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Smiles for Sparrow!

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Sycamore Middle School made a mess of themselves, and anyone else who got close, in the name of fundraising last week.

The annual Color Run was held Wednesday March 20, with proceeds to be donated to the North Valley Sparrow foundation.

The NVSF is a non-profit that assists individuals and families battling cancer through various means, providing both financial and emotional support to qualified



These guys make color look cool.

applicants in 23 rural counties. This can sometimes take the form of cash assistance, gas cards, arranging accommodation and more

for those undergoing cancer treatments in our area. In the past, students, sometimes joined by family members, have

purchased, and released butterflies in memory of those lost to the horrible disease during a solemn ceremony held before the main event. This year runners got right to the fundraising fun.

Wearing white t-shirts with a Sparrow graphic on the front and their sponsors logos on the back, students grouped themselves by class grade level outside the central quad. Over a loudspeaker, staffers could be heard releasing each 6th, 7th and 8th grade groups.

Students got off to a *Continued on page 3*

Live Oak Sheriff Contract Finally Approved

By Sharon Pearce

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Moving the long discussed and debated Sheriff's Contract agreement to the last business item on the March 20 agenda was met with continuous disruption in the live stream during City Council discussion with Sutter County Administrator Steven Smith and Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes. City staff reportedly is working with Granicus to resolve the City Council live streaming problems.

The sheriff succinctly summed up the issues already set out for City Council in June 2023, along with the accommodations made in August 2023. If the contract was approved now, Barnes restated, the parties could meet and cover in an addendum if necessary any data obtained later or details for specific services acquired. After much reiteration, Barnes commended his staff on behalf of their work for Live Oak and ended their participation for the night. The motion to accept the contract was then passed unanimously.

A several-minutes-long teaching from Biblical text to not be "uncompromisingly righteous" was presented by Andrew Berlsein as part of the meeting's invocation.

Sutter County Fire Chief John Shalowitz, assisted by Golden State Fire Apparatus sales representative Brad Hanson, made an informational presentation about purchasing a new fire engine. City Council was told costs for new engines were going up quarterly, the current price being \$898,000 with a 48- to 52- month wait time.

Hanson explained that there is a 6,000-engine backup and only 1,500 engines can be built in a year. New emission standards will go into effect in January 2028 and with that an additional \$110,000 will be added to the cost. Hanson added another increase in interest to 1 to 1¼% is expected, saying City Council would not be able to obtain longer than a 15-year loan. The city was informed that if it prepays now, the price would be \$850,000; if it buys later, \$998,000.

When Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana inquired to whom the Fire Department goes for engine repairs, Shalowitz said that the Yuba City Fire Department mechanic is sometimes used and "sometimes they go to Sacramento." *Continued on page 2*

Masons Take You to Breakfast

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The annual Masonic Lodge Scholarship Breakfast brought the community out in force Sunday, March 24.

The Masons provided a nice spread to breakfast goers that included scrambled eggs with chorizo, sausage, fried country style potatoes, pancakes and waffles. If diners weren't interested in the eggs on the buffet line, the men in aprons had no problem cooking eggs to order.

Coffee was on hand to perk guest up, but if that wasn't strong enough, mimosas and Bloody Mary's were also available to guests over 21.

From 7:30 to 10:30, families streamed into the hall to support the fundraiser. Each year, the North Butte Masonic Lodge awards scholarships to students from area schools including Biggs High School, Gridley High School, and Live Oak



Above: Family Fun! These kiddos join their Grandpa Bob Onyett (back) as they line up for a tasty breakfast courtesy of his fellow Masons. Front pictured left to right: Lucas Onyett, Ella Onyett, Theresa Onyett, Cameron Onyett. Right: This "real man" wearing an apron brought many smiles to breakfast attendees as he served up mimosas!

High School. Two students from each high school are awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, for a total of \$6,000 each year.

This year the Masons are focusing on students that plan to attend trade schools. The hope is that these scholarships will

help students get into the work force faster as many traditional scholarships are aimed at students attending community colleges or universities.

Scholarship winners will be announced later in the year towards graduation,

but the North Butte Masonic Lodge would like to thank all those who attended and donated to support the fundraiser. ★

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

More Butte College is the best news. Butte College Instructor Ryan Heimlich has been teaching at Butte College for three years and has already received the prestigious California Music Educators Association John Swain College/University Educator of the Year award. Again, Butte College is a winner both in the classroom and on the basketball court. Has Shasta College ever won a National Championship in a sport? Butte has.

*** Gallup survey has again indicated that church participation is down from the last time they asked everybody if they are going to church. The latest number is that only three in ten U.S. adults attend religious services regularly, led by Mormons (an unwelcome slang term for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) at 67%. General-type Protestants (including non-denominational Christians) rank second, with 44% attending services regularly, followed by Muslims 38% and Catholics 33%. 11% reported attending about once a month, 56% seldom, 25%, and never-churchers 31%. In an odd bit of timing, a report was issued this week called the "Handbook of Religion and Health," it reviewed 326 academic peer-reviewed scientific

articles on the relationship between health and measures of "religiosity and subjective well-being, happiness, or life satisfaction," finding that 79% of those studies reported that religious people were happier and healthier. In contrast, only 1% reported that religion made people less happy (the other 20% were mixed with good and bad). So go to Church - be satisfied. There seems to be a myriad of social movements that fly their flags and expound their philosophies, but nothing matches the direct correlation between religious participation and happiness.

*** Josh F.W. Cook is an educator and Chaplin. Views expressed here are solely his own. None of the intelligence shared above is artificial or machine-generated. ★

Five Tips to Help Safely View the Upcoming Solar Eclipse



Glasses are essential when watching a solar eclipse. Photo by Dave Davidson of Pixabay

By Dr. Premilla Banwait, Vice President of Clinical Programs, UnitedHealthcare

CALIFORNIA REGION (MPG) - For people in California and hundreds of millions more nationwide, the upcoming solar eclipse offers a great opportunity to view a rare celestial event.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon blocks any part of the sun. On April 8, virtually everyone across the country will have the chance (weather permitting) to see at least a partial solar eclipse, while over 31 million people in a narrow path from Texas to Maine will have the opportunity to witness a total solar eclipse. In Sacramento, the eclipse coverage will reach a maximum of 34.3% at approximately 11:15:59 AM PDT.

While the solar eclipse is a fun and educational opportunity for everyone, there are precautions you should take to help maintain your eye health while safely viewing

this spectacle. Looking at a solar eclipse without proper protection may cause serious eye damage, including blurry vision that can last months, or even permanent problems such as "eclipse blindness."

Prevent Blindness, the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization, has been spreading awareness since 1908 about preventing blindness. Below are five tips from Prevent Blindness to help safely view the solar eclipse:

Get protected. It is unsafe to look directly at the sun at any time and during a partial or total solar eclipse, other than if you are in the path of totality during the brief total phase. Proper eclipse viewing glasses, which are heavily tinted - much more so than regular sunglasses - can enable you to see the moon track across the orb of the sun until it creates a total eclipse, revealing the sun's corona.

Avoid fakes. Use certified solar eclipse glasses, specifically ones that have been reviewed by the

International Organization for Standardization and look out for fake viewers that may be sold. A list of vendors that sell certified solar eclipse glasses is available here. And make sure to read and follow any instructions packaged with or printed on the glasses.

Don't add other devices. Even while wearing approved solar eclipse glasses, it's important not to look at the sun through a camera, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device. Doing so may concentrate the solar rays and damage the filter, enter your eyes, and potentially cause serious injury.

Use caution during the moment of totality. If you are planning to watch the eclipse from along the 13-state path of totality, eclipse glasses should be worn during the entirety of the partial eclipse phase and may only be removed once the moon completely blocks the sun. Once the sun reappears, glasses should be replaced.

Consider a comprehensive eye exam. If you or a loved one experience eye discomfort or vision problems following the solar eclipse, visit a local eye care professional for a comprehensive exam. Importantly, comprehensive eye exams may also identify vision problems while helping with the potential detection of other health issues, including diabetes, heart disease and some types of cancer.

The upcoming solar eclipse can be a fun and educational opportunity, provided you take the necessary precautions to protect your eye health. ★

Gridley Young Man to Serve Mission to Utah

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Benson Tolman will serve as a full-time missionary in the Utah Orem Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, one of 10 missions in the state. After completing at-home missionary training, Tolman will continue



Benson Tolman is preparing to serve as a full missionary in the Utah Orem Mission. Photo by Libby Tolman

his training in the Provo Utah Missionary Training Center.

Tolman will address his home congregation, Gridley 3rd Ward, at 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 31, at the Stake Center at 400 Spruce Street in Gridley. His parents are Justin and Libby Tolman. ★

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Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings



How to Start a Successful Food Truck Business (Oroville)

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, April 16, 2024 | **Time:** 8:30am - 10:30am

Location: The Barrel Room, 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville

Basic Sales & Use Tax and Tax Return Preparation Workshop (Chico)

Gain an understanding of sales and use tax, district tax, taxable and nontaxable labor, as well as foreign and interstate taxability. Discover exemptions and deductions which may be available to you. Determine how AB 147 and the Market Place Facilitator Act affects your business. Finally, get step-by-step instructions on how to file a Sales and Use Tax Return electronically using California Department of Tax and Fee Administration's new online services system.

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

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

First Steps to Successfully Opening A Restaurant or Food Business (Paradise)

If you are a first-time start-up restaurateur, a food entrepreneur who is looking for help with putting together a road map for successfully opening your business, or you are a new startup (less than 6 months) this workshop is for you! We will guide you through an overview of organizational strategies and timelines required from concept, to finding a location and working through the permit process up to opening day. Topics include: Organizational Timelines, Strategies and Resources; Business Plan Overview; Investors and Funding Options; Entity/Bookkeeper or Accountant; Location & Lease; Permits and Licenses Overview; Opening checklists; and other keys to success.

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

Cost: Free | **Location:** Paradise Ridge Chamber, 6161 Clark Road, Paradise

Step-By-Step Guide on How to Buy or Sell a Business (Chico)

Buying or selling a business can be overwhelming and costly if you do not plan ahead. Do you have an Exit Strategy or plan in place to sell your business in the near future, or 1 or 2 years? Have you considered buying a business instead of starting one? This workshop is for business owners looking to sell their businesses as well as people interested in purchasing businesses instead of starting their own. We will guide you through a checklist of requirements for successfully buying or selling a business. Topics will include: How to value your business, the due diligence process, structuring the deal, good and bad timing, what not to do, loan requirements and options, owner carry, and more.

Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 | **Time:** 8:30am - 10:30am

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

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Live Oak Sheriff Contract Finally Approved

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Santana asked if the city could use any of its current grant money for such a purchase and was told "No, it has to be awarded a new grant for this."

Brynda Stranix, district director, Yuba-Sutter Economic Development District, and Cynthia Rogers, grant writer, presented data on economic conditions and projections, including a rail line from Sacramento to Chico planned to expand access to housing and jobs that will take 10 years to complete. Stranix said employees are ready to work with City Council on grant writing for the Safe Streets program and for other needs.

"You have underutilized our services. We want you to utilize them. We can customize a package for Live Oak," Stranix said.

A motion to adopt the resolution

approving the 2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Performance Report and updated Appendices, and to authorize submittal to the U.S. Department of Commerce passed unanimously.

Sutter County Battalion Chief Richard Epperson discussed resubmitting an application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant to continue to receive staffing, which City Council approved unanimously.

All Consent Calendar items were unanimously approved, including a resolution designating Luis Cibrian as acting city manager, following former City Manager Aaron Palmer's separation from the position, and an agreement with Sutter County Fire for Fire Services.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting will be at 6 p.m. April 3 at 9955 Live Oak Blvd. ★

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quick start.

Participants would run a 30-minute gauntlet, their course the exterior perimeter of Sycamores' large field. Color stations manned by Sycamore students were strategically placed around the loop which saw hundreds of kids go from pristine to brightly caked within minutes.

Clouds of colored smoke swirls and jets of water could be seen raining down on the participants and anyone who was brave enough to enter the "splash zone." Large buckets of slime were employed to fully coat the participants and wreak delightful havoc. The water and slime helped the colored chalk stick to clothing, skin and hair, creating some very interesting, tie-dyed students!

Educator and color run organizer Christine Santerre reports that Sycamore was able to raise \$5,000 to donate to the North Valley Sparrow Foundation.

Sycamore would like to thank their sponsors: Gridley Teachers Association, Rosser Enterprises, Stohlman's Union Station 76, Barefoot Dance Company, Holt Construction, Chasing Butterflies Photography, Anderson Dragline Inc., Barrows Landscaping and Kids Castle LLC.

If you would like to donate to the North Valley Sparrow Foundation or learn more about their organization, please visit www.northvalleysparrow-foundation.org. ★



Students saturated in color take a minute to stop and smile during the Sycamore School Color Run.



Red slime flies towards oncoming runners, adding another layer of colorful fun during the fundraiser.



Tons of colored chalk created rainbow clouds as runners dashed through multiple stations outside Sycamore School to raise funds for cancer patients.

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Code Error Allowed for Seven Years of Free Recycling Services

Story by Teri Saja

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Recycling services for 65 commercial customers in Gridley will continue but with the normal charge.

Christian Garcia of Waste Management addressed City Council during public comment at the March 18 meeting. He took his three minutes to point out that 65 commercial customers were not being charged for the recycling service for the last seven years. It was a "code error" that was caught last fall.

"They should not have been getting service for free," Garcia said.

The customers were informed in November via a letter that they would be charged from now on for their recycling service with no back charges, according to Garcia, who produced a copy of the letter for City Council to review.

Gridley City Council members welcomed a new city police officer. Gridley Police Chief Rodney Harr introduced Natalie Barrera "as a part-time officer to begin with and hopefully full-time in the future."

Barrera, in turn, introduced her family: husband, Adam Barrera, who is also a police officer; their son, Raylan; and her sister, Amanda who is an ICU nurse.

Harr took the podium again to discuss the approval of a digital forensic services contract between the Butte County District Attorney's Office Investigative Unit (BCDA) and the Gridley Police Department. The agreement's focus will be forensic searching tools designed for digital media, including media contained within automobiles, cellular phones, tablets, cameras and other mobile digital storage devices, and any analytic programs designed to enhance digital forensic investigations. The cost for these services is \$4,000 for the year.

A council member roll-call vote was taken and passed unanimously adopting the resolution.

Donna Decker from the Gridley Planning Department asked City Council to authorize a 2023/2024 Home Investment Partnerships Program application to the California State Department of HUD (Housing and Urban Development) for funding of no more than \$12,200,000. The city of Gridley is partnering with

AMG Development for a 36-unit project called Orchard View 2.

"The HOME program has been very successful in supporting affordable housing projects in Gridley and the opportunity to continue to apply for HOME funding will further advance more affordable housing units," Decker said.

Councilmember Catalina Sanchez asked, "Does the home partnership only apply to one specific developer or can it apply to any other developer that may be interested?"

Decker answered, "No, it is specific to the Orchard View 2 developer. AMG would be the main planner and this will include four or five different entities for this project."

It was pointed out that there would be no costs to the city other than what it takes to apply for this grant.

The five council members unanimously approved the authorization.

Gridley Utility director Ross Pippitt requested approval of an upgrade to the closed-circuit TV system for sewer and storm drain monitoring. The system being used presently is outdated and malfunctioning, according to Pippitt, and parts for this unit are no longer available on the market.

To remove the old camera system and have the new system installed is estimated to cost \$149,134. This estimate was acquired through the U-Rock Municipality and Contractor Equipment from Sacramento.

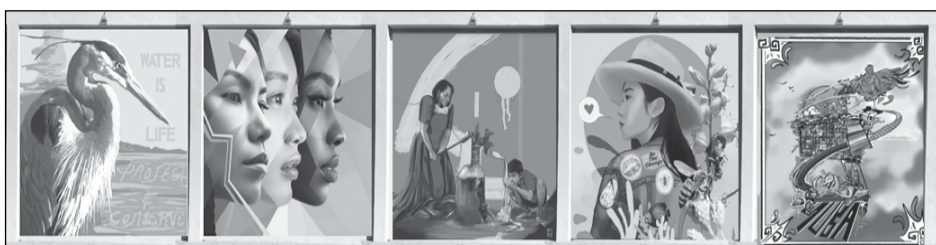
Pippitt moved on to the next item requesting City Council to approve the purchase of four three-phase transformers used as power supplies for commercial projects under construction. These purchases would increase the city budget by \$206,625. Electric what has funds available in reserve to cover the expenses.

City Council members unanimously approved to purchase the new monitoring system upgrades and four three-phase transformers.

The agenda and all attachments can be viewed at http://gridley.ca.us/public/uploads/pdfs/3-18-24_Regular_Agenda.pdf.

The next Gridley City Council meeting will be at 6 p.m. April 1 at 685 Kentucky St. ★

Artists Chosen for Mural Marathon in Yuba City



(From L-R) Rebecca Wallace - "Water is Life," Shane Grammer - "Embracing Unity: Women at the Heart of Humanity," Venazir Martinez - "Poso: Our Wellbeing," Madelyne Templeton - "Be the Change," and Ray Vidal - "The Ingredients That Bind Us Together." Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba City Mural Marathon, Art and Health Festival will be the biggest public art event of the year! Five outstanding professional mural artists have been chosen to create five 21'x 21' murals on the Church Street side of the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts over the course of just 48 hours. It will be like a sprint to the finish line for the artists and the public is invited to this free event to watch the magic happen as these stunning images unfold.

The beautification project is being made possible thanks to a major grant received by the Yuba-Sutter Rotary Night Club from the Upstate California Creative Corps (UCCC). The project is a collaboration with the Yuba Sutter Rotary Night Club, the Blue Zones Project, the Partnership for Health, Equity and Inclusion, and Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture along with other health care providers, artists, musicians, and environmentalists. The Mural Marathon is part of a larger statewide grant program to illuminate key themes including public health awareness, awareness of environment-related issues, civic engagement, social justice, and community engagement. The murals and adjacent festival address all these objectives.

The start time for the Mural Marathon is 4 p.m. on Friday, April 19, and "brushes (or spray cans) down" will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 21. Winners will be announced between 5 and 5:30 p.m. on the 21st. This is a juried competition, and the public is invited to be

part of the People's Choice selection process so be sure to fill out a ballot available at the information booth. The artists chosen to create their murals and the titles are Rebecca Wallace - "Water is Life," Shane Grammer - "Embracing Unity: Women at the Heart of Humanity," Venazir Martinez - "Poso: Our Wellbeing," Madelyne Templeton - "Be the Change," and Ray Vidal - "The Ingredients That Bind Us Together."

In addition to the Mural Marathon, on Saturday, April 20, visitors will enjoy a myriad of additional experiences. Health information providers including both County health and human services departments will be on hand to share resources about available mental and physical health services available in the community. The Blue Zones Project, a community wellness program, will offer demonstrations of simple, affordable recipe ideas and doable exercise plans. Chalk will be provided for a pilot Chalk Art project on the surrounding sidewalks. A community mural project will take shape as everyone is invited to "Paint A Picket." Paints and fence boards will be provided for all to paint a portrait for an upcoming art installation. And the live music lineup is second to none starting at noon with the West Grand Brass Band, followed by Jim Achilles at 2:15. Then at 3:30, it's the Fenix Drum and Dance Ensemble, Americana musician Jake Houshmond at 4:45, and it all wraps up with a performance by the Yuba Sutter Big Band Orchestra from 6-8 p.m. For more information, visit yubasutterarts.org. ★



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Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74



Jury Convicts Gridley Man on Crime Spree

Fatal Shooting Probably Tragic Case of Domestic Violence

Butte County District Attorney News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On March 27, a Butte County jury convicted a Gridley man of seven counts of theft-related offenses related to a crime spree in August and September of 2023 in his Gridley community.

The jury returned the verdict after approximately one hour of deliberation, finding Jose Florendino Tellez Garcia, 35, guilty on all counts presented to them – two grand thefts, three grand theft autos, a felony identity theft, and a petty theft.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the jury heard evidence from 16 witnesses of Garcia's crimes that occurred in August and September of 2023.

Ramsey said starting on August 9, 2023, Garcia stole hunting equipment, valued at more than \$950, from the driveway of a Gridley family residence. A couple of days later, Garcia stole snowmobile equipment, valued at more than \$950, from a trailer approximately one mile away from where the first theft occurred. Then on September 20, 2023, Garcia was seen driving a Gridley resident's stolen Ford F-250 before abandoning the vehicle and fleeing.

On September 26, 2023, Garcia was then seen driving a second Gridley resident's stolen Toyota pickup truck before

abandoning the truck in a field near his mother's residence and fleeing. California Highway Patrol officers later found surveillance footage from an Oroville gas station from the night before, showing Garcia driving the stolen Toyota pickup, and using a credit card belonging to someone else. The very next day, Garcia was finally caught by the Gridley Police Department with a third Gridley resident's stolen truck, a Chevy Silverado, at a convenience store in Gridley. Inside the stolen Chevy Silverado, officers found the keys to the previously stolen Toyota pickup truck. The next day, California Highway Patrol located the license plates of the stolen Chevy Silverado in a vehicle determined to belong to Garcia at his mother's residence.

Ramsey noted that his trial prosecutor Jordan Teja had meticulously pulled together all of the evidence of Garcia's separate crimes to present to the jury as a comprehensive whole. Ramsey said with "the dedication of the prosecutor and the Gridley Police and California Highway Patrol, we ensured that full accountability prevailed."

Garcia, who was previously convicted of a felony assault while an inmate in the Butte County Jail in 2021, as well as three prior grand theft auto convictions, now faces up to 16 years in state prison. He will be sentenced on April 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. ★

Yuba City Police Department News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Officers found a deceased female and a male with multiple gunshot wounds in an apartment complex at 1290 Northgate Drive, and a deceased male in a vehicle nearby, at about 1:56 a.m. March 16, according to the Yuba City Police Department.

Yuba City Police Department officers were responding to the area of Northgate Drive and East Onstott Road regarding shots heard.

Detectives from the Yuba City Police Department and the Department of Justice are investigating the incident.

The suspect was a 36-year-old male and the victims were a 34-year-old female and a 21-year-old male, according to the

Police Department.

The suspect and the female victim were in a previous dating relationship, according to the Police Department. The male died from what is believed to be a self-inflicted single gunshot wound, according to the Police Department. The female's injuries are not yet known and her death is being investigated as a homicide in what appears to be a tragic case of domestic violence, not a random act of violence, according to the Yuba City Police Department.

Names of the suspect and the victims are being withheld, pending additional family notifications.

No further information on this case has been released, as of press time. ★

Gridley Homicide Investigation Unfolds

Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On March 25, 2024, at approximately 6:41 p.m., the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) dispatch center was contacted by CAL FIRE dispatch. CAL FIRE requested deputies respond to a residence in the 300 block of Obermeyer Avenue, Gridley, to assist with a medical call that was determined to be suspicious. Deputies arrived at the residence and located a crime scene and a deceased victim, who was identified as Veronica Avalosdecardenas, age 55, of Gridley.

BCSO detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence. With the assistance of the California Department of Justice Bureau of Forensic Services, detectives

processed the crime scene for evidence. Detectives located evidence giving them cause to believe Avalosdecardenas was physically assaulted and murdered by her son, who was identified as Hugo Cardenas, age 32, of Gridley.

Detectives determined Cardenas left the residence in a vehicle after the murder. On the evening of March 25, the Stockton Police Department arrested Cardenas. Detectives traveled to Stockton and located additional evidence giving them cause to believe Cardenas murdered Avalosdecardenas.

Cardenas was arrested for an open count of murder and booked into the Butte County Jail. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Butte County Sheriff's Office Felony Investigations Unit at 530-538-7671. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001024
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gulbransen Organizational & Educational Leadership Consultancy, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928

Dr. Michael Alan Gulbransen, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: December 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 6, 2023

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: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
GULBRANSEN 3-29-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000182
The following person(s) are doing business as: Hampton Inn & Suites By Hilton Oroville, 2355 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965
Merchant Valley Corporation, 1808 Avondale Drive, Roseville, CA 95747
Date filed in Butte County: February 23, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 10, 2024.

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. 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: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
HAMPTON 3-29-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000154
The following person(s) are doing business as: Sue Rin Rentals, 681 Oro Dam Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965
Susanne Johns, 70 Country View Lane, Oroville, CA 95966, and Lorinda Louise Bruen, 12 Lemon Hill Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: February 13, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A.

This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
SUE 3-29-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000191
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bill Schorr Real Estate, Bill Schorr Realty, Impact Agent Network, Impact Agents, 1920 Cinnamon Teal Court, Gridley, CA 95948
William B Schorr, 1920 Cinnamon Teal Court, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: February 27, 2024. The Registrant commenced to trans-

act business under the above business name on: February 26, 2024

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: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
BILL 3-29-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000158
The following person(s) are doing business as: A and K Waterworks, 2722 Highway 99, Biggs, CA 95917
Lance Andes, 2722 Highway 99, Biggs, CA 95917
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A.

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
WATERWORKS 3-29-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000215
The following person(s) are doing business as: Made in California, 40 Myrtle Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Matthew C Johnston and Carleton Allyn Johnston, PO Box 3482, Chico, CA 95927.
Date filed in Butte County: March 5, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 5, 2024

This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024
MADE 4-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000184
The following person(s) are doing business as: Youth Armor, 6211 Forgotten Way, Paradise, CA 95969.
Ryan R Mulford, 6211 Forgotten Way, Paradise, CA 95969.
Date filed in Butte County: February 26, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 26, 2024

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YOUTH 4-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000163
The following person(s) are

doing business as: Andrea M. Wieder, 20 Independence Circle, Chico, CA 95973

Andrea M. Woodward-Sollesnes, 20 Independence Circle, Chico, CA 95973.
Date filed in Butte County: February 16, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 15, 2024

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: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024
ANDREA 4-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000909
The following person(s) are doing business as: GMG Styles, 1224 Mangrove Avenue, #10, Chico, CA 95926
Jessika M Allen, 820 W 4th Avenue Apt 115, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: October 20, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 1, 2018

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: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024
GMG 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000214
The following person(s) are doing business as: KS Projects Unlimited, 1203 12th Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Kathy C Gardner, 1203 12th Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: March 5, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 5, 2024.

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KS 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000252
The following person(s) are doing business as: Farmersfeed, 2451 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95966

Tye M Giesbrecht, 2313 HWY 45, Glenn, CA 95943, and Taylor M Giesbrecht, 7948 County Road 36, Glenn, CA 95943 and Brandon K Giesbrecht, 2369 HWY 45, Glenn, CA 95943

Date filed in Butte County: March 19, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself au-

thorize 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: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024
FARMERSFEED 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000250
The following person(s) are doing business as: Sign and Deliver Mobile Notary, 1775 Blue Heron Court, Gridley, CA 95948
Kristina D Estes, 1775 Blue Heron Court, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: March 19, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024
SIGN 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000199
The following person(s) are doing business as: Broadway Pawn, 534 Broadway Street, Chico, CA 95928
Bengtson Inc, 1037 Village Lane, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: March 1, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. 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: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024
BROADWAY 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000249
The following person(s) are doing business as: R and S Recovery, 1731 Hyer Court, Durham, CA 95938
Stephen Clyde Howard, 1731 Hyer Court, Durham, CA 95938
Date filed in Butte County: March 18, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024
RANDS 4-19-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV00069

Petitioner Ryan Gilbert Hurst-Alcantar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ryan Gilbert Hurst-Alcantar to Ryan Gilbert Alcantar.

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 May 1, 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 March 4, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024
ALCANTAR 4-5-24
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV00411

Petitioner anna daneen dugger filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: anna daneen dugger to Daneen Oksana Dugger.

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 April 10, 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 February 15, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024
DUGGER 4-5-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV00530

Petitioner Danielle Steidl filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Grace Kitchen to Grace Lynn Steidl.

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 April 17, 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 March 4, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024
STEIDL 4-5-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24cv00534

Petitioner Margie Karen Laslo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Margie Karen Laslo to Karen Laslo.

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 April 17, 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 February 28, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024
LASLO 4-5-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV00615

Petitioner Yesenia Melchor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Angel Alejandro Canela to Angel Alejandro Melchor.

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 April 24, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte,

North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on March 13, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024
MELCHOR 4-12-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV00616

Petitioner Yesenia Melchor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Angelo Rodriguez to Angelo Melchor.

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 April 24, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on March 13, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024
YESENIA 4-12-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVEN R. REEVES AKA STEVEN REEVES
CASE NO. 24PR00092

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Steven R. Reeves, Steven Reeves.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661
Publish: March 15, 22, 29, 2024
REEVES 3-29-24

CITY OF BIGGS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Biggs will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** in the City of Biggs City Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs, CA 95917, at which time and place interested persons may either attend and be heard or submit written comments prior to the conclusion of the hearing for the following project:

Tentative Parcel Map 2023-01 (Chavez) – Northwest corner 2nd Street/W. Rio Bonito Road, APN 022-170-057- A proposal to divide a 0.30-acre parcel to create two parcels for development of single-family residential uses. The project creates a net density of 6.7 units/acre and a gross density of 3.85 units/acre. The site is designated Medium Density Residential on the Biggs General Plan Diagram and located in the R-2 (Medium Density Residential) zoning district. This project has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 In-fill Development Projects and Section 15315 Minor Land Divisions.

As a courtesy to the public, the meeting will be broadcast free via the internet - no comments will be allowed remotely. The zoom link to watch the meeting is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5308680100>.

Public comments on agenda items are welcomed and encouraged in advance and will be accepted until 4 p.m. on April 9, 2024, by emailing the City Clerk at cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov or via the drop box at 465 C Street. Comments will be conveyed to the Council for consideration.

If any person(s) challenges the action of the City on the above-described project 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 comments delivered to the City of Biggs, 465 C Street, either at the public hearing or prior to the public hearing.

If you have any questions, comments, or wish to review the project file, please contact Roben Benish, City Clerk, Biggs City Hall, 465 C Street, Biggs, CA 95917, (530) 868-5493, or email comments to planning staff at: Planning@Biggs-ca.gov.

Roben Benish, City Clerk, City of Biggs

The Gridley Herald 3-29-2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OF PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY EDUCATION CODE SECTION S 17620 AND GOVERNMENT CODES 65995

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that immediately following a public hearing on the matter, a proposed resolution(s) will be considered by the Governing Board of Biggs Unified School District at its regular meeting on April 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., which if adopted by the Board will implement development fees established by the District against residential construction and reconstruction at \$5.17 per square foot and against new commercial or industrial construction at \$0.84 per square foot. Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995 authorize the proposed fees. Data pertaining to the cost of school facilities is available for inspection during regular business hours at the District's administrative offices. The fee, if approved by the Governing Board, will become effective on June 9, 2024, which is 60 days after the proposed adoption of the resolution levying such fee by the Governing Board.

The Gridley Herald 3-29 and 4-5-2024

VFW To Hold Open House Friday

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5731 is holding an informal open house this Friday, March 29 and invites area Veterans to join.

The VFW will open the doors of Veterans Memorial Hall to fellow servicemen and women in Honor of National Vietnam Veterans Day. VFW Commander Mike Farr says that it



is not exclusive to those who served in Vietnam and hopes that any Veterans interested in enjoying free donuts, coffee and good company will attend.

The open house will be held from 8:00 am till Noon at the Veterans Memorial Hall located at 249 Sycamore Street in Gridley.

Gridley VFW meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at the aforementioned location. ★

Maintaining International Partnerships

By Senior Airman Alexis Pentzer
9th Reconnaissance Wing
Public Affairs

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CA (MPG) - In the fields of Beale AFB, looms a large concrete structure home to the 7 Space Warning Squadron (7 SWS). The U.S. Space Force unit is geographically separated from its home station at Space Delta 4, Buckley Space Force Base, Colorado.

7 SWS is charged with monitoring the North American space domain, providing strategic missile warning and missile defense. The Upgraded Early Warning Radar (UEWR), at Beale AFB is capable of detecting, characterizing and disseminating missile threat information in seconds and is integrated with the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense System.

What many may not know is that a handful of Royal Canadian Air Force members also work at 7 SWS side by side with Space Force Guardians at Beale AFB. The Canadians of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Space detachment work closely with the Space Force in a symbiotic relationship that enhances space monitoring capabilities in North America.

The NORAD space detachment has 33 people stationed at eight different geographical locations, including various space sensor sites and command and control nodes across the U.S. The partnership is built with the goal to share and collaborate with allied forces to increase our capability for space warning and to provide resiliency, capacity and geographic advantages over our adversaries.

"I'm part of the Canadian NORAD space detachment, which is an agreement between America and Canada that happened a very long time ago," said Royal Canadian Air Force Sgt. Kristjan Lindvere, 7 SWS SNCO in charge of training. "Since its inception in 1958, we have been working hand in hand together, almost like a co-op system, where Americans go north to Canada, and Canadians go south to America, and we work together defending the continent."

7 SWS also hosts a training schoolhouse on behalf of Space Delta 4. Charged with

training new UEWR operator accessions, the unit's training flight manages a six-week training pipeline. Once fully trained, these operators head out to their UEWR assignments located across the world.

The instructors continue to operate the live weapon system to ensure proficiency. Maintaining mission currency is a prerequisite for the instructors to allow them to teach. Once graduates arrive at their respective UEWR systems, they undergo local certification training. This training varies site to site, but graduates become familiar with local procedures - ultimately culminating in mission certification. Canadian and American space operators are held to the same standards across training, evaluations, and qualifications.

"They [the students] all get taught the same thing," said U.S. Space Force Sgt. Dustin Wallis, 7 SWS deputy staff instructor. "However, having the Canadians here brings in a lot of information and knowledge that students wouldn't get otherwise; offering a fresh perspective gives us a bigger picture."

This collaboration between the U.S. and Canada, under NORAD, ensures that space warning capabilities are shared between both countries, protecting the entire North American continent. The students at the 7 SWS learn the specifics of the weapon systems they will be operating and the day-to-day operations of tracking objects through space.

7 SWS expands beyond our nation's borders by keeping track of satellites and debris that pass through space above the west coast of North America and over the Pacific Ocean. Learning to maintain positive contact with those objects is essential because they pose a hazard to our in-orbit assets and our astronauts, and it provides the opportunity for anti-collision. Space system operators also provide satellite decay monitoring and tracking to predict where an expired satellite may land.

"There's been an increased push for partnerships, such as with Canada, since the Space Force was stood up because of the congested and contested space domain," said U.S. Space Force 1st Lt. Moira Huftalen, 7 SWS student. "The key to winning America's battles in space are through our partnerships." ★

Congressman LaMalfa Makes Statement on Appropriations Vote



Office of Congressman
LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On March 22, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) issued the following statement after supporting the much-delayed partial 2024 spending package. The package reduces overall spending from last year's level by \$2.5 billion and cuts over \$20 billion from the IRS. The total spending package reduces

domestic spending by 7% and increases military preparedness as well as veterans care by cutting funds from the partisan "Inflation Reduction Act" and "Infrastructure Act".

"With all of the forces battling for even more spending and 'woke' policy in everything, the House Republicans held the line to reduce domestic spending while positively funding the military and veterans much more reliably than in temporary Continuing Resolutions. We clawed back billions in partisan spending, cut back on foreign aid, eliminated UNWRA funds that had been used by Hamas, while continuing to help our close ally, Israel. If this round failed, then the next bill would only get worse for those of us that

want to hold the line on spending as well as stop DEI and transgender craziness, especially in the military package. Though there is plenty to dislike in this spending package, at least it went through the Appropriations process and was seen by the public. With a Schumer led Senate and Biden White House, this is what we could responsibly pass in this divided House and Senate in what we got done today, instead of a costly and harmful shutdown," concluded Congressman LaMalfa.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties. ★

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Good news! Harbor Seals are seen gathering around the city docks in downtown Sacramento, in anticipation of eating small Striped Bass and baby Steelhead.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Halibut found in the upper Berkley Flat area. Try: Cut Bait. (a) Located White Sturgeon at the Delta Cache Slough. Caught 6-fish, all were either too long, or too short. Released. Try: Lamprey Eel. (a) Rio Vista/West Delta; the striper bite in progress. Trolling...Try: Yo-Zuri (a) Three Mile Slough to Prisoners Pt. on the San Joaquin River. Hooked 37 stripers, 17 keepers to 5 lbs. Trolling...



Yo-Zuri

Try: Yo-Zuri. (a)

COASTAL WATERS

Charter boats limiting out on coastal Dungeness Crabs. Try: Fish Offal. (b) Monterey Bay; charter boats reporting limits of Sanddabs, Petrale Sole, and Dungeness Crabs. Try: Squid Strips. (b)

LAKES RESERVOIRS

Shasta Lake; McCloud River Arm. Good results trolling 5'-20' deep for hefty 20-inch Rainbows. Try: Trout Magnet. (b) Lake Oroville. Landlocked Chinook

Salmon 21.25" X 5.5 lbs. Try: Cut Plug behind Dodgers. (b)



Trout Magnet

RIVERS HEADLINES

Klamath River Dams-KRRC's Sediment Plan- A Ticking Time Bomb. The Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) - has been misinforming everyone. Klamath Basin Monitoring Program (KBMP) The Dirty Truth Siskiyou County Health Department issued a press release ...Warning People to stay out of the Klamath River.

Comment: Pick up a copy of the Friday, March 22, 2024 Territorial Dispatch. Truckee River/Glenshire area; Rainbows have begun to show spawning colors. Fish the slow side-water eddies and behind boulders. Use sink-tip lines type 6, long 36" mono leaders. Try: Skwala Stonefly. (b) Note: Watch for the Midge and Baetis hatches. CDFW released 445,000 juvenile steelhead at Boyd's Landing. Feb, 5th and Feb, 13th count of up-stream migrating fish are: 42 Fall-run Chinook Salmon, 706 Steelhead. Low-flow channel...Flow 2500 CFS. Thermalito Afterbay Outlet release...Flow 7500 CFS. Line sides are in the Feather River at Boyd's Landing. Try: Live Jumbo Minnows (a)

"A fish out of water." ~ Brownie

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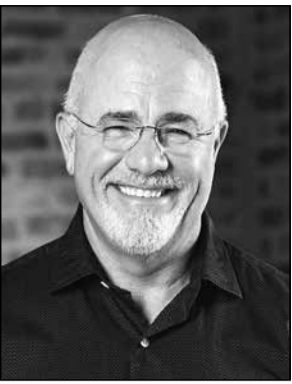
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Don't Risk It All

Dave Ramsey Says

a very real possibility. Diving head-first into opening a new business just because you're bored with your current situation, or tired of answering to others, is not a good idea.

Look, I get it. Lots of folks have an entrepreneurial spirit. And everyone I know like that wants to live their dream. The problem is these dreams can turn into nightmares, for the entrepreneur and everyone around them, if they don't plan wisely and very carefully ahead of time.

In my mind, one definition of a nightmare in business is "going all in." When you're playing cards, this means betting everything on a single hand. You never go "all in" when it comes to business. So, for the moment, the first question he needs to ask himself is this: How can I live my dream without going all in?

For starters, he needs to find something he truly loves doing and can look forward to every single day. To have any chance of success, he'll have to live and breathe that idea. I know you love this guy and want to help. So, the best thing you can do right now is express your concerns about his idea, and offer to help him think about what he could do every day that

would make him smile. Once he has the answer to that question, the next step is figuring out how to start that business without putting your entire financial world in danger. In other words, how can he save up some money—and start small—instead of blowing your entire savings or going into debt?

If you have some cash other than your emergency fund or retirement fund, it's okay to use some of that. But never, ever, go into debt to start a business, or pledge every dime you have to something that could be a complete disaster.

It's not an either/or proposition, Renee. He doesn't have to risk it all to get away from a job he hates and live his dream!

—Dave

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

Dear Dave,

My husband is a good, hard-working man, who has been stuck in a job he really doesn't like for almost 10 years. He came to me the other day with an idea to cash out his 401(k) and using the money to open a business. He has always loved the idea of going into business for himself, and I want him to be happy, but I'm not sure this is a good idea. Do you have any advice?

—Renee

Dear Renee,

Yes, I do have some advice. And it can be summed up in one word.

Don't.

I admire your husband's spirit, but the way he wants to approach this turns the entire situation into a trap. Think about it. If his business idea doesn't work out, you guys have lost your retirement savings, and bankruptcy becomes

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church



Easter is dawning. Great is the power of God. Great is His faithfulness. God promised a redeemer, a deliverer, and a Savior. Over and over God allowed prophets, priests, and judges to prophesy and tell of His plans for a new life for His creation.

He sent a baby in a manger to lift up His people and show them how He wanted to live with His chosen. Not a king in a palace. Not a warrior on a mounted steed. But a human living among the citizens to show examples of life with the Creator. Praise God!

He used the example of an ancient celebration, Passover, to give action to His words. A sacrificial lamb became a man, beaten and hung on a Roman cross, to offer His blood to take away sins and protect people from the angel of death.

How on the first day of the week, after a harsh and cruel Passover, glory shown through the darkness and the light of salvation broke the bitterness, and over came death.

Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

Now after over 2,000 years do you think Jesus in glory remembers that last few days? Of course! He also remembers the next 40 days to come as He visited,

talked to, ate with, and blessed those He lived with the last three years.

An empty tomb stands as a symbol of triumph, as a space left for life, and a reminder that Jesus had conquered the world. We can now live and believe that a better place

waits for us, that Jesus stands ready to welcome us, and angels line the paths to eternity. God Promised!

Every year we repeat our celebration of Easter, of a new beginning. We wait patiently as we work toward the return of our Lord. Like a butterfly opening from its cocoon, we spring forth to a new life in the Lord and stand ready to greet Him. Be ready!

Happy Easter! God Bless!

Remember to join us on Good Friday from 3-5 pm for a free Bible, and religious themed books giveaway. We will also do this on Saturday the 30th from 10 am to noon. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street.

Also on Good Friday at 6 pm we will have a Good Friday service. All are welcome to come.

On Easter Sunday we will have a sunrise service at 7:30 am. This will be followed by a potluck breakfast. Again all are welcome to attend. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots

By Barbara Ott

I'm going to attempt an elegy for a toad, a lamentation to a flat, dead toad.

The morning sun rises into day, The early walkers start across the way,

The toad hopped at night toward its destiny and was slay,

And became flattened and leather hard where it lay,

Now the toad lover walks up to this gruesome sight,

And the eyes of the walker land and hold,

Save where the water streams along as if in flight,

And sad sighs erupt to emphasize the car-caused leg and head folds;

Desires of toads hopping among the flowers,

The moping toad-lover to the fates complains,

Of such, as wishing that old fat, flat toad were ours,

Could be six baby toads do still live in

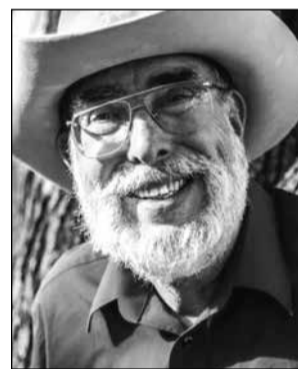
the hope that this toad not die in vain.

I'm on toad watch for the toads gifted to me last fall. Toads being cold blooded might not come out until warmer weather. Although I'm hearing stories by those with toads that their toads are hopping around when they can see them. I'll keep looking as I feed the turtle and fish. That is the area I set up as a toad habitat and released those six fat babies. I'll keep watching, you never know where a toad might have made a hole.

Funny story. As you know I go on and on about peach leaf curl. So, my three peach trees were sprayed and I'm expecting little to no peach leaf curl. Last year I dug up two baby peach trees and put them into pots with the idea to make them into Bonsai trees. I went out to check that all the little starter trees I have were well watered. What did I see on the little tree? Peach Leaf Curl! I didn't think to spray them. So silly. ★



Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

When old Joe Gilliam began digging that hole in his front yard, out there close to the street, neighbors watched and wondered. When he got his grandson to help him carry the shade tree sapling from his pickup to the hole, people nodded.

Mystery solved. Old Joe's planting a tree.

Mystery Solved

After removing the root mass from the five-gallon pot, the grandson disappeared and Old Joe was left to care for the baby tree. He carefully spread the tiny feeder roots out and tucked them in with soil. Then he packed more dirt around the tree's base and soaked it well with the hose.

No one else saw anything odd in Joe planting that tree, either, but Joe's been retired now going on 20 years. He's old and getting more frail

each year. By the time that sapling gets large enough to give homes to squirrels and birds and shade to neighbors and a resting place for dogs, Joe will have been long gone.

Planting a tree is an affirmation of faith in the future. It is a gift to those yet unborn. It is a legacy of goodness, an old man's prayer.

For a good start in the apple game, visit <https://www.temu.com/1-set-gardening>. ★



California Agrees to Water-Supply Cuts from Colorado River

California has agreed to make long-term cuts to the amount of water the state uses from the Colorado River. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and seven states in the Colorado River Basin, as well as 30 tribes and Mexico, are negotiating a plan to protect the river after a decades-long megadrought depleted flows and left key reservoirs Lake Mead and Lake Powell in danger of running dry. Under a Lower Basin states' proposal, which would take effect after 2026 and potentially last decades, California would forfeit about 10% of its allocation in most conditions.

With Groundwater Law to Turn 10 in 2024, Challenges Remain for Farmers

California's landmark 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which requires local agencies to create a roadmap to protect aquifer supplies for generations to come, turns 10 this year. The law was adopted amid the 2012-2015 drought, when a lack of surface water and depleted groundwater brought agriculture—especially California's citrus belt on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley—to a near halt. SGMA presents a difficult adjustment for agriculture. Researchers say the groundwater law could result in the following of between 500,000 and 1 million acres of farmland. ★

Spring Planting Means Decision Time for California Farmers

Falling commodity prices, rising production costs and water supply uncertainty are some of the factors weighing on planting decisions for California farmers this season. They say their crop options have narrowed, with canneries needing less acreage of processing tomatoes and a major seed company ending its sunflower seed program in California. Growers who have pulled out permanent crops such as almonds and walnuts in recent years due to lower prices are also looking to plant annual crops on the open ground. Cotton and feed crops, such as corn silage, may be possibilities.

Researchers Study Whether Agave Can Be State's Next Drought-Tolerant Crop

Researchers at the University of California, Davis, are studying agave plants as a potential drought-tolerant option for California farmers. The research is centered on agave genetics, virus susceptibility, pest control, soil management and crop productivity. UC Davis began investigating the crop after farm owners Stuart and Lisa Woolf established a research fund to determine if agave is viable for agriculture in California. Agave, used to produce tequila and mezcal in Mexico, can be distilled into spirits, used as a fiber or converted into a sweetener. ★

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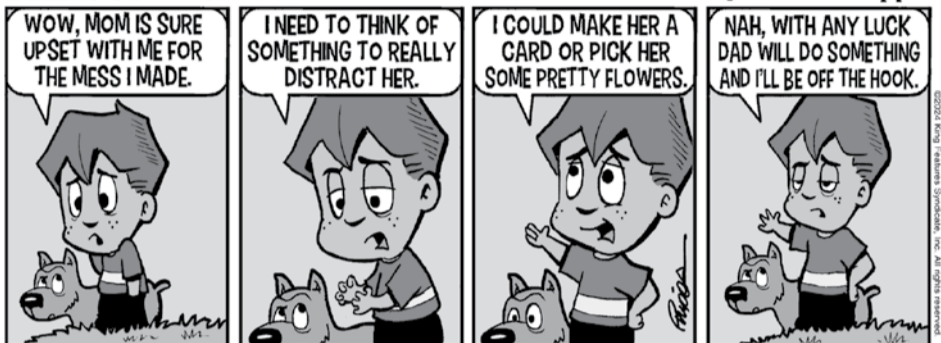
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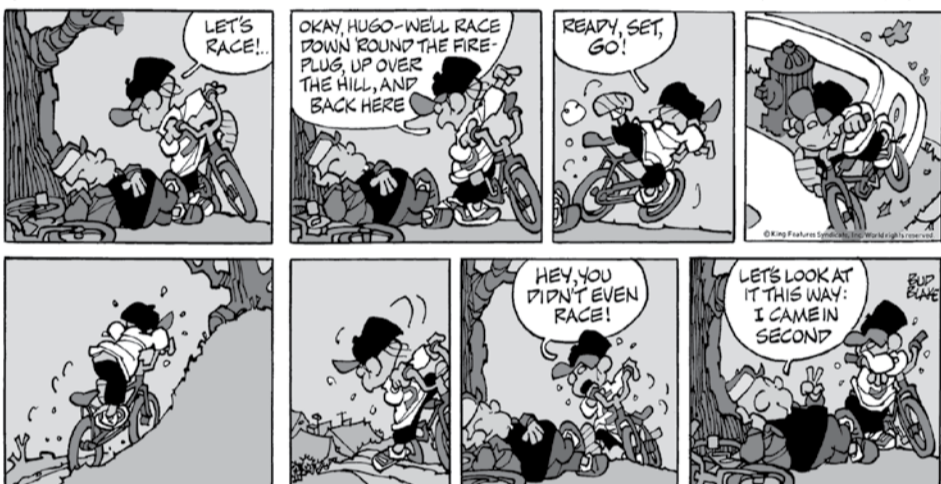
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Lady Bulldogs End Week with Perfection

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley girls softball team went perfect in their three games during the week of March 18-22 as they had victories over Winters, Hamilton and Paradise.

Gridley was scheduled to host a three-day tournament from Thursday, March 21, through Saturday, March 23, but the games on Saturday were canceled due to weather conditions.

Lady Bulldogs Head Coach Tammy Carr said to the Herald that it was a great couple days as they were able to get all scheduled games complete for Thursday and Friday.

She added it was a great week for the team as they recorded their first win of the season on Wednesday, March 20, with a 7-6 win

over Winters. The win was followed up by two more on March 21 in the 12-7 win over Hamilton and 7-2 victory over Paradise.

Gridley senior infielder Alyssa Thompson hit a two-out grand slam in the top of the fourth inning to give the Lady Bulldogs the lead in their win over Winters.

Gridley senior pitcher Maddie Garcia took the circle against Hamilton in the tournament opener and was locked in. Garcia gave up three runs in the first couple innings, but at the plate, she gave herself the lead back in the bottom of the second with a runs-batted-in single.

Although Hamilton took the lead back in the third inning, the 11 hits by the Lady Bulldogs were too much for Hamilton, including an inside-the-park home run by freshman



Gridley senior pitcher Maddie Garcia (10) tosses a pitch in the Lady Bulldogs' 12-7 win over Hamilton on Thursday, March 21.



Gridley freshman utility Kaydenze Pruitt (28) follows through on a base hit in the Lady Bulldogs' 12-7 win on Thursday, March 21, against Hamilton.

utility Kaydenze Pruitt in the fourth that scored the final three runs for Gridley.

Pruitt and Garcia combined for six hits and eight RBI's in the top two spots in the lineup during the win over Hamilton.

Garcia retired the side in the top of the fifth inning to end the game. Garcia expressed to the Herald that she put in the work during the offseason a lot on her game to attribute to the new confidence level she has in her senior season.

"Over the years, I felt like I was smaller compared to everyone else," Garcia said. "I found myself and my stride along with the confidence more than I ever have." The confidence level Garcia gained over the past season was displayed in the game against Hamilton.

Garcia and Pruitt added to the hitting train as they each had a double in the

game against Paradise.

Pruitt led Gridley with eight hits prior to competing this week and Thompson was the only Lady Bulldog with double-digit RBI's in the early part of the season for Gridley.

Lady Bulldogs junior pitcher Reese Stevens picked up her second win of the season as she threw 5.2 innings and gave up five hits and struck out four hitters against Paradise. Thompson gave the Lady Bulldogs the lead off a sacrifice fly in the first inning to score Pruitt for the lead and Gridley held on for the wire-to-wire victory.

The Lady Bulldogs were scheduled to travel and play at Red Bluff this past Tuesday until their next scheduled game on Tuesday, April 9, as they open up Butte View League play at Corning. ★

Play Ball in Live Oak

Story by Seti Long, photos by Steven Bryla

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Live Oak

Little League celebrated opening day Sunday, March 24. Large crowds of families and supporters came out to support Little

League players from T-ball all the way up to Majors. As is tradition, players and teams were announced over the loudspeaker

and had their time in the spotlight on the baseball diamond. Games continued throughout the day, and afterwards teams

celebrated with snow cones and other goodies. It was a great start to the Live Oak Little League season. ★



A young player gives her coach a high five at Live Oak Little League's opening day.



A boy runs on the field at Live Oak Little League's opening day.



A young player hits the ball off of a tee at Live Oak Little League's opening day.



Young players line up for snow cones at Live Oak Little League's opening day.



Young players give high fives to adults at Live Oak Little League's opening day.



Hot dogs are consumed at Live Oak Little League's opening day.



Adults and children stand for the National Anthem.



A young player takes a swing at a ball on a tee at Live Oak Little League's opening day.



A youngster slaps hands with a coach at Live Oak Little League's opening day.