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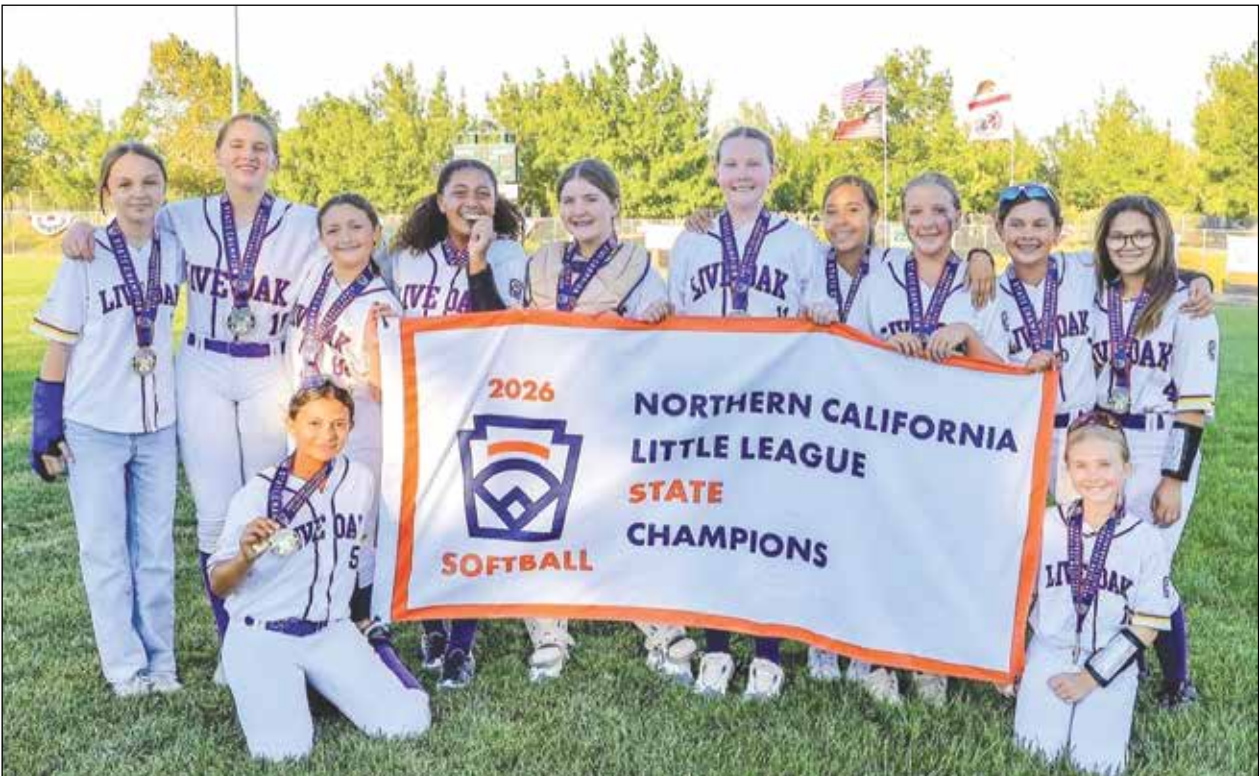


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NorCal Champs Return to SoCal



The Live Oak 10-12 All-Stars celebrates their second-straight Little League Northern California State Championship on July 7. Photo by Ryan Dudek

By Steven Bryla

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak 10-12 All-Star Softball team punched their ticket to the Little League Softball West Regional after they won the North California State Championship on July 7.

This is the second-straight year that Live Oak has won the NorCal title and will head to San Bernardino for the West Regional on July 18-23.

Live Oak won the NorCal State final as they went 3-0 in the five-team tournament. They beat Pinole 5-0 on July 4 where pitcher Eveya Martinez dominated in the circle as she tossed a one-hitter with



Live Oak infielder Julianna Robles (1) celebrates scoring the winning run over Turlock LL on July 5 in the Little League Northern California State Championship. Photo by Ryan Dudek

11 strikeouts and no walks.

Live Oak followed the opener with a comeback victory over Turlock LL as outfielder Olivia Smith hit a game-tying run-batted-in (RBI) single to right.

As the right fielder attempted to throw Smith out at first, infielder Julianna Robles didn't take her foot off the pedal from second as she rounded third and slid home safely for the win.

During the championship on July 7, Martinez struggled to locate the strike zone and get out of the first inning after she quickly got the first two outs of the inning.

Pinole had an early
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Citizen Grand Jury Wraps Year of Investigations

By Susan Meeker

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Most Butte County residents will never serve on a civil grand jury, but every year a panel of ordinary citizens is tasked with one of local government's broadest oversight roles, investigating public agencies, inspecting detention facilities, and recommending improvements where needed.

The 2025-26 Butte County Civil Grand Jury concluded its work in June, submitting its annual report to Butte County Superior Court Judge Jesus A. Rodriguez after a year spent examining county and city government operations across Butte County.

The jury, led by Foreperson Larry E. Jessee, said members reviewed complaints, interviewed witnesses, researched applicable laws and evaluated evidence before issuing reports on several public issues.

"We believe these efforts have resulted in thorough and fair assessments that will benefit our community," Jessee wrote in a letter accompanying the report.

The grand jury began with a recruitment effort that invited more than 7,500 randomly selected Butte County residents to apply. Following interviews conducted by the Superior Court, 19 volunteers were selected, sworn in and completed two days of training along with a report-writing workshop before beginning their work.

In addition to investigating complaints, state law requires every county grand jury to inspect local detention facilities. During the past year, jurors toured the Butte County Jail, Juvenile Hall and the county's new Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial facility. Jurors also observed election logic and accuracy testing before the 2025 election and visited school districts, police departments and communities throughout the county to better understand local government operations.

Unlike a criminal grand jury, California's civil grand jury serves primarily as an independent citizen watchdog over local government. State law authorizes jurors to examine county departments, cities, special districts and public records, inspect detention facilities and investigate complaints from residents. The panel may issue findings and recommendations but
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Farm Stand Tour Boosts Local Vendors

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - From organic squash and summer flowers to fresh sourdough bread and hand-squeezed white peach lemonade, each stop on the Farm Stand Tour offered shoppers something unique.

The one-day tour, now in its third season, ran from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 11, and featured a coordinated effort by eight local farmers and artisans.

As an incentive to visit each participating location, organizers held a contest based on the honor system. Each stand offered a map and a unique stamp. Shoppers who visited each location collected stamps and turned in their completed maps for a chance to win a gift basket filled with products from each vendor.

Stand owners reported that 84 completed maps were returned during the 2026 Farm Stand Tour, a number that does not include shoppers who



Aminah Kahn, left, and her mother, Joan Clark, browse fresh flower arrangements and nectarines at Windmill Flower Farm during the Farm Stand Tour. Photo by Seti Long

visited only a few of the roadside stands.

"This tour was almost double our biggest tour last year," said Justine Reis of Reis Ranch Produce.

Reis, who has participated since the first Farm Stand Tour, said she was impressed by the turnout.

"I'm blown away with the turnout," Reis said.

Many vendors observed shoppers following one another from stand to stand or running into friends and family along the route.

"What I noticed was how much fun people were having," said Paula Carli of

Windmill Flower Farm. "I could hear people laughing and greeting people they knew. It was always happy at my stand, which made my day."

The Farm Stand Tour maintained a steady flow of customers throughout
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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Have you ever felt the call of America? As you look around, have you ever thought to yourself? Maybe I should become part of the government; maybe it's time I stepped up, did my duty, and represented my fellow citizens? Well, if that's you, your time is now - you have until August 7 to go to City Hall and grab the paperwork to become a candidate and have your name appear on the ballot in November. Bruce Johnson and Jim Roberts are up for reelection on the Gridley Council. In Biggs, 4 of the 5 seats will be on the ballot. James Sheppard, Douglas Arnold, Jerome Squires, and Zach Brown. Although Doug Arnold is rumored to be moving out of state. These are paid positions: Gridley City Council members get \$200 a month, and Biggs City Council members get \$300 a month. Candidates in Gridley will have to take a

stand on the pressing issue of quicksand in city parks and how they will protect our children. It is like global warming.

Not that the timing of the new smooth asphalt across all of Highway 99 in Gridley coincides with an election year. I must say, the upgraded asphalt really looks nice, and it is a very different driving experience from the replaced highway. I remember when Kurt Josiassen was elected as a Butte County Supervisor, he got really angry when the county road department came out and redid the road by his house because he did not want people thinking that he was getting a favor - he was told that it was planned before he even got there. However, he still complained because he didn't want to look like a crook. Supervisor Steve Lambert had a dirt road to his house the whole time he was elected. So if you read the first paragraph thinking you could get rid of the potholes on your street if you became Mayor...you probably won't.

Speaking of elections - our Sheriff (and Butte College alum) Kory Honea was elected in 2022, which means he would usually be up for re-election in 2026. Still, the

Democrat supermajority in Sacramento moved the election for all sheriffs and district attorneys to 2028 so they could be on the ballot in a presidential year, when voter turnout is higher, and our Sheriff is serving a never-before-heard-of six-year term. He won't be up for election until 2028. The big government types do not like locally elected law enforcement officials. Moving the election stems from a list of policy changes that lead law enforcement to move away from a dispersed model toward one in which the state has a larger footprint and fewer obstacles to doing what they want. A bigger "state police" model, like that of East Germany and the Soviet Union, makes it easier for the bigger government to get done the things they envision. Having a bunch of smaller locally elected agencies means it is hard to enact sweeping changes quickly. They like the kind of law enforcers that report to a board or central committee - the sheriff reports directly to, and only to, the people. The constitution designed it that way for a reason.

Josh F.W. Cook was taught how to read by his mom and Gwen Dundas, one of the greatest educators in the history of Gridley Schools.

NorCal Champs Return to SoCal



Live Oak outfielder Olivia Smith (15) hits a game-tying RBI single on July 5 against Turlock LL. Photo by Ryan Dudek

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2-0 lead in the first before Martinez was relieved by Charlotte Dudek in the circle.

Dudek came in relief on fire as she struck out the first five hitters she faced and ended the game with 11 total.

Live Oak pounded seven runs and five hits to take a 7-2 lead after the fourth.

Live Oak catcher Hannah Lancieri led the way offensively with three hits, including two doubles followed up by infielder Brooke Duran with two hits and three RBIs.

Dudek tossed the final five 1/3 innings as she allowed one hit and four walks for the win.

As Live Oak returns to SoCal for the second-consecutive year, head coach Mitchell Perigo said there are a lot of positives heading into this year's regional compared to last year.

Perigo told Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that a huge advantage is a good majority of the team knows what to expect this year.

From playing in front of tv cameras, to top-notch facilities at the grounds in San Bernardino, Live Oak will be one of the few returnees to the regional.

Live Oak had the entire Yuba-Sutter behind them in 2025 and Perigo said he'd love to see the support rally behind the girls once again for their hard work and to represent our area.

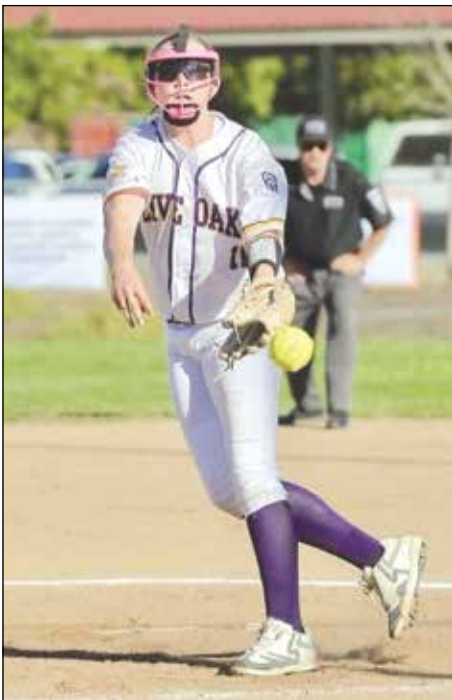
There is a go-fund me page for the journey to San Bernardino and you can find it at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-live-oaks-backtoback-champions>

The team is also having a spaghetti

dinner on Tuesday, July 14 at 5 p.m. where there is no cost for food and donations are welcome.

The event will be held at the Live Oak Community Center that includes a social hour, meet and greet with the players, dinner along with raffles and auctions.

Live Oak plays their opening round matchup of the West Regional on Saturday, July 18 at 3 p.m. against the Southern California representative on ESPN plus.



Live Oak pitcher Charlotte Dudek (11) tosses a pitch in relief on July 7 against Pinole in the Little League Northern California Championship. Photo by Ryan Dudek

Marysville Peach Festival Returns July 17-18

By Lloyd Green Jr.

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - One of Yuba-Sutter's signature summer traditions returns as the 26th annual Marysville Peach Festival brings two days of food, live entertainment and family activities to Historic Downtown Marysville.

The free festival takes place Friday, July 17, from 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. along D Street. Organizers expect thousands of visitors to attend the annual celebration, which highlights one of the region's best-known agricultural products.

The City of Marysville launched the festival in 1999 to celebrate the peach, a crop that remains one of Yuba-Sutter's top agricultural commodities. Today, the event attracts more than 25,000 visitors annually.

This year's festival will feature more than 150 vendors, two entertainment stages, a kid's carnival, a peach pie eating contest and more than 50 peach-inspired food and beverage offerings

The Main Stage, located on D Street north of Seventh Street, opens Friday with Under the Canopy from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by Pocket Full of Whisky from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. and Thorkat from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Main Stage lineup features Pocket Full of Whisky from 1 to 2 p.m., Banner Mountain Blues Band from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Industrial Drive from 5 to 7 p.m. and Hack Attack from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The South Stage, located on D Street north of Third Street, features DJ Moon Tower from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, followed by the Peach Festival Awards and Sponsor Recognition at 5:30 p.m. Live music continues with



Evan from 6 to 8 p.m. and Cold Pizza from 8 to 10 p.m.

Saturday's South Stage schedule includes DJ Moon Tower from noon to 1 p.m., La Quinta from 1 to 2 p.m., Lithic from 2 to 3 p.m., a magician from 3 to 4 p.m., Rusted Halo from 4 to 6 p.m., The Rod Stinson Band from 6 to 8 p.m. and Inverness 95 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Festival food vendors will serve more than 50 peach-inspired menu items, ranging from traditional desserts to savory specialties.

Favorites include peach cobbler, peach pies, peach cinnamon rolls, peach cookies, peach ice cream, peach milkshakes, peach smoothies and peach turnovers. Visitors will also find peach barbecue tri-tip, barbecue chicken with peach sauce, tacos with peach salsa, peach teriyaki Spam musubi, lumpia with chili peach sauce, Canadian bacon and peach pizza, sourdough peach fritters and fresh-squeezed peach lemonade.

Additional specialties include peach-filled bomboloni, peach churros, peach boba drinks, peach shaved ice, peach parfaits, Portuguese biscuits with peaches, peach napoleons with Bavarian cream and

waffle sticks topped with peach cobbler.

More than 150 vendors and exhibitors will line downtown streets, while local businesses and restaurants welcome visitors throughout the weekend.

One of the festival's most popular traditions, the Peach Pie Eating Contest, returns Saturday at noon at Third and D streets, where contestants will race to finish a peach pie first.

The Peach Royalty Competition, presented by the Heartshine Foundation, will crown this year's Peach Festival royalty before winners are recognized during the festival.

The weekend begins Saturday morning with the Peach Festival 5K/10K at 8 a.m. at the Yuba-Sutter Training Zone, 830 J St., Marysville. Proceeds benefit Live Well Yuba Sutter. Registration is available at www.runsignup.com.

Festival organizers encourage visitors to explore downtown Marysville's historic district, shop local businesses and enjoy area restaurants while celebrating the region's peach harvest.

More information is available at www.marysvillepeachfest.com

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Gridley Gears Up for National Night Out



Community organizations will offer activities and refreshments during Gridley's National Night Out, including free snow cones for families, as shown during the 2025 event. Photo courtesy of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Families are invited to Manuel Vierra Park on Aug. 4 as the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce, Gridley Police Department and CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department host this year's National Night Out from 5 to 8 p.m.

The annual event brings residents together with local law enforcement, firefighters and first responders for an evening of activities designed to strengthen community relationships.

National Night Out began in 1984 as a nationwide effort to encourage positive connections between law enforcement and the communities they serve. In Gridley, the event has expanded to include local fire agencies, service organizations and community groups.

This year's celebration will feature children's crafts and activities, waterslides and live music by Emma & Will.

Several local service organizations also will participate. The Gridley Quota Club will host a backpack and school supply giveaway while the Gridley Lions Club will serve \$5 hot dog meals. Food vendors scheduled to attend include Tinoco's Tacos, Daisy Churros and a boba tea truck.

One of the event's most popular attractions is the annual bicycle giveaway, which organizers say has grown each year through donations from local businesses and community members.

The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting donations of bicycles of all sizes, as well as scooters and hoverboards, in hopes of making this year's giveaway the largest yet.

Businesses and organizations interested in hosting a vendor or informational booth can obtain applications outside the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce office at 890 Hazel St. or online at gridleyareachamber.org. For information, call 530-846-3142. ★

Farm Stand Tour Boosts Local Vendors



Shoppers browse locally made products, including Cowboy Candy candied jalapenos, at the Social Hall Stand during the Farm Stand Tour. Photo by Seti Long

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the day, with many vendors running low on products by day's end.

Stands accepted various forms of payment, including cash, PayPal and Venmo, making it easy for shoppers to sample products such as Cowboy Candy candied jalapenos from B Street Blooms, apple crepes and apple cider slushies from Canada Family Farms, handcrafted beaded jewelry from the Aldrich Family Farm Cart, iris root starts and tallow from Hastings Avenue Veggie Stand and magnesium spray, bath bombs and bath salts from the Social Hall Stand.

After the tour concluded, organizers gathered to draw the contest winner.

Rather than awarding one prize, organizers presented two overflowing baskets filled with locally grown products to winner Allie Little.

The participating farm stands have returned to their regular operating hours for the remainder of the summer. Most are open daily through sundown, although some products are available only on certain days or while in season. Vendors also reminded customers that security measures are in place to help deter theft.

"It's an honor to be a part of these tours," said Andrea Mangan of the Social Hall Road Stand.

Vendors said they appreciated the community's support and look forward to



Allie Little won two baskets filled with products donated by participating vendors after her completed Farm Stand Tour map was selected in the drawing. Photo courtesy of the Farm Stand Tour

welcoming customers back throughout the season.

"We're humbled by the overwhelming excitement and support for our farm stand tours," said Ashley Sillier of The Sheldon Stand. "That one day is enough to keep me motivated for the rest of the season."

The next Farm Stand Tour is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12. ★

Biggs Church Hosts Community Fellowship

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs Assembly of God Church will host the second of two community fellowship events from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 17.

Pastor Bob Culverson invites community members to enjoy a summer evening of food, fun and fellowship. The free event will feature hot dogs, water slides and family activities. Adults must remain with their children throughout the event.

The first fellowship was

held June 19 with little advance advertising and during the Juneteenth holiday. Culverson hopes more residents will attend the second event despite the short notice.

"We really just want to be involved in the community," Culverson said, adding that he hopes the event will bring people together and strengthen neighborhood connections in Biggs.

As the new school year approaches, the church also plans to give away backpacks and school supplies.

"We are doing backpacks a little early because school starts earlier in Biggs," Culverson said, adding that children will be able to choose their own backpacks. The church has also assembled school supply packs so students are prepared for the first day of school.

"Come out and enjoy the fellowship free of charge," Culverson said.

Biggs Assembly of God Church is at 3079 Fifth St. in Biggs. For more information, call 530-868-5992. ★

Four Students Earn Tech Trek Scholarships



Gridley Branch AAUW recognized four local students during a June 23 Meet and Greet Dessert before they depart for the 2026 Tech Trek STEM camp at UC Davis. Pictured are Victoria Solis, Annalee Zarate, Amelia Byrd and Mackenzie Bole.

Story and photos by Tracy Howell, Gridley Branch AAUW

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) recognized four local students during a Meet and Greet Dessert held June 23 at Round Table Pizza before they depart for the 2026 Tech Trek summer camp at the University of California, Davis.

The students selected to attend this year's camp are Victoria Solis, Annalee Zarate and Amelia Byrd from Sycamore Middle School, along with Mackenzie Bole from Manzanita Elementary School.

Founded in 1881, AAUW promotes equity and education

for women and girls. Its Tech Trek program, launched in California in 1998, encourages young women entering eighth grade to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics through hands-on learning experiences.

The one-week residential camp at UC Davis allows students to stay in campus dormitories, participate in STEM workshops and collaborate with other campers from across Northern California. Organizers said the program is designed to build confidence, spark interest in STEM fields and encourage participants to pursue future educational and career opportunities in science and technology.

Students attend Tech Trek through scholarships funded by AAUW

members, community organizations, memorial donations and individual supporters. Seventh grade science and math teachers nominate candidates, who then complete an application, write an essay and participate in a personal interview before being selected.

Gridley Branch AAUW President Tracy Howell said being chosen for Tech Trek is a significant achievement and recognized this year's campers for their academic accomplishments.

Those interested in joining Gridley Branch AAUW or supporting the Tech Trek program can contact Howell at 530-755-6144 or email tracy@howell-tis.com or visit <http://aauw.org> and <http://aauw-ca.org/jemison-uc-davis>. ★



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Former Biggs Mayor Appears in Court

By Lloyd Green Jr.

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - A former mayor of Biggs appeared in Butte County Superior Court on Monday to face multiple felony sex crime charges stemming from allegations that he repeatedly sexually abused a 17-year-old foreign exchange student who was living in his home while he served as mayor in 2023.

Robert "Brian" Bassett, 58, was arrested July 9 after a months-long investigation by the Gridley Police Department conducted in partnership with the Butte County District Attorney's Office. Investigators served a search warrant at Bassett's Biggs home before taking him into custody.

According to investigators, police received information alleging Bassett engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a foreign exchange student who had been placed in his home through an exchange program while attending Biggs High School. Detectives contacted the former student in her home country, where she reported several sexual encounters with Bassett while she was 17 years old and living in Biggs during 2023. Investigators said they later obtained corroborating evidence before securing arrest and search warrants.

Bassett has been charged with sexual penetration of a minor under California Penal Code Section 289(h), oral copulation with a minor under Penal Code Section 287(b)(1), and statutory rape under Penal Code Section 261.5(c). Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Bassett currently faces five counts involving unlawful sexual contact with a minor and, if convicted on all charges, could face up to five years and eight months in state prison.

At Monday's arraignment, a judge ordered Bassett held in the Butte County Jail on \$330,000 bail. His next court



Former Biggs Mayor Robert "Brian" Bassett was arraigned July 13 in Butte County Superior Court on multiple felony sex crime charges.
Photo courtesy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office

appearance is scheduled for July 15 for further arraignment.

Because the case involves allegations of sexual offenses against a minor, authorities have not released the victim's identity. Additional details are being withheld to protect the integrity of the ongoing criminal proceedings.

"The allegations in this case involve a profound betrayal by an individual who was entrusted with the care and well-being of a young individual living thousands of miles away from home and their family," Gridley Police Chief Todd W. Farr said in an earlier news release. "We remain committed to seeking justice for victims of sexual assault regardless of the status or position of a perpetrator."

The investigation remains ongoing. Police ask anyone with information related to the case, or who believes they may have been the victim of similar conduct involving Bassett, to contact Lt. Jason Garringer at 530-846-5670 or ygarringer@gridley.ca.us, or Officer Emma Warren at 530-846-5670 or ewarren@gridley.ca.us.



Golden Mussels Plague Farms and Water Districts

The spread of golden mussels in California has alarmed farmers this year as the invasive species established itself in waterways across much of the state. In the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the freshwater mollusks began obstructing irrigation systems that sustain billions of dollars' worth of tree nuts, winegrapes, tomatoes and other crops. Among the most vulnerable agricultural infrastructure are hundreds of steel pipes that siphon water from the delta into irrigation pumps and ditches. Christopher Neudeck, president of Stockton-based civil engineering firm Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, said during the past six months "an onslaught of golden mussels" began clogging some siphons and pumps that pull water from delta rivers, choking off farmers' water supply. Replacing siphons, pump stations and drainage pipes affected by golden mussels could cost farmers in the delta more than \$35 million, according to an estimate Neudeck provided this year to the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services.

California Awards \$2 million to Curb Livestock Attacks by Wolves

After months of discussions with agricultural leaders and community members, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife awarded \$2 million to organizations supporting efforts to reduce wolf-livestock conflicts. The funding includes \$1.1 million to the California Farm Bureau's California Bountiful Foundation to reimburse producers who

have suffered a confirmed or probable wolf attack on livestock. The other organizations receiving funding-Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District and Working Circle-will use the remaining funds to assist in relevant outreach and education. "We have heard clearly from ranchers how hard the return of wolves has been on their livelihoods-not just financially but in the day-to-day mental and physical toll of managing this animal," CDFW Director Meghan Hertel said in a statement.

Early Crop Boosts Prospects for California Pear Growers

The first U.S.-grown pears to be harvested this year began shipping to retailers and canneries last week as the season kicked off in Sacramento County. After a historic spring heat wave, the crop matured faster than usual this year. Growers along the Sacramento River started picking Bartlett pears, the state's top variety, on June 29, about two weeks earlier than average. California pear growers aim to sell most of their crop before September, when they lose market share to pears from the Pacific Northwest. Justin Bloss, sales and marketing manager at Lodi-based Rivermaid Trading Co., California's top pear supplier, said the early harvest could benefit growers in the state by lengthening their market window. "It's really a blessing," Bloss said. California is expected to harvest about 91,000 tons of Bartlett's this year, down 15% from last year's 107,000 tons, according to the California Pear Advisory Board.

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

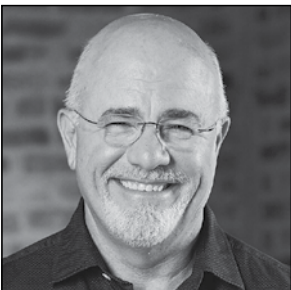
I had a few moments of mourning for a toad this week. Jim, the husband was weed trimming along the lawn in the backyard. I was feeding the turtle and watching the mosquito fish as well as the gold fish and koi. I hear a yelp. "Oh no" comes next. One of the

small imported toads had found its way across the grass and had found a great daytime toad spot down in the dirt along the sidewalk by the lawn. In a sad and regretful voice, he says, "I whacked a toad." I'm fairly sure he thought I'd have a fit. No, but it was sad to find out the toads are out there in such a gruesome way. Hopefully the others that are out there are in safer environments. A small sad splat!

Life goes on even with tragedy as we know. The sparrows and finches continued to eat bird seed. The mosquito fish were still entertaining. The big gold fish were still aggressive eaters. The koi was still dumb as all get out. I hope

the remaining toads were not traumatized. I hope they dig deep holes in safe places. I hope they grow big. I know I have plenty of bugs for them. I hope they stay. I continue to hope that the larger toads from last year are still here somewhere. I wish they would poop a lot on the sidewalk or pathways so I know they are still here.

Speaking of mosquito fish. I put a pregnant one and some others in the small toad pond, they are doing great. I feed them just in case so they can all live and not be totally dependent on mosquito larvae. They dash at the fish pellets with great vigor. Their tiny mounts nipping at the floating food. I am easily entertained. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I've never had a credit card in my life. I do have a \$600 monthly car payment right now, and it's my only debt. I owe \$10,000 on the vehicle. Currently, I have a six-month emergency fund saved, plus \$25,000 in a regular savings account. I'm in sales, so my pay often fluctuates from month to month. Should I pay off the car from savings, or hang on to that money just in case things in my job take a downturn?

– Mike

Dear Mike,

I'm proud of you for never caving in to the temptation of credit cards. That sets you apart from the vast majority of folks in America today. But I'm not letting you off the hook on the car payments.

Dave Ramsey Says

Debt is Like a Ball and Chain

I don't care what anyone else says, debt is never a good thing. And it's absolutely the last thing you want in your life when your job compensation structure is unpredictable. Now, it sounds to me like you're in pretty good shape financially, except for the car payments. It may be the only debt you have, but it's still like a ball and chain around your neck when it comes to your money.

I want you to take a moment, and think about all the great things you could do if you didn't have that monthly payment flying out the door. I mean, an extra \$600 in your pocket every month would be pretty cool, right? If I were in your shoes, I'd take \$10,000 out of savings today, and pay off that car. You'd be completely debt-free in a heartbeat, plus you could rebuild your savings in no time with the money you'll free up. On top

of all that, you'd still have your emergency fund of six months of expenses sitting there untouched.

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New Partnerships Help Casa de Esperanza Reach More Families

By Lloyd Green Jr.

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Casa de Esperanza has expanded trauma-informed counseling services through its Hope Haven Counseling and Support Center over the past year, increasing access to mental health care for survivors of violence and families across Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties.

The nonprofit announced the milestone one year after Meredith Evans joined the organization as director of clinical services in July 2025. Since then, Hope Haven has expanded therapy services for survivors of violence and abuse, as well as children, adolescents, adults and families affected by trauma.

One of the organization’s largest initiatives during the past year has been the launch of Connected Beginnings, a nearly \$2 million maternal and early childhood behavioral health program developed in partnership with the Sutter County Children and Families Commission. The initiative provides screenings, therapy, parenting education, developmental support and coordinated care for

pregnant individuals, caregivers and children ages 5 and younger.

Evans, a licensed marriage and family therapist, oversees Hope Haven’s clinical program and supervises a growing team of associate clinical social workers and associate marriage and family therapists. Casa de Esperanza said the team provides evidence-based, trauma-informed therapy throughout the three-county region.

Hope Haven has also partnered with Yuba County Probation to place a therapist within the department, providing counseling services to youth involved in the juvenile justice system and their families. According to Casa de Esperanza, the partnership helps reduce barriers to treatment while increasing access to mental health services.

In addition to expanding programs, the organization said it has strengthened clinical supervision, enhanced treatment practices and increased collaboration with health-care providers, schools, probation and community organizations to improve trauma-informed care throughout the region.

Casa de Esperanza Executive Director Michelle Downing said the organization has intentionally focused on strengthening its programs and expanding partnerships over the past four years.

“Hiring Meredith was an important part of that vision,” Downing said. “Her leadership has expanded our clinical capacity, strengthened our team, and helped create new opportunities for survivors, children, and families to access compassionate, trauma-informed care.”

Evans said the progress reflects the commitment of Casa de Esperanza’s staff and community partners.

“Every accomplishment over the past year reflects the dedication of an amazing team and the strength of our community partnerships,” Evans said. “Together, we’re expanding access to healing-centered services and helping individuals and families build brighter futures.”

Casa de Esperanza provides services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and human trafficking. A 24-hour support line is available at 530-674-2040. ★

Gridley Summer Recreation Programs in Full Swing

By Susan Meeker

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - As Gridley's recreation programs move through the summer, Recreation Manager Jaime Luevano is outlining efforts to expand activities, improve communication with residents and pursue long-term improvements for the department.

During a City Council planning session before the council's July recess, Luevano presented his vision for building participation across all age groups while making recreation programs easier for residents to find and enjoy. His priorities included expanding youth activities, adding senior fitness opportunities, improving communication and pursuing grant funding for future park amenities.

"I want to continue to establish a positive relationship with the community," Luevano said.

After being hired in early May to stabilize and rebuild the city’s recreation department, Luevano said he envisions a recreation program that offers free movie nights, youth basketball skills camps, bike rides, park scavenger hunts, all while providing more support for long established or struggling community events.

Luevano has introduced a senior fitness program offered three mornings a week while continuing chair yoga classes that have already begun attracting regular participants. He said the programs are designed to encourage participation while giving staff an opportunity to hear directly from participants and tailor activities to the community's interests.

For younger residents, Luevano said he hopes to strengthen introductory sports opportunities before children enter organized leagues. He noted many beginning basketball players receive little practice time before games and said additional skills camps can help build confidence and develop fundamental skills.

Improving communication with residents is another priority.

Luevano said many community members have told him they struggle to find recreation information because they do not use social media.



"I think we're missing a huge part of our community that doesn't do social media," he said.

To address that issue, Luevano plans to work with city officials on creating a dedicated recreation department website modeled after neighboring agencies. He also noted the current online resources do not include Spanish-language translation, limiting access for part of the community.

Luevano said the department is exploring grant opportunities, including the National Fitness Campaign, which could help bring an outdoor fitness court to Gridley. He also hopes to recruit additional volunteer coaches as demand for youth sports continues to grow.

The Recreation Department already serves hundreds of residents annually through youth sports, senior activities and seasonal programs. According to the city's adopted 2026-27 budget, the soccer league serves more than 500 youth each year, while approximately 225 children participate in basketball. The annual summer program attracted about 210 participants last year with classes ranging from sports and arts to baking and science activities. Weekly senior programs, community events and outdoor activities supported through a California State Parks Outdoor Equity Grant round out the department's offerings.

The adopted 2026-27 budget, which went into effect on July 1, provides approximately \$415,000 for recreation programs and staffing as the department continues expanding opportunities for residents of all ages. ★

Statewide Measures Carry Local Impacts for Rural Communities

By Susan Meeker

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Fourteen statewide propositions will appear on California’s Nov. 3 ballot, and several could bring direct changes to small communities in the North State.

Measures involving housing, taxes, election administration and state budgeting are expected to influence how rural cities and counties plan for growth, maintain services and manage future funding.

Proposition 1 would authorize \$11.25 billion in bonds for multifamily housing, youth housing and CalVet home loans. Rural counties have reported limited access to state housing programs in recent years, and local officials say bond-funded grants could support infill projects and rehabilitation of older units. Gridley, Live Oak, Colusa and Williams have each identified housing shortages in planning documents, and the measure would make new funding available for cities seeking to expand or update their housing stock.

Also on the ballot, Proposition 37 would authorize \$25 billion in bonds for middle-income homebuyer loans. The measure would create a second-mortgage program for first-time buyers. Counties in the region have reported declining availability of entry-level homes and increased competition from investors. The program would be administered statewide, but rural communities with limited new construction could see increased demand for existing homes if the measure passes.

Proposition 2 would raise the state’s Budget Stabilization Account cap to 20%. The rainy-day fund is used during economic downturns to maintain state programs. Rural counties rely heavily on state allocations for public safety, transportation and social services. A

higher reserve could help stabilize funding during recessions, though the measure does not change how funds are distributed.

Proposition 3 would extend income tax rates first approved in 2012 to support schools and early childhood programs. School districts in the region operate with smaller enrollments and older facilities. The measure would continue revenue streams that support statewide education funding, including allocations to rural districts.

Proposition 38 would authorize \$8.4 billion in bonds for immunology and immunotherapy research through the University of California. The measure does not include direct local funding, but bond repayment would come from the state’s general fund.

Proposition 39 would require voter identification and citizenship verification for elections. County election offices would be responsible for implementing new procedures. Rural counties with smaller staffs may need additional resources to update systems, verify documentation and train poll workers. The measure would apply statewide and would change check-in procedures for in-person voting.

Proposition 40 would impose a one-time 5% tax on billionaire wealth to fund healthcare and education programs. Revenue would be distributed statewide. Rural counties could receive funding through existing state programs, though allocations would depend on future legislation.

Proposition 41 would require audits of programs funded by new taxes. The measure would apply to state agencies and would not impose new requirements on counties unless they administer programs funded by new statewide taxes. ★

Remote Access Rules Reach Select Agencies

By Susan Meeker

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - A new California law requiring larger local governments to provide live remote public access to meetings faced an early test in Yuba City when an online participant disrupted a City Council meeting by posting racial slurs.

During the council’s July 7 meeting, City Attorney Shannon Chaffin interrupted council discussion after the comments appeared from a remote participant.

“That person is now considered a disruptive speaker and will be shut down from the chat and prohibited from here,” Chaffin said.

It was the only disruption during the meeting, and the incident came less than a week after Senate Bill 707 took effect July 1. The law requires cities and counties with populations of 30,000 or more to provide live online access to public meetings and allow residents to make public comments remotely.

Locally, the law applies to Yuba City, Yuba County, Sutter County, Butte County and the City of Chico. Smaller cities and rural districts are not covered.

Marysville is not included because its population is about 12,000.



Oroville also falls below the threshold with about 20,000 residents. No agency in Colusa County is affected.

Under SB 707, eligible agencies must provide a live video or telephone connection for every public meeting. Residents attending remotely must have the same opportunity to offer public comment as those attending in person.

According to the legislative analysis, the law is intended to preserve the expanded public access introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure residents who cannot attend meetings in person can still participate in local government.

Some agencies discontinued remote public participation after pandemic-era meetings because of disruptive online behavior, including trolling and abusive comments. The interruption in Yuba City illustrated one of the challenges agencies may face as they again provide live remote access. Mayor Marc

Boomgaarden said at the start of the meeting the city was adjusting to the state’s new remote participation requirements and asked for patience as officials became accustomed to the revised meeting format.

SB 707 also requires eligible agencies to translate meeting agendas into languages spoken by at least 20 percent of the local population that speaks English less than “very well.” The translated agendas must be posted online and at a physical location at least 72 hours before a regular meeting.

Unlike the remote public access and translated agenda requirements, which apply only to larger populations, other provisions of SB 707 apply to all legislative bodies. These changes update teleconferencing rules, establish new standards for remote attendance by elected officials and require clearer documentation when members participate from another location. ★

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SISTERS 7-24-26

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The following person(s) are

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The following person(s) are doing business as: American Remodeling, 487 Sheldon Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
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AMERICAN 7-31-26

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RAYTEK 7-31-26

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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2026-0000613
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gold Coast Nut, 1126 Hixson Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917
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The following person(s) are doing business as: Oroville Certified Farmers Market, 2525 Oro Dam Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966
Joyce B Townsend, 20 Sutter View Court, Oroville, CA 95966 and Tracy Grant, 6625 Citrus Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: June 8, 2026. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 6, 2026
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STRIVE 8-7-26

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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FILE NO. 2026-0000653
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Original filing date: July 23, 2024; Statement expires: July 23, 2029. The Registrant began transacting business on: June 1, 2024. Business conducted by: A Corporation.
Date Filed in Butte County: June 11, 2026.
This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County
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ASPEN 7-24-26

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
FILE NO. 2026-0000694
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Sisters Salon, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95965, Heidi E Hoskins, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Original filing date: March 10, 2025; Statement expires: March 10, 2030. The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: An Individual.
Date Filed in Butte County: June 23, 2026.
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SISTERS 7-24-26

ORDER TO SHOW FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #26CV01916
Petitioner Hunter Mangan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Hunter Mangan to Hunter Wayne Brazzell.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing August 19, 2026, 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 June 8, 2026
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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MANGAN 7-24-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #26CV01915
Petitioner Chloe Elizabeth Ryan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Chloe Elizabeth Ryan to Chloe Elizabeth Brazzell.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing August 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte,

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
JUSTIN R. NEVA
AKA JUSTIN RAY NEVA
CASE NO. 26PR00279
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Justin R. Neva aka Justin Ray Neva.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Valerie K. Allison, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Valerie K. Allison be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: August 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661
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NEVA 7-24-26

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): 26FLO0425
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Shawn Savage
YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. Read the information below and on the next page. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: (NOMBRE DEL DEMANDANTE): Haley Little-Savage.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org) or by contacting your local county bar association.
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NOTICE: RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouse or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.
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The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.
The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es:) Haley Little-Savage, 13 Stratford Way, Chico, CA 95975; 530-864-1802
Date: (Fecha) March 18, 2026
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A. Becerra Silva, Deputy STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS
Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from:
1. removing the minor children of the parties from the state or applying for a new or replacement passport for those minor children without the prior written consent of the other party or an order of the court;
2. cashing, borrowing against, canceling, transferring, disposing of, or changing the beneficiaries of any insurance or other coverage, including life, health automobile, and disability, held for the benefit of the parties and their minor children;
3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; and 4. creating a nonprobate transfer or modifying a nonprobate transfer in a manner that affects the disposition of property subject to the transfer, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court. Before revocation of a nonprobate transfer can take effect or a right of survivorship to property can be eliminated, notice of the change must be filed and served on the other party.
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California law provides that, for purposes of division of property upon dissolution of a marriage or domestic partnership or upon legal separation, property acquired by the parties during marriage or domestic partnership in joint form is presumed to be community property. If either party to this action should die before the jointly held community property is divided, the language in the deed that characterizes how title is held (i.e., joint tenancy, tenants in common, or community property) will be controlling, and not the community property presumption. You should consult your attorney if you want the community property presumption to be written into the recorded title to the property.
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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE
[CIV. CODE SEC. 798.56A(E); COMM. CODE SECS. 7209, 7210]

TO REGISTERED OWNERS LISA KLANJAC, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST in the following goods:

A 1972 mobilehome, Manufacturer Golden West, Tradename Kingston;
HCD Decal Number LBJ4599, Serial number S1320; HUD Label/Insignia Number 63794 measuring 60 feet in length and 12 feet in width per section.

SINCE THE DEMAND MADE under Civil Code Section 798.56a(e) and Commercial Code Sections 7209 and 7210(2) by **Cobblestone II OLH LLC dba Olive Hill MHP** (“Community Owner”) for payment in full of the storage charges due and unpaid was not satisfied, the above-stated mobilehome, held on account of Lisa Klanjac, and due notice having been given to all parties known to claim an interest in the mobilehome and the time specified in the notice having expired, notice is hereby given said mobilehome, and all of the fixtures contained in the home, will be advertised for public sale and sold by auction at **10:00 a.m. on August 10, 2026 at 125 Sycamore Parkway, Oroville, CA 95966**. The subject mobilehome, and all fixtures contained in the home, will be sold in bulk, “as-is” without warranties of title, fitness for a particular purpose or any other warranties, express or implied, and will be subject to a credit bid by Community Owner. The sale is subject to change upon proper notice.

Please take notice payment at the public sale must be made by certified funds within three (3) days of the warehouse lien sale or at the time the mobilehome is removed from the premises, whichever is sooner. Failure to pay or remove as required will result in failure of the bid in which case the next highest third party bid will be taken subject to these same terms and conditions; if the next highest bidder is Community Owner's credit bid, then Community Owner's credit bid will prevail.

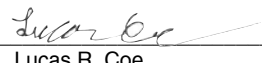
Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of \$22.96 from May 7, 2026 through June 1, 2026, including estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge only; actual charges incurred must be paid to satisfy the demand for payment), all associated with the storage of the mobilehome in the sum of \$1,596.96. Additionally, you must pay daily storage in the amount of \$22.96 per day accruing on or after June 2, 2026, plus utilities and other charges associated with the storage of the mobilehome due after June 2026 and continuing until the mobilehome is removed from the Community.

Please take further notice all third-party bidders must remove the subject mobilehome from the premises within three (3) days after the sale or disposition of the same. THE MOBILEHOME MAY NOT REMAIN IN OLIVE HILL MHP AFTER THE SALE OR DISPOSITION. Any purchaser of

the mobilehome will take title and possession subject to any liens under California Health & Safety Code §18116.1. All bidders are responsible and liable for any penalties, or other costs, including, but not limited to, defective title or other bond, which may be necessary to obtain title to, or register, the mobilehome.

COBBLESTONE II OLH LLC DBA OLIVE HILL MHP

Dated: July 14, 2026, at San Jose, California

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Community Calendar

Does your group or organization have an upcoming community event? Email lloyd.green@mpg8.com.
Events are typically published within two weeks of their scheduled date, as space allows.

Friday, July 17
Oroville Show and Stroll
 5 to 8 p.m., 1998 Montgomery St., Oroville. Downtown Oroville comes alive with a classic car show, local shopping, street vendors, food and beverages from area restaurants, and live music. Stroll through downtown and enjoy an evening of classic cars, entertainment and community.

Monday, July 20 through Sunday, July 26
Let Freedom Ring Kids Music Camp
 Gridley Christian Church, 580 Washington St., Gridley. Children ages 4 through eighth grade are invited to a free week of music, sign language, hand bells, Bible lessons, crafts, recreation and snacks. Camp meets from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a dress rehearsal Saturday and performances at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Registration is required. To register, call Bonnie at 530-933-9845. For information, call Pastor Ed at 530-846-4002.

Wednesday, July 22
Movie & Ice Cream Night
 6 p.m., Pool Park, Live Oak Memorial Park, Live Oak. Live Oak Parks and Recreation invites families to enjoy an outdoor showing of "Lilo & Stitch." Bring lawn chairs and blankets for an evening under the stars. Ice cream will be available for 50 cents per scoop and popcorn for \$1. Fun for the whole family.

Thursday, July 23
Berry Creek Rancheria's Back to School Safety Fair
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gold Country Casino, 4020 Olive Hwy., Oroville. The goal of the 2026 Back-to-School Health & Safety Fair is to connect Tribal youth and families with educational, health, and safety resources. Through community partnerships and outreach, we strive to provide important information and services that support healthy lifestyles, informed decision-making, and overall community well-being.

Storytime in the Little Red Barn
 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at the Patrick Ranch Museum, 10381 Midway, Durham. Enjoy a story read by a local artist, author, or storyteller, make a craft and have some fun. Expect a short outdoor activity for kids which may include getting wet. No cost and open to kids of all ages.

Saturday, July 25
Rhinos 1st Annual Golf Tournament
 Check-in at 7 a.m., Table Mountain Golf Course, 2700 Oro Dam Blvd. W, Oroville. Support Oroville Rhinos youth

football and cheer at this fundraising golf tournament. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome for a day of competition, contests, raffle prizes and fun, with proceeds benefiting equipment and opportunities for local athletes. Registration and information: www.orovollerhinos.com

Feather River Nature Center
 Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Montgomery Street and Old Ferry Road, Oroville. Explore the historic Bath House Museum with nature exhibits and wildlife displays. Bring the whole family for a day of discovery and fun along the Feather River. \$4 Adults, \$3 Seniors, kids are free.

Sunday, July 26
2026 Happy Hippie Summer
 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at The Barn at Meriam Park, 1930 Market Place, Chico. Enjoy a day filled with handmade goods, delicious food, and fun activities for the whole family. The event is free to enter and fun for all ages. Enjoy face painting and balloon tying, free arts and crafts section, live music, more than 50 local makers, artists and food vendors.

Saturday, Aug. 22
Warren McCutcheon Poker Run
 Registration begins at 8 a.m., American Legion Post 210, 249 Sycamore St., Gridley. The ride benefits veteran causes and includes a meal ticket and poker hand with registration. First bike out is at 10 a.m. and the last bike out is at 1 p.m. Registration is \$25 for riders and \$15 for passengers. For information, text Josh at 530-455-9925. All proceeds benefit veteran causes.

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 July 28 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 July 28 and more information is available at 530-552-3300.

Downtown Chico Thursday Night Market continues every Thursday night, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. through September 24. You'll find the market on Broadway between 2nd and 4th Streets, including side streets and City Plaza, Chico. Enjoy more than 100 vendors along the streets, a certified farmers' market, weekly live performances by entertainers of all kinds, and lots of family fun. For more information call 530-345-6500.

Durham Grange Farmers' Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday through Oct.

25 at 9386 Midway in Durham, behind Dollar General. This vibrant market promises an array of fresh produce, delicious foods, handmade goods and more, making it the perfect spot to shop local and support small businesses.

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.

Friday Night Concerts, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Chico City Plaza, 132 W. 4th St., every Friday through August 28. Grab takeout from your favorite downtown restaurant and enjoy your meal picnic-style in the Plaza while the band plays. Support local restaurants and soak up the music-filled summer atmosphere.

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: <https://www.gridleyca.gov/168/Gridley-Mayor-City-Council>.

Gridley Friends of the Library, first Monday each month, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 299 Spruce St.

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. Call 530-846-4721 for more information. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22.

Live Oak City Council usually 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.

Live Oak Lions Club meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Train Depot, 9826 Hwy. 99. Club mailing address is P.O. Box 325. Phone 530-701-3722.

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 first and third Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Gridley Recreation Department, 194 Washington Street. For more information, call 530-353-5349. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Community Resources – Find Food
First 5 Family Center at Esperanza House, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at 630 Washington St., Gridley. Must be pregnant or live with and actively care for a child up to age 17. Call to schedule an appointment: 530-720-2255.

First Baptist Church of Live Oak Food Pantry, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 2480 Pennington Road, Live Oak. This is a drive-through Food Pantry, with entrance on Gum Street and exit on Pennington Road. Next distribution will be July 26. Call 530-695-2894 for more information.

Gridley Senior Food Distribution, 801 Washington Street, Room B. Once a month, call ahead for details: 530-846-4233.

Gridley United Methodist Church, 285 Magnolia St. Monday through Friday, during daytime hours. Come by the church and if they have food they will give client a box. Call 530-846-2520 for more information.

North State Food Bank, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. monthly at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St., Gridley. Next distribution on Tuesday, Aug. 11. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

North State Food Bank, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Biggs Methodist Church, 441 C St., Biggs. Next distribution on Tuesday, Aug. 11. Call 530-712-2600 for more information.

Sacred Heart Parish, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1561 Hazel St., Gridley on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call 530-846-2140 for more information. ★

Gridley Library Summer Event Schedule

JULY 17 - Family Storytime – 10 to 11 a.m., Gridley Library. Children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts.

JULY 22 - Pokemon Extravaganza – 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Kids can enjoy Pokemon-themed crafts, a scavenger hunt and activities celebrating their favorite characters.

JULY 23 - Dungeons & Dragons Movie Day – 1 to 3 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens and adults are invited to watch “Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves.”

JULY 24 - Sure Start Family Playtime – 9 a.m. to noon, Gridley Library. Families with children ages 0 to 5 are invited to learn through play and meet new people in an educational setting.

JULY 25 - Dungeons & Dragons Campaign – Time to be announced, Gridley Library. Teens and adults of all experience levels are invited to participate in a Dungeons & Dragons adventure.

JULY 29 - Book Soundtrack Dance Party – 2:30 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens can dance to music featured in film and television adaptations of popular books.

JULY 31 - Family Storytime – 10 to 11 a.m., Gridley Library. Children ages 0 to 5 and their families can enjoy stories, music and crafts.

JULY 31 -Lip Sync Battle – 3 to 4 p.m., Gridley Library. Teens are invited to perform and compete in a friendly lip sync competition featuring their favorite songs. ★

The Gridley Library is located at 299 Spruce St. For information, call 530-552-5652. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m. Thursdays, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. A complete calendar of events is available at <https://buttecounty.librarycalendar.com/events/month>.



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Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans and contract documents entitled:

CITY OF BIGGS - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
5TH STREET SIDEWALK GAP CLOSURE PROJECT - CITY PROJECT NO. 2026-002

(CONTRACT NO. 002-26) will be received at City Hall of the City of Biggs, 465 C Street, Biggs, CA 95917, until 2:00 PM on 7/31/2026, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. All questions related to this solicitation are due to the City Engineer (dharden@ben-en.com, 530-906-1806) at 5:00 PM on 7/20/2026.

The Plans and Specifications can be viewed at www.biggs-ca.gov

General work for this project consists of construction of ADA-compliant Portland cement concrete sidewalk, driveway approach reconstruction, two (2) Caltrans Case CH curb ramps with detectable warning surfaces (one at Bannock Street and one at Aleut Street), removal and replacement of concrete valley gutter at Aleut Street, adjustment of water meter boxes to grade, and all appurtenant work along 5th Street between Bannock Street and Trent Street in the City of Biggs, California. Relocation of existing utility poles and the existing fire hydrant shown on the Plans will be performed by others and is not part of this contract.

A Bid Additive Alternate (Item A-1, Remove & Replace Existing Curb & Gutter, Type A2-6) is included in the Bid Sheet. Bidders shall provide a price for the Bid Additive Alternate. The basis of award is described in Section 3.01 of the Special Provisions.

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CAL FIRE Arrests Woman in Oroville Arson Case

By MPG Staff

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - CAL FIRE law enforcement officers arrested Melonie Rose Dyett on suspicion of arson after investigators linked her to a vegetation fire near Riverbend Park in Oroville.

Dyett was arrested following an investigation into the fire, which was reported at about 1:30 p.m. July 8. She was booked into the Butte County Jail on suspicion of violating California Penal Code 451(c), arson of forest land.

According to CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department, officers on patrol spotted the unreported vegetation fire while traveling near Riverbend Park. When they arrived, bystanders were already attempting to extinguish the flames.

Investigators interviewed witnesses, who described seeing a white woman at the scene when the fire started.

Officers searched the area and contacted



a woman matching the description who was carrying a torch lighter. Authorities identified the woman as Dyett. Following an investigation and interview, officers arrested her.

CAL FIRE reminded the public that arson endangers lives, property and natural resources. Anyone with information about suspicious fire activity is encouraged to contact the CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department Prevention Bureau at 530-538-7888. ★

Citizen Grand Jury Wraps Year of Investigations

Continued from page 1
cannot require agencies to adopt them. Agencies, however, must publicly respond to the jury's findings and recommendations within deadlines established by state law.

This year's published reports, in addition to Chico's downtown parking kiosk system, included the City of Oroville's Gateway development agreement, where jurors found the city sold 12.9 acres for \$1 without documented performance guarantees, and Paradise's town administration, which jurors concluded operated in an atmosphere of dysfunction and polarization. The report also included the jury's annual statement documenting its required

inspections of county detention facilities. "It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Butte County in this capacity, and we trust that our findings and recommendations will contribute to the continued improvement of county services and operations," Jessee wrote.

The 2025-26 Butte County Civil Grand Jury included Jessee, Roger Baker, David Cooper, Brenda Crotts, Wendy Deen, Glenn Graves, Debbie Hatfield, Stuart Haynes, Kathleen Kaiser, Kary Lasek-Morton, Gina McCammon, Abigail Mebrahtu, Bruce Racheter, Sonya Seigel, Marla Stratton, Tony Steele, J. Curtis Struble and Shelly Wetmore. ★

Rock Collectors Gather in Chico, Sept. 19-20

By MPG Staff

CHICO, CA (MPG) - The Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society will host its 18th Annual Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show on Sept. 19 and 20 at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, offering two days of exhibits, shopping and hands-on activities for visitors of all ages.

The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20. Admission is \$6, and children 16 and younger will be admitted free.

More than 40 vendors from across the western United States will offer finished jewelry, polished rocks, minerals, fossils and other lapidary items. Visitors can also view displays featuring winners of the annual Worldwide Tumbling Contest, thundereggs, Blue Forest petrified wood and other geological specimens.

Club members will display handcrafted items including necklaces, beadwork, rain chains and silversmithing.

The show will include family-friendly activities such as geode cutting, a treasure wheel, a kids volcano activity and silent auctions for adults and children. Door prize drawings featuring jewelry and cash prizes will be held every 30 minutes. The first 200 children through the doors each day will receive a free shark tooth necklace.



Organizers expect collectors and rockhounds from throughout Northern California and neighboring states to attend the event. In 2025, the show attracted more than 3,000 visitors.

The Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society hosts the annual event to promote interest in geology, gemstones and lapidary arts, including the cutting, polishing and engraving of stones. The Oroville-based club also offers monthly meetings, rockhounding field trips, classes and hands-on instruction at its rock shop, where members can learn to create jewelry from stone.

During the show, the society will award scholarships to Northern California students pursuing studies in Earth science.

For more information or to print a \$1 admission coupon, visit www.featherriverrocks.org or the Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society Facebook page. ★

Butte County Fair Invites Student Exhibits

By Lloyd Green Jr.

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Fair is inviting students attending summer school to enter projects, artwork, crafts and other creative displays in the 2026 Butte County Fair.

Youth exhibit entries are free and open to students with projects they are proud to showcase. Fair officials encourage submissions ranging from artwork and crafts to STEM projects, school assignments and other creative work.



Entry information is available at buttecountyfair.org by selecting the "School Entry" tab.

The 2026 Butte County Fair will celebrate the creativity and accomplishments of local students through its youth exhibit program. ★

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Gridley Police Report

June 21 – July 7

Sarah Jean Buckley, 43, was arrested at 9:57 a.m. June 21 at Haskell and Hazel sts. in Gridley on suspicion of providing false identification to a peace officer, possession of a controlled substance, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, second-degree burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime and trespassing. She was booked into the Butte County Jail.

Desiree Lynn Villanueva, 39, was arrested at 1:14 p.m. June 21 in the 200 block of Spruce Street in Gridley on suspicion of child endangerment. She was booked into the Butte County Jail.

Jessica Jocelyn Farris, 46, was arrested at 3:36 a.m. June 22 in the 1500 block of Highway 99 in Gridley on suspicion of possession of a narcotic controlled substance, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and possession of a stun gun by a felon. She was booked into the Butte County Jail.

Carlos Ariel Magana, 41, was arrested at 2:55 p.m. June 25 in the 300 block of Idaho Street in Gridley on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury on a spouse, cohabitant or dating partner. He was booked into the Butte County Jail.

Alex Escabarhernandez, 31, was arrested at 10:30 p.m. June 28 in the 1400 block of Highway 99 in Gridley on suspicion of disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Butte County Jail.

Oscar Dimas Velazquez Avila, 32, was arrested at 11:27 p.m. July 1 at Washington and Spruce sts. in

Gridley on suspicion of being a felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and violating a domestic violence court order. He was booked into the Butte County Jail.

Luis Eduardo Nunezgarcia, 32, was arrested at 8:21 p.m. July 2 in the 100 block of Park Street in Gridley on suspicion of vandalism and a probation violation. He was booked into the Butte County Jail.

Jesse Wayne Watermanreed, 42, was arrested at 1:19 a.m. July 3 in the 400 block of D Street in Biggs on suspicion of misdemeanor domestic battery. He was booked into the Butte County Jail.

Marshall James Hollingsworth, 36, was arrested at 4:43 p.m. July 3 at Quota Park in Gridley on suspicion of a felony probation violation and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Butte County Jail.

Jessica Leann Reeder, 30, was arrested at 10:59 p.m. July 3 at Virginia and Laurel sts. in Gridley on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% or higher. She was booked into the Butte County Jail.

Albert Aaron Melendez, 43, was arrested at 10:38 a.m. July 7 in the 1600 block of Highway 99 in Gridley on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury on a spouse, cohabitant or dating partner. He was booked into the Butte County Jail. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Summer League Standouts

By V.G. Harris

If you've been watching this year's summer league by now you've seen some pleasing results.

The Sacramento Kings came to play, and with that said, went on to win the first four games of the NBA summer league.

All good things must come to an end, and sadly the Kings didn't show the same gritty defense or fire as they took the court against the Washington Wizards Sunday night. Whether tired or just an off night, A. J. Dybansa and his teammates were at the top of their game and reminded the young Kings that there are no nights off in the NBA.

If there was a bright spot for the Kings, it was the emergence of Jonathan Mogbo who, like Dylan Cardwell, played with enthusiasm all night while recording 11 points and nine rebounds in only 20 minutes of play.

Summer league is all about two key things. Accentuating the positive and finding out early what needs to be worked on.

The Kings can put a happy face and a thumbs up on the draft choices of both first-round draft choices Darius Acuff Jr. and Emanuel Sharp, and I believe can relax just a little when it comes to the criticism of Acuff's defense.

I have watched Darius guard both fast and long players on the perimeter, and I have concluded that he has taken a lot of criticism without much to back it up. Acuff has exceptional quickness and his shot blocking abilities are underrated.

His college coach also chimed in to say that Darius chose to play through an ankle injury last season that limited his ability to play tough defense, and as a result was encouraged to focus on the offensive end, allowing his teammates to help on the defensive side of the ball.

That is certainly not an excuse, and I'm witnessing nightly a young player that is making a concerted effort to show his critics that he can play at both ends of the floor.

I am more concerned with Darius getting comfortable with the NBA three-point line and finding his shot on a nightly basis. He has had to perform under a great deal of pressure and overall, I believe he has done a stellar job.

Fans need to pay close attention to both Emanuel Sharp and surprising newcomer, Marquel Sutton who may be one of the real finds this year. Sutton has literally been stealing the show with his animated defense and prolific scoring thus far.

In the previous game Marquel was the game's high scorer with 24 points and is the surprise find of the summer league so far.

If there is a spot the Sacramento Kings have struggled with finding, it's the position of power forward.

Amazingly undrafted, at six-foot-nine and 225 pounds, Sutton is the epitome of the power forward the Kings have been looking for, and he not only can shoot from the three-point line but has shown a natural penchant for rebounding the ball. If this young man can continue to blossom, he may well be the player the Kings need to compliment Domantas Sabonis in the low post.

Likewise, Emanuel Sharp has been nothing but the solid performer complimenting Darius Acuff when they're on the court together, so with all these accolades is it any wonder that the Kings won four straight games to start the summer league.

If you discount an obvious off night against the talented Washington Wizards squad, Sacramento has given every Kings fan a reason to sit up and take notice.

Pick your favorite player. Darius Acuff Jr., Emanuel Sharp, Jonathan Mogbo, Marquel Sutton, or the ever-enthusiastic Dylan Cardwell, the new look Kings are giving fans a reason to buy a ticket.

Now it's all about assessing talent, something that has been a misery for this organization in the past.

Time to change the playing field and take note of what is already here before you trade away the future. Let these talented youngsters fit in with the veterans that know how to win and can be mentors at the same time.

Tout the accomplishments of Zach Lavine, Domantas Sabonis, and even Keegan Murray who needs to pay close attention to these young recruits and remember what he looked like his rookie year.

Stay excited Kings fans!
All the best! ★

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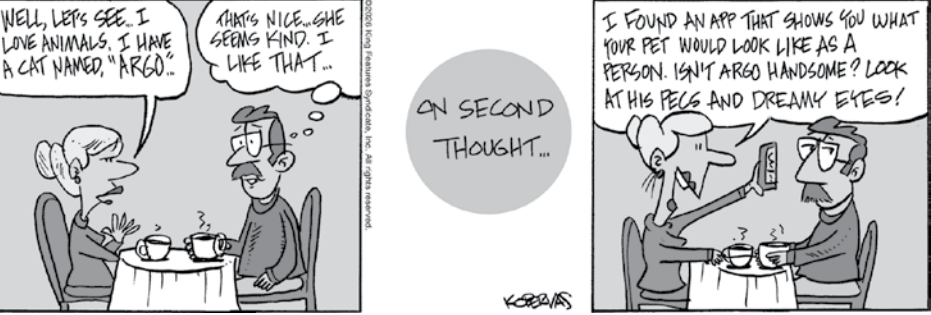
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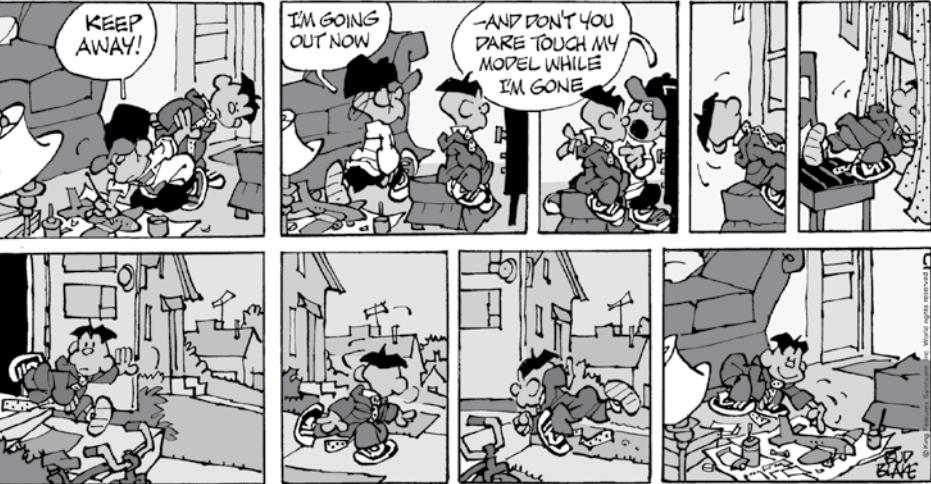
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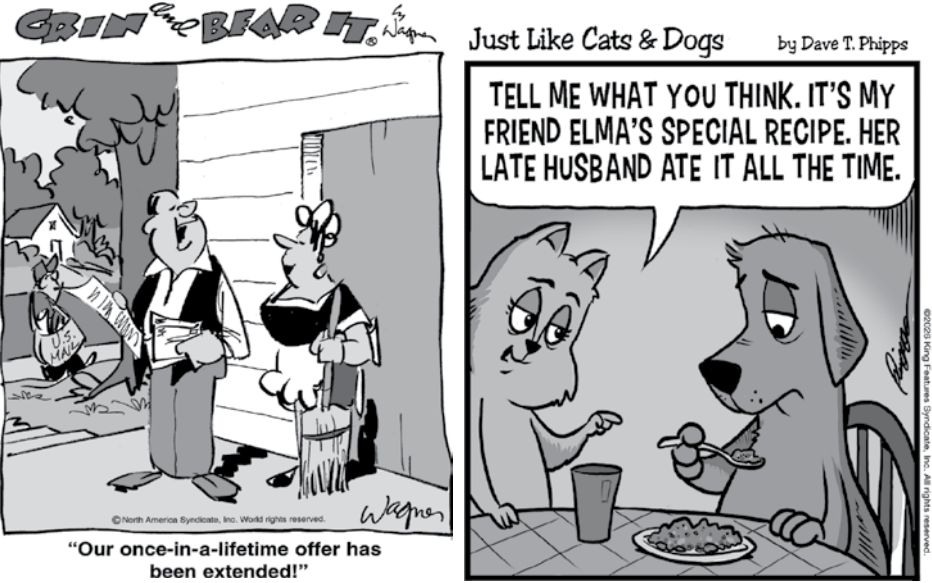
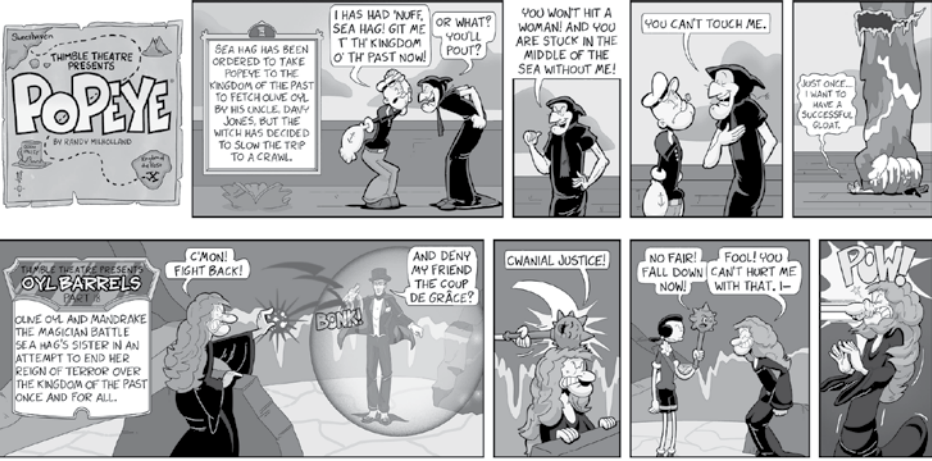


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- Capital of Ghana
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 - ____ firma
 - Source of chocolate
 - Sensitive subject?
 - Twig of a willow tree
 - "Certain secret spot
 - "Beezus" little sister
 - Half a dozen
 - Final notice
 - CEO's deg.
 - Spew profanities
 - Swamp
 - Gateway ____
 - Boisterous play
 - Sensitive subject?
 - "All for one and one for all," to Musketeers
 - Steak preference
 - Flower's peak
 - "Butter ____," Hog-smeade beverage
 - Like some East Coast universities
 - Archipelago unit
 - Plaintiff
 - Loads
 - Tiny bit
 - Snoop
 - Bruce and Spike, e.g.
 - Ovine mom
 - "Pocketful
 - "Cat's ____
 - "Lemony Snicket, to Daniel Handler
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 - The company one

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- Half of NFL
 - Rugged rock
 - Cecum, pl.
 - Lion sounds
 - Relating to anode
 - Dashing style
 - "It" game
 - Sour
 - 100 centavos, in Mexico
 - Actress Moriarty
 - Equals 1/2 b x h
 - Smoker's lung residue
 - Double drum
 - Beyond suburb
 - Heart to Cupid
 - Reverse one, in the kitchen
 - "Super Bro.
 - "Music to my ears!"
 - Like thick smoke
 - Same as solos
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60. ____ pool or ____ pit
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Freebirds End PBL First Half with Sour Taste

By Steven Bryla

OAKLAND, CA (YSBC) - The Yuba-Sutter Freebirds ended the first half of the Pioneer Baseball League season by dropping five of their final six games.

Yuba-Sutter hit the road last week where they dropped two of three to Long Beach and were swept by Oakland.

The Freebirds pitching staff surrendered five runs or more within the first six innings in five games last week.

Yuba-Sutter infielder Andrew Kirchner continued his solid hitting at the plate as he delivered seven hits and six runs-batted-in (RBIs) throughout the week.

Kirchner was added to the Freebirds roster at the end of June and in 11 games for Yuba-Sutter, he's hitting .370 with 21 RBIs and had a nine-game hitting streak at the end of play on Sunday.

Yuba-Sutter currently has seven active players with a batting average over .300.

Freebirds manager Frank Gonzales expressed to Yuba Sutter Butte Colusa Sports that they need to get off to a great start in the second half of the season in hopes of locking in a playoff berth.

YS opens the start of second-half play with another road trip on the road as they play in Modesto for three and travel back down to SoCal to take on Long Beach.

The Freebirds will return to Bryant Field on Tuesday, July 21st for a three-game set against the Boise Hawks with first pitch scheduled for 6:35 p.m.



Yuba-Sutter pitcher Chase Martinez (13) tosses a pitch on July 3 in the victory against Long Beach. Photo by Steven Bryla



Yuba-Sutter shortstop Devon Dixon (2) fires a throw to first during the Freebirds' loss to the RedPocket Mobiles on May 28. Photo by Steven Bryla



The Long Beach Coast celebrates a victory over the Yuba-Sutter Freebirds on June 25. Photo by Steven Bryla



Yuba-Sutter first baseman Andrew Kirchner (18) lines a base hit on July 3 in the Freebirds win over Long Beach. Photo by Steven Bryla





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