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## New Gridley High Building Unveiled



Members of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce join GUSD Superintendent Justin Kern (Center), GUSD School Board President Eric Waterbury (holding scissors), GUSD Board Members Joe Dewsnup and Drew Becker, GHS Principal Rikki-Lee Burresch (left of Kern), GUSD staff and more at the Grand Opening of the new 500 wing at Gridley High School.

**Story and photos by Zandon Stinnett**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A modest crowd gathered on March 27 for the Gridley High School's new building unveiling.

Gridley High School was in dire need of additional space for its growing student body, facilities for its severely disabled students and modernized classrooms to house the Career and Technological Education courses known as the CTE-pathway.

The new 500 wing at Gridley High School was on the school district's drawing board with district funds set aside for the much-needed facility when Measure J,



Superintendent Justin Kern and GHS Principal Rikki-Lee Burresch (both left), speak to guests during the Grand Opening and tour of the new 500 wing of Gridley High School.

a \$16.3-million bond, passed. The bond passing enabled the school district to receive a 50/50 funding match from the State of California for new projects and a 60/40 funding match

for modernization. As much of the Gridley High School has not changed in decades, Measure J was a huge win for the district and allowed the allotment of funds set aside

for the development of the 500 wing to be shifted to other projects throughout the high school campus and other school district campuses.

Superintendent Justin Kern and Gridley Chamber of Commerce President Lynne Spencer hosted the ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the new 500 wing of Gridley High School. Kern gave a few words of thanks to community members who supported Measure J, a bond that helped fund the new building's construction and modernization.

Because the unveiling occurred under poor weather conditions, Kern wanted community  
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## Retired City Manager Mark Scott Answers Live Oak's Call

**By Sharon Pearce**

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Mark Scott, a retired city manager, has agreed to take the reins of Live Oak's empty city manager's seat until late 2024. Scott answered the call through a search firm that provides interim professional executives to municipalities. Scott is limited to serving no more than 960 hours per year in this kind of position.

A Closed Special Session relative to this appointment was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. prior to the public council meeting on April 3, after press time. Nicole Rosser, Live Oak's city attorney, entered on the Consent Agenda for the meeting a resolution approving changes to the compensation of the city manager and adopting an amended salary schedule recommendation, changing the annual salary from \$150,000 to \$225,000.

Live Oak City Manager Aaron Powell left the position, which he held since Aug. 1, 2019, on March 8. Before that Powell served as interim city manager here. Palmer was presented with a plaque memorializing his service at the March 6 City Council meeting.

Luis Ciprian, director of Parks and Recreation, added serving as interim city manager to his work profile since then but could not fill both full-time positions.

In addition to the direct responsibilities, the city manager also serves on committees and commissions such as SCORE (Small Cities Organized Risk Effort), an association that protects member resources by stabilizing risk costs for liabilities for small Northern California communities, JPA (Joint Powers Authorities) that also assists municipalities with financial risk management, and SACOG, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. ★

## Lions and Bunnies, Oh My!

**Story and photos by Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Dark, threatening skies and intermittent sprinkles couldn't crack the 54th Gridley Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday!

Days before, the Lions got to work boiling and dyeing a pallet full of eggs for the event, donated by Gridley's Grocery Outlet owner Billy Quenga. Quenga even joined in the egg-dyeing fun.

The day of the hunt, the weather held long enough for hundreds of egg-cited children and families to gather in Manuel Vierra Park for the annual Lions egg hunt.

Lions and volunteers from Sycamore's CJSF, Gridley High School's Volleyball Team, and Queens from the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program, Miss Agriculture America Queens and Lion Rex, an adorable T-Rex, arrived early Saturday



These adorable hunters are ready to find some eggs!

morning to hide almost 5,000 colorful eggs throughout the park for children to find.

To keep things on a relatively level playing field for all those in attendance, the park was cordoned off into sections with egg hunts for specific age

ranges. The hunters 5 and under were allowed help from their guardians and received raffle tickets before the hunt for a chance to win stuffed bunnies. The older children were turned loose on their own and had to hunt for golden eggs which they

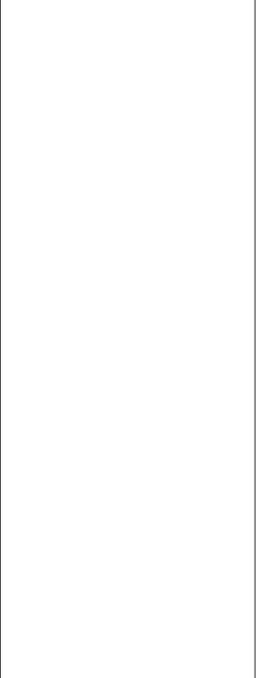
could redeem for a fluffy prize rabbit.

The hunt promptly began at 11:00 a.m. to the sound of a CALFIRE engine's siren and a cheerful Lion shouting "GO" over the park's sound system. Hordes of children  
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# Expressions of Christian Faith Fill Community



Children of the Gridley Christian Church Kids Choir perform a musical play about the Biblical King Josiah, a young boy king who reigned in righteousness. L-R: Isaac Boykin, Laurel Taylor, Celeste Watson, Daphne Taylor, and Keelia Hildebrand. Photo by Cindy Scott



Father Dan Englund leads members of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in the "Liturgy of the Palms" procession on Palm Sunday, the week before Easter. Photo by Cindy Scott

By Cindy Scott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - During Holy Week, local Christians expressed their faith in His resurrection in a variety of ways. On Palm Sunday, a week before Easter, members of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church joined Father Dan Englund in a "Liturgy of the Palms" procession through their beautiful garden. They waved palm leaves, a reminder of Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, The Holy City. The Kids Choir at Gridley Christian Church presented a lively performance of "Good Kings Come in Small Packages," the retelling of King Josiah,

who became king as a young boy, and ruled the people in righteousness. Church members worked together to create royal sets and costumes, with Bonnie Schnepel and Mark Johnson working with the children. The Stations of the Cross processional reflecting the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ was presented noonday Good Friday by Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Father Roland Ramirez began the procession, facing the first of 14 crosses on the interior walls of the church, then proceeding to the others. At each cross, Father Ramirez knelt, said a prayer, and related the event reflected in the

image of that cross. Church members sang and recited in unison. The Last Supper play, presented over the weekend and Easter morning by Calvary Chapel of Gridley, depicted Jesus and each of His 12 disciples at the Last Supper. After He told them that one of them would betray him, each disciple shared his background, his connection to other disciples, his personality, his relationship to Christ, and then asked, "Is it I?" Over the years, Hope Gallagher, play director, looked for similar presentations in the area so she could attend. Having never found one, she brought her fellow church members together to create it here. Early Easter morning, the First Baptist Church held their traditional sunrise service. The early risers were rewarded with a beautiful (dry) sunrise, worship music, a sermon shared by Pastor David Henry, and a delicious breakfast. After their Easter service, Christian Life Assembly gathered for an Easter egg hunt and BBQ in their beautiful rural setting. They enjoyed the sunny weather

that dawned Easter Sunday. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Easter morning service featured several speakers. Will Tolman, a sixth grader and the youngest in his family, shared the experience of

all his family worshipping together in the Feather River Temple and his love for Jesus Christ. Benson Tolman reflected on the events of Holy Week, and Angela Tolman shared thoughts on finding healing, peace, and love

through Jesus Christ. Easter is a time for Christian interfaith rejoicing and friendship. The commemorations may vary, but the faith of the believers in Jesus Christ's resurrection is inspiring and strengthening. ★

## The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

About six months ago, a new friend in Church service, Jayne Corbett & her husband invited my wife, myself (and some other friends) to a small dinner party in her home. It was a delightful occasion and reminded me how much joy can come from gathering, eating and socializing, kibitzing, and laughing together. One of the after-dinner topics that came up was how many men appreciate the writings and movies of Jane Austen. I had never watched a Austen movie nor read any of her books. I knew my daughters had, but I could not think of a single male friend of mine who had ever expressed an appreciation for the works of the English Regency Era (1795 and 1837) writers. So, after some prodding, I decided to watch my first Jane Austen movie last

week: *Pride & Prejudice*. I must say it was a life-changing event. It was a trip into a genre of literature and a way of looking at people and relationships that I had never experienced. It was an excellent use of time. After some additional reading and research, I found that I was not alone; many men have broadened their intellectual horizons in the same way. In a 2011 Wall Street Journal column, William Deresiewicz describes how studying Jane Austen taught him the meaning of manhood. Reading about Elizabeth Bennet's failures and resulting humiliation, Deresiewicz learned what real manhood and education were all about: "Humiliation, I realized, was exactly what I needed, too. Our egos, Austen was teaching me, prevent us from owning up to our many errors and shortcomings, and so our egos must be broken down. 'Humiliation,' after all, comes from 'humility.' It humbles us, makes us properly humble." Deresiewicz later states, "Austen taught me to be strong, and you didn't have to dominate people to earn their respect.

Real men were not afraid to admit that they still had things to learn—even from a woman." Jayne's East Coast ethic in arranging the traditional dinner, dessert, and conversation seems to have converted me to Jane. I have been humbled and have joined her husband in the Austen Literary Guild of Unafraid Reading Men. \*\*\* We note with great sadness the passing of prominent Gridley man Dick Jones. The Little League Field at Vierra Park is named for Mr. Jones, as he has been one of the driving forces behind organizing Little League for girls & boys in this area for decades. He was genuinely a fundamentally good man. His energy and efforts have blessed the lives of thousands of people (I am one). Dick believed in Jesus Christ, and he expressed his Christianity through baseball and service to families. He will truly be missed. \*\*\* *Josh F.W. Cook is an educator, administrator, and Chaplain. Views expressed here are solely his own.* ★

### 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

#### Understanding Food Costs & Pricing for Your Restaurant, Catering, and Food Business (Orland)

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 and food spoilage. **Date:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am **Cost:** Free | **Location:** Butte College-Glenn County Center, 1366 Cortina Dr, Orland

#### 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

#### The Basics of Bookkeeping (Chico)

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, financial advisors, and bookkeepers/Accountants/CPAs. Learn key concepts for good record keeping for your business. **Date:** Monday, April 29, 2024 | **Time:** 8:30am - 10:30am **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

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### MEMORIAL

#### JOHN WILLIAM SAMPLE • 4/24/1941 – 3/26/2024

John William Sample, 82 years old, passed into his eternal home with Jesus, at 1:00 am Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at home in Gilbert, AZ where he lived with his son, Kevin and family.

John was born April 24, 1941 in Gridley, CA to Durwood and Irene Sample. He graduated from Gridley High School with the class of 1959. John served our country in the United States Air Force from 1959-1963. He served in the military police, including a tour of duty in South Korea.

On June 16, 1962, John married Gale Gillespie whom he was married to for 58 wonderful years.

John and Gale lived many years in Gridley, CA and Manteca, CA, but also resided in Eureka, CA, Crescent City,



CA, and La Pine, OR. Faith in Christ and commitment to the local church were central to John's life and family. He served in various church leadership roles throughout his life. John was an active member of the Gideons International organization devoted to distributing copies of the Bible in hotel rooms,

to military personnel and first responders, and more. During his years in Oregon, John joined the La Pine chapter of the Oregon Band of Brothers Veterans organization. John was a little league baseball coach, a high school football referee, and an avid sports fan. He could regularly be found at his kids' and grandkids' games.

Most notably, John will be remembered as a kind, gentle man who loved people, served his local church, and had a way of making everyone feel important. John is survived by his son, Kevin (Kelli) of Gilbert, AZ, his daughter, Jill (Craig) James of La Pine, OR, 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandsons, and his sister, Bess Roush of Yuba City. John is predeceased by his wife, Gale (January 2021)

### MEMORIAL

#### RICHARD "DICK" ELWOOD JONES • 7/22/1933 – 3/30/2024

Richard "Dick" Jones, born 22 July 1933 in Sacramento, CA, to Elwood and Maxine, passed away Saturday, March 30th at his home in Gridley with his wife of 62 years, Donna, by his side. Richard was raised in Gridley, attended local schools and graduated from Gridley High School in 1951. Dick married Doris Baker in 1951 and had two kids, Richard Jr., and Sharon. Dick married Donna in 1962. Together their family grew with three more kids, Cheryl, Patti and Steve. Richard worked for Wentz Market, in the late 50's and then the Insurance business for over



50 years in several locations in Gridley and Colusa. Dick finally retired in 2013 at the age of 80. His dedication to Gridley Little League is well known, but he also donated a lot of his time to multiple Community Service organizations throughout the

years. Dick loved his baseball and attended games in every Major League Ball Park across the country. In later years, Dick would always be seen in his Blue Jeans, white tee shirt and Red Suspenders. Dick leaves behind his wife Donna, sisters Marlene Lewis and Beverly Owen, 5 children, 10 Grandchildren and 12 Great-Grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the Family requests you express your condolences through Dicks passions in the community, Gridley Little League or Rotary Club. Services will be Tuesday, 4/9, 10am at 400 Spruce St. Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

# Lions and Bunnies, Oh My!

# New Gridley High Building Unveiled



Sycamore CJSF volunteers Oliva Mattos, left, and Zoie Stark help hand out prize bunnies at the Lions Easter Egg Hunt.

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would be seen stampeding through the park, sometimes running right past eggs hidden too well.

After the youth recovered as many eggs as possible from the dewy fields, they gathered for the chance at raffle prizes, collected their winnings and took some time to create some fun crafts in the Lions activity area. Two Easter Bunnies made themselves available for photos and mingled with the crowds after the hunt.

Lion Vern Heartman shares that only once in the history of the Lions Easter Egg Hunt have they had to move the event indoors. Thanks to the weather holding, the community enjoyed another year of Gridley Lions Easter tradition. ★



Piazza with lions eggs: Extra eggs were dyed the Lions colors purple and gold, handed out after the hunt by Lion Jason Piazza.

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members to know that anyone wanting to tour the new building can contact the school district or high school office for an appointment. After a final thanks “to Dan” from Slater and Sons “for his excellent work on the building,” according to Kern, the “Big Scissors” were brought out.

Gridley Unified School District Board President Eric Waterbury cut the ribbon while surrounded by co-workers and community members. Kern then led a tour for all attendees.

The first stop was the newly-designed classroom for the severely disabled. The spacious room is equipped with a washer and dryer for clothes, and a bathroom with shower and cleaning facilities, including a lift. The classroom also houses a small kitchen area, including a stove and oven. Kern said that it wouldn’t be long before “Linda has the room smelling like cookies and other treats.”

The next tour stop across the hallway was the health sciences classroom with modern science classroom aesthetics.

The other six classrooms were the standard layout with neatly aligned desks facing an interactive Smart Board. Kern highlighted the new digital clocks in the back of the classroom that double as a PA system. In emergencies, the clock can display a quiet message to teachers.

All the classrooms’ windows were tinted with a film that makes it easy to see from inside the classroom looking out but is hard to see inside the classroom with a mirror like reflection. Other security features include interior and exterior cameras.

According to Kern, a fortuitous encounter with Dean Smith of D&D Learning Spaces resulted in the new wing being furnished by Smith and his company.

Kern mentioned future Gridley High School projects include the demolishing of old buildings to make way for new structures, due to Measure J funding.

For more information on Measure J, refer to the “Measure J: The Breakdown” article in the Oct. 28, 2022 issue of the Gridley Herald, which is available online. ★

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# Cemetery Ordinances

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley-Biggs Cemetery held a special meeting to address public concerns with some of their ordinances and posted signs outlining standards for guests to abide by while on the property.

The following are the rules and regulations posted by the cemetery district:

Flowers and decorative items may be placed on the marker or its concrete border only. No item may be placed on/in ground, trees, rose trees, etc.

No breakable items, rock, bark, small trinkets, shepherds' hooks, balloons, wind-chimes, or other items considered unsafe or hazardous.

Non-compliant, unsafe, discolored or unsightly items will be removed.

Holiday decorations will be removed 30 days after the holiday. Decorations left at the niches in the gazebo will be cleared prior to a scheduled service.

Only companies previously approved by the district may set markers or perform any work on the district grounds.

The district reserves the right to remove/repair any marker deemed unsafe.

Markers must comply with the district's marker requirements.

Markers are the property of the purchaser, who shall be responsible for any repairs or maintenance to such markers.

The district assumes no liability for damage, theft, deterioration, and/or vandalism of markers or other items left on cemetery grounds.

The district, its trustees and employees are not responsible for any injury or damage suffered by any persons while on

cemetery grounds. Every person entering the cemetery does so at this or her own risk. Children must be under the direct control of an adult.

Dogs are welcome. They must be always on a leash and under control. The owner must remove defecation immediately.

According to the cemetery district, silk or fake florals can cause damage to maintenance equipment, for example, wires becoming intertwined in mowers blades. Therefore, they are not allowed during the mowing season, which runs from February 1 to November 1 and are only allowed in the provided containers.

Alcohol and drug use is prohibited at the cemetery and during services. Many times, family members or friends of the deceased will leave offerings of alcohol in memorial of their loved one, which is discouraged. Glass, metal, and aluminum can cause damage to equipment and also pose a safety risk to cemetery guests.

Those seeking services provided by the cemetery are notified of these and provided a rules and regulations packet outlining all of the policies, including regulations on burials, marker standards and policies, conduct of guests, and responsibilities of morticians and family members, fee's, legal provisions, and liabilities.

Before providing any services, individuals seeking burial for themselves or loved ones sign an acknowledgement that they have received and have been informed of these rules and regulations and must sign before.

Further detailed information can be found at the cemetery office, which is open from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed at lunch) and is located at 2023 Hwy 99, Gridley. ★

# Gridley Man Charged for His Mother's Murder

**Butte County District Attorney News Release**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - On March 28, a Gridley man was charged in Butte County Superior Court for the stabbing death of his mother at their Gridley residence on March 25, 2024.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said his office filed a count of murder with the use of a knife against Hugo Cardenas, 32. Ramsey said Cal Fire firefighters and Butte County Sheriff's deputies were called to a residence in the 300 block of Obermeyer Avenue in Gridley. There, they located Veronica Aveloscardenas, 55, a resident of the house, dead with multiple stab wounds to her head and more than twenty stab wounds to her back. Interviews with witnesses at the scene pointed to Cardenas as a suspect in the brutal killing.

Ramsey said outside surveillance cameras showed Cardenas had been at the home earlier in the day and then left in his mother's yellow pickup truck. The Sheriff's Office alerted law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for Cardenas and the yellow truck. Later the same evening, the Stockton Police Department received two calls for service about a male in his 30s

with apparent blood on his clothing standing near a food truck in Stockton. The male was reportedly making statements about how he had murdered someone, and that he was the "angel" that killed the "devil." The male was also seen making stabbing motions with his hands.

Responding Stockton police officers located the male along with the Gridley victim's yellow truck. When they attempted to contact the male, he fled on foot leading to a foot chase. The male was eventually apprehended with the use of a Taser device. A bloody folding pocketknife was located nearby.

After the male was taken into custody, the Stockton police provided Butte County Sheriff's detectives with photos of the apprehended male. BCSO detectives positively identified the male as Hugo Cardenas.

Sheriff's deputies immediately responded to Stockton and took custody of Cardenas, bringing him back to the Butte County Jail.

Cardenas was arraigned March 28 on the charge of murder. The judge placed a no-bail hold on him at the District Attorney's request. Cardenas was scheduled to be back in court with his appointed attorney on April 3, for further arraignment and entry of a plea as of press time. ★

# Make Crime Illegal Again!

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A petition currently circulating to hold criminals and repeat offenders accountable for their actions is being endorsed by area law enforcement officials and political leaders.

The petition that hopes to address organized crime and retail theft, help address and control the fentanyl crisis in our area, prioritize mental health and support drug treatment programs in the hopes of reducing criminal activity is being supported by Butte County Sheriff Cory Honea, Assemblyman James Gallagher, U.S. Representative Doug LaMalfa, Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey and Butte

County Supervisors Tod Kimmelschue, Bill Connelly, Peter Durfee and Doug Teeter and Dominique Belza of Free California.

Butte County small businesses and community leaders hope that this petition will support the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act and that area small businesses and community members will put pen to paper to create safer communities.

Drive-thru petition signing will happen from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the following locations: Gridley – Ace Hardware: 1626 State Highway 99, Oroville – Ace-Better Deal Exchange: 1845 Mitchell Ave., and Chico – Ace Hardware: 231 W. East Ave. ★

# Former Correctional Deputy Pleads to DUI Causing Great Bodily Injury

**Butte County District Attorney News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On March 27, a 43-year-old former Correctional Deputy with the Butte County Sheriff's Office pleaded no contest to Felony Driving Under the Influence Causing Injury for an incident last year. The defendant, Andrew Karl Gertz, also admitted a sentence enhancement for injuring more than one victim, as well as an enhancement for inflicting great bodily injury upon one of the victims.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges stem from an April 24, 2023, collision around 6:30 p.m. when Gertz was driving southbound on a five-lane portion of Mangrove Avenue in Chico when he rear-ended two vehicles also going south – one in a center turn lane and one in the far-right lane. The vehicle in the turn lane was occupied by a couple and their 7-year-old granddaughter. The driver of that vehicle sustained severe back injuries in the collision and later had to undergo surgery. The other victims had minor injuries as did the driver of the vehicle in the right lane.

Chico police officers responded and quickly realized Gertz appeared to be significantly under the influence and arrested him. Toxicology results revealed Gertz had

a blood alcohol content of .07% and also had Benadryl and Ambien in his system at the time of the crash.

Gertz's attorney requested the judge consider reducing Gertz's felony charge to a misdemeanor at his upcoming sentencing. In the request, the attorney cited Gertz's lack of criminal history, his remorse for the pain he caused, and his 18 years of service as a correctional deputy. Gertz's attorney also pointed out that the Ambien in his client's system was prescribed as a result of a work-related injury, and opined the Ambien caused Gertz to be in an "unconscious state" due to an adverse reaction to the drug. When initially contacted by officers, Gertz was found to be holding a pet snake in his lap while driving, and it was later discovered Gertz had left his residence's garage door and front door wide open.

The judge set May 15, 2024, as Gertz's sentencing date. If sentenced to prison, Gertz faces a maximum sentence of eight years in state prison. If reduced to a misdemeanor, Gertz faces a maximum exposure of one year in county jail.

Gertz was not on duty on the day of the collision and resigned from the Butte County Sheriff's Office less than three months after he was charged by the District Attorney's Office. ★

# Officers Encounter 9-Year-Old Driving Mother's Car

**California Highway Patrol Oroville News Release**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - \*\*Another Episode of You Can't Make This Up\*\*

On March 27 at around 9:20 a.m., a scene straight out of a movie unfolded at the intersection of Grand Ave. and 4th St. An officer from the CHP - Oroville Office encountered a gray Volkswagen sedan stopped oddly in the middle of the intersection. When instructed to move, the vehicle unexpectedly sped off, leading to a short and erratic chase that ended in a dirt parking lot just east of Plumas Avenue Elementary School.

In a surprising turn of events, the driver, after coming to a stop, abruptly reversed the vehicle he was driving, ramming the officer's patrol car in a moment that could have led to a grave outcome. Both vehicles suffered minor damages.

But the plot twist...?

The driver was a 9-year-old child on a mission to drive himself to school in his mother's car. Yes, you read that right - a 9-year-old behind the wheel!

Upon making contact, the officer was

met with the wide-eyed 9-year-old child, who had taken his mother's car with the intention of driving himself to school.

We are relieved to report that no one was injured in this incident. The child was safely sent to school after the necessary authorities were alerted and the situation was documented.

Before this revelation, the collision served as a stark reminder of the dangers inherent in our daily commutes and the responsibility we carry as drivers. The fact that this crash involved a child driver only heightens the need for awareness around vehicle security and the importance of imparting road safety knowledge to our younger generation. This incident underscores the critical need for all drivers to be licensed, educated, and aware of the risks of the road. It also serves as a wake-up call to secure our vehicles and educate our children on the dangers of unauthorized driving.

Let's use this unusual event as a catalyst for conversations about safety, responsibility, and the importance of adhering to our community's driving laws.

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15049 Pinehurst Way, Magalia, CA 95954  
Original filing date: 2/23/2022; Statement expires: 10/18/2026. The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: A Married Couple. Date Filed in Butte County: March 26, 2024. This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County. Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024  
**IZZYS** 4-26-24



The following person(s) have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Izzys Bar and Grill, 13915 Southpark Drive, Magalia, CA 95954  
Randy Rash and Jini Rash,

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, via email to [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us) or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the City Council for consideration.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting, will be provided on the Planning Commission agenda available to the public on Friday, April 12, 2024, located on the City of Gridley website.

**2022-2030 Housing Element Update;** Initial Public Review of the potential amendments to the Housing Element reflecting the changes within the community and to support residential development to meet the BCAG RHNA designated units for the City of Gridley.

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the City Council on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Carmen Santana, Administration, at (530) 846-3631 or email at [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us).

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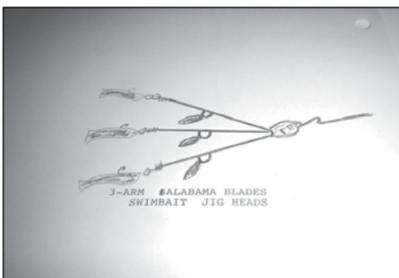
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### LOCAL FISHING

Feather River at Shanghai Bend. Fishermen reports. Three boats could not find any Stripers. Note: Call 530-674-1912 for Pile Worm availability. Scotts Flat Reservoir near Nevada City. Fishermen landing Massachusetts Brown Trout of 3-5 lbs. Fin's are yellowish, with no spots, or white edges. Few spots on tail. Body has clusters of dark spots. Go to Gate #1 and Boat Ramp. Try: Winged Ant. (b)

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Halibut fishing continues in South Bay, some Striped Bass in the mix. Try: Cut Baits. (a) Stripers hanging out at Prisoners Point in the San Joaquin Delta. Some schoolie size fish and one 8-lb male caught. Try: Umbrella Rig. (a)



Umbrella Rig

### COASTAL WATERS

Santa Cruz "Sand Crab" Classic Perch Derby.

Sat, March 9, 2024

Grand Master winner:

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Men's Division:

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Winning bait: Sand Crabs!

### LAKES RESERVOIRS

Folsom Lake; find nice King Salmon at Granite Bay. Trolling...Try: Rapala



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(a) Bank anglers. Try: Inflated Night Crawlers. (b) Lake Amador. Trollers caught 7-big Rainbow Trout 2-4 lbs.

Downrigger off-set 150 ft. 8-ft deep. Try: Speedy Shiner. (b)

### RIVERS

Klamath River Monitoring Program (KBMP) <https://kbmp.net>. Quote: "Almost 1-million juvenile hatchery salmon die from Gas Bubble Disease. (GBD). March 4, 2024. Fish passing through Iron Gate Dam Tunnel caused \*pressure changes that resulted in physical trauma and death". Comment: GBD is merely an increase in air pressure above the ambient air pressure (14.7 PSI). Note: Chinook Salmon live very happily at 300ft deep which has an air pressure of \*148 PSI. American River. On Feb. 20-24th, CDFW released 192,290 brood year, fall-run baby Chinook Salmon below the Nimbus Fish Hatchery. Striped Bass are moving up the Sacramento River. Bank anglers north of town are catching a few males of 5lbs. Try: Pile Worms. (a) Mokelumne River; showing promise of good steelhead fishing below the Camanche Dam. Late season half-pounders filling the fish stringers. Try: Salmon Roe. (a) Bag limit one hatchery trout, or steelhead. Season...1/1/24 to 3/31/24.

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Andrea M. Woodward-Sollesnes, 20 Independence Circle, Chico, CA 95973.  
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The following person(s) are doing business as: Finkas, 5765 Via Pacana, Oroville, CA 95966  
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Jesus Manuel Ceballos, 484 CA 99, Gridley, CA 95948  
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FORWARD 4-26-24

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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  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000185**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Showtime Cards, 1245 Robinson Street, Oroville, CA 95965  
Joshua Daniel Chartier, 1245 Robinson Street, Oroville, CA 95965  
Date filed in Butte County: February 26, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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SHOWTIME 4-26-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000225**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Finkas, 5765 Via Pacana, Oroville, CA 95966  
Victor J Mendoza Valdivinos, 5765 Via Pacana, Oroville, CA 95966  
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DUGGER 4-5-24

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DUGGER 4-5-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000265**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: J&S Ink Press Apparel, 4046 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95966  
J&S Ink Press Apparel LLC, 4046 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95966  
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This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024  
INK 4-26-24

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000263**  
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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 #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

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV00061  
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

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV00061  
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  
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YESENIA 4-12-24

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV00061  
Petitioner Yesenia Melchor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Angelo Rodriguez to Angelo Melchor.  
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Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
YESENIA 4-12-24

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the City Council will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Friday, April 12, 2024, via email to [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us) or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the City Council for consideration.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting, will be provided on the City Council agenda available to the public on Friday, April 12, 2024, located on the City of Gridley website.

**Ordinance No. 849-2024;** Second Reading of Ordinance 849-2024 to add the Agricultural Overlay District zoning designation allowing commercial agricultural production until the residentially zoned property is developed. The site has a General Plan land use designation of Residential and an underlying zoning designation of Single-Family Residential District (R-1). The property is located on the east side of West Biggs Gridley Road, north and contiguous to the Heron Landing Subdivision. (APN 022-210-092)

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the City Council on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Carmen Santana, Administration, at (530) 846-3631 or email at [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us).

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, via email to [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us) or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the Planning Commission for consideration.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting, will be provided on the Planning Commission agenda available to the public on Friday, April 12, 2024, located on the City of Gridley website.

**Site Development Plan Review 1-24;** Dutch Bros; Proposed development of approximately 1.06-acre parcel for a commercial development consisting of a single 950 square foot structure, 17 parking spaces, and landscaped open space. The General Plan land use designation is Commercial and zoned General Commercial (C-2) located on the east side of Highway 99. (024-260-096)

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the Planning Commission on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Carmen Santana, Administration, at (530) 846-3631 or email at [Planningdept@gridley.ca.us](mailto:Planningdept@gridley.ca.us)

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## 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.

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# California Insurance Market 'In Chaos'



Here are the remains of a burned home in Berryessa Highlands on Sept. 21, 2020. Photo by Anne Wernikoff for CalMatters

By Levi Sumagaysay  
CALMatters.org

With more California homeowners just discovering their insurance policies are getting canceled — and hundreds of thousands of others stuck with a pricey option of last resort — state Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's efforts to fix the home insurance market can't come quickly enough.

Lara has introduced two main regulations, with more to come. The first, unveiled last month, aims to streamline rate reviews. State law gives the Insurance Department the power to approve or deny insurers' requests to raise premiums. Insurance companies complain the process has been holding up the increases they seek as a result of what they say are increased costs due to rising climate-change risks and inflation.

The second regulation will let insurers use catastrophe modeling — which combines historical data with projected risk and losses — along with other factors when setting their premiums. California is the last state to allow for catastrophe modeling.

"We're undertaking the state's largest insurance reform," Lara said during a press conference earlier this month. "We can no longer look solely to the past to guide us to the future."

He said catastrophe modeling will lead to "more reliable rates," "greater insurance availability" and "safer communities," because he said it would further encourage and reward wildfire mitigation by homeowners and communities. Insurance Department spokesperson Michael Soller said success will mean fewer homeowners needing to turn to the FAIR Plan, the state-mandated insurer of last resort.

Insurance trade groups, which stand to benefit most from the new regulations, agree with Lara's support for catastrophe modeling and support his so-called sustainable insurance strategy. So do fire chiefs, to an extent. But almost everyone else — homeowners, consumer groups and former insurance commissioners — has lingering concerns.

U.S. Rep. John Garamendi, a Democrat representing parts of Solano and Contra Costa counties, had two stints as state insurance commissioner in the mid-1990s and early 2000s. He says the insurance market is "in chaos" — and that Lara should be holding public hearings and demanding insurance company executives testify to explain to Californians why

their premiums are rising.

"One of the critical things a commissioner does is to analyze the market and provide the public with information," Garamendi said in an interview with CalMatters. "(Lara) didn't use his power to control the industry and second, to inform Californians."

The criticism drew a retort from Soller: "Commissioner Lara is fixing decades-long neglected issues that have led to this crisis. He is focused on safeguarding the integrity of the state's insurance market, not second-guessing from predecessors who had their chance and failed to act."

Dave Winnacker, chief of the East Bay's Moraga-Orinda Fire District, said the upsides of catastrophe modeling include being able to credit what homeowners, communities and governments do to lessen wildfire risk. That includes being able to account for the numbers and proximity of firefighters in certain areas, Winnacker said.

"Depending on where you are in a state, and that's tied to population density, the number of firefighters available could affect the outcome (of a wildfire)," he said, adding that catastrophe models should reflect that.

He also said he and other fire chiefs are working to make sure the interests of consumers, fire professionals, insurers and the state are aligned. Insurers may not know what homeowners, communities and local fire departments are doing to reduce wildfire risk. One idea: a database to share that information.

"There is no future in which we can price our way out of this crisis with just premiums," Winnacker said, adding that everyone needs to work together.

Dave Jones, the state insurance commissioner for eight years before Lara took over in 2019, said he is "trying to avoid looking over the shoulder of my successor."

Jones is now director of the Climate Risk Initiative Center for Law, Energy & the Environment at UC Berkeley School of Law. He said it is good for consumers that the catastrophe-modeling regulation could take forest management into consideration. But he said he's not sure Lara's actions will be sufficient.

Before the end of the year, Lara is also expected to issue a regulation that will allow insurers to factor reinsurance costs into their rates. Reinsurance is insurance for insurance companies in the event of large payouts. That plus the other new regulations may "help in the short to mid term," giving insurance companies the ability to raise



State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara speaks during a press conference with Los Angeles labor leaders and advocates in Commerce on Sept. 26, 2022. Photo by Alisha Jucevic for CalMatters

premiums, Jones told CalMatters.

But he said those actions may "ultimately be overwhelmed by our failure to stop the fossil-fuel industry, which is contributing to rising temperatures" and therefore insurance losses.

Jones also pointed out that Florida has long allowed insurers to use catastrophe modeling and has let them factor in reinsurance costs in their rates — yet its insurance market is in worse shape than California's.

"Florida has done what insurers are asking for," Jones said. Yet "Florida's rates are three or four times the national average."

Mark Friedlander, spokesperson for the Insurance Information Institute, an industry group, confirmed that the group estimates that Florida's average home insurance premium was \$6,000, or three-and-a-half times the national average, in 2023.

In addition, Jones said Florida's version of California's last-resort FAIR Plan — called the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. because it's funded with a surcharge on policyholders — has more than 1 million policies. California's growing FAIR Plan, run by a pool of insurers, has 373,000 policies, its president told state lawmakers recently.

"That raises the question," Jones said. "Giving insurers (higher rates) and shifting the burden to all Californians... whether that's going to be enough in the face of growing background risk associated with climate change."

Meanwhile, last week State Farm said that it is not renewing policies for 30,000 California homeowners, as well as refusing to cover all commercial

apartments by not renewing 42,000 of those policies.

This is happening despite California approving State Farm's requests to levy double-digit premium increases last year.

"One of our roles as the insurance regulator is to hold insurance companies accountable for their words and deeds," said Soller, the Insurance Department spokesperson. "State Farm General's decision... raises serious questions about its financial situation — questions the company must answer to regulators."

State Farm spokesperson Sevag Sarkissian would not comment beyond the statement the company put on its website last week, which read in part: "This decision was not made lightly and only after careful analysis of State Farm General's financial health, which continues to be impacted by inflation, catastrophe exposure, reinsurance costs, and the limitations of working within decades-old insurance regulations."

Sarkissian also referred CalMatters to the Personal Insurance Federation of California, which counts State Farm as a member. The industry group's president, Rex Frazier, said in an email last week that allowing insurers to use catastrophe modeling would help with insurance availability. Yet in its statement, State Farm acknowledged the actions Lara is taking to try to fix the insurance availability and affordability crisis in California, even as it announced its decision not to renew tens of thousands of homeowners.

Joyce Kaufman, a retiree in June Lake in Mono County,

recently got a notice of non-renewal for her homeowners insurance with Farmers, which she said she and her husband were dreading but expecting.

"I'm not really sure what the state's trying to do, both at the commissioner and legislative level," Kaufman said. And losing the ability to renew her policy is affecting her other insurance needs, she said. As her broker helps look for an alternative, her auto premium is now going up about \$300 a year because it will no longer be bundled with home insurance.

As the new regulations give insurance companies what they had asked for, one part of Lara's strategy — which he first laid out last year after an executive order by the governor — is conspicuously missing. Lara had said insurance companies would be required "to commit to writing at least 85 percent of their statewide market share in wildfire-distressed underserved areas."

That provision is nowhere in the text of Lara's unveiled regulations so far — an omission not lost on consumer groups or former commissioner Jones.

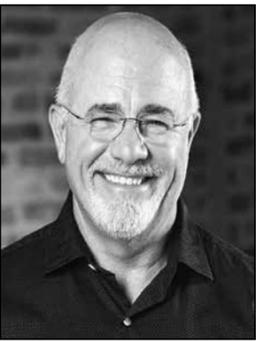
"Where is that 85 percent?" asked Carmen Balber, executive director of Consumer Watchdog. Soller, the Insurance Department's spokesperson, said that part of the commissioner's strategy is coming.

Balber also said she is concerned that the catastrophe-modeling regulation "appears to not comply with the transparency requirements of Prop. 103," the voter-approved law that regulates the insurance industry.

According to the text of the regulation on catastrophe modeling, the public will be able to take part in reviewing catastrophe models before they're deemed acceptable. But anyone who helps review the models will be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement.

"If a big chunk of your insurance rate is behind a 'black box,' then that's not what the voters passed," when they passed Proposition 103 in 1988, Balber said. "At the end of the day, if the commissioner passes something that hides something behind closed doors, we'll have to consider challenging it."

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## Dave Ramsey Says

efit of them calling in and actually wanting help. These folks care about what I think, and in most cases, they realize things aren't working for them. I don't just walk up to people and say, "You know, what you're doing is really stupid. Let me fix you." I think that's kind of the situation you're in right now. So, before anything else, I'd begin to pray for him. Ask God to bring people into his life who will have a positive impact on him.

One of the worst things about these situations is watching people you love do bad things to themselves and the people around them. Honestly, I don't know there's really a lot you can do without becoming the enemy to some degree. You can always try to hold him to a higher standard, and refuse to tolerate immature, irresponsible behavior when you're around him. You might even look for opportunities to use yourself as an example. I'm not talking about puffing out your chest and pretending to be perfect. I'm just saying maybe point out areas in your life where you made mistakes in the past

and how you fixed the problems. But going out and trying to actively intervene in his life without permission, or shaming him in hopes it'll make him grow up and be a man, would probably do more harm than good.

Approach him in a gentle, caring way. Again, not like some know-it-all, but just let him know you care and you're there to help if he's having difficulties. Take him out to lunch once in a while, or invite him over, and let him know you're there for him if he needs to talk.

And remember what I said earlier about prayer? Bringing God into the equation is never a bad idea

—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* ★

### It's a Tough Situation for Both of You

Dear Dave,

I'm worried about my younger brother, and I need some advice. He's divorced and has a son, and lately, it seems like he only wants to be a dad when it's convenient. On top of this, he's very irresponsible with money for someone in their thirties. Our mom and dad passed away several years ago, so I feel like this leaves me to be the big brother and parent at the same time. I'm not sure how to help him. Can you give me some advice, please?

—Andy

Dear Andy,

You're a good and caring big brother to be concerned and want to help. And it's a tough situation for you, especially with your parents no longer in the picture.

When I help people on my show, I have the ben-

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church



A loss of hope causes one to disappear, to fall away from faith. We must be visible to the world to the world around us as believers, so people always find hope. Being hopeless is a heart and soul crusher. It feels like the air is sucked out of our bodies. But remember God is the giver of hope.

Think back to a time when you felt defeated, lost, and without hope. How empty did you feel? Young people today feel that way because of a lack of parental support, and a lack of knowledge of the Great Provider, our Lord. Because of this lack young people are grouping in gangs, and mobs to find back up and support. Not having the knowledge of good versus evil, they do what they want to do without correction. Now our government officials have added to that fear by offering very few penalties for bad behavior.

"I can steal and get away with it!" "I can hijack a car with no effects." "I can shoot someone and not be held accountable." Yes, these are statements from young people who committed such crimes. We now have a mob ruled atmosphere.

What is your job as a Christian to help solve these problems? Stand up! Speak

out! Teach and be an example! If a young person doesn't have a role model to change his/her life, become one! Jesus told us to show God's love, mercy, and grace by living lives that show others how to.

Don't be afraid to speak out against actions that cause

hurt, damage, and loss to others. God gives us faith in Him to use His power and strength to change things around us. Pray in Jesus' name and step forth with the armor of God around you.

If you see bullying step forth and intercede. If you see someone hurting others offer a hand and stop the pain. God does not want us to be timid but strong. It is up to God's people to help change a broken world. If we do we just might save a life or even a soul.

God is our refuge, our wall, our strength, and our power. Show others and let them experience God's love and grace. We need hope that is deeper and stronger than death.

*Be God's examples with us at the Gridley United Methodist Church. We can help our community be a better place. Come worship with us on Sundays at 10 am. We are at 285 Magnolia Street. We have been serving our community for 160 years. God Bless!* ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Confession time. I said I sprayed for Peach Leaf Curl two times this winter. I wrote that intending to spray for a second time. That did not happen. I sprayed once. Guess what I found, Peach Leaf Curl! My heart dropped when I saw those warty leaves.

I went on a research hunt to find out if my standard practice of taking the curled leaves

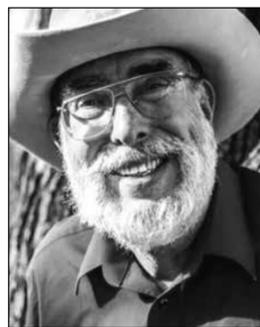
off of the tree had any merit. One article said to prune the tree before spraying. Because I keep these trees short, they are pruned more than most. So, CHECK, done. Peach Leaf Curl, is caused by a fungus called *taphrina deformans*. This fungus can winter over on the tree trunk. I thought it was in the nodes where the buds form. It can also winter over in the dead leaves under a tree. I always keep debris away from under my fruit trees. There are other plants close to my trees because they are in flower beds as a part of the garden. HMMMM, maybe. The fungus emerges just as leaves and shoots begin to grow in early spring. It loves

periods of cool, wet weather. I knew this. I realized even when I spray enough, the only spray that gets on the tree trunk is by overspray. From now on I will get the three times of spraying in no matter what and I will include spraying the trunk.

It turns out that removing the curled leaves does help for that year only. New unaffected leaves will grow in. The fruit is not usually affected. I knew that trees can be defoliated when the leaves are new. Then, fresh, new leaves will grow back. The bad news is that once a tree has the fungus it usually has it forever.

APRIL FOOL, don't I wish. All of the above is true. ★

# Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"Well," said Steve, the tall cowboy, "at least it's Friday and we all have the weekend to look forward to."

Doc glanced up from his paper at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop and world dilemma think tank.

"Fastest Friday you'll ever experience, Steve," said Doc.

"That's about right," said Dud.

Steve got that con-founded look on his face. "What do you mean by that?"

"Today is Saturday." "Well," Steve said, shaking his head, "that flat wrecks this day all to pieces."

"Hey," said Dud, "it's a pretty day. You have all day long to enjoy it."

## "Getting Ready for Sunday"

"But don't you see?" Steve said, in real pain. "I was planning to spend all day Friday getting ready for Saturday and now I can't."

"Now that sounds kinda dumb," Dud said, "and I realize that, but Steve does have a point. I mean, we think in terms of time ..."

Doc groaned. "... yea, verily ... time and space and the continuum thereof, henceforth and forevermore. That's why, when our friend Steve here thought about Saturday, it was as though Saturday lay in the future, where things are to happen that we, as mere mortals, are loath to know..."

"Dud," said Steve, "you been watching Nova again?"

Dud blushed. "It was a good show. It concerned the string theory and fusion and the way all these marvelous things come together to make

up our lives and Einstein and the total something-or-other. I forget all the little stuff, but it was pretty good. Had to do with the Big Bang and all that junk. Do you realize that when you look at a star at night, it might not be there? That star might have blown up and died a million years ago."

"So how can you tell if it's still there?" Steve asked.

"Have no idea," Dud said.

Steve grinned and tossed off the last of his coffee.

"Well, I'd better be getting along. I'm running late as it is."

"So what you up to today, Steve?" said Doc.

"Getting ready for Sunday."

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### Court Upholds Flows Plan for San Joaquin River Tributaries

A state plan that requires leaving unimpaired flows of 30% to 50% in each of three San Joaquin River tributaries—the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced rivers—can move forward, according to a court ruling. More than a dozen lawsuits, including one filed by the California Farm Bureau, challenged different aspects of the state's first phase of the water quality control plan update. Water districts, farmers and residents in the region protested the plan, saying it would do little to restore salmon and other fish populations, while cutting water supplies to the northern San Joaquin Valley.

### California Water Chief: State Must Manage for Weather Extremes

The state's water chief last week emphasized the need to better manage flood flows and groundwater during wet periods to improve water supply reliability during dry periods. During the California Farm Bureau Capital Ag Conference in Sacramento, California Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth highlighted work underway and outlined long-term plans to help the state adapt more broadly. She also acknowledged that investments in water infrastructure—which farmers have urged for years—have been slow coming.

### Farm Delegation Advocates at State Capitol

Farmers and ranchers gathered at the state Capitol in Sacramento last week to advocate on policies impacting agriculture, from groundwater management to wildfires to technology. As they met with lawmakers and staff during the annual Capital Ag Conference, which marks the start of the legislative year, the delegation of California Farm Bureau members focused particular energy on trying to rescue a program that provides financial compensation to ranchers whose livestock are impacted by wolves. Amid the state budget deficit, money ran out for the pilot program.

### Study Results are Unclear on Whether Grass-fed Beef is More Sustainable

With California set to become a leader in grass-fed beef production and demand, researchers at University of California, Davis, reevaluated grass-fed production systems in the western U.S. The results? There was neither a clear winner nor loser. According to their study published in the Journal of Animal Science, the conventional beef system had the lowest greenhouse gas footprint but the highest energy-use and smog footprints. "This study illustrated the complexities underpinning beef sustainability," the report concluded. The findings were outlined at a recent UC Davis field day. ★



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# Live Oak Snags First SVL Victory

# Bulldogs Close Out March with Sweep of Corning



Live Oak senior Sierrah Swanson (4) beats out the ball for a single in the Lady Lions' 13-2 win over Durham on Tuesday, March 26.



Live Oak senior shortstop Olivia Nanez (6) makes contact with the ball during the Lady Lions' 13-2 win over Durham on Tuesday, March 26.

Story by Steven Bryla, photos by Chris Pedigo

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak girls' softball team won its first Sacramento Valley League game of the season on Tuesday, March 26, as they defeated the Durham Trojans 13-2 in five innings.

The win against Durham also gave Live Oak their eighth win on the season, which surpassed their win total from last season (7).

Lady Lions head coach Kevin Medeiros expressed to the Herald that it took them a little while to adjust to the slower pitching the Trojans threw against Live Oak, but when they adjusted to it, they took control of the game.

While it took the Lady Lions a little while to get going, Live Oak freshman pitcher Brooklyn Murphey dealt a gem in the circle as she picked up her sixth win of the season. Murphey pitched five innings, gave up a single hit and struck out eight hitters.

On top of the great performance by Murphey in the circle, her efficient performance included 81% of her pitches being called strikes, and she tossed 15 first-pitch strikes to the opposing hitters.

The Lady Lions broke the game open in the bottom of the third inning when they unleashed an 11-run inning with seven hits.

Live Oak senior shortstop Olivia Nanez led the Lady Lions with three hits, including two extra-base hits in the third inning where she doubled to center and launched a shot to center for a two-run home run.

Medeiros told the Herald that although it took a while to get adjusted to the slower pitching, he would have liked to have seen the Lady Lions jump out earlier than they did.

Medeiros told the Herald he gave his team the following day off due to the weather, but when it came to practice on Thursday, March 28, Medeiros said that he pitched batting practice at the same speed they saw in game one of the series so they could jump out early on their next scheduled game at Durham.

Live Oak traveled to Durham on Friday, March 29, for the second/final matchup of SVL play, but the game was called earlier than the scheduled five inning requirement to make it a complete game.

Medeiros told the Herald the Lady Lions made the adjustments at the plate and were able to jump out to an early lead. Medeiros expressed that although they made the hitting adjustment, he still wants his team to focus on playing a clean game defensively.

Live Oak had three errors in the victory over Durham on March 26, and the Lady Lions would have had to play clean defensively this week as they were scheduled to play at East Nicolaus this past Tuesday. East Nicolaus has yet to be defeated in the SVL since they joined in the 2021 season. Live Oak is scheduled to host the Spartans at 4 p.m. today. ★

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The low-rostered Gridley Bulldogs baseball team swept the Corning Cardinals in the opening series of Butte View League play between Tuesday, March 26, and Thursday, March 28, and are getting much needed rest this week.

The two victories over Corning made it six consecutive victories for the Bulldogs as they ended March on a strong note.

In the BVL opener against Corning on March 26, the Bulldogs had one substitute in the dugout. Gridley sophomore pitcher Tanner Abbott pitched his first two innings in about a three-week span as he looked great with his control and mechanics. Abbott gave up one hit, but struck out four hitters in his outing.

The Bulldogs went up 1-0 in the first inning after junior infielder/pitcher Garrett Francis hit a runs-batted-in (RBI) single in the first.

Gridley sophomore infielder/pitcher Jason Davis Jr. took over for Abbott in the third inning and the right-hander pounded the zone and made the glove pop constantly. Davis Jr. pitched the remaining five innings where he surrendered two runs, two hits and sent 11 Cardinals back to the bench on strikes.

Davis expressed to the Herald that the key to being successful against Corning was trusting his defense behind him.



Gridley sophomore pitcher Jason Davis Jr. (27) tosses a pitch during the Bulldogs' 5-2 win over Corning on Tuesday, March 26.

The leading hitter for the Bulldogs in the first game of the series was senior outfielder Cesario Villalobos as he had a double in the second and followed up with a triple in the fourth inning.

Villalobos told the Herald he has changed up his stance in the box recently and that had been one of the attributes to his great hitting lately. He added another couple hits in the Gridley 10-2 victory over Corning on March 28.

Gridley has been battling throughout the season with a smaller roster than most people realize as they have carried 10-11 players for the first half of their schedule.

Villalobos expressed to the Herald that the guys are committed to the team and staying healthy the best way they can. Although the Bulldogs roster, it still doesn't change the reputation of the great success they had

last season as being the defending CIF Northern Section Division III Champions and making it into the CIF NorCal Final against Sutter.

Being the defending champs, Gridley knows they are going to get everyone's best effort every game they play. Villalobos and Davis Jr. told the Herald they expect to get everyone's best and they are going to continue making everyone continue to give them their best shot.

In the Bulldogs series sweep over Corning on March 28, senior infielder/pitcher Emmet Smallwood shutout the Cardinals in five innings of relief pitching where he struck out 10 and gave up three hits.

Gridley will have time to rest and recover as they had no scheduled games this week. They are scheduled to open BVL play back up next week as they are scheduled to play at Oroville next Tuesday. ★



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