun. General admission is just \$8, and players will stick around after games for autographs and photos.

The action starts Friday, May 16, with a pre-season scrimmage. It won’t count on the books but it’ll be the first look at a loaded roster. The official



High Wheelers head coach Billy Horton stands in front of the dugout at Bryant Field in Marysville during the team’s first full practice of the season on May 12. Horton will lead the team through spring training as they finalize their 26-player roster.

home opener is May 20 against the Grand Junction Jackalopes, featuring a first pitch from local legend Jim Stassi. Expect hot dogs, cold drinks, merchandise and a top-hatted teddy bear mascot that embodies the “High Rollin High Wheelers.”

“Marysville is a great baseball town. There’s a lot of history here,” said media coordinator Nick Harsken. “This field is phenomenal, compared to what we had in Davis.

It’s really the perfect spot. If the community can get behind it, that’s really what we’re hoping for. I know we have a lot to prove but we’re excited.”

Players will live locally with host families throughout the season. The team still needs about 14 more beds. Interested fans can sign up to host at highwheelers.com/assets/HostFamilies.

For schedules, tickets and roster info, visit highwheelers.com. ★




The Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers kicked off spring training on May 12 with all 34 players present at Bryant Field in Marysville. About one-third of the roster is new to the team this season and there are still eight cuts to be made to the roster, whittling it down to 26.




High Wheelers prospects line the dugout fence at Bryant Field in Marysville during spring training on May 12.

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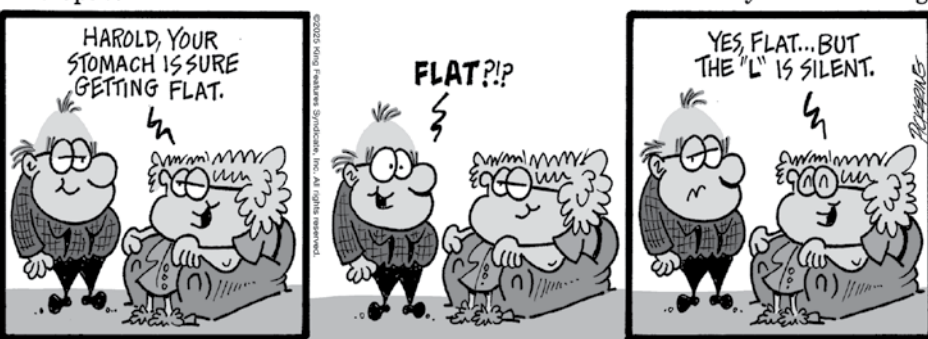
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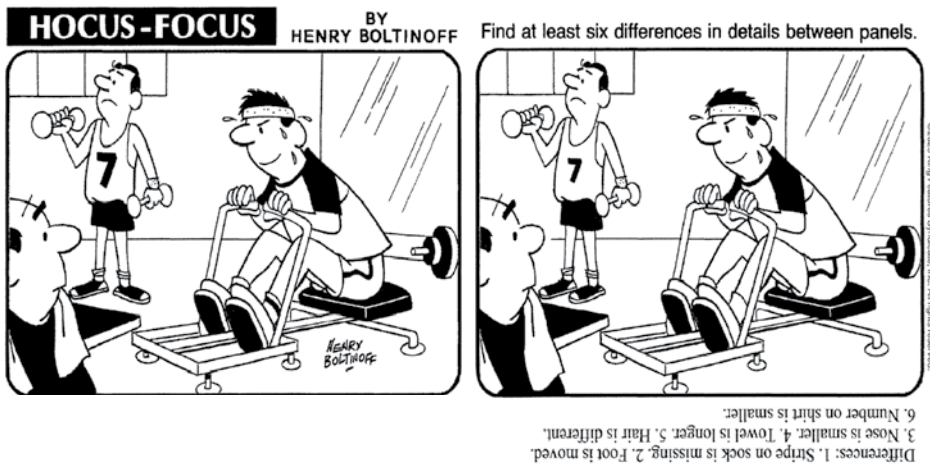
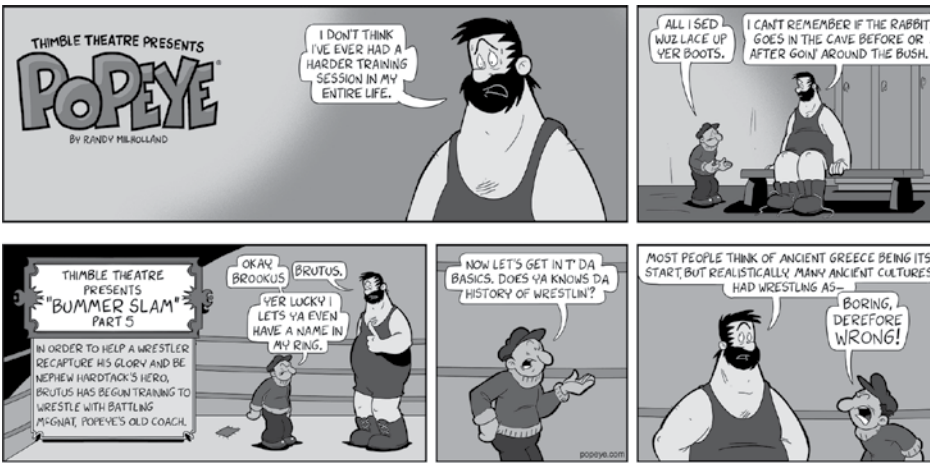
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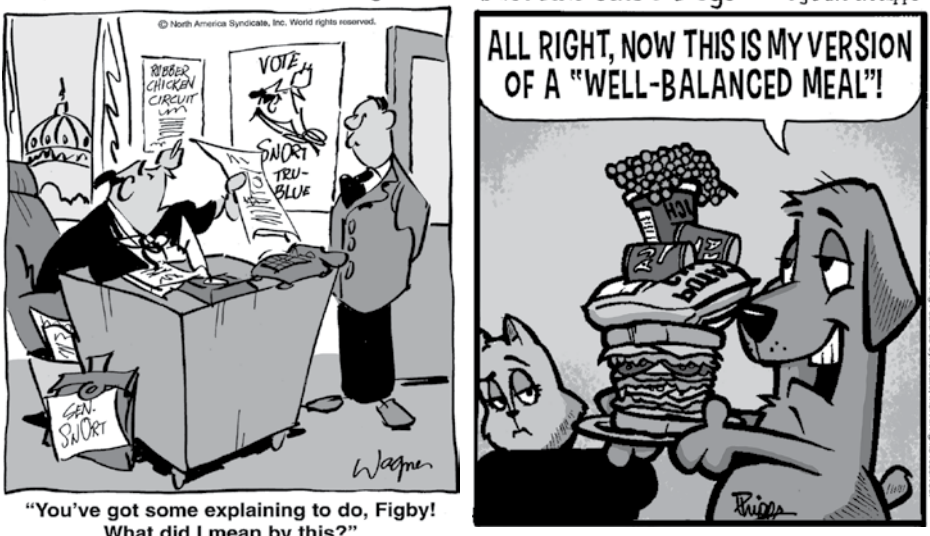


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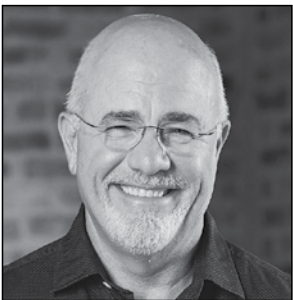
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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

How much money do you recommend budgeting or setting aside for maintenance and repairs to your home, especially if it's an older home? Our house is in pretty good shape, but you never know when something might go wrong, or how often different things will need to be addressed at this point.

– Brent

Dear Brent,

I love that you're wanting to plan ahead. Some home repairs aren't very expensive, but others can take a huge chunk out of your bank account. Whether you directly budget for things like this, or set up a sinking fund for home maintenance, it's always a good idea to be financially prepared. You've got to protect your home.

Honestly, I don't really have a specific formula

Dave Ramsey Says An Ounce of Prevention

to determine this sort of thing. But I'd make sure I always look at it from a realistic point of view. For starters, you might start with a peek at your checkbook over the last few years to see what you've spent on maintenance and repair issues. If you've had a new roof put on in the last few years, that probably won't be an issue for a good, long while. But if it's starting to look worn, that'll be a big expense you'll want to figure into your savings plan.

Taking care of a home is kind of like taking care of a car. A lot will depend on the age and overall condition of the house. If you're driving an older model car, you'd expect to put more money into it over time, right? It's the same principle with houses. The older the structure, the greater the likelihood you're going to have things go wrong. And that, of course, means

pumping money into it.

A home is the biggest single investment most people make in a lifetime. So, I'd also recommend giving your house a good going over, inside and out, every six months or so. Preventative steps like this will go a long way toward assessing what may be needed now and what might pop up in the future.

Great question!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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. ★



Cal Poly Professors Examine Ethics of Robots and AI in the Kitchen

Professors at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, are conducting a multiyear research project to study the ethical implications of robotic and artificial intelligence applications in the kitchen. As part of the project, the philosophy, psychology and religious studies professors will travel to Rome this month to participate in a workshop hosted by the Vatican, meeting with scientists, industry experts, religious leaders and philosophers from around the world to discuss automation and food. "This is our most interdisciplinary project, which isn't a surprise because the subject, food itself, touches on just about every single discipline at Cal Poly," philosophy professor Patrick Lin said.

Study Finds Sinking Land Could Limit Water Deliveries to Farms and Cities

A new technical report released by the California Natural Resources Agency found that subsidence, or the sinking of land, in the Central Valley caused by the overpumping of groundwater has restricted the amount of water the State Water Project can deliver each year by 3%. The SWP supplies water to 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland. Without decisive action, the current trajectory of subsidence, combined with climate change, could reduce water deliveries to farms and cities by 87% by

2043, the California Department of Water Resources reported.

The University of California Launches Policy Institute

Already a major source of consequential agricultural research, the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources plans to play a more direct role in informing policymakers in the Golden State. Last month, the agriculture-focused UC branch launched the UC ANR Policy Institute, "envisioned as a 'one-stop shop' for policymakers to find and easily access scientists and research on a host of critical issues in California," UC ANR said in a blog post. The institute will build on the work of the former UC ANR Agricultural Issues Center.

Video Series Aims to Help Young Farmers Grow Vegetables

A new video series by the University of California aims to provide free virtual training in how to grow vegetables. The training was designed to reach younger farmers and those entering the field for the first time. "The average age of agricultural producers in California is currently about 59.2 years," said Jeff Mitchell, UC Cooperative Extension specialist in the Department of Plant Sciences in Davis. "Therefore, there is an urgent need to encourage and recruit young people into agriculture to sustain current and future production." ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

As a gardener I am constantly presented with conflicts of morality. In a garden whether it be flowers, vegetables, berries or fruit trees decisions are made that affect living beings. Take weeds for instance. They are living beings that have purpose. Some weeds are herbs and can be used to make teas. Some have very pretty

flowers. Others are simply obnoxious.

When I come across weeds, I have to decide whether or not to destroy their lives. Because I am picking plants that I want in the garden seldom do I pick to keep the weeds. The obnoxious ones are a constant conflict of life or death. These create a low-level conflict because they are so overwhelming and invasive. For example, the plant I call Velcro plant otherwise known as sticky weed grows rapidly and clings to everything. There is not much of a conflict towards it when I rip it out by large stringy, sticky strands. Where the conflict arises is when I wonder if I've gotten the roots. Do I work more and dig out the roots or do

I hope that I've done the job and move on.

Another plant that is considered a weed and has many great healthy properties is the dandelion. In the Spring it is an important source of food for bees. But if one of these fuzzy puffballs escapes a garden will soon be full of dandelions. I grow enough early blooming flowers that the conflict of whether or not to dig out the dandelions is not that hard. I know I'm providing food for the bees. I still spend a bit of time feeling badly while I pull them out because I know what a great plant it is and I love having puffballs to make wishes.

In real time I appreciate a life where pulling weeds is a conflict. ★

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Fires and Housing Hot Topics in Biggs

By **Connie Voss**

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The May 13 Biggs City Council meeting started with recognition of retiring City Accountant Roy Seiler. Mayor James “Bo” Sheppard praised Seiler’s 15 years of dedication and professionalism in his service to the community. “It’s been my privilege,” responded Seiler. “We have been very spoiled to have you on site as an accountant and I didn’t realize what a luxury that was until now that we don’t have on-site accountants anymore,” said City Clerk Roben Benish. Next was an informational presentation by Randy Howard, general manager of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA). Biggs participates in the Combustion Turbine (CT1) and geothermal projects. The Combustion Turbine has a plant in Alameda and a plant in Lodi, which serve as back-up plants in times of emergency. Howard said that California’s goal is to be 100% emission-free. The plan is to produce hydrogen from reclaimed wastewater at the Lodi site. The projected date to begin production is 2028, contingent upon funding. Cost for the project will be \$250 million, with 40% to 50% covered by grants. Howard explained that the two geothermal plants are located in Geyserville and also operate with reclaimed water. The water is injected into faults to produce steam, which in turn is fed into the turbine to produce electricity. Howard confirmed that

it has been a good year for water, providing more hydroelectric capabilities this summer and less dependence on natural gas. “What that means is stable prices, stable supply. We don’t see any real issues even with short heat waves. We should be in really good shape in Northern California,” Howard said. Filling in for Fire Chief Chip Fowler, Mike Conaty and Spencer Mallinger then presented the 2025 Butte County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, aimed at identifying measures to reduce structure ignitability. This is the first update to the plan in 20 years and is more in-depth. Recommendations include tree trimming and clearance of hazardous materials from ditches and retention ponds, which will provide more funding opportunities. Part of the document is specific to Biggs. Councilmember Anita Wilks had questions about the two rice straw bale fires that occurred in 2022 on the west side of Biggs near her home, one that burned for 30 days. Mallinger answered that “the hay bale fire that you are referring to was more of an agricultural hazard and not specifically addressed in this plan.” Wilks responded, “Is there any reason why we can’t add that to the plan?” Mallinger opined that “...by cleaning out those drainage canals, keeping the retention ponds free and preventing any continuity of fuel between those two properties does fall within this plan.” Councilmember Jerome



Biggs City Council honored retiring city accountant Roy Seiler. From left are Jerome Squires, Roy Seiler, Mayor Bo Sheppard and Anita Wilks. Photo courtesy of Interim City Manager Cliff Wagner

Squires pointed out that the hay bales had been put up quickly and were too damp, increasing the fire risk. If there had been wind that day, Sheppard commented, the fire would have jumped to the city. Sheppard said that there had been a near-miss with a bottle rocket incident on the edge of town. “There are things on the borderline of the community that are a threat that aren’t listed per se in this. She (Wilks) wants it addressed and quite frankly, I do as well,” said Sheppard. Concerning the storage of agricultural products (such as hay), Mallinger said “It’s something I don’t think is in the purview of this document but there needs to be further discussion of those items.” Mayor Sheppard wanted to know “Why did it take 20 years to do this? This should have been done a lot sooner, as opposed to now.” Councilmember Wilks asked for specifics on the

“mitigation and risk management” mentioned in the plan, to prevent a third fire. Mallinger again referred to the drainage canals, the sewer retention pond and clearing along the power lines. He said that is something the city has the ability to take care of on its own and to seek grant funding or other assistance in order to do it. Other measures include increasing public education and enforcing weed abatement. Regarding the damp hay bales, Wilks said, “Can you do some of the education with the farm owners and say, “Hey, this is a really big deal. We have to be mindful of the families, the children that are home without their parents and elderly people on that street (11th). Let’s do preventive maintenance on that so it doesn’t happen again.” Mallinger said that the property owners were talked to after the hay bale fires and “they admitted” that they had moved too quickly.

“So they’re aware of that situation,” Mallinger said. “Definitely we could reach out and educate those farmers.” The plan was approved unanimously. A time extension was given for a previously-approved tentative subdivision map for Realtor Kory Hamman. Presented by City Planner Bob Summerville, he emphasized that this one-acre parcel with 18 market rate houses was not the two-acre parcel that some have objected to over the past year. The two-acre parcel map will come up in a few weeks. Once again, resident Amanda Mattos voiced strong opposition, stating emphatically that Hamman “is making money on the backs of the people who live in this town.” Mattos brought a list of cities in California that are doing initiatives to take back local control of development, including Anaheim, Beverly Hills, Brentwood and Burbank.

Biggs resident Melody Thomas spoke about how the development would not benefit the community. “My objection is the growth will change our town,” Thomas said, and suggested refurbishing the dilapidated homes in town. “Has anyone looked into that?” Quoting Randy Howard of the Northern California Power Agency, Mayor Sheppard said, “with the volatility of the utility market, if towns don’t grow, they die.” Interim City Manager Cliff Wagner underlined that the parcel being discussed was for market rate housing, not affordable housing. The cost of maintaining services, utilities, fire and law enforcement is all increasing dramatically, according to Wagner. Without growth, the existing residents will shoulder the burdens of those increases. Mattos argued that the development’s density was being changed from medium to high. Due to Councilmember Squires’ proximity to the property, he recused himself from voting on the issue. As a result, the absence of a quorum required that the item be tabled until the next meeting. A few routine items followed, regarding road maintenance, the upcoming budget study session at the next regular City Council meeting, and managing utility and water rates. The May 27 City Council meeting has been cancelled because council members have other commitments. ★

Butte College to Celebrate 56th Annual Commencement Ceremony May 30



The Butte College 56th Annual Commencement Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 30, at 7 p.m at John Cowan Sports Complex. Photo courtesy of Butte College

Butte College News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte College will confer 1,699 degrees and celebrate a distinct group of 1,349 graduates during its 56th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 30, at 7 p.m. The event will take place at the John Cowan Sports Complex on the college’s main campus, located at 3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville. Superintendent/President Virginia Guleff will preside over the ceremony alongside the Butte-Glenn Community College District Board of Trustees. “This ceremony is a celebration of resilience, transformation, and achievement,” said President Guleff. “Each graduate represents a journey, many with challenges overcome, and a future filled with possibility. Congratulations to the Class of 2025!” This year’s commencement incorporates moving participation from students, including the 2025 student speaker, platform marshals, vocalists, and distinguished graduates. Student commencement speaker Jennifer Placencia of Hamilton City will address her fellow graduates with a heartfelt message about determination and family legacy. “When I first stepped foot onto this campus, I carried more than just books in my backpack. I carried my family’s hopes, sacrifices, and dreams,” Placencia shared. “Dreams they didn’t have the chance to pursue themselves.” Placencia previously completed the Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) program at Butte College and will earn her

associate degree in health this spring, graduating cum laude. Student Senate President Mercedes Cortez Nava and Student Trustee Liam Eller will serve as this year’s platform marshals along with two 4.0 graduates, William Kenichi Irvin and Nicole Marie Brooks, and District retirees Donna Davis and Kim McCall. Graduate Alexis Maldonado will perform the national anthem. Maldonado is among the many students who found support, opportunity, and community through the college’s programs and services. A special moment of this year’s ceremony is the presentation of the Teacher of the Year Award, hosted by the Butte College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The Class of 2025 reflects the broad reach of Butte College’s programs, with graduates ranging in age from 17 to 78. Students come from 159 cities and towns across California, 11 states across the country, and 16 nations around the globe. This diversity of graduates speaks to the college’s reputation as a place of access, support, and academic excellence. Family, friends, faculty, and staff are invited to join the celebration in person. For those unable to attend, a livestream of the event will be available at butte.edu/stream. Butte College will also host several additional academy graduations and end-of-year celebrations throughout the campus. These events honor the unique achievements of students in specialized programs and learning communities. A complete list of upcoming celebrations can be found at butte.edu/calendar. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Without question the season for the Sacramento Kings ended too soon. I’m a believer that had the front office not panicked and traded away DeAaron Fox, the Sactown boys may very well still be playing. We will never know if I’m right, but the San Antonio Spurs were the big winners in that deal, and their team is set up for NBA heights heading into next season. Bringing in Scott Perry to take over the reigns as the Kings new GM bodes well for Sacramento, and I hope BJ Armstrong coming alongside as Perry’s assistant will give the Kings someone who can judge talent. The Kings have consistently misjudged talent in the draft as Sacramento fans are only too aware, so filling your front office with people that can separate the wheat from the chaff is essential if the Kings are to become a playoff team year in and year out. I listened to the words from Jonas Valanciunas when he told reporters that Domantas Sabonis was rated the third most efficient center in the NBA. Jonas went on to say how much he respected Domantas’ game and that he would gladly come off the bench to spell Sabonis anytime. No question these two are good friends, but before the organization blows up the team, it’s time to take a deep breath and understand exactly what we have. First and foremost, value what you have in Domantas Sabonis. Underrated, without a doubt, but never by Kings fans. Three consecutive years leading the NBA in rebounding and the undisputed double-double King, this big man plays both ends of the court and is among the most durable players in the NBA. Any talk of trading Sabonis should be squashed immediately. Build around Sabonis and Valanciunas and let these two gladiators show Sacramento how the paint should be played. Just as Mike Brown saw promise in Keon Ellis and brought him along, so should Doug Christie work with Isaac Jones. In Jones short time in the G-league he excelled and is perhaps the most athletic player on the Kings squad, with tremendous jumping ability and is a natural shot blocker. Playing alongside Sabonis and Valanciunas Jones could be a real asset, and he has a nice offensive game and

touch around the rim as well. I’m hoping the new brain trusts looks closely before making any hasty moves. There is real talent on this Sacramento team that never really had time to gel. I look for Keegan Murray to take a step forward and in his fourth season put it all together. He has the talent and shooting ability to do that, and I believe he can once again claim the 3-point land and bring his percentage to something north of 40%. Jake LaRavia was a nice find and playing alongside Keon Ellis gives the Kings the defensive presence they’ve been looking for. Devin Carter needs more time, but his athleticism is unquestionable. Can he be the point guard the Kings need and are looking for? Remains to be seen, and if the Kings find a starting point guard via trade in the offseason, Carter remains a capable backup and can provide consistent minutes every game. The message remains, don’t panic! NBA GM’s can smell blood in the water, and sometimes the most difficult thing to do is have patience. That doesn’t sell tickets, but this is Sacramento, home to the best basketball fans in the NBA. Scott Perry and BJ Armstrong have to build a new image in Sacramento, and that means an organization that won’t be taken advantage of. No more giving away quality players like Davion Mitchell for nothing in return, and certainly not trading away the face of your franchise. There is a new day dawning, and making the assumption that Vivek Ranadive is going to let Scott Perry do his job without interference, the 2025/2026 season could be a pleasant surprise for many fans. I will say it again, there is talent on this team! Let’s see if Doug Christie and Bobby Jackson can harness some of the skills they enjoyed as NBA players and teammates and let that translate into coaching. The opportunity is here for a new coaching staff and a new front office to show what they can do. Don’t lose your excitement, Kings fans. The best is yet to come! All the best! *Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.* ★

Confessions of a Red Suspender’s Day Jail Inmate

By **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Following a time-honored tradition, Red Suspender’s Day kicked off with the “Unjustice Court.” Literally anyone in town could be arrested for infractions such as being too friendly, twerking, being late to work or having too much fun.

Both police and firefighters were tasked with making the arrests. About 40 to 45 individuals were arrested and were then bailed out. Inmates were fed pizza and drinks while in jail.

The judge of the “Unjustice Court” was Fire Chief Mike Conaty and the bailiff was Chamber of Commerce President Lynne Spencer. Bail was usually about \$20 per person, with proceeds going to Gridley Fire and Police departments.

Firefighters caught up with me at my residence, about 10 a.m. Friday. Keeping the officers waiting was added to my crime of being “too friendly.” I joined another criminal named Shannon in the fire truck. Her crime? “Having too much fun.”

Shannon was notified by her accuser, Jessica Flatt, ahead of time, so Shannon came equipped with bubbles, silly string, noise makers, fake jewelry and music



Missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Elder Pugh and Pattee, take their turns in the jail.

(including “We’re Caught in a Trap” and “Jail House Rock”). I enjoyed blowing bubbles out of the fire truck window on the way to Rotary Park (probably a little too much).

Of course, all of the accused were jailed immediately upon arrival.

So Shannon and I joined Danny from Bangor in the

jail cell. Shannon works for DoorDash and is going to school to become a massage therapist.

Danny works as a lineman and said he had been arrested once before about four or five years

ago. Shannon and I were first-time offenders. With the bubbles, silly string, noise makers and music, Judge Conaty accused us of having too much fun in there and he was right.

Some were not as happy to be there.

Danny was the first to get bailed out.

We were joined by Pamela Roberts, wife of Gridley City Councilmember James Roberts. Her offense was “twerking.”

Officer Ashley Gibson from Gridley Police Department and Gridley City Administrator Elisa Arteaga came later, along with two young missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Elders Pugh and Pattee. They were accused of doing too much service to the community.

Stephanie and Dwight Cooper had pity on me for having been in jail the longest and bailed me out.

Have some fun and get arrested next year! ★



Gridley Police Officer Ashley Gibson has Tracey Dukes in handcuffs.



Fellow inmates Shannon and Danny appear unremorseful. Photos by Connie Voss



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