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American Legion and Riders Serve Dinner



American Legion Post 210 and the American Legion Riders of Post 210 held a tri-tip dinner at the newly remodeled Veterans Memorial Hall. Pictured left to right: Roger Grimes (bike), Ray Whiteside, Owen Stiles, Michelle Whiteside, John Carter, Jason Stifel, James Thomas and Joe Panettoni (bike).

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - America's colors were waving proudly outside Gridley's Veterans Memorial Hall as the American Legion Post 210 and their brothers, the American Legion Riders, held a tasty fundraiser dinner on Flag Day, June 14.

The newly remodeled Veterans Memorial Hall has been unusable by the veterans' groups that call it home for the past years, including Post 210,

but was officially reopened in a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 14.

The American Legion Post, Axillary and Riders have moved back to the hall from their temporary home in Biggs, bringing with them their popular Thursday night Bingo.

Saturday's dinner featured wonderfully flavored tri-tip, salad, and beans with dine-in and take-out options. Whole, seasoned tri-tips were also for sale for \$40, with all proceeds from the

dinner going to the veterans' groups.

In addition to co-hosting the dinner, the American Legion Riders promoted their upcoming poker-run and motorcycle raffle. For just \$50 per ticket, you can enter to win a 01' Dyna T-Sport (FXDX) Harley-Davidson with all proceeds going toward veterans' causes. The final day to enter is Sept. 6, the day of the poker run.

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Biggs to Hold Special Election

By Connie Voss

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - During a special Biggs City Council meeting at 10 a.m. June 13, Interim City Administrator Cliff Wagner began the meeting by speaking about the importance of having a yearly financial audit.

Wagner praised Biggs City Clerk Roben Benish and accounting technician Carrie Pahua.

"Roben and Carrie have done an exemplary job of being responsive to the myriad of requests for updates over time that are necessary to support our auditor's process. The audit is a critical component piece that speaks to the financial condition and practices of the city. It's essential for our federal compliance and grants eligibility," Wagner said.

Certified Public Accountant Robert Dennis conducted the audit and attended the meeting remotely to present an overview. Dennis indicated that Biggs received a "clean opinion," which is the highest rating. Dennis then responded to questions. Councilmember Anita Wilks inquired about funding for the upcoming purchase of a fire engine, which was included in the report, Dennis said.

The next item of business was to approve a Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the City of Gridley. For the last five years, Biggs has contracted with the Butte County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement. That agreement ends June 30.

Previously, the city issued Requests for Proposals (RFP) from both Gridley and the Butte County Sheriff's Office. The five-year plans received from both agencies differed in cost by \$1.2 million. Gridley Police Chief Todd Farr and a few other officers were available for questions. Concerns were raised about having officers patrol the city and outlying areas between Gridley and Biggs, as well as public awareness events and the weekly Bike Fest.

Voting was unanimous. However, Mayor Bo Sheppard recused himself from voting on the issue, due to his employment with the Gridley Recreation Department.

Wagner then gave a brief report on cash and investments for April. This presentation was informational only and Wagner wants to make the report a monthly occurrence. A future proposal for a transfer of \$1 million from the General Operating Reserve for the Northern California

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GHS Tennis Teams to be Dissolved

Story and photo
by Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Unified School District will dissolve the Gridley High School girls' and boys' tennis teams, starting next year. At the Gridley High School board meeting on May 28, tennis players, family members and community members requested that the board reverse the decision to end the program or at least ask for more information before allowing it to go forward.

Gridley High School Principal Rikki-Lee Burresch took the first 15 minutes of the hour-long discussion to discuss the decision. Burresch said that increasing athletic program costs was the fundamental reason. Students are asking for girls' flag football and boys' volleyball teams, Burresch said, and a program must be sacrificed to make way for the new sports.

"We want to start with empathy and understanding that it absolutely does affect some athletes and that is an unfortunate reality," Burresch said.

Burresch discussed current athletic program costs. The cost of reconditioning the Gridley High School football helmets increased to



From left, Gridley High School tennis players are Aubrey Mangan, Beck Stewart and Shawnacy McGilvray, who hope that the Gridley Unified School District will reverse its decision to discontinue the tennis program. Photo by Cindy Scott

\$19,000 this year. Officials' fees, which are mostly contracted through the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), are also increasing. While Gridley High School will increase its gate prices, gate income usually only covers the cost of officiating, which Burresch anticipates will be \$30,000 next year. Gate proceeds of the higher-profile sports pay for the officiating at all Gridley High School sports which require it. Gridley High School tennis competitions are not officiated.

Gridley High School plans on incorporating an athletic trainer into the sports program next year, which the California Interscholastic Federation is expected to soon

require. The California Interscholastic Federation is also now requiring supervision at away football and girls' and boys' basketball games. There are also the usual costs of equipment, transportation and coaching stipends.

Art Cota of the Gridley Unified School District Board asked how the Gridley High School athletic program is funded. Burresch said that student funds (Associated Student Body), the general fund and gate proceeds provide funding. Two extra teams would put more fundraising pressure on the community, according to Cota. Burresch responded that a booster club will be organized next year to help with that.

Burresch discussed the

girls' flag football team and boys' volleyball team at length, calling them "high interest, low start-up cost" sports. She also anticipates that they will be high spectator sports.

Burresch spoke about the 75-year-old tennis courts, saying that resurfacing them to fix the cracks would cost \$38,000. Burresch said that she contacted Live Oak, Oroville and Las Plumas High schools and the schools are all willing to let Gridley High School tennis players practice with their teams and still compete for Gridley High School.

Beck Stewart, a Gridley High School sophomore tennis player, spoke with several other tennis players standing behind him. He discussed the team's recent successes. Stewart competed in sections both his freshman and sophomore years, adding, "My goal was to be able to play in sections my junior and senior year and do as well as my sister did. That won't be possible now that Gridley High has cancelled the tennis teams."

While players in larger towns such as Chico and Yuba City play almost daily at local racquet clubs, Stewart said, Gridley doesn't offer the same opportunities.

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

There's a rumor going The Silver Dollar Fair moved the annual Junior livestock auction to a different day than the Fair because of a massive building project going on there. The kids from Gridley did pretty dang well. Congratulations to Dane Becker (Champion York), Taylor Carey (Champion Light Cross), Madison Carey (3rd Overall Junior Showman), Eve Sherer (Champion FFA Senior Showman), Gaby Roque (Reserve Champion Natural), Kevin Bastini (4th Overall Jr. Sheep Showman), Emily Danner (5th Overall Jr. Sheep Showman), Logan Hansen (6th Overall Jr. Sheep Showman), Alexis Alcantar (8th Overall Jr. Goat Showman), Joe Schohr (Champion Senior Showman Cattle, Champion Bull, Heifer, and Round Robin), and Gemma Donati (Reserve

Champion Black Steer). Well done to all the other participants as well. The Gridley FFA kids and their advisors put out a notice thanking everybody who showed up and bought their animals. The Silver Dollar Fair and the Silver Dollar Junior Livestock Auction is one of the most successful in California. If it's not number one it's number two or three.

The Butte County Search and Rescue has had a hectic schedule. I think they should make a reality TV show out of it last week. There was a guy who was 70 years old, who was lost mountain biking, followed by a boat that lost its power, and was pinned up against a tree at the river, followed by another missing hiker. I mean, I get the notices and it's just amazing to me that there's this group of volunteers to go out and do this kind of work all the time. A show based on their heroics would be better than watching some of the programming on Netflix or cable. Can't help but admire those people.

Got to spend a few nights sleeping in a bomb shelter and I'm writing this column this week from the Middle East. My appreciation for America has expanded more than I thought possible. In my

lifetime I've never had to listen for air raid sirens and shelter in a bunker as things explode around me. For Israelis, it is built into the daily schedules. In an odd twist of fate, my nephew Drew Scott is stationed over here and we were able to message each other as incoming waves of missiles were flying by him and towards us. He is a Gridley boy - now flying helicopters wherever he is needed for the U.S. Army. We sometimes joke about how everywhere we go in the world we find somebody who has some connection to Gridley - somehow. This one kinda has to top every other "I MET A GUY FROM GRIDLEY" story I've ever heard. Going somewhere thousands of miles away, having a war break out, and then having a family member less than four hours away was surprisingly comforting. Family is such a blessing and friends from Gridley are not far behind on the always long list of blessings. The defeat and collapse of the Iranian regime cannot come soon enough and I told Drew that he is a part of something that will be incredibly important to the world and historic. I was overjoyed to have a front-row seat.

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

Tech Trek Girls Going to STEM Workshops



From left are Rio Espino, Emersyn Moore, Sonia Zarate (Gridley Branch American Association of University Women Tech Trek coordinator), Gemma Ramirez, and Mary Lybrand at a Root Beer Float Meet and Greet at the Gridley Library on June 10 for University of California, Davis' Tech Trek Camp. Not pictured is Lydia Thompson. Photo courtesy of the American Association of University Women

By Tracy Howell,
Gridley Branch
American Association
of University
Women's President

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Branch American Association of University Women held a Root Beer Float Meet & Greet for the 2025 Tech Trek girls at the Gridley Library on June 10.

Tech Trek is a one-week summer camp held at University of California, Davis providing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) workshops based on discovery and exploration in those fields. It is designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who are entering the eighth-grade.

Six girls were nominated for Tech Trek and five are planning to attend

the camp at UC Davis in July, including Rio Espino from Manzanita Elementary School with Mary Lybrand, Emersyn Moore, Gemma Ramirez and Lydia Thompson from Sycamore Middle School. Gina Payne is the alternate from Sycamore Middle School.

Since 1881, American Association of University Women, the American Association of University Women, has been promoted equity and education for women and girls. Tech Trek began in 1998 and is being expanded across the U.S.

Girls attend Tech Trek camps hosted by the American Association of University Women, California, on scholarships provided by American Association of University Women members, generous individuals, community organizations and

memorial donations. From participating middle schools in our area, seventh-grade science and math teachers recommend camper candidates who must pass through an extensive qualification process that includes an application, an essay and a personal interview.

Tech Trek campers from Gridley will stay in dorm rooms, participate in hands-on workshops and meet other young women from across Northern California. It is an exciting week where lifelong memories and friendships will be developed. Tech Trek campers are encouraged to continue to study science, technology, engineering and math subjects, ultimately pursuing a career in these fields.

Being nominated for Tech Trek is a great honor. They are commended for their achievements. ★



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4th of July Community Events



BIGGS

Free parade is downtown at 10:30 a.m. No pancake breakfast or fireworks.

CHICO

Free parade is downtown at 9 a.m. Fireworks are at Silver Dollar Speedway after their races.

OROVILLE

Table Mountain Golf Course fireworks are 30 minutes after sunset. Free in the

surrounding area. Table Mountain Golf Course has \$10 per car tickets for a close view of the fireworks.

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Children’s parade from Plumas and Center Street to Town Square Fountain is at 10 a.m. Free lunch and popsicles. Music and food vendors is at Riverfront Motocross Park starting at 6:30 p.m. Firework launch time is 9:30 p.m. Free. ★

GHS Tennis Teams to be Dissolved

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“It has been awesome that, despite fewer chances to play, we have competed well through hard work and determination as a team,” Stewart said.

Stewart asked the board, “With this much success on both teams, why did you cancel them?”

Shawnacy McGilvray and her mother, Mandi, said that Shawnacy played soccer in her freshman year but was then diagnosed with scoliosis. Her doctor recommended against high-velocity sports, so she joined the tennis team. Shawnacy McGilvray said that the tennis teams have the same number of players as the golf team, adding that tennis is a low-cost sport. The team travels in one van and most matches are less than an hour away.

“It’s not about money,” Shawnacy McGilvray said and asked the board how much the tennis program cost.

Mandi added, “She wants to continue playing sports but she doesn’t have a lot of options.”

Gridley High School tennis player Joe Latona, a first-year player, recalled Burresch’s accounting of the number of tennis players, saying, “In those few people, you must realize that we are all human and we have emotions, too.” He said that removing the courts would impact the youth by reducing physical activity, opportunities for skill development and life lessons, community engagement and economic benefit to Gridley.

Latona emphasized what he called a negative role modeling, saying, “The removal of recreational facilities sends a message to youth, implying a lack of investment in their well-being and future. It’s crucial to consider these broader implications when making decisions about community resources.”

Jaxon Nako, a sophomore tennis player, said to the board that he tried football and basketball but they didn’t work out for him, “and then I found tennis.”

Nako finished this year as one of the top players. Tennis fills his physical education credits and helps Nako build his college resumé.

“By taking away tennis, it hurts not only your students athletically but also academically, which is the whole point of Gridley High School,” Nako said.

Caleb Stewart addressed the lifelong nature of tennis, saying “I played in high school. I play all the time

with my kids. All my friends that played football and all these other sports in high school, of course they’re not going to play that anymore.”

Linda McDowell, who coached Gridley High School tennis for 10 years, recalled the sport’s low cost nature. While the team received two boxes of tennis balls and, one year, new nets, the players provided all court maintenance.

When Cassandra Jiminez Smallwood coached, McDowell said, the district paid to repaint the courts but only after a parent threatened to bring in the media. McDowell recalled organizing fundraisers, going to local service clubs for funds and offering summer tennis camps to raise the needed funds.

Colleen Haymond addressed the board.

“I’m literally begging you, do not get rid of the tennis program or the tennis courts without looking at all the possibilities,” Haymond said. “My fear is that if tennis is taken away, it’s probably never coming back.”

If the courts are in the way of the planned new gym building, Haymond said, “Can it just be admitted?”

Haymond expressed her gratitude for Justin Kern, the Gridley Unified School District superintendent, and his focus on students. Haymond said that he told her, “This is the kids’ money. We’re going to spend it on the kids.”

Haymond spoke about the disenfranchising of tennis athletes, noting that her brother and her daughter played Gridley High School tennis, and that with the tennis program, “You are reaching a whole different set of students who are not as apt to play the other sports.”

“The tennis courts are not in perfect shape but they’re not catastrophically falling apart either,” Haymond said. “I think it’s not outside the bounds to limp them along until you can put it in a five- or six-year plan and get it in the budget, ‘Hey, we’re going to replace these and we’re going to do it right.’”

Graciela Guitierrez’s daughter played Gridley High School tennis for four years. Guitierrez told the board how her daughter began as a novice and a shy player and the sport helped her develop confidence and courage. Her daughter became the No. 1 player on the team and is today a high-level budget coordinator, according to Guitierrez.

“I can still play, even at my age,” Guitierrez said.

Her six-year-old grandson has a racquet.

Gutierrez said that her sophomore granddaughter has played for two years and she plays with her.

“My little grandson says he wants to grow up and be a tennis player. In this district, he won’t be able to do that,” Guitierrez said.

She requested that the board look at the district property on Randolph Avenue as a site for new courts.

“Look at your program reserves,” Gutierrez said. “Try not to eliminate or take away from the students.”

Jen Warfield’s daughter is on the Gridley High School tennis team.

“My daughter found a sport she actually enjoys,” Warfield said.

The tennis team can only take seven players and had to cut players this year, according to Warfield. She requested that the board “let the team continue as long as they have those said players.” She also discussed the possibility of using the two courts at Vierra Park.

Warfield also has three younger children who plan to play tennis.

“Not everybody can play or afford the other sports. My son is not able to play contact sports. Tennis would be an avenue for him to participate in the Gridley High School sports world,” Warfield said.

Leticia Stewart has a son who played tennis for Gridley High School and her grandson currently plays.

“Individual sports like track and tennis have a place in the school that are irreplaceable. A lot of students don’t do team sports,” Stewart said. “I can see that there’s want for these two new sports, I’m happy for them. I just feel like it’s unfortunate to stop a sport that has been successful this last while to make way for two new team sports. That’s a bit of a mistake.”

Stewart asked the board to look at the student survey, which shows the number of students who would leave other sports to play girls’ flag football and boys’ volleyball.

“There are several teams that could be impacted by this,” she said. “We may have sports that will not be in place anymore.”

Stewart emphasized the community asset that the tennis courts and track are to the community, saying “If you stay in Gridley your whole life, you’ve been on that track and you’ve been on those tennis courts over and over again.” ★

American Night-Out

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For those interested in participating in the poker-run, registration includes one poker hand and one meal ticket, with the first bike out at 10 a.m. and the last in at 1 p.m. A rider’s cost to enter is \$25, with passengers at \$10 each. The run will start at 249 Sycamore St., Gridley, otherwise known as Veterans Memorial Hall.

The public is encouraged to join to help promote and support our local veterans’ groups.

The riders merged with American Legion Post 210 last year, bringing a fun spin and new blood to the local post. The group has been flourishing, along with both the American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders Auxiliary and its Sons of the American Legion brothers.

If you look at the patches on the rider’s jackets, Jason Stifel Jr., of the American Legion Riders said, you will see the words “Veterans,” “Auxiliary”



Roger Grimes holds up the legion riders chapter vest over the Harley-Davidson motorcycle currently being raffled off as part of their upcoming poker run.

or “Squadron,” designating the members’ rank with those in the squadron being decedents of veterans, with the Auxiliary for spouses of the riders.

“We aren’t a motorcycle club” said Roger Grimes, an American Legion rider. “There is no ‘MC’ on our jackets. We are an organization,” and one focused on supporting veterans and veteran’s affairs, while promoting patriotism and

community through riding. American Legion Post 210 and the American Legion Riders plan to be rolling down the Biggs 4th of July, further introducing themselves to the community.

To join the American Legion Riders or its Auxiliary, you do not have to be a veteran but you must be the son or daughter, wife or husband, or child or grandchild of a veteran. ★

Biggs to Hold Special Election

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Power Agency to the Electric Fund will happen during upcoming budget negotiations.

For the biggest item of business, approval was unanimous for a special election to fill a City Council vacancy that occurred when Councilmember Brian Bassett resigned. Two vacancies that happened previously were filled by appointment but California state law

prohibits any city from having a majority of appointees on a council. All the election ballots will be collected by mail to offset some of the costs, estimated at \$48,000.

Those who are interested in running for the City Council position can call City Clerk Benish at 530-868-0102 for an appointment to fill out paperwork. Candidate petitions need five valid signatures. The candidate filing period is July 14

through Aug. 8.

As part of department reports, Wagner pointed to a Planning Activity Report available online at <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/nzohtjg5ojqmnbx815fm-k/7.-May-2025-Planning-Report.pdf?rlkey=6hs292zi8c9p-c59vj3wen2s-3s&e=1&d=0>.

When the meeting adjourned, a closed session was held for Public Employment, position of City Administrator. ★

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The importance of setting strong financial goals

There's a quote about the importance of setting goals that says, "If you don't know where you're going, any path will take you there." You probably have dreams about retirement, vacations, hobbies and more. But if you don't have a strategy with financial goals in place, you may not make the choices that can best set you on the path to achieve those dreams.

Setting goals helps define and showcase your purpose, passions and priorities. And establishing your own strong financial goals can help you earn and enjoy a wide variety of short- and long-term achievements throughout your life. When you reach your financial goals, you can feel a sense of accomplishment in seeing your efforts literally pay off. But how do you get started?

Prioritize your needs and wants. Think about the things that are most important to you and then outline them as financial "must-haves" and "wish-list" targets. Start with the big-ticket items and work through to ideas that may not cost as much. A must-have for many people is having enough to live comfortably through retirement. Being able to afford the college of your child's choice, without incurring mounds of debt, is another. Your wish list, on the other hand, may include things like saving for vacations, hobbies or entertainment expenses.

Create detailed short- and long-term goals within your financial strategy. It's important to be specific about the goals you want to achieve and how much you'll need to achieve them. One way to do this is by making your goals measurable. Assign estimated dates and costs to each goal so you can plan how much to save and how much time you have before you need the money.

For example, for your retirement goal, be specific about how many years before you want to retire. And once you do, how you plan to spend your time — perhaps traveling the world, turning your hobby into a business or taking your grandkids on outings. These can have vastly different price tags.

Be willing to compromise. Reaching one, or more, of your goals may mean compromising. If your must-have is building your dream home but it's not looking quite affordable, you may need to make a trade-off — build it a bit smaller, work a year or two longer or trade in some of your wish-list goals so you can stay focused on your must-haves.

Hold yourself accountable to stay on track. Once your strategy is in place, it's not a set-and-forget exercise. Actively tracking your progress and managing your decisions and actions can help you be better positioned to reach your goals. Use time-tested principles for making financial decisions, not predictions. Diversify, own quality investments and keep a realistic perspective, especially for your long-term goals. Maintain your focus and don't let your emotions control your investment decisions. It can be helpful to meet with a financial advisor at least annually to review your full financial strategy, address any changes in your life or your goals, and discuss your progress and new ideas.

As you achieve certain milestones, celebrate them. You may even want to refresh your outlook with new goals. Take pride in your ability to strategize and accomplish a personal financial goal for yourself by following the path you envisioned and created.

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Gridley Police Report



May 21, 2025 - June 13, 2025

May 21: At 12 p.m. on the 200 block of Haskell Street, Gridley, Shaie Raven Armstrong, 20, was arrested for Battery on Person – Simple (M) (242 PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

May 22: At 12:53 a.m. on Spruce Street and Virginia Street, Gridley, Malachi Martin, 20, was arrested for Petty Theft – Shoplifting (M) (484(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

May 23: At 9:13 p.m. on the 1500 block of SR99, Gridley, Jesus Solorionunez, 18, was arrested for Manufacture or Sell Counterfeit or Nonfunctioning Airbag (27317 (a) CVC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

May 23: At 11:55 p.m. on Vermont Street and Cedar Street, Gridley, Eduardo Miguel Angel Pacheco, 35, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

May 24: At 2:45 p.m. on the 400 block of Scarlet Oak Drive, Gridley, Thomas Wayne Cecil Cabrera, 33, was arrested for Vandalism: damage Property (F) (594(a)(2) PC) and Vandalism: damage Property (M) (594(a) (2) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

May 26: At 11:43 a.m. on Evelyn Drive and SR99, Gridley, Stephen Scott Lucero, 37, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

May 26: At 3:55 p.m. on the 1500 block of SR99, Gridley, Kayla Marie Morris, 37, was arrested for Driving w/license Suspended – DUI (14601.2 (a) VC), Expired Registration (4000(a)(1) VC) and No Proof of Insurance (16028(a) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

May 30: At 7:02 a.m. on the 1000 block of Earnhardt Drive, Yuba City, Harinderjit Singh, 33, was arrested for Burglary: second degree – All Other Larceny (F) (459 PC), Commit Mail Theft – All Other Larceny (M) (530.5(e) PC). At 8:02 a.m. Singh was charged with Forgery: False checks/records/certificates/etc (M) (470(d) PC). At 8:02 a.m. and 8:12 a.m., Singh was charged with two separate charges of Forgery: false checks/records/certificates/etc. (F) (470(d) PC) and make/pass/etc fictitious Check with intent to Defraud (F) (476 PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail. A total of four separate charges.

Jun 2: At 10:18 a.m. on the 1600 block of SR99, Gridley, James Miller Atkins, III, 35, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Jun 2: At 6:39 p.m. on the 500 block of Virginia Street, Gridley, Gabriel Raya, 31, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct under influence of Drug – Disorderly Conduct (M) (647(f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Jun 4: At 6:24 p.m. on the 200 block of Ford Avenue, Gridley, Sheyenne Ashley Knoefler, 27, was arrested for Possessing Unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS) and Possessing Narcotics Controlled Substance (M) (11350(a) HS) and was

Jun 4: At 6:24 p.m. on the 200 block of Ford Avenue, Gridley, Mckayla Cheyanne Cahill, 28, was arrested for Possessing Unlawful Paraphernalia (M) (11364(a) HS) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Jun 6: At 9 p.m. on the 1600 block of SR99, Gridley, Caralina Lopez, 58, was arrested for Driving w/license Suspended – DUI (14601.2(a) VC) and Running Red Light (21453(a) CVC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Jun 7: At 5:07 p.m. on Spruce Street and SR99, Gridley, Jose Angel Garcia, 49, was arrested for an Outside Agency – Misdemeanor Warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail. ★

LaMalfa Statement on House Passage of Rescissions Act



Doug LaMalfa

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) released the following statement on June 12 after the House passed H.R. 4, the Rescissions Act of 2025. Passage of this bill codifies President Trump’s rescissions package, cutting \$9.4 billion in wasteful federal spending.

“This is exactly the kind of action voters sent us here to take. We’re cutting nearly \$10 billion in junk spending, foreign aid giveaways, woke public broadcasting, and other bloated programs that do nothing for the average American,” said Rep. LaMalfa. “The

federal government has a spending problem, and this bill is a strong step toward restoring fiscal sanity, holding agencies accountable, and stopping the inflationary madness that’s been driving prices through the roof.”

The Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 was enacted after President Nixon refused to spend congressionally approved funds. The law allows a president to propose rescinding funds already appropriated by Congress. Once submitted, the funds can be withheld for up to 45 legislative days. If Congress passes a rescissions bill, the funds are permanently canceled; if not, the money must be spent. The law also sets expedited procedures for Senate consideration, including a simple majority vote threshold and limited debate, meaning rescissions bills cannot be filibustered.

President Trump submitted a \$9.4 billion rescissions package targeting programs deemed wasteful, politically biased or unnecessary to taxpayers. The proposal includes cuts to foreign aid, global health spending and public broadcasting. H.R. 4 will now make its way to the Senate for consideration.

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

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SPARKY'S CORNER

Outdoor Entertaining

The warm balmy nights, food cooking on the grill, and friends and family spending quality time together in the backyard or around the pool create wonderful memories that last a lifetime. But, hosting outdoor events also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINING BY THE NUMBERS

- Outside fireplaces or fire pits caused nearly 3,700 grass and brush fires
- Total outdoor patio heater or fire pit injuries has nearly tripled in six years (1,330 to 3,608) from 2006 – 2012
- More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle
- An average of 8,800 home fires involved grills, hibachis, or barbecues each year
- In 2012, sparklers, fountains and novelties accounted for 25% of emergency room fireworks-related injuries*

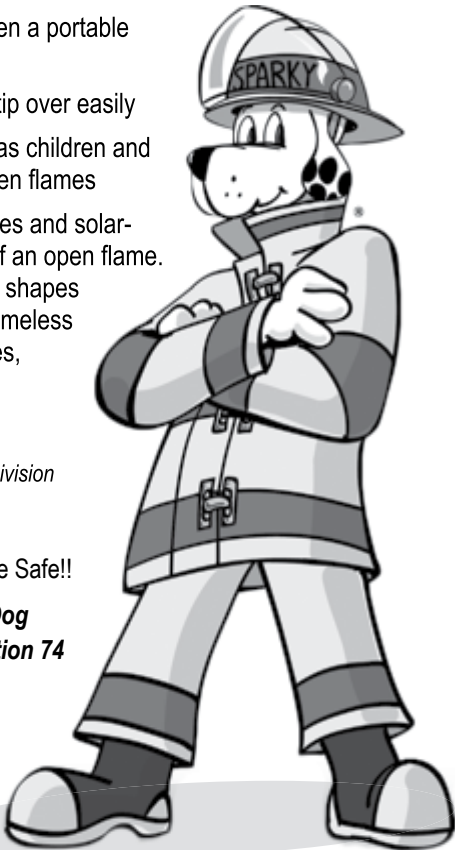
Fortunately, following some simple safety tips and guidelines can help ensure you and your guests stay safe. Consider the following when you host your next outdoor event:

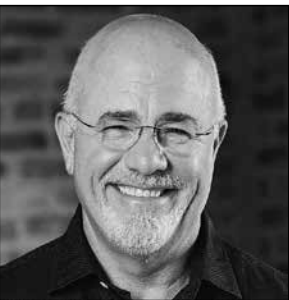
- Have an adult present at all times when a portable fireplace is burning
- Use sturdy candle holders that won't tip over easily
- Keep anything that can burn, as well as children and pets, at least three feet away from open flames
- Use battery-operated flameless candles and solar-powered patio (tiki) torches in place of an open flame. Flameless candles come in all colors, shapes and sizes, and many are scented. Flameless candles look and feel like the real ones, and add a beautiful soft glow to any outdoor event.

Source: NFPA's Fire Analysis & Research Division



Thank You, and Be Safe!!
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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My fiancé and I are getting married this year. We’re both in our 40s with kids, so we’ll be a blended family. The thing that worries me is that we have drastically different views on handling money. I’m a saver, and he’s a spender. I also make significantly more money than he does. He’s been trying to get his production company in Tampa off the ground for about 10 years, making \$50,000 a year. I’m an accountant, and I make \$300,000 a year. Considering the uniqueness of the situation, would it be easier for us to keep separate financial lives? I’ve got a feeling it’s going to be hard talking him into being more responsible with money at his age.

– Lisa

Dear Lisa,

You’re going to burn a lot of calories either way, aren’t you? Either you folks are going to do the hard work of getting on the same page together, or you’re going to essentially work against each other and underperform. In your lives and your finances.

All the data we’ve col-

Dave Ramsey Says

Unique Situation, Separate Finances?

lected shows that the couple who win with money are the couples who work together. Nearly 80% of the 10,000+ millionaires we interviewed in “The National Study of Millionaires” were married. On top of that, 80% of them said they were able to build that kind of wealth because they were working together financially with their spouse, instead of despite their spouse.

As far as your fiancé and his business are concerned, it doesn’t take 10 years to get a business off the ground. If you know your stuff, it takes about 10 months. So, he doesn’t really have a small business. He has a hobby. Don’t get me wrong. I admire the dude’s commitment and ambitious spirit. It may just be a case of him being good at what he does but not being good at running a business. Accidental entrepreneurs happen a lot, and that’s not a sin. He may just need to educate himself on the how of running a business successfully.

Along those lines, I’d recommend that he pick up a copy of “The E-Myth” by Michael E. Gerber. It’s a great read for anyone looking to evaluate their small

business and get it moving in the right direction. But if that’s not the answer, he needs to find a different career. My guess is he could double what he’s making now working for someone else in the production world in a place like Tampa.

Looking at you two on the surface, you’ve got a chance to build a beautiful life together. That’s not going to happen, though, if one or both of you are in denial about a job or your finances. The awkwardness of you making literally six times what he makes — and his business situation — needs to be discussed with a good pre-marital counselor before you two walk down the aisle.

God bless you two, Lisa!

– 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

Here we are at the Summer Solstice. When I lived in Berry Creek, we all would hike up Bald Rock on the Summer Solstice. It was a time of joy and friendship. The stars would be bright pinpricks of light, finding constellations and satellites was fun and kept everyone busy. Walking back down with flashlights

was always an adventure.

My night sky viewing is a less now. I still go out and look at the sky. If there is an planetary event I’m out at the time of maximum viewing. These days if that is early morning like around 3, I’m less likely to get up.

We had an uninvited guest in our habitat garden the other day. A fledgling Green Heron leaped out of a tree a few blocks away and landed in our yard. It was a BIG baby. About 15”-18” tall and had a BIG pointy beak. I did not want to get near that beak. It of course, was afraid and worked at being threatening. What to do? If I called a rescue place they would say

give it time to take off or bring it in. I chose to think it would take off. In the back yard it was busy hiding and made no effort to take off. We decided to herd it out to the front because we didn’t want our dog bothering it. Late in the evening I heard the Green Herons flying out to the rice fields with their raucous caws. This must have inspired the young one to take off because it was no longer in the yard nor anywhere in the neighborhood. It was interesting to see it up close. I hope none of them come back, ever. Especially to live in one of our trees. I always feel sorry for the folks whose trees they live in. ★



Decent Almond Crop Projected Despite Early Alarm about Bee Losses

Despite concerns earlier this year that there would not be enough bees to pollinate the 2025 almond crop, the shortage does not appear to have affected production, according to a forecast by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The department projected California farmers will harvest 2.8 billion pounds of almonds, which is less than average but slightly more than last year. “That’s not an excellent crop, but it’s a nice crop,” Mel Machado, chief agricultural officer of Blue Diamond Growers, a cooperative of almond growers, told host Gary Sack on a recent episode of the Voice of California Agriculture podcast, which is produced by the California Farm Bureau. Growers are “cautiously optimistic,” Machado said.

Lemon Growers Struggle with Supply and Market Challenges

With peak lemon season winding down in Ventura County—the state’s top producer of the citrus fruit—growers say ongoing challenges with low prices make it hard to earn a profit. While Central Valley growers have been able to produce quality lemons, those in coastal areas have struggled with unfavorable weather. “We haven’t been making anything on lemons since the pandemic,” said Craig Colton, a Ventura County grower. “Because of the age of our trees, wind damage and size issues, we can’t get the fruit quality the packinghouse is asking for.”

California Agriculture Official Highlights Priorities

In an exclusive interview with Ag Alert®, California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross spoke about challenges farmers face and her priorities for agriculture in the Golden State. “It is crucial that we understand where we can help provide relief or more efficient, effective ways of doing things,” Ross said. “It’s hugely important for our landscape and our climate goals to keep people on the land and for families in rural communities to have a thriving agricultural sector.”

Legislation Allowing Schools to Serve Whole Milk Advances

A bill being considered by U.S. lawmakers would give schools the option of serving whole and 2% milk. Dairy groups applauded passage last week of the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act out of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. The bipartisan legislation was already approved by a House committee. Since 2012, federal school meal rules have allowed only 1% and fat-free milk to be served in schools, despite those varieties being less popular in people’s homes. The bill “is about making informed, science-backed decisions that prioritize the health and future of our children,” National Milk Producers Federation President and CEO Gregg Doud said. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



How often are rumors worth listening to? Well, if you’re a Sacramento Kings fan, buckle your seat belt.

Ja Morant, really?

One of several unlikely big names that are being cast about, including one notable player the Kings passed up in the draft class of 2012, Damian Lillard.

Does anyone remember the name of Thomas Robinson? The same Thomas Robinson that was drafted by the Sacramento Kings, one pick ahead of Damian Lillard with the fifth pick overall.

Robinson lasted a little over a year with the Kings and bounced around the NBA as a bench player before leaving the league in 2017.

Now, as Damian Lillard is recovering from a torn Achilles and likely to sit out much if not all the upcoming season, rumors have the Kings interested in a 3-team deal that could possibly have Lillard in a Kings jersey. Don’t hold your breath.

One pundit has Ja Morant coming to the Kings after the Memphis Grizzlies inexplicably traded Morant’s backcourt mate Desmond Bane to the Orlando Magic over the weekend.

The NBA has been quiet so far, and the Bane trade kicks off what could be a wild ride of trades as teams prepare for the upcoming NBA draft later this month.

I don’t see Morant coming to the Kings, but it raises the question, why would they want a player already suspended twice for 33 games and with a history of injuries? That’s a bad mix for a team trying to build a playoff contender. Hopefully, like most rumors, that’s all this is.

Scott Perry has remained quiet thus far, and I’m hoping that anything resembling a knee jerk reaction won’t take place.

The fans are anxious, but better to be anxious than to rush into a trade that makes no sense.

I would love to see Perry find a way for the Kings to acquire a first round pick in the upcoming draft, but only if it makes sense, and we don’t have to give up too much to make that happen.

King’s fans won’t have long to wait, as the first round of the NBA draft is on June 25.

A lot can happen in less than 2 weeks. I’m hoping that Scott Perry is looking closely at the talent he already has before

he begins making moves.

Young talents like Devin Carter, Isaac Jones, Keon Ellis, and fourth year player Keegan Murray have a huge upside, and I want to see what these young players look like in the upcoming season before we give up on them. All four of these players have solid defensive games, and the Kings are in sore need of players that bring defense to the court.

If the NBA finals have taught us anything it’s that defense wins championships, and what fans are witnessing is a look at defenses playing at the highest level.

On paper the Sacramento Kings are already checking a lot of boxes.

Perennial rebounding champ and double-double wizard Domantas Sabonis now has big man Jonas Valanciunas to spell him minutes when needed, and with a little maneuvering I can see these two gladiators playing at times side by side.

The Kings have the midrange maestro in DeMar DeRozan who had solid year in 2024/2025 showing no signs of slowing down as he averaged over 22 points per game while adding four boards and four assists. At nearly 48% from the field DeRozan is the consummate pro who can be counted on when the Kings need a basket and remains a stellar tutor to the youngsters coming up.

From 3-point land newly acquired Zach Lavine didn’t disappoint after a slow start in a Kings uniform, Zach ended the year second overall in percentage with a 44% average while draining 239 3-pointers.

Although Keegan Murray slipped to 36% from 3-point land the Kings have 3-point shooters, and Keon Ellis made strides last season shooting 43% from beyond the arc and 49% overall from the field!

Lump closely Scott Perry and don’t jump ship. Let’s bring along the youngsters and value the veterans.

Do we need to add talent? Of course we do, but let’s try something different for a change. Let’s make smart decisions and stop including first round draft choices in our trades!

Stay tuned Kings fans. 2025/2026 could be interesting!

All the best!

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

Newsom Wanted to Fast-Track, the Legislature Slowed



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Repeatedly Gavin Newsom has sought legislative approval of his high-priority policy proposals within the annual state budget process, even though they often have nothing to do with the budget.

The unique rules governing the budget and its accompanying “trailer bills” allow them to be enacted quickly, bypassing many parliamentary hurdles and vote thresholds that other legislation must endure.

The Legislature, controlled by Newsom’s fellow Democrats, generally allows him to use the budget process, in part because legislators often employ the same shortcuts for their own priorities.

Their underlying motive for the sneaky use — or misuse — of the budget process is to avoid prolonged analysis and debate that might, if the bills’ contents are fully vetted, make them more difficult to enact. The trailer bills often contain favors for interest groups that would be difficult to justify in a

more transparent process.

Last month, while unveiling a revised state budget, Newsom asked the Legislature to attach legislation that would fast-track the highly controversial project to move Sacramento River water to the California Aqueduct without it flowing through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta — renewing a tactic that failed two years go.

First proposed as a “peripheral canal” more than a half-century ago, it morphed into twin tunnels and, after Newsom’s election, a single tunnel. Its purpose has also evolved, from a mechanism to increase water deliveries to Southern California, to one that would, Newsom and others argue, improve the reliability of deliveries. “For too long, attempts to modernize our critical water infrastructure have stalled in endless red tape, burdened with unnecessary delay,” Newsom said. “We’re done with barriers. Our state needs to complete this project as soon as possible, so that we can better store and manage water to prepare for a hotter, drier future. Let’s get this built.”

It would take a book — a big book — to fully explain all of the project’s environmental, financial and political aspects. Briefly, however, while advocates say that isolating water conveyance from the Delta would

improve habitat for fish and other wildlife, opponents contend that less water flowing through the estuary would further degrade its water quality.

While Newsom and other supporters often depict the tunnel as a stand-alone project, it is inexorably related to other aspects of California’s very complex water picture.

For instance, as it touts a tunnel that would doubtless reduce Delta flows, the state also is pressuring farmers to reduce diversions from the San Joaquin River and its tributaries, to increase flows through the Delta. Those two efforts are not officially linked, but the connection is obvious.

The long-stalled Delta Conveyance Project — the latest of several official names — has slowly approached the final pre-construction phase, which is why Newsom wanted a trailer bill to finally get a green light.

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. Walters began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981, now for CALMatters since 2017. ★

The Challenge of Democratic Policing

By Steve Smith
of the Pacific Research Institute

News of the fairly small federal enforcement action spread quickly amongst opponents of immigration enforcement, and based on the flags and signs, a host of other political causes as well, resulting in days of riots, assaults on police officers, arson, and vandalism.

The situation is made more confusing in California because here, state and local law enforcement officials are barred from enforcing immigration laws or cooperating with immigration authorities by SB 54, the so-called “California Values Act”.

Specifically, SB 54 prohibits California peace officers from participating in joint federal/state task forces that involve immigration enforcement. They may not arrest individuals for immigration law violations or hold inmates longer than their customary arrest and holding periods without a judicial order for the purposes of immigration enforcement. They must also ensure that schools, hospitals, or other public spaces remain open to all without consideration of the immigration status of anyone accessing those facilities. In all they do, they cannot ask the immigration status of an individual.

ICE actions thus create a strain on the social contract between some Californians and local and state law enforcement agencies who are viewed by many to be indistinguishable from their federal counterparts. Consequently, in Los Angeles, local officers are being attacked and property is being destroyed as protestors and criminal opportunists take advantage of the misconception of their role.

In addition, the tactical response to an emerging riot can be maddeningly slow.

Consider that the Los Angeles Police Department has just 8,900 police officers on staff to provide service to over 3.8 million residents, yet the number of officers actually on duty at any given time is a scant 315, or less than 1 officer per 12,000 residents.

Even with assistance from other local law enforcement agencies and the CHP, it is a challenge for the police to quickly marshal the resources to quell an organized and large civil disturbance. Along with tactical considerations, the law leaves state and local peace officers in Los Angeles in a legal gray area when devising their strategies to maintain peace and manage crowd control while at the same time not being seen to be assisting ICE agents.

Another challenge is the fact that immigration law is administrative and not criminal. Consequently, officers engaged in enforcing those laws may find themselves in difficult legal circumstances were an enforcement action to turn violent or even deadly.

History has shown that the slow police ramp up during the three major LA riots (the 1965 Watts riots; the 1992 Rodney King riots and, most recently, the 2020 George Floyd riots) allowed a considerable amount of crime to take place

before California’s governors utilized the California National Guard to assist in ending the riots and restoring order – a process known as “calling up.”

For that purpose and more, all US states and territories maintain a national guard, which in times of civil emergency can be called upon to assist local authorities. In some circumstances, the President of the United States can assume control of a state or territorial guard, such as when a state’s governor refuses to enforce federal law as famously happened in Alabama when President Kennedy nationalized the Alabama Guard based on Gov. George Wallace’s refusal to comply with the Civil Rights Act. Going back to 1954, President Eisenhower ordered elements of the 101st Airborne Division to protect the “Little Rock Nine” at Central High School in Arkansas.

This weekend (June 7 weekend), President Trump did the same when he ordered 2,000 California National Guard members to Los Angeles over the objections of Gov. Gavin Newsom, who said: “The federal government is taking over the California National Guard and deploying 2,000 soldiers in Los Angeles — not because there is a shortage of law enforcement, but because they want a spectacle.” On June 9, an additional 700 active duty Marines were sent to Los Angeles.

There appears to be ample evidence that, in the past, presidential authority to enforce federal law extends to ordering the US military and national guard to aid in carrying out law enforcement actions and the securing of facilities. California Attorney General Rob Bonta has filed a lawsuit challenging that authority alleging, among other things, the federalization deprives California of the guard in the event of an emergency and infringes on Newsom’s rights as Commander-in-Chief of the state guard.

Despite Gov. Newsom’s assurances that all was under control, there are a shortage of peace officers in Los Angeles and, for that matter, the rest of California. Los Angeles Police Chief Jim McDonnell reported after the first day of rioting that, “We are overwhelmed”.

It should be no surprise as the LA Times reported in January 2025 that LAPD was down hundreds of officers with little hope of returning to full staffing for several years. This situation is echoed by a recent peace officer staffing report by PORAC noting that statewide, law enforcement numbers are at a 30-year low.

There may be soon a day of reckoning in the Supreme Court not just over the extent of presidential authority vis a vis the use of troops to enforce laws but also over the constitutionality of state laws limiting cooperation with federal law enforcement authorities .

The question in Los Angeles today is that given these challenges, will the thin blue line hold?

Steve Smith is a senior fellow in urban studies at the Pacific Research Institute, focusing on California’s growing crime challenges. ★

Kiley Developing Legislation Against Rioters



Kevin Kiley
Congressman Kevin Kiley News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - As the anti-Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) riots continue to be violent and dangerous in Los Angeles, Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA) is developing legislation that would make Non-Governmental

Organizations involved in organizing unlawful riots ineligible for federal funding or tax-exempt status, along with legislation to increase penalties for disrupting federal immigration and law enforcement operations and assaulting federal officers.

Right now, the penalty for a simple assault of an officer is one year in prison and there is no specific financial penalty.

“The violence we have witnessed in Los Angeles is a threat to the safety of our communities and federal officers, and it undermines democracy by obstructing the policies of a duly elected president from being implemented,” Kiley said. “We need better tools to deter

and punish this lawless and anti-democratic behavior.”

In the wake of the L.A. riots, it has come to light that the nonprofit known as Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles received \$34 million in state funding.

The group, which has previously campaigned to abolish ICE, played a pivotal role in enabling the riots by broadcasting the precise location of ICE operations in real time.

Congressman Kevin Kiley represents California’s Third Congressional District, which includes Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Alpine, Mono and Inyo counties, and parts of Yuba, El Dorado and Sacramento counties. ★

Small Business Owners Describe Slightly-Improved Conditions



Small business owners expecting better business conditions and sales. Image by Ketut-Subiyanto pexels

National Federation of Independent Business News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Small business owners expecting better business conditions and sales boosted the National Federation of Independent Business’s latest Small Business Optimism Index numbers, released on June 10, to 98.8, slightly above the 51-year average of 98.

The latest index also gave labor shortages and labor quality and inflation a break from their occasional rankings as the most important problems, replacing them with taxes. The last time taxes were ranked as the most important problem was in December 2020.

“California was already the highest taxed state in the nation, so the findings in the latest Optimism Index are not so much a surprise as they are a reminder of our crying need for better policies,” said John Kabateck, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business in California. “One such better policy would have been to pay off our \$20 billion debt to the federal government over our unemployment insurance loans when Uncle Sam was lading out gobs of cash a few years ago. Too late now, which means small business owners are on the hook for the increased costs associated with the unemployment insurance taxes, which only businesses pay, for many more years to come. And to think some lawmakers still want to award striking workers who already have jobs with unemployment benefits. More than most examples, this shows the mentality of the policymakers in charge of making decisions for California.”

The National Federation of Independent Business’s Index is the gold standard measurement of America’s small business economy. Used by the Federal Reserve, congressional leaders, administration officials

and state legislatures across the nation, it’s regarded as the bellwether on the health and welfare of the Main Street.

The Optimism Index, aka Small Business Economic Trends report, is a national snapshot of National Federation of Independent Business-member, small-business owners not broken down by state. The typical National Federation of Independent Business member employs between one and nine people and reports gross sales of about \$500,000 a year.

“Although optimism recovered slightly in May, uncertainty is still high among small business owners,” National Federation of Independent Business Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg said. “While the economy will continue to stumble along until the major sources of uncertainty are resolved, owners reported more positive expectations on business conditions and sales growth.”

Highlights from the June 10 Optimism Index included a net one percent, seasonally adjusted, of owners who viewed current inventory stocks as “too low” in May, up seven points from April and the highest reading since August 2022. This was the largest monthly increase in the survey’s history.

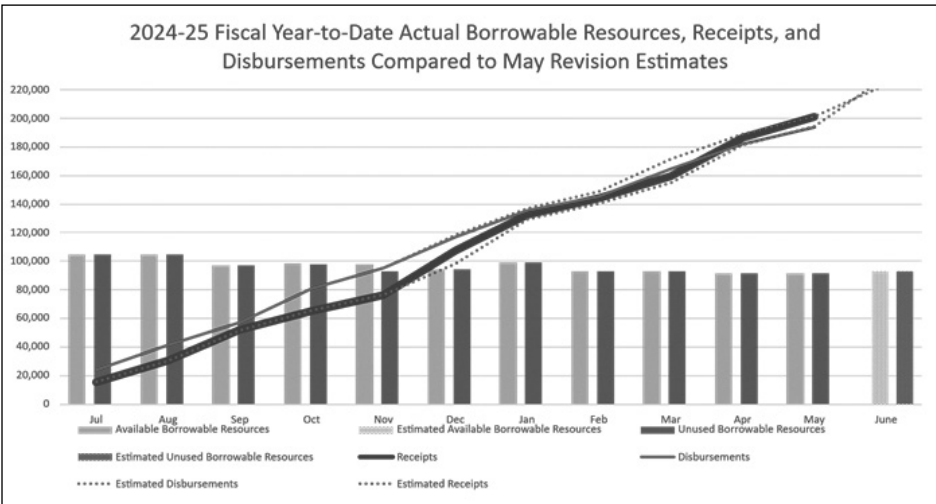
The net percentage of owners expecting better business conditions rose 10 points from April to a net 25%, seasonally adjusted.

The net percentage of owners expecting higher real sales volumes rose 11 points from April to a net 10%, seasonally adjusted. This component contributed the most to the Optimism Index’s improvement.

The percentage of small business owners reporting labor quality as the single most important problem for business fell three points from April to 16%.

Keep up with the latest California small-business news at www.nfib.com, on X at NFIB_CA and on Facebook at NFIB.CA. ★

State Controller Issues May Cash Update



The State of California started the fiscal year with a \$14.7-billion General Fund cash balance and ended May with a \$21.7-billion balance, according to the California State Controller’s Office. Image courtesy of the California State Controller’s Office

California State Controller's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Controller Malia M. Cohen released her monthly cash report covering the state’s General Fund revenues, disbursements and actual cash balance for the fiscal year through May 31.

As noted in the controller’s monthly statement of General Fund cash receipts and disbursements, receipts for the fiscal year through May were higher than estimates contained in the 2025-26 May Revision by \$640.1 million or 0.3 percent. Fiscal year-to-date expenditures were \$3.3 billion, or 1.7 percent, lower than the governor’s budget estimates. The state started the fiscal year with a \$14.7-billion General Fund cash balance and ended May with a \$21.7-billion balance.

“Even with rising economic uncertainty at home and abroad, the state’s strong cash position and its ability to pay its bills on time and in full continue with revenues and spending meeting expectations,” Cohen said. “With the Legislature currently finalizing its spending plan for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, I encourage continued fiscal restraint coupled

with maintaining reserves in the event the state faces increased volatility in its revenues or spending.”

For the fiscal year through May, personal income tax receipts were \$374.4 million above May revision projections or 0.3 percent. Corporation tax collections were \$225.3 million or 0.8 percent above estimates. Retail sales and use tax receipts were \$255.3 million below recent projections or 0.8 percent.

The controller continues to note that while April 15 is the traditional annual personal income tax payment deadline, the Franchise Tax Board extended the current deadline for Los Angeles County individuals and businesses in response to the fires that began on Jan. 7. These individuals and businesses have until Oct. 15 to file and pay taxes.

As of May 31, the state had \$91.5 billion in unused borrowable resources. These resources are from internal funds outside of the General Fund that are borrowable under state law and that the State Controller’s Office uses to manage daily and monthly cash deficits when revenue collections are lower than expenditures. Internal borrowing from special funds is short-term and is repaid so that borrowing does not affect the operations of the special funds. ★



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CAL FIRE to Suspend Burn Permits in Butte County

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - California experienced another wet winter that filled reservoirs for an unprecedented third year in a row. The plentiful precipitation also caused significant vegetation growth in Butte County. No matter how much rain the area receives throughout winter and spring, however, the abundant grass crops dry out as the temperature rises and humidity drops. While wildfires are a natural

part of California’s landscape, the increasing fire danger posed by dead grass and hotter, drier conditions in the region are prompting CAL FIRE to suspend all burn permits for outdoor residential burning within the State Responsibility Area of Butte County. This suspension goes into effect June 16 and bans all residential outdoor burning of landscape debris such as branches and leaves. “We encourage residents to use this weekend to finish any debris burning that may help you

achieve your defensible space goals,” said Garrett Sjolund, the CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department Fire Chief. “But we urge caution as the risk of an escaped control burn is rising with the temperature.” As of June 9, CAL FIRE and firefighters across the state have responded to 2,343 wildfires that have burned more than 76,292 acres this year, including 251 wildfires burning more than 1,700 acres just in the last week. After outdoor burning of landscape debris by homeowners is

no longer allowed, CAL FIRE is asking residents to continue preparing their home for wildfire by creating defensible space and hardening their home. Some tips to help prepare homes and property are to clear all dead and dying vegetation 100 feet from around all structures; landscape with fire resistant plants and non-flammable ground cover; and find alternative ways to dispose of landscape debris like chipping hauling it to a bio-mass energy or green waste facility.

The department may issue restricted temporary burning permits if there is an essential reason due to public health and safety. Agriculture, land management, fire training, and other industrial-type burning may proceed if a CAL FIRE official inspects the burn site and issues a special permit. The burn permit suspension applies to all areas of Butte County except within the city limits of Gridley and Biggs. For up-to-date burning regulations, visit the Burning page at ButteCounty.net/Fire. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000358 The following person(s) are doing business as: JD Company, 1545 Lewis Oak Road, Gridley, CA 95948 Jacob Dunlap and Kayla Dunlap, 3247 Smith Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917 Date filed in Butte County: May 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 5, 2025 This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025 JD 6-20-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000345 The following person(s) are doing business as: Arnold Bros, 50 Oakcrest Drive, Oroville, CA 95966 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: 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

Publish: June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025 LUX 7-4-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000356 The following person(s) are doing business as: A10CO Studios, 3262 Kettle Creek, Chico, CA 95973 Jasmine Atencio, 3262 Kettle Creek, Chico, CA 95973 Date filed in Butte County: March 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 5, 2025 This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025 A10CO 7-11-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000436 The following person(s) are doing business as: Can I Get A Ride, 2 East Gridley Road, Suite B 310, Gridley, CA 95948 Katrina M Shameau, 2 East Gridley Road, Suite B 310, Gridley, CA 95948 Date filed in Butte County: June 9, 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 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025 CAN 7-11-25

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

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 20th 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.

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: 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.affinidefault.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 GRIDLEY HERALD 6-20-25

LIEN SALE

1971 LEISURE CRAFT VESSEL
HIN# 7135S57 CA CF# 8571TC
LIEN SALE: 7/2/2025 AT:
10:00 AM 3428 PENTZ RD,
PARADISE, CA 95969
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT MOSQUITO, VECTOR AND DISEASE CONTROL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District intends to conduct a public hearing for the CONTINUATION of the benefit assessment in fiscal year 2025-26 that fund the District's mosquito, vector control, and disease prevention services and projects in the District's Boundaries.

The public hearing to consider the ordering of services and projects, and the levy of the continued assessments for fiscal year 2025-26 for the Mosquito, Vector and Disease Control Assessment, shall be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the at the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District offices, located at 444 Otterson Dr, Chico, CA 95928. The proposed assessment rate for fiscal year 2025-26 is THIRTEEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY-SIX CENTS (\$13.36) per single-family equivalent benefit unit for Zone A, and THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-FOUR CENTS (\$3.34) per single-family equivalent benefit unit for Zone B, which is an increase from last year's rates.

Members of the public are invited to provide comment at the public hearing, or in writing, which is received by the District on or before Wednesday, July 9, 2025. If you desire additional information concerning the above, please contact the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District at (530) 533-6038.

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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 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)

Tuesday, June 24: LEGO Tuesdays, 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, and kids under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult. (B)

Wednesday, June 25: Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. Arts and crafts for adults. (G) Afternoon kids’ club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

Thursday, June 26: Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Candy sushi making, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Join us for a tasty hand-on activity in which we will design mock sushi with different types of candy. (B) 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)

Friday, June 27: Sure Start family playtime, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Now through Wednesday, Aug. 6: Summer reading program at the Barber Branch Library, 10321 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak. Kids 17 and under 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 530-822-3223.

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.

Street-Ready Summer Self-Defense series, noon to 2 p.m. at Cultivate Power Fighting Arts, 2360 Oro Quincy Hwy. Oroville. In this free workshop (No. 1 of 3), you’ll learn how to protect yourself using only what you carry every day – your hands, your voice, and your awareness. This is for everyday people – no experience needed. More information and a link to register at www.butte365.com

Friday, June 27

Summer BBQ Cook-off, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Broadway St., Live Oak. More information at www.liveoakcity.org

Butte Humane Society’s Dog Days of Summer, 10 a.m. to noon, 13391 Garner Lane, Chico. There will be fun activities for all ages and free Otter Pops. Sippy Hippie Co. will be in the parking lot and a Butte Humane Society dog will drop in for guests to meet. Pet clothes and accessories for sale, as well as BHS merchandise. More information at www.buttehumane.org

Meeting Minders
Ongoing Activities (Current as of

publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

American Legion Bingo is held on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Gridley Veterans Memorial Building, 249 Sycamore St, Gridley.

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, July 7.

Gridley Senior Group Bingo is every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the 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 July 2.

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. ★

Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Dud was heading home in his pickup truck when he saw the strange goings-on at the Bahdziewicz place. Abraham Lincoln Bahdziewicz was out in the family’s large garden with a full complement of kids who were happily hopping around. Some of the kids came from the neighborhood, but most of them were home-grown Bahdziewicz kids.

The Bahdziewicz family had a great garden, and went at the whole thing scientifically and in great fun, because this is one family

Squash Bug Stomping Time

that runs short on cash but long on kids.

Dud pulled over and watched for a minute as Abe laughingly directed the family dancers doing the vegetable boogie through the various rows of the huge garden.

“What’s going on, Abe?” yelled Dud.

“Squash bug stomping time,” Abe said, turning over another board lying next to the vegetables. As soon as the board was flipped over, a plethora of Bahdziewicz kids stomped the bugs flat. “It’s the kids’ favorite time in the garden.”

The third-grader, John Kennedy Bahdziewicz, said, “Flip another board, Dad.”

“Hold it!” Dud yelled. “Not another move until I get back, okay? I’ll be back here in five minutes.

Five minutes!”

Abraham Lincoln Bahdziewicz looked at his oldest son, Woodrow Wilson Bahdziewicz and they both shrugged. The rest of the family stopped, too. Dud peeled out in the pickup and was back in less than two minutes.

“Okay,” Dud yelled. “Let’s do the squash bug stomp the right way!”

And he strapped on his accordion and fired up a grand polka as boards were flipped over and the exposed squash bugs were dispatched in record polka time.

Sometimes just living here can be an awful lot of fun.

Brought to you by the post-humous prance that sent all those squash bugs to bug heaven. Don’t eat them. They’ve been eating squash. ★

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PLUMBER BOB’S

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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.

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 (Colusa)
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; 425 Webster St., Colusa

Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Your Business Marketing (Red Bluff)
Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become increasingly beneficial to businesses and our communities. However, very few business owners understand how to use AI to help them in their marketing and other business strategies. We will take a deep dive into using AI to develop marketing strategies, and contents, and will take a step-by-step approach to developing an AI generated marketing strategy for your business.
Date/Time: Wednesday, July 9, 2025; 9:00am – 11:00am
Cost/Location: Free; Hampton Inn & Suites, 520 Adobe Rd., Red Bluff

Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Your Business Marketing (Oroville)
Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become increasingly beneficial to businesses and our communities. However, very few business owners understand how to use AI to help them in their marketing and other business strategies. We will take a deep dive into using AI to develop marketing strategies, and contents, and will take a step-by-step approach to developing an AI generated marketing strategy for your business.
Date/Time: Tuesday, July 15, 2025; 9:00am – 11:00am
Cost/Location: Free; 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville

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Grace Lutheran Holds Food Pantry Fundraiser

By Susan Hall
of Grace Lutheran
Church, Gridley

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Grace Lutheran Church of Gridley held their first brunch and game day to raise money to fund their community food pantry on May 31.

A great time was had by all who attended. The food pantry is open from 10 a.m. until noon every Wednesday. Anyone in need is welcome at the pantry to receive a free bag of groceries.

Due to the higher costs of groceries and fewer community

donations, Grace Lutheran Church is hosting a series of fundraising brunches to support the food pantry. Their next brunch will be at 10:30 a.m. June 28, with games to follow. Brunch includes a main dish, sides, juice and coffee for \$15.

Grace Lutheran Church is located at 150 Ford Ave., Gridley. Everyone is always welcome to attend our Sunday service at 10:45am.

Lutherans believe that salvation is a gift from God, received through faith in Jesus Christ. ★



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Shooting Suspect Arrested



Upon arrival of the 400 block of Scarlet Oak Drive, officers were flagged down by a resident who reported that a shooting had just occurred. Photo courtesy of the Gridley Police Department

Gridley Police Department News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Police Department received a 911 call from a residence in the 400 block of Paradox Drive on June 15, at approximately 8:40 p.m. While the caller provided their address, the nature of the emergency was initially unknown.

Upon arrival, officers were flagged down by a resident who reported that a shooting had just occurred. Officers learned that a male suspect driving a white sedan had reportedly discharged a firearm at a black Nissan Sentra parked in the driveway of the victim’s residence.

The vehicle was occupied by one adult male and two juvenile males. One of the juveniles sustained minor facial injuries, these injuries are believed to have been caused by metal shrapnel from a pressure washer located inside the vehicle. A partial bullet projectile was later recovered from the pressure washer, and officers located 9mm shell casings at the scene.

Through their investigation, officers identified the suspect as Thomas Wayne Cecil Cabrera, a 33-year-old Gridley resident known to law enforcement due to his extensive and violent criminal history. Officers also identified the suspect

vehicle as a white 2011 Honda Accord commonly driven by Cabrera. A warrant was obtained for his arrest in connection with the shooting.

In the early morning hours of June 18, the Butte County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team, assisted by the Gridley Police Department, executed a search warrant at Cabrera’s residence on the 400 block of Scarlet Oak Drive. During the operation, officers observed Cabrera driving the white Honda Accord nearby. He was stopped and arrested without incident.

During the subsequent search of the residence, officers recovered a 9mm semi-automatic pistol, an extended handgun magazine, and 9mm ammunition. Cabrera was booked into the Butte County Jail for numerous charges, including assault with a deadly weapon, shooting at an inhabited dwelling, child abuse, and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

The Gridley Police Department is grateful for the successful and safe outcome of this operation and extends its appreciation to the Butte County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team for their support. We hope this arrest brings a sense of relief to the community and reaffirms our unwavering commitment to keeping Gridley safe from violent offenders. ★



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All-Stars Lions Football

By Seti Long

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Schools in the area of all sizes are getting ready to send their top football players to the Annual Lions All-Star Football NorCal District 4-C1 games in Chico on June 21.

Two games will be played under the lights that evening, with the smaller schools such as Gridley

High School and Live Oak High School playing at 5 p.m. and the larger schools such as Yuba City High School and Pleasant Valley High School (Chico) playing at 7:30 p.m.

Teams are divided into a “north” team and a “south” team.

The event will be held at Chico High School, with proceeds going to Lake

McCumber Children’s Camp. Tickets can be purchased at <https://gofan.com> or at the gate for \$15.

The following athletes will represent our local high schools, including Gridley High School’s Gus Stogsdill (QB/RB/DB), Ben Clement (OG/DL), Cesar Ortiz (OL/DL) and Live Oak’s Miguel Carvajal (C/DT). ★

From the Stratosphere to the Streets

Merryl Tengesdal’s Mission to Inspire



Col. Merryl Tengesdal, the first and only African American woman to fly the U-2 “Dragon Lady” aircraft, smiles during a recent appearance at the Beale Air and Space Expo. Tengesdal served for more than a decade in the U-2 program and now uses her platform to inspire the next generation. Photo by Shamaya Sutton

By Shamaya Sutton

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - At 70,000 feet above Earth, the sky fades to black and the stars shine uninterrupted. For Col. Merryl Tengesdal, the first and only African American woman to fly the U-2 “Dragon Lady,” that silence became a place of peace and purpose.

“It’s just me up there,” Tengesdal said. “No light pollution. The only thing I hear is my own breathing and the hum of the engine. It’s where I confront myself, judge myself and love myself.”

A Bronx-born “Star Trek” fan who once dreamed of meeting aliens, Tengesdal charted a real-life journey that defied not only gravity but also history. Perhaps it’s all that time hovering in the stratosphere that has helped keep “T” looking so fresh and youthful. But her glow is more than physical; it radiates from someone who has boldly gone further than most. Now 54 and living in Roseville, Tengesdal is among a select few, just 11 women and 12 African Americans, who have piloted the Air Force’s high-altitude reconnaissance plane.

“I had no idea I would be making history,” said Tengesdal. “I just wanted to fly the aircraft and do the mission; that was the furthest thing from my mind. For me, it was all about being with a group, a brotherhood and sisterhood that flew a great mission and a bunch of professionals that were great at what they did.”

Her inspiration took root at age 7 in front of a television screen. Tengesdal watched “Star Trek” intensely determined to meet aliens, explore new worlds and boldly go where no one had before.

“To do that, I knew I was going to do well in math and science and I was going to go to college,” said Tengesdal. “I didn’t know what I was going to fly but I was going to fly.”

Tengesdal joined the Navy in 1994, flew helicopters, returned as an instructor and eventually transitioned to the Air Force. That’s when she stumbled across the U-2 program.

“The mission was very similar to what I did in the Navy, as well as going and flying in a pressure suit and flying above 70,000 feet,” explained Tengesdal. “It was everything that I wanted. It was the next step for me so I said, ‘Let’s go.’”

For many pilots, the experience of flying the U-2 is more than technical; it’s spiritual.

“I got to be above 70,000 for a long time. A

lot of people will never see the Earth from that perspective,” Tengesdal said. “When you come back to Earth, there has to be a level of humility you should take things with. What you’ve seen is spectacular. I realized that everything in life is so small, so infinitesimal, compared to the universe. So let’s not take life so seriously. Let’s be kind to one another. Let’s try and have different perspectives to understand each other.”

Although she officially retired in 2017, Tengesdal admits she misses the solitude and clarity that the stratosphere offered.

“Oh yeah, I miss it,” said Tengesdal. “For me, that is a peaceful place, where I can think and it’s just me. I think a lot of people have a hard time being alone in their own thoughts, I love it. I love being able to confront myself for who I am and be able to evaluate myself, judge myself and love myself.”

When asked what it means to be a symbol for women, for Black women, for people of color, Tengesdal doesn’t flinch.

“It feels amazing. I’m glad I have the opportunity to do something positive,” Tengesdal said. “Contrary to what a lot of people think, and I used to think like this, representation does matter. With women and people of color, if they see someone in my position, wearing my rank, doing what I’ve done, it inspires them. In the past, we have had a lot of people who have accomplished amazing things with totally different pressures and they still succeeded anyway. We have some opportunities right now that other people may be trying to take away. We need to fight for that and just be unstoppable at what we do because we are amazing people.”

That same fire shapes how she views today’s

culture and what it needs.

“Right now, the way things are, number one, I’m seeing a lot of mediocre things on social media and I’m tired of it, I’m exhausted,” Tengesdal said. “If we’re truly about excellence, let’s be excellent. And for the mediocre people out there, stop gaslighting us, ’cause we’re doing some good things. Let us cook. Go over there in the corner.”

Today, Tengesdal splits her time between mentoring youth, training others through martial arts and weightlifting, and sharing her story nationwide.

“When I retired, I became a personal trainer because I wanted to be able to train youth to become better versions of themselves,” Tengesdal said. “You can talk to a teenager when they’re most tired. And when they lift weights with me or do martial arts with me, they’re tired, so that’s when I can feed in some good nuggets for life lessons.”

Tengesdal’s decision to retire was heavily influenced by her two children and a desire to be more present.

“My son was four years old and I wanted to walk him to school. I wanted to be able to do things that my mom wished she could have done, but as a single parent she couldn’t,” said Tengesdal.

As Juneteenth approaches, Tengesdal’s story is especially resonant. Tengesdal’s career, and her presence, are a reminder of the progress that’s possible when paired with a positive mindset and supportive mentorship. Her memoir, “Shatter the Sky,” is now available on Amazon and she continues to speak around the country on leadership, diversity and personal excellence. Those interested can follow her on Instagram at @dragonlady788. ★



Col. Merryl Tengesdal, USAF (Ret.), poses with a U-2 reconnaissance aircraft. A former test pilot and instructor, Tengesdal broke barriers as one of only 12 African American U-2 pilots in history and the only female African American U-2 pilot. Photo Courtesy of Merryl Tengesdal

Sheriff Barnes Takes on New Role

Farmstand Season-Opening Tour

Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes was officially sworn in as the California State Sheriffs' Association president for the 2025-2026 term on June 10 during the 131st annual Conference Installation Banquet in Lake Tahoe.

Sheriff Barnes takes on this role following the dedicated service of Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes, who has effectively led the association over the past year.

As Sheriff Barnes steps into his new role, we extend our gratitude to Sheriff Don Barnes for his outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to supporting California's sheriffs and advancing public safety legislation. His tenure has been marked by a steadfast dedication to the collective voice of sheriffs and the enhancement of laws that protect our communities.

A heartfelt thank you to Placer County Sheriff Wayne Woo and his dedicated staff for their



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exceptional hospitality, ensuring the event was both welcoming and memorable.

We commend the California State Sheriffs' Association for their tireless efforts in organizing this event, highlighting the strength and unity of California's sheriffs.

A special thank you to our command staff for their unwavering support and dedication to the mission of the Sutter County Sheriff's Office. Their leadership and commitment ensure that we continue to serve and protect our community together.

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Farmstands are back and packed with goodies, which will be overflowing on June 28 at the season-opening Farm Stand Tour.

Fresh fruits, floral arrangements, jewelry, baked goods and more are available from the stands peppered throughout the area. Each stand will have a map of participating stands available that Saturday so that shoppers can plan their journey.

Participating stands include the following Gridley locations at Reis Ranch Produce (405 Larkin Road), Windmill Flower Farm (535 Obermeyer Ave.), Aldrich Family Cart (666 Little Ave.), Wild Rye Farm (1692 Grace Road), Social Hall Rd Farm Stand (538 Social Hall Roadv), and Two Sisters Farm Stand (591 O'Brien Ave.).



Freshly picked figs are seen here at the Windmill Flower Farm Stand. Photo courtesy of Paula Carli



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