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## Onto Adventure

Gridley High School Class of 2025 Graduates



Here is the Gridley High School graduating Class of 2025.

Story and photos by Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The grandstands and the Butte County Fairgrounds were overflowing June 6 with friends and family members in attendance to support the Gridley High School graduating Class of 2025.

The traditional stage was set and as the 2025 graduates began to enter, they showcased their final handshakes.

Elaborate fist bumps, dance lifts, fake proposals and more were seen as graduates split from their escorts to take their seat on either side of the stage.

Seating at the Gridley High School graduation is based on academic achievement; it is an honor for the student's hard work and a mark of a

high grade-point-average (GPA) to be seated in the front rows.

After a welcome from AmberLee Gruber and Luisangel Zepeda, Nathan Zumwalt and Alfonso Martinez Jr. Fragoso lead the flag salute. The National Anthem was sung beautifully by Sarah Terry and Kaiza Quist.

Principal Rikki-Lee Buresch addressed the crowd and, despite her efforts, became emotional as she shared with them that she had the pleasure of watching their students grow up alongside her daughter. She spoke to the Class of 2025, saying "You are not just my students, you are a part of my extended family, as your principal, your cheerleader, your mom and your bonus mom."

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A high achiever on both the volleyball court and academic scene, Charity Archers, flashes her winning smile as she gives her Valedictorian speech.

## Grads and Families Celebrate Live Oak High School Commencement

Story and photos by Connie Voss

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - A large crowd gathered at the Live Oak High School stadium to witness the ceremony for 72 graduating seniors.

Principal Tony Walton enthusiastically announced each student, with a few words about future plans and personalized thanks to those who helped along the way.

Plenty of noisemakers, air horns, balloons and confetti were used to celebrate the occasion. Many of the graduates decorated the flat portion of their hats known as "mortar boards."

Senior Class President Tanisha Gosal addressed the students first.

"There were many all-nighters, expectations, back-to-back deadlines, personal struggles and days where graduation felt as if it might never come. There were still some fun moments hidden behind homework. There was never a dull moment while reading 'The Crucible' with Mr. Clemensen and

his multiple personas. And who can forget when the cooking class caused back-to-back fire drills for a week?" said Gosal.

Gosal thanked the counselors, class advisors, a few friends and all the graduating class members for her success.

Making an analogy to an improperly-inflated soccer ball, Salutatorian Sophia Larson quoted her coach, Jose, saying, "If it rolls, it works."

Larson continued, "Life isn't always going to be

a perfectly-inflated soccer ball. You're not always going to feel full of energy and confidence. Sometimes you're going to feel flat, barely moving toward your goal but if you can keep rolling, keep pushing forward, it's enough. Some of us will roll fast and straight to our goals. Some of us will get knocked down, deflate and roll a little slower but each of us will keep rolling. No matter what is going on in your life, it's yours."

Larson plans to become

a math teacher.

"High school is like a never-ending game of poker," said Valedictorian Gurman Hothi. "We were all dealt different hands at the start. Some of us had strong hands with talent, support and confidence, while others had terrible hands, with both challenges and self-doubt. Regardless of the hands we were dealt, though, we all had to go through the game. Transitioning into freshman year after

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Many of the graduates decorated the flat portion of their hats known as "mortar boards."

## Council Honors Sheriff's Department, Girls' Little League

New Social Media Policy Could Reduce Violations

Story by Shaunna Boyd

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak City Council presented an award to the Sutter County Sheriff's Department (SCSD) at its June 4 meeting.

Mayor Jeramy Chapdelaine said that the community faced a "potentially dangerous situation" May 15 when a car-jacking suspect fled from Yuba City into Live Oak. The suspect abandoned the vehicle and attempted to escape on foot through an apartment complex, placing residents at risk.

Thanks to the "extraordinary service, professionalism and dedication" demonstrated by the Sutter County Sheriff's Department and other coordinating agencies, according to Chapdelaine, the incident was peacefully resolved. The officers responded with "strategy and calm leadership." Chapdelaine thanked them for upholding the trust placed in them by the community.

The council also issued a proclamation honoring the 2025 Live Oak Major Girls Little League for winning the Tournament of Champions.

They "achieved an extraordinary and historic milestone by completing a perfect season with a 17 and zero record," Chapdelaine said. "This outstanding team of athletes demonstrated exceptional skill, sportsmanship and dedication" and are a "source of pride and inspiration for the entire city of Live Oak."

During the public comment, a resident said they were upset about the approved water rate increases. He said, "When people get their bills July 1st, there will be hell to pay."

Finance Director James Ramsey presented the preliminary Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for another round of council review and input.

At the end of the current 2024-2025 fiscal year, the General Fund balance is \$2.3 million. For 2025-2026, projected revenues in the General Fund are \$5.2 million. Expenditure is expected at \$5.5 million, exceeding revenues by \$296,679.

The shortfall will come

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# Biggs Graduates on Top of the World



Thirty-four graduates make up the Biggs High School Class of 2025.

**Story and photos by Mickey Mrakuzic**

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Thirty-four excited seniors took their seats on stage for the Biggs High School graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. May 30.

Family members and friends braved the 100-degree temperatures to share in the students' celebration of hard work and well-deserved achievements.

Allie Little and Joselyn Navarro welcomed everyone in English and Spanish. Jessie Avram and Bianca Reyes-Hernandez announced in English and Spanish the presentation of flowers to parents.

The students went in the stands to take flowers to their parents and express their gratitude for all the support they

received throughout the years. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Alina Anguiano and Brady Smith shared many class history stories, events and experiences from elementary school to now.

Mailey Seipert, the 2025 salutatorian, and Alexis Wroten and Victoria Padilla, 2025 valedictorians, all spoke on their adventures and experiences throughout their school years.

Principal Doug Kaelin shared many stories, happenings and antics. He also spoke on what an honor it was to participate in and contribute to each student's academic career.

Each student received their diplomas. Kaelin had each student hold their tassels as he declared them graduated. ★



Biggs High School graduates Allie Little and Joselyn Navarro welcome everyone to the graduation ceremony on May 30.



Alexis Wroten, one of Biggs High School's 2025 valedictorians, stands at the podium during graduation.



Mailey Seipert, the 2025 salutatorian, speaks at the podium during the Biggs High School graduation ceremony on May 30.

# Onto Adventure



Welcomes were provided by Amberlee Gruber (right) and in Spanish by Luisangel Zepeda.



Graduates Sarah Terry (left) and Kaiza Quist sing the National Anthem for their class commencement.



Star quarterback Augustus Stogsdill grins as he lights up everyone around him with his speech.

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I want to leave you with these three essential life lessons and you have to listen to me because I won't give you your diploma, otherwise."

Burresch challenged the students to remember to take responsibility for their actions, people matter more than things and "You will fail."

"But remember, failing is just proof that you're trying something brave," Burresch said. "Chat GPT once famously said, 'Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.'"

Valedictorian Charity Archer spoke, thanking the community and everyone that helped support the Class of 2025.

"It is clear Gridley has given to us more than we can imagine. It has provided us the opportunity to find who we truly are and find people who will undoubtedly support us as we continue onto our next chapter in life," Archer said.

Career and Technological Education pathway completers were



Students spend time perfecting their ultimate "handshake" at graduation, coming up with elaborate ways to separate in the graduation isle and join their classmates. This graduate seems to propose to her classmate before they both break into dance moves.

recognized next, followed by Archer, Salutatorian Luisangel Zepeda, as well as high honors and honors students.

After recognition wrapped up, the graduates reached the moment they had been working for: the

moment they received their diplomas.

Graduate after graduate made their way across the stage, with the backdrop emblazoned, "Thanks for the Adventure -Now go have a new one!"

Moving their tassels

from one side to the other of their caps, the Class of 2025 officially graduated.

Just as Archer said in her speech, "Graduating today does not mean our story is over. It means our new adventure has just begun." ★



Graduates with honors and high honors stand proudly as they are individually recognized for their impressive grade-point averages beginning at 3.9 and ranging above 4.2.

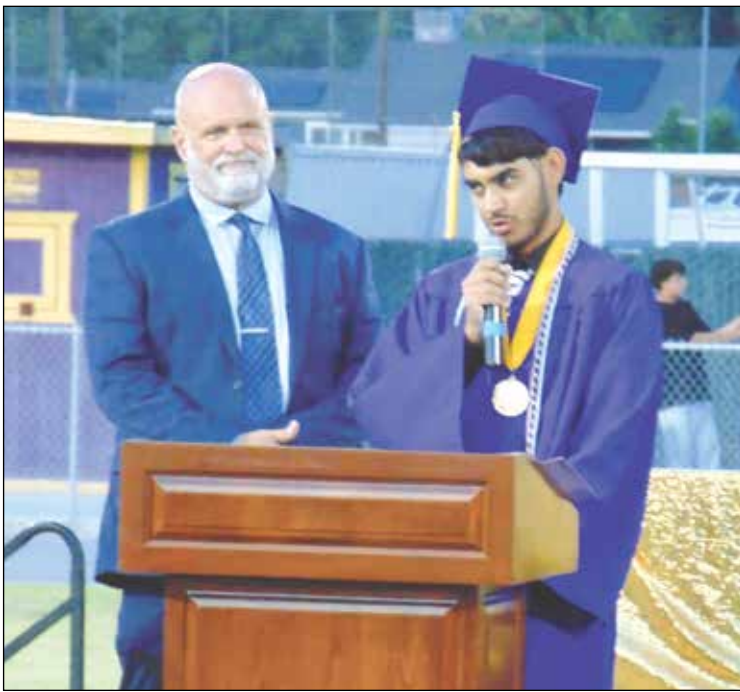


Seating placement at the Gridley High School graduation is based on academic achievement with high achievers seated in the front rows. These ambitious graduates smile as they wait for their turn to stand and receive their diplomas.

# Grads and Families Celebrate Live Oak High School Commencement

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 distance learning (during COVID-19) was just like sitting down to a poker game for the first time, not knowing the rules and trying to bluff confidence. As the tasks piled up, most of us had to sacrifice our sleep, social lives and sanity. Panicking with a friend on the night that the Senior Portfolios were due (I barely got that in on time). I would argue that the memories that we made with others were far more valuable than a diploma could ever be. These are times we'll never get back. What made high school so memorable is the people that we spent it with."

Hothi gave thanks "to those who helped me to play my hand the best I could. At this moment, the deck is being reshuffled. Regardless of what path we take, we'll be dealt new cards, at new tables. This is guaranteed to be followed by new challenges but if high school has taught us anything, it's that you don't need a perfect hand."



Valedictorian Gurman Houthi speaks at the Live Oak High School commencement 2025 ceremony.

Priddy, Marlon Quintana-Garcia, Aleena Isabel Ramirez, Angel Oziel Ramirez, Gabriel Emilio Ramirez, Mario Alexander Ramirez, Alexia Ramos, Diana Esmeralda Rangel Villalobos\*, Lizet Renteria Romero#, Angel Silverio Rios, Fernando Ian Rios, Lorenzo Daniel Rios#, Kyler Anthony Robinson, Jonathan Puga Rodriguez, Mikaela Drew Rodriguez\*#, Miguel Angel Rodriguez Vaca, Aaron Jeffrey Rogers, Michelle Delfina Salazar#, Sachin Sama, Aaron Sanchez, Jovani Gerardo Sandoval Esquivel, Anfaal Ali Shahid, Abagaile Lorine Shubert#, Vincent Alfonso Silva, Ria Kaur Sohal#, Joshua David Soto, Erica LouAnn Stewart#, Osvaldo Angel Tapia#, Tou Long Alphonse Thao, Tanner Orion Tillotson, Alejandra Tinoco, Cesilia Tinoco, Miguel Armando Torres, Martha Michelle Torres Hernandez, Alex Varona Barcnas, Gisel Socorro Villagomez\*, Lyric Lorene Wiggins, Cha Tristian Xiong# and David Zamora.

**California Scholarship Federation Life Members**  
 Brisania Araujo, Jocelyn

Duren, Tanisha Gosal, Yasleen Herrejon, Liam Hutchison, Sandra Janda, Sahar Khan, Diana Rangel Villalobos, Mikaela Rodriguez and Gisel Villagomez.

### Perpetual Awards

- Agriculture:** Madeleine Bole and Alejandra De La Cerda.
- Allen Ott Award:** Trenton Ehrke.
- Art:** Dayana Hernandez Murillo.
- Female Athlete:** Johanna Petrone.
- Male Athlete:** Trenton Ehrke.
- Band:** Yasleen Herrejon.
- Choir:** Ember Lewis.
- Computer Science:** Brisania Araujo.
- Construction:** Trevor Carrier.
- Drama:** Yasleen Herrejon.
- English:** Avnit Mahal.
- Foreign Language:** Gurman Hothi.
- Industrial Technology:** Colten Kennedy and Diego Caracheo.
- Mathematics:** Gurman Hothi.
- Science:** Gurman Hothi.
- Senior Female:** Alejandra De La Cerda.
- Senior Male:** Mason Eccles.
- Social Science:** Avnit Mahal.

### Scholarships

- \*Live Oak Schools' Foundation:** Alejandra De La Cerda, Avnit Mahal, Liam Hutchison, Anabella Maestra, Sandra Janda, Mikaela Rodriguez, Madeleine Bole, Yasleen Herrejon, Jocelyn Duren, Kayden Bergeron, Osvaldo Tapia, Miriam Medina, Michelle Salazar, Chukaria Martin & Brisania Araujo.
- \*Dr. Bruce M. Pope Athletic:** Madeleine Bole.
- \*Jerry Marumoto Memorial:** Avnit Mahal.
- \*Live Oak Grange:** Alejandra De La Cerda & Madeleine Bole.
- \*Thelma Irene Schmidl Hospice:** Lizet Renteria Romero.
- \*The Steven Owen Memorial:** Alejandra De La Cerda.
- \*The Grit & Goodness:** Chukaria Martin.
- \*The Womens' Club:** Tanisha Gosal.
- \*Gerald Darling Memorial Scholarship:** Yasleen Herrejon.
- The Live Oak Lions Club:** Liam Hutchison and Osvaldo Tapia.
- North Butte Masonic Lodge #230:** Alejandra De La Cerda and Osvaldo Tapia.
- The Pizza Factory:** Lyric Wiggins and Alejandra De La Cerda & Mikaela Rodriguez.
- The Penny Candy:** Chukaria Martin.
- Quota Club of Gridley:** Madeleine Bole, Alejandra De La Cerda, Liam Hutchison and Tanisha Gosal.
- Quota Club of Gridley Trade:** Kyler Robinson.
- Quota Legacy:** Kyler Robinson.
- Michael Matteoli Memorial:** Colten Kennedy.
- Kiwanis Club Art Nason Industrial Arts Award:** Miriam Medina.
- Larry Pete Peterson Hope of America:** Alejandra De La Cerda.
- Live Oak Booster's Club:** Liam Hutchison.
- Live Oak Teachers**

- Association:** Liam Hutchison, Sandra Janda and Madeleine Bole.
- Live Oak Teachers Association Dependant:** Victoria Ascencion and Trenton Ehrke.
- Connie Collins Zinn & Lynette Filter Memorial:** Lyric Wiggins, Madeleine Bole and Osvaldo Tapia.
- Knights of Columbus:** Mikaela Rodriguez and Alejandra De La Cerda.
- Advanced Hispanic Alliance:** Brisania Araujo, Miriam Medina and Osvaldo Tapia.
- Punjabi American Heritage:** Avnit Mahal.
- Yuba Sutter Bar Association:** Anabella Maestra.
- Yuba Sutter Farm Bureau:** Madeleine Bole.
- Live Oak Musicians:** Yasleen Herrejon.
- American Legion Auxiliary:** Kyler Robinson.
- American Legion:** Kyler Robinson and Tanner Tillotson.
- Carlos Viera Foundation:** Anabella Maestra.
- Sutter-Yuba Realtors Association:** Alejandra De La Cerda.
- Rotary Yuba City Scholastic:** Alejandra De La Cerda. ★



Senior Class President Tanisha Gossel speaks at the Live Oak High School commencement 2025 ceremony.

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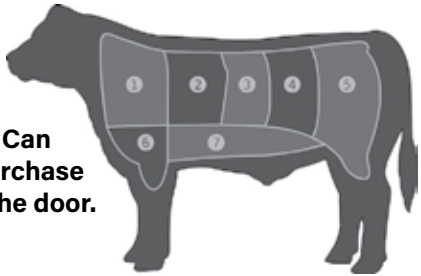
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# The New Pi-Line



where there used to be 50 farms, there is now one. Giant retirement funds prefer agricultural properties because they're stable when many other assets in the world are going up and down (or sideways). Nut processing seems to work the same way as well. Get big or get replaced by a bigger or offshore entity.

Either way, it's about the economy of scale and the global economy being shaped by market forces and government policies around the world. The trade issues we see in the news are not far removed from life in Northern California. American food and American food processing is not something that should be handed off. Pushing back on the trade system that is creating these results seems like a better idea every day.

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Josh F.W. Cook is an educator and administrator. ★

By Josh F.W. Cook

There's a rumor going about in Sacramento that the Blue Diamond almond factory and processing facility is going to be sold.

In Chico, the Chico Nut Company, which was at the end of the Esplanade, has been sold and will transition from being a nut factory into apartments and some sort of hip, cool residential live walk community with all kinds of amenities.

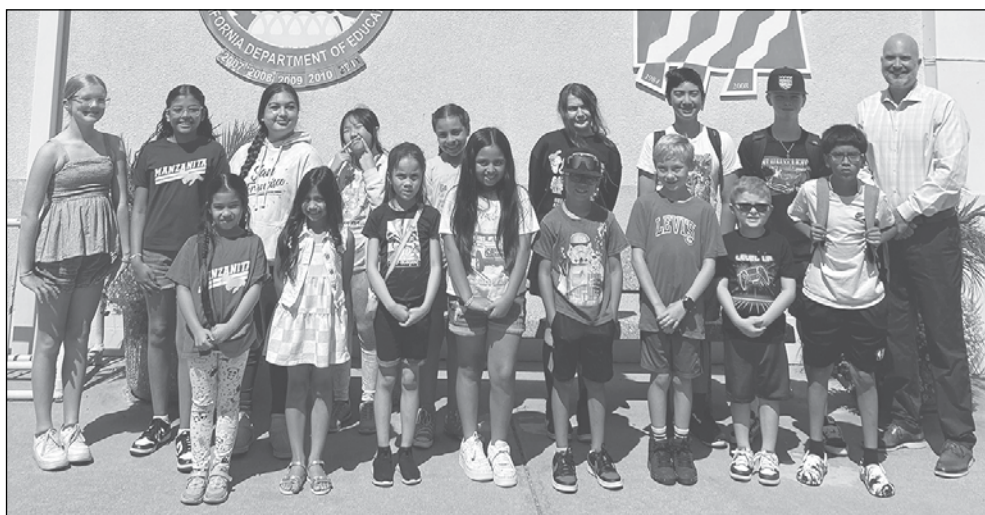
The world is changing;

# Manzanita May Students of the Month Honored

## Manzanita Elementary School News Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -** Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as Manzanita Elementary School's Students of The Month for May.

They have been recognized by their teachers and principal as students who demonstrate creativity, do their best and are great role models for Manzanita Elementary School. ★



In the front row from left are Mia Wilbum, Leslie Rodriguez, Ashley Villalobos, Yareli Ramos, Leeland Warfield, Hayden Brock, Grayson Dunlap and Juan Lopez. In the back row from left are Annabelle Stogsdill, Vanessa Vargas, Valerie Venegas, Anna Yang, Salome VanOsten, Kathryn Driver, Alexander Ragland, Ace Delucchi and Principal Joe Lodigiani. Photo courtesy of Manzanita Elementary School

# Council Honors Sheriff's Department, Girls' Little League



The City Council congratulated the 2025 Live Oak Major Girls Little League for winning the Tournament of Champions. Photo courtesy of the City of Live Oak

# Orchard Hospital Earns CIHQ Accreditation

A Testament to Quality and Safety



An accreditation from the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality is given to Orchard Hospital in Gridley, recognizing their commitment to excellence.

## Orchard Hospital News Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -** Orchard Hospital is proud to announce it has officially received accreditation from the Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ), recognizing the hospital's unwavering commitment to patient safety, exceptional care, and operational excellence.

This prestigious accreditation reflects Orchard Hospital's continuous efforts to meet and exceed national healthcare standards.

Achieving Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality accreditation is a significant milestone and serves as a testament to the hospital's dedication to delivering high-quality care to the community.

This achievement represents months of preparation, teamwork, and the relentless pursuit of excellence. We are incredibly proud of our staff and departments who came together to ensure our services, environment, and patient care

processes reflect the highest standards.

Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality is a nationally recognized accrediting organization that partners with healthcare facilities to improve care outcomes through rigorous evaluation and guidance. Accreditation involves a comprehensive review of hospital policies, safety protocols, clinical procedures, and facility operations.

At Orchard Hospital, collaboration across departments played a crucial role in this success. From environmental services and nursing to administration and clinical teams, the entire organization came together with a unified goal, which is providing safe, effective, and compassionate care to every patient, every day.

This accreditation marks a new chapter for Orchard Hospital, reinforcing its role as a trusted healthcare provider in the region and strengthening its ongoing mission to serve the Gridley and surrounding communities with excellence. ★

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out of General Fund reserves, leaving an ending reserve balance of \$2 million.

Vice-Mayor Aaron Pamma previously requested specifics about the cuts that were made to various departments. Ramsey outlined the reallocation of some salaries and benefits, large cuts to professional development throughout departments, and the reduction or complete elimination of funds for travel, lodging, and meals.

Chapdelaine said there are some overdue capital projects, but he's worried about cutting into the reserves.

Ramsey said due to rising costs, the reserves will "take a hit." He said there are some repairs and maintenance "we can't really keep deferring."

The final budget will come back to the council at the next meeting for adoption.

The council then discussed the potential establishment of a social media policy. Interim City Manager Kary Hauck said the policy aims to protect the council members' first amendments rights while also ensuring transparency, accuracy and legal compliance in their public communications.

Hauck said the policy would "ensure that we are not posting informal and inaccurate posts that can erode public trust."

The policy would help educate councilmembers about the restrictions of the Brown Act, a California law requiring decisions be made in public forums that allow public participation to ensure transparency in government. By understanding the Brown Act restrictions, the council members can avoid any violations and associated consequences.

Councilmember Nancy Santana said, "I just want to make sure my first amendment rights are not infringed in any way. Because I feel it's important for me to be able to communicate with the residents. They don't get very much information from the city."

Councilmember Bob Woten said there is "a fine line between our personal rights to express ourselves

and also the image and the responsibility that we owe to our positions as council members." He said it's important to ensure they don't cross that line.

Santana said she wanted to ensure the city wasn't trying to control what she posts on her personal social media pages.

City attorney Jared Hastey explained that council members are free to post on their own pages but if they identify themselves as a council member and post about city business, then the other council members cannot interact with that post, whether by liking or commenting, because that would be a Brown Act violation.

Hauck added that if council members post about city business on their personal pages, "you may then be subjected to public records requests." They would have created a public forum and then "couldn't delete comments that you didn't like from other people," said Hauck.

Santana asked if the policy itself would be to increase the council's liability and add additional restrictions. Hastey said the liability is always the same and comes from the Brown Act guidelines. The policy would be a way to warn the council of what activities to avoid on social media to ensure they are legally compliant with the Brown Act.

Hauck said, "I know there are Brown Act violations occurring" and her goal here is to protect the council.

Pamma said a specific example of one council member sharing a city press release welcoming the new city manager and a fellow council member commented on the post. He asked if that was

a violation, and the city attorney said it was.

Pamma said, "I think this is long overdue" but before he could continue, Santana attempted to speak over his comments. Pamma said he had the floor but would give her more time to speak. Pamma added, "I think that's disrespectful to interrupt."

Santana did not apologize but brought up a time when Councilmember Ashley Hernandez, who was absent from the meeting, commented on a city post. Santana asked if that was a violation. Hastey said if Hernandez was the only council member to comment, then it was not. If a second council member commented, then that person would have committed a violation.

Pamma said "I think it's pretty straightforward. It's understood that we need a refresher course or even a beginner's course in this. We should pursue this just for everyone to understand. Sitting up here, we need to hold a level of professionalism and accountability for what we display on the internet and will be put out to the residents. If we're not able to hold ourselves accountable, then we should think twice before posting."

Santana asked the attorney for further clarification, so he explained again that a council member can post about city business but if a second councilmember comments on that post, that is a violation.

Pamma said, "I gave an example from today. She posted about the welcoming of our city manager, you commented. Per the city attorney, that's a violation of the Brown Act."

Chapdelaine provided directions to the staff,

stating he would like to see more training for council members to ensure transparency and accountability. He said the ordinance governing the City Council already has guidelines for council conduct and their interactions with the public.

"I think all too often, it just goes overlooked," Chapdelaine said.

If the Brown Act violations are not resolved, they can even be referred to the district attorney, so it is in the council's best interest to ensure they comply, Chapdelaine said.

During public comments, a resident said the policy will be helpful for council members and the public by creating clear guidelines and expectations.

Hauck said this was her last meeting before the new city manager took over. She thanked the council for the opportunity to serve her hometown.

"I'm excited for the city's future in the capable hands of Ben Moody," Hauck said. "I know he's going to do great work."

Hauck also thanked the staff for their hard work.

Chapdelaine and the other council members thanked Hauck for stepping into the role.

"You've been able to come in at a really critical time and set the groundwork for so many things that are just going to be instrumental moving forward," Chapdelaine said.

The council closed the meeting with a moment of silence for Misti Wiggins, a community member who died on May 20.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 18 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak. ★



The Live Oak City Council presented an award to the Sutter County Sheriff's Department for peacefully resolving a potentially dangerous situation when a car-jacking suspect escaped into an apartment complex. Photo courtesy of the City of Live Oak

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# Court Denies Request to Try Juvenile as an Adult

**Butte County District Attorney's Office**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A now 19-year-old Oroville youth will not be tried for murder as an adult following a ruling by a Butte County Juvenile Court judge on June 2.

The judge ruled the alleged killer will remain under the juvenile court's jurisdiction for the 2023 murder of Ronnie Frazier, 20, of Oroville. Frazier was shot by the then 17-year-old offender on a street in the south Oroville area on the night of May 30, 2023, according to the Butte County District Attorney's Office.

After an extensive investigation by the Oroville Police Department, according to the Butte County District Attorney's Office, the Butte County District Attorney's Office filed a juvenile petition against the teenager in the juvenile court charging one count of murder with use of a firearm. The district attorney also filed a petition to transfer the case to adult court for prosecution of the accused juvenile as an adult.

After many continuances by the attorney for the accused juvenile, the two-day contested transfer hearing was completed on May 13.

Judge Jesus Rodriguez ruled the juvenile was to remain under the jurisdiction of the juvenile

court because he could not find that the juvenile was not amenable to treatment within the juvenile justice system.

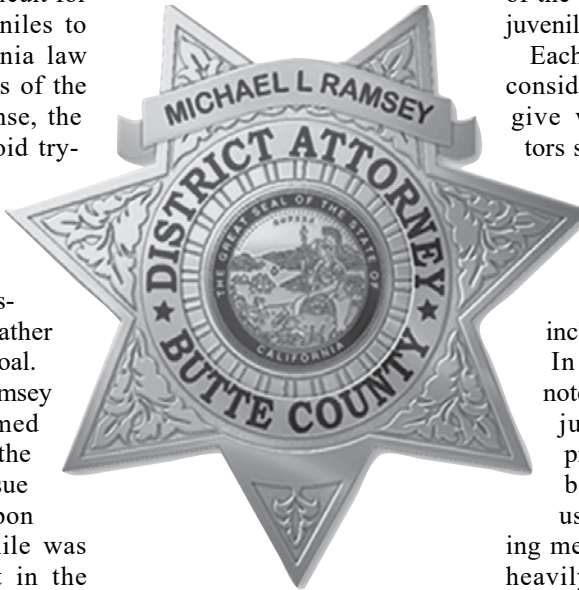
District Attorney Mike Ramsey noted that over the past several years, the state legislature has made it increasingly difficult for judges to transfer juveniles to an adult court. California law mandates that regardless of the seriousness of the offense, the clear direction is to avoid trying juveniles as adults unless the court is convinced that the juvenile is unfit to remain in the juvenile system with rehabilitation rather than punishment as the goal.

During the hearing, Ramsey said that it was presumed the juvenile committed the murder and the main issue for the judge to rule upon was whether the juvenile was amenable to treatment in the local juvenile hall and could be rehabilitated before he aged out of the juvenile system at age 25.

Prosecutors presented a psychologist and a retired prison warden who offered their opinions, that because of the juvenile's past failure within the juvenile system and the limited resources at the local juvenile hall, rehabilitation for this juvenile was extremely unlikely.

Ramsey noted that the legislature closed all state juvenile facilities such as the California

Youth Authority and the Department of the Juvenile Justice three years ago and any long-term juvenile commitments are now done at the local juvenile halls.



The juvenile's attorney presented their own psychologist, local juvenile hall personnel and the youth's former probation officer to claim the juvenile could be rehabilitated in the local hall prior to him turning 25.

Ramsey said the judge was required to evaluate five criteria during the transfer hearing: the degree of criminal sophistication exhibited by the juvenile; whether the juvenile can be

rehabilitated prior to the expiration of the juvenile court's jurisdiction; the juvenile's previous delinquent history; the success of previous attempts to rehabilitate the juvenile; and the circumstances and gravity of the offense committed by the juvenile.

Each of these criteria must be considered and the judge must give weight to relevant factors such as the juvenile's age, maturity, intellectual capacity, emotional health and the impact of familial or community environment, including childhood trauma. In his ruling, Rodriguez noted it was clear the accused juvenile had significant prior trauma, a lack of stability in his home and used substances as a coping mechanism, which weighed heavily in his decision. The judge stated the accused juvenile had a life that was devoid of positive role models and lacked structure. Further, the accused juvenile's mental and emotional state at the time of the killing was affected by substance abuse.

Despite the juvenile having previously been on juvenile probation for severely beating a homeless man in Oroville and being actively supervised by juvenile probation at the time of the murder, the judge ruled overall the accused juvenile was

amenable to treatment and likely could be rehabilitated within the juvenile court's time frame to supervise the youth.

Family members of Frazier were present at the hearing and wore "Justice for Ronnie" T-shirts in court. Family members wrote victim impact letters conveying to the judge the gravity of the loss the murder caused. They noted that Frazier was an artistic young man who loved music, his family and his friends. His smile and sense of humor were noted among many of the letters written and submitted.

"Our lives will never be the same because of some guy that had a gun and supposedly killed my son for no reason. If you are old enough to kill, you're old enough to deal with the consequences," Frazier's mother said. "I'll never be able to hug my son again I'll never be able to talk to him...Our lives are upside down. This is the hardest thing I have ever went through...I miss and love my son so very much, my heart is broken in two."

The matter will be next heard at 1:30 p.m. June 25 in the juvenile court. It is anticipated that a contested hearing will be set, as the presumption that the juvenile committed the murder is no longer valid after the transfer hearing. The accused juvenile remains in custody of juvenile hall's jurisdiction until his next court appearance. ★

## Superior Court Introduces New Jury Summons

**Superior Court of California, County of Butte News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Beginning July 1, the Butte County Superior Court is changing the way it will summon county residents for jury duty.

Traditional trifold summons mailed in envelopes will be replaced by a simplified 4-by 6-inch postcard. Jurors summoned to appear on the week of July 21 will be the first to receive the new postcard summons.

With this transition, the court will join other courts throughout California that are already using postcard summons. The transition to a postcard format is intended to modernize services and provide clearer,

more accessible information to prospective jurors.

Each postcard will be printed on white cardstock with green or blue shading, differentiated by the courthouse that the prospective juror is summoned to. The postcard includes a link to the court's jury webpage at [butte.courts.ca.gov/general-information/jury-service](http://butte.courts.ca.gov/general-information/jury-service) and a link to the online Jury Portal at [jury.butte-court.ca.gov/login](http://jury.butte-court.ca.gov/login).

The webpage provides general information about jury service and the jury portal allows jurors to complete the juror questionnaire; request a deferral, disqualification or excusal; update contact information and upload any required documentation.

All online resources can be accessed at any

time. While the postcard highlights online access, prospective jurors will still have the option to respond to their summons without going online by mailing a letter to the jury office at One Court Street in Oroville or by visiting the jury office at the Chico or Oroville Courthouses between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, excluding court holidays.

Calls can be made to the jury office at 530-532-7001 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, excluding court holidays.

For more information about jury service in Butte County, visit [butte.courts.ca.gov/general-information/jury-service](http://butte.courts.ca.gov/general-information/jury-service). The court thanks all prospective jurors for their service. ★

## Goodbye, Hazel Street Vintage



Happy shoppers are in line at Hazel Street Vintage & co. for last-minute purchases.

**Story and photos by Connie Voss**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Throngs of shoppers waited in line to make purchases of heavily discounted merchandise at Hazel Street Vintage & co., a vintage pop-up shop.

The store offered a variety of antiques, collectibles, shabby chic, rustic, French country, used and new items from several vendors.

The last day of operation for the store was June 10, after 12 years in business. There were a total of

eight vendors under one roof, and typically, the store opened for three monthly day shows.

Customers have said "it's like a party every month," "the quality of inventory is fantastic" and "great deals on unique finds."

Store proprietor Nelda Andes has retired but not completely.

"We'll have maybe a couple shows somewhere throughout the year. We don't even know where they'll be but we'll have a fall and a spring. No more

brick and mortar and no more monthly shows," Andes said.

Some of the eight vendors are in different stores in other areas, such as Redding and Lincoln. Others are also ready for retirement and scaling back, according to Andes.

All the vendors have different pursuits for their individual businesses.

Future shows will be advertised via the Hazel Street Vintage & co. Facebook page and the store's contact list. ★



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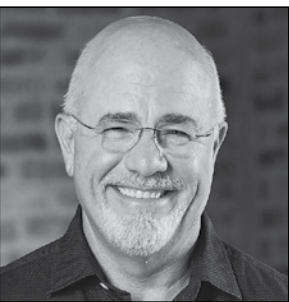
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## Dave Ramsey Says

*Love Your Enthusiasm,  
but That's Not an Emergency*



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

What do you think about the idea of taking money out of your emergency fund in order to pay off your home early?

— Evans

Dear Evans,

Trust me, I understand how it can be very tempting to throw a bunch of money at your house, get rid of the mortgage payments and own it outright. Especially if you're plowing through the Baby Steps, and you feel like you're making great progress in terms of gaining control of your money.

But, I wouldn't drain my emergency fund to make it happen—even if it meant being completely debt-free sooner. To be honest, I wouldn't even deplete it to pay off the house. You know how life always seems to

throw a curveball at you when you least expect it? The moment you write that big check and weaken your emergency fund, your car will develop transmission issues, the central unit will go out and your roof will spring a leak.

Okay, so maybe I'm having a little fun with you in order to make a point. But the truth is the only time I would even consider dipping into your emergency fund—for anything that isn't an actual emergency—is if your emergency fund has become way too big, and you have a very small amount left to pay on the house. Keep in mind, your emergency fund should be three to six months of total household expenses, not three to six months of income. Besides, paying off the house is nothing even close to an emergency. The fact that you have to make payments

on your home every month doesn't catch anyone with a mortgage by surprise.

Remember Murphy's Law, and how it says if something can go wrong it will go wrong? Evans, when you do things like your suggesting, you're just begging for Murphy to come visit for long, long time. And buddy, that's not my definition of financial peace!

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a nine-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.* ★

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

No positive toad sighting yet. Earlier I saw poops on the sidewalk. Haven't seen that in a while. There is one place near the turtle pond that is suspicious with dark lumps. My daughter spotted a toad right in her garden spot at the Magalia Community Garden. I visited that garden site it is surrounded by dry natural land. The garden

beds are watered so there is moisture there. I thought "how come there is a toad showing itself here?" My yard is more toad friendly than this area. Obviously not. My disappointment is great. I'm struggling to keep positive toad thoughts. I keep little dishes of water available. I certainly have plenty of toad food here. I'm wondering if we will find a burrow when we move the turtle pond to put in the bigger one. I hope so. I'm telling myself they are here simply not showing themselves—stealth toads. I think I heard a toad croaking the other night. It was a different sound than the resident frog. Some toad hope is still going but it is a bit

doubtful.

I have a resident Bluet Jay that is a rascal. First it was tearing the moss out of my Bonsai trees. I thought it might need nesting material but then why did it leave the moss as well as take it? Then I've seen it pecking at various objects in the yard. A metal pole, a wooden pole, the top of the fence and other random things. Now I have solar lights that are out of their holders and on the ground. I replace them and the next day they are on the ground again. This is on windless days. These lights never fell when it was very windy this winter. My prime suspect is the rascal Bluet Jay. Happy almost Solstice. ★



### California Weighs Hollywood Tax Credit Boost after Denying One to Farms

California lawmakers are weighing a proposal from Gov. Gavin Newsom to more than double the state's \$330 million film and television tax credit to protect jobs in Hollywood. The move comes just weeks after a state Senate committee rejected a bill that would have created a more modest tax credit to support struggling farms and farmworkers by reimbursing the cost of overtime wages. "The Legislature elected to ignore our arguments about putting more money in the pockets of farmworkers," said Bryan Little, chief operating officer of Farm Employers Labor Service and senior director of policy advocacy at the California Farm Bureau.

### Farmers Suspect Heat Waves is to Blame for Light Cherry Crop

California cherry growers are harvesting a lighter crop this year, with farmers in parts of the state blaming the reduced yield on the heat wave last summer and poor pollination this spring. San Joaquin County Agricultural Commissioner Kamal Bagri requested a disaster declaration after estimating the county's crop was about 43% less than the five-year average, amounting to roughly a \$100 million loss. Donald Drake, who grows cherries near Linden, said the quality of his fruit was excellent, but yields were down 50%. "The fruit I had, I wished I had more of," Drake said.

### Farm Bureau Program Pairs New Farmers with Seasoned Mentors

Beginning farmers and their more experienced peers are forging fulfilling partnerships through a year-old mentorship program run by the California Farm Bureau's California Bountiful Foundation and supported by state and federal funding. Launched in spring 2024, the Expanding Our Roots program aims to help newcomers navigate the complexities of farming and ranching by giving them access to seasoned pros who can share the knowledge they've gained through years of trial and error, said Tyler Rood, senior project specialist at the foundation and the program's coordinator.

### California Farmers Voice Concerns in Advocacy Effort at State Capitol

California Farm Bureau members from across the state traveled to the state Capitol last month to advocate on issues such as the conservation of farmland and clean water laws, as well as regulatory burdens farmers face. "This is one of the most important things we do," Chris Reardon, vice president of policy advocacy at the California Farm Bureau, said of the annual advocacy effort. "While we have a policy team up here on a regular basis, in all honesty, the most effective communicators of our issues are the members themselves." ★

## Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Thing must change in Kingstown, and in truth they have already begun.

Replacing Monte McNair with Scott Perry was a beginning, but it marked a moment that says to every Kings fan that the organization realizes that their leadership is not cutting the mustard. That is an understatement, and much must change if the pathway to success is going to be realized.

What is the goal of the fans, and do the fans have the same goal as that of the organization? I'm not entirely sure, but I'll give you my goal for this organization.

I want to see a perennial playoff team. Not the team that made the playoffs once in the past 18 years. If there's anything that must change it's the mindset that the Kings can be competitive but just miss the playoffs, and that somehow that equates to an acceptable season. That should not and cannot be the mantel for a successful franchise.

The Kings need leadership, on and off the court that hate's losing and won't stand for it. That means the front office, the players and it certainly means ownership.

First, can we all stop for just a moment and watch what's taking place on national television right before our eyes?

Two small market teams that are facing off in the NBA finals.

Aside from Shai Gilgeous-Alexander I'm not sure there is another superstar on either of these two teams, yet they both have outlasted the best the NBA has to offer, and one of these small market franchises will soon hoist the Larry Obrien trophy.

Both franchises embody the "slow and steady wins the race" philosophy, but there's more to it. They stay true to basketball's team concept, relying on role players who excel at their specific tasks. It's about selfless play and finding players who buy into that can be tough.

Although both teams have won a game, and the series is currently tied, OKC remains as overwhelming favorite.

No question Shai Gilgeous-Alexander is a difference maker, but if one player on OKC stands out, it's Chet Holmgren. This 7-foot multi-talented big man continues to get better year over year and is giving fans and organization alike reason to smile and applaud the fact that he was taken #2

overall in the 2022 draft by OKC.

Yes, teams can get better by judging talent accurately and building a team from within.

Trading for talent and building a playoff team isn't a crime. Recognizing and selecting the right players is crucial for any NBA franchise. For the Sacramento Kings, the biggest challenge remains overcoming this and that means getting ownership out of the drafting combine.

Everyone understands that owners have input, but they must trust the experts they've hired. It's unfair to both the staff and fans when an owner overrides those dedicated to building a playoff team. This must stop and should never have been the case.

Currently the Kings have no first round draft choice in what many consider to be a rich draft class, and general manager Scott Perry is not giving any indications as to whether he will orchestrate a trade to join the party.

Mark your calendars Kings fans for June 25 as all eyes will be on the Dallas Mavericks as they kick off the 2025 NBA draft.

Do the Kings absolutely need to have a first-round pick. No, and if they must wait for the 42nd pick it won't be the end of the world.

What is more important is how Scott Perry and his staff envision the current team as it's assembled.

My hope is that Domantas Sabonis and his comrade Jonas Valanciunas will be wearing Kings jerseys when the regular season begins. Build around these two big men that have already proven their worth as NBA players. Go out and find a point guard that can mentor the Kings first round pick of a year ago, Devin Carter, and start the process of building from within just like OKC and the Pacers have done.

Enjoy the NBA finals Kings fans but pay close attention. Superstars in not the order of the day, so don't lose heart. There is talent on the squad of the Sacramento Kings. Now it's time to access it with clear eyes and not be too impatient.

*All the best!*

*Your thoughts are always welcome at* [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

## California's Economy Is Just Limping Along



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

Gavin Newsom loves to boast about the state he governs, claiming that California is No.1 in some category or that the state is leading in some economic or cultural activity.

Sometimes his boasts crumble in the face of reality, such as his 2022 declaration that the state budget had a \$97.5 billion surplus and "no other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this."

It was later revealed that the surplus claim was based on revenue estimates that were wrong by \$165 billion over four years, leading to multibillion-dollar budget deficits.

Undeterred, Newsom has continued his boastful ways. A few weeks ago bragged that California, were it a nation, now has the world's fourth-largest economy at \$4.1 trillion, edging out Japan.

"California isn't just keeping pace with the world — we're setting the pace," Newsom cheered. "Our economy is thriving because we invest in people, prioritize sustainability and believe in the power of innovation."

Actually, California's edge over Japan is more the result of currency exchange

calculations rather than productivity, but \$4.1 trillion is still a big number. Unfortunately, its size masks the darker reality that, by many measures, California is doing no better than treading water.

As the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek, said in a report on California's budget situation late last year, "California's economy has been in an extended slowdown for the better part of two years, characterized by a soft labor market and weak consumer spending."

"While this slowdown has been gradual and the severity milder than a recession, a look at recent economic data paints a picture of a sluggish economy. Outside of government and health care, the state has added no jobs in a year and a half."

What Petek described six months ago is still true, as recent employment data indicate. In April, the state's unemployment rate, 5.3%, was higher than all but two other states, Michigan and Nevada, and it's been stuck at that elevated relative position for several years.

"Since February 2020, the state's labor force has grown by just 126,100 workers, a 0.6% increase," Beacon Economics said in an analysis of the April data, adding, "This slower growth is being driven largely by the state's chronic housing shortage and the retirement of aging workers."

Justin Niakamal, Beacon's research manager says "it's difficult to see how California will be able to break out of its slow-growth cycle when there has been virtually no increase in housing production. This is

an elemental problem that is impacting the state's ability to grow its population, industry and economy."

A major indication of California's relatively moribund economy is what has been happening in the San Francisco Bay Area's technology industry, a sector that, in essence, has been propping up the entire state in recent years.

Having expanded during the COVID-19 pandemic to serve those confined to their homes and working remotely, the industry has been shedding jobs month by month.

While Newsom cited numbers from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics in claiming that California now had the globe's fourth-largest economy, he didn't trumpet a recent bureau study that underscores the state's poor employment picture. California has more than a million unemployed workers. The new bureau report reveals that the ratio of jobless workers to job openings is the highest of any state, 1.6 jobseekers for every one open job.

To put that data point another way, if every job opening in California were to be filled, we'd still have hundreds of thousands of Californians on the unemployment rolls.

That's nothing to brag about.

*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.* ★



# Newsom Defunds Prop 36. Republicans Fight Back

*Public safety measure left unfunded despite backing from every county in California*

## Assembly Republican Caucus News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Governor Gavin Newsom's May budget revision proposes zero dollars for Proposition 36. Assembly Republicans held a press conference demanding that change on June 9.

Prop. 36 passed with nearly 70 percent of the vote and in all 58 counties. It replaced incarceration with mandatory treatment for nonviolent drug offenders. Without funding for mental health and substance abuse programs, the law cannot be enforced. The promise of reform is dead on arrival.

"The governor is ignoring the will of the voters," said Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (East Nicolaus). "Californians demanded accountability. Newsom delivered nothing."

Lawmakers were joined by district attorneys, law enforcement officials, and victim advocates who warned that Prop. 36 is meaningless unless the state invests in treatment infrastructure.

"We are asking the Governor to honor the will



Governor Gavin Newsom's May budget revision proposes zero dollars for Proposition 36. Assembly Republicans held a press conference demanding that change on June 9. Photo courtesy of Assembly Republican Caucus

of the people and fully fund treatment under Prop 36," said Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig.

Alexa Hansen, Founder of Victim Advocate Angels added, "We need to fund Prop 36 immediately because

we don't need more victims." Assembly Republicans will keep fighting to deliver what Newsom won't: real

reform, real treatment, and real public safety. The first step is exposing this broken promise. ★

## Agricultural and Food Producers Raise Alarm Over Assembly Bill

### Elevate Public Affairs Commentary

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - California's leading agricultural and food industry organizations continue to oppose Assembly Bill 1264 (Gabriel), even with the gratuitous intent language warning that the bill's overly broad approach to "ultra-processed foods" will have a harmful impact to the agricultural industry as well as local farmers, food processors and school meal programs.

The agricultural opposition continues to grow against AB 1264, including the California Farm Bureau Federation, California Food Producers, California Association of Wheat Growers, Association of California Egg Farmers, California Tomato Growers Association, California Walnut Commission, Dairy Institute of California, Agricultural Council of California, American Pistachio Growers, California Bean Shippers Association, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association, California Grain & Feed Association, California Pear Growers Association and Western Tree Nut Association.

"We appreciate the 'intent' but AB 1264 continues to define fruits, vegetables, nuts and grains as ultra processed food and that is absurd at best. California-grown includes millions of products that are processed here, using ingredients grown here. AB 1264 will hurt food producers and the farmers and ranchers that supply them," according to a California Farm Bureau Federation statement.

According to a California Tomato Growers Association's statement, "California tomatoes are enjoyed ripe off the vine and in many forms like pasta sauce, tomato paste, canned chili, salsa and more. AB 1264 manufactures a definition of 'ultra processed foods' that is unnecessary and overly broad. If you claim that you want to support

California-grown products, then you need to protect the proven-safe foods that get added value from processing."

AB 1264 attempts to reduce access to so-called "ultra-processed foods" in school meals but it does so by arbitrarily classifying common agricultural products, such as egg whites, rice starch and even citrus juice as harmful. The bill lacks a scientific definition of "ultra-processed," leaving that task to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHH), an agency with no food or nutrition expertise.

The bill's author took an amendment that would say: (b) It is further the intent of the Legislature to prioritize California-grown products in school meals, which are among the healthiest and most nutritious available, meeting the highest standards for quality, safety, and sustainability.

However, intent language does not change any aspect of the law or its wide-ranging consequences to California's agricultural industry.

Further the bill duplicates existing authority already granted to the Department of Public Health under Health and Safety Code Section 110070 to review ingredients for safety. The proposed framework would waste resources, increase food costs and create chaos in school food programs just as new federal nutrition standards are being implemented.

The agricultural industry continues to support healthier meals in schools, especially improving access to California-grown products, however, there is no need to define "ultra processed foods" and "particularly harmful ultra processed foods" to increase nutrition in school meals.

AB 1264 passed the Assembly on June 3 and is now pending in the Senate. ★

## Bipartisan Alzheimer's Initiative Act to Strengthen Global Response

### Office of Representative Ami Bera, M.D. News Release

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Representative Ami Bera, M.D. introduced the bipartisan Global Alzheimer's Initiative Now (GAIN) Act alongside Representatives Brian Fitzpatrick and Young Kim on June 3.

The Global Alzheimer's Initiative Now Act authorizes the United States to formally participate in the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative (DAC), a global public-private-patient partnership advancing Alzheimer's and dementia research, diagnosis, treatment and care. The bill positions the U.S. as a global leader in combating a disease projected to affect more than 150 million people by 2050.

"Alzheimer's disease is a global challenge that demands a united global response," said Bera. "The GAIN Act empowers the United States to lead in building global partnerships that accelerate research, improve care and support families both here at home and around the world. With formal authorization, we can help drive innovation and advancements in the fight against Alzheimer's."

This legislation builds on Representative Bera's longstanding commitment to promoting brain health. For the past nine years, he has hosted an annual Brain Health Forum to connect Sacramento County residents with the latest research, caregiving strategies and community resources for those living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

"We can't afford to stand still in the fight against Alzheimer's. Our GAIN Act is a critical initiative to move us forward, strengthening America's leadership, accelerating global research and supporting smarter, earlier interventions. By backing innovative treatments and real-world solutions, we can bring hope to families, relief to caregivers and a future where

Alzheimer's is no longer a life sentence," said Fitzpatrick.

Said Kim, "Alzheimer's disease is the third leading cause of death in older adults in Orange County and seventh leading cause of death worldwide. With more resources dedicated to tackling this global challenge, we can save lives. The GAIN Act ensures the United States leads the global effort to combat Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia head-on."

Said Chairman of Us Against Alzheimer's and Founder of the Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer's Disease George Vradenburg, "I commend Congressman Ami Bera and Representatives Brian Fitzpatrick and Young Kim for their leadership in introducing the Global Alzheimer's Initiative Now (GAIN) Act. This legislation recognizes the urgent need for a global response to Alzheimer's that brings together governments and the private sector to advance prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's. As in other areas of global health, U.S. leadership will prove critical to the global fight against Alzheimer's and this legislation paves the way for mobilizing the resources and facilitating the multi-sector and international cooperation that will be needed to turn the tide on Alzheimer's over the coming decades."

Alzheimer's and dementia affect nearly 60 million people globally and cost the world economy more than \$1.3 trillion annually, an amount that doubles every decade. By formally joining Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative, the U.S. will help drive inclusive, evidence-based solutions to the growing global dementia crisis. Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative aims to raise and deploy \$700 million over six years and currently supports 19 health systems in 12 countries, including the United States. ★

## LaMalfa Applauds DOT Report

### Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Congressman Doug LaMalfa applauded the U.S. Department of Transportation on June 4 for a newly-released compliance report confirming that California's High-Speed Rail project is in default of its federal grant agreements and has no viable path to completion.

The 315-page report, released by Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, cites years of mismanagement, missed deadlines, inflated ridership projections and a staggering \$7-billion funding gap just to complete a small segment between

Merced and Bakersfield.

The full cost of the project has now ballooned to \$128 billion.

Notably, the Federal Railroad Administration stated it has no confidence that the California High-Speed Rail Authority will ever deliver an operating high-speed rail system and found that the state cannot support the representations it made when applying for federal funds.

In other words, California misled the federal government to secure billions in taxpayer dollars and still has nothing to show for it.

"This report confirms what Californians have known for years; this project is a train to nowhere. It was supposed to be done by

2020. Now they're saying 2030 just to finish a small stretch that costs more than the entire original plan. The price tag has quadrupled to \$128 billion, they're now an incredible \$110 billion short and have only raised about \$17 billion after 17 years. They've barely built anything. It's a waste of time, money and trust, a shining example of government waste," LaMalfa said. "The state has not held up its end of the deal. It's well past time to shut this down and send the money to real infrastructure projects that can actually be delivered, like water storage that California desperately needs or road repairs and traffic relief. I appreciate Secretary Duffy's leadership in holding the line for taxpayers. It's long

past time for accountability."

LaMalfa joined Duffy earlier this year at a press conference calling attention to the project's mounting failures and urging a full federal review. The report issued on June 4 by the Federal Railroad Administration makes clear that the California High-Speed Rail Authority has failed to meet its basic obligations under the \$4 billion in federal grant funding it received.

The Department of Transportation has given the state until mid-July to respond before the administration moves to terminate the grants. You can find a full copy of the letter and report on the Department of Transportation's website at transportation.gov. ★

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Ruben R Arnold, 50 Oakcrest Drive, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: April 29, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 29, 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: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025  
**ARNOLD** 6-20-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000410**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Teil Farms, 9007 Stanford Lane, Durham, CA 95938  
Lauren Hulse, 9007 Stanford Lane, Durham, CA 95938  
Date filed in Butte County: May 28, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025  
**TEIL** 7-4-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000427**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Honeybee Charcuterie Company, 2152 Eagle Meadows Drive, Gridley, CA 95948  
Scarlett J Predix-McClellan,

2152 Eagle Meadows Drive, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date filed in Butte County: June 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 4, 2025  
This Business is conducted by: 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: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025  
**HONEY** 7-4-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000413**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: SNS Landscaping and Design, 1442 Sheridan Avenue, Apt 3, Chico, CA 95926  
Skyler A Zimmerman, 1442 Sheridan Avenue, Apt 3, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: May 28, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: 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: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025  
**SNS** 7-4-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000332**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Good Frickin Hot Chicken, 952 Nord Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Shandana Inc, 1245 Hazel Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: April 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 24, 2025  
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025  
**CHICKEN** 7-4-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000208**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Lux Perfume, 1950 E 20<sup>th</sup> Street, G 710, Chico, CA 95928  
Shandana Inc, 1245 Hazel Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: March 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 12, 2025  
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025  
**LUX** 7-4-25

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV01933  
Petitioner Heather Evenson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Irelynn Kathleen Monroe Curtis to Irelynn Kathleen Monroe Evenson.  
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 July 16, 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 May 23, 2025  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025  
**EVENSON** 7-4-25

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV01131  
Petitioner Angelina Marie Frazier filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Alexandria Cooper-Lynn Brady to Alexandria Cooper-Arlene Leahy.

**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 July 9, 2025, 1:30 p.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on June 2, 2025  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025  
**FRAZIER** 7-4-25

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV01132  
Petitioner Bryan Anthony Leahy filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Bryan Anthony Leahy to Michael Anthony Leahy.  
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 July 9, 2025, 1:30 p.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on June 2, 2025  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025  
**LEAHY** 7-4-25

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV01081  
Petitioner Shelly Elaine Glayzer filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Grayson James-Laurance Glayzer to Grayson Ender-Lux Glayzer.  
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 July 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on May 28, 2025  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025  
**GLAYZER** 7-4-25

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN H. KAUPPINEN**  
CASE NO. 25PR00223  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of John H. Kauppinen aka John Kauppinen aka John Herbert Kauppinen.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Thomas R. Kauppinen, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Thomas R. Kauppinen be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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: July 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept . 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: Thomas R. Kauppinen, 989 Grayson Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523; (925) 768-1817  
Publish: June 6, 13, 20, 2025  
**KAUPPINEN** 6-20-25

### TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 130-290-010-539 TS No: CA05000426-23-4 TO No: 250068519-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 3, 2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On June 25, 2025 at 11:00 AM, East Entrance, Plumas County Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on December 6, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018-0006683, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by PATRICK A WHITTEN, AN UNMARRIED MAN, AND TOBI L WHITTEN, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for SUMMIT FUNDING, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 39 GRAEAGLE MEADOWS RD, GRAEAGLE, CA 96103 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$167,749.25 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www. Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05000426-23-4. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www. Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA05000426-23-4 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: May 20, 2025 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05000426-23-4 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www. Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0474746 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 05/30/2025, 06/06/2025, 06/13/2025  
**GRIDLEY HERALD** 6-13-25

APN: 001-104-025-000 TS No.: 25-09078CA TSG Order No.: 250036848-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED JULY 31, 2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded July 31, 2023 as Document No.: 2023-0019937 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, executed by: Andrew Barnhill, a single man, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: July 2, 2025 Sale Time: 3:30 PM Sale Location: At the main entrance to the Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 2 File No.:25-09078CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2907 5th St, Biggs, CA 95917. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$398,600.53 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (866) 826-1670 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.servicelinkauction.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 25-09078CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866) 826-1670, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkauction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 25-09078CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. 3 File No.:25-09078CA If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www.servicelinkauction.com or Call: (866) 826-1670. For Post Sale Results please visit www.affinadefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: May 23, 2025 By: Omar Solorzano Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0474739 To: GRIDLEY HERALD 06/06/2025, 06/13/2025, 06/20/2025  
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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.

**Friday, June 13:** Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G) Candy sushi making, 1 p.m.

to 3 p.m. Join us for a tasty hands-on activity in which we will design mock sushi with different types of candy. (G)

**Tuesday, June 17:** Creative writing group, 1

p.m. to 3 p.m. (G) LEGO Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your imagination to life by joining us for a hands-on afternoon of LEGO fun. All are welcome to attend, however kiddos under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult. (B)

**Wednesday, June 18:** Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. (G) Afternoon kids' club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

**Thursday, June 19:** Holiday closure – Juneteenth Day

**Friday, June 20:** Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) Ladies' night out movie, 6 p.m. to

8:30 p.m. (G) **Saturday, June 21:** Afternoon kids' club, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (B)

**Thursday, June 26:** Spielberg Spectacular – a library film festival, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Join us for the second of a 4-movie celebration of legendary filmmaker Steven Spielberg. Whether you're a longtime fan or discovering these classics for the first time, this festival is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. Films are rated PG or PG-13. Patrons under 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. (G)

**Now through Wednesday, Aug. 6** **Summer reading program** at the Barber Branch Library, 10321 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak. Kids to age 17 are invited to read books, collect points and earn prizes. In addition, every other Wednesday, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., we'll have a special craft time. June 25, we'll be making hieroglyphic stones. Have questions? Call us at 530-822-3223.

**Saturday, June 14** **Father's Day Weekend BBQ**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chapman Park, 775 E. 16th St., Chico, presented by Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD). Celebrate Dad and enjoy free hot dogs and live music, cool off at the splash pad, play corn hole, get your face painted, and capture memories at the photo booth. More information at [www.chicorec.gov](http://www.chicorec.gov)

**Wednesday, June 18** **Operation: Water Fight**, 11 a.m. to noon at Community Pool, 2837 Pennington Rd., Live Oak. Bring your kids for an epic super soaker battle with the Sutter County Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Detail team. Each year the kiddos absolutely drench us – show us what you got, Live Oak. For more information, call 530-695-2112.

**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/>

**Saturday, June 21** **Butte County Olive Festival**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 1480 Lincoln St., Oroville. Join us for a day of fun, flavor and history. Come explore Oroville's rich olive history and enjoy a tour of the Ehmann Home, delicious olives and olive oil tastings, live music, vendor and craft fair. Hosted by the Butte County Historical Society. More information at 530-533-9418.

**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 June 24 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

**Downtown Chico** holds a night market every Thursday night through Sept. 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 7 p.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 16.

**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, June 25. 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 18.

**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. ★

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## CITY OF BIGGS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Biggs will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City of Biggs City Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs, CA 95917, at which time and place interested persons may attend.

The proposed action for which a public hearing will be held is as follows:

**2nd Revised Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map 21-01 & General Plan Amendment/Rezoning 2024-01 & Site Plan Review 24-05 (Hamman) – 2859 Sixth Street, APNs 001-103-007 & 022-160-091** – A request to revise a previously approved vesting tentative subdivision map, to divide a 7.55-acre site to create 18 lots for single-family residential uses, a 2.27-acre parcel for multi-family residential uses, a 3.09-acre parcel for a public mini-storage (light industrial/heavy commercial) uses, and a 0.13-acre parcel for stormwater detention. The residential components create a gross density of approximately 7.45 units/acre. The project site is currently designated Medium/High Density Residential/Light Industrial and currently located in the R-2 (Medium Density Residential)/R-3 (High Density Residential), and M-1 (Light Industrial) zoning districts. Site Plan Review is requested to approve a 42-unit affordable apartment project consisting of two 2-story apartment buildings and a single-story community building.

Public comments on agenda items are welcomed and encouraged in advance and will be accepted until 4 p.m. on June 17, 2025 by emailing the City Clerk at [cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov) or via the drop box at 465 C Street. Comments will be conveyed to the Council for consideration.

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 any person(s) challenges the action of the City on the above-described project in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written comments delivered to the City of Biggs, 465 C Street, either at the public hearing or prior to the public hearing.

If you have any questions, comments, or wish to review the project file, please contact Roben Benish, City Clerk, Biggs City Hall, 465 C Street, Biggs, CA 95917, (530) 868-5493, or email comments to planning staff at: [Planning@Biggs-ca.gov](mailto:Planning@Biggs-ca.gov).

Roben Benish, City Clerk, City of Biggs

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## 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.

### 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 trainer 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

### 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:** Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, & 29 2025; 10:00am – 12:00pm

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

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**Date/Time:** Wednesday, July 9, 2025; 9:00am – 11:00am

**Cost/Location:** Free; Hampton Inn & Suites, 520 Adobe Rd., Red Bluff

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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, [kouuwaso@butte.edu](mailto:kouuwaso@butte.edu)



## Ask DR. UNIVERSE

### How do bugs cling onto things without falling off?

– Carmen, 7, Washington State

Dear Carmen,

Right now, there's a fly walking on the window in my office. I asked my friend Rich Zack how it does that. He's an insect scientist at Washington State University.

It turns out my window isn't as smooth as it looks. If we zoomed in on the glass, we'd see bumps and dips. It's kind of like a rock face or a climbing wall.

"Surfaces look pretty smooth," Zack said. "But if you get really, really close, you see there are all kinds of little indentations and crevasses. Even a pane of

glass is not perfectly smooth. It's got little nicks and bumps that insects can grab onto."

There are also electric forces that help stick together the atoms in an insect and the atoms in the surface—like van der Waals forces. Those act like a weak magnet. They pull together any atoms that are near each other. Big animals like us are too heavy to use those forces to climb stuff, but insects are usually small and light.

Most importantly, insects have legs and feet adapted to do whatever that insect usually does—like cling to stuff.

A micrograph of a male human head louse shows it clinging to blonde hairs using its tarsal claws. The louse is mostly white with brown areas.

Head lice famously use their tarsal claws to cling to hair. Image: Gilles San Martin CC BY-SA 2.0

Insect legs are a lot like human legs. Some of the leg parts even have the same names—even though insects don't have bones. Thighs are femurs. Shins are tibiae. At the end of the legs, the feet are tarsi.

"There are specializations when we get down to those tarsi," Zack said. "Many insects that hang onto things have one of two adaptations or maybe both. They may have little suction cup pads on the bottoms of their feet. We call those pulvilli. Or they may have little hook-like claws on the ends

of their feet."

House flies have both claws and suction cup pads. They use their claws to grab onto things. They push their hairy pads against the surface. The hairs help grip the bumps and dips—with the assistance of the van der Waals forces. Some of the hairs ooze an adhesive to help the foot stick. Then the fly peels up its foot to take a step.



Head lice famously use their tarsal claws to cling to hair. Image: Gilles San Martin CC BY-SA 2.0

This is a picture of a fly's foot and leg under a microscope. The blue arrow points to the suction cup pads (pulvilli) under the tarsal claws. Image: Robert D. Anderson Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0, blue arrow added by Dr. Universe

House flies are good examples of insects that use tarsal claws and pulvilli to hang on. But there are all kinds of specialized insect legs and feet out there.

Some insects have sensors on their front feet. That's how flies and butterflies taste what they touch. Sometimes insects have long, slender cursorial legs. Those help cockroaches and other insects run very fast. Water insects may have paddle-like natatorial legs. That's how they swim. Big jumpers have strong saltatorial legs. Those muscular back legs propel grasshoppers and fleas into the air when they leap. Some predators have grasping, arm-like front legs. Praying mantises use those raptorial legs to nab prey. Sometimes insects have beefy, shovel-like front legs. Mole crickets use fossorial legs like that to dig tunnels.

It's easy to tar-see how different insects use their legs and feet to hold onto their very best lives.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

# Roque Zarate Promoted

By Seti Long

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On the morning of June 4, CAL FIRE Butte County Chief Garrett Sjolund had the opportunity to swear in two new promoted battalion chiefs, one hailing from Gridley. Raised in Gridley, Roque Zarate was one of the battalion chiefs to be promoted during the ceremony held at Table Mountain Fire Center. Zarate, B3, is now the BC Liaison to the Butte County Office of Emergency Management. ★



Newly-promoted Battalion Chief Roque Zarate shakes Chief Garrett Sjolund's hand after being led in a badge pinning ceremony on June 4. Photo courtesy of CAL FIRE/Butte Unit

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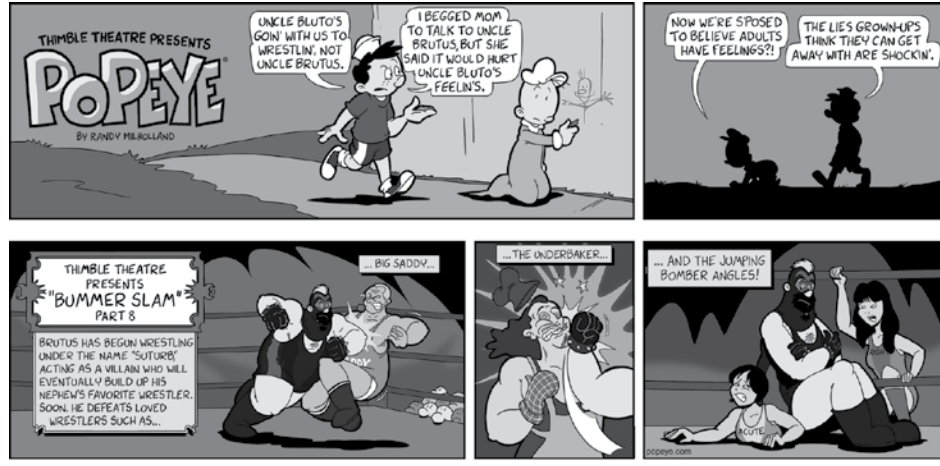
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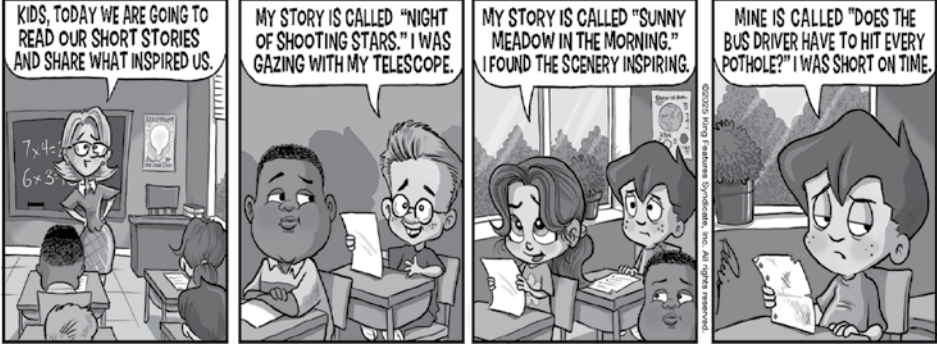
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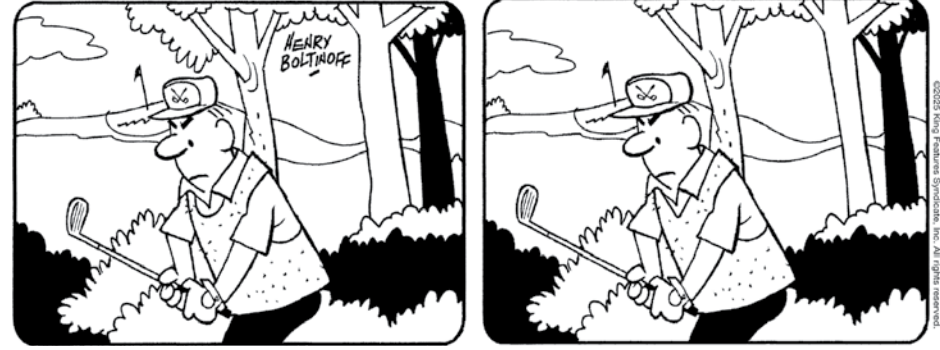
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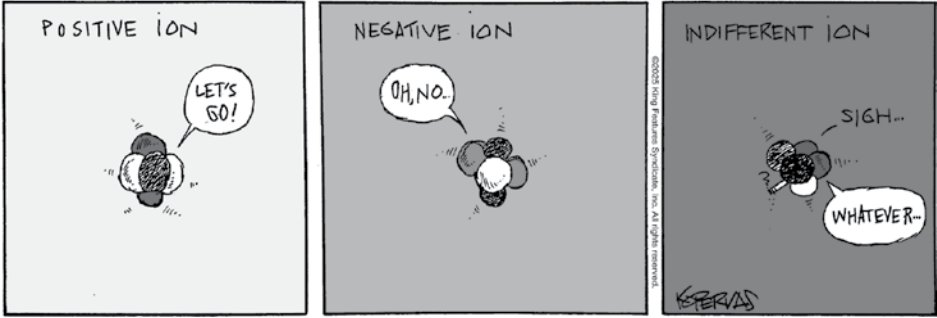
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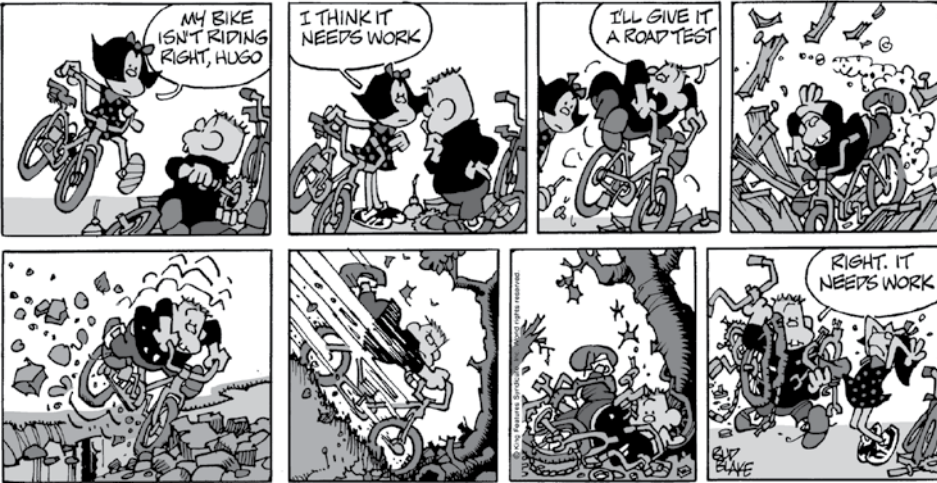
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# Thrills and Thunder Return to Beale



The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds streak across the sky during their rehearsal performance on Friday's DoD and media preview day at Beale Air Force Base. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



A rare sight as the Thunderbirds soars above the iconic Sutter Buttes mountain range during their Friday practice, a stunning backdrop for their return to the Yuba-Sutter area for the first time in over a decade. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



In a dramatic "Delta Burst" maneuver, the Thunderbirds split formation toward the crowd during Friday's preview at Beale Air Force Base, showcasing precision and speed in perfect synchronization. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



Eric Tucker's comedic flight crew waves to the crowd after a hilarious airborne skit that ended with a landing atop a waiting ambulance, just one of many unconventional stunts that brought smiles to the audience. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



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Legendary pilot Vicky Benzing dazzled the crowd with high-speed twists, turns and aerobatics that defied gravity during her solo performance at Beale's air show. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



Legendary MiG 7 Demo at the Beale Air and Space Expo 2025. Photo by Chris Pedigo

**By Shamaya Sutton**

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)**

The sounds of freedom echoed across Yuba County skies this past weekend as Beale Air Force Base hosted its first Air and Space Expo in seven years. To kick the expo off, Marysville welcomed what might have been the city's biggest celebration yet in Veterans Park on Friday, June 6.

"It's hard to believe this is even Marysville right now," said Megan Thayer, board member of the Southwest Council of Airshows and volunteer coordinator for Beale's event. "Such a cool thing for the local community."

Under the shade of palm trees, residents met with the elite Thunderbird crew, making their first appearance in the Yuba-Sutter area since 2011. Fans of all ages lined up for autographs, while Mobility, the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, played a high-energy set of modern and classic hits. Friday also served as DoD and Media Day, offering military families and VIPs a sneak peek at the weekend's aerial spectacle. As early as 9 a.m., the Thunderbirds were already cutting across the sky in a special rehearsal flight.

"It was a good day," said Major Laney "Rogue" Schol, also known as Thunderbird 6 and currently the team's only female pilot. "In the morning, we actually practiced our normal formation flying. We don't usually get that many reps in."

This year's air show marked a historic first for the Thunderbirds: the debut of pyrotechnics in their routine. The team used the rehearsal day to fine-tune the timing and spacing for this

new feature. Schol also said that the extra practice enabled the team to fly closer together than ever before and by the afternoon, they had a somewhat rare chance to practice a five-ship show.

"We have multiple types of shows, some weather-based, some contingency-based," said maintenance officer Capt. Natalee Winton. "We don't often get to rehearse the contingency flights. So doing a five-ship show was a good rep for us. We're always chasing perfection."

Regarding the pyrotechnic debut, Winton noted that the team is still refining how best to integrate it.

"It's the first time we've ever done it and that was our trial of getting it approved to incorporate more often in the future," said Winton. "If we're going to add something like pyro, it has to serve a function."

Thunderbird performances are known not just for their aerial precision but for the emotional narrative behind them, often supported by music, dedications or carefully timed announcements. The team plans to further experiment with pairing pyrotechnics with specific maneuvers for added impact.

One of the most honored participants this year was Nevada County Veterans Services Officer David West, named the show's "Hometown Hero." Known as a former Marine who once experienced homelessness, West has since led statewide efforts to support fellow veterans. Under his leadership, California doubled its veteran funding and helped secure millions in benefits working to reduce homelessness among veterans

in the process. During Friday's preview, West got the ride of a lifetime aboard Thunderbird 8 with pilot "Prime."

"I got to go on the craziest roller coaster ride I've ever been on," said West who was noticeably out of breath. "It was fun, it was scary and I'm just so humbled and honored."

Saturday's official opening day drew thousands through the gates in an orderly rush to witness nearly two dozen aerial performances in under four hours. While the Thunderbirds were the main event, other crowd favorites included legendary stunt pilot Vicky Benzing, world-renowned Australian aerobatic champion Aarron Deliu and comic skits from airshow veteran Eric Tucker.

"What I love about the air show industry is that we're all here volunteering our time, first, to live our passion, because we just love flying but also to pass that spark on to others," said Deliu. "It's like the Olympic torch; you pass the flame on and on. That's my goal."

Guests were also treated to a ground-level experience with dozens of military aircraft, artillery vehicles and armored trucks on display resembling a "Touch-a-Truck" event supersized for all ages.

"I didn't realize I'd be this excited," said resident Tyler Zepp after climbing down from a KC-135 Stratotanker. "I knew the kids would like it but this is fun for me, too."

Inside the hangars, families found even more hands-on activities. Children scaled climbing walls and bounced on bungee trampolines, while parents explored exhibits on Beale's environmental

ecosystem and historic weapons. A crowd favorite was the free 4D simulator "Shadow Strike," which immersed visitors in the sights, sounds and motion of an Air Force mission.

"It's amazing to see all the different parts of base and community come together for this," said Lt. Col. Gordon, the show's director and resident U-2 and T-38 pilot. "We started with a small team, and now we've got 500 to 600 people helping out."

Planning for this event took nearly two years, according to Gordon, who emphasized his appreciation for the team and the people he worked with.

"I grew up wanting to fly. Even if I won the lottery, I couldn't do what I do anywhere else," Gordon added. "It's absolutely spectacular."

Sunday wrapped up the weekend with more high-powered performances and booming pyrotechnics. One of the most surprising acts came from a red MiG-15, a Russian-built fighter aircraft with a modified Rolls-Royce engine, followed by the thunderous blasts of an F-18 "Rhino's" streaking through the sky. Spectators either packed the flight line or found shade under the wings of nearby aircraft.

As the show came to a close, Lt. Col. Jonathan "Huggy" Huggins, a civilian air show announcer and longtime U-2 and T-38 instructor pilot, took a moment to reflect on what it all meant, not just for Beale but for the entire Yuba-Sutter community.

"We had some pretty amazing acts out there," Huggins said. "The goal is to bring out the smiles and I hope people found themselves well entertained."★



Thunderbird pilots walk the flight line following their first practice at Beale Air Force Base on Friday, taking in the view and connecting with ground crews and guests. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



A CV-22 Osprey tilts its rotors during static display at Beale Air Force Base. This marks one of the first appearances of the aircraft at a Beale air show, with the Sutter Buttes standing tall in the background. Photo by Shamaya Sutton

# Wolverines Shred Mustangs in Championships

By Seti Long

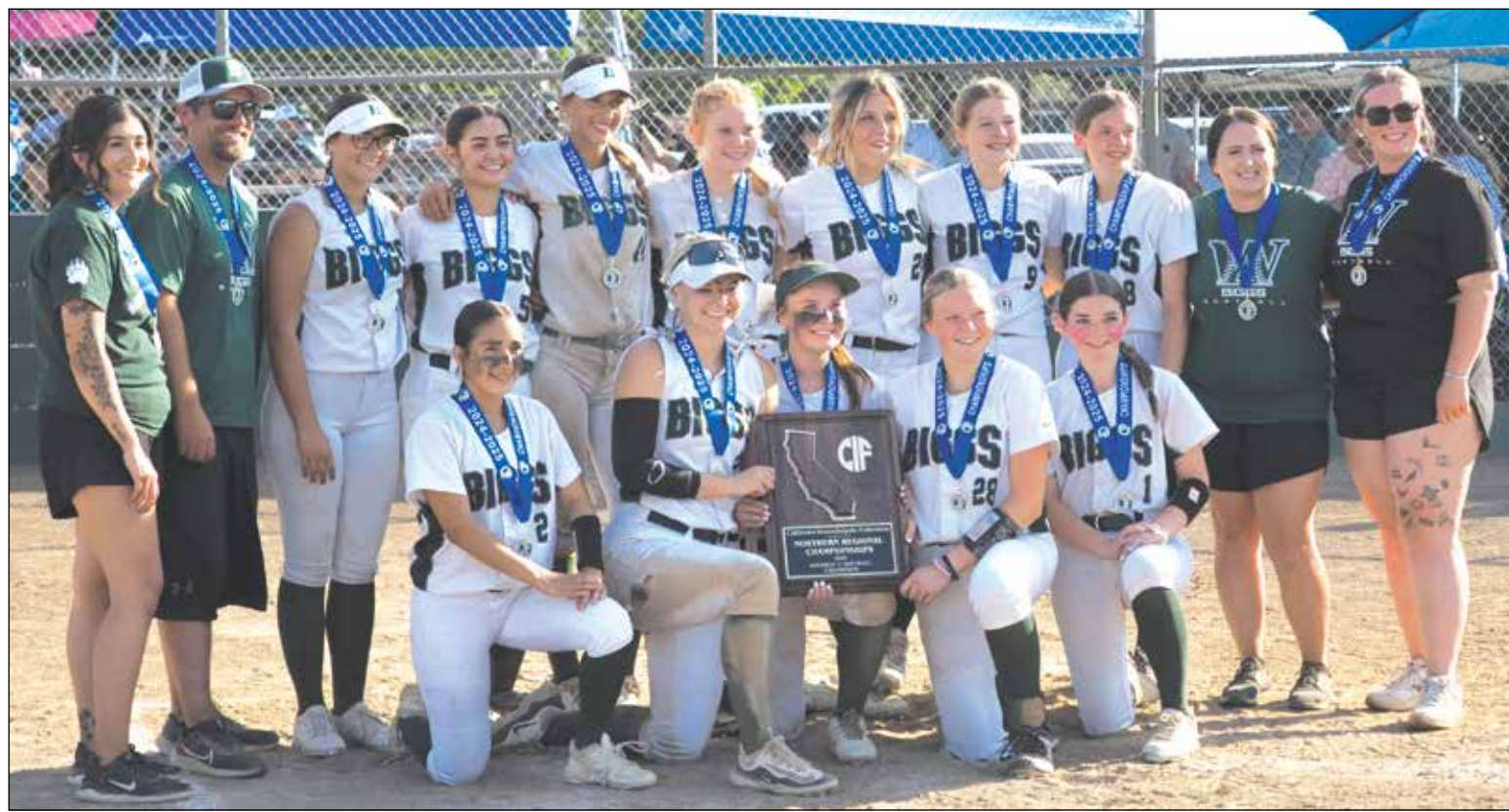
**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - On Friday, June 6, after beating the Miramonte Matadors 11-6 and the Willits Wolverines 10-0, Biggs Softball took on the King City Mustangs for the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) NorCal Division V Championship title.

A blend of freshman to senior players makes up the team that fought fiercely against King City.

Sophomore pitcher Gracie Sheppard pitched the entire game, only allowing two earned runs.

Senior Allie Little and freshman Arden Vines put in work at the plate, stealing bases to push Biggs into the lead.

The Wolverines clenched the championship title with a 4-2 victory over the Mustangs and extended their winning streak to 14 games to end their season. ★



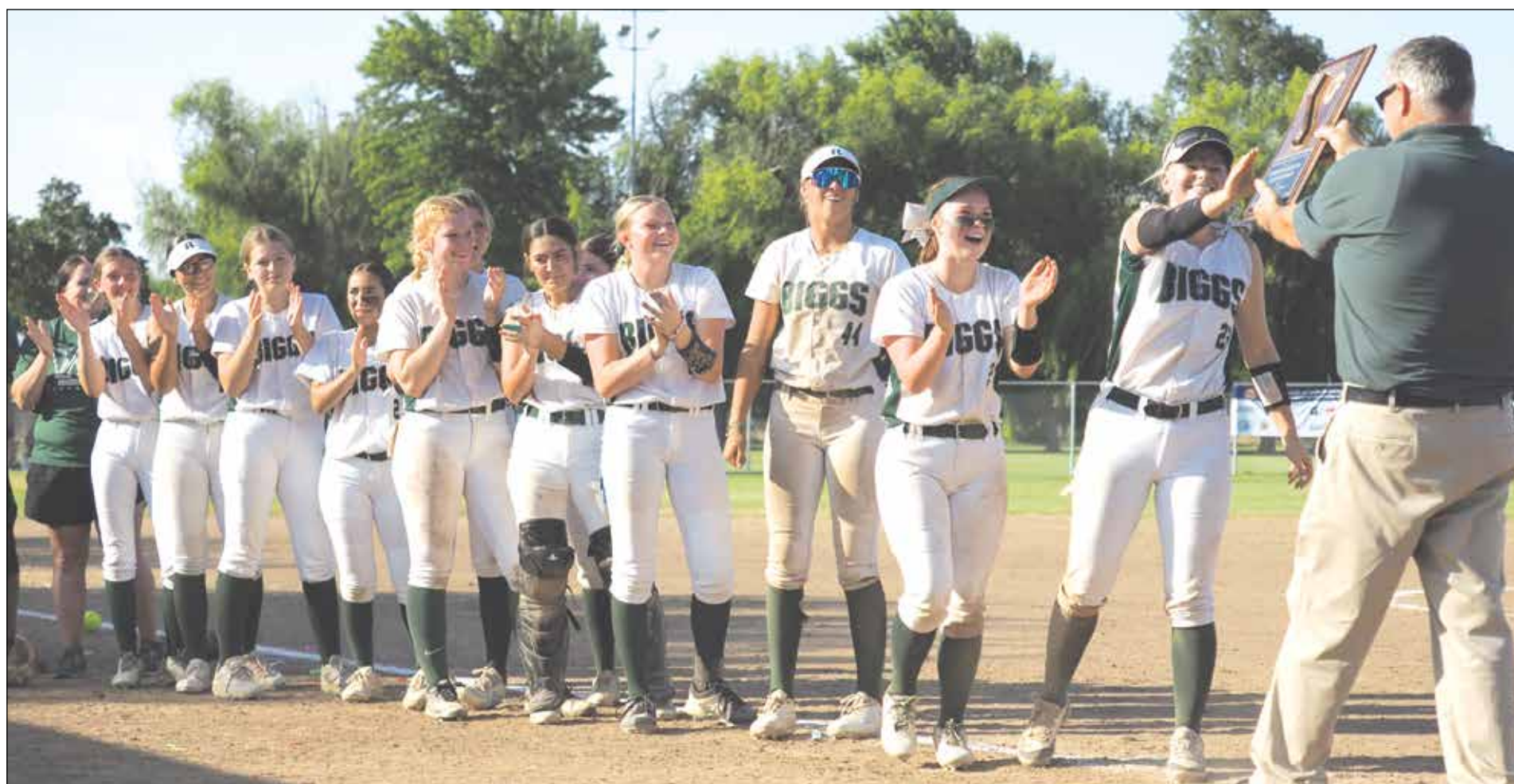
Biggs Wolverine Softball are the 2025 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Northern Regional Division V Softball Champions. In the front row from left are No. 2 Emmy Ibarra, freshman; No. 22 Allie Little, senior; No. 23 Mailey Seipert, senior; No. 28 Gracie Sheppard, junior; and No. 1 Daisy Seipert, sophomore. In the back row from left are No. 14 Natalie Harris-Villalobos, junior, No. 55 Emma Bermudez, junior, No. 44 Arden Vines, freshman, No. 4 Riley Harrison, sophomore, No. 10 Alice Rayburn, senior, No. 9 Rhegan Jones, sophomore, and No. 8 Lillian Baxter, sophomore. The coaching staff includes Michelle Felkins, Head Coach; Mark Felkins, Assistant Coach; and Zonah Headley, Assistant Coach. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo – Yuba-Sutter High School Sports



Rhegan Jones (No. 9) can barely contain her excitement after receiving her championship medal flanked by teammates Emmy Ibarra (No. 2 – right) and Natalie Harris-Villalobos. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo – Yuba-Sutter High School Sports



Mailey Seipert's (No. 23 - second base/short stop) expression says it all as she faces teammate Allie Little (No. 22 - third base/first base) as they receive the CIF Division V Championship medals. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo – Yuba-Sutter High School Sports



Biggs Unified School District Superintendent and High School Principal Doug Kaelin presents the Biggs Girls Softball Team with the NCIF Northern Division V Champions Plaque. Photo courtesy of Chris Pedigo – Yuba-Sutter High School Sports

## Sod Poodles Soak Aqua Sox

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Little League's farm-league baseball diamond was lined with anxious families as the two top teams in league went head-to-head in a Tournament of Champions game on May 31.

The championship game had been rescheduled from the prior evening, due to high temperatures.

Youth players gave their all and the game went into extra innings, due to a tied score.

To break the tie, a runner was placed on second base with a batter up and the visiting team up first.

The Aqua Sox failed to get a run in and the Sod Poodles capitalized on it.

Bennett Banuelos was the runner placed on second, with Tattyana Smith up to bat in hopes to break the tie. With a swing, Smith connected and allowed Banuelos to score the winning run.

Sod Poodles won 7-6 over the Aqua Sox. ★



The Sod Poodles are Nico Espinoza, Noah Hollander, Emma Jurado, Luis Martinez, Bo Dake, Delaney Rodriguez Mendez, Bennett Banuelos, Tattyana Smith and Lucero Gil. Coaches are Eric Jurado and Brandon Dake. Players not pictured are Tatum Gil and Leo Rodriguez Mendez. Photo courtesy of Brandon Dake

# Gridley Softball are Section Champions

By Tammy Carr,  
Gridley High School  
Assistant Athletic  
Director and Varsity  
Coach

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley girls' softball did something on Saturday, May 24 that had not been done in more than 30 years. After making the playoffs for the fourth straight year, but losing in the first round, this year the Bulldogs finished on top and won the D3 Section Championship.

The Bulldogs, who finished the year with a 19-5 record, were the No. 2 seed in the division going into the playoffs. In the first round, they hosted the Orland Trojans on May 20 and won with a score of 8-4. Regionals were then played in Lassen with the Bulldogs advancing to the championship by beating Lassen 18-5 with every single player in the lineup tallying at least one hit.

On May 24, the Bulldogs again had to face Lassen who came back up through the loser's bracket to the championship game. Going into the fifth inning the Bulldogs were

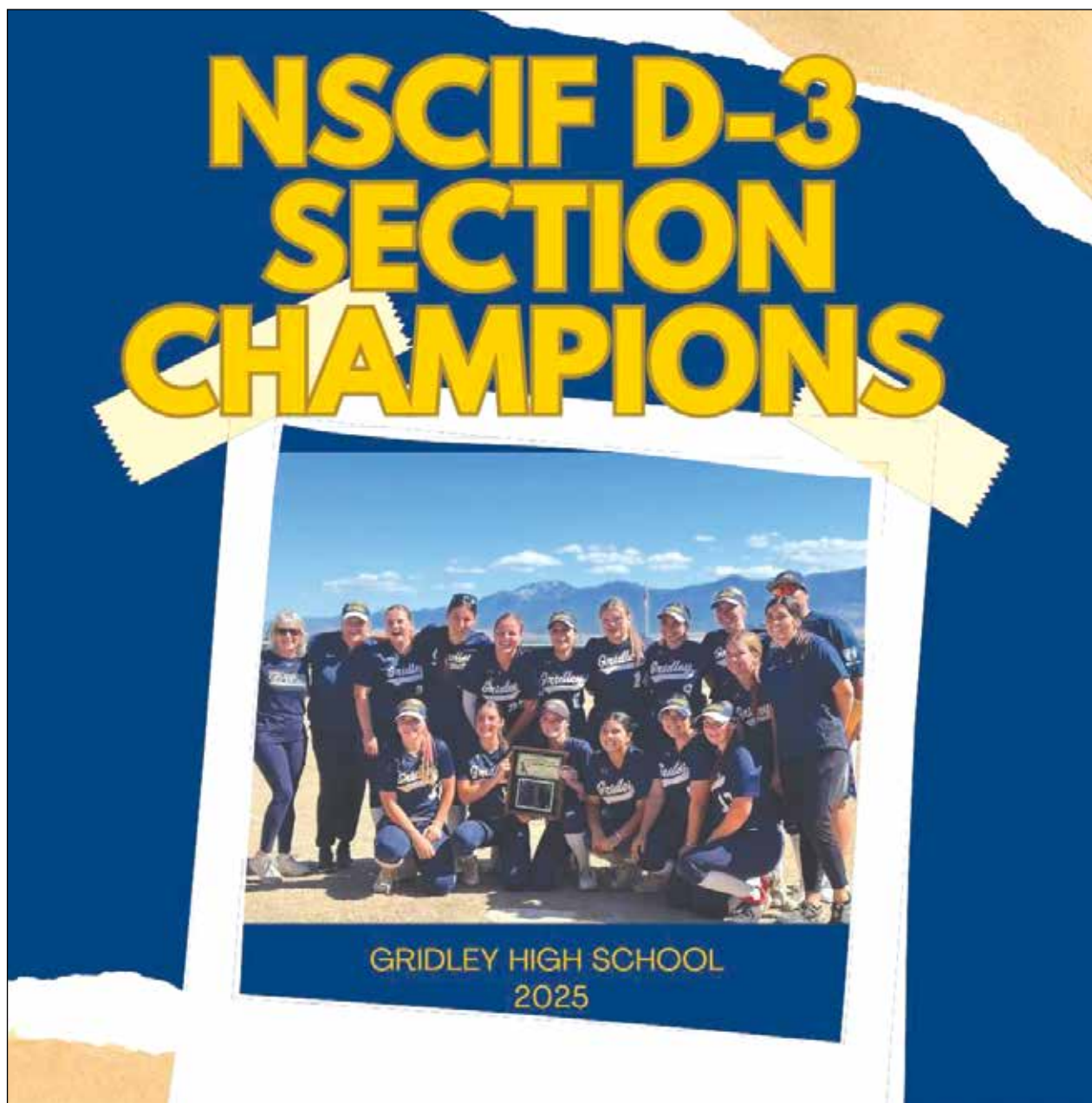
down 7-0 but stayed resilient and calm. In the fifth inning led by hits from Burreesch, Cloyd, and Pruitt, the Bulldogs scored three runs. In the sixth inning, Poyner started the rally followed by hits from Campos, Burreesch, Cloyd, Pruitt, Rivero, Mendenhall, and Alcantar and scored six runs to go ahead 9-7.

The Bulldogs were able to hold off the Grizzlies in the sixth where they had bases loaded and no outs, and in the seventh where they had two on with no outs.

Kay Pruitt got the win on the mound, allowing only three earned runs and striking out the third out of the inning, the Grizzlies best hitter, to win the game and seal the championship.

It was a true team effort. These girls have worked hard all year and stayed together as a team. We also have a great coaching staff that work together as well. We are very proud of the girls and what they have accomplished.

The Bulldogs are coached by Tammy Carr, Amber Mendenhall, Tera Tuttle and Cody Cloyd. ★



The Gridley High School girls' softball team won the D3 Section Championship on May 24, an achievement not reached in more than 30 years. Photo courtesy of the Gridley High School Athletic Department

# Bulldogs Eliminated After Strong Season

By Dillon Longmire

**WALNUT CREEK, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Bulldogs softball team had their season end after taking on the Northgate Broncos in round one of the 2025 CIF NorCal Softball Championships.

After winning the D3 Softball Super Regional Championship, the Bulldogs traveled to Walnut Creek to face off against the Northgate Broncos on Tuesday, June 3. After a quick first inning that ended 0-0, the Broncos put the Bulldogs in a massive hole

as they scored eight runs at the bottom of the second leaving the Bulldogs with no choice but to get their offense rolling.

After a strong defensive third inning from both teams, the Bulldogs were able to get on the board as they scored two runs in

the fourth inning and after holding the Broncos to nothing, the score was 8-2 heading into the fifth. Those two points were the only points that the Bulldogs would manage to score, as their defense slipped allowing three more runs making the score 11-2

and ending the game before a seventh inning could be played.

Although their season ended earlier than the team may have wanted, the Bulldogs accomplished great things this season making their school and community proud. ★



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