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CALFIRE Quenches Mill Fire



CALFIRE/Gridley Fire Department was the first on scene, responding to the blaze that quickly consumed the north end of the building. Photo provided by CALFIRE/Gridley Fire Department

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In the early morning hours of Sunday, January 22, the 108-year-old rice mill located on the southeast corner of Laurel and Virginia streets went up in flames.

The call came in at 7:57 am, CALFIRE/Gridley Fire Department Station 74 responding in 5 minutes, finding the north end of the building known to locals as ‘Hinamen’s Dryer’ already engulfed and sending up dark plumes of smoke. Ladder truck 74 immediately extended its 110-foot ladder to begin aerial operations, while firefighters on the ground utilized



CALFIRE Station 63 helps suppress the flames. Photo by Seti Long

hydrants to get water on the blaze and keep it from progressing into the ‘second story’ of the mill.

Reportedly, Gridley Police Department arrived on scene first, securing the area for the arrival of

firefighters and shutting down Laurel Street from Washington to Kentucky Streets to the east and west and Sycamore to Cedar Streets to the north and south. Traffic on Union Pacific’s railroad was

completely halted for about half an hour, closely monitored after that for roughly an hour.

Battalion Chief Chip Fowler, one of the chiefs manning the incident command said that there were 9 engines dispatched to the fire, 3 ladder trucks and a breathing support engine. Units came from throughout Butte County, including resources from the City of Chico Fire Department, CALFIRE units from the City of Oroville FD, City of Biggs FD and City of Gridley FD, with mutual aid resources assisting from Marysville, Live Oak, Richvale, Palermo, Kelly

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SLE Owner
Admits to
Possession
of Narcotics
for Sale
while Armed

Butte County DA
Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A 60-year-old Oroville man, who owned and operated a number of sober living environment (SLE) homes in Oroville, pleaded no-contest this afternoon in Butte County Superior Court to two charges of transporting narcotics for sales and one charge of possessing narcotics while armed with a firearm.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that Michael Mirton Anderson appeared in court today and entered the no-contest pleas rather than proceed to a jury trial on his charges. Anderson was arrested in April of 2022 when the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) stopped Anderson who was driving his vehicle with two known narcotics offenders.

A search of the vehicle revealed a loaded handgun hidden between the driver’s seat and the center console. BINTF agents also located a backpack belonging to Anderson containing two additional handguns, 67.61 grams of fentanyl, 1.62 grams of heroin, and approximately half a pound of methamphetamine. An additional 293 pills stamped as “M-30” were located in the backpack as well. Although the pills were marked as oxycodone, testing revealed that the pills were counterfeit pills laced with fentanyl.

Anderson’s cell phone was also seized and a search of the phone located months of sales text messages.

After accumulating a lengthy criminal history in the 80s and 90s, Ramsey said Anderson managed to turn his life around and received a Certificate of Rehabilitation in 2016 from the Butte County Superior Court. Anderson became the owner, operator, and president of the Northern California Treatment Services, providing SLE homes for addicts attempting to change their lives. Unfortunately, Anderson ended up victimizing the very people he had once tried to help, illegally arming himself and selling narcotics to the addicts of Butte County.

Ramsey said Anderson’s access to addicts through his SLEs was particularly concerning, especially given the quantity of

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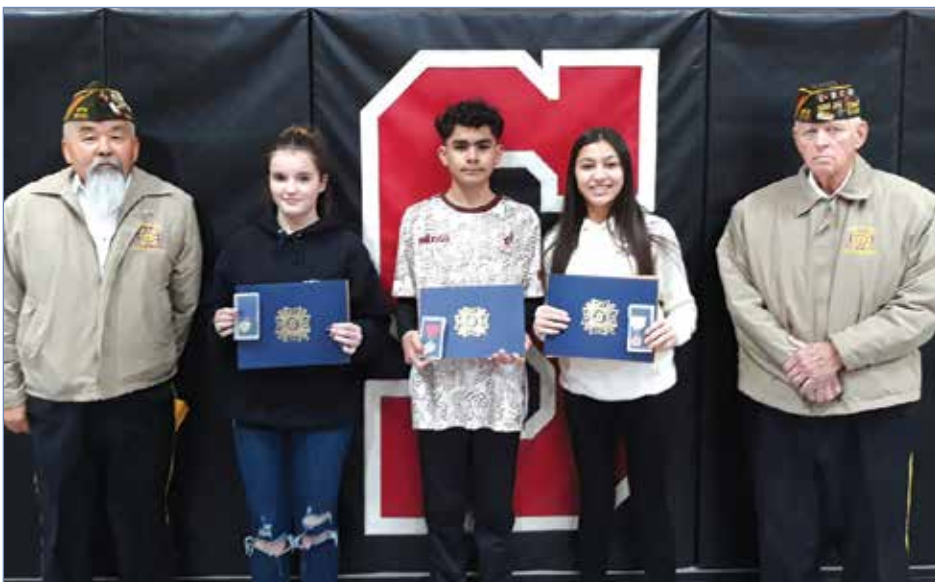
Winners for Patriots and Democracy

Story and photos
by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley’s Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter 5731 visited local schools to present awards to youth that participated in the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy contests.

Each year, these nationwide contests invite youth to think about and write or submit audio essays on patriotic themes with the chance to win monetary compensations or scholarships.

VFW Commander Ed Kawasaki said competition was tough this year, and the Gridley VFW selected out of area judges to choose the winners to eliminate bias. Commander Kawasaki said that it took judges hours to name the winners of both Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy.



Sycamore School students participated in the Patriots Pen essay contest sponsored by the VFW. Pictured left to right: VFW Post 5731 Commander Ed Kawasaki, first place winner Lila Wheeler, second place winner Jonathon Omelas, third place winner Ammara Khan, and VFW Post Chaplain, Norris Anderson.

This year, Patriots Pens essay contest asked students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades to write on the theme “My Pledge to Our Veterans.” Sycamore School Teacher Ms. Solis had her class submit

essays to the competition and three winners were selected from those that participated.

On Monday, January 23rd, Commander Kawasaki and post member Norris Anderson

presented certificates of appreciation, medals and monetary awards to this year’s winners. First place went to Lila Wheeler, Jonathon Omelas took second place, and Ammara

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CALFIRE Quenches Mill Fire

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Ridge and Bangor. Engine 42, Light and Air, out of Chico arrived about an hour in to replenish oxygen tanks used by the firefighters inside the structure, where most of the smoke was trapped after the north end of the 1st story collapsed. The fire drew three CALFIRE Battalion Chiefs and two division chiefs to the area, and other support such as Gridley Police Department, CHP, and Butte County EMS.

CALFIRE/Gridley Fire Department's Captain Mike Conaty said the City of Gridley Public Works Department assisted in increasing the water pressure to get more gallons onto the fire faster, and that City of Gridley Electric Department disconnect some wires so that the fire crews could further their aerial attack on the blaze.

Battalion Chief Fowler explained that quick work had kept the fire out of the second story, and that the goal of all involved was to prevent the spread southward stating, "with all those pits and heavy machinery, everything that is in there, it's very dangerous."

Captain Conaty would echo those sentiments later, calling the structure a potential "death trap" for firefighters like himself. The mill, which first opened in 1915, is full of aging heavy equipment and pits in the floor that pose a serious hazard to firefighters. Factoring in the height of the building, measured during the investigation to be approximately 89 ft tall, or equivalent to an 8-story commercial structure, a potential collapse could harm not only fire crews, but surrounding buildings and businesses.

Therefore, Station 74 periodically tours what Captain Conaty calls "target hazards" and takes new crew members out to familiarize themselves with the buildings in our area that pose a threat to responders in the event of a fire. He attributes the success in holding the flames to the first portion of the mill to regular training on those "target hazards." Captain Conaty also added that incidents such as Sunday's fire are exactly why Ladder Truck 74 is crucial to the safety of citizens of Gridley and surrounding areas.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. ★



The fire is believed to have broken out in the center of the north end of the old rice mill, spreading and quickly taking down the structure. Photo by Will Sheffield



The fire took down the rice mill on the 200 block of Virginia St. on Sunday, January 22. Photo by Will Sheffield



Live Oak Fire Department helped hold the eastern side of the fire, shooting water over the Union Pacific railroad tracks to keep it from spreading to nearby businesses. Photo by Will Sheffield



Three captains from CALFIRE companies, 91, 55 and 74 (Gridley) alongside firefighters from their stations survey the debris and burnt rubble after hundreds of gallons of water quenched the fire. Photo by Seti Long



CALFIRE's firefighter Meyers helps remove the metal sheeting of the burnt building looking for potential victims after the blaze has been extinguished. Photo by Seti Long



Multiple crews, including numerous captains from mutual resources and CALFIRE were on scene at Sunday's blaze to help prevent further progress of the fire. Photo by Will Sheffield

Bicyclist Struck on Hwy 99 Taken to Enloe Hospital



The bicyclist struck was admitted to Enloe Hospital on Sunday, January 23. Photo by Will Sheffield

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In the afternoon hours of Sunday, January 23rd, a vehicle struck a bicyclist attempting to cross Highway 99. The subject was hit in front of McDonald's in the south bound lanes of the busy thoroughfare. Gridley Police Department, CALFIRE/Gridley Fire Department, and Butte County EMS

responded to assist the male subject. A helicopter was called in to transport the individual to Enloe Hospital for medical treatment, but due to circumstances regarding the injured man's state at the time of the accident, he was taken by ambulance instead of air. The injured party cannot be identified due to the nature of the call and medical privacy. ★



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Weagant Chosen to Represent Winners for Patriots and Democracy



The Gridley American Legion Post 210 and American Legion Auxiliary honored one of their Girls State delegates. Pictured left to right: Avery Weagant and Marti Stiles. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley American Legion and their Auxiliary recently honored their nominee to Girls State 2022.

Avery Weagant, senior at Gridley High School, was chosen to represent Gridley at the 79th annual American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. Weagant had

the opportunity to stay at Sacramento State University and learn about government from the civic level, through county level and on up to State. Weagant reported to the Auxiliary and to American Legion Post 210 members in attendance about her experience. She shared how she was elected to her city’s council, how elections were held at the county level and how she and other Girls State delegates participated in the Nationalist and Federalist parties, passing legislation, elect officials and select candidates to run for State. After splitting into randomly selected parties, Weagant being in the Nationalist Party, delegates would hear from candidates running for Governor and even positions on the Supreme Court as they campaigned during this week-long mock government educational experience. Weagant received a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Legion Post 210, received recognition from the California State Senate signed by California State Senator Jim Neal, and further recognition from California State Assemblyman, James Gallagher. ★



Gridley VFW Post 5731 Commander Ed Kawaski (left) and VFW's Norris Anderson (right) present Gridley's Gracie Gonzalez with second place for her audio submission to the Voice of Democracy.

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Khan placed third.

The representatives from VFW then met with the post’s 2nd place winner

from Gridley High School, Gracie Gonzalez. The senior submitted an audio essay on the Voice of Democracy’s 2022-2023 theme, “Why is

the Veteran Important.” She thanked both Kawasaki and Norris, saying that it was an “honor” to participate and cited her late grandfather, John Busch, who she says inspired and instilled a sense of patriotism in her life. Gonzalez was awarded a certificate of appreciation, medal, and check. Not present that day were VFW Post 5731 Voice of Democracy’s winners for first place and third place, both students from Live Oak Peak Charter Academy. First place went to Janae Fleshman and third place was secured by Apple Conley. VFW Post 5731 plans to recognize these outstanding students with their medals, certificates of appreciation and monetary awards at a later date. ★

Gladiators Heat Up the Mat



Brady Rogers proudly shows off his second place medal from the Bronco WC Tournament. Photo provided by Joe Ruggirello



This little Gladiator, Clairryssa Watkins, took home a 3rd place medal from the Bronco WC Wrestling Tournament. Photo provided by Joe Ruggirello.



These two smiling boys took home second place medals in their weight classes at the grueling Bronco WC Tournament. Pictured left to right: Jax Terrell and Emmit Burns. Photo provided by Joe Ruggirello



These Gladiators went north to the Jr. NorCal Elementary Tournament in Anderson. Emmit Burns (left) took home a third place medal, while Mason Sisk would bring home first place! Photo provided by Joe Ruggirello

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After a tough day at the Bronco WC Folkstyle Wrestling Tournament at Bella Vista High School in Fair Oak on Sunday January 15th, some Gladiators went home bruised but not broken, and others rose from the mat victorious.

The Gridley Gladiators Youth Wrestling program, lead by Joe Ruggirello, participates in multiple out-of-the-area tournaments to expose his wrestlers to new experiences and at times very tough opponents.

That was the case with the Bronco WC meet, where nine traveled south to compete. Coach Ruggirello says, “It was a

humbling day for a lot of wrestlers on the team.” He continues, “This was the most upbeat tournament that we have been to thus far. With so many great wrestling clubs in attendance, the Gridley Gladiators fought hard all day long! When the dust settled, 4 of the Gladiators were left standing, going home with medals.” The four of the nine athletes that placed included Jax Terrell, Emmett Burns and Brady Rogers, all placing 2nd in their respective weight divisions. Clairryssa Watkins would also place, bringing home a 3rd place medal. Other members of the program would travel to the Jr. Nor Cal Elementary Round Robin Tournament in the northern section. ★

MEMORIAL

KATHLEEN SUE ADAMS • 3/21/1939 – 1/22/2023

Kathleen (Kathy) Sue Adams, 83, of Gridley, CA, passed away on January 22, 2023, in Yuba City, CA. She was born in Topeka, Kansas, March 21, 1939.

During the last four months of her senior year, she moved to Gridley, graduating from Gridley High School. She continued her education at Yuba College. She was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints where she held positions in Relief Society, Primary, Scouting, and Music. Her career, besides raising her family, was with the Department of Motor Vehicles and a CPA accounting firm. She was an avid quilter and shared her legacy and talent with family and friends. Family history was another passion.

Her surviving family are children John & Mona Adams, Julie & Scott Jewell, Jeffrey & Candy Adams; grandchildren Jennifer & Patrick Bowen, Jessika & Tim O'Hara, Joshua & Erin Adams, Joell & David Wallaker, Dewayne Michael Adams, Earline Adams; and great-grandchildren Patrick Bowen Jr, Baylee Adams, Payton Bowen, Connor

O'Hara, Jordyn Adams, Pence Bowen, Cennedeigh O'Hara, Colby Adams. She was preceded in death by her parents Albert H. and Vera W. Harris, her sisters Betty Lou Conaway and Elaine Adair Sparks of Kansas, and her husband, Jay Colby Adams.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on February 3, 2023, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1259 French Avenue, Gridley, CA; Bishop Pono Nako will be officiating. Burial will follow at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery.

The family extends their gratitude to Summerfield Assisted Living for their excellent care of their mother this past year.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL

RAFAELA VALDEZ • 10/13/1936 – 1/19/2023

A Mass and Catholic Burial will be held on Friday, January 27, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in Gridley, for Rafaela Valdez, 86 of Biggs, California. Rafaela passed away peacefully and surrounded by her family on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at Enloe Hospital.

Born on October 13, 1936, but registered on October 15, 1936, to Francisco Ramirez and Eufemia Falcon, in Los Mesquites, Huejuquilla el alto Jalisco, Mexico. Rafaela was a caring, loving, strong, independent, and hardworking individual who was the heart and soul of her family. At a young age of 15 she married Agustin Valdez, and they were married for over 58 years. She came to the United States in 1973 with her husband, Agustin, and five children at the time. They settled in the Gridley/ Biggs area, where she lived with her five daughters and one son for over 47 years. Rafaela was employed for Butte County Child Development Center “La Escuelita,” for over 26 years where she worked as a Teacher Aid Assistant. After retiring, Rafaela enjoyed sewing, gardening, raising animals, and spending time with her family. Since the passing of her husband, Agustin, in 2010, Rafaela lived on her own - she was independent and took pride in her home and garden.

Rafaela will be remembered for her strength, independence, and caring heart. Rafaela was truly the pillar of her family. She helped start and maintain her Ramirez family reunions for over 30 years. The many family traditions she created will never be forgotten.

Rafaela is survived by six children: son, Cruz Valdez (Jennifer Biely Valdez) of La Grange, CA, and daughters Antonia Valdez of Biggs, CA; Estela (Francisco) Lopez of Avenal, CA; Rosalinda Valdez (Antonio Garcia) of San Jose, CA; Magda (Jaime) Olivares, of Elk Grove, CA, and Norma Valdez (Jesse Ryan) of Gridley, CA. She is also survived by fourteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and one brother, Jose T. Ramirez, of Live Oak.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Gridley Funeral Block Chapel following a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

Father Roland B. Ramirez of Sacred Heart Parish will officiate at the services, Friday January 27, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. and interment will be held at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. Join us after for a celebration of her life at Sacred Heart Parish Hall across from the church 1560 Hazel St. Gridley, CA.

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Gridley City Council ORDINANCE 843-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY TO REZONE AN APPROXIMATELY 4.6-ACRES FROM HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (M-2) TO COMMERCIAL (C-2), LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF HWY 99. (APN 021-270-014, -043, & -044)

First read by title only at the January 23th, 2023, City Council meeting.
Second reading and adoption anticipated on February 6th, 2023 City Council Meeting.
A complete copy of this ordinance is available for viewing at City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Gridley City Council will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the City Council will be held at a regular meeting scheduled Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on the date of the public hearing, via email to csantana@gridley.ca.us or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the City Council for consideration. Remote attendance is available by Zoom.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting will be provided on the City Council agenda available to the public on Friday, February 3, 2023, located on the City of Gridley website.

Resolution No. 2023-005; General Plan Amendment to amend the land use designation from the various residential land use designations of Residential, Very Low Density, Residential, Low Density, Residential, Medium Density, Residential, High Density 1, and Residential, High Density 2 to Residential providing consistency related to recent state legislation supporting increased housing densities in all zones creating non-conformance to the General Plan. (City wide)

Ordinance No. 844-2023; An ordinance to prezone lands within the Sphere of Influence, outside of the city boundary, to provide consistency with planned land use designations of the General Plan.

SUMMARY:
In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the City Council on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Donna Decker, Planning Department, at (530) 768-5090 or email at planningdept@gridley.ca.us.

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Encinal ES Playfield, Live Oak HS Sports Field, Luther ES Playground LLB Project

Landmark is requesting SUBCONTRACT BIDS for the Live Oak USD **Encinal ES Playfield, Live Oak HS Sports Field, Luther ES Playground LLB project**. The project consists of rehabilitation of the Encinal ES Playfield, Sports Field rehabilitation at Live Oak HS and playground replacement at Luther ES. **Subcontractor bids are due February 21, 2023 by 2PM.** Refer to the bid documents for the complete scope. All RFI's and bids will be received at the Landmark main office via email at frontdesk@landmarkconst.net, attention Estimating. Do not contact the District or Architect directly regarding this project. A complete set of bid documents and requirements are available at: <https://landmarkconst.net/plan-room/>. Landmark is willing to break down work items into economically feasible units to facilitate DVBE participation. We are willing to assist qualified DVBE firms in obtaining bonds, lines of credit and/or insurance. This project requires the use of a skilled and trained workforce per the Education Code section 17407.5 as defined by the public contract code section 2601, by subcontractors at every tier, to perform work which falls within an apprenticeable occupation. Labor code section 1725.5 requires all contractors and subcontractors to be registered with Department of Industrial Relations.

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Resolution 2023-R-004 Resolution to enter into an agreement with the County of Butte related to parcel ownership and to authorize the City Administrator to administrate and execute agreements, and contracts on behalf of the City Council.

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To Advise or Not to Advisor

Now that many investor portfolios have been cut to ribbons, the phones are ringing with investors asking familiar questions like should they sell their stocks, buy more stocks or do nothing and just sit there.

My first question to anyone who calls is to ask the investor if they had protective stops in place (predetermined sell points) and sold some positions as the market fell, or did they instead follow the "buy and hold for the long term" crowd which possibly led them down the rat hole of devastating losses.

I am of the opinion that most people practice sound money management when playing a slot machine. Simply put, at a certain point they pick up their chips and walk away.

In my opinion, investors should practice a similar strategy with their investments. After all, your lifetime's savings are much more important than the few hundred dollars you might forfeit at a one armed bandit.

I am always surprised at the number of advisors and investors who do not practice nor even consider having predetermined sell points to protect against severe market crashes.

Most professional traders I know who use their own money or manage large funds use stop loss strategies to protect against devastating losses. Just tune into CNBC sometime. You'll eventually hear many of the big traders discuss principal protection as being tantamount to successful trading.

Why many professional advisors may not use stop loss strategies is a mystery to me. They stick to the old adage "hold for the long term" and just ride a market down to wherever it might end up and where it ends up might not be a very nice warm and fuzzy place.

Instead, it could be a place where one loses sleep, his sanity, his or her spouse as financial pressures mount along with a good portion of their lifesavings.

I can hear the familiar chant of "the markets always comes back" from the peanut gallery right about now and I doubt that this time around those words are providing much comfort to those that have lost a good portion of their retirement accounts in the 2022 sell off.

Although prolonged market crashes of this magnitude are rare, they do happen, and when they do, the ongoing damage to portfolios can take years to recover.

Consider this: if buying and holding forever and a day is your long term strategy, why not consider sitting on one of the myriad of index funds available on the public market and fire your advisor?

Not that I recommend against using a financial advisor. After all, I am in the financial industry.

My point is if you know a little bit about the markets and trading stocks yourself but you're strategy is to never sell, then why use an advisor?

For the most part, that may be pretty much their plan as well, so why pay someone to do what you can do yourself?

If you do decide to go it alone and hold for the long term no matter what, then the question becomes what index funds does one buy to wade through the thick and thin of the market's boom or bust cycles?

I can't answer that here for obvious reasons but there are plenty of resources out there to guide you through the selection process.

In my opinion, one of the best reasons to use an advisor is for providing some sort of principal protection. That means they should have a plan for exiting or at least reducing market exposure in downturns.

Although in recent decades investors and many younger advisors thought they had seen the pattern that markets always come back, this time around the crash of 2022, which may be continuing into 2023, has taught them a valuable lesson: *Markets always come back until they don't. And if they do always come back, the damage from a prolonged market hammering can be costly.*

As in very costly.

Keep in mind, had an investor sold at least some stocks on the way down, there would be lots of cash to pick up some stocks as better prices materialized.

In conclusion, this article is probably not going make me a lot of new advisor friends.

But realizing that all financial advisors are supposed to be fiduciaries (have the investor's best interest at heart over their own) I just had to at least put it out there right?

To find out if your advisor has a loss prevention strategy, just ask the question: "At what point will you sell me out or at least lighten up on my stocks in a market crash?"

In my opinion, their answer should be immediate, concise and definitive.

"Watching the markets so you don't have to"

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Kiwi fruit is not native to Northern California, and it can be challenging to grow in the region due to the cool, moist climate. However, with proper care and protection, it is possible to grow kiwi fruit in Northern California. The hardiest varieties, such as 'Arctic Beauty' and 'Ananasnaya', are better suited to the region's cooler temperatures and shorter growing seasons. Kiwi fruit plants are dioecious, which means that

there are male and female plants. Only female plants will produce fruit, so it is essential to have at least one male plant for every eight to ten female plants in order to ensure pollination. The plants will begin to bear fruit in 3-5 years.

In Northern California, the kiwi fruit plants have to be protected from frost, so they should be covered with a frost protection blanket or row cover. The fruit should be harvested in late fall after the first frost. So with walnut prices hitting new lows, some local agriculturists are considering kiwis ... again, like back to the future. For those of us who watch other people's businesses, it seems like there is a cycle of planting something new and different, then too many people plant the

something new and different, and then the price bottoms out. The food producers start looking for the NEW-new and different thing. The guy who has this system figured out is Manuel Quezada. Every new orchard has a sign that says Manuel Quezada planted this new orchard because Manuel learned something from the kiwis that has kept him busy for decades - don't be the farmer, be the guy who helps tear out the overproduced crops for the next new thing. Even better for Manuel is that the old "new" things come back every few decades. I bet Manuel has kiwis in his lunch box.

Josh F.W. Cook served as a Gridley Planning Commissioner. ★

SLE Owner Admits to Possession of Narcotics for Sale while Armed

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narcotics found in Anderson's possession.

Anderson is set to be sentenced on his offenses on March 22, 2023. If sentenced

to prison, Anderson faces a maximum sentence of seven years in state prison. In the meantime, he remains in Butte County Jail without bail. ★

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SPARKY'S CORNER

Are You Prepared to Evacuate in an Emergency?

When stuff hits the fan and you need to flee your home, being organized is the best way to protect your home and family.

If there comes a time when you have to abandon your house, an emergency probably won't give you enough time to gather essentials and take steps to limit property damage. Getting all of your ducks in a row before disaster strikes is the best course of action.

Evacuations in the U.S. are more common than most people realize, according to FEMA. Natural disasters aside, people are forced to leave their homes hundreds of times a year because of transportation and industrial accidents.

Here's a list of things you can prepare now in case your home is ever in harm's way:

Have a grab-and-go kit. Include essential supplies, such as water, food, and first-aid supplies.

What to Put In Your Emergency Preparedness Kit

- Your driver's license. • The deed to your house. • Proof of insurance. • Medical records. • Passports. • Social security cards. • A list of personal contacts.

Safeguard pets. Make sure they're micro-chipped and have I.D. collars. Create pet grab-and-go kits that include leashes, medications, meal bowls, and three days worth of food and water.

Know your utility shutoffs. Learn how to safely shut off all utility services in your home. FEMA has tips for shutting off electricity, water, and gas. Note: To turn off gas you may need a special wrench.

Stock pile sand bag materials. If you live in a flood prone area, keep sandbags on hand or the materials to make them. It takes 100 sandbags to create a 1-foot-tall wall that's 20 feet long. If you're filling bags on the fly, two adults can create the wall in about an hour.

When it's Time to Evacuate

Before you pick up and go (and if you have enough time) follow these steps – they're designed to protect your pets and help prevent property damage:

Shut off utilities. Turn off electricity, water, and gas. Doing so will help prevent additional dangers including flooding, fire, and explosions. Keep in mind, you're going to need the utility company to turn your gas back on when you return home.

Protect indoor stuff. Move valuables to higher levels in your home to prevent water damage. As an extra measure, wrap electronics and furniture in sheets, blankets, or plastic drop cloths.

Gather up pets. If it's not safe for you to stay, it's not safe for Fido. Make plans to stay with friends or at a pet-friendly hotel – most emergency shelters will only accept service animals that assist people with disabilities.

Lock your house. Because crooks and looters take advantage of evacuations, lock all doors and windows and don't leave house keys in an obvious place, such as a mailbox.

Important Stuff to Remember

Whether the order is voluntary or mandatory, if officials in your area tell you to evacuate, you should do so before things get worse. Although laws vary from area to area, you may receive a hefty fine or face a jail sentence if you don't follow a mandatory evacuation order.

Failure to follow an evacuation order can place your life in danger by leaving you stranded in an area with no basic services or food and water.

When you return home after an emergency, don't use matches, lighters, or any sources of flame or spark until you're 100% certain that you don't have a natural gas leak inside your home – you'll need a gas company service technician to confirm that it's safe.

Stay Informed with Emergency Alerts

Smartphone technology has made it easier to receive disaster alerts free of charge. You'll automatically receive alerts if you have a phone capable of receiving Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) and your wireless carrier participates in the program. To find out if your mobile device is capable of receiving WEA alerts, contact your mobile device carrier or visit CTIA - The Wireless Association.

Thank You,

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74



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Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

How many of your New Year’s resolutions have you made and broken already? Did you make any or did you just forget them? Trying to improve ourselves each year is a good thing. Making promises and keeping them is fine; but, being humans, we most often break our promises to ourselves.

We need a strong will, a good determination, and a path to follow in order to make our lives better. Having a strong faith in God, who always keeps His promises, is one way to begin.

When God made His promise to, 100-year-old Abraham and 90-year-old Sarah that they would have a child and generations more numerous than grains of sand, He kept it. When He promised the 70 members of the Hebrew family that had spent 400 years in Egypt that He would bring them to the promised land He kept His promise through Moses.

When God promised King David that a member of his family would always be on the throne, He kept it when His Son came to earth and left it to reign

on high with God, only to return one day to reign over all creation. God kept His promise.



The United Methodist Church

God also keeps His promises to you. Your freedom from sin and salvation for eternity is very important promise God intends to keep. All you have to do is let go of the sinful ways of life and return to God and believe in His Son, and live till you last days as followers and believers.

God doesn’t fail us. We can count on Him. From the days of Adam and Eve, and Noah, God has made pathways for His creation of man to return to a personal relationship with Him. His Holy Spirit walks with us, builds us up, and helps us commune with the almighty Lord.

Don’t give up! Lift up your eyes to the heavens from which all blessing flow. God keeps His promises. You can count on that!!!

Come worship with the Gridley United Methodist Church as we look to God’s promised for us all. We meet every Sunday at 10 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★

Transit Ridership Falter, Posing a ‘Fiscal Cliff’



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California utopians, including those holding public office, envision a state that by 2045 will have achieved zero net emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

The largest source of those emissions is transportation – the cars, trucks, buses, airplanes and railroad engines that carry Californians, the goods they need to live and the inputs and outputs of the state’s \$3.4 trillion economy.

To that end, the California Air Resources Control Board has issued seemingly countless decrees, including one that would ban the sale of autos with gas- or diesel-powered engines by 2035.

Public transit is central to the state’s hopes of reducing transportation emissions. Officials want more Californians to park their cars – or not buy them in the first place – and use buses and light and heavy rail systems for commutes and other personal trips.

Despite those hopes, transit ridership is going the other way, and transit system operators and advocates are using terms such as “fiscal cliff” and “death spiral” as farebox revenues decline and there is greater demand for taxpayer

money to shore up their operations.

Transit usage cratered when the COVID-19 pandemic hit the state three years ago and millions of workers either lost their jobs or shifted to working at home. Ridership picked up a bit when pandemic closures eased and employment finally returned to pre-pandemic levels. However, the California Transit Association says that as of the third quarter of 2022, overall ridership was averaging just two-thirds of what it had been prior to the pandemic.

“Some agencies have returned to pre-pandemic ridership levels and above, while others continue to struggle with ridership counts that are one-third of previous totals,” the organization says in a new “strategic plan” it unveiled in December.

The plan “comes at a moment when our industry faces serious existential threats – slow ridership recovery, a fiscal cliff, and a widening workforce gap,” Karen King, who chairs the organization’s executive committee, said.

The plan makes obtaining more financial support, particularly from the state, its highest priority, citing not only declines in ridership and operational revenue, but the state’s mandate that it get rid of its hydrocarbon-fueled buses and replace them with battery-powered vehicles. The cost of zero-emission buses and the infrastructure to operate them is tabbed at more than \$11.6 billion.

Three weeks after the plan was released, Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed

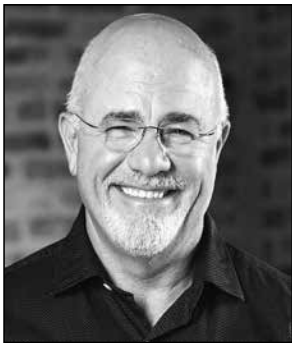
a new budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year with spending reductions to close what he said was a \$22.5 billion deficit, thanks to a projected decline in revenues.

Transit officials and their supporters didn’t like the budget’s treatment of transit, particularly a \$2 billion reduction in transit infrastructure. The industry’s top legislative advocate, Scott Wiener, a Democratic state senator from San Francisco, pledged to seek restoration of the funds and more money to cover transit’s revenue declines.

Wiener said, “We must not let our public transportation systems go over the impending fiscal cliff and enter a death spiral – where budget shortfalls lead to service cuts that lead to ridership drops that lead to further budget shortfalls and service cuts. The state must serve as a financial back-stop against this fiscal cliff to ensure our transit systems survive.”

The transit dilemma typifies the conflicts and tradeoffs that permeate the state’s hopes for achieving carbon neutrality 22 years hence. As a recent CalMatters analysis of the state’s ambitious but tortured plans to rid itself of hydrocarbon-fueled cars underscores, it’s one thing to declare such a goal on paper, but it’s quite another to make it reality when the precise steps needed are complicated, time-consuming and expensive.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



I Know He’s Your Dad, But It’s His Responsibility – Not Yours

Dear Dave,

My husband and I just heard of your plan. We are excited to learn more about money, and we have already saved up \$1,000 for our beginner emergency fund. Right now, we have a problem. My father has never taken his finances seriously, and the other day he asked us for \$400 to pay his cell phone bill and overdraft fees at his bank. Even as an adult, he would go to his parents regularly before they died asking for money when he always had a good job. Giving him the money right now would make things really tight for our family, and we don’t want to lose the ground we have gained where our

Dave Ramsey Says

finances are concerned. Do you have any advice?

– Brooke

Dear Brooke,

Way to go! It makes me to happy to hear folks so charged up and on fire to get control of their finances. You won’t regret the decision.

I’m going to be straightforward with you, ok? You and you husband need do the right thing, no matter how dad reacts to this. And the right thing, right now, is taking care of your family first and not putting your finances in jeopardy. If I were in your situation, my answer to dad would be no.

I understand there’s a feeling of obligation to help your father. But it sounds like dad needs to learn a lesson or two about life and money. When you say your dad is irresponsible with money, handing him more of it won’t help. It would be like giving a drunk a drink. On top of that, it will reinforce the idea he can continue being dumb with money and there will

be no consequences.

Trust me, I understand the emotions involved in helping out a parent. If you feel this is a situation where there is literally no alternative, I’d suggest making the \$400 contingent on your dad beginning – and successfully completing – a good financial counseling course. Whatever you do, be gentle and respectful when you talk to him. And make sure he understands it hurts when you see him struggling.

But let him know, too, it’s his responsibility to work through his bills and take care of his finances.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of “The Ramsey Show,” heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on “Good Morning America,” “CBS This Morning,” “Today,” Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

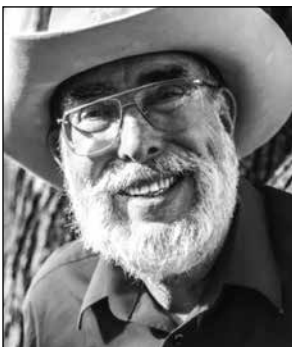
Once upon a time the golden leaves fell. The yard was glowing in yellow glory, the leaves did not get raked. The gardener knew the leaves would lose this beauty but could not destroy this bounty of golden glow. Father winter was marching forth, the winds and rains came. The gardener kept seeing moments where raking could take place but the

golden glow won over. The rains became a regular thing. The gardener did not want to rake when it was windy and rainy. The gardener knew full well that the leaves could not remain golden. The leaves began to turn brown; it froze. The rain continued, the freezing happened again, the leaves became soggy and brown. The sun shined so the gardener got herself outside and started raking soggy, brown, decomposing leaves. It was a difficult task. The leaves were heavy and hard to rake. Ah well all good and golden things do come to an end and have to be dealt with or the garden will be covered with rotted leaves that kill the plants. The gardener considered that this

might help with the elimination of plants. Then, realized that she was stalling and avoiding cold yard work. Out she went and made piles of wet, rotted, brown leaves. The gardener is currently cutting back other plants and avoiding picking up the piles of yucky leaves. It is raining again. She will have to pick up wetter and more rotten leaves after the rain. Moral of the story: Enjoy the beauty but remember to clean up the yard while the leaves are fresher.

The end of the month I’m going to Santa Rosa. I’m planning on going to the Luther Burbank Center. He was a pioneer in hybridizing plants. This is making me so happy. I’ll go on & on & on about it soon. ★

Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

We all know someone will find Jenkins’s cabin. Someday. Oh, it’s up there in those hills somewhere. We all know that.

It’s become a friendly object of conjecture and speculation. No one living has seen it, as far as we know. Jenkins himself died quietly when he was on one of his infrequent trips to town for supplies. Funny guy, that Jenkins.

He worked in the city for years, mostly as a night watchman in a factory that made diapers. Didn’t really enjoy people much, and told us many times how nice it was to just be in the huge factory when it was quiet. Then one day he decided to move to the mountains

We have yet to discover Jenkins’s lost cabin

and make pretty things out of leather. Once in a while he’d have his coffee at the counter at the Mule Barn, but often as not, he’d camp out on the edge of town for the two or three days it took him to sell his crafts and buy supplies. He’d smile and wave from his campsite, then he’d be gone one morning. We wouldn’t see him again for months.

Now and then someone would ask him where his cabin was, and he’d just point toward the mountains and say, “Up there.” How far up there? “A ways.” What was his cabin like? “Not too big.”

And so we came to regard the little cabin as an intriguing mystery, an object of local legend. After he died, several of the fellows tried to backtrack him to find the place, but Jenkins evidently didn’t take the same trail each time, as though he wanted his quiet times protected

from even a friendly visit from one of us. During his lifetime, we respected his wishes. In this country, a man has a perfect right to be a little strange. And, truth be known, we hold a certain admiration for those of us who hear different instructions. But there is something in the human spirit, also, that begs to have its mysteries solved. So now, several times each year, one or two of us will use the mystery of the lost cabin as an excuse to poke our noses into the nuances and seclusions of these hills. We play off our curiosity against our wishes to respect a man’s privacy, even when he’s gone.

We have yet to discover Jenkins’s lost cabin. Maybe we never will. Maybe that wouldn’t be such a bad thing, either.

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Vitalant Makes Emergency Appeal for Blood Donation

By Cindy Scott

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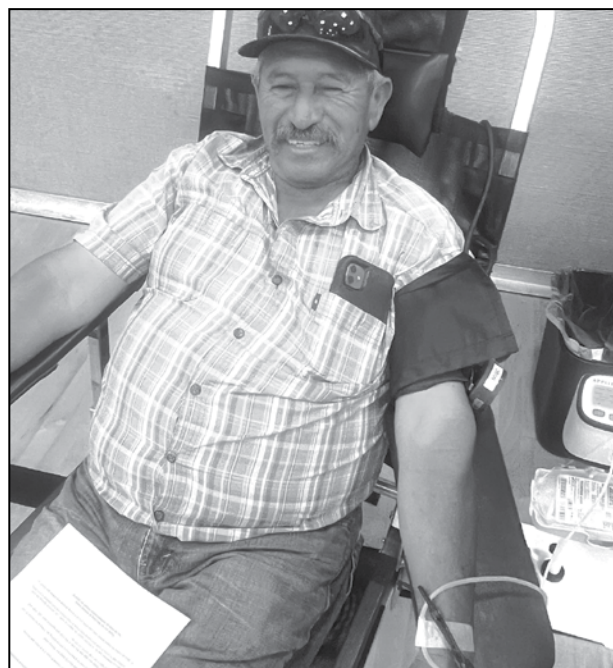
Business-hosted blood drives are down by 50% from 2019, and winter weather conditions across the country have caused donations to go uncollected.

While over 60% of the population is eligible to donate blood, only about 3% do. There is no artificial substitute for blood. It is perishable—it has a shelf life, and so regular blood donation is needed.

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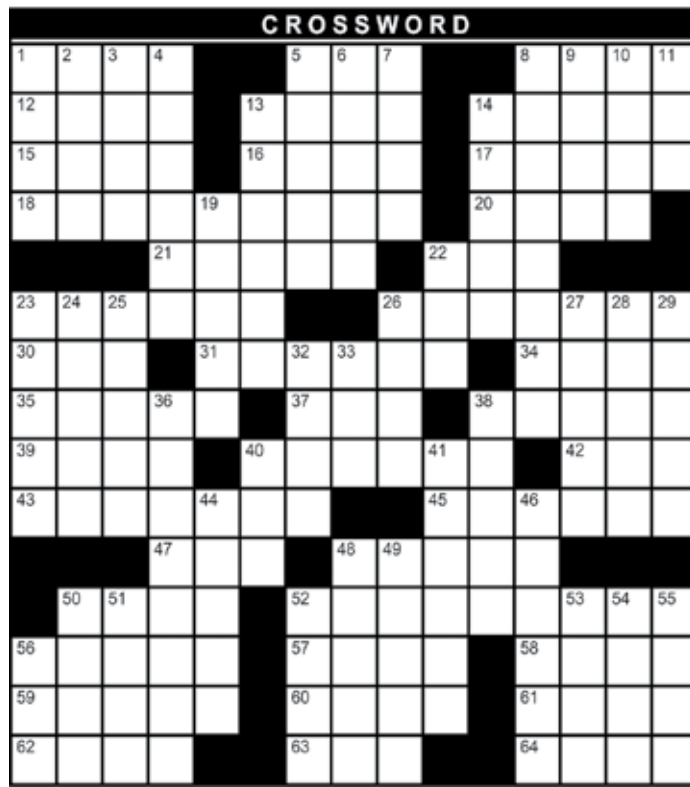
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Trojans Steal their Way to First Place in BVL

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Orland Trojans took first place in the Butte View League standings last Friday as they defeated the Gridley Lady Bulldogs in a physical 60-44 Butte League View victory.

Gridley and Orland are the two top teams in the BVL, and you felt the intensity once the game started from the jump.

The Trojans started defensively with a full-court-press on the Lady Bulldogs that turned the Gridley first quarter into the Brook Marr show.

The sophomore forward benefited off of the defensive effort of Orland because she was wide open in the paint, able to score all of Gridley's 10 points in the first quarter.

Lady Bulldogs senior forward and captain Ella Sannar expressed to the Herald that Trojans defense was a double trap so they didn't dribble as much as it was more a zig-zag pass game.

"When it came down to the other end, it's a two-on-one and Brook was open," Sannar said.

Gridley (15-6, 3-1 BVL) trailed 15-10 at the end of the first and it was mainly due to the outstanding effort of rebounding between Marr, Sannar and fellow senior forward Kennison Cota.

The Lady Bulldogs had 40 total rebounds throughout the game and Cota finished with 11 rebounds and two points in the game.

Gridley head coach Becca McCray exclaimed that the Lady Bulldogs are in synch with one another and locked in.

The Lady Bulldogs committed a lot of turnovers in the first half (15) that led to more offensive possessions for Orland and gave up a lot of rebounds which helped them build a comfortable 37-22 lead at the end of the first half.



Gridley sophomore forward Brook Marr (2) attempts a shot in the Lady Bulldogs 60-44 defeat versus Orland on Friday, January 20.



Gridley junior guard AnaGloria Luevano (5) guards Orland senior forward Zara Varner (21) in the Lady Bulldogs 60-44 defeat on Friday, January 20.

Marr told the Herald the Trojans threw up a lot more jump shots in the second which made for longer rebounds that the wing players were able to snag them off the boards.

Marr had 14 of her 21 team-high points in the first half and had 16 rebounds throughout the game.

Gridley opened the second half in a cleared head space. McCray mentioned to the Herald they had a "good" chat during the half.

The Lady Bulldogs opened the second half with a 10-3 run and only allowed Orland two baskets total in the third.

Sannar had eight of her 19 points in the third and chipped in six rebounds throughout the game.

Gridley did a better job taking care of the ball in the second half with only 11 turnovers, but once they closed the Trojans lead to 10 with a little more than three minutes to go in the third, they couldn't chop it down any further on the night.

After the final buzzer ended the game, it was clear that the Lady Bulldogs wiped the slate clean and were ready for another battle.

Gridley was ranked one spot ahead of Orland in every Northern Section poll in the MaxPreps rankings from last Friday.

With less than a couple weeks before the final BVL matchup with the Trojans on February 7, the Lady Bulldogs had a full week of practice to prepare for their lone game of the week this Friday night as they host Las Plumas.

Now that the league season is half of the way complete for Gridley, the final half of league games matter.

McCray told the Herald the game against Las Plumas is going to be physical comparatively like Orland.

Sannar added that during the rest of the league, she wants to see the continued high-energy the team has had throughout the entire season. Gridley beat Las Plumas 39-30 on January 10. ★

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Folsom Lake; Lake level fluctuating? Some trout to 3 lbs. USE: Speedy Shiner (bent). (a) Lake Almanor, Hamilton Branch. Mix of rainbows and browns. USE: Rapalas. (a)

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Blood Sweat and Tears: A Dad, a Son, and a Gym

By John Raspanti

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The gym is situated off an alley in an older part of town.

The door to the red square building is old and scarred, like a face that's taken to many blows.

Creaking steps lead to the entrance which is covered with pictures of a fighter over the words "Rest Easy Taj Fields."

Boxing lore is filled with places like this. The young Cassius Marcellus Clay (later Muhammad Ali) learned to box in a basement gym in Louisville, Ky. "The Brown Bomber," Joe Louis, found boxing at a Brewster Recreation Center in Detroit, Mich. Brewster's was small, smelly, and cramped, but soon became a second home to Louis, and sometime later, another youngster, born Walker Smith, who would be known to the world as Sugar Ray Robinson.

If there had been no tiny gym in Kentucky, and a recreation center in Michigan, the boxing world might have never witnessed the boxing prowess of Ali, Lous, and Robinson.

Without these work-a-day places, their dreams might have died.

Hit Squad Boxing is such a place. Once a nightclub, the gym found life in 2004. The man who opened it was a fighter of some renown. His talent was obvious to those who worked with him. He lived boxing to the fullest. To him, there was nothing else. As a young boy, he grew up listening to his grandmother tell stories about her cousin, professional boxer Joe Vargas, who fought for a world title in the 1920s.

The young man could feel her pride with every word she spoke.

"My dad was ten when he walked from Marysville to a gym in Yuba City to learn how to box," said Miguel Fields, son of Taj Fields. "It was owned by Mr. Romero. He watched world champions Bobby Chacon and Tony Lopez train."

Three years later, Fields was in Oakland working with Charles King in a rundown gym made famous years later by Olympic gold medalist, and world champion, Andre Ward.

"My dad had a pretty stellar amateur boxing career," the younger Fields said.

Taj Fields won over 100 fights, capturing the top spot in many California tournaments. He split two fights with future world champion Clarence "Bones" Adams and was crowned California State Golden Gloves Champion in 1996.

Fields was a dad at 17 and a professional fighter soon after. The



Miguel Fields, stands ready to fight, trained in the sport by his father, Taj Fields. Miguel continues his father's legacy, opening his own gym Hit Squad Boxing Center at 414 E Street, Marysville to train up-and-coming boxers. Flores says, "My father was a special person." Photo provided by John Raspanti

introduced to Sammie Lacross, Bill Silva, and Louie Jordan.

"It was my lifetime opportunity to learn with experienced trainers," said Fields.

Soon, his dad was back in the picture.

"My dad was a perfectionist," Fields said. "He was all about standards. We're in the gym and my dad pointed out a fighter who wanted to go to the Olympics. Dad told me, 'You see him? You've jumped more rounds than him."

"He planted it in my head at a young age about what a work ethic was. "If someone beats you, son," he told me, "I'm OK with that. That's part of the game. We'll come back, but if you lose by getting tired - that's not

Then we'd argue."

The professional ranks beckoned, but disagreements had become commonplace. Even Fields' boxing style was a point of contention.

"I was a boxer-puncher, Dad was a slugger," recalled Fields. "I came up in the era of (Hall of Famer) Roy Jones. Drove my dad crazy. He always said, 'keep your hands up.' Everything he told me needed to be said. I was just young and hardheaded."

Fields wanted to be his own man.

"I'd be getting ready for a fight, we'd have a fight, I'd go stay with my mom," Fields said. "Happened a bunch of times. I was also drinking and smoking. Being a world champion has been a dream of mine since I was four years old. I'd be home and see these other guys getting opportunities. I was lost."

More arguments, more silences.

"I know dad was training a top ranked fighter," Fields said. "We were in one of those things when we weren't talking."

The months dragged by.

November 2, 2016, seemed like a normal day until the unthinkable happened.

Fields hadn't spoken to his dad in eight months.

"I was sleeping. My Mom comes into the room screaming," said Fields. "Dad had been shot. We didn't know who did it. My little brother was with my dad. He saved his life. My little brother went to get help. He had to step over my dad's body. He's my hero."

Fields saw what was happening and shielded his son. The assailant fired several shots, all striking Fields who died where he fell - exiting the gym he loved.

He was 42.

Information came out later that the shooter was a friend of the family who worked at the gym.

"He had a lot of talent, but started hanging with the wrong crowd," Fields said. "He went to jail and was later treated for schizophrenia. After he got out of jail, my dad wanted to help him out. He started helping in the gym, but he was still having mental issues."

"We got close over the years. The guy was like a brother to me. He told me one time that my dad was more of a dad to him than his own dad. I never thought he would do anything. He waited for my dad to come down the stairs..."

Senseless. Fields was numb. And lost. The gym went dark.

"What my dad did in this

community, no one has ever done," Fields said. "He put this community on his back for these kids. Dad wanted to train a world champ, but

A few months later, still aimless, Fields received a call from a young kid his dad had been training. The kid needed a trainer. He wanted Fields to train him, but the answer was no. The kid persisted. Finally, Fields agreed.

"We would meet at a school and later at a church garage," remembered Fields.

"One day I heard a knock at my door," said Pastor David Dena. "It was Miguel. His dad used to come here. The gym was shut down after the shooting. He told me he had to do something to help the kids. I told him to go for it. We had some bags in the garage."

Soon, Fields was training several youngsters.

"It felt so natural," Fields said.

"When you give, you receive," Dena said.

The training helped Fields mourn, but his sorrow ran deep.

"I had a lot of regrets," Fields said. "Sometimes I'm upset with my own dad, even though he had passed away, and other days I'm upset with myself."

Fields then made a decision he wasn't sure he could keep. He would reopen his dad's gym.

"I didn't know if I had the courage," Fields said. "I've been here (in the gym) since I was thirteen years old. There's so much history."

And ghosts of the past in every corner. But Fields soon realized that even with the pain, came redemption. The gym was like home. His joy was obvious when the doors reopened to his dad's sanctuary nearly a year after his dad's tragic death.

Fields felt reborn.

"It gave me power, said Fields. "I had the keys back."

Losing the gym had been almost as bad as his dad's shocking death.

Success soon followed. Fields has trained two Northern California champions, a 2021 National Junior Olympics Silver medalist, and has two boxers, Kaden Freeman, and Felix Guzman, ranked in the top five. He has high hopes for



The boxing ring elicits many memories for Fields. Photo provided by John Raspanti

future looked rosy until an injury at his day job ruined his hip. Fields, who had compiled a record of 10-1 as a pro, was finished as a boxer. He was 24 years old.

He channeled his love of boxing to his young son, Miguel. They'd be a team.

"I can remember training next to my dad here in Marysville when I was four years old," says Miguel Fields with a smile. "There were times it was fun, and times when it was hell"

But Fields knew that his dad was molding him into a good fighter. A family problem caused the then-seven-year-old Fields to train in Modesto. Through his dad, he was

acceptable."

"I was up at four am running miles. If it wasn't up to his standards, there would be a problem. But there weren't many problems, because I knew what he expected."

Fields, like his dad, would win a number of amateur tournaments. He made it to the National Silver Gloves - competing with future professional champions Rasheen Warren, Adrien Broner, and Danny Garcia. His record was an outstanding 30-4, but there were problems between father and son.

"I didn't fight that much," said Fields. "Dad wanted everything to be ready and perfect. I'd train for six to eight weeks and no fight.



Honoring thy father. A small shrine-like area is dedicated to Taj Fields, amateur boxer and later, trainer at his son's gym, Hit Squad Boxing. Photo provided by John Raspanti

being here with the kids was his calling. He was a special person."

Near the anniversary of his dad's death, Fields woke up one day and asked himself what the hell he was doing. Not much, he answered. Soon after, he made a decision. He would fight, not in the amateurs, but as a professional. He had no choice. The itch was back. The dream of being a champion still burned. He had to find out.

"I lost sixty pounds in three months," says Fields shaking his head. "I had to fight for my mental health. For dad. But he wasn't here to train me. First time."

Fields thought he would be fighting someone of equal inexperience but ended up tangling with the Mexican National champion. He did pretty well in the early going but grew weak after losing so much weight. He ended up getting stopped.

Disappointed and angry, Fields searched for answers.

"I was upset with boxing," said Fields. "I put my blood, sweat and tears into this. I knew I had the skills."

16-year-old Guzman.

More importantly, Fields feels centered. As much as he misses his dad, he doesn't brood about it.

"I've made my peace," he says with a smile. "Now that I'm older, I know that everything my dad was trying to do, he had my best interests in doing it. He needed boxing. He did everything to the best of his ability."

Fields is the man at the gym. He's Coach Fields. Pictures of his dad adorn the walls as if watching over him.

"That was the cloth I was cut from," Fields said. "This is my paradise. I felt so bad before when the kids in the community weren't getting a chance to do stuff. That hurt."

The feeling is alive and electric in the gym. Kids smile. And work. Hard. Fields watches over all them as his dad used to.

As hard as it is to walk up the stairs where his dad died, Fields does it. It feels right.

Somewhere Taj Fields is smiling down and filled with pride.

He lives on through his son. ★