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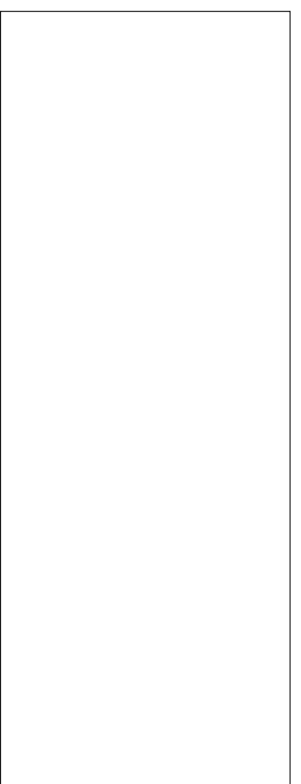


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## Marching Over the Bridge

*Celebrating the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.*



Marchers carry signs of hope along the route. Photo by Christopher Pedigo

By Teri Saya

**YUBA CITY/MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On the cold, rainy morning of January 13th, a group of approximately 30 people gathered on the front steps of the old Sutter County Courthouse in Yuba City.

They were bound and determined to march the 1.5-mile route, even in inclement weather. The signs they carried had images of Martin Luther King Jr., and some read in



Founder Lisa Harris speaks at the podium. Photo by Christopher Pedigo

bold letters, "Remember the Dream," "Love, Unity, Respect, Integrity," and "With Liberty and Justice for ALL."

Amazingly, as the group headed for the street... it stopped raining. With singing and laughter, cold breezes and grey skies, the march began at the courthouse and ended at 115 5th St. in Marysville. It was a highly visible route that took them over the Twin Cities Memorial

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## Reckless and Offensive

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Midday Friday, billowing clouds of smoke filled the air as an extremely large funeral procession became overzealous in honoring the memory of their loved one.

After a funeral ceremony held at Gridley's Sacred Heart Catholic Church, a large number of vehicles participated in a traditional caravan to the cemetery for the internment of the deceased, who will remain unnamed out of respect for family.

As the line of cars made their way down Spruce Street towards Highway 99, multiple vehicles were witnessed doing burnouts and donuts in the middle of Spruce street, abruptly crossing into the other lane and creating thick clouds of rank smoke. Witnesses reported watching vehicles spin circles, burning rubber in front of oncoming traffic, knocking debris



A truck burns rubber on Spruce Street. Photo by MPG staff

into the roadway, and creating a spectacle.

Gridley Police Department dispatch reported multiple calls at the time of the incidents' occurrence and units were quickly dispatched to address the reckless driving.

As the procession reached the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery, the shenanigans continued.

Concerned about what was occurring at the graveside and the potential for danger and DUI, a cemetery employee called authorities at 1:44 p.m.

to report that nearly 250 people were currently at the cemetery and some were drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana. The call was forwarded to the California Highway Patrol for assistance.

As the day progressed,

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## Robber Ordered to Stand Trial for Shooting, Paralyzing Victim

Butte County  
District Attorney

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Butte County judge today found there was sufficient evidence for Jaden Christopher Hollowell, 20, of Chico, to stand trial for an attempted robbery in which he shot and paralyzed the intended victim of a September 2023 robbery.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the robbery occurred in a vehicle in the 1200 block of Notre Dame Boulevard in Chico where the victim, a 25-year-old Yuba City marijuana dealer, was delivering marijuana at Hollowell's request.

Ramsey said evidence presented at Hollowell's preliminary hearing today revealed Hollowell and a 16-year-old juvenile cohort lured the victim dealer to a parking lot of an apartment complex, where they pulled handguns on the victim as he sat in his truck. The victim resisted the robbery attempt and was shot in the face by Hollowell, who claimed he thought the victim was pulling a gun on him. A butane lighter in the shape of a pistol was later found in the victim's truck.

Chico Police officers responded to the parking lot where they found the victim in his vehicle, and he was rushed to Enloe Hospital and then life-flighted to UC Davis due to the severity of his injuries. Ramsey said the shot went through the victim's nasal cavity and into his spine. The victim is now paralyzed from the chest down from his injuries.

Through extensive follow-up, including nearby surveillance videos, Chico police detectives were able to identify Hollowell and also tentatively his juvenile cohort. The pair had fled the area, and disposed of the firearms. The firearms have not been located.

Ramsey said once detectives had identified Hollowell, they obtained an arrest warrant for him, and he was charged with attempting to rob the victim and shooting him in the process. The investigation into the juvenile's participation and identification is ongoing.

Ramsey said Hollowell had previously been convicted of possession of a concealed firearm and domestic violence in

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The ABC Chinese Restaurant mailer has arrived in Biggs and Gridley. The mailer starts by bragging about the numerous prestigious Gridley Herald "Readers Choice" Awards they have won. Inside is a menu, and on the back is a Chinese zodiac list of the various zodiac animals. Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. Each year is assigned to one of these animals on a rotating basis. Whatever Chinese animal is in charge the year you were born locks you in for life; I'm a Dog, and my wife is an Ox. Two of my daughters are Pigs. No one I know claims to be a Rat. 2024 is the year of the Dragon. Chinese restaurants are the best because of the time you get through identifying the zodiac animals (and who at your table is which one), the food arrives before you

have a chance to get bored. Then the fortune cookies arrive, and after reading out loud your fortunes, your evening is complete. Restaurants without these zodiacological and soothsaying entertainments usually have the Gridley Herald and Territorial Dispatch available; I suggest these establishments as an alternative if you are not eating Asian but want dinner and game night combined. If there is no Herald or Dispatch to read before ordering and eating, you will have to play with the sugar packets.

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 Making another report of great local restaurant improvements, Casa Lupe Market has a walk-up window for their taco stand at the back of the grocery store. Significant improvement: now you can have a nice sit-down dinner in Casa Lupe, walk into the grocery store and get tacos, or plan and get the tacos at the window in the front parking lot.

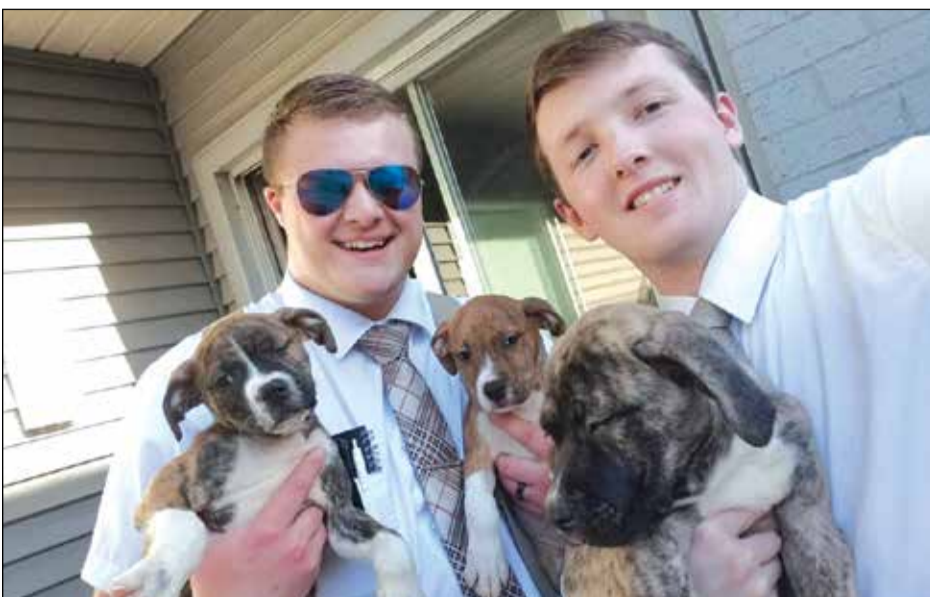
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 From time to time, I have considered changing the format of the Pi Line to be a New York Post style gossip column, but intellectual property laws and the spirit of former publisher Bill Burleson prohibit such. So, I can only add

occasional gossip to the weekly page 2. A tidbit of restaurant gossip: there is word among the "people in the know" that Dutch Bros. Coffee stand is looking to locate in Gridley (on the highway). If your addiction/habit cannot be fully fulfilled by the Mermaid Lady at Starbucks, a new caffeine dispensary may be coming. The best gossip is to talk up a Chick-fil-A restaurant coming to town; there is no basis to that rumor, but if you want a conversation starter, just bring up the restaurant that is never open on Sundays.

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 The idea floated by some local eating establishments to charge a "surcharge" for the recently increased California minimum wage is bad. It is not making people any happier by sneaking the costs onto the receipt. If a restaurateur wants a prestigious Gridley Herald "Readers Choice" Award, don't annoy the readers/eaters. If a restaurant is seeking an even more prestigious "best of" the Pi Line award, serve reasonably priced tacos three different ways in one building.

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 Josh F.W. Cook was born in Gridley; opinions expressed here are solely his. ★

# Young Man Completes Mission Service to Houston



Kirby Castagno (L) and Chance Nicolson, of Gridley, worked in the Texas Houston Mission, focusing on community service and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Story and photo by Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Chance Nicolson has completed a full-time mission in the Texas Houston Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served primarily in Houston, Cypress, College Station, and Magnolia.

Nicolson said, "Make plans and goals to become who God needs you to be. Improvement within ourselves and those around us will bring us the most peace and

joy, despite what's around us, because that is how we implement Christ in our lives the most."

Nicolson will first speak to the Liberty Ward congregation on Sunday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m. at 1259 French Ave. in Gridley. He will also speak that same day to the Young Single Adult congregation at 1:30 p.m. at 1480 Butte House Rd. in Yuba City. His parents are Melanie Little, Jared and Pam Nicolson, and Matt Little. His future plans are to attend BYU. ★

# Reckless and Offensive

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cemetery staff remained vigilant and posted themselves at entrance and exit routes to direct traffic. Meanwhile, Gridley Police Department, CHP, and Butte County Sheriff's Office had responded and were dealing with drivers exiting the cemetery that may have been involved in the previous incidents reported, conducting traffic stops.

It was observed that Gridley Police Officers had detained a white truck matching the description of one of the trucks performing donuts and burnouts on Spruce St. It is believed that vehicle was taken into possession by authorities. Police reports are being requested for more information regarding that incident and the events on Spruce Street.

At that time, services were wrapping up at the cemetery and more attendees were leaving. A different white GMC Sierra truck, very similar to the truck that had been detained by Gridley Police Department for burnouts, was witnessed driving over graves in the cemetery. The vehicle was observed leaving the north exit lane of the cemetery, driving onto the grass and headstones of one of the central portions of the cemetery to reach the main entrance lane, where it continued to drive the wrong direction and exit the cemetery. The drivers' actions were caught on camera.

Cemetery staff reported that another vehicle had also driven across the same area, but in a different section closer to the cemetery office. They also reported having to stop more than five cars from following the same course of action. Staff inspected the areas driven over and documented photos of muddy tire tracks that

were found on the base of a 94-year-old headstone. The cemetery reported the incident to Butte County Sheriff's Office, regardless of the fact that no damage could be found to any of the stones.

A records request is being filed for additional information on this incident.

Photos of the incidents spread on social media, especially the incident at the cemetery, causing great concern for families and friends with loved ones buried at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery.

After posting images of the disrespectful driver at the cemetery and their callous deeds, the editor for the Facebook page Gridley Media Group said that he had calls from families in Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Carolina, and even Arkansas contacting him wanting to know if they needed to travel to Gridley to confirm the safety of their families' resting places. Concerned himself, he personally went out to the cemetery and took photos of the graves believed to have been driven over, posting pictures to calm any fears.

Cemetery management has expressed that if anyone has concerns about their loved ones and their monuments, please contact the office and staff will do a site check and provide photographs of the gravesite requested.

In regard to the incidents that occurred Friday, cemetery staff, at the direction of the cemetery board, have declined to comment until after a meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday the 17th, 2024.

The Gridley-Biggs Cemetery can be reached at 530-846-2537, and is located at 2023 State Hwy 99, Gridley, CA 95948. ★

# Robber Ordered to Stand Trial for Shooting/Paralyzing Victim

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2021, and was on probation supervision at the time of this robbery. Hollowell next appears in court on January 31, 2024, at

8:30 a.m. to enter a plea to his charges and set trial dates. Hollowell remains in Butte County Jail subject to a no-bail hold. He faces a prison term of 25-years-to-life. ★

# Animal Control Program Alerts Public about Impersonation

Butte County Public Health News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Department of Public Health's (BCPH) Animal Control Program is alerting residents, especially those who live in the unincorporated areas, that several Animal Control vehicles were broken into earlier this week. Some items stolen, including blank

animal control forms, could be used in an attempt to impersonate an Animal Control Officer.

If residents are approached by an Animal Control Officer, they should ask to see their Butte County Animal Control personnel ID badges. Residents who suspect they have been approached by someone impersonating a Butte County Animal Control Officer are asked to contact Animal Control at 530-552-3888. ★

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# Solis Pleads 'Not Guilty'

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Friday, January 12th, Michelle Solis appeared in Butte County Superior Court to be arraigned on multiple charges.

Solis was arrested November 13th, 2023, after a Gridley Police Department press release reported that evidence was obtained by investigators revealing the school teacher was in a sexual relationship with a former student. In addition, explicit images of her were found in the possession of the juvenile. Solis was subsequently booked into Butte County Jail on charges of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor -261.5 (d) PC. According to court documents, Solis posted bail on November 14th and was released.

Solis appeared before Judicial Officer

Kurt W. Worley, represented by her attorney, Matthew Clinton Smith, and entered "not guilty" pleas on two felony charges: unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor -PC 261.5 (d) and distributing harmful matter -288.2 (a) PC.

At that same time, a Criminal Protective Order (136.2 PC) was served on Solis requiring that Ms. Solis have no contact and keep 150 yards away from the protected party, referenced only as "J.A." by the Court. The no-contact protective order was granted by Judicial Officer Worley.

Solis also signed a 977 PC form, waiving her right to be present at each court date and allowing her attorney to represent her at future hearings.

Solis is set to appear in Butte County Superior Court on January 25th at 8:30 a.m. for a preliminary hearing. ★

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# Celebrating the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

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Bridge where many cars honked their acknowledgment as they drove by.

The march was joined by Chairman of the Board, Sutter County Supervisor Karm Bains, Yuba County Supervisor Gary Bradford, and Marysville City Councilmember Stuart Gilchrist.

Supervisor Bradford spoke to the crowd just before the march began, "I would like to share one of my favorite quotes. I just think it's so relevant to what's going on in our world today." He went on to read, "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant." -Martin Luther King Jr.

Lisa Harris, who founded this commemorative march in 1999, flew in from Washington state for the event. She said, "I want to thank all of the Yuba-Sutter community for keeping this march going for 25 years starting in 1999 with just a handful of people. It's been a wonderful journey, and the journey continues with Dr. King and the legacy and the love that he spread to all people, and we just want to try to do the same thing."

As the march came to an end, the shivering group was welcomed into the warmly lit Bethel AME Church and offered hot coffee. Approximately 100 people filled the pews inside the church as the famous "I Have a Dream" speech was read and Martin Luther King Jr.'s biography was addressed. There was singing, poetry, and dancers.

As the event came to a close, there was recognition of the coordinators by Supervisor Karm Bains: "On behalf of the Sutter County Board of Supervisors, I wish to express the gratitude of the people of Sutter County to the Emmanuel Family Worship Center for organizing the event of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Unity March, between the cities of Yuba City and Marysville. This profound event connects both communities through Dr. King's loving and profound message of social change through non-violence. It is an enduring message to be passed down for many generations." ★



Supervisor Karm Bains holds a sign during the parade. Photo by Christopher Pedigo



From left to right, Supervisor Karm Bains, Founder Lisa Harris, and Supervisor Gary Bradford. Photo by Teri Saya



Councilmember Wade Kirchner, left, and Rep. Doug LaMalfa. Photo by Christopher Pedigo



Marilyn, Elila, and Matti Jane performed choreographed dances for the event. Photo by Teri Saya

## Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

### The Basics of Bookkeeping Accounting (Orland)

Learn basic concepts for setting up your bookkeeping and develop an understanding of financial statements to better manage your business. Learn and understand common terms used in bookkeeping so you can converse confidently with lenders and financial advisors. Learn key concepts for good record keeping for your business.

**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 1366 Cortina Dr. Orland

### How to Start a Successful Food Truck Business (Colusa)

You will learn about the nuts and bolts of starting a food truck business. Topics include the differences in purchasing or leasing a truck, how commissaries work, health permit and requirements, financing, and what your financial and time investment will be.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 425 Webster St., Colusa

### Understanding Food Costs and Pricing (Chico)

Join Butte College SBDC for a 2-hour workshop on understanding food costs and pricing. This training is for both existing and startup restaurants and food businesses. Topics will include: Understanding profit and loss statements; Industry benchmarks for food costs; How to work from a budget; Industry techniques for calculating plate costs; How to price for profitability; and best practice for managing inventory.

**Date:** Thursday, January 25, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

### New Venture Series for New and Startup Businesses (Orland)

This 4-part training series provides essential information to individuals thinking about starting a business and new business owners (in business one year or less). Topics include: Legal Requirements, Market Analysis, Cost Analysis, Funding Your Business, and Overview of the Business Plan - bringing it all together. You will learn the legal requirements for starting your business, how to assess your market and plan for direction, how to obtain funding, types of funding available, calculate start-up costs, and best practice for completing a business plan.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 1366 Cortina Dr, Room 125, Orland

### Financial Management Series for Existing Businesses (Oroville)

This 4-weeks series is designed to teach you how to utilize your financial statements to better manage and understand your business operations, cash flow, and profitability. Focus includes: interpreting & understanding your financial statements (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet) hands-on exercise & case study; identifying cash flow cycle & how it impacts your business; learning how to calculate & use financial ratios to troubleshoot fiscal dangers, and analyzing trends to improve business performance; using financial tools to make good business decisions for effective spending & break-even analysis; knowing how to think critically when looking at pricing and costs; and developing forecasts and budgetary tools and techniques to improve profit.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 1566 Huntoon St, Oroville

To Register for Trainings CALL: (530) 895-9017

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# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church

It's people we meet along life's journey that help us appreciate and navigate through all the hills and valleys of our years. God places people on our pathway that guide, lift-up, and help carry us on our way.

Some come for a season. Some come for a reason. Some for a lifetime. Take a look at people in your life now. How important are they to your survival? Has a stranger lifted you by a kind gesture or a word of encouragement? Has someone come into your life that made a huge difference in the way you go about doing things?

The Bible tells us when we entertain strangers, we often do so with angels from the Throne of God. God places in our way to help us continue. Think back to how you met or engaged with such people. They can be pastors, a little lady in the checkout line, a bus driver, even a police officer, or an EMT.

We as humans become God's feet and hands. You, yourself, could have been used to help others. Yes, even you!

Who led you to Christ? Who pointed

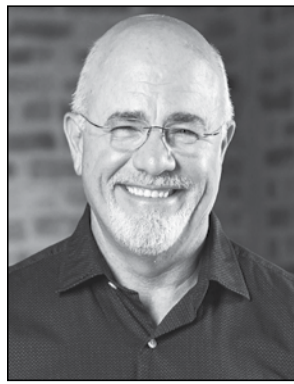


the way to freedom and peace? Who picked you up when you fell and couldn't get up? Who gave you hope and love when none was present? Think about it! Who did God place beside you to make a difference when you felt hopeless? At the time you may not have noticed them. Now looking

back you see what really occurred. Now think. How many times have you been placed in a situation when you were the giver of aid? Amazing how that happens. God uses the broken to repair brokenness. God uses the empty vessels to fill vessels in need. God uses a shepherd boy to kill a giant. God uses a jaded woman to save men on a mission..

God can use you too. Be open to God's ministry of help and hope. Who knows what He has planned for you? It just may be to turn a lost soul into a saved and honored part of life.

*Please join us at the Gridley United Methodist Church on your journey through life to help others or be helped. We meet on Sundays at 10 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★*



**Work Hard Now, Celebrate Later**

## Dave Ramsey Says

pretty good teacher when it comes to learning how the world really works.

One of the jobs of a parent is to look for teachable moments with their kids. Of course, when it comes to teaching there's always a chance the student won't learn the lesson well enough the first time around. I'm not sure how you're doing things, but if I were in your shoes, I'd follow these steps. First, give him a chance to earn some money. In my book, that means work. No allowances! There's a lot of self-esteem and value to be found in accomplishing a given task successfully. Then, once you pay him for the work he does, you have another perfect chance for teachable moments, because you can help him learn about saving, spending and giving, and how to do all three wisely.

It's always hard on parents when they see their kids unhappy. I know we went through it with ours. As a parent and protector, you want to jump in and

make everything okay. But the hard truth is that fixing or doing everything for them is the easy way out. And in the process of doing that, a child will begin to develop a sort of learned helplessness.

Sometimes, Lane, you need to love kids enough to not do things for them. Let them make some mistakes, experience the consequences and fix things themselves. And it's better for them to do all this while they're still under your guidance and protection.

- Dave

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

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have started teaching our five-year-old son about money. Do you feel we should step in and fix things when he makes mistakes, or let him experience the consequences of his actions? It's so hard on my wife, especially, to see him disappointed when he makes a mistake, and his plans don't work out.

- Lane

Dear Lane,

I know this might sound mean to some folks, but sometimes a good financial disappointment when you're young is the best thing that can happen to you. They're hard to watch happen, or to experience, but often they'll teach life-long lessons. No decent parent wants to see their child sad or hurt, but reality is a

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The leaves are finally gone. I didn't achieve this. My husband bought an electric blower. Now he wants to use the blower, no raking for him. I prefer raking. It is quiet, there is a rhythm to the movement, a satisfaction of making a pile of leaves then getting them picked up. I missed a couple of great clear days to get the front raked. I'm

not complaining that he blew all the leaves into piles and picked them up while I was gone. It does feel a bit like he's taking over something I've always done. I've accepted that he did this and now I can get to cutting down the perennial plants, he can't blow those. He is so happy with that new tool. He's had a battery-operated blower. It could just barely get leaves off of the cement. The new electric blower has gusto. The good of all this blowing of leaves is that the new blower is strong enough to blow the leaves out of the garden beds. They look great, hardly any leaves left. It was hard to rake leaves without ripping up

plants. It has become easier with fewer plants.

I'm going to get the second spray of the peach trees done when these storms blow over. I'm wondering if we are going to have an early Spring. I don't want to go out and see buds forming when I haven't gotten at least two spray sessions done.

The hawk pair out back and a block away were flying and screeching before it got colder. They are rebuilding their nest. I don't think they've laid their eggs, yet. One of them swooped into the yard a week ago. It was great to see it sitting on the fence. I think it's learned to go for the easy pickin's near bird feeders. ★

## Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

It was half-past second coffee and darn near to French toast time and it had been very quiet at the round table, that general headquarters of the World Dilemma Think Tank.

"Heard something interesting yesterday," said Herb. "Kids were talking on the sidewalk and I couldn't help but hear parts of it. I had to stop and ask them about it, even if it seemed rude to them.

"Seems somebody tipped them off that there was a thousand dollars in

### "You lost me there"

gold coins buried beneath the stepping stone going into Jenkin's cabin."

Dud looked up, "But nobody knows where Jenkin's cabin is, and he's gone now and we may never know."

"That's true enough. But there's more. The other thing I heard from them," Herb said, "was that it was you who told them about the gold."

Dud looked up sheepishly. "Well..."

"You did, didn't you, Dud," said Doc. "I can tell by the look on your face."

"Your fault, Doc. You remember you said a winter around here isn't complete without a hoax? Remember your fictional pet squirrel?"

"Yeah," said Steve. "Chipper."

"So, since I decided to train a few local dogs into a dog team, I thought this would be a good way to get started."

"You lost me there," said Steve.

"Well, with a couple dozen teenagers snowshoeing around looking for Jenkins's cabin, that ought to pack some nice trails for anyone with a team of dogs."

No one laughed until Doc started, and by then it was too late. Even sides of bacon couldn't quell the noise.

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## Food & Farm NEWS

**Merced, Sonoma Poultry Farms Hard Hit As Avian Flu Outbreak Spreads**

Outbreaks of a highly contagious strain of avian influenza have spiked markedly this winter, leading to the recent destruction of 3.78 million birds at poultry farms in Merced and Sonoma counties. Until last fall, the disease appeared to have left California poultry farms relatively unscathed compared to farms in states such as Iowa, the nation's largest egg producer. While California bird losses totaled 751,680 the first year of the outbreak, losses topped 4.7 million in 2023, with most of the cases occurring since October, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Desert Farmers Are Pleased With Winter Vegetable Harvest**

Winter vegetable harvest is in full swing in the Imperial Valley and growers say the conditions this season have been close to perfect. Growers say a fall planting season without heat waves and a mild winter have created ideal conditions for leafy greens and vegetables. Alex Jack of Jack Brothers grows lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower and other crops in the Imperial Valley. "Our crops are looking fantastic," Jack said. "We're pretty much right on schedule." The Imperial Valley and neighboring Coachella Valley produce the lion's share of America's winter vegetables.

**Snowfall, Rain Diminish In Early 2024 After California's Wet 2023**

Unlike early 2023, when nonstop atmospheric river storms built a deep Sierra Nevada snowpack, replenished depleted reservoirs and flooded parts of California, snowfall and rain has sharply diminished so far this year. In the days since the first Sierra Nevada snow survey of 2024 last week, storms added more snow, increasing the early January statewide snowpack figure of 25% of average to 36% of average as of Monday. At this time last year, the state's snowpack measured 117% of average, which is more than half of the average yearly total. But key precipitation months are still to come.

**Organic Market Is Robust For Berries, Prepackaged Salads**

The prospects for organic produce remain strong in these inflationary times, according to leaders of some of the largest grower-shipper operations. Statistics gathered by the Category Partners farm market data firm show that organic berry sales increased nearly 7% in the third quarter of 2023 compared to the previous year, while organic prepackaged salads were up 5.4%. Sales of organic lettuce, onions and tomatoes were all up less than 4% year over year, while sales of organic celery, squash and peaches were down. ★

# Berry Creek Homicide Investigation Leads to Second Arrest

## Butte County News Release

### BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) -

Over the past four months detectives learned that Harold Rodriguez-Blanco, age 24, of Oakland, planned and executed a robbery in the Berry Creek area of Butte County. During the robbery Alexander Licona-Romero, age 21, of Oakland was killed. In November 2023, Rodriguez-Blanco was arrested and later charged with felony counts of attempted robbery, kidnapping and false imprisonment.

During the investigation, detectives located additional evidence that gave them cause to believe Graciela Buenrostromendoza, age

31, of Modesto was also involved in the planning and execution of the robbery.

On November 29, 2023, detectives served a search warrant at Buenrostromendoza's residence in Modesto. At the conclusion of the search warrant, Buenrostromendoza was placed under arrest and later charged with felony counts of attempted robbery, kidnapping and false imprisonment.

This investigation is ongoing and additional arrests are anticipated. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Butte County Sheriff's Office Felony Investigations Unit at (530) 538-7671.

Original Press Release

On August 04, 2023, an individual contacted the San Francisco Police Department and indicated he had a deceased person inside a U-Haul. San Francisco Police Department personnel located a deceased male inside a U-Haul. The deceased male was later identified as Alexander Licona-Romero, age 21, of Oakland. San Francisco Police Department personnel located evidence indicating the death occurred in the Berry Creek area of Butte County. The San Francisco Police Department contacted the Butte County Sheriff's



Office (BCSO). During an investigation, BCSO located evidence that Licona-Romero and at least two other individuals traveled from the Bay Area to Berry Creek. Upon

arrival in Berry Creek, the individuals committed an armed robbery at an illegal marijuana grow. During the armed robbery, Licona-Romero was shot. After Licona-Romero was shot, at least two individuals transported Licona-Romero to the Bay Area. One

of the individuals later reported the incident to the San Francisco Police Department.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is encouraged to call the Butte County Sheriff's Office Felony Investigations Unit at (530) 538-7671. ★

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# Rapist Sentenced to Life

### Butte County District Attorney Press Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Chico man was sentenced in Butte County Superior Court today to a term of 25 years to life in state prison under California's three-strikes law for forcibly raping a local woman.

Leonard Wilson, 41, was sentenced to life by Judge Kristen Lucena following his plea to one count of forcible rape and

an admission that he had suffered two prior violent "strikes" in 2003 when he was sentenced to 14 years in state prison.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Wilson was on parole for his previous "strike" convictions of attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon on two separate Chico victims, when he physically assaulted his 69-year-old neighbor outside of her home, punching her in the face

on August 8, 2021.

When the woman, identified in court as Jane Doe, attempted to run to safety by going inside her own home, Wilson forced his way inside, berating her and threatening her and her animals. Jane Doe went upstairs to her bedroom and closed the door. Wilson kicked and punched the door, eventually gaining entry. Wilson then raped Jane Doe in the bedroom.

Jane Doe's roommates had

called the Chico police, who arrived while Jane Doe was still trapped in her bedroom with Wilson. Jane Doe was ultimately able to escape and receive help from the responding officers.

In court today, Jane Doe addressed the court, commenting on the continued pain and trauma the rape has caused. She thanked law enforcement and other responding emergency personnel for their assistance.

Ramsey noted today, "A life

sentence is a just outcome for a man who has consistently and violently attacked others. In this case, he assaulted his 69-year-old neighbor unprovoked, forced his way into her home and bedroom, and sexually assaulted her. Offenders like Wilson are why we need the Three Strikes Law."

In addition to the sentence imposed, Wilson will be required to register as a sex offender for life. ★

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Date filed in Butte County: December 19, 2023, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 2, 2022

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 2024  
CALIFORNIA 1-26-2024

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001042**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Chico Nails and Beauty, 968 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Tin Thanh Nguyen, 2777 Eaton Road #83, Chico, CA 95926 and David Minh Le, 2189 Huntington Drive, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: December 13, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 13, 2023.

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CHICO 1-26-2024

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000003**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Atrium Aesthetics, 1550 Humboldt Road Suite 6, Chico, CA 95928  
Atrium Nursing Inc., 1550 Humboldt Road Suite 6, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: January 2, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 1, 2023

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ATRIUM 2-2-2024

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The following person(s) are doing business as: South Seventy Auto Sales, 5280 Lower Wyandotte Road, Oroville, CA 95966  
Erica Estrella Brubaker and Todd Wayne Brubaker, 3 Satsuma Court, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: December 19, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 10, 2014

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SOUTH 2-9-24

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The following person(s) are doing business as: Warm Hearts, 429 California Street, Gridley, CA 95948  
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Date filed in Butte County: December 29, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000005**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Swallowtail Quilts, 95 Beaver Road, Oroville, CA 95966  
Carol J Kampstra, 95 Beaver Road, Oroville, CA 95966  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000021**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Reyllyn's House Room and Board, 1720 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Oroville, CA 95965  
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REYLYNS 2-9-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000042**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Mas Amor Mexican Food, 300 Broadway Street #A3, Chico, CA 95928  
Mas Amor Mexican Food LLC, 25379 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Los Molinos, CA 96055  
Date filed in Butte County:

January 11, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 10, 2024

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #23CV03529

Petitioner Kayla Leilani Vasquez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kayla Leilani Vasquez to Kayla Leilani Pizarro-Vasquez.

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 February 21, 2024, 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 December 21, 2023  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: January 5, 12, 19, 2024  
VASQUEZ 1-26-24

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #23CV03528

Petitioner Raeven Maxine Barrett filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Raeven Maxine Barrett to Raeven Maxine Pizarro-Vasquez.

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 February 21, 2024, 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 December 21, 2023  
Tamara / Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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BARRETT 1-26-24

**TRUSTEE SALE**  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No: CA07001651-22-1 APN: 100-383-007-000 TO No: 8781233 (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 2, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On February 20, 2024 at 11:00 AM, at the main entrance to the

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### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 433

#### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AMENDING TITLE 14 ZONING OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2022-2030 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

At its Regular City Council Meeting held on January 9, 2024, the City Council of the City of Biggs introduced Ordinance No. 433. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend certain text of Title 14 – Zoning of the City of Biggs Municipal Code, to increase housing opportunities, and provide consistency with the Biggs General Plan, and with current State Housing Law. The City of Biggs Zoning Code is hereby amended and adopted pursuant to Section 65850 of the Government Code.

The City Council will consider the adoption of the Ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 13, 2024 located at 3016 Sixth St, Biggs, California at 5 p.m. The complete text of the proposed ordinance is available at city hall. Citizens wishing to make their concerns or questions known are invited to attend the meeting or contact city staff in advance. Contact information is available at the city website ([www.biggs-ca.gov](http://www.biggs-ca.gov)) and at city hall.

Roben Benish, City Clerk

The Gridley Herald 1-19-2024



## Congressman LaMalfa's Bill to Exempt Wildfire Relief Payments from Taxes



Office of Representative Doug LaMalfa News Release

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Today, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) announced that his bill with Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA), H.R. 4970 - the Protect Innocent Victims Of Taxation After Fire Act, has been included in the new tax framework package deal

that was made by the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance.

The bill included many bipartisan agreements including increases to Child Tax Credits, Research and Development Tax Credits, and trade agreements with Taiwan. Congressman LaMalfa's bill exempts all wildfire relief payments from federal income taxes, and exempts taxation on legal fees, emotional distress, lost wages, and additional living expenses. The bill is fully paid for under this bipartisan agreement by repurposing funds previously authorized for COVID relief.

"I'm pleased and relieved to see my bill included in this bipartisan tax relief package. I have

been working this iteration of the bill, along with Congressman Thompson, to see that it be included in any bipartisan agreement that is created. Our bill has broad, bipartisan support and was passed by a committee vote unanimously, 38-0. I cannot overstate the importance the passage of this bill will make to the many fire survivors in Nor Cal, across California and around the nation who are being unfairly taxed on their settlement award money that is meant to help them rebuild. There should be no barriers stopping passage of this new package as it is fully paid for, bipartisan, and includes House and Senate support. Now that a House and Senate deal is done, it ought to pass quickly," said Congressman LaMalfa. ★

## Colusa County Farm Bureau Employee Taken into Custody for Embezzlement

Colusa Police Department News Release

**COLUSA, CA (MPG)** - In August 2023, the Colusa Police Department was contacted by the Colusa County Farm Bureau regarding an embezzlement. It was quickly determined that a significant amount of funds had been embezzled internally by an employee identified as Monica Sankey. Sankey's employment

was terminated when the embezzlement was discovered. After lengthy review of various financial records obtained during the investigation, an arrest warrant for Sankey was issued. On 1/16/2024, Sankey was taken into custody and booked at the Colusa County Jail. The investigation remains on-going. If anyone has any relevant information to this investigation, please contact Lt. Martin at 530-458-7777. ★

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### Employment Opportunities

#### Employment and Independent Contractor Positions at Messenger Publishing Group

We publish 18 local newspapers in the Sacramento Region. Our main office is in Carmichael. We have been publishing for 17 years and are seeking new qualified employees.

#### CURRENT WORK OPPORTUNITIES

**Office Administration** – We are seeking a full-time administrative support person for our newspaper group. This position works in the Carmichael office and works directly with the Office Manager. Work hours are between 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Previous office management experience is required.

**Production Layout/Graphic Design** – This part-time position assists with the layout of the newspapers and works with the production staff to create our weekly newspapers. Must have good working knowledge of InDesign production programs. Must be able to work within our current system and be able to take direction to meet our deadlines. Previous layout experience is a must. This is an entry level position. Work hours are between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. This position is in our Gridley office and begins in January.

**Copy Editor** – We are seeking a part-time copy editor for our newspaper group. This position works in the Carmichael office and works directly with Editor. Work hours are flexible between 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Previous editing experience is required.

**City Reporter** – We are seeking a part-time City Reporter for our newspaper group. This position may be assigned to work in the Carmichael office or another area office and works directly with the Editor. Work hours are flexible depending on assignments. Previous reporting experience is required.

**Advertising Services Support** – We are seeking a part-time Advertising Services Support person for our newspaper group. This position works in the Carmichael office and works directly with the owner of the company and the advertising/graphics staff. Work hours are flexible between 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Previous office experience is required.

**Delivery Driver** – We are seeking a part-time Delivery Driver for our newspaper group. This position would transport newspapers from our Carmichael office to our offices in Marysville and Gridley. Work hours are from 8:30 to 4:00 every Thursday. Must be able to lift and move bundles of newspapers without assistance. Must have your own reliable cargo van. This is an independent contractor position and pays a flat rate for your service.

**Newsstand Delivery Driver** – We are seeking a part-time Newsstand Delivery Driver for our newspaper group. This position works from the Carmichael office and delivers to our locations in the West Sacramento/Sacramento Region. Work hours are from 8:30 to 5:00 Thursday and/or Friday. Must be able to lift and move bundles of newspapers without assistance. You must have a reliable vehicle. This is an independent contractor position.

To find out more or to apply:

Email your questions or resume to [Publisher@MPG8.com](mailto:Publisher@MPG8.com)



#### LOCAL FISHING

Emergency White Sturgeon Laws  
October 2023

One White Sturgeon per year. Slot is 42"-48". Possession One. Sac. River Hwy. 50 Bridge, upstream, closed 1-1 to 5-31-2024. San Joaquin River Hwy. 5 upstream, closed 1-1 to 5-31-2024. Reopens June 1, 2024 to catch and release only. Sturgeon Report Card required. \$18.40

**Fisherman's Comment:** Brownie, where is your report on striped bass fishing in Yuba City and Marysville? Ans: Dear Reader: current reports on striped bass fishing in Yuba City and Marysville are done when fish are biting, if no fish are biting...no report.

#### SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

San Francisco Bay/ Emeryville. Rock fishing ends on Dec 31, 2023. Halibut season opens on March 2024. Dekker Island in the Delta; windy and lots of grass. Caught four Starry Flounders and six Striped Bass...Both on...Try: Sardine Cut Bait. (a)

#### COASTAL WATERS

Huge 12-foot waves, prevents fishermen from fishing. Party boats and commercial boats remain in harbor. Last trip Dec 31, 2023, party boats limit out on Dungeness Crab and Sanddabs. Crabs...Try: Squid. (b). Sanddabs...Try: Strip Bait. (b) North Coast commercial crab fishermen on strike. Buyers offering only \$3.00 per pound. Note: Squid bait cost \$3.50 per Lb. Bodega Bay: The last trip of Dec. 31, 2023. Twenty three anglers landed 230 rock fish and 230 Dungeness Crabs...

to 2.5 lbs. Rock fish...Try: Cut Bait. (b) Crab...Try: Squid. (b)

#### LAKES RESERVOIRS

Lake Berryessa; limits of 20-inch rainbows. Try: Spoons. (b) Pyramid Lake/ Nev. Lahontan Cutthroat trout bite slow-



Popcorn Beetles

ing down. Slow retrieve of sunken bait. Try: Popcorn Beetle. (a) Bullards Bar Reservoir; limits of Kokes to 13 1/2 inches. 50-65 ft deep. Try: Cut Plug w/ Tuna scent. (b) Davis Lake; ice is too thin to walk on. Ice Fishing Report next week. Lake Oroville; spotted bass at 15'-25' deep. Try: Swim Bait. (b)

#### RIVERS

Upper American River; first week of Jan, 2024 opener. Lots of fishermen. 1800 CFS flow. Steelhead to 8-lbs. Try: Soft Red Beads under Bobber. (b) Upper Sacramento River; landed 30 rainbows to 22- inches. Try: Fresh Salmon Roe Clusters. (b) Russian River/ Guerneville; 8-pound adult steelhead landed. Try: Steelhead Fly. (b)

"Grasping at straws"  
~ Brownie



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## SPARKY'S CORNER Christmas Trees

With the holiday now behind us, O Christmas tree, how saggy are your branches? The gifts have been removed from under the pine, the tree is swiftly losing its coat of green, and the needles are piling up on the floor, which means it's time to remove the tree from your home. Christmas trees are very flammable; dry out the longer they remain in the home, and can be consumed by fire in a matter of seconds.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) statistics indicate that nearly 40 percent of home fires that begin with Christmas trees occur in January. Although these fires are not common, they are much more likely to be serious when they do occur. On average, one of every 31 reported home structure Christmas tree fires resulted in a death. Compare that to an average of one death per 144 total reported home structure fires.

NFPA also offers tips on removing lighting and decorations from trees to ensure they are taken down safely this year and in the right condition for Christmas next year:

- Use the gripping area on the plug when unplugging electrical decorations. Never pull the cord to unplug any device from an electrical outlet, as this can harm the wire and insulation of the cord, increasing the risk for shock or electrical fire.
- As you pack up light strings, inspect each line for damage, throwing out any sets that have loose connections, broken sockets or cracked or bare wires.
- Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags, or wrap them around a piece of cardboard.
- Store electrical decorations in a dry place away from children and pets where they will not be damaged by water or dampness.

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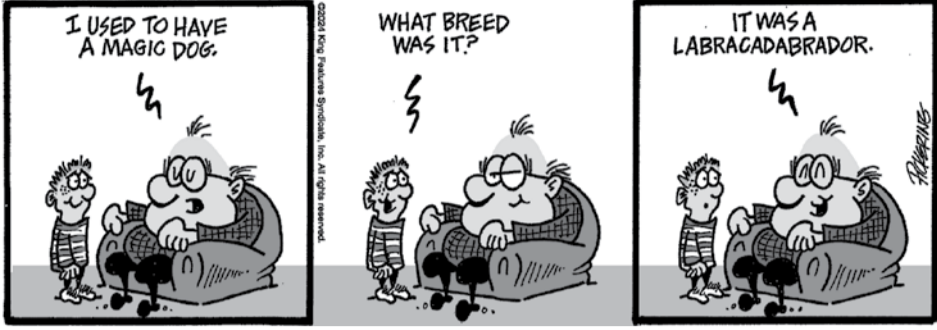
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Gridley Fire Station 74



# COMICS & PUZZLES

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by Jeff Pickering



## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



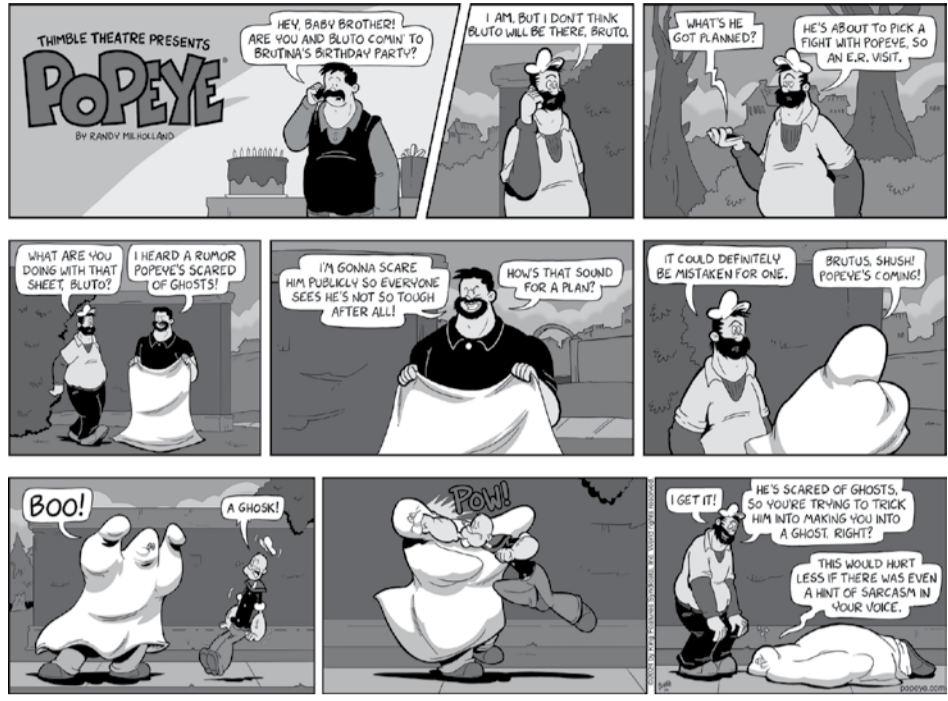
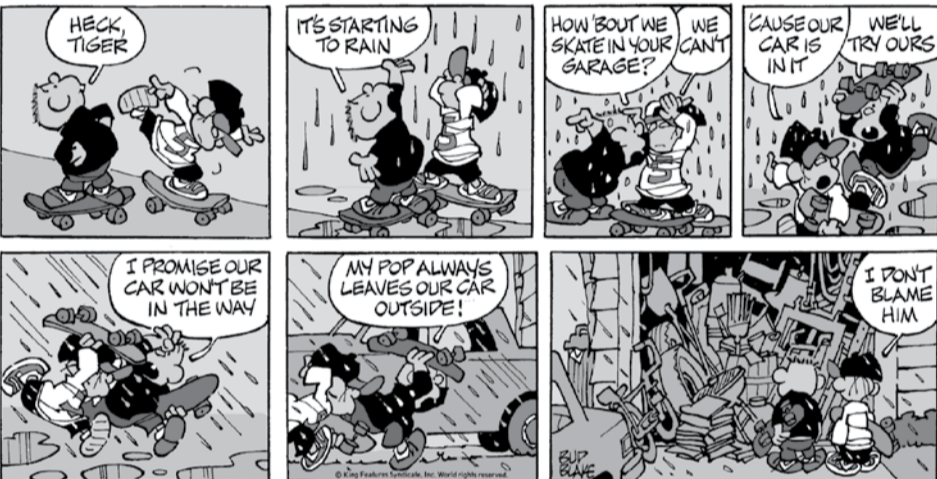
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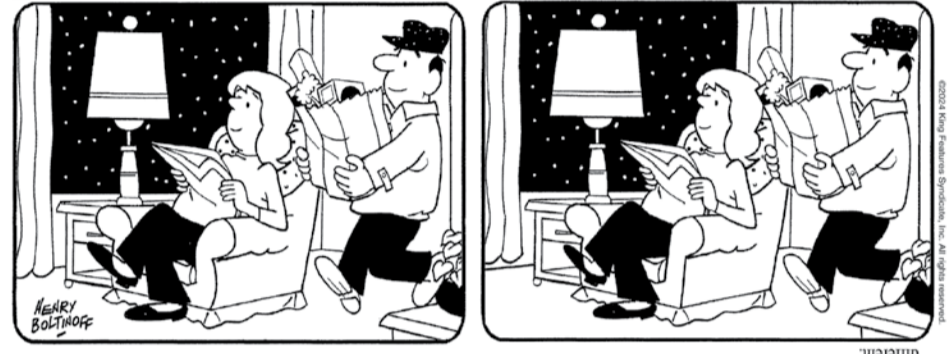
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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  - Caribbean island destination
  - \*The Recording \_\_\_\_\_, voting organization
  - \*\*"What Was I Made For?" movie
  - \*\*"A Boy Named \_\_\_\_\_" 1970 Grammy winner
  - Prickle on a wire
  - Drench
  - Waiter's handout
  - \*Grammy-nominated Lauper song, "True \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Amusement destination
  - Rachel Renee Russell's "\_\_\_\_\_ Diaries"
  - Extend subscription
  - South Korean boy band
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  - Fancy marbles used as shooters
  - U.S. Marine Corps gift recipient
  - EU currency
  - Aglet on a shoelace, e.g.
  - \*\_\_\_\_.com Arena
  - \*Miley Cyrus' Song of the Year nominee and popular romantic gift
  - Texas cook-off dish
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  - Send, as payment
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# Gridley Boys Bball Sweeps Week as Girls Split

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

## GRIDLEY BOYS' BASKETBALL

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley boys basketball team started off Butte View League play last week perfect as they went 2-0 with wins over Corning and Orland.

Gridley easily took care of Corning in the Bulldogs' 68-40 victory on Tuesday, January 9. The Bulldogs had phenomenal ball movement throughout the game as their lead grew from nine at the end of the first quarter to 29 by the end of the third quarter.

Gridley senior forward Aaron Kullar led the game in scoring with 20 points and 12 rebounds against Corning. Additionally, Bulldogs senior guard Travus Boyd had 10 points and 10 assists as the only other player in the game with a double-double.

This was the second time Gridley and Corning have played this season as they met previously on December 16, 2023, in the third place game of the Colusa tournament where the Bulldogs won by seven.

Every statistic in that first meeting was evenly matched, the difference in the match last week was the Bulldogs shot better from the field and outrebounded the Cardinals.

Gridley Head Coach Nathan Link expressed to the Herald that the defensive pressure his team had on Corning was great and the ball movement got everyone involved on the floor.

Bulldogs senior guard Luis Murillo, who was the Gridley steals-per-game leader as of Sunday, January 14, expressed to the Herald that to keep the strong defensive mindset as a team, is to believe that they are one of the best defensive teams in the league.

Gridley traveled to Orland on



Gridley junior guard Luis Murillo (3) gets ready to attempt a shot in the Bulldogs' 68-40 win over Corning on Tuesday, January 9.



Gridley senior Travus Boyd (4) drives towards the basket in the Bulldogs' win against Corning 68-40 on Tuesday, January 9.

Friday, January 12, and won a physical game 68-50 as Link told the Herald.

The win against Orland was the Bulldogs' fifth consecutive and the second time they have had a five-game win streak this season.

Gridley was able to pull away in the second quarter as they opened the quarter with a 9-0 run and eventually led by 16 at the half.

The Bulldogs and Orland played evenly in the second half to secure the win for Gridley and their sixth consecutive BVL victory.

The Bulldogs next scheduled game is Tuesday, January 23, at Las Plumas in Oroville at 7:30 p.m.

## GRIDLEY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley girls basketball team went 1-1 to open Butte View League play as they beat Corning and lost to Orland in the first week of league play.

Gridley struggled to make shots throughout the week as they shot 19% from the field against Corning in their 36-24 win on Tuesday, January 9, win.

This was the first win for the Lady Bulldogs of the season where they shot 25% or less from the field and secured the victory.

The shooting struggles continued as Lady Bulldogs Head Coach Becca McCray expressed to the Herald after they lost 51-46 on Friday, January 12.

McCray told the Herald that Gridley missed plenty of easy layups in the loss to Orland, but their defense was a strong focal point in the loss.

Although the Lady Bulldogs haven't shot the ball well from the floor lately, McCray expressed to the Herald that she knows the shots will eventually fall.

Gridley is next scheduled to host Las Plumas on Tuesday, January 23. ★

# Bulldogs Start BVL Play with Win Over Cardinals

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Bulldogs boys' soccer team opened Butte View League play with a 1-0 victory over the Corning Cardinals on Thursday, January 11.

Gridley is aiming to be back on top of the BVL as they finished second in the standings last season, and won the previous four years.

The league opener versus Corning was scrappy and eventful as both squads gave it their best effort on the field.

Bulldogs junior striker Nolan Weagant expressed to the Herald that it wasn't the prettiest game Gridley has played, but they did what they had to do for the win.

The first half ended in a tie at zero. Junior center midfielder Alfonso Martinez told the Herald the physicality aspect of the game is to be as level-headed as they can.

In the second half the Bulldogs struck the scoreboard in the 67th minute when sophomore Cesar Alvares put the ball in the back of the net and gave Gridley the 1-0 lead.

Although that is all the Bulldogs needed to win the game, the physicality of both defenses ramped up as there were some penalty cards shown in the second half by both sides.

Gridley shot the ball 21 times and only Alvares's goal was accounted for as a shot on goal.

Bulldogs senior goalie Adrian Santillan was

stellar in the box as he had eight saves in the match and secured his second shutout of the season.

Gridley Head Coach Jesse Barajas was impressed with the way his team came out and battled through the game.

Weagant told the the Herald the Bulldogs pre-season set them up to be ready for the league as it helped realize a lot about themselves as a team.

"We learned how to play together and build chemistry," Weagant said.

There was a red card assessed to Gridley in the 76th minute, but the Bulldogs defense was able to hold on for the victory despite being a man down.

Gridley plays Las Plumas at Harrison Stadium on Tuesday, January 23, at 4 p.m.

The Gridley girls soccer team lost 4-3 to Corning on January 11, as well. Lady Bulldogs senior striker Rafaela Anguiano, who is now the team leader in goals with 12, scored two goals in the loss.

Gridley tied the game at 3 in the 59th minute, but Corning quickly took the lead within the next 30 seconds after the kickoff.

Corning was able to hold on for the victory in the final 20 plus minutes and secure their first BVL win of the year.

The Lady Bulldogs are next scheduled to play against Las Plumas on Tuesday, January 23, at Harrison Stadium in Oroville. The game is scheduled to kick off at 6 p.m. following the boys game. ★



Gridley senior Gregorio Ramos (10) attempts to move the ball upfield in the Bulldogs' 1-0 victory on Thursday, January 11 over Corning.



Gridley senior striker Rafaela Anguiano goes towards the goal in the Lady Bulldogs' 4-3 loss to Corning on Thursday, January 11.

# CHP Highlights New Traffic Safety Laws

**CHP News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative session and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. The laws referenced below take effect on Jan. 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

**Vehicles: Registration AB 256 (Dixon)**

Existing law requires current month and year tabs to be displayed on the registered vehicle's rear license plate. Beginning July 1, 2024, and until Jan. 1, 2030, a violation of vehicle registration shall not be the sole basis for any enforcement action before the second month *after* the month of expiration of a vehicle's registration. However, if a vehicle is stopped for any other Vehicle Code violation, enforcement action for a violation of vehicle registration may be taken before the second month *following* the month of expiration. Late registration fees from the Department of Motor Vehicles will still apply.

**Vehicle Removal: Expired Registration (AB 925, Ta)**

Requires a peace officer or traffic enforcement official to verify the lack of current vehicle registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles before towing a vehicle for expired registration longer than six months and prohibits the vehicle from being towed if the officer or traffic enforcement official does not have immediate access to those records.

**Vehicles: Speed Safety System Pilot Program - AB 645 (Friedman)**

The cities of Los Angeles, Oakland, San Jose, Glendale, Long Beach, and the City and County of San Francisco may install a limited number of cameras to enforce speed limits for a five-year pilot period in school

zones and designated "safety corridors" – locations that have a high occurrence of fatal and injury

crashes – and areas known for illegal street racing. Recorded violations will be subject to a civil penalty.

**Vehicles: Stopping, Standing, and Parking - AB 413 (Lee)**

Designed to increase visibility at crosswalks, this law prohibits parking or stopping a vehicle along a curb at least 20 feet from a marked crosswalk or 15 feet of a crosswalk where a curb extension is present. The regulation only applies to the side of the road of the vehicle's approach to the crosswalk. Local jurisdictions may establish different distances through

local ordinances by marking areas with signs or paint.

**Cruising - AB 436 (Alvarez)**

The law removes city and county authority to regulate cruising via local ordinances. Additionally, the law legalizes "low-rider" vehicles to cruise California's streets, by removing the height restriction on

acting as an automobile dismantler. Individuals and businesses who have a legitimate purpose for having catalytic converters, such as repair shops, will be excluded from penalty.

**Vehicles: Catalytic Converters AB 1519 (Bains)**

This law makes it illegal to remove a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) marking from a catalytic converter. It also makes it illegal to possess three or more catalytic converters that have had their VIN markings removed.

**Vehicles: Catalytic Converters - SB 55 (Umberg)**

This law requires a

motor vehicle dealer or retailer to have the catalytic converter engraved or etched with the VIN before a new or used truck or car is sold.

The law does allow for the purchaser to decline having the VIN etched or engraved on the catalytic converter.

**Emergency Notification: Ebony Alert: Missing Black Young - SB 673 (Bradford)**

This legislation establishes the "Ebony Alert," which allows law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to activate an alert for Black youth, including young women and girls between 12 to 25 years of age, who are reported missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances, at risk, developmentally disabled, cognitively impaired, or who have been abducted.

**Emergency Services:**

**Endangered Missing Advisory - AB 946 (Nguyen)**

This new law will aid in the recovery of missing persons who do not meet the

age restrictions associated with the AMBER and Silver Alerts. The new law authorizes law enforcement agencies to request the CHP activate the "Endangered Missing Advisory" for public distribution of missing person information within appropriate geographical areas when specific criteria is met.

**Vehicle Safety Regulations - SB 68 (McGuire)**

This law authorizes the CHP to establish rules and regulations allowing commercial vehicles capable of carrying more than 500 gallons of fuel to exceed the standard 10 hours-of-service limit during Governor-declared State of Emergencies. The exception only applies for the purpose of vehicles transporting fuel for refueling aircraft used in emergency-related activities, including fire suppression.

**Pupil Transportation: Driver Qualifications - SB 88 (Skinner)**

This law will require drivers and their vehicles which are used by a local educational agency to provide pupil transportation for compensation, to meet certain safety requirements.

**Vehicles: Zero-Emission School Buses: Signage - SB 775 (Padilla)**

This law authorizes a school district, county office of education, or charter school using a zero-emission school bus to transport pupils at or below the 12th-grade level to place signage on the rear of the zero-emission school bus that identifies the school bus as a clean air zero-emission bus. It also authorizes the CHP to issue guidelines governing the size and placement of that signage.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security

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lowered vehicles.

**Automobile**

**Dismantlers: Catalytic Converters - AB 641 (Fong)**

This law redefined an automobile dismantler to include individuals in possession of nine or more catalytic converters. Additionally, the law creates penalties for individuals illegally



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