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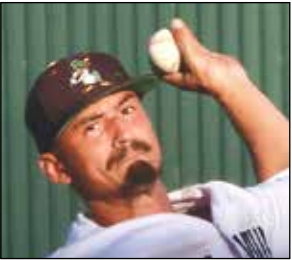
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## Sweeties Opens



These kiddo's love that Sweeties has officially opened in Gridley, arriving first thing on opening day to get some ice cream from the new sweet spot in town. Pictured from left, Crash, Boss and Sienna Davis. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Have a sweet tooth? You are in luck because the long-awaited Sweeties has opened.

Located in downtown Gridley, the adorable, sweet shop and bakery greets customers with a be-sprinkled sugar-pink wall and candy-colored interior that elicits excitement and smiles from its customers.

There is something for every taste at Sweeties. The locally-owned shop features artisan baked goods such as cakes, brownies, cookies and sour-dough bread, and cool treats for hot summer days such as iced coffee, shaved ice, milkshakes and ice cream. Don't forget the candy!

Sweeties is brought to the Gridley community by locals Brandi Macfarlane and Cindy Stowe.

Macfarlane, known in the community for her specialty baked goods, treats and catering prowess, lends her creative talents to the shop, creating



Owners Brandi Macfarlane, left, and Cindy Stowe smile as they open Sweeties up for the community to enjoy. Photo by Sue Orme

candy bouquets and custom packages for gifts and birthdays. Stowe is a familiar face behind the counter, owning Cindy's boutique in Gridley for years.

The Sweeties owners planned for

a soft opening Monday, July 22 but were happily surprised when there was a line outside their doors at noon when the shop officially opened.

When the Herald arrived at the

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## Enloe Health Cancer Patients Gain Easy Access to UC Davis Clinical Trials

Enloe Health  
News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Affiliation with UC Davis Health Cancer Care Network enhances advanced cancer treatment close to home.

Enloe Health and UC Davis Health are bringing leading-edge cancer research and clinical trials to the North State. As the newest affiliate of the UC Davis Health Cancer Care Network, Enloe Health can now open innovative clinical trials with the full support of UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"The affiliation brings the latest discoveries in cancer care to Enloe Regional Cancer Center without its patients ever leaving the convenience of their local health system," said Susan Walsh, executive director, UC Davis Health Affiliate Network.

As the only cancer center in inland Northern California designated "comprehensive" by the National Cancer Institute, UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center is considered one of the top cancer centers in the country.

### Breaking new ground

Enloe Health held a groundbreaking ceremony recently for its new Gonzales Comprehensive Cancer Center, which is expected to open in early 2026.

"UC Davis research has immense promise for improving cancer survival and treatment outcomes," said Medical Director of the Enloe Health Gonzales Comprehensive Cancer Center Sam Mazj, M.D. "Enloe Health's affiliation with UC Davis will bring together a diverse team of scientists, medical professionals and community partners to conduct cutting edge research and treatment in our community. It symbolizes hope."

"This is a truly transformative partnership," said UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center Director Primo "Lucky" Lara Jr. "The best part is patients will not have to travel to Sacramento to have the access to advanced research that they deserve."

### About Enloe Health

Enloe Health is a proudly independent, non-profit system offering an array of medical services. Our mission is to elevate

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## Community Donors Welcome at Summer Blood Drive

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Blood donors are especially appreciated during the summer, as it is typically a time of shortages. When you donate July 28 to Aug. 29, you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards—plus, you'll get a \$10 gift card via Vitalant Donor Rewards in thanks.

Area donors are encouraged to participate in the Vitalant drive this Tuesday, July 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 400 Spruce Street. Walk-ins are welcome. Please eat well and stay hydrated throughout the day. Water and refreshments will also be available at the blood drive.



Bryndys Castaneda (L) participates in a Vitalant blood drive with staff member Susan Hoska. Walk-in donors are welcome this coming Tuesday, July 30, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 400 Spruce Street, from 4 to 7 p.m. Photo by Cindy Scott



# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The quality of healthcare outside of suburban areas and urban areas - or right next to a university continues to slide. It's frustrating to drive everywhere when you need a medical specialist. I can understand why a physician with a bunch of student loan ebt would want to be somewhere like Roseville instead of Gridley. That said, if you look at the number of cardiologists, podiatrists, endocrinologists, and another specialist

who used to be in the area, the number is just going nowhere but down, and everyone who needs to get healthcare is getting in their car. There remains a severe shortage of physicians who are going into general practice, and an even more severe shortage of those who want to practice medicine in a rural place. My friend Ted Owens works at Forest Hospital in Truckee and people literally buy a second vacation home there because they know there's a quality hospital with trained specialist who have also bought retirement homes there and work part time at the hospital. Having healthcare nearby is a major economic driver. If you layer on top of that the demographics that we're going to confront in America with a lot of people being old and very few

people being young - we are headed toward some fundamental systematic change in how we access healthcare and take care of ourselves and the ones we love. We spend a great deal of energy & effort and time supporting the industry of agriculture with educational programming in high school that prepares thousands of students for careers in agriculture. It might be time to start considering the FPA - Future Physicians of America. Create a pipeline of high school students who study science, technology, engineering, and math and prepare them for the incredible human need that is going to be occurring in the next 30 to 40 years.

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*Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator. Views expressed here are solely his own.* ★

## Thompson Fire Escapee Captured and Charged

Butte County District Attorney's Office Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - An Oroville man, who was arrested after being found illegally wandering within the closed area of the Thompson Fire and then escaped while handcuffed, was arraigned on June 16 in court on a number of felony and misdemeanor counts.

Zackary Mason Elliott, 22, of Oroville, was charged in Butte County Superior Court with escaping from custody, evading a peace officer while driving recklessly, providing a false name, resisting an officer, theft (of handcuffs), vandalism and drug possession charges.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on July 3, at approximately 2:15 a.m., in the east Oroville area where California State Fish and Wildlife wardens were patrolling areas that were under mandatory evacuation orders at the time due to the Thompson Fire which had begun the day before. The wardens were part of a large contingent of local and out-of-area officers helping keep the area residences safe from potential looters.

Ramsey said while manning a road closure on Oro Dam Boulevard East near Glen Drive, the wardens noticed a vehicle approaching from within a closed area, however the vehicle rapidly turned around and sped away when it got close

to the roadblock. A Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant pursued the vehicle and stopped it for traffic violations near Pine Oaks Road. Elliott, the driver and only occupant, attempted to explain his presence in the closed evacuation zone at 2:15 a.m. as wanting to visit his grandmother, but he could not provide her name, address, or contact information.

Initially, Elliott provided a false name, which he ultimately admitted was because he had warrants for his arrest from Southern California for theft. The lieutenant arrested Elliott on the warrants and placed him in handcuffs. Elliott was in the process of being placed in a patrol car when another unrelated vehicle pulled up and the occupants began to aggressively argue with a nearby Butte County Sheriff's Deputy. That confrontation became physical due to the actions of the other driver, and the lieutenant and other wardens moved to assist the deputy.

In the confusion, Elliott was able to slip the cuffs to the front of his body and run to his car. He jumped in and sped away, pursued by the lieutenant's vehicle. Elliott fled at speeds exceeding 100 mph on Oro Dam Boulevard East heading into downtown Oroville and ran through two additional roadblocks, causing Butte County Public Works employees, who were manning them, to quickly move out of the way. Due to Elliott's extremely dangerous driving, the decision was made to cease the pursuit for public safety.

Ramsey said for the next

week, state wardens, along with the District Attorney's Office, worked to locate Elliott - who was now an escaped prisoner - and get him back into custody safely.

Investigators eventually discovered Elliott had gone out of the county for work and would likely be returning to Butte County on Friday, July 12. When Elliott returned, his car was met at the county line by three California Highway Patrol vehicles along with three Fish and Wildlife vehicles. Elliott's car was boxed in, and Elliott was taken into custody.

In the car officers located methamphetamine and a pipe. Elliott admitted to his escape and described how he had cut off the handcuffs and stashed them at a friend's property. Wardens responded to that location and discovered the handcuffs, cut open and in two pieces, hidden in a speaker box in the yard.

Elliott's girlfriend, Elizabeth Fay Egger, 24, also of Oroville, was also later located and arrested on Friday for allegedly aiding a fugitive after it was discovered she knew Elliott had escaped, drove him out of the county, and allowed him to use her car.

At his arraignment, the judge granted the District Attorney's request that Elliott be held without bail. He was due back in court, before press time, for further arraignment and entry of plea. Egger was also arraigned July 16 but released on her own recognition to appear in court for further arraignment. ★

# Former Gridley Teacher Sentenced to Prison for Sex with Student

Butte County District Attorney News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A former Gridley school teacher was sentenced to four years in state prison on July 18 for having sex with a 14-year-old boy who was her student in June 2021.

Michelle Christine Solis, 46, was sentenced to the maximum term by Butte County Superior Court Judge Michael Deems, following her plea to one count of sex with a minor.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charge stems from conduct during the boy's eighth-grade year at Sycamore Junior High School in Gridley. Solis was the boy's teacher. She "friended" him on Instagram at the time and began messaging him in the weeks leading up to his graduation. Evidence showed Solis sent the boy four explicit photos of herself before having sexual intercourse with him in her classroom on the day of the boy's eighth-grade graduation.

Rumors and copies of one of the photographs began to circulate in the Gridley community in October 2023. A Gridley Police investigation ensued and investigators contacted the boy and reviewed the his phone's content. There, they found communication between Solis and the boy, including two explicit photographs of Solis that matched the descriptions the boy previously provided.

In court July 18, Solis' attorney asked the judge to give his client probation, citing the incident as only "one act." The District



Michelle Christine Solis was sentenced to 4 years in prison. Photo courtesy Butte County District Attorney

Attorney's Office argued the upper term in state prison was appropriate, due to the 29-year age difference between Solis and the boy, Solis' position as a trusted community member and a pattern of conduct amounting to "grooming." The District Attorney's Office pointed to Solis' special treatment of the boy in school, the numerous social media contacts between Solis and the boy, Solis' directions to delete their communications, and the explicit photographs Solis sent to the boy before initiating sexual intercourse.

Ramsey said Solis was previously remanded to the Butte County Jail on June 27, after her attorney requested a continuance of the sentencing hearing. She will be transported to the state prison within a week. Solis will be required to register as a sex offender and was ordered to stay away from the victim for 10 years. ★

## Solis Hearing Detailed

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley community has paid special attention to the criminal case involving Michelle Solis, a 46-year-old former Gridley school teacher.

Solis was arrested Nov. 13, 2023 on suspicions of sex with a minor student and inappropriate contact with the minor and found guilty June 2, 2024 of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor (261.5 (d) PC) with charges of distribution of harmful matter (288.2 (a)(2) PC) dismissed on a Harvey Waiver. A Harvey Waiver is an agreement by a defendant that any counts dismissed as part of a plea agreement can still be considered for the purposes of sentencing on the remaining counts, according to www.shouselaw.com.

Solis appeared at 1:30 p.m. July 18 to Butte County Superior Court in Oroville before a packed courtroom as she took her place beside her defense attorney, Matthew Clinton Smith.

Smith argued that this was a "one victim, one act" case and made comments that the "post-pubescent" juvenile victim referred to Solis as "hot" and "attractive." Smith also referred

to mentions in Solis' probation report of "rumors" and "small town gossip" and asked the judge to look at the case "academically."

It appeared that the defense was trying to downplay the severity of the charges, as supporters of the victim seated in the front row quietly sobbed.

Smith also mentioned letters sent to the court from the public expressing their feelings on the case and he singled out one Gridley person by name in court for their submission. Smith told Judge Michael Deems that there was no room for public comment in the case and that the letters should have no bearing on the sentencing.

Smith asked Deems to give Solis probation instead of a prison sentence. Smith said that other cases with similar patterns of behavior but with multiple acts instead of his client's alleged "one act" resulted in probation.

Prosecutor Jennifer Bennett of the Butte County District Attorney's Office, representing the People of California, countered that the upper term of four years in state prison was the appropriate sentencing for Solis, as the case displayed a level of "criminal sophistication" and

"grooming" of the victim. In addition, Bennett argued that Solis abused a position of "authority" and "trust" as a public educator and made reference to the teacher being previously reprimanded by the school for inappropriate behavior involving cellphone usage and her students.

Regardless of "rumor," Bennett added, evidence established that Solis had a sexual encounter with the youth on the day of his eighth-grade graduation and that images of her genitalia and buttocks had been shared with the youth.

Bennett also argued that in the three-page report by Dr. Donald Siggins, who submitted an evaluation of Solis to the court, there was "no indication of remorse" by Solis.

Judge Deems honored the District Attorney's request for the upper term sentencing of four years in state prison and ordered Solis to pay restitution to the victim in the amount of \$300.

As Solis was ushered away by the bailiffs, attorney Smith quickly exited the courtroom. As he left, Smith was heard by multiple witnesses, including the Herald, call those seated in the court's gallery "Vultures. Vultures, everywhere." ★

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# Sweeties!

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shop, it was standing room only, filled with people who had turned out to get a piece of the sugary action.

Sienna Davis, there with her family, said that it was great to “have a shop like this locally” and loved that it was within easy walking distance. Many people have shared the sentiment online in Facebook posts that the town of Gridley needed something like this.

Monday’s “sugar rush” didn’t seem to end. MacFarlane and Stowe reported non-stop customers opening day. At closing, MacFarlane and Stowe were shocked — the baking case at the

heart of the shop was left bare and most of their ice cream supply had been decimated.

Not to worry, Sweeties was restocked Tuesday at opening with freshly-made treats and ice cream at the ready.

Sweeties plans to continue soft-opening hours of operation for the next two weeks as they monitor business. A grand opening will be announced in the future, along with social media information for the community to follow.

*Sweeties is currently open from 12 to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Sweeties is located at 620 Kentucky St., Gridley. ★*



Hayes Waite looks longingly at some of Sweeties’ baked goodies. Photo by Seti Long



Cohen Waite looks like the sugar rush has already kicked in as he scoops up some of Sweeties’ fun candies. Photo by Seti Long

# The Things We Do So Others May Live

## Butte County Search and Rescue News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - This weekend, our team conducted our annual Air Operations, Marine Unit, and Swift Water Rescue combination training over the Thermalito Afterbay.

During this event, we train on basic Swift Water Rescue topics such as PPE, throw bagging, self-rescue into a boat, and pulling a subject into the boat over the gunwales, and prospective Swift Water Techs get their first orientation on this critical rescue discipline.

Additionally, we combined with our Air Operations Unit to practice static water short hauls, and 10-10 helicopter insertions. The 10-10



Search and Rescue uses helicopters to train possible new team members. Photo courtesy of Butte County Search and Rescue

insertion involves two helicopter rescue technicians secured to the skid of our @Bell Flight 505 lowered to an altitude of 10 feet at a speed of 10 knots jumping in to swim to a drowning subject. We then short haul the subject with a cinch or rescue them into a

watercraft.

This training was particularly special as we hosted representatives from @peoriapoliceaz and @peoriafiremedical. The Peoria PD and Fire-Medical Departments reached out the Butte County Sheriff’s Office Aviation

Unit after learning of the unique way our team utilizes our helicopters. They have purchased a Bell 505 and visited to get insight into our highly successful Helicopter Rescue Program.

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Search and Rescue trains hopefuls along with veterans during drills over the Thermalito Afterbay in Oroville. Photo courtesy of Butte County Search and Rescue

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## Multiple Arrests Made for Possession of Methamphetamine and Heroin for Sale



Pictured here is the evidence that the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force uncovered July 16. Photo courtesy of Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force

## Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On the morning of July 16, agents from the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) and the Special Enforcement Unit of the Butte County Sheriff’s Office (SEU) executed a search warrant at 1356 Oak Street in Oroville.

During the service of the search warrant, agents located and safely detained six adults. One of the adults detained, 64-year-old Carrie Lynn Garlington, was the focus of the investigation and search warrant. Two children, 7 and 9, were also found in the home.

During a search of the aforementioned location pursuant to the warrant, Agents located and seized the following evidentiary items:

- Over 343 grams of methamphetamine
- Over 16 grams of heroin
- Two handguns (one stolen) and ammunition
- Digital scales
- Packaging materials
- Other evidence

supporting the sales of methamphetamine and heroin

The following subjects were arrested for the listed violations and later booked into the Butte County Jail:

Carrie Lynn Garlington (64):

Possession of Methamphetamine for Purposes of Sales

Possession of Heroin for Purposes of Sales

Possession of Controlled Substances while Armed with a Firearm

Maintaining a Residence for the Purposes of Drug Sales

Possession of Stolen Property

Amanda Joy Pack (38):

Possession of Methamphetamine for Purposes of Sales

Lloyd Kennedy Murry (33):

Possession of a Firearm by an Addict

Possession of a Controlled Substance

Tiffany Anne Paul (33): Child Endangerment

Of note: During entry, Agents located a loaded and stolen handgun concealed under a blanket on top of the

bed where Ms. Garlington slept.

The two children, ages 7 and 9, were found to have easy access to methamphetamine and a firearm, as both were found in the same bedroom where the children slept. As with all dangerous and neglectful conditions involving children, Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force contacted the Children Services Division, who placed both children into protective care.

The location of the residence/search warrant is across the street from the Oroville City Council Chambers/City Hall.

For questions or information regarding this media release please contact Commander Michael O’Brien at (530) 552-5632 or via email at mobrien@buttecounty.net.

The purpose of the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) is to investigate violations of the law involving controlled substances and criminal street gangs in the County of Butte, to include all incorporated cities of the County of Butte. ★



# Chico Man Held to Answer for Stirling City Fires

## Butte County District Attorney’s Office Press Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - A Chico man was in Butte County Superior Court on July 10 and held to answer for two counts of arson of forest wildland from June 15.

Brock Gregory Herritt, 48, was held to answer after a preliminary hearing convinced a judge to hold him for two counts of arson in the remote forest three miles north-west of Stirling City in north Butte County. At the request of the District Attorney, Herritt is being held in Butte County Jail on no bail pending his next court date on July 21.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said evidence presented at the hearing showed the arsons occurred at approximately 6 p.m. on forest land near Reston Road on Sierra Pacific Industries property. Herritt allegedly had lit two small fires within ten feet of each other, one growing to approximately 1/10th of an acre and the other approximately 20 by 30 feet.

Firewatch cameras captured smoke from the fires and Cal Fire engines responded immediately to put out the fires. The fires

occurred while the 1,000-acre June Fire was actively burning in Palermo down in the Sacramento Valley, which could be seen from the area of the arson fires.

Cal Fire investigators responded and found evidence that the fires were set by a “hot start” resulting from a torch or a lighter being held directly to dried grass or brush at the side of the private road, according to the District Attorney’s Office. No suspects were in the area at the time.

However, the District Attorneys Office said that Herritt returned to the scene of the fires two days later and was found by a Cal Fire Engine crew doing mop-up on the fire. He was arrested nearby allegedly with a blowtorch, propane bottles, torch lighter, and disassembled fireworks.

The District Attorney’s Office said Herritt told Cal Fire investigators he had been camping in the area for at least seven days and was hiking from Stirling City to Concow.

Ramsey said Herritt had six prior felonies involving DUIs and domestic violence cases. He will remain in the Butte County Jail until his next court date when his jury trial date will be set. ★

# Woman Arrested for Arson in Oroville

## CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Shortly before 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, firefighters were dispatched to a 10x10 vegetation fire behind the Maverik Gas Station near Highway 70 at the Oro Dam Blvd. exit. The Feather Fire was contained to .04 acres. Witnesses identified a suspect, who was detained by the Oroville Police Department.

CAL FIRE Law Enforcement officers conducted an investigation and interviewed

39-year-old Rosena Plath. At the conclusion of the interview, Plath was arrested on suspicion of arson. She was booked into Butte County Jail on one count of Penal Code 451(c), arson to wildland.

If you have any information about this fire, or any other suspicious fires, please contact the CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Prevention Bureau at 530-538-7888 or the Statewide Arson Hotline at 800-468-4408.

For fire safety tips and information about defensible space and home hardening, visit [bereadybutte.com](http://bereadybutte.com) and [readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org). ★

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**Date:** Tuesday, July 30, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am  
**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Butte College-Glenn County Center, 1366 Cortina Drive, Orland

**Practical QuickBooks for New Users - 4 Weeks, 2 hours per week (Chico)**  
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**Week 3** - August 22: Accounts Receivable  
**Week 4** - August 29: Accounts Payable, Banking Reconciliations, and Reports  
**Date:** Thursdays, August 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2024 | **Time:** 8:30am – 10:30am  
**Cost:** \$50 per person for Entire Series | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

**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:** Wednesday, August 14, 2024 | **Time:** 8:30am – 10:30am  
**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

**The Basics of Bookkeeping (Oroville)**  
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. Learn key concepts for good record keeping for your business.  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am  
**Cost:** FREE | **Location:** The Barrell Room, 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville

**First Steps to Successfully Open a Restaurant or Food Business (Orland)**  
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**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am  
**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Butte College-Glenn County Center, 1366 Cortina Drive, Orland

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# Council Could Consider Increasing Illegal Fireworks Fines

**Story**  
**by Shaunna Boyd**

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Live Oak City Council members at their July 17 meeting considered the assessment of liens against delinquent homeowners' properties to collect overdue costs for refuse collection services by Recology Yuba-Sutter. Notifications were sent to renters and/or owners of the properties with delinquent accounts and account holders were also informed of this public hearing, so they had an opportunity to either dispute the charges or pay them before the liens are assessed.

By the meeting date, 191 units were still delinquent, with a total of \$46,977.35 for collection.

During Public Comment on this item, a resident said it was unfair to put a lien on rental properties, because it was the renters and not the owners who accrued the overdue charges. He said the renter should be sent to collection, rather than going after the property owners.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the lien assessments for unpaid refuse collection.

Council also considered the assessment of liens against property owners with overdue utility charges, unpaid fire protection fees or charges owed to the city. For this item,

the delinquent accounts were also notified of the charges and the public hearing.

By the meeting's date, four properties had outstanding charges for a total overdue amount of \$1,855.54.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the lien assessments for unpaid utility charges.

Interim City Manager Mark Scott provided a report on the recent enforcement against illegal fireworks over the Fourth of July holiday. Officers from the Sutter County Sheriff's Office patrolled in Live Oak and responded to many calls for service, issuing a dozen citations and making one arrest.

Fireworks are a significant cause for fires, so weed-abatement efforts were implemented in the city to mitigate that danger, and the Sutter County Fire Department reported no fires within city limits on July 4th.

"Things actually went quite well here," said Scott. "There was a great effort and a great outcome." But Scott also recommended that the Council consider updating their policy to increase the fines against homeowners for each offense of illegal fireworks at their property.

Councilmember Bob Woten said it was "a terrific report of a job well done."

Vice-Mayor Nancy

Santana said, "Law enforcement did a great job. I feel like we're making progress." But she said there is still a massive number of illegal fireworks set off in the city: "It's still way out of control."

Mayor Ashley Hernandez agreed that City Council should consider updating the fines. While residents have the right to celebrate with fireworks, Hernandez said, they need to do so responsibly.

Interim City Manager Scott asked for City Council to begin considering a policy to guide the pursuit of code enforcement problem cases within the city. He said residents often report neglected or abandoned homes, which are a cause of blight, safety issues and decreased property values. The city's Code Enforcement issues warnings, citations and abatement orders to the owners of neglected properties, but if those are ignored, the city's only recourse is to take the issue through the court system. However, that is a time-consuming and expensive process, and if the city succeeded in court, they might end up with ownership of the property in question and thus the financial responsibility of demolishing the home. Scott asked the council to examine the issue and find a way to determine which cases should be escalated to the courts.

"This is a complicated issue," said Scott. "There's the issue of how do you set council policy? How do you make sure it's a fair and equitable policy? What kind of money do we want to budget for this kind of work? And then what do we do with it when we get there?"

Scott said it was important to find "approaches that actually look at identifying not only the problem but the solution."

Vice-Mayor Santana said, "I think we need to get more aggressive. We need to take care of our city."

Santana suggested prioritizing the ones that have been a problem for many years since they cause an ongoing safety issue for surrounding homes. Santana also mentioned that the city owns approximately 55 properties, so perhaps some of those could be sold to help cover the legal costs and then, if approved by the courts,

the cost to demolish these abandoned homes.

Hernandez said, "It's going to be a multi-level approach." She said it would be important to discover the value of the properties in question, since they might have other liens against the property already, in which case the City might not be able to recover the invested costs if they pursue a court case. Hernandez suggested looking for programs or grants to help the owners resolve the issue without escalating to the courts, since that could be more cost effective for the City.

Interim Manager Scott advised City Council not to rush into the idea of selling off their real estate assets. He said that selling surplus government properties can be a long process, and it would be important to evaluate all the properties' potential future values before making that decision. Scott

said he did not expect resolution on this issue at this meeting, but just wanted the Council to begin thinking about establishing a future policy.

The council also received an update about the possibility of funding a school resource officer for Live Oak schools. Scott said that Live Oak Unified School District reacted positively to the idea and offered to pay 50% of the officer salary as well as 50% of maintenance for the officer's vehicle. However, they won't pay toward the vehicle purchase. Scott said, "It's a great offer," so if Council agreed, he would move forward with drafting a contract to bring back to Council for consideration at a future meeting.

Councilmember Lakhvir Ghag said, "This is a really good deal for our students."

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for Aug. 7. ★



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# LaMalfa Comments on Biden Dropping Out of Race

# Yankee Hill Man Charged with Arson

## Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

**RICHVALE, CA (MPG)** - Congressman Doug LaMalfa released the following statement:

“It has been very clear to any honest observer that President Biden has had a significant decline in his stamina and capacity. Those who have interacted with him directly have clearly seen this for quite some time. The media and Washington Democrats have been covering up that fact for well over a year. Up until a few weeks ago, the media called it “fake news” and “misinformation” to bring up this fact. The debate with Trump made clear to the public how much he has regressed. That truth can no longer be masked by politicians or a willing media.

It’s appropriate that the 25th Amendment be contemplated. But Biden is leaving the race because of collapsing in the polls.

The clear fact is Washington Democrats and their donors are boldly forcing him out to try to salvage their odds in this election only 106 days from now. If he were polling better, they would still be propping him up to the finish line, but they cannot cover the eyes of the American people any longer. After skewing the primary to ease the path for Biden from having any competition, they have forced him out on the eve of his renomination. Voters thusly were cheated from having an open opportunity in the primary season to choose their nominee to replace Biden as it was apparent that the odds were high, he wouldn’t sustain a true

campaign through the November election. Now, Democrat power brokers will decide in a smoke-filled room in Chicago a few weeks from now who THEY will put forward, not a months long campaign where candidates make their case to the voters in public. It’s solely about Democrats using any tactic to stay in power. If Biden isn’t capable of running a campaign, nor even endure the Special Council Hur interview, he certainly isn’t in position to run our country this final 6 months of his scheduled term.”

*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.*

## Butte County District Attorney News Release

**YANKEE HILL, CA (MPG)** - A Yankee Hill man was in Butte County Superior Court on July 19. charged with arson after he set his taxicab on fire in the rural and brush-covered area between Yankee Hill and Concow.

Douglas Allen Rowell, 64, was arrested by Cal Fire arson investigators on Wednesday, July 17 at a makeshift RV campsite behind the old Rock House near the intersection of Highway 70 and Timtam Lane after they were called to a fire there around 7:30 p.m.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the investigators were called by Cal Fire firefighters who had responded to a 50 x 70-foot area of burnt wildland that contained

a taxicab with extensive charring on the driver’s side, near the trunk.

Investigators contacted Rowell at his nearby RV, who admitted to trying to “blow up” the taxicab, by placing a rag in the fuel spout and igniting it. When his car did not explode – “like in the movies” – Rowell said he then allegedly soaked a 7-foot tall, wooden bear statue along with a 4 x 15-foot area of vegetation with charcoal lighter fluid and ignited it. His reasons for such actions were unclear.

At his July 19 arraignment, the District Attorney’s Office asked that Rowell be held without bail citing the public safety concerns of such an intentional arson in that highly combustible rural area. The judge granted the request. Rowell will be back in court on July 25 (before press time) for further arraignment.

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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 #24CV01978  
Petitioner Christen Lynn Krogstad filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Christen Lynn Krogstad to Christen Lynn Archer.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing August 14, 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 June 26, 2024  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024  
KROGSTAD 7-26-24

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT 100 (Two positions of Director)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Drainage District 100 will conduct a General District Election on the 5th day of November, 2024 for the purposes of electing two positions of Director. The term for each position of director shall be for four (4) years or until the Director's successor qualifies and takes office.

- To be qualified as a candidate for the position of Director, a person must be a holder of title to land within District boundaries, or the Legal Representative of a holder of title to land within District boundaries, and an elector.
- If insufficient nominations are received and a petition for election is not filed within the time period stipulated in Election Code section 10515, appointment to each elective office will be made as prescribed within the Election Code section 10515.
- Declarations of Candidacy may be obtained at the District's office located at 1205 School Street, Richvale, CA 95974, and must be returned and filed at the same location no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2024, and no candidate shall withdraw his or her Declaration of Candidacy after that date. If the incumbent elective officers do not file Declarations of Candidacy by the indicated deadline, the time to file is extended to August 14, 2024.
- The election will be conducted by Drainage District 100 and its designated representatives. Information regarding the election may be obtained by calling District's Counsel, Andrew McClure at (530) 533-2885.

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SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 435

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.05.240 OF THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE (CITY SEWER SYSTEM) TO INCREASE SEWER SERVICE FEES, RATES AND CHARGES

At its Regular City Council Meeting held on June 11, 2024, the City Council of the City of Biggs introduced Ordinance No. 435. The purpose of the ordinance is to increase sewer service fees, rates and charges.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing ORDINANCE was duly and regularly introduced and read at a public hearing held on the 11th day of June 2024 and adopted by the City Council of the City of Biggs at a regular meeting thereof duly held on the 9th day of July 2024 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Buck, Nuchols, Bassett, and Squires  
NOES: Sheppard  
APPROVED: Brian Bassett, Mayor  
ATTEST: Roben Benish, City Clerk

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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 topic described below. The hearing before the Gridley City Council will be held at a regular meeting scheduled for **Monday, August 5th, 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 Monday, August 5th, 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.

**Review and Possible Approval of Lien List Submitted to the City of Gridley Finance Department by Waste Management:** for the Purpose of Placing a Property Lien for Outstanding Balances (prior notices were provided to property owners by Waste Management)

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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SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 434

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.10.045 OF THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE (CITY WATER SYSTEM) TO INCREASE WATER SERVICE FEES, RATES AND CHARGES

At its Regular City Council Meeting held on June 11, 2024, the City Council of the City of Biggs introduced Ordinance No. 434. The purpose of the ordinance is to increase water service fees, rates and charges.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing ORDINANCE was duly and regularly introduced and read at a public hearing held on the 11th day of June 2024 and adopted by the City Council of the City of Biggs at a regular meeting thereof duly held on the 9th day of July 2024 by the following vote, to wit:

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*A special article by Tim Riley*

Once again, Messenger Publishing Group was on the scene of another national political convention, this time in heavily guarded Milwaukee in an atmosphere fraught with uncertainty as the result of the assassination attempt on the Republican party’s nominee.

Unlike the unfolding drama of the incumbent pulling the plug on his campaign, the nomination of Donald J. Trump was never in doubt, with the only surprise to come on the first day being the nomination of Ohio Senator JD Vance for the vice presidency.

Political conventions draw the party activists and volunteers, elected officials, and newcomers to the convention scene, while old guard party hacks seemed to be scarce. Most delegates and alternates across several states appeared to be first-time participants.

Forget the 2020 election season where the party conventions were listless, preordained virtual affairs about as exciting as watching paint dry or waiting for a load of clothes at a laundromat. This Republican convention was the most energized in decades, and the feeling was palpable inside the hall.

It may be easy to overlook the underlying tension of the 2016 convention which nominated Trump for the first time.

Remember that Texas Senator Ted Cruz, having run in the primaries, could not bring himself to endorse Trump in his convention speech back then.

On Tuesday night, Cruz took to the podium and the first thing he said was “God Bless Donald J. Trump,” and then thanked God Almighty for protecting Trump during the assassination attempt. This sentiment would be expressed by many speakers.

As the senator representing the largest state bordering Mexico, Cruz delivered a blistering attack on the Biden administration for allowing “a literal invasion” of 11.5 million people illegally crossing the border, which he noted is larger than the population of all but eight states.

Not surprisingly, the immigration crisis proved to be a pivotal issue. Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin addressed a breakfast gathering of the California delegation, and in regards to the immigration issue he said that it was “too bad” Texas Governor Greg Abbott was not the governor of the Golden State.

Youngkin pointed out that “every state is a border state,” and aside from the invasion of illegals, the flow of fentanyl is unprecedented. As for people crossing the border, the most daunting problem is that these are people “we know nothing about.”

With “American sovereignty and the crisis at the border as the top concerns,” Youngkin observed that the “top solution is leadership,” because just passing a bill in Congress is “naïve” if the rule of law is not restored.

Echoing a theme that is more apparent at this convention as opposed to the old establishment way of business, Youngkin noted that “we have a giant tent, let’s fill it.” He pushed the idea of townhalls that connect with people outside the corridors of power.

Trump’s former Ambassador

to the United Nations Nikki Haley, a fierce opponent in the primaries, offered her “strong endorsement” of the former president, noting that “you don’t have to agree with Trump 100 percent of the time to vote for him.”

Long ago, an axiom of politics was that “half a loaf was better than no bread,” so Haley’s sensible approach is taking the view that what’s important is that “we agree more than we disagree.”

Perhaps being prescient, Haley observed that “a vote for Joe Biden is a vote for President Kamala Harris. After the debate, everyone knows it is true,” a point to which Haley added “for the sake of the nation we have to go with Donald Trump.”

With her background in foreign policy, Haley made astute observations that under Obama, Putin invaded Crimea, and under Biden, Putin invaded all of Ukraine. Most importantly, Putin “did nothing” under Trump. There was no invasion and no wars, because Putin “knew Donald Trump was tough.”

Ronald Reagan’s maxim was “Peace Through Strength.” Arguably, the corollary to that was Haley claiming “a strong president doesn’t start wars. A strong president prevents wars.”

Rounding out the field of serious contenders from the primaries, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis offered a few witticisms, as he claimed we cannot “afford four more years of the Weekend at Bernie’s presidency.”

Following up on revelations of Biden’s workload, DeSantis pointed to national security concerns when observing that “our enemies do not confine their designs to between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.”

Aside from delivering a stirring upbeat speech in the convention hall, Vivek Ramaswamy spoke to the California delegation’s “Wheels to Victory”

luncheon at the Harley-Davidson Museum.

Vivek offered two tasks for the party. One is to revive our national identity by turning to the ideals of our founding fathers. The second is to shut down the shadow government of the administrative state, by “dismantling the nanny state” to save the Republic.

“We may not have a country left if don’t get it right in November,” said Vivek, noting that “it’s not morning in America right now,” as once Ronald Reagan was able to proclaim. “The American Dream is hanging on by life support.”

The political speeches stirred the delegates to enthusiastic responses. But the best may have emanated from a variety of everyday Americans. A standing ovation came for Madeline Brame who lost her son to violent criminals as she attacked soft-on-crime prosecutors.

Who could not get teary-eyed when the Gold Star families expressed their feelings of being let down when the Biden-Harris administration could not even mention the names of their soldiers who died during the withdrawal from Afghanistan?

Another hero was 98-year-old World War II veteran William Pekrol who said, “America is still worth fighting for,” and that if Trump were commander-in-chief, also said “I would re-enlist today” if asked by President Trump.

During an acceptance speech unlike any other, Donald Trump most notably came across as more somber and subdued than usual in large part, of course, for having survived an assassin’s bullet only days earlier.

In a moment that’s never happened before, speaking about the attempt on his life, Trump recounted details about the shooting, saying “I will tell you exactly what happened, and you’ll never hear it from me a

second time because it’s actually too painful to tell.”

If there’s an iconic image that resonates with the crowd in the hall, it has to be the photo that captures Trump with a raised fist and the American flag fluttering above. The shout of “Fight! Fight! Fight!” punctuated speeches many times.

While the national convention operated smoothly and efficient in all facets, the media coordination for the California delegation was lacking, as we made a request to interview attendees from Solano County and even adjacent counties.

What we ended up with was a conversation with Jason Clark, the Bay Area Regional Vice Chair, based in San Francisco. Clark focused on party registration numbers that don’t favor Republicans in California.

According to Clark, the focus will be on trying to pick up two or three seats if this proves to be a good year, while acknowledging that there will be a challenge to hold seats won by slim margins by Congressmen Ken Calvert and John Duarte.

Picking Senator Vance was a smart move, as Clark observed his working-class background and pulling himself up from being dirt poor, and then joining the Marines, going to an elite law school and being editor of the Law Review were admirable achievements.

With only two years in the Senate, Vance is not unlike other politicians who ascended to high office. Keep in mind that Barack Obama, once an obscure state legislator, only served four years in the Senate, while Richard Nixon had two years in the Senate before his election as Vice President.

Next up is the Democratic National Convention on Aug. 19, and we’ll soon see whether Kamala Harris is coronated or the convention devolves into a contentious repeat of 1968. ★

## AFGE on Biden's Withdrawal from 2024 Race

**American Federation of Government Employees News Release**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) National President Everett Kelley issued the following statement after President Biden announced that he will not seek reelection in the 2024 presidential race:


"President Biden's leadership the past four years has been undeniable. When our country, our government, our union and the world needed him most, he stepped up and led us away from the precipice of a dark future. He is an American hero, and we will forever be in his debt.

"Now that he has decided to transition out of electoral politics, it's time for us all to recommit to the important work in front of us. After four years of strong gains under the Biden-Harris Administration, AFGE is committed to ensuring that such growth continues under a new pro-union Administration.

"Throughout AFGE's presidential

endorsement process, and in the many months since, AFGE members have made clear that their top priority in 2024 is defeating Donald Trump and stopping anti-worker efforts like Project 2025. Another Trump Administration would be a threat to our democracy, our rights, and our freedoms. No one should mistake the difficult, painful decisions of the past few weeks for a lack of resolve. Our members are more committed than ever to continuing the work we've started and stopping the planned takeover of our government in its tracks with a resounding victory at the ballot box this November.

"It is paramount that our union do what it can to continue the gains that we have seen under the Biden-Harris Administration over these last four years. While the Democratic Party works to formally select its new nominee, AFGE remains steadfast in the work that is already ongoing to mobilize en masse and elect pro-AFGE allies up and down the ballot in November. We encourage all of our members to get registered, pledge to volunteer, and remain firmly in the fight." ★



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# Enloe Health Cancer Patients Gain Easy Access to UC Davis Clinical Trials

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the health of our communities. We strive to deliver exceptional health care experiences. The organization comprises several clinics, including more than 45 medical services, and employs nearly 4,000 people.

Enloe Health Medical Center is a 298-bed Level II Trauma Center — the only Level II Trauma Center between Sacramento and Redding. Enloe operates FlightCare air ambulance services, the only hospital-owned and operated air ambulance in California and provides a regional medical center for six counties.

## About the Gonzales Comprehensive Cancer Center

Enloe Health’s new Gonzales Comprehensive Cancer Center, an approximately 97,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility, will replace the Enloe

Health Regional Cancer Center. The new center will remedy the dire need to increase cancer care services in the North State, where cancer is a leading cause of death. On May 10, Enloe Health celebrated with a groundbreaking ceremony signaling the start of construction. Completion is scheduled for the summer of 2026.

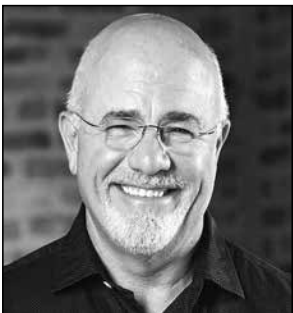
The new center will serve Northern California between Colusa County and the Oregon border. It will include expanded patient care space, advanced treatment options, enhanced equipment, integrated supportive therapies and more.

## About UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center

U C D a v i s Comprehensive Cancer Center is the only National Cancer Institute-designated center serving the Central Valley and inland Northern

California, a region of more than 6 million people. Its specialists provide compassionate, comprehensive care for more than 100,000 adults and children every year and access to more than 200 active clinical trials at any given time. Its innovative research program engages more than 240 scientists at UC Davis who work collaboratively to advance discovery of new tools to diagnose and treat cancer.

Patients have access to leading-edge care, including immunotherapy and other targeted treatments. Its Office of Community Outreach and Engagement addresses disparities in cancer outcomes across diverse populations, and the cancer center provides comprehensive education and workforce development programs for the next generation of clinicians and scientists. For more information, visit cancer.ucdavis.edu. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I’m 32 and debt-free, except for my house. My grandmother passed away a couple of months ago, and her will has caused problems for my family. I was her only relative living in the same town as she got older, so I looked in on her and helped take care of her, because she didn’t want to go into a care facility. In her will, she left everything—her house and property, along with about \$300,000—to me. Some of my relatives said they deserve something. Two have even accused me of wanting everything she had and turning my grandmother against them. I don’t like what’s happening, but I’m not sure what to do. I never asked her for anything.

— Jeffrey

Dear Jeffrey

I hate it when things get ugly between family members, especially at a time when everyone should be pulling together and supporting each other. I’m sorry you’re going through all this. Let me ask you a question.

## Dave Ramsey Says You Haven’t Done Anything Wrong

Did you love your grandmother? It sounds to me like you did. A lot! It takes a special person to step in and help the way you did. I think it’s pretty obvious she loved you, too.

When a person dies, they can give their belongings to anyone they choose. It was your grandmother’s stuff, so it was her decision. Period. She could’ve spread it around among you and the rest of your family, but she didn’t do that. She had her reasons, and her final wishes were just that—her final wishes. No one in your family, even you, deserved anything from her.

I know this is a hard position for you to be in, Jeffrey. This has probably crossed your mind, so I’ll go ahead and say it. Generally speaking, it’s possible to transfer part of your inheritance to someone else even if it’s not specified in the will or trust. Keep in mind, you might need to seek court approval for such a transfer, depending on the jurisdiction and specific family circumstances.

Or, you can let anyone who has a problem with your grandmother’s decision contest the will. Of course, one possible outcome of that is you might have to spend the money she left fighting them

in court. The lady left what she left. There’s no more. It was her house, her property and her money. The others aren’t entitled to what she had just because they’re relatives or they want it.

If you go to church, I’d advise you spend some time talking to your pastor about the situation. You’ve got a lot of folks mad at you right now, and I think you might benefit from a few kind words and an objective point of view. I’d also recommend sitting down with a good financial planner—someone with the heart of a teacher—and talk about to best handle your newfound inheritance. Regardless of your decision, it’s always best to have a plan and be prepared.

In the meantime, don’t beat yourself up over this, son. You haven’t done anything wrong.

God bless you.

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more.* ★

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church

What’s on your mind? Did you know we are often controlled by what we think? A popular Christian speaker has lessons called, “Battlefield of the Mind.” It is a battle for good and evil as we are thinking daily about the world, our lives, our families, and ourselves.

What am I going to do? No one loves me. Why do and so treat me like they do? Should I do this or not? I am lonely and no one cares. I look old and ugly, now! I am sick and broken, what will happen to me?

Questions like this leak into our thoughts every single minute of the day if we aren’t careful. The devil, “the father of lies,” loves to berate us, crush our spirit, and break us down, so he can creep in and be our voice. When we allow this to happen we have given control to our dark side.

But, and I say but, when we know this is happening we can send him running by rebuking him as Jesus did. “Go away! Let me alone! In Jesus’ name get behind me Satan!” We are in a battle for our minds by good, but also evil. The things we watch, or read, or participate in often lead to battles within.

We can corrupt our thoughts with outside stimulation, but our inner thoughts

come from experiences with those around us. Teenagers stay on media devices and play games that can mold thoughts. Kids can be so mean to each other. It often causes children who are weaker to take their own lives to stop the pain. The devil wins that round. What if children had knowledge of a better way, of someone who made them, loves them, and offers peace?

Parents it is up to us to lead and train our kids to be strong and courageous in the face of ugliness. Be our kids back up and leader. They have friends but they need leaders in their lives. If they don’t get it from us they will find it elsewhere, like gangs or other evil places.

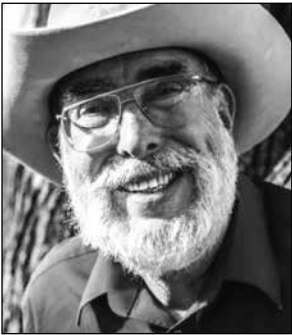
Don’t be afraid to talk to people who seem to need an ear to bend. Listen! Be there! Offer advice only if it is asked for. Children need a sounding board, and the elderly need a comforting hand to hold.

What is on your mind? Make it good and spread it to others who need to push away the bad thought confronting them. Help them win the battle.

*The Gridley United Methodist Church can help you win the battles. We meet each Sunday at 11 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street.* ★



## Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

The evening was one of those that come back to you time after time, year after long year. It comes back and whispers of how good life can be when you’re well fed, enjoying life, and a good friend shares the front porch with you on a summer’s evening.

It was that way with Doc and Steve the other night. Doc thought he might have to do a scientific paper on the soporific effects of ice tea, fried chicken, and corn on the cob. As long as it didn’t take any effort.

So when this huge meal had been bull-snaked down, the two grinning

## “Flip you for it”

friends came out to the porch to watch the sun go down behind the trees along Lewis Creek. The air had that orange and russet glow, and the breeze, that little one that caresses the neck, came slowly down from the hills and made their shirt collars wiggle ever so slightly.

It was like taking a dry bath in paradise.

Doc sidled up to one of the porch posts and gently tested it to see if it could hold the extra weight he was carrying with that meal. It stood fine, so he leaned against it seriously and looked out on the evening’s warmth.

Steve, who was enjoying having a fine meal that someone else cooked for a change, leaned against the post on the other side of the steps.

And then they just stood

quietly, watching the day make beautiful skies as it ended.

The shadow on the ground foretold the presence of the circling bird. Doc and Steve paid no attention at first. Then a few minutes later, it was joined by two more circling birds over Doc’s house.

“Buzzards,” Steve mumbled.

“Yep,” said Doc.

They circled some more.

“I think one of us should move a little ...” said Doc.

“Move?”

“Well ... to let them know ... you know.”

Steve sighed, then glanced over at Doc. “Flip you for it.”

*Sorry to hear May Company went broke and closed. Nice people, clean sheets ... oh where has the time gone?* ★

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

I think the snails have gone on vacation. Probably under rocks in the shady part of the yard. I don’t usually think of my yard as having a cooler place in the summer. It does in moist shady rock cracks and other hidey hole areas. There are no slime trails on the sidewalk. No sound of shell crunch while walking over debris in garden pathways. I

have not seen sow bugs. I have seen some sort of tiny beetle eating a fallen peach. In the heat I’ve seen bees and yellow jackets in the cool of the morning. Several Swallowtail butterflies have flitted around the yard as well as the white cabbage butterflies. I’ve seen a few skippers and of course there have been flies. Some insects do not care about the heat but do care about scorching heat.

I have a succulent called Stapelia that has a large starfish-like flower. I’ve had several of these flowers, bloom. They are carrion scented. Fortunately, very low level of scent. They have been covered by flies and ants. The flies are pollinators for this plant. They are the whole reason the

flower has a carrion scent. Attracting their sexual partners by stinking up the place. The display of this flower is worth the smell. I do need to move it due to more flies finding their way into the house.

The great summer squash giveaway is on. Those who grow vegetable gardens are trying to rid of their many zucchinis. We have a wonderful person who loves the giant zucchini. This saves us from having to eat stuffed zucchini, night after night. We now have enough canned stewed tomatoes for the next year and will be adding tomatoes to the great giveaway. We also have dill and bread butter pickles in abundance. We might add cucumbers to the give-away. ★



### Dairy Pricing Proposals seen as Both Win and Loss for State Producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s proposed changes to how milk should be priced may be a mixed bag for dairy farmers, with some reforms impacting California producers more negatively than those in other states. Restoration of a so-called “higher-of” formula should raise producer prices on fluid milk, analysts say. Those gains are offset by USDA’s proposal to raise make allowances, or what dairy farmers pay manufacturers to process their milk into the various dairy products. Nearly 74% of California milk is used to make cheese, butter and powder.

### Report: Cover Crops Offer Water-Retention Benefits to Protect Groundwater Supplies

As farmers statewide work to prepare for anticipated groundwater cutbacks with implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, they are trying to stretch every drop of water to stay in business. Employing cover crops—any non-income generating crop planted to cover the soil and enrich soil diversity—holds great potential for water conservation such as improved water-holding capacity and infiltration, according to a report analyzing cover cropping as a potential tool for helping safeguard California’s depleted aquifers.

### Latest Survey Says California Almond Crop Could Grow by 13%

California growers are expected to harvest 2.8 billion meat pounds of almonds this year, according to a new report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2024 California Almond Objective Measurement report said the crop estimate is 13% higher than last year’s crop of 2.47 meat pounds and down 7% from the agency’s subjective forecast in May. Clarice Turner, CEO of the Almond Board of California, said the report “reflects both a good bloom and hard work by California almond growers during trying times.”

### New California Farm Bureau Podcast Aims ‘Voice of Agriculture’

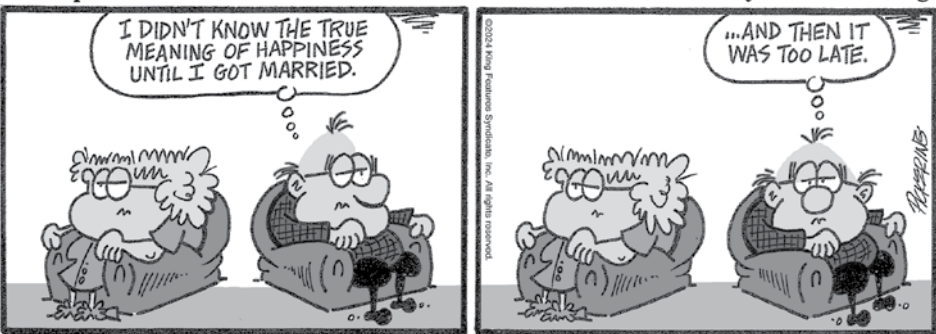
A new podcast produced by the California Farm Bureau is giving a voice to the state’s farmers and ranchers. The “Voice of California Agriculture,” hosted by longtime Farm Bureau field representative Gary Sack, was launched in March to keep listeners informed about the latest news affecting Golden State agriculture. Sack, who works with farmers and ranchers in 15 counties on a daily basis, brings to the news program more than a decade of radio experience, reclaiming a role he took on when he first joined the Farm Bureau 45 years ago. . ★



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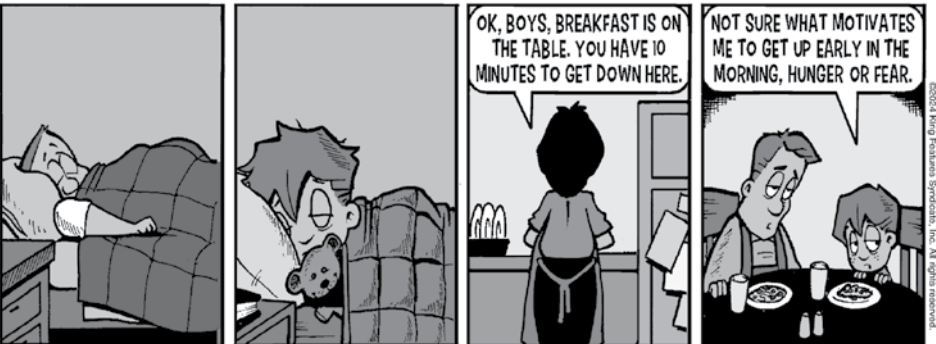
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# Drakes Slump into Final Week of Season



Marysville infielder Jumpei Ohashi connects with a ball during the Drakes' 4-1 loss to San Rafael on Wednesday, July 17.

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**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Marysville Drakes continued to drop in the Pacific Division standings, and playoff position slipped again after they went 1-5 last week from Sunday, July 14, through Saturday, July 20.

A few weeks ago, Marysville was one of the hottest teams in the Pacific Division and in second place, as they went 8-2 from the last week of June through the first weekend of July, but since July 9, the Drakes have dropped eight of their last 11 games.

Marysville manager Bill Rogan expressed to Messenger Publishing Group that they have not been playing good baseball the last couple of weeks, and was

visibly frustrated with the 10-2 loss on Friday, July 19, against Dublin.

“I am waiting for that game to bust out of our slump where we blow up the scoreboard,” Rogan said.

There were opposing big innings and low offensive production from the Drakes last week as they had double-digit hits in one of their six games. They were making contact on a consistent basis, but they couldn’t get anything to drop on the field for a hit.

Dublin extended their win streak to six against Marysville on July 19, and were in the fourth and final playoff position as play concluded on Saturday, July 20: just a couple games behind the Drakes for the third spot.



Marysville pitcher Garrett Mos throws a pitch during the Drakes' 10-2 defeat to Dublin on Friday, July 19.

While Marysville headed into the final week of the regular season needing one victory to clinch the first playoff berth in club history, positive momentum is important and will be a big key for a successful playoff run.

The positive of needing to win one of the six final games is to get just one, but seedings become a factor between playing the defending champions (San Rafael) or a team where they have had success in beating this year (Bakersfield).

Although there was a glimmer of hope for the Drakes’ to be the second seed in the Pacific Division playoffs, they would have had to have gone 6-0 and have Bakersfield lose all of their remaining seven games.

Although the odds weren’t in

Marysville’s favor, the Drakes did finish the season with a six-game win streak last year to make a push for the playoffs just to come up a game short of a playoff birth.

MPG observed Rogan’s frustration at the plate as Marysville encountered multiple strikeouts from the hitter’s box as they averaged eight per game last week.

“We’re not facing guys like Nolan Ryan or Randy Johnson out here,” Rogan said. “We’re facing Pecos League pitchers and need to get the ball in play earlier in the count.”

Rogan added that the Drakes can get on a hot streak and roll through teams like they did a few weeks ago, but they need to bring their best effort on a daily basis to the field.



Marysville infielder Anders Green fields and throws a runner out at first base in the Drakes' 10-2 loss on Friday, July 19.

Last week, Marysville was out-scored 53-18, but they still had the fifth best earned run average (ERA) in the entire Pecos League heading into play on Monday, July 22, with a 5.71 ERA.

If the Drakes were going to hold onto the third seed for the Pacific Division playoffs, the defense needed to be cleaner in the final week of the season.

Rogan has used multiple line-ups on the infield during the year and has always told his guys no spots are permanent, so it wouldn’t be shocking if he shifted everything around the final week of the season.

Marysville will host their final two home games tonight, July 26, and tomorrow, July 27, with first pitch at 6:30 p.m. at Bryant Field. ★

## Lake Oroville Update

**California Department of Water Resources News Release**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** -

### Nesting Grebes Receive Help From DWR

During the summer months, a unique bird makes its home in the waters around the Oroville-Thermalito Complex, with a little help from the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The Western and Clark’s grebes are aquatic birds with distinctive red eyes and pointed yellow beaks. During the summer, they arrive from the Pacific Ocean to nesting areas around the Thermalito Afterbay in Oroville. The grebes’ nest in shallow waters, attaching their floating nests to aquatic vegetation.

Unfortunately, fluctuations in water levels at reservoirs can either leave nests stranded, more susceptible to predators, or flooded. Every year since 2004, the Department of Water Resources has established a goal of keeping Thermalito Afterbay water levels within a targeted

range until the end of the birds’ breeding and nesting season in September.

Department of Water Resources biologists have observed active grebe nesting at the Thermalito Afterbay. Watercraft users are advised to remain alert for floating nests and to motor/paddle around them to leave nests undisturbed. The Department of Water Resources is conducting grebe surveys to estimate adult and young populations at the Afterbay through early October.

### Camping at Lake Oroville

The summer months invite everyone to get outside and enjoy the benefits of longer daylight hours. However, summer heat can make recreating outdoors tiring, which makes Lake Oroville the perfect place for your next camping adventure. The Lake Oroville State Recreation Area boasts 167 miles of shoreline and numerous tent, trailer or boat camping sites operated by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks).

With the lake a short distance away, campers can cool off in the refreshing water one minute and grill some burgers on a barbecue the next. Lake Oroville is also home to floating campsites and boat-in campgrounds for those looking to spend more time on the water. Reserve a camping site at <https://reservecalifornia.com> or contact State Parks at (800) 444-7275.

### Recreation Facilities Closed Following Thompson Fire

Several trails and recreation facilities remain closed within Lake Oroville’s State Recreation Area following the Thompson Fire. The Department of Water Resources and State Parks continue to assess fire impacts to recreation facilities and long-term closures of some facilities are anticipated for repairs and hazard tree removal.

State Parks has reopened all campgrounds, the North Thermalito Forebay, and most day use areas. The Spillway boat ramp and day use area remains open with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) kiosk staffed daily from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Closures remain in effect at the following locations for damage assessment and repairs:

Brad Freeman Trail between Cherokee Road and the Spillway  
Brad Freeman Trail between the Fish Barrier Dam and Canyon Drive

Dan Beebe Trail between the Lakeland Boulevard Trail Access and the Lake Oroville Visitor Center

Lakeland Boulevard Trail Access

Powerhouse Road Trail Access  
Diversion Pool Car-top Boat Ramp

Potter’s Ravine Trail  
Potter’s Point Trail  
Potter’s Ravine Spur Trail  
Dead Cow Ravine Trail and Gobbler’s Knob  
North Fork Trail

The Department of Water Resources, State Parks, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) maintain over 92 miles of trails in the Oroville area. An interactive map of recreation facilities, including



An aerial photo taken May 9, 2024 shows high water conditions at West Branch Feather River Bridge located near the Lime Saddle Marina at Lake Oroville in Butte County, California. Photo courtesy California Department of Water Resources

open trails and their permitted uses (hike, bike, horse, multi), is available on the Department of Water Resources’ Lake Oroville Recreation webpage. A paper trail map is available at various locations, including most entrance kiosks and the Lake Oroville Visitor Center.

### Oroville Recreation

Lake Oroville is one of the State Water Project’s premier recreational destinations and one of California’s best fishing spots. The lake provides both warm-water and cold-water fisheries and is a popular destination for bass tournaments. The marinas at Bidwell Canyon and Lime Saddle are open daily and provide a variety of services including a convenience store, gas, and boat rentals. Below the Oroville Dam, the Thermalito Afterbay and the Feather River offer additional excellent fishing opportunities.

Staffed by knowledgeable guides, the Lake Oroville Visitor Center features interpretive displays on Oroville Dam, area geology, wildlife and habitat, hydroelectric power, and cultural and historical artifacts. View videos in the theater about the construction of Oroville Dam, walk or hike along nearby trails, and visit the 47-foot-tall observation tower that provides unsurpassed panoramic views of surrounding areas. Free guided tours for school and community groups are available by reservation. Parking and admission to the Visitor Center are free.

Upstream migrating fish totals through the Feather River Fish Monitoring Station between January 1 and July 14 are:

Spring-run Chinook salmon (March 1 through June 30): 7,122

Fall-run Chinook salmon (July 1 through present): 768  
Steelhead: 893

### Current Lake Operations

Lake Oroville is at 869 feet elevation and storage is approximately 2.97 million acre-feet (MAF), which is 87 percent of its total capacity and 119 percent of the historical average. Updates to Lake Oroville’s storage capacity went into effect on July 1.

Feather River flows are at 1,500 cfs (cubic feet per second) through the City of Oroville with 6,500 cfs being released from the Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet (Outlet) for a total Feather River release of 8,000 cfs downstream. The Department of Water Resources continues to assess Feather River releases daily.

Releases from Oroville Dam’s main spillway ceased earlier this summer, but water is still being released through the Hyatt Powerplant for power generation, water deliveries, and environmental requirements. When the main spillway is not in use, water may still be seen on the main spillway outlet as the seals on the eight radial gates are not designed to be watertight. The gate seals do not play a role in the structural integrity of the gates. Visitors to Oroville Dam may also notice minor amounts of water flowing from drains built into the emergency spillway. This is normal and expected given the emergency spillway design. The dam and emergency spillway continue to operate as intended.

The public can track precipitation, snow, reservoir levels and more at the California Data Exchange Center. The Lake Oroville gage station is identified as “ORO.” ★



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