

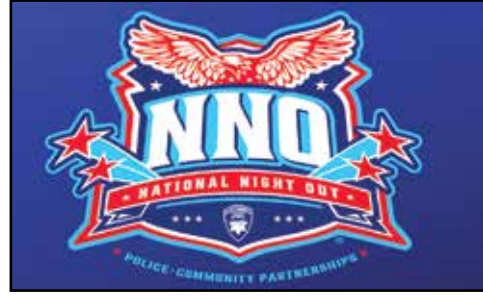


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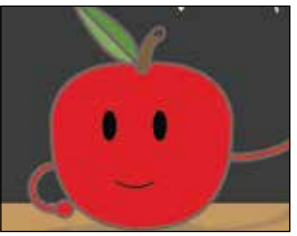
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Live Oak Champs Return!

All-Stars Return Hero's After Tournament Ends



Live Oak All-Stars Celebrate an exceptional season as Semi-Finalists in the Little League Western Regional Softball Tournament. Photo courtesy of Ryan Dudek of All Star Expressions photography

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Although it might not have ended the way they hoped, the Live Oak 10-12 Softball All-Stars returned home champions in their communities' eyes after wrapping post-season competition at the Little League Western Regional Championships.

Earlier, the young ladies of the 10-12 All-Star's team climbed their

way through the 2025 season, taking the titles of California District 2 Major Softball T.O.C Champions, California District 2 10-12 Softball All Star Champions, California Shasta Section 10-12 Softball All Star Champions and finally, Northern California Little League Softball State Champions.

The Live Oak community would rally in support of the girls,

arranging a law-enforcement studded motorcade escort for their departure to play at the Western Regional Championships held in San Bernardino, California, July 17.

The team would continue their post-season dominance with big wins over their opponents in early tournament brackets, beating Utah with a score of 15-1 and Nevada, 9-0.

The Live Oak All-Stars

would play Arizona on Wednesday, July 23 in an electrifying match up.

Businesses throughout Live Oak and Gridley would join the excitement, hosting viewing parties for the public as the Live Oak 10-12 All-Stars game streamed live on ESPN channels. Others tuned in from the comfort of their homes.

Pitching powerhouse Charlotte Dudek, No. 11, *Continued on page 10*

Gridley Council Takes Care of Business

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - At the regular city council meeting on July 25, the council unanimously approved a total of nine items. Councilmembers J. Angel Calderon and Catalina Sanchez were not in attendance.

First was the State Controllers Officer contract for preparing Gridley's Annual Street Report. Cost for the services will not exceed \$2,800.

Next, City Planner Chris Smith presented a tentative parcel map for the Steffen Estates 8.66-acre land parcel on the corner of Little and Richins Avenues. Originally started in 2005, the project was on hold until 2021. A revised map was submitted at that time, but had expired. Forty-six residential parcels were approved then, with lot sizes varying from 4,500 to 6,680 square feet. Consistent with current state regulations, there will be no natural gas in the homes.

On the south side of the development, a wall will be constructed by the canal to protect homes from flooding. Mayor Farr had questions about possible subterranean seepage from the canal, to which Smith responded that the project engineer did not have concerns about that issue. The water districts and city engineer have been consulted as well, according to City Administrator Elisa Arteaga.

Finance Director Martin Pineda then explained the need for a banking services award of contract with Five-Star Bank in Yuba City. Several requests for proposals (RFPs) were sent out to 10 banks, with six responding. Pineda pointed to Five-Star Bank as the most economical option due to the waived set-up and annual fees, resulting in a savings to the city of about \$25,000 per year.

Pineda concluded by saying that credit card transaction costs for city services will be shifted to the customers. Up to the present, credit card processing fees were absorbed by the city.

Continuing, approval was given for the 30-foot-wide public right-of-way for the Laurel Street extension beyond Randolph Avenue. This land was dedicated by the Gridley Unified School District and runs between the school district property and Butte View Estates.

Website redesign services were next on the agenda. City Administrator Arteaga related the need for updating the city website. Requests for proposal *Continued on page 4*

Schohr Siblings Carry on Legacy

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Schohr name is synonymous with Hereford cattle in his area.

The younger generations in the family are continuing that legacy as they work, breed and show the Hereford breed of cattle easily identified with a reddish-brown body and white face.

Local senior at Gridley High School Joe Schohr is a 7th generation California Cattleman and 4th generation member of the American Hereford Association (AHA).

Amanda Schohr shared that a subdivision of the American Hereford Association program is the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) and California-Nevada Junior Hereford Association. According to her, youth as young as 7-years-old can become members, capping at the age of 21.

Both Joe and his sister Madeline Schohr have been members of the American



Joe Schohr competes in the showmanship section of the Junior National Hereford Expo. Photo courtesy of Amanda Schohr

Hereford Association since the age of 7 and have competed in both the showmanship and leadership categories.

Joe Schohr is currently serving as 2025 CNJHA President and Madeline Schohr is in her second term as American Hereford Association Princess.

The Schohr family traveled 4, 833 miles and across 12-states in a 19-day expedition to attend the 2025

Junior National Hereford Expo where both Joe and Madeline American Hereford Association competed.

Out of 2,182 cattle entries and 705 National Junior Hereford Association exhibitors, the siblings would both do well.

Joe placed first in the Future Professionals Contest, in the Top 25 Intermediate Showman, third in class Owned Show and fourth in

Bred and Owned Show with SS Claudett and fourth in class Owned Show with SS JS Gnarly.

Madeline would place as a Class Winner with Werk Rachael 430 ET, make the Semi-Finals for Showmanship and represented the JNHE the CA-NV Hereford Princess.

The family continues the legacy of proud Hereford breeders and California cattlemen and women. ★

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

6 total stores in the U.S. J.C. Penny's is doing better than Sears. There are still 648 Penny's down from a peak of 2053 in 1973. Including one in Gridley on Hazel Street downtown. Neither of these stores could compete with Clairese Duke's dress store and Brown & Co. which dominated the Gridley downtown retail through the 80's. Will we be talking about Wal*Mart and Target as figments of history 30 years from now? Business statistics like those make it even more amazing the Gridley Herald has outlasted so many other enterprises, even Pfisters Feed and the Scoop. As Rite Aid Pharmacy goes through closing its stores, including the one across

from Casa Lupe, many are concerned about the Thrifty brand Ice Cream that Rite Aid picked up when they bought Thrifty Pharmacy. Can Thrifty Ice Cream spin off of the Rite Aid and keep going on? ***

Kirk Kimmelshue, son of prominent amateur golf Champion, Sherri & Mr. Kimmelshue, was wedded to a lively and beautiful young woman not from this area. Another successful chapter in the informal Durham area genetic diversification and improvement program. Way to go Kirk, congratulations. ***

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

CDPH Recommends Families Add Vaccines to Back-to-School Checklists

California Department of Public Health News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - During National Immunization Awareness Month in August, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is highlighting the importance of routine vaccines as students return to school. Vaccination prevents the spread of serious illnesses, reduces hospitalizations, saves lives and helps keep kids in school and doing the activities they love.

While California's immunization rates for kindergarten students remain higher than the national average, the California Department of Public Health wants to keep rates high and continue to protect California children and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases. The California Department of Public Health recommends families stay up to date on all vaccinations for the new school year.

"When our youngest Californians are healthy and able to participate in learning and doing the things they love, the future of California is brighter," said California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer, Dr. Erica Pan. "As a parent and a pediatrician, I am grateful for and confident in the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, which have transformed the leading causes of childhood deaths away from infectious diseases. CDPH remains committed to ensuring all California families have access to safe and effective vaccines, and the information they need to understand that vaccine recommendations are based on credible, transparent, and science-based evidence."

Due to large outbreaks in other states, the number of measles cases in the U.S. as of July 2025 are already higher than any year since 2000, when the World Health Organization declared the disease eliminated in the United States due to vaccination. Over 90 percent of this year's

cases were not vaccinated, and more than 1 in 10 of those infected with measles were hospitalized, some in intensive care units. Three people have died this year from this entirely preventable disease, reminding us of the importance of immunization.



California continues to report more than 95 percent coverage among kindergarteners for the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. While the state has maintained the level of vaccination necessary to prevent community spread for nearly a decade, it remains critical that our children and communities stay protected through continued vaccination.

Required Immunizations: California law requires students to receive age-specific immunizations to attend public and private schools and licensed childcare centers. Schools and licensed childcare centers are required to enforce immunization requirements, maintain immunization records of all children enrolled, and report children's immunization status to the California Department of Public Health.

Families can visit the California Department of Public Health's Shots for School and Don't Wait – Vaccinate! webpages for information on immunization laws and required vaccinations for students in California.

Resources for Families: California Department of Public Health encourages families to seek reliable information to learn more about vaccines, including visiting the California Department of Public Health Vaccine Facts webpage. Families can also speak to their health care providers or contact their local health provider for help in finding a place to get immunized. Most health plans cover recommended vaccinations with no out-of-pocket costs. Children without insurance coverage qualify for the Vaccines for Children Program, which provides no-cost vaccines for eligible children. ★

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Live Oak Hosts Annual Boat Races



This serious paddler would take the win during race #4 at the Live Oak Boat Races, held July 18. Photo by Christopher Pedigo



Smiles from all ages were visible as children put their builds to the test at the Live Oak Community Pool. Photo by Christopher Pedigo

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - A solid group of sailors turned out at the Live Oak City Pool, Friday July 18, to test their engineering and water-faring capabilities.

Live Oak Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 2025 Cardboard Boat Races, inviting locals to come out to the community park to enjoy this yearly activity.

Participants used cardboard, tape and

more to create water-tight, or not, boats, launching them across the city pool in fun-filled races.

Multiple children turned out to participate in the pre-race build scheduled at 5:30 p.m. taking advantage of the materials on hand. Others would bring their own materials or pre-made craft, adhering to the rules of “no wood, metal, nails or staples.”

Races began at 7 p.m., with multiple winners awarded. ★

West Nile Virus Identified and Now Active in Butte County

Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Two groups of mosquitoes, known as a mosquito pools, that were collected in the area of Gridley and Biggs have tested positive with West Nile virus (WNV). With increasing mosquito populations and the detection of West Nile virus within Butte County, the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) urges residents to take all precautions necessary to drain any and all un-needed standing water, report any suspected mosquito-breeding sites to the district and protect themselves from the bites of mosquitoes.

This is the first positive indicator of the West Nile virus in the county for 2025. West Nile virus is active throughout the State of California and activity is rising.

Matthew Ball, District Manager for the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District stated, “It’s imperative that county residents be aware that West Nile virus is active and to avoid mosquito bites by whatever means necessary. Residents are urged to do their part to prevent mosquitoes from breeding by inspecting and eliminating all standing water from their properties.”

West Nile virus has been identified in Butte County every year since its arrival in 2004. Since 2004, 299 residents have been infected with the virus, 11 of which have lost their lives.



West Nile virus is active throughout the State of California and activity is rising. MPG file photo

The virus is usually prevalent from May through October when mosquitoes are most abundant. Mosquitoes contract the virus when they feed on infected birds, then spread the virus when the mosquitoes seek other hosts to bite.

In addition to birds and humans, horses are also affected by the West Nile virus. Due to the high mortality rate of horses that contract the disease, owners are encouraged to make sure their horses are kept current with their West Nile virus vaccinations.

Individuals can reduce their risk of mosquito-borne disease by following the 7 Ds of prevention.

Drain any standing water that may produce mosquitoes, this includes flowerpots, old tires, and buckets. Some species of mosquitoes can lay their eggs in very small sources of water, like a bottle cap.

Defend yourself and your home by using an effective insect repellent and making sure screens on doors and windows are in good condition.

Dusk or Dawn, avoid outside activities.

Dress in long sleeves and pants when

mosquitoes are active.

Door and window screens should be in good working condition and free of holes and tears. This will prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

District personnel are available to address any mosquito problem you may be experiencing, to report water that may be breeding mosquitoes, and to answer any questions you may have.

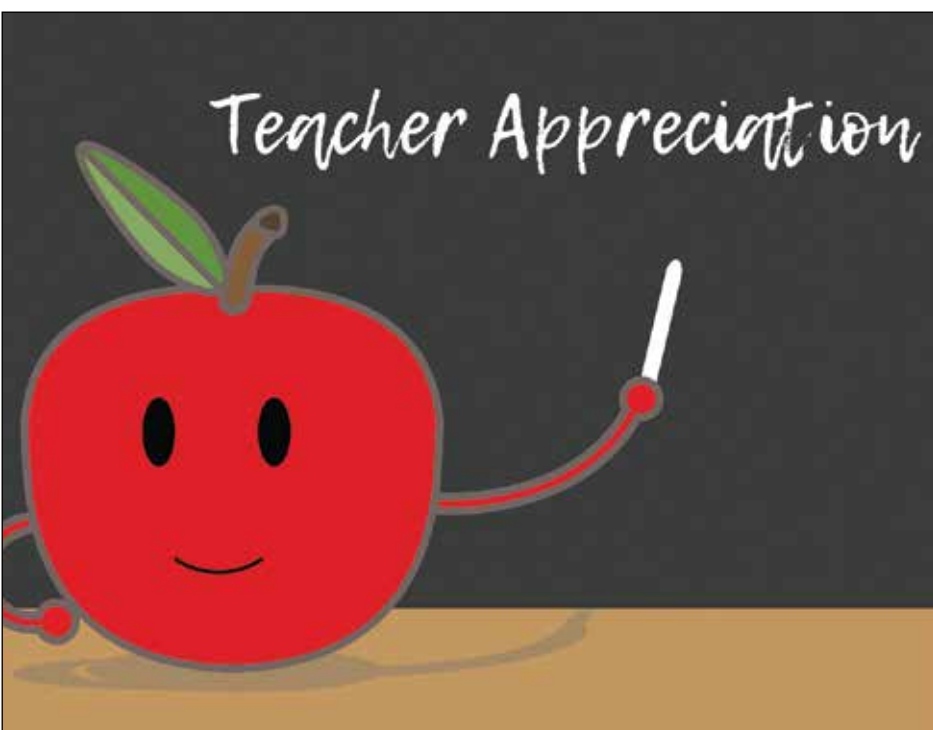
The public is encouraged to become part of the state’s monitoring effort for West Nile virus by reporting any dead birds that may have been dead for less than 48 hours. Call 1-877-968-2473 to report dead birds that may be accepted for testing, or visit the California Department of Public Health website, www.west-nile.ca.gov. Individuals should take note of the location and condition of the bird before calling for further instructions. While there is no evidence that people can get the virus from handling live or dead birds, individuals should not attempt to catch or handle the birds.

The public is also encouraged to report any suspected mosquito-breeding sites and/or any mosquito activity. Reports can be made by phone at 530-533-6038 or 530-342-7350 or website at www.ButteMosquito.com.

For more information call the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District at 530-533-6038 or 530-342-7350.

District staff are available to answer any questions and/or inquiries you have Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ★

Christian Life Announces Teacher Appreciation Reception



Teacher Appreciation Reception, an event to honor and thank teachers and their critical contribution to our communities. Marc Forman from Pixabay

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Christian Life Assembly of Gridley announced its inaugural Teacher Appreciation Reception, an event to honor and thank teachers and their critical contribution to our communities. Teachers from Live Oak, Gridley, Biggs and Richvale are welcome to come and receive free school supplies and enjoy light refreshments. The event will be held at the church on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1526 Humble Avenue in Gridley (off East Gridley Road).

Community members who would like to donate school supplies can contact Debbie Melton for pick up at 530-693-1977. Suggested supplies are notebooks, pencils and pens, erasers, play dough, etc. Checks also can be mailed to Christian Life, 1526 Humble Avenue in Gridley to fund more supplies. The church thanks Grocery Outlet for their help and donations. ★

Come Have Fun at National Night Out

By MPG Staff

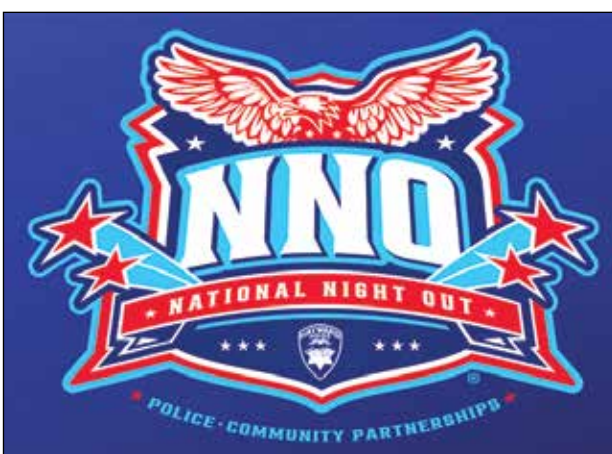
GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - National Night Out is celebration that brings local law enforcement out to connect with the community and is traditionally celebrated on the first Tuesday in August.

This year, National Night Out will be on Aug. 5. The Live Oak, Biggs and Gridley tri-area are hosting various events to promote community partnership and have some good, family friendly fun!

Come check out the fun and meet others in your community!

In Live Oak event times are 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Live Oak Memorial Park. Swimming and School Supplies will be available.

In Biggs, event times are 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Cork Oak Park next to the pool. Come talk with



Come check out the fun and meet others in your community! Courtesy photo

Gridley/Biggs Police and other community partners. Swimming, photo area and BBQ Hot Dogs to the first 225 people will be provided free. There will also be giveaways for Bikes, Scooters, Helmets, Backpacks and Books. Bring blankets and chairs to enjoy the night out.

In Gridley, event times are 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Manuel

Vierra Park. Come talk with Gridley/Biggs Police, CAL FIRE firefighters and other community partners. There will be Live Music, Food Vendors, Craft and Information Vendors, a bike giveaway and backpack and school supplies giveaway.

Bring your friends and family and celebrate our community! ★

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Investing With Heart: Find a Financial Advisor Who Shares Your Values

When it comes to managing your money, there’s more to consider than just the bottom line. For many people, investing isn’t only about building wealth or reaching goals — it’s about making sure their dollars support charitable causes and principles that are in line with their closely held values.

Whether your focus is on protecting the planet, aligning with your faith or giving back to your community, a financial advisor who understands your values can help you build a portfolio that reflects what matters to you. Here’s how to help find a good fit.

Know What You Stand For

Before you start searching for a financial advisor, take a moment to reflect on your own values. Are you passionate about sustainability? Do you want your investments to avoid companies that conflict with your faith? Is charitable giving a big part of your life and something you want to incorporate into your financial strategy?

Make a list of your top priorities. Understanding what drives you can help make it easier to find a financial advisor who shares and respects your vision.

Do Your Homework

Once you’ve clarified your goals, start looking for financial advisors who focus on values-based investing. Terms like “socially responsible investing” (SRI), “faith-based investing,” “impact investing” or “ESG” (which stands for environmental, social, and governance) are good keywords to use during your search.

Browse financial advisor websites and check their credentials. Some may highlight their experience with sustainable funds or philanthropic planning. Look for signs that they’re comfortable helping clients invest with a conscience.

Ask the Right Questions

After narrowing your list, schedule a few introductory discussions, which can be done in person or remotely, depending on your preference. These chats are your chance to learn more about how the financial advisor works and whether they’ll be a good fit.

Ask about their investment approach:

- Do they offer portfolios with a focus on ESG or faith-based filters?
- Have they worked with clients who have similar values to yours?
- How do they assess charitable giving strategies or donor-advised funds?
- Do they know the complex tax rules associated with charitable giving?

Listen closely to the questions they ask of you. Are they truly interested in what matters to you? Do they understand your values and priorities?

Also, consider their communication style. Will they keep you updated regularly? Are they open to collaboration when you want to adjust your plan?

Trust Your Instincts

Choosing a financial advisor is a personal decision. Beyond their professional qualifications, you want someone who listens well and respects your goals. Don’t hesitate to meet with several financial advisors before making your choice. The right person will make you feel understood and supported, both financially and personally.

Ideally, you and your financial advisor will forge a long-term relationship that spans the changes and milestones in your life. As the details of your financial strategy may change, you’ll still want to hold onto your values in your investments.

Investing With Purpose

Whether you’re hoping to reduce your carbon footprint, stay true to your faith or make the world a better place through giving, you don’t have to choose between your values and your financial future. Many good financial advisors can help you do both.

Taking the time to find someone who shares your vision can help you feel confident that your investment strategy can align with your personal beliefs.

Call or visit your local financial advisor today.



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Community Calendar

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were sent out to software companies and Civic Plus made the best offer. Initial cost will be \$13,870 with an annual cost of \$9,628.50. This process was done in conjunction with Information Technology (IT) Manager Tyson Pardee. Arteaga indicated that the transition should be seamless, with more options for public interaction on the website.

Mayor Mike Farr concurred and said that the updates will provide more transparency between the city and the public. Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson had questions about making changes to the website template and how long it would be before the new changes took effect.

Thereafter, approval was given for the disposal of five surplus vehicles from the Gridley Police Department. The vehicles are a 2010 and four 2011 Crown Victorias, with high mileage and repairs needed. Per the city's surplus procedures, the vehicles will be auctioned or sold through silent bidding.

Immediately following, a temporary license agreement with Farmland Reserve, Inc., was approved for the Feather River Sewer Crossing project. The project was previously approved and then delayed. City Administrator Arteaga specified a need to negotiate additional funding if necessary to exceed the previously approved amount of \$4,000. The agreement will allow the geotechnical team to access property that is owned by Farmland Reserve, as part of the relocation of the sewer line to beneath the Feather River. The existing line is in the river bed itself, according to Arteaga.

"This is a very time-sensitive issue. There is a fiscal impact, however, most of that is being covered through a grant," Arteaga said.

Mayor Farr agreed and advised caution about the potential for leaks in the existing line.

The final item approved was the third phase agreement with the city of Santa Clara regarding the purchase of Portfolio Content Category 1, Renewable Energy Credits (PCC1 RECs) through the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA).

Renewable Energy Credits are tradable certificates representing the energy created by renewable sources like solar, wind, and other zero-emission sources. Each REC equals 1 megawatt-hour (MWh). These certificates are essential to the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) in California, which mandates that retail sellers of electricity (cities) obtain a certain percentage of their energy from renewable sources, according to the California Energy Commission (CEC). As part of the Gridley energy portfolio, RECs ensure that renewable energy claims are backed by genuine, locally sourced renewable generation as specified by the California Balancing Authority.

"We are required (by the state) to have a certain amount of Renewable Energy Credits, and having an agreement in place will assist us. This is one more step that NCPA has made for us, to reach the requirements that have been enacted by CEC," Arteaga said.

Biggs approved a similar agreement, according to Arteaga.

The Meeder investment portfolio report was given by Finance Director Martin Pineda reflecting a yield \$323,446.02 for the city.

Police Chief Todd Farr reminded everyone about National Night Out, happening this Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Manuel Vierra Park, from 5 to 8 p.m. ★

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, 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) Kid Quest, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (G)

Friday, Aug. 8: Sure Start family story time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Tuesday, Aug. 12: 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. 13: 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. 14: Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B)

Friday, Aug. 15: 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, Aug. 16: Afternoon kids' club, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (B)

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.

Friday, Aug. 1: Silent Disco party for Wags and Whiskers Pet Rescue, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at The Barn at Meriam Park, 1930 Market Place, Chico. Join our party to celebrate our 10-year anniversary and over 15,000 lives saved. A portion of the proceeds goes to Wags and Whiskers to save more dogs and cats. \$10 presale, \$15 at the door. More information at 530-895-8888.

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

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

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

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.

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Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"... but I think maybe I'll stick to the sweet and sour pork or shrimp. Hamburgers need ..."

"Sweet and sour hamburgers?"

"Yep."

"Wouldn't that make people sick?" Steve said, looking at Doc.

"Nothing Delbert would cook would ever make people sick," Doc replied. "His kitchen is cleaner than a hospital surgery. But sweet and sour hamburgers doesn't ... click?"

"Lunch, today?" Steve asked.

So the boys went to Gates of Heaven for lunch and they all ordered the sweet and sour hamburgers. Delbert came out of the kitchen, smiling.

"You boys don't need ketchup or mustard with these burgers," he told them. "They're fine just like they are. I have pickles, though ... you want pickles."

The burgers came, with a side order of those petrified noodles in place of French fries, and the eating began. Delbert watched

their faces. He knew this was the Supreme Court of our valley when it came to introducing something new to eat.

There were nods and there were inquisitive facial expressions.

"Well?" asked Delbert.

"Del," said Doc, "your cooking is always wonderful ..."

There were concomitant nods around the table.

"... but I think maybe I'll stick to the sweet and sour pork or shrimp. Hamburgers need ..."

"Ketchup?" said Steve.

"Mayo?" said Dud.

"Hey, they're good, though," said Doc. "I like the way the sauce gets soaked into the bun."

"That's right."

"Me, too."

"Oh shut up," said Delbert, heading for the kitchen.

If you want to get Delbert's recipe for sweet and sour burgers ... shame on you. ★

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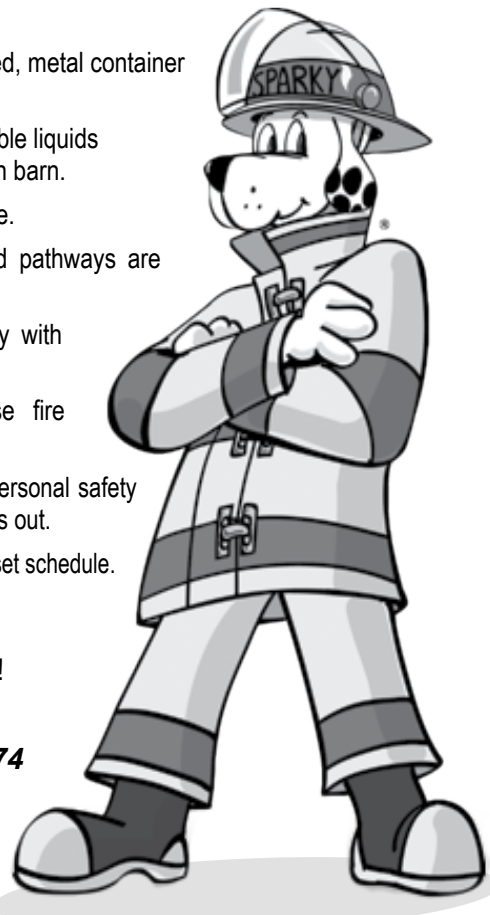
SPARKY'S CORNER



Barn Fire Safety Checklist

Mrs. O'Leary's Cow may have gotten a bad rap but the folktale reminds us fire safety is an important part of farm life. People, animals, and property are in danger when fire breaks out on the farm.

- Inspect your barn and outbuildings for fire hazards to reduce the risk of tragic loss.
- Heat lamps and space heaters are kept a safe distance from anything that can burn.
- Heaters are on a sturdy surface and cannot fall over.
- Electrical equipment is labeled for agricultural or commercial use.
- All wiring is free from damage.
- Extension cords are not used in the barn.
- Lightbulbs have covers to protect them from dust, moisture, and breakage.
- Damage is identified quickly and repairs are completed with safety in mind.
- Dust and cobwebs around electrical outlets and lights are removed.
- Oily rags are stored in a closed, metal container away from heat.
- Feed, hay, straw, and flammable liquids are stored away from the main barn.
- The barn is a smoke-free zone.
- Exits are clearly marked and pathways are clear.
- Fire drills are held frequently with everyone who uses the barn.
- Workers are trained to use fire extinguishers.
- Everyone in the barn knows personal safety is the first priority if a fire breaks out.
- Hazard checks take place on a set schedule.



Thank You, and Be Safe!!
Sparky the Dog
 Gridley Fire Station 74

Ask DR. UNIVERSE

How do turtles get their shells?

— Malachi, 8, New York

Dear Malachi,

Sometimes animated turtles seem to live inside their shells like it's a tiny home. They may even hop out of the shell and run around.

That's funny in cartoons and games, but my friend Ryan Wagner told me it could never happen in real life. He's a wildlife biologist at Washington State University. He studies animals like turtles and frogs.

It turns out that a turtle's shell doesn't sit on top of its body. It's part of the turtle's body.

"Turtles are their shells," Wagner said. "The shell is made up of their bones. As the turtle grows, its shell grows along with it—just like our bones do."

Also like our bones, a turtle's shell forms when the turtle is an embryo. That's when it's still inside the egg. The shell starts out soft and hardens as the baby turtle grows.

The bones of a turtle's shell are similar to the ones we have. The shell is the turtle's backbone and rib cage with the collarbone, shoulder bones and pelvic bones tucked inside. A turtle's rib bones are wide and flat. They're fused together to form a solid shell.

The shell has two parts. The helmet-like dome that covers the back is the carapace. The bony plate that covers the belly is the plastron.

The carapace and plastron are connected along the turtle's sides. Its head and front legs stick out the front. Its tail and back legs stick out the rear. All the turtle's mushy organs are sandwiched between the carapace and plastron.

The bones of the shell have a protective covering. In many turtles, it's made of keratin plates called scutes. Keratin is the same protein that's in our hair and toenails. Some turtles have a leathery covering instead.

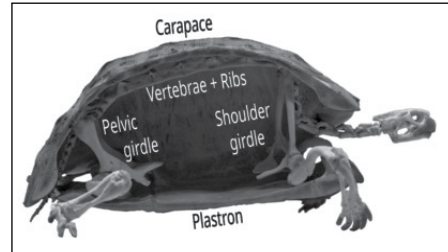
Some turtles can pull their head and legs into their shells. They have a hinged plastron that flexes up and down. They use their muscles to pull their whole body inside. Then they squeeze the carapace and plastron together to make a tight seal.

That's super handy for protecting turtles from predators. But it can be tough for scientists who study them.

"In college, I had a job clipping box turtles' toenails," Wagner said. "We used the toenail samples to determine how stressed the turtles were. But they would pull their legs and head inside and clamp up—and there's basically no grip that you can get with your hands to try to pull the shell open."

A turtle's shell is sensitive. It houses the spinal cord and lots of nerves. So, turtles can feel anything that touches their shell.

Wagner told me that turtles are quite vulnerable to shell injuries and



This is what a turtle's skeleton looks like. Scientists think ancient turtle ancestors evolved the belly part (plastron) before the back part (carapace). That adaptation maybe helped them live underground or underwater. Image: Ian Alexander CC BY-SA 4.0



Soft-shelled turtles (right) have leathery skin covering their shells. Image: Clunio CC BY-SA 3.0

other threats, like habitat loss or overharvesting.

"Turtles are in trouble," he said. "There are about 350 species of turtles, found on every continent except Antarctica. About half of them are at risk of extinction. Some consider them to be the most endangered group of vertebrates in the world. They need our help."

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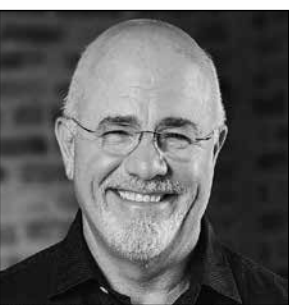


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Dave Ramsey Says You Still Need a Will



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I'm 26, so I haven't had time to accumulate a lot of money yet through my career. I do have a good, full-time job, though, and have started saving money. Do I need a will or trust when I'm so young and have so little in terms of assets?

— Alisha

Dear Alisha,

I love the fact that you're already thinking about things like this. You're a wise young lady.

Considering that you're young and just starting out, you don't need anything complicated in place. Trusts tend to be geared toward people with complex estates, so it doesn't sound like that's something you need to worry about. But you do need a simple, inexpensive will.

You didn't give many details, so let's say you have a car, along with the money in the bank you mentioned, plus a few

belongings. With a basic will, it'll be no problem to work through your estate and follow your directives if something unfortunate should happen. Here's something else to think about, too. Another important document you'll want in your will package is a healthcare power of attorney directive. This includes things like who's going to make medical decisions for you if you're unable to make them yourself. As a part of this, you'd also want to fill out the paperwork on whether to disconnect life support systems in the event you're in a coma.

All this stuff's a real wake-up call, right? I know these kinds of things aren't fun to think about—especially at your age. But thinking about them, and doing something about them, is the right thing to do. It's the smart thing to do. Plus, it will take a huge burden off your loved ones. And all this becomes even more important if you have children, because the state will step in and

decide what happens to them if you don't.

Having these things laid out ahead of time, and sharing them with your family and close friends, would be a very thoughtful and mature thing to do, Alisha. Think about it. They're already going to be grieving and distraught if something happens to you. You don't want to make things harder by leaving a lot of important and difficult decisions for them to make in the middle of it all.

— 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



Attitude is everything or can we say 90% of everything. No one takes the last shot thinking there's a 10% chance it's going in. No, you believe with all your heart you can make the shot and when it actually goes in, it simply confirms what you knew all along. That you are excellent at what you do, and success just naturally follows.

That's the way it is with athletes, coaches, and it certainly pertains to fans as well.

During the Sacramento Kings eye popping wins during summer league that left them a gnat's eyelash of winning the title for the third time, fans were more than buoyant. Four players stood out, beginning with the Kings heralded rookies Maxime Raynaud and Nique Clifford. Second year players Isaac Jones and Devin Carter also made a splash, and gave every Kings fan a reason to start shopping for good seats in the upcoming season.

Could next season be something special and once again return the Sactown boys to the playoffs? Not if you listen to the morning show on 1140 am or the talking heads on ESPN. Sadly, even some Kings fans are seeing the glass half full, and instead of extenuating the positive, are finding reasons why the Kings won't have a winning season.

I grew up in San Jose as a youngster, where the Warriors were the only NBA team in Northern California, but sadly were perennial losers. Right up until the team drafted a guy by the name of Rick Barry. A power forward who not only won rookie of the year honors, but lead the team to their first ever championship in San Francisco in 1976. With only one star on the team, and a cast of characters that probably couldn't crack the lineup of any other NBA team, all the Warriors did was sweep the Washington Bullets 4-0 in the NBA finals. It would ultimately be Rick Barry's only championship of his career, but like Jerry West who also had but one championship, Rick would see his jersey retired and enter the NBA hall of fame with great pride.

Entering the 1976 season, although there was no ESPN at the time, basketball pundits scoffed at the idea that the Warriors would even make the playoffs, let alone win a championship.

So, for all the naysayers out there, I say get a life. Domantas Sabonis is not window dressing, and neither is sharpshooter Zach Lavine who was second in the NBA in 3-point percentage last season.

Truly DeMar DeRozan doesn't get his due, but if used effectively DeMar can make opposing teams weep. His mid-range shooting is something to admire, so capitalize on his strength and let DeMar show fans how he can fill the scoring column and stretch the floor.

Everyone is waiting to see how Nique Clifford's summer league success will translate to the NBA regular season, but there is no reason to believe that he can't duplicate the double faceted scoring and rebounding that he has been known for during his college career.

Are people watching big man Isaac Jones? Jones has a knack around the rim that few players can duplicate, and he loves drawing fouls and converting 3-point plays. Jones isn't just NBA ready, he is ready to make a difference, and he will do just that if coach Christie is smart enough to give this talented forward 20 plus minutes every game.

The same can be said for Devin Carter and newcomer Nique Clifford. These young players will make their share of mistakes, but they also get fans on their feet. All of these players are extremely athletic, and their best NBA years are ahead of them.

Scott Perry is no rookie, and thus far he has shown a measure of restraint as it relates to making trades. I like that, and although I would like to see things come together quickly, it simply isn't the way things are done.

Let's give Perry his accolades for a noteworthy draft, and ample time to secure the last couple of moves that may very well propel this current team into the playoff's next season.

Don't be afraid to be a homer Kings fans. It feels good and just like the 1976 Warriors, anything is possible.

Keep faith Kings fans and start buying tickets. You won't be sorry!

All the best!

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

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

one toad poop. We put new sand on the pathways. Right there in the fresh sand was a black plop of toad poop. Not quite toad party time but close. I'm watching to see if there are others. I realized that when I lived in the country I didn't even think about toad poop. I knew the toads were there because the dog would come in drooling and foaming because it had caught a toad. I never thought of looking for them although I would find burrows here and there. I simply knew they were there and did not think about them. Now, it's a whole new game having imported toads. I'm looking for them and so far, I'm seeing signs of them only

once and a while.

When you change a system in any way, other things happen. With the new sand I noticed a snail shell on the pathway and wondered how it had crawled across dry sand. It hadn't. I touched the shell it rolled over, about a hundred ants roiled out. I'm guessing the snail tried to go over the sand and got stuck thus becoming a meal for an ant colony. I had never seen that before. When I've seen the shells here and there, I thought they were drying out. I wondered why there was never anything in them. It seemed like a desiccated body would be in there. Now I know that detritivores are busily cleaning up the world. ★



More Winegrape Farmers Navigate Season Without Guaranteed Buyers

Amid a global downturn in wine consumption, an increasing number of California winegrape growers are cultivating their crops without a winery contract this season. Without a guaranteed buyer, Sacramento County farmer Max Francesconi is focused on maintaining grape quality while carefully managing costs. "We are doing our best to keep expenses down," Francesconi told Ag Alert® in a field report. "We made minor adjustments to save a bit of money but still keep up the quality. You still have to do your preventative maintenance and keep it growing and keep high-quality grapes on the vine so you could market them towards the end of the year."

Tulare County Dairy Rebounds after Recovering from Bird Flu

At least one dairy in Tulare County has made a full recovery this summer, a year after many in the region suffered losses from bird flu. Blake Wilbur, whose Tulare dairy has 1,600 milking Jersey cows, saw about a 25% reduction in milk production over a two- to three-week period last fall. "We, fortunately, did not lose many, if any, cows. Dairies with Holsteins suffered worse, and those that got bird flu during the summer heat fared much worse," Wilbur said, noting that his dairy's milk production had not only returned to normal this year but surpassed last year's levels, likely due to favorable weather. "Our cows have bounced back," Wilbur told Ag Alert® in a field report.

Farmer Harvests Bountiful Blueberry Crop in Mendocino County

Mendocino County farmer Taylor Serres Murnig reported harvesting a bountiful blueberry crop in late June and early July. "We had some of the best quality we've seen in the past couple years," Serres Murnig told Ag Alert® in a field report. The fresh-market blueberry season typically lasts two to three weeks, or four weeks with perfect weather. This year, hot weather on the North Coast shortened Serres Murnig's harvest period, she said, adding that the farm had enough long-time employees to harvest the crop during the short window. "You're having that dance with Mother Nature," she said, "and she is always in the lead."

New Resource Aims to Help Aging Farmers Plan For Succession

Nearly half of California farmers are 65 and older, and many have yet to plan for what happens to their farms when they retire. For those without family heirs, that decision can be especially complex. A new set of resources from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, aims to help those producers explore options for succession so that farmland can stay in production and continue supporting local communities. "We are seeing more and more farmers and ranchers who have not identified an heir or person they're expecting to pass the farm or ranch onto," Nebraska Extension educator Jessica Groskopf said. "A lot of resources for succession focus on the next generation, but the reality is that for many of these folks that doesn't apply." ★

Why California's Agricultural Industry Is at Odds Over Solar Farms



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The Imperial Irrigation District, which provides water to farmers in the southeastern corner of California, drew a figurative line in the sand earlier this month, calling for a halt to the conversion of agricultural fields into solar panel farms.

Noting that more than 13,000 acres of fertile land had already been converted, the water district asked the Imperial County Board of Supervisors to protect productive farmland.

"Our identity and economy in the Imperial Valley are rooted in agriculture," Gina Dockstader, who chairs the district board, said in a statement. "Solar energy has a role in our region's future, but it cannot come at the cost of our farmland, food supply, or the families who depend on agriculture. This resolution is about protecting our way of life."

The Imperial Valley conflict is one manifestation of an increasingly sharp debate within California's \$60 billion agricultural sector — the largest of any state — over what should happen as the acreage devoted to crops and livestock shrinks.

The state Department of Conservation says that agricultural lands declined by more than 1.6 million acres between 1984 and 2018, averaging 47,000 acres a

year. The most productive land experienced the largest decline. Urbanization — the conversion of fields into homes and businesses — accounted for most of the decline, but residential development has slowed in recent years, contributing to a chronic housing shortage.

Other factors, such as labor shortages, production costs and uncertain water supplies, have created what industry leaders say is a crisis. The Public Policy Institute of California has estimated that the recently imposed limits on tapping underground aquifers to irrigate crops will result in 500,000 acres of farmland being taken out of production.

More recently, President Donald Trump's imposition of tariffs and a crackdown on undocumented immigrants have put more pressure on the agricultural industry.

As farmers, particularly the larger corporate growers, take land out of production, many believe that their economic salvation lies in solar panel arrays that generate the emission-free electricity that the state wants, as it phases out power fueled by hydrocarbons.

However, that doesn't sit well with farmers who want to continue production, as the Imperial Irrigation District's call for a solar moratorium implies.

Like many conflicts, this one has landed in the Capitol in the form of legislation. Assembly Bill 1156 would make it easier for farmers whose lands are contractually obligated to remain open space under the Williamson Act to avoid paying the heavy penalties required by law.

The Williamson Act, enacted six decades ago to

slow the sprawl of urban development into farmlands, gives farmers hefty breaks on property taxes on land they maintain as open space. AB 1156 would specifically declare that farmers can replace crops with solar farms without incurring penalties if the owner is experiencing water shortages. The bill is backed by the solar power industry, environmentalists, labor unions and many large farmers.

The California Farm Bureau and family farm groups oppose it, arguing that it will undermine the Williamson Act because almost any farmer can declare a water shortage, given the chronic uncertainty of California water supplies. Emulating the Imperial Irrigation District's stance, opponents say wholesale conversion of farmland into solar farms will devastate rural communities that depend on agriculture for jobs.

Politically, it's a David vs. Goliath conflict. AB 1156, carried by Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks, an Oakland Democrat, has been moving briskly through the legislative process. It's already cleared the Assembly and is likely to hit the Senate floor soon.

The solar farm displacement issue is only one of many factors that will determine the future of agriculture in California. The larger existential issue deserves more political attention than it's getting.

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. ★

Illegal Cannabis Processing Facility Discovered

Yuba Sutter Narcotic and Gang Enforcement Task Force News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Lucas Maxwell Wilson, 45, of Gridley, was arrested on Wednesday in connection with an illegal cannabis processing operation in Live Oak.

A complaint was received by the Sutter County Code

Enforcement for suspected illegal processing of hemp on the property. On July 14, representatives of Code Enforcement, accompanied by a deputy from the Sutter County Sheriff's Office, conducted a routine inspection at the property. During this inspection, both labor and safety violations were spotted.

A follow up visit and

inspection was conducted on July 23, by representatives from Code Enforcement, the Sutter County Building Department, the Office of the Fire Marshall, and the Sutter County Sheriff's Office. Potential illegal activity inconsistent with the legal processing of hemp was discovered, and NET-5, the Yuba Sutter Narcotics Enforcement Team, was contacted. A search warrant

was executed on the property, resulting in evidence of illegal manufacturing of a controlled substance among several other charges. Thus far, over 10,000 pounds of cannabis and/or cannabis product has been removed from the Live Oak property.

Wilson was granted a Hemp Cultivation Permit on May 20, to cultivate hemp on a total of 638 acres in Sutter County.

As this is an active and ongoing investigation involving multiple agencies, including NET-5, the Sutter County Sheriff's Office, and the Sutter County District Attorney's Office, any further information will be provided on Tuesday, July 29, after press time. Direct any questions to the Sutter County District Attorney's Office. ★

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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

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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000534

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The following person(s) are doing business as: Dani Padgett Photo, Dani Padgett Studio, 2799 Grape Way, Chico, CA 95973

Danielle Padgett Watson and Eric James Watson, 2799 Grape Way, Chico, CA 95973

Date filed in Butte County: July

17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 1, 2019

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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 Hammontré filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Susan Lorraine Hammontré 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
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
ETTA RUTH MCCABE AKA ETTA R.
MCCABE
CASE NO. 25PR00318

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Etta Ruth McCabe aka Etta R. McCabe.

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will

allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: August 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661
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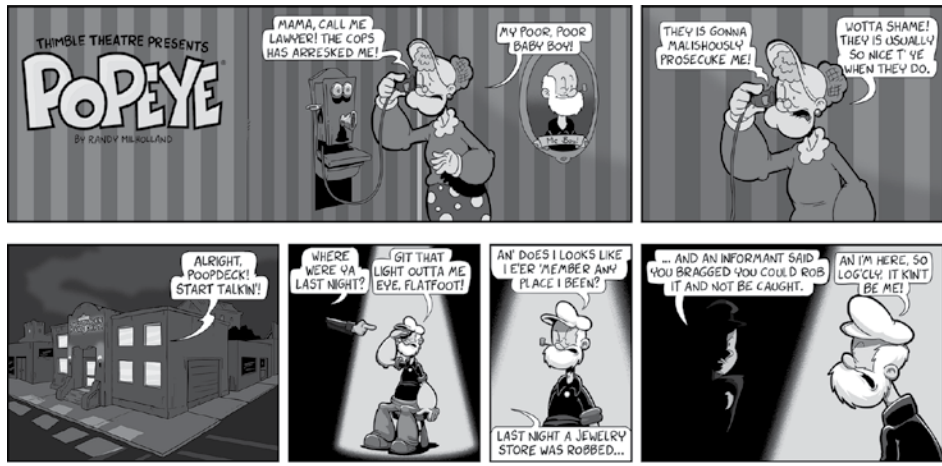
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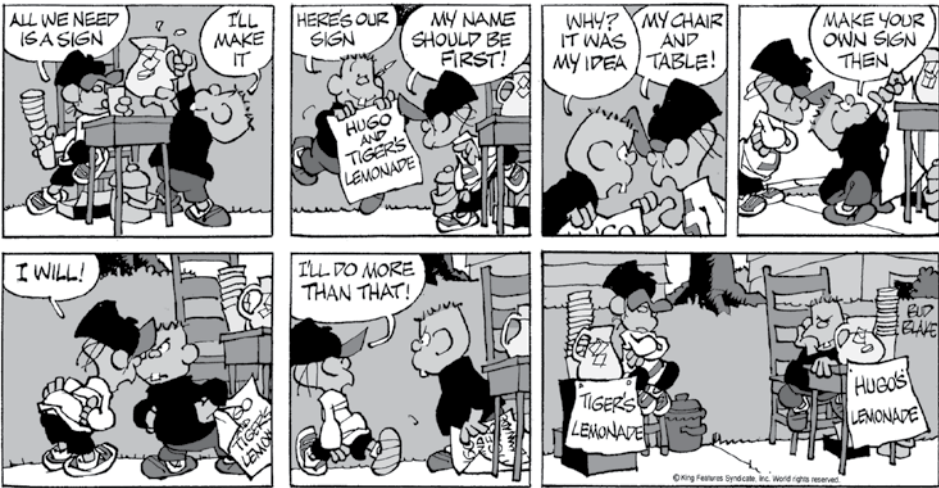
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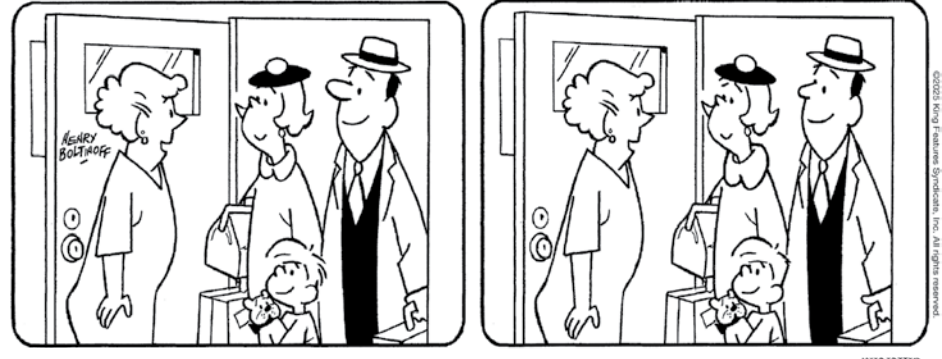
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Trump Derangement Syndrome Torments the California Legislature

By Katy Grimes,
California Globe

The California Legislature just demonstrated how unaware of public sentiment it is once again, by passing SCR 66 by Senator Tom Umberg (D-Santa Ana), which “designates May 1st as Law Day, to not only commemorate the importance that law plays in California, but to stand in solidarity with the legal community.”

While that sounds like another banal resolution, this is rich given that every year the California Legislature passes many laws that violate the U.S. Constitution, and the Constitutional rights of Californians.

This is the real purpose of the Senate Resolution: “Enumerates the multiple ways in which executive orders and other actions taken by President Donald Trump have threatened the rule of law, including, among other things, by denying security clearances and federal contracts to law firms that have opposed his administration. The resolution also accuses the President of using the power of the presidency to deter law firms from representing clients and immigration cases and calling for the impeachment of judges who have ruled against President Trump or his interests.”

Because TRUMP!

These are the same people demanding “tolerance” of the rest of us while pushing biological males who pretend they are women, competing in girls’ sports, and looking the other way while Jewish students in California’s universities and colleges are terrorized, harassed, targeted and shunned by professors and pro-Hamas students.

This is a classic case of Democrat Assembly members’ and Senators’ projection. Projection is when we take feelings we don’t want to acknowledge in ourselves, like jealousy or anger, and we “project” them onto someone else – In this case, Donald Trump. It’s

an unconscious way of coping with emotional conflict and discomfort, according to the American Psychological Association. People project to protect themselves from uncomfortable inner conflict and anxiety, but psychologists say the behavior can interfere with various relationships and situations.

Pot, meet kettle.

California Assemblyman Carl DeMaio (R-San Diego) called out the duplicity of his colleagues.

DeMaio said, SCR 66, “offered by legislators who have so routinely violated the law, in their own actions, to sit here and say ‘we’re going to pass a resolution and lecture the federal government on all of their missteps on the rule of law, it’s quite rich.”

DeMaio recounted examples of executive orders and bills signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom to violate the Constitutional rights of Californians, passing laws the U.S. Supreme Court has overturned on the 2nd Amendment, only to have the Legislature pass the same laws again – an affront to our judicial system.”

“Or, a law that says if we don’t like what you put on social media, we’re going to arrest you... we’re going to prosecute you. Of course, that was completely overturned by a judge as a violation of the First Amendment.

“Or, how about the faith-based crisis pregnancy centers who were told by this Legislature in 2018 ‘violate your religious beliefs and promote the practice of abortion.’ It’s not the role of the Legislature to compel churches to embrace abortion.

“I could go into Covid. I could go into the recent federal court cases that overturned laws passed by this Legislature, this governor, that stripped parents of their 14th Amendment due process rights under the federal Constitution.

“First year law students read the laws that I’ve just referenced and they’re embarrassed. A first year law student would recognize the constitutional problems with these

laws. But this Legislature doesn’t learn because it doesn’t care.

“They basically tell Californians ‘tough.’

“‘Sue us, because at least for the next 12 to 14 months we’re going to deprive you of your Constitutional rights. We’re going to lose in court, but for the next year, we’re going to strip you of your rights.’”

De Maio said sometimes he assumes the intention (of a bill) is good, but “for this Legislature to try to weigh in on the rule of law, I think silence is probably the best strategy, and perhaps some quiet contemplation of your own misdeeds over the years.”

The Globe has reported on many if not all of the gross violations of Californians’ constitutional rights passed by the California Legislature and signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom and Jerry Brown before him. Brown even flippantly said “so sue me” when questioned by media about the legality of what he signed into law.

The resolution bill says that the California Senate and the Assembly concur in the following:

a) Issuing executive orders to silence opposition and chill legal advocacy is an unlawful attack on the right of Americans to seek counsel.

b) Using the office of the presidency as a bludgeon against those who uphold the law and disagree with the President’s position is not only an attack on the legal system but an attack on the rule of law.

c) The Legislature designates May 1 as Law Day to not only commemorate the importance that law plays in California but to stand in solidarity with the legal community.

The resolution also calls upon the Senate and Assembly to “stand in solidarity with the legal community,” citing in particular the unprecedented actions that President Trump has taken against various law firms – presumably for no other reason than that they

have opposed the President in some way, or that they simply have policies which the President finds objectionable. The resolution also condemns President Trump’s statements calling for the impeachment of judges who “have ruled against him and his interests.” The author contends that these actions are not simply an attack on particular law firms and judges, but upon the legal system and the rule of law itself.

The California Legislature is upset because the President is going after law firms? Really? Shouldn’t they specify leftist law firms flaunting the Constitution and Rule of Law?

This may be the best part: this resolution adds California’s voice to the long-standing federal commemoration of Law Day, in order to reaffirm our commitment to due process and the rule of law. This seems especially appropriate given that the President of the United States has taken unprecedented actions against private law firms for personal and political reasons, recklessly criticized and called for the impeachment of federal judges, and ignored both federal law and the principles of federalism in responding to mostly peaceful and locally controlled protests.

What alternate universe are we living in? Are we talking about the same California Legislature which has forced unwarranted vaccines on children just to attend school? The same California Legislature that requires schools to hide child gender transitioning from parents? The same California Legislature which allowed Governor Newsom to lock an entire state down for three years, destroy 1/3 of the businesses in the state, and shut down schools over a flu? The same California Legislature which allowed Governor Newsom to force untested vaccines, social distancing and mandatory masking on California’s citizens?

In 2015, a bill passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Brown targeted two of

the largest fruit growers in the San Joaquin Valley for forced unionization by rewriting the definition of the labor rules governing piece-rate compensation in California. Both companies were targets of United Farm Workers unionizing efforts, and the Legislature and Governor illegally assisted the UFW – blatantly illegal.

Or when in 2022 Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Terry Green tossed out California’s corporate diversity law to require publicly held corporations based in the state to include racial minorities and members of the LGBTQ community on their executive boards, ruling it “unconstitutional.”

Or more recently when Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative Democrats had 10 years to deal with escalating crime because of Prop. 47, but failed to do so until Proposition 36 qualified for the November 2024 ballot overturning Prop. 47, and was passed by every county in the state. And now Gov. Newsom will not fund Prop. 36, flaunting his disdain for the will of the people.

Or when the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the Constitutionality of bail, but California lawmakers still tried to destroy California’s bail system. The California Legislature ignored the Supreme Court decision and passed Senate Bill 10, arguing that the current bail system was unfair to low income people.

We can go on for days as the California Legislature passes illegal and unconstitutional laws every year. Assemblyman DeMaio is spot on to call out his hypocrite colleagues. They are projecting their own inadequacies and insecurities, as well as their legal exposure, and should be primaried in every upcoming race for re-election.

Katy Grimes, the Editor in Chief of the California Globe, is a long-time Investigative Journalist covering the California State Capitol and the co-author of “California’s War Against Donald Trump: Who Wins? Who Loses?” ★

The Deep State Needed Epstein as Their Blackmailer



By Harold Pease, Ph. D.,
LibertyUnderFire.org

Perhaps no-one has been more protected by our government for decades than Jeffrey Epstein, at least until his alleged murder or very questionable suicide on Aug. 10, 2019. And likely no one knows more about scandalous secrets of adults in high places with children than he. For decades he is believed to have “gathered blackmail materials on elected politicians, dignitaries, royalty, Hollywood influencers, Wall Street and other financial level players, other high industry specific people. etc.” (X22 Report, hereafter not cited, Ep. 3686b, July 14, 2025, 38:55).

A recent finding revealed that Epstein claimed in 2001 to have CIA ties “a detail corroborated by a 2023 Department of Justice

Inspector General report noting his unexplained financial connections, suggesting a deeper intelligence link beyond his public financier role.” Also revealed was his renting property from the State Department - property that was formerly an Iranian government building seized by the U.S. after the Iran hostage crisis. (2001 Evening Standard article “Jeffrey Epstein,” found by DataRepublican, Jan. 22, 2001, Page 287). This suggests that he might have served as a government asset.

The Deep State is now viewed by most as a type of shadow government and its CIA was shown in the recent Kennedy files to be involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. How much more powerful could the CIA be if Epstein and blackmail were used to silence or control people in this or other scandals now coming to light? What if blackmail became, through Epstein working for the CIA, acceptable government operations. If so, this would explain the governments, prior to Trump, lack of interest in stopping or punishing the practice and revealing the Epstein client list. Currently the list is thought useful only for revealing perverts sexually abusing children but is

likely used also—to cover up assassinations, coups d’état and treason and thus the Deep State needs the data Epstein collected on high profile people to silence them and their ops.

Notice Kash Patel and Dan Bongino did not begin their FBI investigations with the Epstein client list made during the Obama and Comey era’s because it was corrupted by events happening at the same time as the list which involved the same people such as former FBI Director James Comey and former CIA director John Brennan, both now under investigation by the FBI for treason. They began with a then contemporary scandal, the almost 10-year-old Russian Collusion Hoax, the alleged plot of candidate Donald Trump conspiring with Vladimir Putin to win the 2016 Presidential Election. This was the Deep States’ first attempt to overthrow our government by making Trump unelectable with the now, verified as fake allegation intended to seat their candidate Hillary Clinton. It failed, Trump won.

Comey, Brennan, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama were most involved in the creation of the Epstein list and the Russian Collusion Hoax simultaneously. The new FBI believes the two intertwined. An

investigation of one must include the investigation of the other. The 2016 coup d’état failure led to a litany of anti-Trump events and fake indictments, from then to now, to remove him including a second and successful rigged election in 2020, two impeachments and the four fake indictments mentioned. Epstein, the CIA blackmailer, and his list is likely the common denominator of these events and the incentive for the democrat activist district judges organized resistance to every Trump executive order the last seven months. Epstein is the key to probable blackmail which buries the crimes.

The Deep State want only their created Epstein list out which can be manipulated or fabricated with fake information to target Trump as needed and keep him in court fighting frivolous charges for the next 3 1/2 years, as they did under Biden, with corrupt judges. Example, “The Rupert Murdoch-owned Wall Street Journal has published an alleged 2003 birthday letter from Donald Trump to Jeffrey Epstein.” The 22-year-old letter, written in third person, has already been shown to be fake and Trump has sued the Fox News media mogul for \$10 billion (“Murdoch

humiliates Trump: Will Epstein scandal tarnish his brand for good?”). The Deep State dismisses as important blackmail or the corruption surrounding the Russia Russia Hoax.

The Epstein client list is mostly the Democrats’ list assembled during Clinton, Obama and Biden eras and overseen by intelligence directors Brannon and Comey, both fired by Trump in his first administration and who are now under investigation for treason by the FBI. It likely has credibility problems. Trump wants everything out and knows their plan. Thus the decade long Epstein client list entirely suppressed until Trump forced the issue on the public stage two weeks ago by refusing to release only their uncorroborated list. Trump will do so with the release of a trove of previously classified documents by Tulsi Gabbard on the Russia Russia Hoax that will show another perspective that should be released simultaneously with the Epstein files.

One other point, “Mike Davis, Kash, Bondi and others, are making it MORE than obvious that there’s an ONGOING [and sealed] CRIMINAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION underway that involves the Epstein Files, and it must

be kept under wraps ...” until that plays out (Karma Patriot, Ep. 3687b, July 16, 2025, 46:20). We suspect that this includes the request for a Deep State special prosecutor, which will include an investigation into Epstein so that all the information —not just that of the Deep State players Obama, Comey and Brannon who created the so-called Epstein files, will come out together.

Until then Trump says “No! We will go over Epstein to the source.” The source is who controlled Epstein. Leading suspects are the Clintons, Barack Obama, and George Soros. The FBI is now looking into Brennan and Comey. Trump is building the narrative that Russian collusion and the Epstein files were happening simultaneously and with the same people.

Dr. Harold Pease is an expert on the United States Constitution and syndicated columnist. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He taught history and political science from this perspective for over 30 years. Newspapers have permission to publish this column. Read more of his weekly columns at www. LibertyUnderFire.org. ★

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would pitch clean innings against Arizona, knocking out hitters and rarely requiring back up from her teammates. Both pitchers would close out innings, holding the score 0-0 until mid-game.

Though Live Oak would threaten Arizona during the fifth inning, the southern team would hold NorCal's ladies. Arizona would eventually claim victory with a final score of 1-0.

Heartbroken, but not yet defeated, Live Oak would have a second chance at the final bracket, playing in a knock-out game against southern California, Thursday July 24, but Live Oak would fall short.

Meanwhile, the communities' pride continued in momentum.

Sponsons donated funds to have personal banners made for each player and coach,

including team banners, which were hung along the Hwy 99 corridor in the town over the weekend of July 26 by Berry Electric of Live Oak.

In addition, local Michele Curiel and community have

organized a celebratory parade for the team,

as they have not only made history within the community, but brought recognition to the town and most importantly, pride.

In a post made on social media, head coach Mitchel

Perigo wrote, "The grit, resilience, passion and love for the game that this small-town team has is remarkable! The love that the community shown was unbelievable! So proud of each and every one of the girls on this team. The best part is, we ain't done yet. I know they will continue to work hard, there is a new bar that has been set, and they are wanting to surpass it! They will continue to work hard and come back next year stronger than ever! Just remember, dreams do come true, and these girls are proof of that. They are such an inspiration, and I am proud to be a part of it."

Throughout this tournament, the ladies have been subject to a barrage of media attention, being interviewed by media greats such as ESPN and more, making this more than just an unforgettable sports experience, but potentially, one of a lifetime.

Pitcher Dudek has been nominated in a contest to be named Youth Athlete of the Year and featured



Charlotte Dudek confers with her team while on the mounds during one of the semifinal games of the little league western regional tournament for softball. Photo courtesy of Ryan Dudek of All Star Expressions photography

in a 3Brand Ad in partnership with Sports Illustrated. Voting runs from July 28 through Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. To vote visit athleteoftheyear.org/2025/charlotte-6b77

Live Oak will celebrate the accomplishment of the Western Region

Semi-Finalist, Northern California Little League State Champions in a Homecoming Parade planned for Saturday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Live Oak Little League Fields. Fans are asked to line up along the sidewalks of Pennington

Road and O Street in Live Oak to recognize these local heroes.

Regardless of the tournament's outcome, the Live Oak Little League Softball 10-12 All-Stars return home to the public as champions. ★



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