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"You Are My Other Me"



The beautiful colored skirts of these dancers swirled on the stage just after they posed for a photo.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Sweeping colorful skirts, sunken skulls and fantastically bright colors filled Daddow Park in Gridley, Sunday Nov. 2 for the 5th annual Dia de Los Muertos (DDLDM) celebration.

The traditional Mexican holiday regularly held over Nov. 1 and 2 is a lively celebration of the dead, honoring lost loved ones.

Gridley's Dia de Los Muertos celebration was founded partly in response to the COVID-19 epidemic that tore through our nation. Despite smaller populations, our communities were hit hard with the virus, especially the Latino

population, according to Gridley City Councilmember Angel Calderon, who helped establish and continues to promote the event.

Returning to Daddow Park for its 5th anniversary, Dia de Los Muertos 2025 was a stunning event that transcended language barriers and cultures.

Many elements of the traditional Mexican celebration have become recognizable and popular in mainstream media, especially the painted skeletal faces and costumes worn, or Las Catrinas. The Catrinas styling, typically a woman dressed in beautiful garb with ornate skeletal face painting, is a reference to death as

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Butte County Holds Line on Ag Surcharge

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 28 opted to maintain a long-standing property tax surcharge on agricultural landowners, choosing to revisit the issue during next year's budget cycle rather than risk cuts to recently restored law enforcement and other services.

The surcharge, known as the AB 1265 direct charge, allows the county to recoup 10% of the property tax savings granted to landowners under the Williamson Act, a state program created in 1965 to preserve farmland and open space. In exchange for agreeing not to develop their land, property owners receive substantial tax reductions through long-term contracts with the county.

Butte County adopted AB 1265 in 2012 after the state stopped reimbursing California counties for lost revenue. The law shortened Williamson Act contracts from 10 to nine years and allowed counties to collect 10% of the landowner's tax savings. Officials said the compromise preserved the program while helping fund essential services.

The board's discussion began in August after farmers requested relief from rising property tax bills, citing sharp increases in recent years and the cumulative burden of sales taxes, regulatory fees and reassessments. Several landowners called on the county to eliminate the AB 1265 charge, arguing that it undermines the original intent of the Williamson Act.

Gridley farmer Ryan Schohr urged the board to reconsider the charge, citing the mounting financial pressure on agriculture. He said farmers are now taxed more heavily than before, with Measure H significantly increasing the county's share of sales tax on equipment and supplies.

"We as farmers are paying double the sales tax now to the county," Schohr said, referencing a \$10,000 increase on a single combine purchase. "Agriculture has paid a lot for the promises made to this county to protect law enforcement."

Chief Administrative Officer Andy Pickett warned that eliminating the charge could destabilize essential services, a concern shared by other rural counties across California. Since the state ended reimbursements in 2010, more than a dozen counties, including Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Fresno, Kings and Tulare, have adopted AB 1265 to offset lost revenue.

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Sacred Heart Harvest Festival Returns to Gridley



Members of the Sacred Heart parish sell tickets to the various drawings and games which were so popular, they sold out!

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Sacred Heart Parish Harvest Festival returned this year after a five-year hiatus, filling Gridley's newly refurbished Memorial Hall with food, fun and community spirit. The last festival was held before the COVID-19 pandemic, making this long-awaited return a special occasion for parishioners and residents alike.

The hall was packed as attendees

participated in a variety of fundraising activities. Festival favorites included the Country Store game, where guests could win a bag of groceries for 50 cents, and the cake raffle, offering homemade desserts for just \$1 per ticket. The "Help to Win" drawing featured grand prizes such as a 55-inch television and a fire pit.

Guests also enjoyed a range of carnival games, a silent auction featuring items such as an air fryer, tools



Lucia Chavez, a board member and organizer of the event.



Raul Leonos helps at the country store give away, smiling brightly and he holds up a bag of groceries some lucky participant is about to take home.

and spa gift baskets and plenty of family-friendly entertainment.

Knights of Columbus member Raul Leno said the event was such a success that tickets sold out. The prime rib dinner, prepared by Javier Solis and his crew, drew rave reviews and was so popular that nearly every plate was served.

Festival promoter Larry Early said the strong turnout reflected the community's enthusiasm for the event.

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Paul Scholl, the illustrious publisher of The Historic Gridley Herald & 18 other sister newspapers throughout Northern California, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his annual support of the Giving Machines that are placed in the Roseville Galleria Mall. The Giving Machine, a red, customized vending machine, transforms charitable giving into an effortless and interactive experience. It functions similarly to purchasing a snack or a soda, but instead of buying food, you can

donate essential items such as meals, hygiene kits, clean water, clothing, education, livestock, or medical care to individuals in need, both locally and globally (our family favorite is buying chickens for people in developing nations). These machines are part of the annual “#Light the World” Christmas initiative sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church). The church collaborates with a rotating selection of local, national, and international nonprofits, including organizations such as Catholic Charities, Save the Children, CARE, and community food banks, to offer a diverse range of donation options. As people shop, they can conveniently purchase items to support those in need. The machines in Roseville have raised over \$850,000 in the last few years and are likely to surpass a million dollars this Christmas.

Mr. Scholl provides news coverage of these types of events as part of his giving back, his life ministry so to speak. His newspapers are not just a tool to make him a living; they are a way to create community, foster a sense of place and belonging, and promote the best in people, not the worst; even though selling negative trash about people is how most of the American media has chosen to move forward. If you can't make it to the giving machine, there are a lot of things you can do if you add helping someone else to your list of holiday obligations. November and December always seem to move fast, so take a moment today to pick how you will celebrate the season of Holy days.

Josh F.W. Cook was appointed to the Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. ★

Gridley Museum Presents a Night of Fashion!



Take a trip through history with this fun period-based fashion show. These lovely actors will walk you through what it was like during times of war, when partners and lovers were separated and google the groovy styles of the past. Photo courtesy of Joann Hamman.

By MPG Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Museum is proud to present a night of fashion and fun! Attendees will “enjoy a unique night of music, fashion and fun as they highlight the culture between 1958 to 1975!”

The event will be Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Gridley Moose Lodge, 1533 Hwy 99, Gridley. There will

be a Happy Hour at 5:30 p.m. with a Fashion Show, Skits and Music to follow at 6 p.m. There will also be prizes and a silent auction as well. The museum will be providing lemon water, lemonade and appetizers. The Moose Lodge Social Quarters will be open, selling alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

Admission to this fundraising event is a \$25 donation or whatever you

want to donate and veterans are free.

As part of this event, the Gridley Museum hopes to record the stories of the Gridley Vietnam Veterans before their history is lost. There will be sound and AV recording equipment to save the stories “in their own words”!

Come have a great time, support your Gridley Museum and the veterans who served. ★

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“Ending the AB 1265 direct charge would mean an immediate loss of approximately \$700,000 annually in general purpose, or discretionary, revenue going forward,” Pickett said. “General purpose revenue supports critical local priorities, including public safety and the library, and a reduction in GPR would require cuts in these programs.”

Pickett reminded supervisors that voters approved the Measure H tax increase in 2024 by 68%, agreeing to restore services that had been reduced for years. The half-cent sales tax now generates \$44 million annually, and every dollar has been budgeted toward rebuilding service, including reopening winter fire stations, restoring deputy sheriff positions and patrols, repairing aging facilities and bringing salaries

to competitive levels across departments including probation, prosecution and libraries.

Pickett said the recent rise in tax bills for Williamson Act participants was probably a one-time event due to state capitalization rates and new groundwater fees. He said the county anticipated that Williamson Act landowners would see a decrease in their tax bills next year.

Supervisors took no formal vote but directed staff to revisit the issue during the fiscal 2026 budget process.

Board Chair Tod Kimmelshue said he would still like to hear from other agriculture groups before a decision is made. Others defended the current policy and warned that reversing AB 1265 would mean reversing course on the very services voters overwhelmingly chose to restore. ★

River Valley Care Center is Looking for Veterans

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - River Valley Care Center in Live Oak is looking for Veterans and families of Veterans that would like to join them in honoring our service men and women at the 23rd Annual Yuba-Sutter Veterans Day Parade in Historic Downtown Marysville.

River Valley Care Center is highlighting Veterans and will feature them riding in a parade float. While the float is full, others

that are interested in joining are encouraged to walk alongside the vehicles as the veterans make their way down the parade route.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. at D St. and 7th, Marysville.

If you are or a veteran you know would like to join RVCC in honoring and supporting our vets at the Veterans Day Parade this coming Nov. 11, contact Desiree Biscotti at Desiree.biscotti@river-valleysnf.com. ★

American Legion South Butte Post Member Spotlight: CPL Charles Ray Burleson

By Owen Stiles

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Charles Ray Burleson was one of the original members of South Butte Post 210, American Legion. He helped form, and was the first adjutant of the Post, a position which he held for several years. Burleson was son of William D Burleson and Frances Brace. At age 2 he came to Gridley on the shoulders of his father to the Gridley Herald office where his father was hired as editor. He enlisted in



the Ground Corps of the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps in WW1 and served a year and a half in England.

Burleson became owner of and publisher of the Gridley Herald after his

father who was hired as editor of the Gridley Herald. In 1960 he turned over the ownership to his son William “Bill” Burleson 1960, taking a less active role as publisher due to his health.

He was active in the Rotary Club for 25 years, past president of the community Club, member of the North Butte Lodge No. 230, Franklin Chapter 20, Royal Arch Masons, Oroville Commandery No. 5 Knights Templar and the Ben Ali Temple of the Shrine. ★



BRADLEY EUGENE SPENCER • 03/12/1963 - 09/07/2025

Bradley Eugene Spencer passed away unexpectedly on September 7, 2025 in Gridley, Ca. He was born on March 12, 1963 in Yuba City, Ca to Winfred and Betty Spencer. He was a member of the Church of Latter-daySaints.

He really enjoyed the Scouting program through the church. He achieved his eagle scout status two years before he reached the age to receive his merit. He graduated from Seventh Day Adventist High School in Paradise, Ca.

He competed in motorcross racing traveling across the state for competitions. He was really good at it, taking home over sixty trophies.

Brad worked for a Honda dealership. He was also a farmer, farming almonds on Family Ranch Woodland, Ca. He was an avid outdoorsman, loved fishing and hunting. He traveled to Africa, Mongolia, China, Russia, Australia, the Dakotas and Idaho. He scored a record Asian brown bear in Mongolia with Safari



Club International.

Brad married his wife Lynne Spencer on May 31, 1997. They were together for 32 years and enjoyed hunting together. They honeymooned in Australia, bringing home his and hers water buffalos and wild boars. Lynne scored a record pig for Australia, after 3 weeks in the Outback. They spent a week in Sydney enjoying the opera house and the Great Barrier Reef.

Brad is survived by his wife Lynne, his mother Betty Spencer,

step children Jeremiah Smith of Gridley, Sarah (Morgan) Millar and granddaughters Isla and Zoey Millar all of Martinez, Ca.

He is preceded in death by father Winfred Spencer, Grandparents Alcie and Howard Copeland of Gridley and Edith and Paul Eppler of Woodland, Ca. His in-laws Patricia and Al Byers of Gridley, Ca.

His Celebration of Life will be Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Pavillion behind the LDS Church, 1259 French Ave., Gridley

Supervisors Spotlight Foster Youth Adoption Success

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Board of Supervisors officially proclaimed November 2025 as Adoption Awareness Month during its Oct. 28 meeting, celebrating the power of permanent, loving homes and aligning with California’s broader efforts to strengthen foster care adoption outcomes.

“All children deserve a home that provides them with support, security, kindness and love,” said Board Chair Tod Kimmelshue, noting that since Jan. 1, 40 adoptions were finalized, with 11 more expected in November, bringing the total to 51 for the year.

Tiffany Rowe, director of Employment and Social Services, expressed appreciation for the recognition.

“Observing November as National Adoption Awareness Month encourages others to learn about adoption,” Rowe said. “It highlights the importance of helping youth build positive relationships and promotes family, community and cultural connections that provide a sense of belonging and long-term stability.”

Statewide, California has ramped up efforts to improve outcomes for children in foster care. The 2025-26 budget includes a \$100 million General Fund increase for child welfare programs, supporting the continued rollout of CWS-CARES, a statewide data system designed to improve case tracking and permanency planning. The budget also funds the Tiered Rate Structure for foster care and adoption

assistance, ensuring more equitable support for families who adopt children with complex needs.

In addition, the Alliance for Children’s Rights and other advocacy groups are championing legislation to expand behavioral health access, strengthen the child welfare workforce and streamline adoption processes. These efforts aim to reduce delays, improve cultural competency, and promote stability for youth aging out of care.

“During November, and throughout the year, we encourage all citizens to consider adoption,” Kimmelshue said.

For more information on local adoption services, residents can contact Butte County’s Department of Employment and Social Services or visit www.buttecounty.net. ★

“You Are My Other Me”

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the great equalizer, despite gender or status.

Catrina's circulated throughout the crowd and members of the public took it upon themselves to dress up in the style as week.

The Daddow Park Gazebo was the focal point of the event, with an ornate and glowing ofrenda. Large handmade alebrijes, or spirit animals that facilitate and guide the soul in the afterlife,

were created by local artist Lucia Chavez, and were featured on the communal tribute to the deceased.

The community was invited to bring photos of their lost loved ones or families, to be celebrated together in the stunningly colorful, yet solemn, tribute.

Throughout the event other symbolism could be seen. A giant sugar skull and Monarch butterfly sculptures met guests at the

entrance and were popular photos destinations.

Caldaron shares that the monarch butterfly is believed to symbolize the spirits of the dead returning for the Dia de Los Muertos and happens to coincide with the arrival of the monarch butterfly migration to Mexico City during the Dia de Los Muertos celebrations.

Gridley's celebration began early at 3 p.m. and ran into the evening

hours, filled with performances from musicians and dancers.

Due to the sacred nature of the event, it was begun with a blessing and ceremony.

Standing in a circle, Calderon directed members of the organizing committee as they performed a candle lighting ceremony “En Lak’ech”, a nod to Mayan heritage. Calderon explained to the Herald that “En Lak’ech” translates to “you are my other me,” and during the blessing members ceremoniously light a candle and passed it to each other repeating the words to their neighbor.

The poignant start to the Dia de Los Muertos celebration encouraged all to remember the interconnectedness and unity between us all.

The following program brought with it historical cultural dances such as the “Baile de los viejitos” or “dance of the old men”, the Williams Mariachi band composed of high school musicians, folkloric ballet from many dancers and



These sweet Catrina's would enter the Catrina's contest and light up the event with their spirit.

vocals from local singers.

Gridley's Barefoot Dance Company also performed, performing a modern routine and a group dance to “La Llorona,” further uniting the community.

In addition to the entertainment, food and community resources were found throughout the event, with representatives from North Valley Catholic

services (NVCC) and First Five California, local response agencies such as Gridley Fire Department/CAL FIRE/Butte County, and Ampla Health, to name a few.

The festivities were capped off with the announcement of the Las Catrinas contest and the colorful evening of honor and love ended until the next installation. ★



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Organizers considered it a major success, selling every ticket and nearly running out of food before the night ended.

Volunteers from the Gridley High School's Interact Club and Class of 2027 helped operate the movie station, where children could relax with free

popcorn and face painting. They also assisted with the cake booth, meal service and cleanup alongside parish members.

The Sacred Heart Harvest Festival kicked off November with a strong sense of community and gratitude, sending guests home with full stomachs and smiling faces. ★



This young boy shows off his winnings and would go on to win another cake later!



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Smart financial moves to make before year-end

As the year winds down, it's the perfect time to make some smart moves before the calendar flips to 2026. Think of it as a financial tune-up that could help with saving money and setting you up for success in the months ahead. Here are some things to consider.


- **Don't forget about required withdrawals.** If you're 73 or older, you'll need to take your required minimum distribution from traditional retirement accounts to avoid a 25% penalty on any amount you should have withdrawn but didn't. This rule also applies to some people who inherited retirement accounts, including certain Roth accounts.
- **Use your flexible spending money.** Got money sitting in a flexible spending account at work? Remember, these accounts follow a “use it or lose it” rule. Check with your HR department about your plan's specific deadlines for spending the money and submitting receipts. Whether it's that dental work you've been putting off or new prescription glasses you need, now's the time to use those funds before they disappear.
- **Boost your retirement savings.** Consider ramping up your pretax retirement contributions before year-end. Not only will this help your future self, but it might also reduce your current tax bill. If your workplace plan allows it, you can even set up automatic increases for next year so you won't have to remember to do it later.
- **Share the wealth through gifting.** In 2025, the current tax rules let you give family or friends up to \$19,000 per person without affecting your lifetime gift tax exemption. Married couples can combine their allowances to give up to \$38,000

per person. Plus, you can pay someone's tuition or medical bills directly without these payments counting against your gift limits at all.


- **Navigate new tax changes.** The recently passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act has made several tax provisions permanent, including lower individual tax rates and higher standard deductions. However, it also introduces new changes that might affect your situation. It's worth sitting down with a financial advisor or tax professional to understand how these updates impact your specific circumstances.
- **Examine your investments.** Take some time to review your investment portfolio. Ask yourself: Did your investments perform as expected this year? Do they still match your goals and comfort level with risk? You might need to rebalance things to get back on track.
- **Build up your emergency fund.** It's ideal to have enough cash saved to cover three to six months of living expenses in an easily accessible account. This safety net can prevent you from having to raid your retirement savings when unexpected expenses pop up.
- **Review your estate planning documents.** This is especially important if you've had major life changes like marriage, divorce or a new baby. Don't forget to check the beneficiary designations on all your bank and brokerage accounts as well as life insurance policies – these often override what's written in your will.

Taking care of these financial housekeeping tasks now can help you start the new year on solid ground.

Call or visit your local financial advisor today.

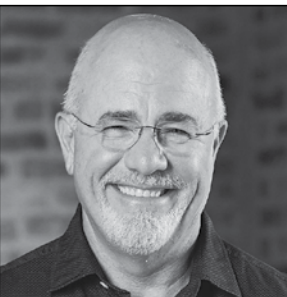


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Dave Ramsey Says Nothing Can Make You Happier... Or Scare You More

Dear Dave,
My wife and I recently learned she's pregnant. She's about to begin her second trimester, and we're both really excited. There is a bit of concern, though. During a detailed ultrasound, the doctor found an issue that might mean our baby could need minor surgery soon after delivery. Financially, we're in Baby Step 2 of your plan. With the extra bills after the baby's born, should we save money in a sinking fund for the added expenses while we continue paying off debt?

– Jared
Dear Jared,
Congratulations on the new baby! I know you're both probably on an emotional rollercoaster right now, what with the pregnancy and the possibility

of surgery for your little one. Make sure you pray and hug on each other a lot in the days ahead, okay? Doctors can do all kinds of incredible things, but including God in any equation is a good idea.

Now, should you start a sinking fund for the delivery and any extra expenses while you're trying to pay off debt? No. When a baby's on the way, I always recommend folks press pause—not stop—on the Baby Steps and start piling up as much cash as possible. Then, when mom and the baby come home, we pay the bills, push play on the Baby Steps and get back to work on the debt snowball.

Concentrate on building the biggest pile of cash you can over the next several months. And don't worry about how big that pile of cash gets. There's no such thing as too big in this case, because after you pay everything insurance doesn't

cover, you'll put anything that's left over right back into paying off debt.

You're learning something early on about being a parent, Jared. There's nothing in the world that can make you happier—or scare you more—than a baby. I'm praying for you and your family. And I hope that little one is born happy, and healthy and perfect.

God bless you all.

– Dave

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

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

We're at the end of October. When did that happen? Time to be cleaning up around trees and plants that are dropping leaves. I leave a lot of leaves but never around my fruit trees or other perennial plants. We want the leafy winter homes for various creatures like moths and butterflies but we do not want fungus and virus.

My cyclamen desires

were fulfilled during a Green Thumb Garden Club field trip to High Hand Nursery in Loomis and Rocklin's Green Acres Nursery. We all had a wonderful time wandering around those nurseries. High Hand is a boutique nursery and Green Acres is a solid large chain nursery. Both have healthy big plants and decent prices. The four small cyclamen I bought are all planted and waiting for rain. When I go out the front door I am greeted with bright colors of wonderful cyclamen. So happy.

Speaking of rain. If it only spits and not full out rain then I will have to water my fruit trees a little deeper than the three-day sprinkling they get. If it rains full out and keeps going, I'll turn off the

sprinkling system. Let us hope that will happen.

I also planted bulbs I bought online. Some Autumn Crocus a must have in all gardens and some Baby Moon miniature daffodils. Last year I forgot I planted Baby Moon bulbs. I saw these perfect tiny yellow daffodils and wondered where they had come from. I love the small tete a tete daffodils but I'm over the moon for Baby Moon. Sorry had to do that. I also put in some dymondia "Silver Carpet," a ground cover with little yellow flowers out front. This plant meets my rule of "if I already have it" I can plant more. I have that plant in with my Bonsai Olive tree, fair game. ★



Most California Pumpkins are Grown in one County

Californians searching supermarkets for the perfect pumpkin this week are likely to select a squash grown by Bryan Van Groningen, co-owner and vice president of crops and soils at Van Groningen & Sons in Manteca, or by another farmer in San Joaquin County, which produces most of the pumpkins sold in the state. "We get the warm temperatures in the daytime and cooler nights," Van Groningen said. "The plants thrive in those conditions." The fourth-generation farmer grows 55 different pumpkin varieties and sells as many as 10 million pumpkins a year. Varieties include the Knucklehead and Warty Minion, both covered with unsightly bumps; the Fairytale, flat and round with deep ribs; and the Big Mac, weighing in at up to 120 pounds. "I'd say we have every color except for maybe purple," Van Groningen said.

Sweeter Brussels Sprouts are Winning Over New Fans

While decades-old baggage may deter some diners from delighting in Brussels sprouts, newer varieties of the cruciferous vegetable have won over consumers and found a home in California restaurants. About 30 years ago, a Dutch scientist first identified the chemicals, called glucosinolates, that made Brussels sprouts bitter, and breeders began working to

produce sweeter varieties. Those are the varieties commonly grown today. Alex Rodoni, whose family grows Brussels sprouts on California's Central Coast, said demand peaked around 2021 and has remained strong, especially during the holiday season. That's also when freshly harvested Brussels sprouts tend to taste best. "They taste the sweetest when it's coldest when they're harvested," Rodoni said.

Healthy Avocado Trees Prove Resilient to Wildfires

Lessons learned from destructive wildfires in Ventura County have given avocado growers a fighting chance to save their orchards when the next big blaze hits. Ben Faber, University of California Cooperative Extension citrus and avocado adviser for Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, learned from the effects of the 2017 Thomas Fire and last year's Mountain Fire that well-irrigated avocado trees can recover from a fast-moving blaze within four months. Faber cautioned growers not to give up on their trees, as fire damage in avocado trees can initially look bad but turn out to be superficial. "You have to wait to let the tree tell you what's going to happen," he said. Nov. 6 marks the one-year anniversary of the Mountain Fire, which damaged 389 acres of avocados, according to the Ventura County agricultural commissioner's office. ★

Gridley Police Report



October 13, 2025 - October 23, 2025

Oct. 13: At 10:42 p.m. on the 2900 block of Fifth Street, Biggs, Anthony Wayne Beasley, 34, was arrested on suspicion of Burglary: first degree – Burglary/breaking and Entering (F) (459 PC), Possess/etc Burglary Tools (M) (466 PC), Petty theft-From Motor Vehicle (M) (484(a) PC), Receive/etc Known Stolen Property (M) (496(a) PC), Vandalism/ deface Property (M) (594(a)(1) PC) and Trespass: Occupy Property Without Consent (M) (602(m) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Oct. 14: At 5:18 p.m. on the 20 block of East Gridley Road, Gridley, Roxanne Francille Strickland, 49, was arrested on suspicion of disorderly conduct: under influence of Grug – Disorderly Conduct (M) (647(f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Oct. 17: At 5:13 a.m. on the 700 block of Kentucky Street, Gridley, Malachi Martin, 20, was arrested on suspicion of Shoplifting (M) (459.5(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Oct. 19: At 7:57 p.m. on the 1200 block of SR99, Gridley, Sacramento Reynelgarcia, 43, was arrested on suspicion of Child Abuse W/possible Gbi/dth – Family Offenses, Non-Violent (F) (273(a) PC), DUI Alcohol/0.08 Percent (M) (23152(b) VC) and DUI alcohol (M) (23152(a) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Oct. 20: At 12:43 a.m. on South Avenue and SR99, Biggs, was arrested on suspicion of Give False ID to Police Officer – All Other Offenses (M) (148.9(a) PC) and Violation of Court Order Dom Violence (M) (273.6(a) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

Oct. 23: At 8 a.m. on the 1200 block of SR99, Marshall James Hollingsworth, 35, was arrested on suspicion of Trespass: refuse to Leave Property: Peace Officer Request (M) (602(o)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Well Kings fans, the hometown boys are in the midst of a tough road trip and in the early going have a 2-4 record. That's the bad news. The good news is that with the exception of one game, the Sactown ballers have been in every game, and if it weren't for horrendous free throw shooting that record could just as easily be 4-2.

There are other teams that could say the same thing you say, but the positive that comes from this is that when you know your weakness you can work on it and it can be fixed.

Going into last week's game against the Giannis Antetokounmpo led Milwaukee Bucks with only one win for the 2025/2026 campaign, the Sacramento Kings stepped into View Fiserv Forum and handed the mighty Bucks a humbling 135-133 defeat much to the chagrin of the hometown fans. The Kings broke a 10-year famine in Milwaukee capturing a win that few thought was possible.

After an up and down start this season for big man Domantas Sabonis, the Sactown stalwart played Giannis to a standstill putting up 24 points, 13 rebounds, and 6 assists. Although Antetokounmpo matched the effort by Sabonis with a 26-11-8 night, the Sacramento Kings did an admiral job of holding down the former MVP.

We have talked about the talent the Kings have in their starting lineup, but the conundrum has been putting it all together. In Milwaukee the big four of DeRozan, Sabonis, LaVine, and Schroder did just exactly that. LaVine led the group with 31 points, DeRozan with 29, While Sabonis and Schoder both chipped in 24 points apiece.

There will never be a moment in time when it's ok to play pedestrian defense, but there are nights when you will be called to simply outscore your opponent, and Saturday night was just such a night in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Our Sacramento Kings beat a playoff team on their home court, much like they did last season to the Celtics in the Boston garden.

What is most telling though about this win, is how the starting lineup played together all night, and the balance with

regards to scoring.

Not to be lost was the contribution off the bench by Russell Westbrook who added 12 points and 10 big boards to the win. Russell continues to win the hearts of Kings fans as he gives 100% effort every night and his energy is contagious.

One of the keys was the play of Dennis Schroder, who on this night lived up to his billing. Schroder played well defensively but also shot the ball in rhythm, scoring 24 points while adding 5 rebounds and 7 assists. The type of night Kings fans have been hoping for, and it shows the Sacramento faithful what is truly possible.

The tandem of Schroder at the point and Sabonis in the paint are secret sauce that when they play as they did on Saturday night will lead to victory after victory.

LaVine and DeRozan can be counted on to get their points as their pedigree speaks for itself, but when Schroder and Sabonis hold down the fort the Kings are a very tough opponent.

The good news is that this does not have to be an anomaly, and it should not be! Capable? Absolutely they are capable, and if the Kings can continue to get this type of ubiquitous scoring, it will not only take pressure off the bench, but it will also lead a pathway straight to the playoffs. Not the playin, but the playoffs!

Yes, the Kings still must play good defense, but balanced scoring as we witnessed against the Bucks makes up for defensive mistakes, and the Kings have proven in the past that they are more than capable of putting up points.

Schroder remains a key, but let's not forget that this season is not his first rodeo, and a veteran at the helm that is not distracted by all-star caliber competition is just the floor general the Kings need.

Young rookie Nique Clifford needs to find a way to contribute on the scoreboard, and right around the corner will be the return of Keegan Murray. Let's hope Keegan's return will mark a contributing factor and not a necessity.

Be of good heart Kings fans because the light is starting to shine.

All the best!

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

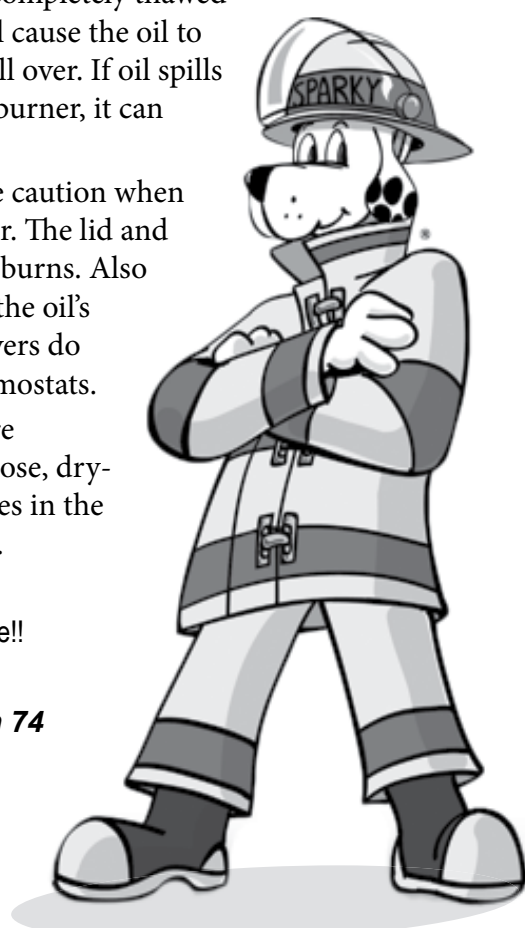
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- Find Flat Ground – The oil must be even and steady at all times to ensure safety. Place the fryer on a flat, level surface and carefully gauge the amount of oil needed.
- Use a Thawed and Dry Turkey – Make sure your Thanksgiving turkey is completely thawed and dry. Extra water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over. If oil spills from the fryer onto the burner, it can cause a fire.
- Monitor the Temp – Use caution when touching the turkey fryer. The lid and handle can cause burns. Also be sure to keep track of the oil's temperature as many fryers do not have their own thermostats.
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Thank You, and Be Safe!!

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Erie Canal Contrasts Glacial Pace of Public Works



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

This week, one of the nation's earliest and most important public works projects, the 363-mile Erie Canal linking the Hudson River with Lake Erie, marked its 200th anniversary.

There was only negligible media and political notice. That's regrettable, because the canal opening in 1825 utterly transformed the nation's economy and ignited its expansion from a few sparsely populated former colonies on the Atlantic Coast some 3,000 miles westward to the Pacific Ocean.

Rugged mountains had stymied westward expansion from the coastal plain into the Ohio River valley and the Great Lakes region. But New York Gov. DeWitt Clinton saw an opportunity for New York City to become the nation's commercial capital, outfoxing rival Philadelphia.

The New York Legislature authorized construction with bonds in 1817 and just eight years later, having been dug mostly by hand, the Erie Canal opened. Tolls repaid all of its construction debt in the first year.

Eventually, of course, the canal's commercial importance was superseded by railroads and later highways. But it continues to operate for recreational and excursion boats and remains a symbol of how timely public works can have major

economic impacts.

A quarter-century after the Erie Canal opened, California was admitted as a state. During its first decades it was somewhat isolated, with an economy based on resources — gold, timber, farm produce, cattle, fish and, eventually, oil.

However, as California entered the 20th century, massive public works projects surfaced to encourage economic expansion and transformation, notably in Southern California. Los Angeles and Long Beach created deep-water ports from what had been coastal mudflats. Los Angeles secretly tapped the Owens River 250 miles away on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, and built an aqueduct to carry its water to the city, making its meteoric population growth possible.

The Great Depression spawned other historic public works projects that were not only beneficial unto themselves but created much-needed jobs.

The federal government built the Central Valley Project, a network of dams, including Shasta Dam, and canals to provide water to farms in the 450-mile-long valley.

The state built a long-planned bridge over San Francisco Bay while simultaneously, a consortium of counties constructed the iconic Golden Gate Bridge. Both were finished in just a few years.

World War II was a massive public works project in California, as billions of dollars were poured into military bases, aircraft factories, shipyards and other tools of warfare, transforming the state into an industrial powerhouse. The postwar era

brought the construction of freeways to handle traffic from the state's population explosion.

Mid-century also saw arguably the state's last truly transformative public works project, the California Water Plan. It dams the Feather River near Oroville with an aqueduct to carry its water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to Southern California.

The last decades of the 20th Century and the first decades of the 21st have been a period of stasis in public works.

Projects such as the tunnel to carry water under the Delta and the Sites Reservoir to divert and store high flows on the Sacramento River have kicked around for decades. Sites appears to finally be on track, but the tunnel struggles to overcome opposition from local landowners and environmentalists.

And then there's the bullet train to link the northern and southern halves of the state, first proposed a half-century ago and approved by voters in 2008 — but limping along, neither fully alive nor dead, with some construction underway but no firm financial footing.

Looking back, it's amazing that the 363-mile Erie Canal could have been dug by hand in just eight years, or that the two San Francisco bridges were erected in just a few years. The contrast with 21st Century foot-dragging is palpable.

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. ★

Ask DR. UNIVERSE

Dr. Universe: How Do Cats Climb?

- Jake, 7, Wisconsin

Dear Jake,

Sometimes, when I'm working on a tricky question, I scale the tree outside my office. It helps me focus.

I asked my friend Steve Lampa how cats like me do that. He teaches small animal anatomy in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University.

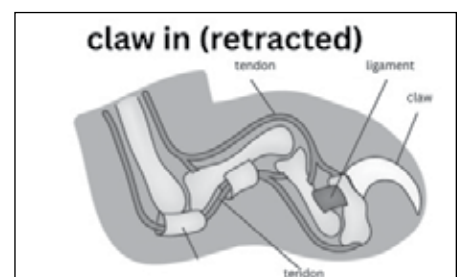
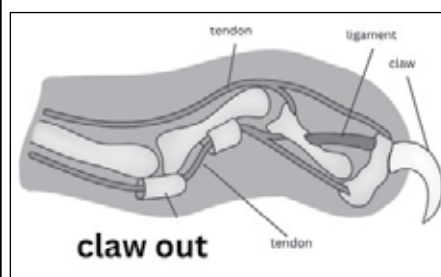
He told me it's all about a beefy backside and razor-sharp claws.

tissues—tendons and ligaments—to push them out.

That claw is perfect for sinking into prey—or into a tree as they shimmy up.

Coming down is a lot harder.

"They can't use their claws going down," Lampa said. "A lot of times, you see them basically running down so they don't roll. But they have this ability to right their body, which is a very odd thing."



A ligament holds the claw back. When a cat wants to use its claws, it flexes muscles that stretch the ligament. It's like using your muscles to stretch a rubber band. Image: Al.maier CC 3.0, labels by Dr. Universe

"First cats jump and propel themselves with their rump and hind limbs," Lampa said. "Then they anchor with their claws—which are like grappling hooks. Domestic cats actually have sharper claws than their wild counterparts."

The jumping part of the climb involves powerful muscles, especially the largest rump muscle called the gluteus medius.

It also relies on strong legs and joints. A cat's hip joint is a ball-and-socket joint—just like yours. It moves in different directions. Its knee joint, also called the stifle, is a hinge joint—also like yours. It moves back and forth.

But you don't have sharp, retractable claws on the ends of your fingers.

Neither do dogs. Their claws poke out all the time. That's why they tippy-tap on the floor when they walk. That scratching and tapping dulls their claws. That's ok because wild dogs hunt together. Their big weapon is teamwork.

Cats hunt alone. Keeping their claws tucked inside the paw makes them quieter and stealthier. Plus, it protects those claws and keeps them super sharp. When a cat wants to extend its claws, it uses connective

A cat climbing down uses its flexible spine and long tail for balance.

And then there's that righting reflex. It's why people say a cat always lands on its feet.

A falling cat uses its senses and brain to figure out where it is in space. Then it twists its body. The top half rotates one way, and the bottom half goes the other way—while the cat pulls in its front paws. That makes its head and chest turn faster than its hind end. At just the right time, it stretches out those front paws and tucks the back ones to quickly turn its rump. That's how a cat sticks the landing.

Physicists call that "reducing the moment of inertia" and "conserving angular momentum."

Sharp, retractable claws, strong muscles and joints, and flexibility are all adaptations. They help cats climb to survey for food or danger.

I guess being feline has its ups and downs.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

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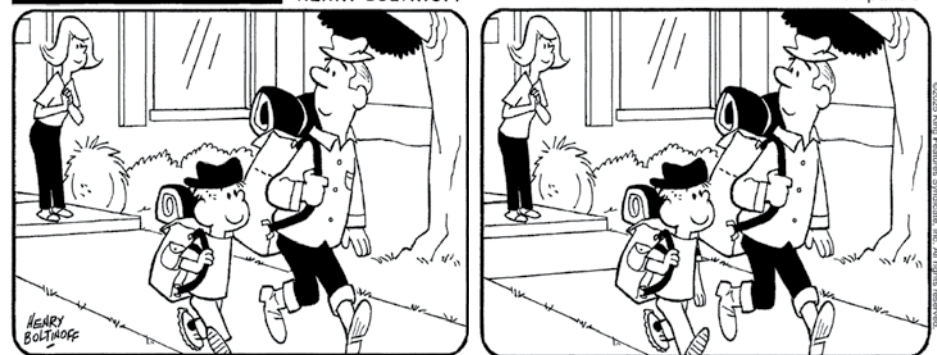
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000750
The following person(s) are doing business as: Oroville Bathroom Cleaning, 2019 Forest Avenue Suite 160, Chico, CA 95928
Cha Lee, 1590 High Street Apt A, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: October 10, 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: Oct 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 2025
OROVILLE 11-14-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000772
The following person(s) are doing business as: Clean Up Plus More, 420 S I Street, Exeter, CA 93221
Joanna M Dolores and Aleeya K Dolores, 3275 Roseben Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: October 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. 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: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025
CLEAN 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000768
The following person(s) are doing business as: Agi-Carcass Removal LLC, 59 Cyntiann Lane, Oroville, CA 95966
Agi-Carcass Removal LLC, 59 Cyntiann Lane, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: October 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 14, 2025

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: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
AGI 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000794
The following person(s) are doing business as: CMS Enterprises, 765 Township Road, Gridley, CA 95948
Christy Santillan, 765 Township Road, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: October 27, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 29, 2014

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: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
CMS 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000788
The following person(s) are doing business as: Las Ilstias Botanero, 3044 Olive Highway, Oroville, CA 95966
Fernando Valenzuela Robles and Renata Valenzuela, 6271 Oro Bangor Highway, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: October 27, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 27, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
CMS 11-28-25

Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
LAS 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000808
The following person(s) are doing business as: Five S Ranch, 4708 Rauch Court, Oroville, CA 95965
Kris Scott and Jon E Scott, PO Box 412, Biggs, CA 95917
Date filed in Butte County: October 31, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 2002

This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
FIVE 11-28-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #25CV03596

Petitioner Megan Leslie Diemart filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Megan Leslie Diemart to Meg Leslie Porter.

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 November 12, 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 September 23, 2025
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 17, 24, 31 Nov 7, 2025
DIEMART 11-7-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CONSTANCE M. FRESVIK
CASE NO. 25PR00452

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Constance M. Fresvik.

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: December 16, 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
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 2025
FRESVIK 11-14-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARGERY LANELLE TAYLOR
CASE NO. 25PR00472

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Margery Lanelle Taylor

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: December 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1 Room NC-3. 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: Desiree J. Vance, P.O. Box 1081, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-965-5672
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 2025
TAYLOR 11-21-25

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 2025-01128-CA.P.N.: 065-410-015-000
Property Address: 6307 COLUMBINE ROAD, MAGALIA, CA 95954
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/22/2009. 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. Trustor: JASON L STOLZ AND TERESA M

STOLZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 04/29/2009 as Instrument No. 2009-0014607 in book ---, page--- and further modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded 02/07/2014, as Instrument No. 2014-0004129 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, Date of Sale 12/03/2025 at 03:30 PM Place of Sale: ON THE STEPS OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE NUMBER 1 COURT STREET, OROVILLE, CA 95965 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 180,458.26
THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, 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, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 6307 COLUMBINE ROAD, MAGALIA, CA 95954 A.P.N.: 065-410-015-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the 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: \$ 180,458.26. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 this property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2025-01128-CA. 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you

match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855)-882-1314, or visit this internet website https://www.hubzu.com/, using the file number assigned to this case 2025-01128-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: October 23, 2025 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx

**This address must be used for the required delivery by certified or overnight mail of postponement requests as specified pursuant to Civil Code section 2924f(e). Published 10/31/2025, 11/07/2025, 11/14/2025
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T.S. No. 136215-CA APN: 001-031-007-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/24/2023. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 12/10/2025 at 3:30 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 5/1/2023 as Instrument No. 2023-0011420 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Butte County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JESSIE FORTIER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE BUTTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1 COURT STREET, OROVILLE, CA 95965 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 described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 484 E ST, BIGGS, CA 95917 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The 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: \$207,967.24 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 438

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS REZONE 2024-01 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 430, 2019 - GALLAGHER ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 001-103-007 AND 022-160-091

First read by title only at its Regular City Council Meeting held on October 28, 2025.

The City Council will consider the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 438 at its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, Biggs City Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street in Biggs at 6 p.m. The complete text of the proposed ordinance is available at city hall, 465 C Street, Biggs. Citizens with concerns or questions are invited to attend the meeting or contact city council members or city staff in advance; contact information is available at the city website (www.biggs-ca.gov) and at city hall.

Roben Benish, City Clerk
Gridley Herald 11-7-2025

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 441

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AMENDING CHAPTER 7.25 OF THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS AND FIREWORKS, REPEALING REDUNDANT SECTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING A PERMITTING FRAMEWORK, LIABILITY PROVISIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES FOR THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS

First read by title only at its Regular City Council Meeting held on October 14, 2025.

The City Council will consider the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 441 at its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, Biggs City Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street in Biggs at 6 p.m. The complete text of the proposed ordinance is available at city hall, 465 C Street, Biggs. Citizens with concerns or questions are invited to attend the meeting or contact city council members or city staff in advance; contact information is available at the city website (www.biggs-ca.gov) and at city hall.

Roben Benish, City Clerk
Gridley Herald 11-7-2025

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, Nov. 7: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G)

Tuesday, Nov. 11: All branches closed for Veteran's Day holiday.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Color your world, 11 a.m. to noon. (G) Afternoon kids' club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

Thursday, Nov. 13: Biggs chess club, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (B) Dino-Magic Show with Kirby Romine, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Kirby and his assistant Roary will take you and the whole family on a discovery full of interesting dinosaur facts, up-close magic, and surprising moments that will inspire curiosity in all ages. (G)

Friday, Nov. 14: Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Saturday, Nov. 15: Afternoon kids' club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (B)

Continuing through Sunday, Nov. 9

California Swan Festival

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Enjoy bird-watching tours, explore the beauty of local flora and fauna, hike in the mysterious Sutter Buttes volcanic range, visit a local rice farm, or get an introduction to birding. All tours will be emailed their meeting location. More information available at www.caswanfestival.org or sign up for the email list of updates at info@sutterbutteslandtrust.org

Friday, Nov. 7

First Friday: Rock-n-Stroll

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Historic Downtown Oroville. Get ready to rock and enjoy a fun-filled evening as you stroll through downtown, and businesses showcase their favorite bands. Shop and win – every \$10 spent at any downtown business earns one raffle ticket. Wear your favorite band t-shirt or dress as your favorite musician and get two raffle tickets! Raffle winner receives a \$50 gift card to the downtown business of their choice.

Saturday, Nov. 8

Butte County 4-H Foods Fiesta

8 a.m. to noon at Bidwell Junior High School, 2376 North Ave., Chico. This event provides youth an opportunity to share what they have learned or already know about foods, nutrition, and cooking. West Gridley 4-H will be collecting canned foods at the event. Please consider a donation.

Durham Artisan Market

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 9319 Durham. Presented by the Durham Recreation & Park District, this event features artisans and businesses from the area showcasing their goods. Coffee and treats will be for sale. For more information, call 530-345-1921.

"In Their Own Words"

Sponsored by the Gridley Museum and hosted by the Gridley Moose Lodge at 1533 Highway 99, join us for happy hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by a musical to honor our Viet Nam era veterans. The veterans are our guests and join us for free, supporters are simply asked for a donation. We're raising funds to build a recording booth to capture our living history and the veterans' own stories "in their own words." Our musical will be presented as a fashion show showcasing the era from 1958 through 1975. The program includes wartime stories, love stories, comic skits, films from the era and a tribute to the vets. For more information, call 530-320-0339.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day Parade

Starts at 11 a.m. at 5th and Montgomery St., Oroville. You don't need a float, trailer or even a vehicle to join the parade and show your patriotism. Come walk with us and show your support for our United States veterans – make a sign, carry a banner, and wave a flag with pride. Children at the parade will receive a flag courtesy of the Exchange Club of Oroville's "Give a Kid a Flag to Wave" program. For more information, call Kay Castro at 303-718-2846.

Saturday, Nov. 15 and Sunday, Nov. 16

Holiday Jubilee Craft Show
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 East Hazel St. Shop for gifts, enjoy free ornament decorating for kids, face painting with Miss Butte County, and vote for gingerbread houses on display. West Gridley 4H will be selling hot cocoa and cider.

Saturday, Nov. 15

Better Together Wellness Fair

7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Sycamore Field in Lower Bidwell Park, 500 South Park Dr., Chico. In honor of their 15th anniversary, Girls on the Run of the North State is hosting this event, open to the entire community, featuring local wellness partners, interactive activities, and family-friendly

fun. Girls on the Run is also hosting their fall 5k run at this location starting at 8:30 a.m., entry fee required at www.gotnorthstate.org

Gridley Triple B

Presented by the Gridley High School Ag Parents Club, join us for Beans, Brews, and BBQ, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 East Hazel St. This dinner and chili cook-off benefits Gridley FFA. Tickets and more information available at GridleyFFAevents@gmail.com

Sunday, Nov. 16

Apple Cider Day

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lassen Traditional Cidery, 643 Entler Ave., Suite 52, Chico. Get into the holiday spirit at this festive pop-up market hosted by Your Local Marketplace. You'll find one-of-a-kind handmade products from local vendors, perfect for holiday giving. Keep the kids entertained with the Butte County Mobile Library and apple-themed crafts. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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 Gridley Veterans Hall, 267 Sycamore St.

Biggs City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 11 and more information is available at 530-368-5493.

Butte County Board of Supervisors generally meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 18 and more information is available at 530-552-3300.

ESL Conversation Group meets Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Esperanza House Family Center, 630 Washington St. Practice speaking English in this free, friendly group setting. All levels are welcome to attend any or all sessions. There is also a Zoom option from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Butte County Library. Contact literacy@buttecounty.net for more information.

Gridley City Council meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. in the council chambers, 685 Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting: <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council> The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 17.

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, Nov. 19. 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 Nov. 19.

Rotary Club of Gridley 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.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Recreation Department, 194 Washington Street. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Community Resources – Find Food

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Mr. Tanimoto's Journey: A Stand for Citizenship

Story and Photos by Susan Meeker

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Jim Tanimoto was 19 years old when he walked into Gridley on Monday, Dec. 8, 1941, and sensed a change immediately. Neighbors who once smiled and waved turned their faces away.

"There was something different in town that wasn't there Dec. 6," Tanimoto said to a standing-room-only crowd at the Butte County Library on Nov. 1 during a special screening of the 2017 documentary based on his family's 18-month incarceration at Tule Lake during World War II.

The screening of "Mr. Tanimoto's Journey," directed by Jesse Dizard, professor of anthropology at California State University, Chico, brought together scholars, students and community members for a conversation about civil liberties and resistance.

Tanimoto, 102, was joined by Dizard and April Kamp-Whittaker, assistant professor of anthropology at CSU Chico, who helped frame the historical context of Japanese internment and its ongoing echoes of fear, resilience and constitutional reckoning. The emotional event was a rare opportunity to hear history from someone who lived it.

The screening was the first of two. A second screening and lecture will be held Nov. 15 at the Oroville Branch of the Butte County Library.

The documentary and lecture offered more than a personal story; they revisited a turning point in American history. On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, prompting the United States to enter World War II.

Tanimoto said in the weeks that followed, fear and suspicion toward Japanese Americans intensified across the West Coast. On Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, authorizing the military to designate exclusion zones and forcibly remove anyone the U.S. deemed a threat to national security.

"We looked like the enemy," Tanimoto said. More than 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry, most of them American citizens, were ordered to leave their homes and report to assembly centers before being relocated to incarceration camps.

Charity Chain, the Butte County Library assistant who organized the lecture, asked the audience to imagine what that moment felt like.

"You've been told you can only take what you can carry in your two hands," Chain said. "You are looking around your house, trying to decide which few things to pack or the many, many things you are going to have to leave behind. You don't know when you're coming back - or if you ever will."

On July 9, 1942, his brother's birthday, Tanimoto's family boarded the train at the Gridley Depot under armed guard. Shades were drawn tight, and soldiers stood at both ends of the railcar. They didn't know where



Jim Tanimoto, of Gridley, shares his story at the Butte County Library on Nov. 1, during a special screening of the 2017 documentary based on his family's 18-month incarceration at Tule Lake during World War II.



April Kamp-Whittaker, assistant professor of anthropology at CSU Chico, frames the historical context of Japanese incarceration during World War II and its ongoing echoes of fear, resilience and constitutional reckoning before a standing-room-only crowd on Nov. 1, at the Butte County Library in Chico.

they were going, only that they were being removed. It took two days to reach Tule Lake.

Located in the remote northeastern corner of California near the Oregon border, Tule Lake was one of ten incarceration camps established by the U.S. government during World War II. Surrounded by high desert and sagebrush, the site was chosen for its isolation. Summer temperatures soared, and dust storms swept through regularly.

Tanimoto's family spent 18 months confined behind barbed wire at Tule Lake, which became the largest and most heavily guarded of the camps. Barracks were divided into small rooms, offering little privacy. Families hung sheets between cots and used potbelly stoves for heat. Dust coated everything.

In 1943, the War Relocation Authority issued a loyalty questionnaire to all incarcerated Japanese Americans. Questions 27 and 28 asked whether they would serve in the U.S. military and swear unqualified allegiance to the United States while renouncing any loyalty to the Japanese emperor.

Tanimoto refused to sign, not



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because he felt any loyalty to Japan, a country he barely knew, but because the questions felt like a betrayal of his constitutional rights.

"We were American citizens," Tanimoto said. "Why should we have to prove our loyalty when we were the ones being locked up?"

Tanimoto was one of 36 men in Block 42 who took that stand. Their refusal led to arrest, solitary confinement and threats of execution. Guards warned they would be shot if they refused to cooperate. Tanimoto and the other protestors were transferred to the county jail in Alturas, where they were held without formal charges.

"We weren't trying to be heroes," Tanimoto said. "We just wanted to be treated like Americans."

Jim Tanimoto's son-in-law, Patrick Gilmore of Nord, spoke of the irony of the family's incarceration by contrasting it with Jim's brother Shigeo "Jack" Tanimoto's military service. As a child, Jack had been sent to Japan to live with relatives and learn the language and customs, a common practice known as kibe. He returned to the United States and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941, months before Pearl Harbor. Jack trained as an interpreter and served in the Pacific Theater. In 1944, he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action while serving with the 27th Infantry

Division. He received the medal for heroism while Jim's family remained behind barbed wire at Tule Lake.

"It added insult to injury," Gilmore said.

Dizard, who spent years documenting Tanimoto's story, said the Block 42 protest remains one of the most powerful examples of constitutional resistance during the war.

"These were young men, many of them just out of high school, who had the courage to say no," Dizard told the audience. "They weren't refusing out of disloyalty. They were refusing because they believed in the Constitution."

The loyalty questionnaire was a turning point for many incarcerated, Dizard said. It asked them to renounce something they never claimed in the first place. Dizard called it a trap.

Tanimoto's protest came at great personal cost. After weeks in jail, he returned to Tule Lake, where he was labeled a troublemaker. Camp authorities monitored him, and some Japanese Americans avoided him out of fear of repercussions.

But he also found solidarity.

During his time at Tule Lake, he met a young woman whose family had also been incarcerated. They married and returned to Gridley, where they raised a family and rebuilt their lives.

The Tanimoto family left behind 1,000 tons of peaches ready to harvest when they were forced to evacuate. Their land, like that of many Japanese American farmers, was entrusted to neighbors. Others returned to find their homes vandalized, sold out from under them, or everything they owned lost.

Tanimoto's family was among the few families able to reclaim their land, and over time, they rebuilt what had been taken. Tanimoto and his brothers helped transform the region's agriculture, becoming leaders in California's emerging kiwi industry.

But the scars of incarceration remained, Tanimoto said. For decades, he rarely spoke about what happened, out of respect for his wife, who wanted to put the past behind them to spare their children.

Their daughter, Judy Tanimoto, said she grew up hearing whispers about "camp," but never understood what it meant. The word floated through family conversations without explanation, and her parents never sat down to tell the full story.

"My mom didn't want us to grow up angry," Judy said in the documentary. "She didn't want us to feel like we were owed something or that we were victims. She wanted us to move forward, to live our lives without carrying that burden."

The documentary, produced through CSU Chico's Advanced Laboratory for Visual Anthropology became a vehicle for that testimony years after Tanimoto's wife's death. It allowed Tanimoto to finally speak not only for himself, but for the men of Block 42 and the thousands of families who endured incarceration and its aftermath in silence.

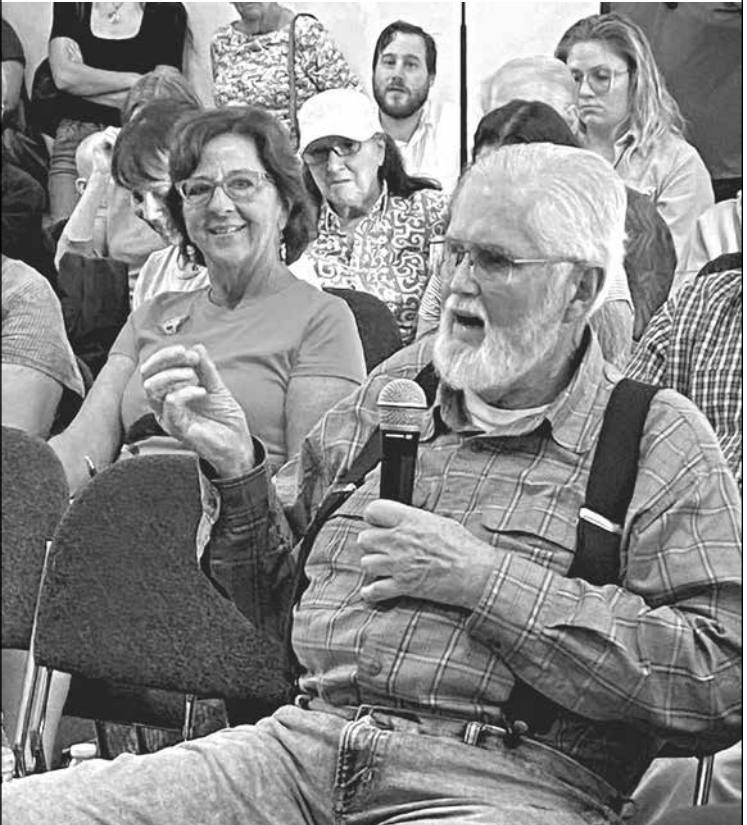
"Jim's story is not just about the past," Dizard said. "It's about what happens when fear overrides the Constitution. It's about what it means to be American."

Kamp-Whittaker, who specializes in historical archaeology, spoke about Amache, the incarceration site in Colorado where archaeological work has helped uncover daily life under confinement. Tule Lake, by contrast, is located on private property and has never been formally excavated. Remnants of the segregation camp, including foundations, fence lines, and a few surviving structures speak to the isolation and horror that defined the site.

"These places are part of our national story," Kamp-Whittaker said. "They remind us that civil liberties are fragile, and that silence can be dangerous."

Tanimoto is the last living member of Block 42. His voice, steady but quiet, carried the weight of lived experience.

"I'm not bitter," Tanimoto said. "But I want people to know what happened. I want them to remember...If it could happen to me, it could happen to you." ★



Jim Tanimoto's son-in-law Patrick Gilmore speaks Nov. 1 of the Tanimoto family's legacy as American citizens who were unjustly incarcerated because of their race.



Daisuke Aoyagi, of Chico, and family share a moment with 102-year-old Jim Tanimoto, of Gridley, following a powerful presentation of the documentary "Mr. Tanimoto's Journey" in Chico on Nov. 1.



Gridley Titans Football

PLAYOFFS

Hard Fought Victory for Titans 8U

By Dustin Terrell

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 8u Gridley Titans played in the NAL Championship this past weekend against the Las Plumas Jr Thunderbirds at the Boneyard in Gridley, coming away with a hard-fought victory 12-6!

From the opening kickoff this game was a dog fight with both teams defenses being the stars of the game. The Titans broke the tie game when Branston Crislip threw a touchdown to Emmett Burns just before halftime. After Las Plumas scored in the

third quarter, the Titans took the lead in the fourth and never gave it back after Emmett Burns scored on a long touch-down run.

Gridley's defense, led by Jax Terrell, Valentino Guillen, Kanon Buzzard and Benten Waller, never let the Las Plumas offense get in a groove. Outside of the one scoring play, the Titans shut down everything the Thunderbirds ran against them.

The 8u Titans travel to Shasta Lake to take on the Wheatland Jr Pirates in the SYF Championship on Saturday, Nov. 8. ★



The 8u Gridley Titans and cheerleaders celebrate after their hard-fought victory against the Las Plumas Jr Thunderbirds in the NAL Championship. Courtesy photo

10U with the Win!

By Jason Davis Sr.

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans organization hosted the NAL Championships this past Saturday. The 10U championship game was between the undefeated 9-0 Gridley Titans and the 8-1 Central Valley Jr Falcons.

The Falcons came out and put up a good fight but like all season the Titans were too much to handle. On defense Jesse Delgado had an interception, and Tyler Smith had two

interceptions, one returned for six points. The Titans defense held the Falcons scoreless and had a big goal line stand at the one. On offense touchdowns were scored by Boss Davis (2) and Jacob Ceballos (1).

The final score was 27-0 Titans and with that the 10U Gridley Titans are the 2025 NAL Champions. This coming Saturday they will travel to Central Valley to take on the undefeated 10U Yuba City Jr Honkers. ★



The 10U Gridley Titans are the 2025 NAL Champions. Courtesy photo

Titans 12U Fight Hard but Lose in Championship

By Aaron Lumsden

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 12U Gridley Titans faced the Las Plumas Jr. Thunderbirds this past weekend for the division championship.

The Titans started the game hot, scoring on the opening drive of the game with a 3-yard touchdown run by Anthony Flores-Hernandez. The Thunderbirds were able to score on their opening drive

as well and eventually went into halftime with a 14 - 6 lead.

The Titans continued to fight hard in the second half but would eventually lose the game 13 - 30. The Titans'

other score of the game came from a 5-yard touchdown run by Madden Jackson. With the loss, the 12U Titans season is over; finishing with a 7 - 3 record.

The Titans will be

represented in the All-Star game by four players including Victor Guillen, Deandre Carothers, Anthony Flores-Hernandez and Izayah Curiel, and one coach, William Jackson. ★

Gridley Titans Cheer Squads Shine



The Gridley Titans 12U cheer squad are this year's champions at the SYF championship. Courtesy photo



The Gridley Titans 10U cheer squad placed third at the SYF championship. Courtesy photo



The Gridley Titans 14U cheer squad placed third at the SYF championship. Courtesy photo



Biggs, LO and Gridley with Huge Final Tests to Close Out Regular Season

By YSBC

SUTTER AND BUTTE COUNTIES, CA (YSBC) - As the final week of the CIF Northern Section regular season kicks off tonight, all three local games have a purpose towards the playoffs that are scheduled to be fun next week.

Here is some analysis from last week and what we can expect from tonight.

Live Oak at Orland, 7:30 p.m - There is without a doubt that Live Oak needs a lot to happen tonight for the Lions to make the post-season, but this is why we play the games.

Live Oak beat Oroville 42-20 and senior running back Ian Miranda rushed for 284 yards and found the end zone three times in the victory.

The game was tied at 20 at the end of the third before the Lions stretched their lead to three possessions and secured their third win of 2025. Live Oak ended up with 382 total rushing yards in the victory.

The Lions hit the road tonight against an Orland team that needs to win as well to secure a top-four seed in the NS D-III bracket.

According to NorCal Football Guys, they had Live Oak in 12th of D-III. If the Lions pull off an upset over the Trojans tonight; they will force the NS playoff committee to make a tough call where they can't be excluded.

Corning at Gridley, 7:30 p.m. - The Gridley Bulldogs have already



Gridley senior quarterback Eli Punzo (5) rushes the ball downfield during the Bulldogs' 56-0 win against Live Oak on Oct. 24. Photo by Steven Bryla

clinched a share of the Westside League, but it would be the first outright championship since 2006.

Gridley went undefeated in the regular season in 2006, but after the Bulldogs had a close victory against Las Plumas, it came with a cost.

Bulldogs senior running back Manny Sandoval suffered a season-ending leg injury.

Gridley head coach Daniel Zumwalt told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that Sandoval was obviously a big piece of the successful rushing attack

for the Bulldogs, but now it's time for the next guy to step up.

The Gridley rushing attack has been superb and senior quarterback Eli Punzo has been the soul of the offense in the field.

The Bulldogs host Corning in the "Boneyard" tonight and if they are successful with a win, they should be the No. 1 overall seed in the NS D-III bracket.

Hamilton at Biggs, 7:30 p.m. - The Biggs Wolverines prepared this week for an opportunity to clinch a share of the Mid-Valley League title as they host the Hamilton Braves tonight.

Biggs took care of business last week as they went on the road and beat a scrappy Williams squad

that just didn't want to give up.

Wolverines senior quarterback Skyler Long completed eight passes for 154 yards in the air. Biggs junior running back Cashten Acosta led the rushing attack with 88 yards and two touchdowns:

The MVL has been decided in this game for the last few years and we expect it to add another classic to the story of this rivalry.

The Wolverines have lost the past two years to Hamilton by a combined eight points, and the Braves have gone on to win the MVL

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Gridley Tops Amador in Play-In Game for SJS D-IV Bracket

By YSBC

GRIDLEY, CA (YSBC) - The historical journey for the Gridley Bulldogs girls flag football team continued on Oct. 27 as they beat the Amador Buffaloes 18-6 in the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division IV play-in game.

Gridley is the only Northern Section school that has a flag football program, so they competed in the SJS's Pioneer Valley League this season and finished fourth in the league standings.

They finished the regular season with a .500 record (6-6) and qualified for the opportunity to get into the playoff bracket, but Amador was standing in the way.

The Bulldogs went into the elimination game without a big piece on the field as sophomore Delanie Cloyd was sidelined

due to a knee injury.

Gridley junior Kaydenze Pruitt stepped into the quarterback role and she ran the offense proficiently and didn't miss a beat.

Amador took an early 6-0 lead after they scored on their first drive of the game after senior wide receiver Sophia Dooley caught a three-yard pass from senior quarterback Paitlee Cross.

The Bulldogs tied the game in the first play of the second quarter when Pruitt found junior Natalie Mariscal on the left sideline and she ran it 45 yards into the end zone to tie the game at six.

Both defenses locked down the opposing offenses and forced multiple punts and turnover on downs.

Gridley senior Sophia Moran gave the Bulldogs great position

in the third after she intercepted a pass from Cross on the Amador 29-yard line.

That drive resulted in a turnover on downs by the Bulldogs.

Gridley took a 12-6 lead with 11 minutes left in the fourth quarter as junior running back Ava Campos got the edge and scored on a 40-yard rushing touchdown.

On the defensive end, Campos and Marsical applied heavy pressure into the Amador backfield and forced Cross to throw quickly and left a lot of passes short to her receivers.

The Bulldogs sealed the deal after they extended the lead to 12 with one minute and 39 seconds left in the game as Pruitt found junior Nayeli Romo alone for a 17-yard passing touchdown.

Pruitt expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that

she is grateful for her teammates boosting her confidence with the continuous support of telling her she can get it done.

She added that Gridley has full trust in one another on the field and it stems from off field activities. Pruitt said they are around one another all-day long from being in the same classes, practicing and all of the team bonding they do on a regular basis.

Bulldogs head coach John Coopriider told YSBC Sports that this was the best team-victory they had all season.

Gridley went on and played the No. 1 overall seed in Orestimba as the Bulldogs fell 35-6 and were eliminated from the playoffs.

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Gridley junior quarterback Kaydenze Pruitt (1) throws a pass on Oct. 27 in the Bulldogs' 18-6 victory against Amador. Photo by Steven Bryla



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