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## “LIIIVVE OAK!!!”

### Live Oak Girls Little League Making History



Live Oak Little League Majors girls' team 10-12 All Stars - These 11 young ladies from Live Oak are making Northern California proud! Pictured left to right: Alleyah Palacio, Eveya Martinez, Mackenzie Bole, Sofia Rivera, Charlotte Dudek, Athena Hough, Riley Perigo, Delilah Smith, Juliana Robles. Not pictured: Adelina Tapia and Yuritzi Garcia. Photo courtesy of Ryan Dudek

**By Seti Long**

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Eleven young ladies from Live Oak have ignited the town and surrounding communities as they have torn their way through the first games of the Western National Little League Tournament.

The girls little league softball team, the Live Oak Little League 10-12 All Stars, has dominated during regular season play, making their way to the “play offs” or Tournament of Champions (TOC’s). After securing the District 2 TOC title, they took District 2

Section Champions and eventually won their way to being named Northern California Little League State Champions.

After that huge victory and accomplishment, this major’s team had the surreal and historic honor of heading to San Bernadino on July 17 to play in the Western Regional Playoffs.

The community of Live Oak would rally around them, sending them off in a moving gesture.

Joined by motorcade of Sutter County Sheriff Officer vehicles and motorcycles, Yuba City Police

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The Live Oak All-Stars, representing Northern California at the 2025 Little League Western Regional Tournament, seen here thanking their rival Utah, after taking the win. Photo courtesy of Ryan Dudek

## Council Approves Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**By Shaunna Boyd**

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - At the July 16 meeting, the Live Oak City Council held a public hearing to consider adding past-due water and sewer accounts to the Solano County property tax roll, for collection as liens against the properties.

There were two delinquent accounts, with a cumulative total of \$1,133 owed to the city for water and sewer services.

Finance Director James Ramsey said notices were sent to both property owners informing them of the past-due amounts and the date of this public hearing.

There were no public comments and the City Council voted 4-0 to approve the liens, with Councilmember Nancy Santana abstaining due to arriving late and missing the staff report.

A public hearing was also held to consider the same process for delinquent Recology accounts, with a cumulative total of \$45,961 in unpaid garbage services. There were no public comments and the council unanimously approved the property liens for collection through the property tax roll.

City Council then considered the annual fire protection and street lighting assessments, which are levied as special assessments through property taxes. The collected revenues are put toward the services provided, reducing the cost to the General Fund.

Finance Director Ramsey explained that the fire assessment is charged at three cents per square foot of each dwelling, with \$134,651 collected annually for fire services.

The street lighting assessment is based on radius distance of the lot to the nearest light pole, with \$54,368 collected annually for street light maintenance and operation.

City Manager Ben Moody said the assessments are capped with no inflation, so the rates are not changing.

The council approved the assessments 4-1, with Councilmember Santana dissenting without any discussion.

Next, the council considered Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Assessments for Community Facilities District (CFD) 92-1, which taxes property parcels for 30 years from the date when building permits were pulled.

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## National Night Out is Coming



Preparing for National Night Out, Ignacio “Nacho” Villanueva presents Gridley Chamber President Lynne Spencer with a \$500 check from Nacho’s Electric, flanked by police officers Cristian Bonilla on the left, and Clint Massey on the right. Bicycles from many donors are in the background. Photo by Connie Voss

**By Connie Voss**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The annual National Night Out will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5 at Manuel Vierra Park, from 5 to 8 p.m. Gridley Chamber of Commerce is coordinating the event with

Gridley Police and CalFire. So, what is National Night Out?

According to the official website [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org), the event was started in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch to build stronger

community relationships with law enforcement, reduce crime and have fun in the process. 400 communities participated that first year involving 2.5 million people across 23 states. Since then, the annual gathering

has grown to include all fifty states, plus US Territories and Canada. Neighborhoods have hosted block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety

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# “LIIIVVE OAK!!!”

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 Department, Live Oak Fire Department, Live Oak City Parks & Recreation, LOUSD Staff and Supervisor Jeff Boone, the girls were sent off to San Bernadino with an escort out of town and down the highway.

Community members turned out early for the 6 a.m. departure, some even wrapped in blankets, waving “GO Live Oak” signs, ringing cow bells, and cheering “LIIIIIVVE OAK” in a sing-song voice, which has become the official chant within town.

A video documenting the event created by local Michele Curiel, has exploded on Facebook. At the time of this article, Curiel shares that the video has gotten over 11,000 views and 80+ shares online, as it captures the pride overwhelming spirit of the communities’ pride in this team.

“They have lived up to their part, now it’s time for the community to live up to theirs!” Curiel says, motivated to continue the momentum that is

building behind these girls and outpouring of support from the communities.

The All-Stars would play Utah July 19 and win 15-1 in their first game of the tournament, progressing up the bracket to take on Nevada, July 20, with a 9-0 win in their second game.

Their victory streak would catch the attention of local media, television channels, and now the girls are being featured on national news channels, such as sports giant ESPN. Their progress has galvanized their local communities and the excitement is contagious.

The girls are scheduled to play Arizona on Wednesday, July 23, at 6 p.m. Local businesses in Live Oak and Gridley plan to stream the game for residents to enjoy.

As momentum has built, the community has put their pride in the girls on display.

Curiel, who created the video, floated the idea of creating banners for the girls to welcome the team back to



The All-Stars huddle and get hyped up! Photo courtesy of Ryan Dudek

organizations and individuals in the area; the response was overwhelming.

Generous sponsors from local communities, even as far as Yuba City, have donated to the cause, and despite the large cost, each girl will have a personalized

banner created featuring their headshot in uniform and hung along the highway corridor in Live Oak.

Curiel the banners should be hung by July 25 or 28, in time to welcome the girls back despite the outcome of the next games.

If the Live Oak All-Stars conquer Arizona, they will progress on to the Little League Softball West Region Tournament Championship Game of the 2025 Little League World Series, to

be played Friday, July 25 at 5:45 p.m.

Live Oak Little League Majors 10-12 All Stars are: Eveya Martinez #2 – short stop, Riley Perigo #8 – second base, Mackenzie Bole #3 – third base, Charlotte Dudek #11 – pitcher, Yuritz Garcia #20 – first base, Alleyah Palacio #14 – center field, Sofia Rivera #7 - center field, Athena Hough #5 – right field, Delilah Smith #25, Adelina Tapia #6, Juliana Robles #1 – left field. ★



All-Stars’ Mackenzie Bole has the honor of moving their team up the bracket, after beating Nevada on Sunday, July 20. Photo courtesy of Ryan Dudek



The Live Oak All-Stars leave the park after securing yet another victory. Photo courtesy of Ryan Dudek

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# GHS Tennis Bounces Back

By Connie Voss

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The tennis teams have been reinstated at Gridley High School.

To recap, the announcement was made at the board meeting on May 28, that the tennis teams were being cut. Reasons for the discontinuation were given as the teams being too small, too expensive and too hard to get coaches for, according to the administrators.

Principal Rikki-Lee Buresch indicated that students requested new girls' flag football and boys' volleyball teams, and that tennis must be sacrificed to make way for the new sports. Another concern was the condition of the 75-year-old tennis courts and the cost for repairing them.

After hearing from a number of unhappy Gridley residents at the board meeting on June 26, the Gridley Unified School District opted to continue the teams and accepted former coach Robert McDowell's offer to coach for two years. The pay McDowell would receive will go back into supporting the teams.

McDowell plans to start



From left, GHS students Aubrey Mangan, Beck Stewart and Shawnacy McGilvray will be able to continue playing tennis this coming school year. Photo by Cindy Scott

practices as soon as possible, but is getting the necessary background check and other requirements completed before starting. The school board will officially vote on the appointment at the meeting

to be held Aug. 13.

Regarding the condition of the courts, McDowell said that while there were problems, the courts were functional.

In addition, players routinely switch sides while

playing to offset any advantages or disadvantages. Linda McDowell also shared previously that a grant of up to \$55,000 for court repair was available from the US Tennis Association. ★

# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

This weekly column received a great deal of reader response related to last week's update on whether Live Oak or Gridley is the wealthier city. Several people asked me how the two compare to other towns in California. Well, in Orinda, CA the median income is \$256,000. So Gridley and Live Oak are the Wal\*<sup>M</sup>art of places to live at \$83,000 and \$65,000. \*\*\*

From the feedback I'm receiving these conversation starter type columns seem to get a lot of traction so I'm gonna give you another conversation starter for today. Ask the person with you, in the room, how many trains pass through Live Oak and Gridley every day. Now that they have guessed. The answer is 30-40 trains per day according to records filed with transportation agencies both state and federal. So there you have it. Reading the newspaper can be like scrolling through your phone but different, and with the Pi Line you have a reason to talk to a real person. If you have no real person at home, call someone and ask them. \*\*\*

Josh F.W. Cook was born on Spruce Street in Gridley. ★



# Survivors of Suicide Support Group

By Connie Voss

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Have you lost someone you love to suicide? Need help navigating life without your loved one? Do you feel overwhelmed, sad, lonely, angry, confused, guilty and somehow responsible? Need a safe place to talk?

The loss of a loved one to suicide brings unimaginable pain. You don't just "get over it," but you don't have to do it alone.

Survivors of Suicide (SOS) support group "A Chat with Tea" will be held at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Recreation Department, 194 Washington Street, on Wednesday July 30.

The group is being coordinated by Gridley City Councilmember J. Angel Calderon and Connie Voss. Calderon has a background in behavioral health and indicated that Gridley used to have the highest percentage of suicides per capita in the state (circa 1996).

Although that figure has decreased, according to the California Department of Health website, Butte County still has a suicide rate of 22.5 per 100,000 residents, nearly double the state average. Reportedly,



Suicides have decreased slightly in Butte County, but are still a problem, especially at the railroad tracks in Gridley. Photo by CalFire

32 people die by suicide each year in the county.

Voss has been a survivor of suicide loss for five years.

The group's goal is to provide a safe, comforting space and some tools to help suicide survivors through the incredibly difficult process of moving on with their lives.

If you have experienced suicide loss, you are

welcome to attend, and feel free to bring a picture of your loved one.

For those who feel suicidal, call the National Suicide Hotline by dialing 988 or Butte County 1-800-334-6622. For more information on suicide prevention and support, visit [cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDHP/DCCDIC/SACB/Pages/SuicidePreventionProgram.aspx](http://cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDHP/DCCDIC/SACB/Pages/SuicidePreventionProgram.aspx). ★

# Council Approves Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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The assessments are collected through the property tax roll and used by the city for restricted purposes. The annual revenues are estimated at \$112,968. Of that total, \$75,689 will be forwarded to the Live Oak Unified School District for capital projects or maintenance. The remaining \$37,279 covers a portion of the city's animal control costs.

The council approved the assessments 4-1, with Santana again dissenting without discussion.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Assessments for Community Facilities District (CFD) 2004-1 were also considered, with a recommended 2.5% increase.

Ramsey explained that these assessments are collected through the tax roll to help cover the cost of services to 849 parcels in that district, which include the Kristen Court Apartments and the following subdivisions: Pennington Ranch (phases I-V), Peachtree III, Garden Glen, Sand Piper and Walnut View.

With the rate of inflation, costs for services have increased year over year, said Ramsey, especially for fire and police services. An increased assessment would allow the city to better cover the costs of service for that area.

The rate for a single-family home has been assessed in that district at \$909.56 per year since 2006. The proposed increase of 2.5% would amount to approximately \$1.89 more per month per parcel.

City Manager Moody said a maximum inflation factor of 5% per year is allowable, with a maximum of \$2,298 per parcel. But this increase doesn't come close to that rate. The 2.5% increase would help to meet the rate of inflation and cover actual costs.

"Incremental change" is "key for good government, sustainable government," Moody said.

"If you're not covering inflation, costs continue to rise and you're not adjusting," said Moody. "So, the dollars received are a loss every year if you're not adjusting for it." ★

Councilmember Ashley Hernandez said, "I feel good about keeping up with inflation, so I think that's pretty industry standard."

The council approved the assessments with the increased rate on a 3-2 vote, with Santana and Vice-Mayor Aaron Pamma dissenting.

During city manager updates, Moody shared a report about illegal fireworks over the July 4th holiday, stating that there were less incidents throughout the county than in previous years. But he said the Sutter County Sheriff's Department issued three citations for illegal fireworks and there was a structure fire along Highway 99.

Santana suggested the city could arrange a parade and official fireworks display to reduce the usage of illegal fireworks. She added that other cities impose large fines for illegal fireworks, which could make residents take the issue more seriously.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting is scheduled for Aug. 6. ★

# LaMalfa Announces Army Contract to Support Beale Air Force Base



Doug LaMalfa

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Congressman Doug LaMalfa, a Republican from Richvale issued the following statement after the Army awarded a \$10.2 million contract

for updates to the Aircrew Readiness Facility at Beale Air Force Base.

The project will support the 940th Air Refueling Wing, which handles mid-air refueling operations that keep our military aircraft flying longer and farther.

"I appreciate President Trump's steady support for military readiness here in Northern California," LaMalfa said. "Refueling units like the 940th at Beale are a key part of our ability to respond anywhere in the world on short notice. Updating this facility means crews can train, prepare, and stay sharp right here at

home. It's important that the Pentagon continues to recognize the role bases like Beale play in keeping our country strong and prepared."

Work will take place at Beale Air Force Base, with completion expected by October 2026.

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. ★

# National Night Out is Coming

Continued from page 1 demonstrations, seminars, youth events and visits from emergency personnel according to the website.

As in years past, the Gridley event will have food trucks, live music, a bounce house/water slide, lawn games, vendor booths and of course, the park's ever-popular splash pad. Snow-cones, face painting and free balloons will add to the festivities.

Gridley Police and CalFire officers will be circulating during the activities, answering questions and handing out goodies.

The most exciting part of the evening will be the bicycle giveaway. As of press time, 25 bikes/

trikes, three scooters and a "Glide" hover board were donated. Additional donations are still being welcomed at Gridley Chamber, 890 Hazel St. The goal is to acquire 40 bikes.

The drawings are free, with a separate drawing for each bike. The children will get a numbered ticket with a corresponding wrist band. Each participant will drop his or her ticket into a bag on the bike of their choice. The drawing will take place about 7:30 p.m. with Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue, and the winners of each bike will be announced.

Gridley Chamber President Lynne Spencer

said that this is her favorite part of National Night Out.

"The smiles (of the winners), that's what means the most to me," Spencer said.

Ignacio and Patty Villanueva of Nacho's Electric in Biggs, made a large cash donation of \$500 and seven bikes with helmets. Nacho's has served Butte County's electrical needs for 17 years.

Another popular part of the event is the distribution of free school backpacks and supplies, purchased by the Gridley Chamber. The items will be distributed by Gridley Quota Club.

Make sure to join the community for an evening of family fun. ★

MEMORIAL

PATRICIA (PATTI) ELAINE GILMORE • 01/06/1944 – 07/07/2025



Patricia (Patti) Elaine Gilmore passed away on 7/7/2025 without pain as a result of long time COPD. She was born on 1/6/1944 in Gridley, CA at the Stork Retreat to Mick and Jesse Evans. Patti grew up in Richvale where she attended elementary school then continued to graduate from Biggs High School.

Her typing and shorthand skills of 100 words per minute led her into banking, followed by the medical field. She worked with many doctors in the Gridley Hospital before moving on to the Oroville Hospital. She worked there for over 30 years and ended as the medical staff secretary and coordinator of 156 doctors.

After retirement, in 1989 she married Dan Gilmore and the adventures began. She loved traveling and for 33 years she

was a snow-bird and would spend each winter in the Yuma Arizona area. She spent her days playing golf with her Canadian friends and spending time with her husband Dan. In her travels she learned to drive their motor home in the snow, scuba dive and she dance everywhere she went. She was such a classy lady.

Dan and Patti spent 15 years in Ventura County before coming back to Butte County. She leaves behind her loving husband Dan, son Frank Terry (Monica), stepson Daniel Gilmore, JR (Janine) Lisa Danielle Gilmore, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Patti was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved daughter Lisa Marie Terry, and her stepson David Vincent Gilmore.

Patti always took care of and was giving to all of her loved ones. She will be waiting for us.

A Celebration of Life will be held on July 27th at 2:00 p.m. at The Moose Lodge in Gridley. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Patti's name at the Shriner's Children Hospital of Northern California 2425 Stockton Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95817

# 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, July 25:** Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

**Tuesday, July 29:** 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, July 30:** Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. Arts and crafts for adults. (G) Robotics workshop at the afternoon kids' club, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tweens and teens are invited to build a robot at this innovative workshop hosted in partnership with the Butte County Office of Education. Those who finish their build in the designated time may have their robot entered into the upcoming county Fair in Gridley. There will be science and STEM-themed activities for younger children too. (G) Afternoon kids' club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

**Thursday, July 31:** Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B)

**Friday, Aug. 1:** Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G)

**Saturday, Aug. 2:** Afternoon kids' club, 1:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (B)

**Monday, Aug. 4:** Adult book club, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (G) Gridley Friends of the Library meeting, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 5:** Adult creative writing group, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (G) 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, Aug. 6:** 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, Aug. 7:** Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B)

**Friday, Aug. 8:** Sure Start family story time, 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 to age 17 are invited to read books, collect points and earn prizes. In addition, every other Wednesday, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., we'll have a special craft time. Aug. 6 we'll be doing paper weaving. Have questions? Call us at 530-822-3223.

## Saturday, July 26

**Ties and Tiaras – Daddy-Daughter Dance,** 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the OCC Gym, 1200 Myers St., Oroville. We warmly welcome grandpas, uncles, father figures, or mothers to accompany their beautiful girls on this special evening. Light dinner will be provided, ensuring a delightful experience for all attendees. More information and registration at [www.firpd.recdesk.com](http://www.firpd.recdesk.com)

## Saturday, July 27

**Funk-tion Fest,** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chapman Park, 775 E. 16th St., Chico. We're taking over the park with a lowrider showcase, local vendors, DJs, food trucks and more. It's a free, family-friendly event.

**Happy Hippie Summer Festival by Divine Sundays,** 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at The Barn at Meriam Park, 1930 Market Place, Chico. Spend the afternoon at our hippie-themed festival full of handmade goods, delicious food options, and lots of fun activities for the entire family. More information at 530-588-0402.

## Coming in August:

### Saturday, Aug. 2

**Preserving Food with Friends,** 10 a.m. to noon at the Garden at St. Timothy's, 410 Jackson St. This month, we'll be working with tomatoes. For more information, contact [preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com](mailto:preservingfoodwithfriends@gmail.com)

### Saturday, Aug. 2

**Summer Vendor Fair,** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mooretown Gym, 2 Alverda Dr., Oroville. Enjoy a lively day of local vendors, handmade crafts, delicious food, unique décor, and artistic creations – perfect for families, friends, and anyone who loves to support small businesses and discover one-of-a-kind treasures. For more information, call 530-990-6536.

### Tuesday, Aug. 5

**National Night Out** starting at 5 p.m. Join us at Live Oak Memorial Park, 10140 O St., Live Oak, for this community event and pencil backpack giveaway. More information at [www.liveoakcity.org](http://www.liveoakcity.org)

### Saturday, Aug. 9

**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 (#3 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.cultivatepower.net](http://www.cultivatepower.net)

## Meeting Minders

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

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

**Biggs City Council** meets on the second 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 Aug. 12 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

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

**Gridley City Council** meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. to 7p.m. in the council chambers, 685 Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting: <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council> The next meeting will be Monday Aug. 4.

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

**Gridley Unified School District (GUSD) Board** meetings are generally on the first and third Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 13. 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 Aug. 6.

**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

### I Wanted you to See the Heart of this Valley

salt of the earth, the people ... my people ... and the reason I've practiced medicine here all these years."

She looked at us and we tried to look earthy and salty for her.

"So you're saying," she said, "you want me to do the interview ... here?"

"Sure. Why not?"

"Yeah," said Dud. "Hey, if you want to know the real dirt on Doc, this is the place to do it."

"Well ... tell me about some of your most unusual cases, Doctor."

Steve whispered in Dud's ear, "If he mentions where that horse bit me on New Year's Eve, I'm out of here."

So Doc rattled off several interesting cases, without using names, and without using us, and the interview got going

pretty well.

"And you deliver babies, too?" she asked.

Three of us raised our hands.

"You delivered them?"

"Yes ... well, I was just a kid when I did that."

We all laughed.

"Actually, I've delivered more than 4,000 babies here over the years," Doc said.

"That's amazing," said the reporter. "I didn't know there were that many people living here."

"There aren't," said Doc. "I sat down and did the numbers once, and I figure I've delivered everyone in this valley at least once."

**Think delivering your own baby is wholesome, lots of fun, and holistic? Not in Nebraska. It could be considered a felony. ★**



Slim Randles

The reporter from the big-city paper looked a bit uncomfortable as she sat at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop. Doc ordered some coffee for her, and introduced her to the guys. She came here to interview Doc, who has been patching people up around here since the invention of pain, but there was something about her that told us she'd rather be covering the White House, and that she was determined to save the world by Tuesday at two o'clock.

"I brought you here," said Doc, "because I wanted you to see the heart of this valley, the

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# California Sends More Search and Rescue Crews to Texas

**California Governor Gavin Newsom's Office News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On July 17, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the deployment of 3 additional Urban Search and Rescue Team (US&R) members to Texas to assist with ongoing response efforts related to severe flooding impacts. A total of 42 California US&R members are now in Kerr, Texas supporting the mission.

This deployment of Human Remains Detection (HRD) Teams includes canines and their handlers. The July 17 deployment comes from the Oakland Fire Department and Sacramento Fire Department. Los Angeles County, Menlo Park, Orange County and Riverside County all have team members on the

ground in Texas aiding in the search.

California personnel deployed use highly developed and specialized skills to assist emergency operations in and around the hardest hit areas of flooding. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Service (Cal OES) is working in close coordination with Texas and through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

"We help our fellow Americans in times of need. California is proud to assist in the ongoing

response to the devastating Texas floods," said Governor Gavin Newsom.

Canine teams from California have been

requested, and been approved for, extending their work assignments from 14 to 21 days. To prevent overworking the dogs, a rotation schedule has been implemented where the canines work two consecutive days in the field, followed by a rest day at Base of Operations.

"This is a very difficult task. I appreciate the hard work being done by our crews under very difficult conditions," said Cal OES Director Nancy Ward.

"Cal OES is proud to help those in need in Texas."

This deployment builds on California's far-reaching efforts to aid other states during emergencies. In 2023, California deployed Urban Search and Rescue members to Hawaii to support wildfire response. In 2022, California deployed firefighters, disaster recovery experts, and other personnel to Montana, New Mexico, and Oregon. In 2021, California sent fire engines to assist Oregon's response to the Bootleg Fire and Specialized Urban Search and Rescue Resources teams to Florida following the Surfside condo collapse.

This deployment does not impact California's emergency response and firefighting capabilities. ★



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**Ask DR. UNIVERSE**

**How did humans invent any language? How did they communicate back then? How did they know that difficult meant hard and what hard meant, too?**

- Anika, 10, Georgia

Dear Anika,

My roommate is a normal cat. When she needs a treat, she smacks her lips. When she wants outside, she paws the door. But she never talks to me using words.

I asked Nancy Bell how my human friends developed language. She studies linguistics at Washington State University.

Bell told me that we don't know exactly how or when it all started. All kinds of scientists want to figure that out.

"It's just part of our species that we want to make meaning," she said. "We want to communicate. That desire is what leads to language."

Scientists use the word "hominin" to mean humans, chimpanzees and bonobos plus all their ancestors.

The earliest hominins walked on four legs or moved through the trees. They used gestures and alarm calls. They probably pointed, waved their arms and used facial expressions. They probably screeched to alert others to danger.

Eventually, hominins began walking upright. Now they could carry things and someday use tools. They could gather and even cook new foods. It probably helped them adapt to changes in their environment.

Hominin brains got bigger. They began having super helpless, big-headed babies. Parents had to care for those babies for a long time.

Gradual changes and pressures like these inched hominins toward language.

"Once all these changes started happening over long time periods, those changes pushed each other," Bell said. "Maybe we got a little more sophisticated. That put more demands on our brains, and that led to even more brain changes."

We only have theories about how words got started.

Some experts think gestures led to language.

Maybe some hominins used their hands and bodies to express ideas. Then they added words as their vocal tracts adapted to make different sounds.

That language would have been pretty simple. Maybe someone came up with useful words. Like "rock" and "hard" meaning solid-like-a-rock. But words for abstract ideas, like "hard" meaning difficult, probably took longer.

My favorite theory is that kids started complex language. Remember those helpless, big-headed babies? Some scientists think some babies were randomly born with tiny changes in how their brains developed. Part of their brains developed extra slowly.

That would have been a nightmare for hominin parents trying to keep their toddlers safe.

But slower brain development is why today's humans can use imagination and creative thinking. Those early human kids could have come up with more complex language—by talking with each other.

As they grew up, those kids might think of new ways to hunt and solve other problems. They would have a different kind of brain power than the humans before them. Their own babies would grow up with all these new ideas.

That kind of change could explain why human culture seems so different from other animals.

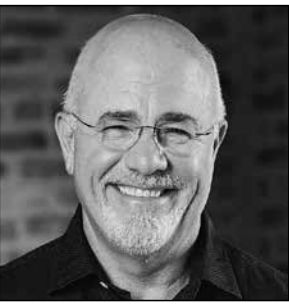
We know early humans were making art at least 70,000 years ago. DNA evidence shows that early humans had the capacity for complex language about 100,000 years ago.

We don't know exactly how language developed—yet. But I really dig the idea that it may go back to kids and their powerful imaginations.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Universe

This is Toumai, a hominid who lived about 7 million years ago. Scientists aren't sure if this was the first hominid to walk upright—or maybe they only walked that way sometimes. Image: ©James H. Grayloch

## Dave Ramsey Says She'll Be Just Fine



Dave Ramsey

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

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

– Dave

### The Best Laid Plans...

Dear Dave,

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

– March

Dear March,

If I were in your shoes,

I'd pay extra on the house. On the other hand, you're not really doing a bad thing by putting the extra cash into retirement, either.

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

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

– Dave

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

## Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Summer league has grown exponentially, and fans are tuned in today like never before.

Sunday night saw our Sacramento Kings vying for their third summer league championship, as they faced off with the Charlotte Hornets in Las Vegas Nevada.

With identical 5-0 records the Kings got a dose of what their first and second round draft choices were capable of, so it remained to be seen how they would perform when the lights were brightest.

After an auspicious summer league audition, Nique Clifford struggled finding his shooting stroke, and had just 4 points entering the fourth quarter. The Kings would never give up on this game. After being down by 18 points, the young squad fought back to a single point deficit with less than 2 minutes remaining.

A pass from Isaac Jones to Clifford well beyond the arc, and Nique did not disappoint draining a deep three. Clifford followed up with an acrobatic jump shot in the corner for another three, and the Kings looked like winners.

Charlotte would not go quietly as sharpshooter Kon Knueppel pulled up for a back breaking three. Moving the ball quickly into the frontcourt Isaac Jones sized up his first 3-point shot of the night and when Isaac converted the three the Kings were knocking on the door once again.

Kings fans can be proud of how the team fought for a win that ultimately would escape them, as a much needed rebound careened off the foot of Isaac Jones, and the Kings would go on to lose 83-78.

Neither the loss of the game nor the championship is the real story. The Sacramento Kings got more than just a glimpse of what their first and second round draft choices are capable of.

Talented, for sure and yes, they are raw.

Nique Clifford put together a string of games that stated loudly, I've arrived and ready to make a difference!

Although I don't like using that word, Maxime Raynaud is more of a project. Raynaud, like every rookie, is going to need extended playing time, and time to play through his mistakes.

What the Kings really wanted to know, is can this 7'1" big man make an impact and play alongside Domantas Sabonis. I believe

he can, but confidence building is what will determine how quickly Maxime Raynaud will arrive.

Not to be left behind was the electric play of second year man Isaac Jones, who coming off a stellar 36-point performance, led all scores again with a 24-point performance. Jones made his lone 3-point attempt and added 11 big boards while chipping in with 2 assists.

Isaac Jones summer league performance came as no surprise to me. What's sad is the lack of playing time he received in his rookie year. It's my hope, as Isaac is receiving accolades from other coaches and pundits, that the staff pay close attention to what is possible.

Jones 6'9" frame and 7'3" wingspan make him a difficult guard for any team. He has a definite knack around the rim. He's active, and if he finds himself in a rotation that gives him 20 minutes plus per game, look for both Isaac and the Kings to take a step forward.

There is much to shout about as the Kings close out their summer league schedule. The confident presence that Nique Clifford brought every night is one of many things to be happy about.

Nique lived up to his billing as he played hard at both ends of the court, and like Isaac Jones, Clifford will need to find his place on the team that gets him minutes every game.

Doug Christie has his work cut out for him with a crowded guard rotation, including second year man Devin Carter, who acquitted himself admirably and played dominantly. Devin needs to continue working on his shot, but the upside for Carter is huge. No need for the Kings to question their decision to draft a player that could only contribute half a season due to injury. Carter is winning fans with every game he plays. I look for Devin to be more than just a contributor in the upcoming season.

Yes, Kings fans, you got what you were hoping for, and without a doubt this summer league squad has got the city of Sacramento excited.

Scott Perry isn't done just yet, so stay tuned Kings fans!

All the best!

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

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

about a foot tall), the other seedling is an extreme tiny cherry tomato. I started to think that because the flowers were so small that the heat would keep them from forming fruit. A wonderful surprise met my eyes in the garden and there tucked under protective leaves were a bunch of tiny round white eggplants. I am so pleased. Now to see if they get marble size or stay very tiny. The tomato is tall but covered by blooms that are about 3/8ths inches long. It is covered with blooms but no tomatoes so far. These cherry tomatoes are supposed to be marble size or smaller. I'm hoping they set fruit because I simply want to see them. The world is full of amazing things.

So, the snail tales have not been happening because I haven't had that many snails this year. They are out there and I see their shiny slime trails in the early morning light on the walkway, but nothing like the usual. I think the toads have gone away. I am not seeing any sign of them. We put in a bigger stock tank for the fish and turtle and I was convinced I would find a toad burrow when we moved it. No such luck, nada. I was really looking forward to throwing a toad celebration party...I'm losing faith. Be sure to keep your environment clean this time of year when more leaves die and drop. This prevents fungus and disease. ★



### Del Monte Troubles Shake Up Pear Season

With harvest underway, California pear growers say there's little doubt that crop yield has improved this year. Looking into the future, however, growers are grappling with uncertainty after Del Monte Foods, which operates one of two pear canneries left in the state, filed for bankruptcy this month. California pear growers typically ship more than half their crop to canneries, selling the rest as fresh fruit. Del Monte's bankruptcy is "going to obviously cause some type of rebalancing" in the sector, said Alex Wilson, who grows pears for his family's Rivermaid Trading Co. in Lodi. "There's a giant question mark on what that rebalancing is going to look like."

### Abandoned Crops Bring Pest Plague to Nearby Farms

California farmers are sounding an alarm about a troubling symptom of the state's struggling farm economy. With wine-grape and almond prices less profitable in recent years and farmers in the San Joaquin Valley no longer allowed to burn discarded trees and vines, an increasing number of growers—unable to afford farming or removal costs—have simply walked away from their orchards and vineyards. Tens of thousands of acres have been abandoned, leaving neighboring farms to fight insects and rodents that spill over from the neglected trees and vines. "If you're right next door, it's pretty difficult," said Michael Naito, who grows winegrapes, almonds and pistachios in Fresno and Madera counties.

### Grasshopper Damage, Losses Down as Infestations Decline

Grasshoppers and Mormon crickets, which in past years traveled great distances and destroyed tens of millions of dollars of Northern California crops, have emerged again this year, although farmers say there's been a small reprieve. During the past several years, grasshopper populations were so thick that "the cows had their eyes shut walking across the meadows," Plumas County rancher Susy Pearce said. The infestations forced her to spend upwards of \$20,000 in pest control from 2021–2023. Pearce said she has seen some grasshoppers this year, "but nothing to panic about."

### Foundation Provides Programs and Services for California Farmworkers

Joe Garcia, president of the California Farmworker Foundation, founded the organization in 2016 to improve farmworkers' quality of life. A child and grandchild of farmworkers, Garcia said he was motivated to start CFF after seeing a lack of political will to solve problems impacting farm employees. "This inspired me to establish a foundation aimed at addressing the needs of our farmworker communities," he told Ag Alert®. Today, the biggest challenge facing California farmworkers, he said, is the federal government's mass deportation program. "As an organization, our greatest responsibility is to continue standing alongside farmworkers and our communities, offering our support and education," Garcia said. "We aim to be a reliable resource they can trust." ★

## New California Budget Ignores Day of Reckoning



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

When Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders were drafting a more-or-less final 2025-26 state budget last month, they were closing what they described as a \$12 billion deficit, a number that the state's media repeatedly cited.

It was the wrong number; it minimizes the state's chronic gap between income and outgo, as the state's official budget summary released this week confirms.

The budget projects that the state will receive \$208.6 billion in general fund revenues during the fiscal year that began on July 1, but it will spend \$228.4 billion, a gap just shy of \$20 billion.

The \$12 billion figure stems from counting a \$7.1 billion diversion from one of the state's reserve accounts as revenue — an assumption that violates common sense as well as any legitimate accounting scenario.

The more accurate figure of \$20 billion is important because it squares with projections by Newsom's Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office that California has what's called a "structural deficit" in the range of

\$10 billion to \$20 billion a year.

In other words financing all of the programs and services now in state law will indefinitely cost that much more each year than the state is likely to receive in revenues.

The budget closes about a third of the \$20 billion gap with an aforementioned \$7.1 billion shift from the emergency reserve — money that's supposed to be used to cushion the impact of an economic downturn or calamities such as the wildfires that devastated Los Angeles, earthquakes or destructive storms.

The deficit isn't a genuine emergency because it resulted from irresponsible political decisions, particularly Newsom's declaration in 2022 that the state had a \$97.5 billion budget surplus and thus could afford a sharp increase in spending.

The surplus was a mirage, based on assumptions of a \$40 billion annual increase in revenues that never happened. Last year, the Department of Finance acknowledged that revenues over four years would fall short of expectations by \$165 billion.

However, much of the phantom money was already spent, thereby creating the structural deficit that Newsom and the Legislature basically ignored in putting together the current budget.

The \$12 billion gap left after the reserve fund shift was mostly papered over with on- and off-budget loans from special funds, shifting some spending into future years and using

accounting gimmicks, such as shifting some current year spending, the June 2026 state payroll for instance, into the next fiscal year.

One could liken the state budget to a family that takes out loans on its credit cards to finance a lavish lifestyle, or a city that provides pension benefits it cannot afford.

Sooner or later, the debts pile so high that they can no longer be ignored and the day of reckoning arrives. That's one reason why more than 30,000 Californians file for bankruptcy each year and why several California cities have gone bankrupt in recent years.

States cannot file for bankruptcy, no matter how distorted their finances. If they could, California would not qualify because of its almost unlimited ability to borrow money from special funds.

However, there will be a day of judgment if California's spending continues to outpace its revenues, particularly if the state's economy continues its sluggish performance.

Newsom and legislators implicitly assume that at some point revenues will increase enough to cover their spending and pay off their debts — just as a debt-ridden family buys lottery tickets in hopes of avoiding bankruptcy.

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. ★

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000493**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Los Parientes, 484 CA 99, Gridley, CA 95948  
Ignacio Hernandez Chavez, 2676 Orange Street, Live Oak, CA 95953  
Date filed in Butte County: June 26, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 26, 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: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2025  
**PARIENTES** 8-1-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000475**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Case & Coldwell, #1047, 2019 Forest Avenue, Suite 160, Chico, CA 95928  
Marion J Townsend, #1047, 2019 Forest Avenue, Suite 160, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: June 23, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2025  
**COLDWELL** 8-1-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000457**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Dynamic Hearts Therapy, 80 Independence Circle #220, Chico, CA 95973  
Ta'Shanna Horn, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Inc., 80 Independence Circle #220, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: June 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
**DYNAMIC** 8-8-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000447**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Greenscape Pros, 2914 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Biggs, CA 95917  
Greenscape Pros LLC, PO Box 127, Biggs, CA 95917  
Date filed in Butte County: June 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025  
**GREENSCAPE** 8-8-25

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0001002**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: La Pasadita Restaurant, 2020 Palermo Road, Palermo, CA 95968  
Angel J Avila Avila, 2020 Palermo Road, Palermo, CA 95968  
Date filed in Butte County: December 30, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 9, 2024  
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: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
**LA** 8-15-25

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #25CV02371  
Petitioner Susan Lorraine Hammonre filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Susan Lorraine Hammonre to Susan Lorraine Moore.  
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 August 27, 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 July 2, 2025  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025  
**MOORE** 8-15-25

## TRUSTEE SALE

FILE: PFI-252199 TITLE ORDER NUMBER: 2617014CAD LOAN: PRICE A.P.N.: 116-335-002-000  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/4/2022. 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. NOTICE is hereby given that CAL-SIERRA TITLE COMPANY, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by: PHARAOT THAVY AND LINNA TEP, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY, WITH THE RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP Recorded 1/11/2022 as Instrument No. 2022-0000255 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 4/1/2025 in Book, Page, as Instrument No. 2025-0001558 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 8/13/2025 At the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971 at 11:00 AM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), 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 hereinafter described: PARCEL 2, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED "PARCEL MAP FOR HAROLD AND DIANA TWEEDLE, JR., FILED AUGUST 02, 1977 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF PLUMAS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, IN BOOK 6 OF PARCEL MAPS, PAGE 6. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1690 EAST MAIN ST, QUINCY, CA 95971 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$266,765.58 In addition to cash, the trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. 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 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case PFI-252199. 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. Dated: 7/7/2025  
**CAL-SIERRA TITLE COMPANY**, as said Trustee PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., as agent for the Beneficiaries 12190 Herdal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn, California 95603 (530) 888-8411  
By: STELLA SHAO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, AUBURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0476436 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 07/18/2025, 07/25/2025, 08/01/2025  
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## NOTICE OF GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO DIRECTORS FOR THE BIGGS-WEST GRIDLEY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE is hereby given that the Biggs-West Gridley Water District will conduct a general district election on November 18, 2025, for the purpose of electing two offices of Director. A person may only declare candidacy for one office. The offices for which a candidate may file are as follows:

Office	Term
Director	4-year term; expires in 2029.
Director	4-year term; expires in 2029.


To be qualified as a candidate for the office of Director on the District Board of Directors, a person must be one of the following:

1. A holder of an interest in real property lying within the boundaries of the District.
2. The legal representative of a holder of title to land within the District, pursuant to Water Code section 34030; or
3. A representative designated by a holder of title to land within the District provided evidence of such written designation is on file with the District.

Declarations of candidacy may be obtained at the office of the Biggs-West Gridley Water District located at 1713 West Biggs Gridley Road, Gridley, California 95948, or on the District's website at [www.bwgwater.com](http://www.bwgwater.com) beginning July 28, 2025. Completed declarations of candidacy must be filed with the District at the above address no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 22, 2025. This deadline may be extended for one or all offices to 5:00 p.m. on August 27, 2025, if one or more incumbents do not declare candidacy.

If an insufficient number of persons declare candidacy for one or more of the offices up for election, appointment to such office(s) shall be made as prescribed by Elections Code section 10515.

If you have questions regarding filing a declaration of candidacy for one of the above noted offices, please contact the District General Manager at (530) 846-3317.

  
Danny Robinson General Manager  
BIGGS-WEST GRIDLEY WATER DISTRICT

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## CITY OF BIGGS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Biggs will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City of Biggs City Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs, CA 95917, at which time and place interested persons may either attend and be heard thereon or submit in writing comments prior to the conclusion of the hearing.

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

**Lot Line Adjustment 2025-01 (Durso) - 359 and 365 B Street, APNs 001-150-082 and -008** – A request to adjust the common property line between two adjacent parcels. The site is designated Low Density Residential on the Biggs General Plan Diagram and located in the R-1 Single-Family Residential Zoning district. This project has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 (Minor Changes to Land Use Limitations).

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

Public comments on agenda items are welcomed and encouraged in advance and will be accepted until 4 p.m. on August 12, 2025, by emailing the City Clerk at [cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov) or via the drop box at 465 C Street. Comments will be conveyed to the Council for consideration.

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

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

Roben Benish, City Clerk, City of Biggs

The Gridley Herald 7-25-2025

# COMICS & PUZZLES

**The Spats** by Jeff Pickering

**POPEYE** by KENNY HILLGARD

**Amber Waves** by Dave T. Phipps

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

**Out on a Limb** by Gary Kopervas

**CRIM THE BEAR IT** by Wayne

**TIGER** by Bud Blake

**Just Like Cats & Dogs** by Dave T. Phipps

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- "Granny Smith"
- "Broth-making container"
- Big name in map-making
- Inexperienced
- "Group of dishes or pots"
- Deprived of ovaries
- Medusae
- Got an Oscar, e.g.
- Kind of license
- Crescent
- Description for twins
- "\_\_\_ the season!"
- Orthodox Judaism adherent
- Class roster item
- Between lights and action
- Source of pork
- "Shredding devices"
- Bear-like
- Florida key
- French farewell
- Physicist Niels
- "Kitchen hand protector (2 words)"
- Holey confection
- Track event
- \_\_\_ of the trade, sing.
- 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
- Charlie Parker's nickname
- Shrek or Fiona, e.g.
- Word of compliance
- Actor Stallone
- "Spice \_\_\_ or pot \_\_\_"

**DOWN**

- Beginning of the alphabet
- \*Often go with carrots
- \*NaCl
- Speech at a funeral
- \*Flute alternative
- \*Cook's garb
- \*Veal or venison, e.g.
- Sport spectator's TV acronym
- Like white-headed eagle
- "Farewell" to Birdie
- Manage (2 words)
- Lige cornstalks
- \*Flapjacked utensil
- "Flapjack alternative"
- Blink of an eye, abbr.
- Swing, \_\_\_, swung
- Like Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station location
- Carl Jung's inner self
- \*\_\_\_ en place
- \*Seaweed-wrapped dish
- Opposite of cation
- Swamp plant
- Estimated arrival times, acr.
- Timothy, to friends
- \*Popular condiment
- Sheik's bevy
- Alan Paton's novel "\_\_\_ The Beloved Country"
- Broken, e.g.

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# Newsom's 'California Way' Would Take Away Your Gas-powered Car



Gov. Gavin Newsom

By Kerry Jackson and Tim Anaya, Pacific Research Institute

Congress recently voted to give Californians weary of expensive government green energy burdens relief from the state's electric vehicle mandate and its stricter-than-the-rest-of-the-country emissions standards.

You'd think Gov. Gavin Newsom and other officials would look for an off-ramp upon hearing this news to avoid the inevitable crash they have orchestrated. But they not only ripped right on by the exit; they rushed east toward Interstate 80.

Newsom has joined a new coalition with other states to spread the "California Way" across the Sierras. Like Newsom, the other governors in this group want to take away your choice to drive a more affordable gas-powered ride, force you to drive a much more expensive electric vehicle, and outlaw oil and gas production coast to coast. Drivers in other states should beware.

"We are firm and committed in our efforts to continue our leadership in the state of California," Newsom said at a recent press conference, while state Attorney General Rob Bonta declared that "California will not stand idly by" after Congress voted to give Californians a break from the high costs of driving.

The three congressional resolutions President Donald Trump signed will hamper the state's decades-old habit of making its own emissions rules.

Behind a placard that read "Trump's GOP Is Making

California Smoggy Again," Newsom complained that California is under "attack" so that companies can "pollute more."

"This is all about polluters being able to pollute more — big oil buying off politicians," he said.

Let's stop right there, governor. Today's internal-combustion engines aren't emission-free, but they are close. "New passenger vehicles are 98 to 99% cleaner for most tailpipe pollutants compared to the 1960s," says the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Newsom also ignores the fact that his policies will curb refinery production. Two major state refineries will shutter for good in the coming year. A recent USC study estimates the closures will raise gasoline prices in California to as much as \$8.25 per gallon. At a recent hearing, state environmental officials conceded that they don't review the impact of gas regulations on consumers. No kidding.

California is determined to

make its emissions standards the national standard. And if Newsom has his way, gasoline will become unaffordable to millions.

Newsom announced 11 states are part of the Affordable Clean Cars Coalition, which says it's committed "to safeguarding Americans' fundamental right to clean air." The other 10 states might be convinced that following the California way will give off cool vibes and boost their green street cred but it will translate into higher costs and fewer choices or consumers.

Research from the Pacific Research Institute bears this out. Seventy-nine percent of taxpayer-funded electric car subsidies are claimed by households making more than \$100,000 per year. Meanwhile, California will be 21% short of the power needed to meet demand each day once both the state's gas car ban and 100% renewable energy mandates are on the books in 2045.

The state's green mandates

impose 56% higher electricity costs on Californians than the national average despite state residents using 34% less energy. And taxpayers and ratepayers will be stuck with a bill upward of \$20,000 per household to fund the cost of the green transition.

Drivers want affordable energy and more car-buying choices. When policymakers propose having your state follow the California way on green energy, give them the message that we've been there, done that and it costs too much.

Kerry Jackson is the William Clement fellow in California reform at the Pacific Research Institute. Tim Anaya is Pacific Research Institute's vice president of marketing and communications. They are co-authors of "The California Left Coast Survivor's Guide." This piece was originally published in the Washington Examiner. ★

# Kiley Applauds End to High-Speed Rail Funding

Office of Congressman Kevin Kiley News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA), author of H.R. 213, legislation to prohibit further federal funding for High-Speed Rail, issued the following statement in response to President Trump and Secretary Duffy's announcement

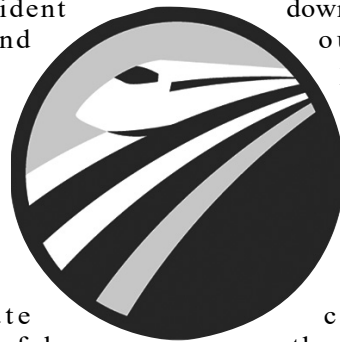


Kevin Kiley

that they are ending federal funding.

"California High-Speed Rail is the worst public infrastructure disaster in U.S. history," Rep. Kiley said. "A project that was supposed to be finished five years ago at a cost of \$33 billion is now projected to take until the end of the century at a cost of \$130

billion. I am grateful that President Trump and Secretary Duffy are sparing our taxpayers by cutting off federal funding. The state must now follow suit, wind this



disastrous project down, and spend our transportation dollars where they are needed: our roads." Rep. Kiley is calling on the House to pass his legislation

to assure future Administrations cannot try to revive the doomed project.

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. ★

# LaMalfa Applauds Trump Administration for Revoking High-Speed Rail Funding



Doug LaMalfa

Office of Representative Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) issued the following statement July 17 after the U.S. Department of Transportation officially revoked \$4 billion in federal funding for California's long-troubled high-speed rail project. The project, first approved by voters in 2008, has faced repeated delays, skyrocketing costs, and has yet to deliver.

"What I've suspected since 2008 as a state legislator has been born out of years and years of pie in the sky projections, fake promises about the number of people to be employed, the

timeline in which high speed rail would be completed, and the price tag for the taxpayers of California, and now the entire U.S.," said Rep. LaMalfa. "In 17 years, they've managed to raise about \$17 billion for this project, and the price has ballooned from \$33 billion to \$128 billion. That puts them \$111 billion short of what they say they need to complete it. There is no way the federal government and 50 states worth of taxpayers should be on the hook for a single dollar more as the promises have been broken and the contracts have been violated on this boondoggle. President Trump and Secretary Duffy's instincts to pull back this Biden-era funding are right, and I greatly appreciate them taking back this \$4 billion. We should be dedicating that money to real infrastructure—water storage and highway repairs that will be much more productive for Californians and Americans than continuing this boondoggle that is over \$110 billion short and at least 20 years behind. I appreciate the Trump Administration and Secretary Duffy for

finally putting a stop to this."

President Donald Trump and Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy have both called out the project for failing to meet its contractual obligations and wasting taxpayer dollars. The administration's decision is a serious blow to this project's future, which has lost public trust and federal confidence.

The high-speed rail project, originally estimated to cost \$33 billion, has ballooned to \$128 billion and is now primarily focused on a short 119-mile stretch from Merced to Bakersfield through the Central Valley that comes nowhere near connecting San Francisco to L.A., and even this short segment is not expected to be operational until at least 2033.

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. ★

# Secretary of State Announces Proposed Initiative Entered Circulation Initiative Limits Ability of Voters to Raise Revenues for Local Government Services



Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. Courtesy photo

California Secretary of State News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., announced that the proponent of a new initiative was cleared to begin collecting petition signatures on July 16.

The Attorney General prepares the legal title and summary that is required to appear on initiative petitions. When the official language is complete, the Attorney General forwards it to the proponent and to the Secretary of State, and the initiative may be circulated for signatures.

The Secretary of State then provides a calendar of deadlines to the proponent and to county elections officials. The Attorney General's official title and summary for the measure is as follows:

Limits voters' ability to pass voter-proposed local special taxes by raising the vote approval threshold requirement for such ballot measures from a simple majority (over 50%) to two-thirds.

In charter cities, prohibits voters from approving real estate transfer taxes other than the existing 0.11% transfer tax authorized by Revenue and Taxation Code section 11911.

Overturns all existing voter-approved property-related taxes that do not comply with these requirements two years after the measure is enacted. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Annual loss of revenues to local governments totaling up to a couple of billion dollars,

predominantly affecting certain charter cities.

Potential future reduction in what local governments would otherwise collect in revenues due to a higher vote threshold for certain taxes and fewer types of taxes that local governments can adopt. (25-0004A1.)

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1981 and the Attorney General's tracking number is 25-0004A1.

The proponent of the measure, Jon Coupal, must collect signatures of 874,641 registered voters (eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2022 general election) for the measure to become eligible for the ballot.

The proponent has 180 days to circulate petitions for the measure, meaning the signatures must be submitted to county elections officials no later than Jan. 12, 2026. The address for the proponent is 921 11th St., Suite 1201 Sacramento, CA 95814. ★

# Cap-and-Invest Critical to State's Economic Future

Governor's Press Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As Governor Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders continue to work on extending the state's preeminent climate program — Cap-and-Invest — new reports out last week highlight how critical the program is to the state's economic future and how uncertainty is costing

the state billions.

According to a study released by the Environmental Defense Fund and Greenline Insights, extending Cap-and-Invest, also known as Cap-and-Trade, through 2045 is "expected to generate 287,000 jobs, \$55 billion in economic growth and \$232 million in net savings for households." Extending the program is estimated to "raise a minimum of \$47 billion for

California Climate Investments."

That builds on the program's \$28 billion already invested in the last 10 years, which has wiped out emissions equivalent to taking 80% of the state's gas cars off the road.

This comes as another report released last week shows the need for extension this year. According to Clean and Prosperous California, the program has lost up to \$3 billion

in potential revenue in the past year due to poor auction results "caused by uncertainty over legislative extension."

Clean and Prosperous California reports: "We expect California will continue losing between around \$600 million and \$1 billion in revenue from each quarterly auction until the California legislature reauthorizes the cap-and-trade program."

As Governor Newsom, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Senate Pro Tempore Mike McGuire said in April announcing efforts to extend the program this year: "Cap-and-trade is a huge success and, working together, we'll demonstrate real climate leadership that will attract investment and innovation to deliver the technologies of tomorrow, right here in California." ★

# Arrest Made Following Armed Confrontation in Berry Creek

**Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release**

**BERRY CREEK, CA (MPG)** - On July 10 at approximately 2:43 p.m., deputies from the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) responded to a report of an armed individual in the 400 block of Milsap Bar Road, Berry Creek.

Upon receiving a description of the suspect and his vehicle, deputies promptly located the suspect's vehicle near the intersection of Oroville-Quincy Highway and Aird Circle. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was identified as Chuebec

Moua, age 56, of Oroville.

Moua was detained without incident, and a subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a semi-automatic pistol and high-capacity magazines.

During the investigation, the victim stated that he and a friend were cleaning the property on Milsap Bar Road when Moua arrived and brandished a firearm, and threatened to shoot the victim. Moua subsequently departed the scene in his vehicle.

Moua was arrested and transported to the Butte County Jail on charges including criminal threats, false imprisonment, and assault with a deadly weapon. ★

# Armed Bank Robbery — Suspect Arrested

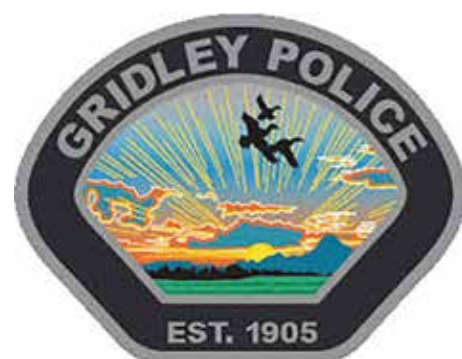
**Gridley Police Department News Release**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - On July 17 at approximately 11:09 a.m., officers from the Gridley Police Department responded to a report of an armed robbery in progress at BMO Bank, located at 34 E. Gridley Road.

Thanks to the swift gathering of suspect information and the rapid response by officers, the suspect was spotted fleeing the scene on foot and entering a vehicle. As she attempted to escape, the suspect used the vehicle to ram a patrol car. A short vehicle pursuit followed, traveling east-bound on E. Gridley Road and ending in an orchard just west of Larkin Road.

The suspect, identified as Jennifer Flores, 22, of Yuba City, was apprehended at approximately 11:14 a.m. Officers recovered the stolen money, and the firearm used in the robbery.

Flores was booked into the Butte County Jail on multiple charges including,



Robbery, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Grand Theft, and Evading a Peace Officer.

The Gridley Police Department would like to thank the Butte County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, Butte County District Attorney's Office, and the FBI for their assistance in this investigation.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Jellison at the Gridley Police Department at 530-846-5670. ★

# Oroville Man Sentenced for Endangering One-Year-Old Son

**Butte County District Attorney's News Press Release**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - An Oroville man who placed his one-year-old son in danger during a cocaine-fueled public episode was sentenced on July 16 to six years in state prison—the maximum term allowed under California law.

Oscar Bonilla, 35, previously pleaded guilty to felony child endangerment for a June 4 incident in Oroville in which he was seen stumbling through traffic near Myers and Greenville Streets while holding his toddler. Witnesses reported Bonilla swinging the child by the arms and ultimately dropping him in the street before fleeing on foot.

The dangerous scene unfolded in full view of passing drivers and bystanders. One member of the public rushed into the roadway to rescue the crying child, while another used her vehicle to block Bonilla from returning. Several 911 calls were made, and responding Oroville Police officers located Bonilla minutes later. He was found in possession of a folding knife and admitted to consuming what he described as a "large bag" of cocaine. The child

sustained minor injuries, including a cut above the eyebrow and road rash to an elbow.

At sentencing, Bonilla's defense attorney urged the sentencing judge to consider a lower term, citing that Bonilla, a Honduran national, would likely face deportation upon completing his sentence.

Butte County Supervising Deputy District Attorney Niels Bringsjord urged the judge to reject that argument, noting Bonilla's crimes were committed in this country and deserved full accountability under America's justice system and not a discount for being an illegal. Butte County Superior Court Judge Michael Deems agreed, finding the conduct to be egregious and imposed the six-year upper term state prison sentence.

Prosecutor Bringsjord also highlighted Bonilla's ongoing threat to the child and the community, noting his knife possession, erratic behavior, and disregard for the safety of others. Upon request by the prosecution, the court additionally granted a 10-year criminal protective order—the maximum permitted—prohibiting Bonilla from contacting the child victim, the child's mother, and a sibling. ★

# Unprovoked Assault at Local Emergency Room Ends in Arrest

**Oroville Police Department News Release**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On Wednesday, July 16 at approximately 6:15 p.m., the Oroville Police Dispatch Center received a 9-1-1 call reporting a violent altercation inside the emergency room waiting area at The Oroville Hospital. Staff and witnesses described a sudden and disturbing attack between two patients who were waiting to be seen.

Officers arrived on the scene within minutes and located the suspect, identified as 34-year-old Cassandra Roller of Chico, being physically restrained

by hospital personnel. Preliminary investigation revealed that Roller, without warning or provocation, used a drawstring, similar to what would be found in a pair of sweatpants or a sweatshirt, to strangle another patient in the waiting room.

The victim, a wheelchair-bound individual with permanent disabilities, had no known connection to the suspect. Witnesses at the scene quickly intervened, separating the two and detaining Roller until law enforcement could take control of the situation.

It is believed the suspect was under the influence of an unknown controlled

substance at the time of the incident. The victim received immediate medical attention from emergency room staff and is expected to recover physically from the assault.

Roller was taken into custody without further incident and booked into the Butte County Jail on Felony charges of Attempted Murder, assault with a deadly weapon, and causing injury to a dependent adult.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or may have additional information is encouraged to contact the Oroville Police Department at 530-538-2444 or email [investigations@oropd.org](mailto:investigations@oropd.org) ★



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