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RADIO SHOW HELPS FILL VOID

Ann Lesley Smith, widow of Valley radio and TV pioneer Chester Smith, hosts "Ann Lesley Live" on Power Talk 1360. 3A



LOCAL

CRASH VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

The driver, a Riverbank man, was killed and his passengers, a Riverbank woman and a Modesto woman, were injured. 4A



NATION

SESSIONS OUT OF RUSSIA INQUIRY

Attorney General Jeff Sessions recuses himself from meddling probe; how did Valley legislators react? 3A, 6A

LOCAL

POP-PUNK BAND TO PLAY FAIR

Good Charlotte, which has released six studio albums, will take the stage July 21 at Stanislaus County Fair. 4A

Empire resident kills intruder in his home

■ Sheriff's detectives believe four people did not randomly target the home and that the crime is related to a robbery at a Modesto park about 20 minutes earlier.

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An Empire resident fatally shot a man who broke into his home Wednesday night, and detained a second person. Two other people are being sought, the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department said Thursday. Detectives believe the four did not randomly target the home and that the crime is related to a robbery at a park in Modesto's airport neighborhood

that occurred about 20 minutes prior, said Sheriff Adam Christianson. Two victims reported that they were assaulted and robbed by three males and a female. At 11:44 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a report of a home-invasion robbery in the 5200 block of Campos Place in Empire. Deputies found a 24-year-old man dead inside the home and a 15-year-old boy being de-

tained by the resident, Christianson said. In addition to the male resident who shot the intruder, a woman and a child live in the home, he said. The woman answered the door at the home Thursday afternoon. She said she had her 7-year-old daughter hid in a closet when the suspects broke in, but she declined to comment further about what transpired. Homicide detectives responded to the scene and learned that the 24-year-old was shot and killed by the resident during a struggle inside the residence. Christianson did not know if the gun belonged to the resident of if it was taken from the intrud-

ers. The 15-year-old was arrested on suspicion of home invasion, robbery and murder because his accomplice was killed during the commission of a felony. The resident was not arrested. The male and female who are being sought were seen leaving the scene immediately after the shooting. Detectives are working to identify them, Christianson said. Anyone with information about either incident is asked to call Detective Fisher at 209-525-7083. If you have any tips, you can leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at 209-521-4636. Tipsters can also email tips at <http://www.modestopolice.com/CrimeStoppers>, or text them to CRIMES (274637) by typing "Tip704" plus the message, and be eligible for a cash reward.



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The city prepares to release partially treated wastewater into the San Joaquin River at the wastewater treatment facility on Jennings Road in Modesto on Thursday. Modesto noticed increased flows of wastewater into its Sutter Avenue treatment plant early last week.

City sends partly treated wastewater into S.J. River

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To protect pond levees and its water treatment infrastructure, the city of Modesto began releasing partially treated wastewater into the San Joaquin River on Thursday afternoon. Wastewater that has been treated but not disinfected will be discharged at an estimated

Action aims to prevent failure of pond levees, protect infrastructure

average daily flow of 30 to 45 cubic feet per second, the city said in a news release Monday morning. The release will "continue for as long as necessary to prevent pond levee failure. Completion could take weeks." With the San Joaquin's current flow downstream of Verna-

lis higher than 32,000 cfs, the city said, the wastewater is greatly diluted and the potential hazard lessened. Still, because water that's not been disinfected carries bacteria and viruses, the city warns that the public should avoid direct contact with the river during the

discharge. The water is being released at the city's Jennings Road treatment plant. Early last week, Modesto noticed increased flows of wastewater into its Sutter Avenue treatment plant as the Tuolumne River continued to rise because a spillway gate at Don Pedro Reservoir was opened to reduce the reservoir level and protect the dam. The Tuolumne flows into the San Joaquin. The city discovered Feb. 23 that a hole in a sewer trunk line that runs along a bank of the Tuolumne was the cause of the increased flow into the plant. But after crews built a temporary barrier around the

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