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By Levi Sumagaysay
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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

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North Yuba Water District Gets Emergency Repairs

Yuba Water Agency News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Yuba Water Agency's board of directors on April 2 approved an \$865,410 grant for the North Yuba Water District to make emergency repairs on its water delivery system ahead of irrigation season. The work is expected to save about two cubic feet of water per second, which will help ensure all the district's customers receive their expected water deliveries this year.

"One of our core missions is water supply reliability, and I think this is a fine way to help advance that mission while supporting our local water district partners and foothill residents," said Yuba Water Agency board Chairman Jon Messick, who also represents Yuba County's foothill communities as a county supervisor.

The emergency request was approved unanimously by the board and will help district staff make repairs in the coming weeks on five critical areas of a canal system that delivers water for residential and agricultural use in the Yuba County foothills. The funds will also support a study to identify additional actions needed to maintain the district's water delivery infrastructure long-term.

North Yuba Water District is providing in-kind work by employees to complete the repairs and eventually increase total water savings to three cubic feet per second. The district also helped fund a previous study that identified and prioritized repairs in its service area.

The grant builds upon improvements already underway, including work funded by a prior Yuba Water Agency grant for \$1.6 million to line 9,500 feet of irrigation canals and significantly reduce the district's leaks and water loss.

"This is a critical repair needed to safeguard water deliveries for about 110 of our current irrigation customers in Dobbins and Oregon House," said North Yuba Water District General Manager Leona Harris. "Thanks to Yuba Water's support, we've accomplished more as a district in the last year than in the last few decades. In the future, we plan to continue improvements to increase water savings and reliability even more for our customers."

The board also approved a \$5,000 sponsorship for the Bear Yuba Land Trust, which will support trails and other investments in preserving and protecting the Yuba River watershed.

Learn more about Yuba Water Agency's missions and investments in Yuba County at yubawater.org ★

Packed Meeting Brings Up Traffic, Overdevelopment Concerns

Story and photos by
Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Nearly a dozen citizens upset over traffic congestion and new development waited to speak at the March 19 Yuba City City Council meeting during the Terra Buena Community Workshop portion.

Public Works and Development Services director Ben Moody's presentation on traffic circulation, congestion and development that was meant to give clarity did not calm residents; instead, it seemed to upset them more.

After showing maps of new construction at Faith Court, Dunn Ranch, Henson Ranch and Harter Marketplace, Moody also pointed out developer D.R. Horton properties in Harter North and South. Together,



Caroline Pearson lined up at the podium during the March 19 Yuba City City Council meeting, along with many other citizens to express their concerns over the overdevelopment and traffic congestion they say is not being addressed properly.

all the new construction will total 42 acres.

Moody presented four traffic-relief options based on a survey to address traffic congestion, specifically at George Washington and State Route 20, which he calls "odd intersections" with little depth for turn lanes. Moody detailed the pros, including additional traffic connectivity, and

the cons, such as increased traffic speeds, which is of particular concern to resident Christie Pearson.

"It infuriates me that Jefferson is going to be a through street all the way to Walmart," Pearson said. "My parents lived on Walton, and that is just a drag strip now, and that is exactly what is going to happen to Jefferson."

Pearson also shared concerns about overdevelopment, specifically with proposed apartment complexes in Yuba City, which she said will attract renters who have not invested in Yuba City as homeowners.

"I also want to know if those people buying brand new homes for over \$600,000 are being told that there are possibly going to be apartments staring in their backyards," Pearson said.

Pearson seemed most upset over the lack of communication between the city and the public, especially after Moody said letters of notice were sent to residents and property owners and hand delivered.

"I was not made aware of any of this; I did not receive any door knocking or letters in the mail," Pearson said.

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Flows on South Yuba River to Increase Soon

PG&E Reminds Outdoor Recreationists to be Wary of Increased, Cold River Flows



South Yuba River during higher flows in May 2023. Photo courtesy of PG&E

PG&E News Release

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)

The dam at Spaulding Reservoir is expected to begin spilling water between April 3 and 8, which will significantly increase flows on the South Yuba River.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) urges those recreating in and near the river to exercise caution. In addition, the flows are cold due to snow melt.

Due to PG&E's ongoing emergency repair work at Spaulding 1 powerhouse, spill from Spaulding Reservoir into the South Yuba River is anticipated to start earlier this year and flows could potentially be greater and more dynamic than previous years.

Flows on the South Yuba River below Lake Spaulding at Langs Crossing are currently about 20 cubic feet per second (cfs). With Spaulding Dam expected to spill as soon as April 3-8, flow will increase to approximately 400 to 700 cfs. Typical flows in this part of the river for this time of year range from about 10 to 325 cfs.

Peak flows may be as high as 4,000 to 6,000 cfs and potentially higher if there is a significant rain-on-snow event or multi-day heatwave accelerating snowmelt. The South Yuba River flows go as high as 10,000 feet during winter storms.

With the Spaulding 1 powerhouse not operating, water that normally would be diverted through the Spaulding 1 and 2 powerhouses remains in Spaulding Reservoir, raising the water elevation faster.

With trout season mostly open in late April, anglers are especially encouraged to take precautions.

Most California rivers are fed by snowmelt, making them cold even in summer. Simple actions can save lives, such as recognizing if the water is too cold or swift, knowing

your limits, wearing a life jacket or simply by not entering the water when conditions seem unsafe.

Below are some water safety tips:

Stay Out and Stay Alive - Stay Out of Canals and Flumes

Recreating in PG&E canals and flumes is strictly prohibited. Stay off of elevated flumes and out of these water conveyances, regardless of who owns them, as they are dangerous due to slippery sides and fast-moving cold water. Be mindful of signs and warnings. Stay out of areas that are posted as restricted, fenced-off or buoy-lined.

Know the Risks

Prevention is the best way to save a person from drowning. By the time a person is struggling in the water, a rescue is extremely unlikely and places the rescuer at risk.

Sudden immersion in cold water can stimulate the "gasp reflex," causing an involuntary inhalation of air or water. It can even trigger cardiac arrest, temporary paralysis, hypothermia and drowning. When faced with swift water, even the strongest swimmers can be easily overwhelmed.

Cold water entering the ear canal can cause vertigo and disorientation. This can confuse swimmers, potentially causing them to venture deeper into the water.

Cold water also reduces body heat 25 to 30 times faster than air does at the same temperature and causes impairment that can be fatal.

Learn About Self-Rescue Techniques

If you do fall into the water, here are some survival tips:

Don't panic. Try to control your breathing; don't gasp. A sudden, unexpected fall into cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex. It takes less than one-half cup of water in a person's lungs to drown. If you remain calm,

you have a greater chance of self-rescue.

If you have a boat, stay with it. It will help you stay afloat and will be seen more easily by rescuers. If it's capsized and a portion of the craft is above water, try to climb on top.

Stay afloat with the help of a life jacket, regain control of your breathing and keep your head above water in view of rescuers.

If possible, remove heavy shoes. Look for ways to increase buoyancy such as by holding onto seat cushions or an ice chest.

If you're in the water with others, huddle together facing each other to help everyone stay afloat and keep warm.

If you do fall into a river without a life jacket, keep your feet pointed downstream and turn onto your back.

If you fall into the water with waders on, roll onto the shore. Wear a belt with waders.

Know your Limits

Swimming in open water is more difficult than in a swimming pool – people tire more quickly and can get into trouble.

Many unseen obstacles can be lurking below the water's surface - this is especially the case during spring and early summer snowmelt. Rising water can make these obstacles even more treacherous. Guided trips for inexperienced paddlers are recommended.

Wear a Coast Guard-approved Life Jacket

Conditions change quickly in open water and even the best swimmers can misjudge the water and their skills when boating or swimming.

Adult Supervision

Actively supervise children in and around open bodies of water, giving them your undivided attention. Do not assume that someone is watching them. Appoint a designated "water watcher," taking turns with other adults. Use the buddy system and never swim alone. ★

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Councilmember Mark Boomgarden apologized for the lack of communication, saying it was "certainly not our intent to move without citizen input." And Mayor Shon Harris said that officials did not "do a good job of getting the word out but did the best job they knew how in their attempts to get the paperwork out."

Although sympathetic to resident concerns, Vice-Mayor Dave Shaw said all the issues discussed are citywide, not just in specific areas.

"We talk about all the development issues, traffic calming and everything else, and we easily talk about every road in Yuba City," Shaw said. "Every one of us faces the same issues, no matter where you live."

Business owner Murray Lewis agreed that the proposed apartment complex adjacent to Henson Ranch was not a good decision, noting that it would add more traffic. Speaking from what he calls "self-preservation," the Dow Lewis Motors owner told officials that his livelihood could be diminished if officials decided to change the George Washington intersection's configuration.

"I would have to close my doors because you would take my business out," Lewis said.

When it comes to construction, resident Randy Underwood, a general contractor for nearly four decades, said it seems that the city is "playing catch-up" with traffic congestion.

The way it looks now is officials are "going to be putting an excess of 700 cars every morning and every night that has to go out to major intersections that have to get on Highway 20," said Underwood, adding,

"there is no way our roads can handle that much traffic; that's common sense."

Compounded traffic will make matters worse, said Julie Renter-Harrison, who lives on Jefferson Avenue, where her home does not fall within community guidelines.

"In addition to the possible 700 cars that might be going through our front yard and blocking our driveways as a result of this option four preference, we are also still not a part of Yuba City; we are in the county," Renter-Harrison said. "We are not provided with water or septic, so this proposal actually asks us to bear the majority of the traffic from all of this city development."

The frustrated resident concluded, "If this is the condition of all of Yuba City, we have a pretty big planning problem not addressed in my lifetime or yours."

However, it has, according to Mayor Harris, saying traffic and development continues as usual. The mayor also said the public should remain focused on new options rather than "war stories."

"There has to be a give and take; that is just the nature of the beast; there is no magic silver bullet solution," Harris said, adding he is open to additional community workshops and input.

However, citizen Carol McCauley questioned the community survey used for the four options, noting that the approximately 60 interviewed left to determine the future could be a better cross-section of the community.

While Shaw said he favors option four, which connects from Jefferson Park across the canal to Jefferson and Ruth Avenue, resident David Barone is not.

"Number four is a

band-aid and a cheap way to go," said resident Dave Barone, adding, "It is going to impact our neighborhood."

Resident Christine Kelly kept her comments short, wasting no time letting officials know they "were destroying her neighborhood."

Resident Robin Fleshman, who commutes daily to Sacramento, said she is upset with longer traffic delays and the condition of the roads, noting, "It's terrible what it does to your cars."

Fleshman also has concerns about overdevelopment leading to increased crime.

Paul DeMeritt said much of the fears at the workshop arose because of a lack of communication, forethought and planning, which he calls the "Yuba City Syndrome."

"Develop whatever we can get, and we will fix the infrastructure and the impact down the road," DeMeritt said. "That is the perception I have heard so many times and I wish it were untrue."

DeMeritt said he has not received a notification since August 2023 on proposed zoning and development, specifically the proposed Henson Ranch apartment complex discussed.

"Like so many here have shared tonight, we are concerned about all the infrastructure that has to happen," DeMeritt said. "I agree with so many who say stop and say let's discuss and take a look at it."

Councilmember Boomgarden and Vice-Mayor Shaw ended the meeting's long portion, suggesting putting money aside now for whatever option or plan is picked.

"We need to start dealing with this," Boomgarden said. ★

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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



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

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 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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April Snow Survey Shows Above Average Snowpack for Second Straight Season

California Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On April 2, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted the all-important April snow survey, the fourth measurement of the season at Phillips Station. The manual survey recorded 64 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 27.5 inches, which is 113 percent of average for this location. The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of DWR’s water supply forecast. The April measurement is critical for water managers as it’s considered the peak snowpack for the season and marks the transition to spring snowmelt into the state’s rivers and reservoirs.

DWR’s electronic readings from 130 stations placed throughout the state indicate that the statewide snowpack’s snow water equivalent is 28.6 inches, or 110 percent of the April 1 average, a significant improvement from just 28 percent of average on January 1.

The focus now shifts to forecasting spring snowmelt runoff and capturing as much of that water as possible for future use.

“It’s great news that the snowpack was able to catch up in March from a dry start this year. This water year shows once again how our climate is shifting, and how we can swing from dry



(L-R) Gov. Gavin Newsom watches Angelique Fabbiani-Leon, State Hydrometeorologist, Water Resources Engineers Anthony Burdock and Andy Reising during the snow survey. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources

to wet conditions within a season,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “These swings make it crucial to maintain conservation while managing the runoff. Variable climate conditions could result in less water runoff into our reservoirs. 100 percent snowpack does not mean 100 percent runoff. Capturing and storing what we can in wetter years for drier times remains a key priority.”

California’s reservoirs remain in good shape thanks to state efforts to capture and store as much water as possible from record storms in 2023 and again

this season. The State Water Project has increased storage by 700,000 acre-feet at Lake Oroville and by 154,000 acre-feet at San Luis Reservoir since January 1. Statewide, reservoir levels currently stand at 116 percent of average.

However, there are challenges ahead as the spring runoff begins. The dry start to the year, soot and ash from burn scars that accelerates snowmelt, and other factors may result in below average spring runoff which can impact water availability.

Recently, the State Water

Project increased its forecasted allocation of water supplies for the year to 30 percent, up from an initial 10 percent, due to the storms in February and March. However, uncertainty about the spring runoff and ongoing pumping restrictions to protect threatened and endangered species in the Delta has impacted that allocation forecast.

“California has had two years of relatively positive water conditions, but that is no reason to let our guard down now,” said Dr. Michael Anderson, State Climatologist with DWR. “With three record-setting multi-year droughts in the last 15 years and warmer temperatures, a well above average snowpack is needed to reach average runoff. The wild swings from dry to wet that make up today’s water years make it important to maintain conservation while managing the runoff we do receive. Our water years moving forward will see more extreme dry times interrupted by very wet periods like we saw this winter.”

That need to adapt to a changing climate is why Governor Gavin Newsom joined today’s snow survey at Phillips Station to announce the release of the California Water Plan Update 2023. The Water Plan Update sets forth a vision for all Californians to benefit from water resources that are sustainable, resilient to climate change and achieves equity for all communities and benefits the environment. Check

out the Water Plan Update to learn more about how the plan focuses on key issues including addressing climate urgency, strengthening watershed resilience, and achieving equity in water management.

As part of the state’s climate adaptation efforts, over the past two years, California has worked with local groundwater agencies and state and federal partners to capture as much water as possible to prepare for the next drought. In 2023, more than 1.2 million acre-feet of groundwater recharge was permitted by state agencies, with nearly 400,000 acre-feet of flood water recharged using the Executive Orders issued by Governor Newsom.

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California’s water needs. Its natural ability to store water is why the Sierra snowpack is often referred to as California’s “frozen reservoir.” Data from these snow surveys and forecasts produced by DWR’s Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit are important factors in determining how DWR provides water to 27 million Californians and manages the state’s water resources.

DWR conducts five snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month, January through April and, if necessary, May.

For California’s current hydrological conditions, visit <https://cww.water.ca.gov>. ★

Yuba City Labor Force, Annual Wages Rise



Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation Analyst Cynthia Roderick and President Brynda Strantix gave an annual progress report to Yuba City officials.

Story and photos by Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - More business is welcome here.

That is Mayor Shon Harris's mantra after receiving the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation (YSEDC) 2023 Annual Performance in late March.

"The staff has laid the foundation and communicated opportunities to the business community and the message has gotten out," Harris said.

According to Harris, residents want "smart, planned, appropriate growth," which would generate much-needed revenue to enhance the quality and longevity of Yuba City.

Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation analyst Cynthia Roderick broke down the annual progress of the five-year comprehensive planning evaluation for the Yuba City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which consists of Yuba, Sutter, Live Oak, Marysville, Wheatland counties, and Yuba City.

The employment workforce is on the rise, with all trends looking up, including employment growth at 1.6% from 2022 to 2023, with an addition of 900 new jobs, 175 of which were at the new Costco.

"Seven businesses opened in Marysville, creating at least 58 jobs, and four businesses opened in Yuba City, creating approximately 100 jobs," Roderick said.

Councilmember Marc Boomgaarden said officials have streamlined processes, reviewed and modified development fees and hired staff focused on attracting new business.

"We are seeing the results of these actions now and expect them to continue to result in growth in both our existing businesses and new business," Boomgaarden said.

Positive results are also seen in the labor force, which is up 5.7% from 2022, and annual wages, which are at 5.6%, equating to \$1,724 more. However, the 2023 unemployment unadjusted rates remain around 8% for both 2022 and 2023.

"Although it does appear to be high, these last two figures were a result of layoffs through temporary farm jobs," Roderick said. "It is now dropping."

Roderick compared the 2022-23 economy in Yuba City to U.S. averages, showing the difference between local and national poverty levels, median household income, annual wages, and Gross Domestic Product. Yuba is looking up on all levels, beginning with the downtrend of poverty at 1.4% in the last couple of years, going from 14% to 13.8% compared to the national average of 12.6%.

Yuba's rise in annual salary to \$55,907 is now closer to the U.S. average of \$70,319, and the median household income of \$71,066 is up almost \$10k from 2022 at 15.2%.

"However, we are not close to California, which is \$10,000 on top of that," Roderick said.

According to Roderick, despite dropping agriculture costs, the Gross Domestic Product looks good at more than \$600 million from 2022, along with an \$11.7 million investment in four construction/renovation projects at Beale Air Force Base.

"Beale is a big economic driver for our region, and we really need to be aware of them and what they do and stay in touch with Beale Air Force Base," Roderick said.

Roderick detailed the Yuba-Sutter Transit plans for rail and facility projects, which adopted a plan in May 2023 totaling \$55.8 million.

"In the works is a

regional rail project, which will improve our tourism and services and cut down on emissions," Roderick said.

Some affordable housing projects are ongoing, according to Roderick, in addition to completed and ongoing improvements at the Bridge Street Corridor and Walton Avenue.

Harris detailed that new businesses generate revenue to update infrastructure, ensure public safety and provide a high quality of life.

"In addition to recognizing and providing the services and amenities our residents and visitors need and want, it is important to recognize that times are challenging right now, and there are only so many dollars to go around," Harris said.

That is why Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation has 11 consortium partners, which provide local businesses with training, consulting, networking events, scholarships, and workforce development to help create a competitive region. Harris said tools like these are critical to smart and managed growth.

"Our business owners need to stay current on trends and opportunities locally, regionally, and beyond to stay competitive, scale, and thrive," Harris said.

Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation helps make that happen, according to Councilmember Boomgaarden, who said Yuba City greatly values its partnership.

"They are an integral part of the efforts to both retain and attract business and support cultural activities," Councilmember Boomgaarden said. "They are able to provide complimentary resources to those currently in Yuba City and to those who may choose to come to Yuba City." ★

SACOG Receives \$22.5 Million for Green Means Go Program

SACOG News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities Grant will advance transportation design and planning projects to address barriers in disadvantaged areas.

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has received \$22.5 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the next phase of SACOG's award-winning Green Means Go program. The planning investment will accelerate infill development in ten areas across the region in designated Green Zones, or areas that have been identified for infill development, to reimagine neighborhoods and address transportation needs. By pairing transportation planning and housing investments together in Green Zones, it will help build more complete communities where residents can meet their daily needs more wholistically within their neighborhoods.

The planning projects span various rural and urban areas within the counties of Sacramento and Yuba, and the cities of Citrus Heights, Isleton, Marysville, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, West Sacramento, Woodland, and Yuba City. These ten areas share similar issues, busy roadways that limit the ability of community members to safely walk, bike, or roll in their neighborhoods and connect to services and jobs without a car. These investments will help increase connectivity and reduce the reliance on driving, which helps the region meet greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Equitable community engagement is a significant emphasis of the project to

ensure the involvement of communities who have been traditionally left out of planning processes. SACOG will create a Community-Based Organization (CBO) Working Group and leverage the model created by the agency's Engage, Empower, Implement program to build capacity, trust, and partnerships with CBOs from across the region.

Another element of this grant is workforce development in which Valley Vision, a non-profit focused on building a livable region, is leading the efforts to create a pipeline of skilled workers. This effort aligns with the region's Prosperity Strategy and considering the long-term needs as development ramps up in Green Zones once planning has been completed, ensuring that available jobs go to our local skilled workforce.

"Our region is like many in the nation struggling with aging infrastructure that no longer serves us, and local governments who want to reinvest in areas to meet the needs of communities today and into the future," said Michael Saragosa, SACOG board chair, and councilmember for the City of Placerville, "A huge thanks to the U.S. Department of Transportation for recognizing Green Means Go efforts and for investing in the Sacramento region."

Planning Projects
Below is a list of projects that are subrecipients of the grant. These ten projects across the six-county region all serve a federally designated disadvantaged community.

City of Sacramento – Reconnecting Old North Sacramento (Del Paso)

Sacramento County – Sacramento County Re-Imagine North Watt Corridor

Yuba County – East Linda Gateway: Lindhurst Corridor Revitalization project

Yuba City – Central City Green Zone Revitalization Plan

City of West Sacramento – US 50 Community Connectivity Project & Sycamore Trail Project

City of Citrus Heights – City of Citrus Heights Sunrise Tomorrow Project

Rancho Cordova – Folsom Blvd: Transforming Old Lincoln Highway Plan

Marysville – Re-Envision Downtown Marysville Plan

Woodland – East Street Corridor Complete Streets

Isleton – SR 160 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge Design

About Green Means Go
Green Means Go is the Sacramento region's commitment and solution to California's housing, climate, equity, and transportation problems.

The program aims to lower greenhouse gas emissions within its six-county region by accelerating infill development and reducing and electrifying vehicle trips. Green Means Go is a mechanism to target investment in locally designated Green Zones - areas that cities and counties have identified for infill development that also show a reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Since launching the program in 2018, twenty-six SACOG member jurisdictions have identified and adopted Green Zones. To date, SACOG has deployed over \$38 million in state funds to support Green Zone investments that explore the intersection of land use, housing, economic and workforce development, transportation investments, equity, and travel choices. ★

Hats off to Heroes set for May 17



FRED News Release

YUBA/SUTTER REGION, CA (MPG) - "Hats off to Heroes" is Yuba Sutter's newest event on May 17 in downtown Marysville to honor area veterans for their service to the country.

The May 17 event from 5 to 9 p.m. May 17 will feature a showcase of veteran support services, veteran family-support service booths and veteran-owned businesses with booths. Live music will be provided by FRED and the Ray Allen Band. DeeJay Gigglin Gecko will also be there.

"We have one of our own retiring from 22 years of service and wanted to answer the question, 'What do you wish you knew when you retired?'" said Robbie Chaney, FRED frontman and event coordinator. "This event serves as an answer to that question and fulfills the dream of our friend, ROOSTER."

FRED is a Plumas Lake rock band.

"I wanted my retirement to be a way to pay it forward to the great service members who served before my time and will follow me into retirement," said Michel "ROOSTER" Rainville, bassist for FRED and event inspiration. "A setting where one journey can end and a new one can begin, no matter what stage of life you are in." Said Shane Griego of the Yuba-Sutter Stand Down, "It's going to be a blast. We are inviting all of our veteran service organizations like the American Legion, the VFW and more. When the idea was brought to us, it made sense with our mission to sponsor this event."

"Hats off to Heroes" will be held in Downtown Marysville on D Street between 3rd and 4th streets with booths for information, goods, and services, directed towards Veterans and their families. Live music will be provided by the Ray Allen Band, FRED.

If interested in a booth or sponsorship, see the Facebook event page or call the Yuba-Sutter Stand Down at 530-749-1036. ★

Employment and Workforce (Yuba City MSA)			
	2022	2023	Trend
Employment growth (annual)	56,600	57,500	↑ 1.6%
Labor force	75,500	79,800	↑ 5.7%
Unemployment (annual not adjusted)	6.07%	6.64%	↑ 7.97%
Unemployment (Current 12/31/2023)		8%	
Annual wages (Q3)	\$54,183	\$55,907	↑ 5.6%

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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,

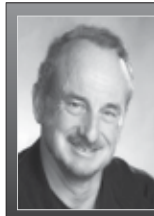
I'm worried about my younger brother, and I need some advice. He's divorced and has a son, and lately, it seems like he only wants to be a dad when it's convenient. On top of this, he's very irresponsible with money for someone in their thirties. Our mom and dad passed away several years ago, so I feel 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.

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Inflation Bites into Destination Crowds

As inflation carves its way through the pocketbooks of American consumers, the stock market took a breather from its seemingly relentless rally last week.

I had some travel during the week and had a chance to stop by some National Parks in California and Nevada. Having traveled continuously through my teen years and adulthood, I've got a pretty good idea of how crowded these places are. As the years ticked by, the parks went from crowd tolerable to insanely packed. At places like Yosemite or their mechanical counterpart like Disneyland, over the years, crowds went up to the point of barely tolerable due to the lines everywhere.

And yes, the description "lines" definitely apply to both places.

With a brief and refreshing respite that the Covid fiasco provided us brave and willing travelers, when they released us from our ridiculous virus purgatory, the crowds swelled rapidly once again as people turned stir crazy into travel crazy.

During my recent trips however, I observed that ever so slightly, the lines of visitors to at least the places I visited have dwindled if just a bit.

I've been thinking for over a year now that inflation and the high cost of traveling would collide and the crowds would thin. Stubbornly, it took a bit more time than I expected, but indeed, I found myself at the front of various lines a tad quicker than a year or so ago.

About 9 months ago Travelweekly noted a slight dip in ticket demand: <https://www.travelweekly.com/Travel-News/Airline-News/Airline-ticket-demand-appears-to-be-declining>

As fuel costs have been climbing along with gas prices at the pump, ticket prices have somewhat stagnated. It's an odd observation considering in the last few weeks, several airlines have warned that problems at the Boeing Company are causing a shortage of available planes, both currently in service and those scheduled for delivery.

As a result, several airlines are reducing the number of routes available and an ongoing pilot shortage is compounding

the problem.

Nerd-wallet, in a March 12, 2024 article by Meghan Coyle, reported ".....the good news for consumers is that at least airfares continue to fall".

According to data released on the consumer price index this month by the Bureau of Labor statistics, "Airline fares are down 6.1% from the same time last year and even cheaper than they were the same month right before the pandemic hit".

Given all this conflicting data that shows higher fuel prices, a shortage of planes and pilots, and raging inflation, why would airfares be dropping?

Seeing shorter lines of people at the parks and the other popular destinations that at least I have been to, my economic smarts concludes fares can only come down if the demand is dropping.

Especially with all the data that would indicate just the opposite should be happening to airfare prices.

In conclusion, the wife wants to visit Europe as both of us are aging and it's getting closer to the time when I will hang up my proverbial spurs.

Although I'm not getting any younger as the days and weeks tick on by, I told her we should wait a bit, as if things transgress as I think they will as far as inflation and the consumers necessary response to it, which is to further cut down on discretionary spending, any Europe trip we consider might be a heck of a lot less crowded and maybe even a little bit cheaper if we wait a year or so.

"Watching the markets so you don't have to"

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It looks like it finally may happen: a monthly Community Breakfast in Brownsville. We really missed the Hill Top Gang's monthly breakfast and that Covid "bug" slowed us down for a bit, but now Yuba Feather Next Step is ready to serve the monthly breakfast at Ponderosa Community Center in Brownsville. Our first one will be held on April 14 from 8:00 – 11 am. This is a volunteer group that raises money for Mountain Transit as well as other projects in our community. The breakfast is a donation of \$8:00 with many good choices of food: scrambled eggs, ham or sausage, pancakes or French Toast, biscuits & gravy. Good Food! As well as a chance to visit with friends and neighbors. Hope to see you there.

We just heard about a "Happening" in Marysville, Focus on Marysville. This event will be held at Skip's Marysville Music Cafe on "D" St across from The Brick Coffee shop on May 4 from 11:00 – 3:00. Books & More has been invited to set up a table to put our bookstore

and some local authors on center stage. We are the ONLY bookstore in Yuba and Sutter counties and is well worth a drive up the hill to visit occasionally. We are open Wednesday – Saturday from 9:30 – 4:00 and have a wide variety of books as well as some consignment items (tie dye, jewelry, clothing and more).

Come to the Ponderosa community center on Saturday, April 27, for a day of Fellowship, music and free food. This will be at 17103 Ponderosa Way in Brownsville. Live music will be provided by the bands, Forgiven, Keys to the Kingdom and the Hillside Community worship team. If you have any questions, please call Wayne 530 675-9592.

Look Back in Time – In 1912 the Order of Owls Lodge in Challenge met today. They have more than 100 members now (I wonder what their "Mission Statement" was).

Hope to see you soon in Brownsville.
~ Yvonne



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 ★

What's Next?



By Kathy Craig Harteis

One by one we have accepted downsizing, new rules and additions to now taboo things we previously enjoyed. Today I heard a report that there is a cocoa shortage and the price of chocolate candy will soar. The candy companies have already downsized the size of the treats. I'm sure now they'll be smaller yet.

Not to age myself, but I'm now one of those people who remembers a better, full size candy bar that was cheap As kids, when we finished our chores we each got a quarter. We would walk to the local grocery and purchase

a soda and a candy bar.

I always picked a Double Cola because the bottle design gave the illusion of being bigger. My candy of choice was varied, but it was always full sized. Give a kid a quarter now and they wouldn't get much.

Yesterday I stopped at a good sized market to get a few groceries. Approaching the checkout I saw one cashier with six people waiting for checkout. There was one cashier with 5 other closed checkout lanes. There was a self checkout area, but that just annoys me. I come from a time of service oriented business. That being said, my mindset is if I've lived this long I deserve the service.

Gone are the days (except in Oregon) of full service gas stations.

The bottom line is that it's all a domino effect. Rising prices, shortages and loss of services stream from the fact that people don't want to work anymore. That is a direct

insult to our forefathers and foremothers who did nothing but work.

Sadly we've educated ourselves to take the easy way, take the shortcut and accept the inferior.

To end the day I picked up two deli sandwiches. Typically we would each be full after eating one half of the giant sandwiches. Say it isn't so! Our once loved sandwiches have been downsized. We easily finished the whole thing.

I guess I should have known how my week was going to go earlier this week. For the first time, I got hit in the head by a melting icicle in March!

But yet; life is good today.

A native of Grimes, CA, Kathy Craig Harteis is a former local journalist and former owner and chief executive of Kathy Craig Media Consulting, in Colusa. She currently lives in Beach, North Dakota, where she lived for many years while raising her family. ★

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Death Notices

HUBER – Gary Huber, 77, of Meridian, passed away March 8, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

BURKHARDT – Wanda Burkhardt, 80, of Yuba City, passed away March 20, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

THOMASON – Stephen Thomason, 29, of Marysville, passed away March 20, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

SAALA-GATES – Judy Saala-Gates, 71, of Olivehurst, passed away March 22, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

HERROD – Brenda Herrod, 93, of Meridian, passed away March 27, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

JOHNSTON – Brenda Johnston, 65, of Olivehurst, passed away March 31, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Ethan James Courtney, PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00308
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**HEARING DATE:
04/29/2024
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Ethan James Courtney, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Ethan James Courtney
to: Ethan James Valadez

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a 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 to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 03/13/2024

Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
MARCH 22, 29, APRIL 5, 12, 2024**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF BRIAN D. TOEPFER
Case NO. PRPB24-00041**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **Brian D Toepfer**.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Karen Toepfer in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): Karen Toepfer be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either **(1) four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate code, or **(2) 60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Sheldon C. Hadley
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
TPM-23-0015 (Stocker) AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE YUBA COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Yuba County Development Review Committee (DRC) on Thursday May 2, 2024 at 9 a.m. or soon thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA. The Yuba County DRC will consider the following:

TPM-23-0015 (Stocker): Request for a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide two parcels totaling 155 acres into six parcels, each over 20 acres in size. The primary access point will be from Willow Glen Road. The project site is located on Willow Glen Road, approximately 2.4 miles north of Marysville Road, in the community of Brownsville (APNs 056-220-026 & 056-250-001). The 2030 General Plan designates the land use as Natural Resources (NR) and the zoning as Agricultural Residential, 20 acres minimum (AR-20).

The DRC will be considering adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The public comment period for the Mitigated Negative Declarations is April 5, 2024 to April 25, 2024.

Any person wishing to testify on the above projects may attend the DRC meeting at the prescribed time, or may submit written comments or objections to the Community Development and Services Agency at 915 8th Street, Suite 123, Marysville, CA 95901, prior to the hearing. Copies of the staff recommendations are available for inspection at the same address. If you have any questions, you may contact Ciara Fisher at (530) 749-5470.

The DRC's action on the project may be appealed by any interested person to the Board of Supervisors by filing a written appeal with the Planning Department within 10 days following the DRC's final action on the project. If the Board of Supervisors is the final Approving Authority, or if the project is appealed to the Board, the Board's action is final.

If you challenge the action of the DRC on this matter in court, pursuant to Government Code section 65009 you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Department at, or prior to the hearing.
(TD) April 5, 2024

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-086**

The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:

Lakeview Energy Services
427 14th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
MAILING ADDRESS:
PO Box 510
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Stohlman & Rogers, Inc.
PO Box 510
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/15/2009.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed:
Ryan Rogers
CA
President

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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-087**

The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:

Lakeview Petroleum
1528 Colusa Hwy
Yuba City, CA 95993
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County of SUTTER
Registered Owners:
1. Stohlman & Rogers, Inc.
PO Box 510
Marysville, CA 95901

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CA
President

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April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
ELIZABETH BALLESTEROS PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00031
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**HEARING DATE:
04/15/2024
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) ELIZABETH BALLESTEROS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Courage Rider Dye Ballesteros
to: Courage Catori Amore Ballesteros

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a 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 to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 03/5/2024

Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
MARCH 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-078**

The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:

First Due Media
12106 North Ave
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Angel Mota
12106 North Ave
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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Signed:
Angel Mota

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DONNA HILLEGASS,
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By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-065**

The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:

GGC Home Services
5971 Grove Avenue
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Gabriel G. Cuevas
5971 Grove Avenue
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

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Signed:
Gabriel G. Cuevas

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By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
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March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
OF ABANDONMENT
File No. 2022F-261**

The Fictitious Business Name Referred on this statement of abandonment was filed in Yuba County on 09/22/2022

Cant Be Numb
647 Noble Rd
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Kana Chang
647 Noble Rd
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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Signed:
Kana Chang

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-092**

The following person(s) is
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647 Noble Rd
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Kana Chang
647 Noble Rd
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2024.

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Signed:
Kana Chang

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COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



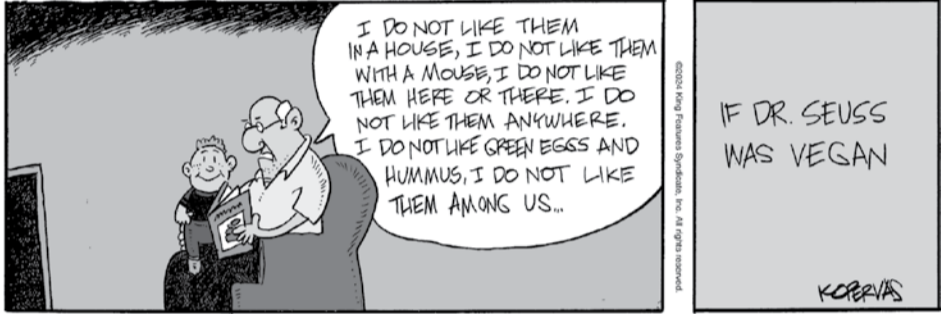
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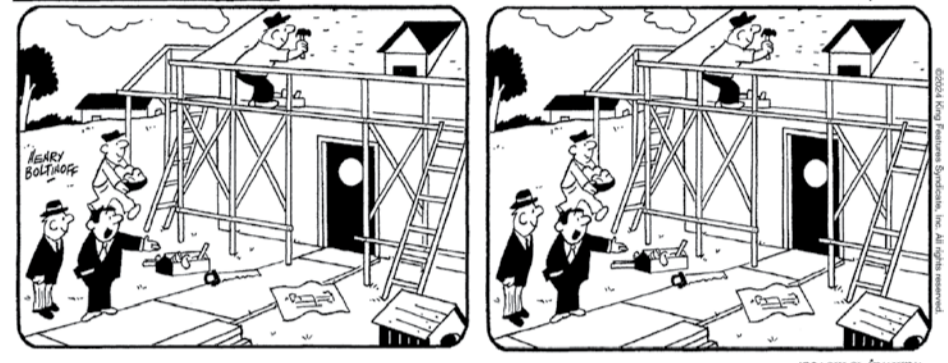
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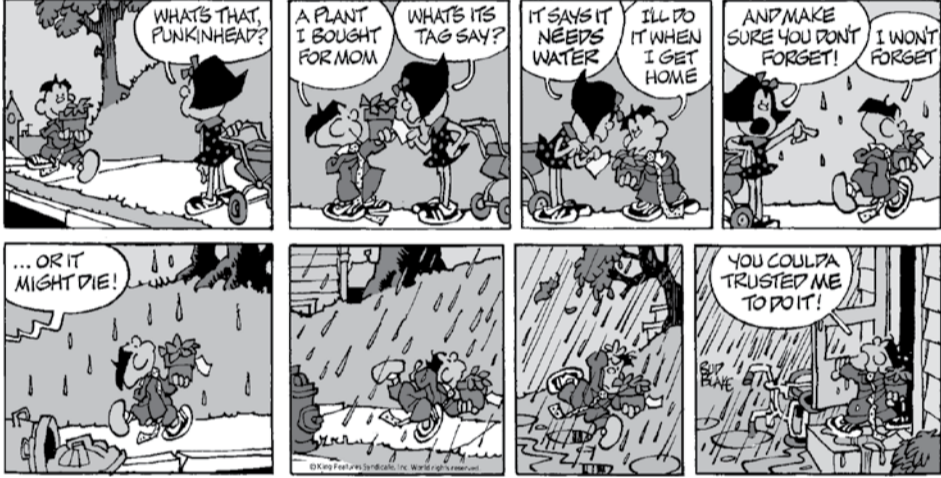
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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TIGER



by BUD BLAKE

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Wow, I am hearing fans and pundits alike talking about how the Kings will fare in the Play-in. What happened to just making the playoffs?

I am still firmly in the camp that the Sacramento Kings can make a run that lands on 48 wins and puts them in the playoffs without having to go through the Play-in system.

Without a doubt, the loss, temporarily, of Malik Monk is a gut punch and not to be overlooked, but what a blessing to have both Sasha Vezenkov and Trey Lyles back on the hardwood the very next game after Malik was sadly injured. That is fortuitous for certain, and Lyles looked as though he hadn't missed a game. Trey's three-point shooting should not be overlooked, and will help mitigate the loss of Malik's contribution that this team has come to rely upon.

Eight games to go, and if the Kings can find a way to win five of those games, I for one believe they make the enviable top six, and go into the playoffs with their heads held high.

Losing two games back-to-back to the Dallas Mavericks was, for many, the low moment of the season, and without a doubt made the trip to the playoffs a difficult one. Having said that, hold onto your seats, because these cardiac kids have a way of making believers out of you.

Domantas Sabonis continues his vaunted double-double streak, and Harrison Barnes seems to be finding some of the old magic that made the Kings feel he was someone that had to be signed in the off season. Although many believed the price was too high, all will be forgotten if Harrison can continue contributing 20 points per game as he just did in the victory over the Utah Jazz.

Pay attention to the victory over the Jazz, because it sends a message to all Sacramento Kings fans, that just when you want to count them out, their game rises to the top once again. Don't let mendacious pundits steal your zeal for this team. Yogi Berra

said, "It's not over till it's over," and I'm with Yogi.

For the first time this season, both Keegan Murray and Harrison Barnes scored 20 points in a contest. Yes, the very first time, and if that is a dose of what's to come, bring it on.

Is anyone paying attention to Davion Mitchell, and his consistent outside shooting contribution? Davion continues to be a threat from the perimeter, and can take it to the hole with the best of our players.

The return of Trey Lyles looms large, and perhaps Coach Brown will realize what he's got in this under-appreciated talent. Lyles could be starting for this team, and at the very least has deserved many more minutes than he has received throughout the season.

The sudden loss of Malik Monk will no doubt create a need for more minutes on the court for Trey, and if ever there was a time to show what you've got, now is that time.

The same can be said for Keon Ellis, who has been looked upon much more favorably by Coach Brown, and with Kevin Huerter out for the season, has been granted the starting job.

Keon needs to keep up the tough defense, and add just enough offense to keep the defense honest. Ellis has game, and I believe, like Trey Lyles, that we haven't yet seen the ceiling of what he is capable of doing on the court.

Eight huge games to go, and fans are all over the board as to where the Kings will be at the end of this stretch. I say, for all of you die-hard Kings fans that have lived through a dozen years-plus of languishing on the sidelines, watching other teams in the playoffs every year, enjoy this enigmatic but ultimately dynamic group of basketball players that truly love taking the hardwood together.

If you're not on the edge of your seat now, you never will be.

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com
Enjoy this team! ★

Gay Galvin Trio Performs



Left to right, Rich Celio, Dylan McConnell and Gay Galvin. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

YSAC News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Robin Williams once said, "Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's Party!'" and with Spring in full swing, what better way to get the party started than with a concert featuring the Gay Galvin Trio. Gay and her band will return to the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City on April 6, at 7 p.m. for a celebration of spring through jazz. Tickets are \$20 in advance and can be purchased at yubasutterarts.com or at the theater Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door if available, but seating will be limited.

The Trio will perform classics from the repertoire including "Joy Spring," "Up Jumped Spring," and "Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most." The Gay Galvin Trio includes renowned jazz pianist and vocalist, Gay Galvin, along with Rich Celio on drums and Dylan McConnell on bass.

Gay Galvin has spent a lifetime performing music in classical and jazz styles. She has worked in big bands, musicals, jazz trios and various classical ensembles. Gay is also the founder of the Yuba-Sutter Big Band Orchestra. Along with Tom Galvin, her musician husband, she played for the Applause series of concerts to help raise funds for the completion of the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts and now the community will reap the benefits of their hard work as she once again performs in the venue she helped create.

And as an added attraction, all the trio members are part of Tom Galvin's epic songwriting and recording project for a new album called "Heroes and Victims." Tom's song cycle is all about the history and people of Yuba Sutter and environs through a contemporary lens including the good, the bad and the ugly. Our local history includes achievements of the human spirit alongside atrocities against

non-European Americans. The album of twelve songs will reflect these issues.

Rich Celio decided he would pick up the instrument he loved but abandoned in high school to help stave off a mid-life crisis. He got a new drum kit and started venturing out, first at the local jams. He has had the great fortune of playing with great musicians in the Bay Area and is now plugged into the local music scene and loves to help promote diverse musical styles.

Dylan divides his time as a bass player and a graphic designer specializing in logo/web design and brand development. Not surprisingly, he works with a lot of artists, musicians, nonprofit organizations, and educators, as well as authors and teachers in the local and global healing community.

Come support live music in the community and enjoy these very gifted musicians. For more information about this event and other 2024 programs, contact Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture at 530-742-ARTS, or email david@yubasutterarts.org ★



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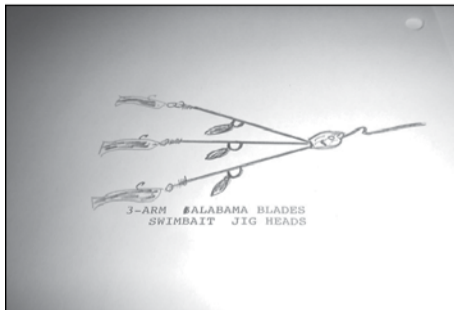


Fishing rating scale: (b) Excellent • (a) Good • (g) Poor (bad)

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:

15 3/4" - 2lb 11 oz. Pile Perch

Men's Division:

1st 15" - 2lb. 8oz. Barred Perch

2nd 14 1/2" - 2lb. 5oz. Barred Perch

3rd 14 1/4" - 2 lb. 1 oz. Barred Perch

Winning bait: Sand Crabs!

LAKES RESERVOIRS

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



Rapala

(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.

"Big fish in a small pond." ~ Brownie

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Lessard Named New Head Coach

Story by Steven Bryla, photo courtesy of Jonah Lessard

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba City Honkers' football program has a new man in charge, and as Yuba City Athletic Director Maury Castaneda told the Dispatch, "Lessard bleeds brown and gold."



Jonah Lessard was named the new head coach of the Yuba City football program and will play at Marysville in the 2024 opener on Friday, August 23.

Jonah Lessard returns to the Honkers program where he spent five of the last six seasons on all levels of the Yuba City program except last year as he was the quarterbacks/running backs coach at Yuba College. Prior to the stint at Yuba College, Lessard was the offensive coordinator for the varsity program in the 21-22 season.

Lessard expressed to the Dispatch that Yuba City is now home for his family as they planted their roots into the community and love what it stands for.

"Yuba City High School is exactly where I wanted to be," Lessard said. He added that he is passionate about the kids

and the rich tradition/culture the school has.

Lessard told the Dispatch that coaching at the next level was exactly what he needed to get the experience, and he learned a lot to help bring into his first season as a head coach of the Honker program.

He added that he was grateful for the opportunity that Yuba College Head Coach Mike Pomfret gave him, and mentorship that he and the other coaches on the 49ers staff gave him in his time that helped him in the beginning of becoming a new head coach.

"I gained a lot of knowledge on the offensive side of the ball by seeing what a college offense is like and it was huge," Lessard said.

Castaneda said that he is excited for Lessard to take over the program and to see what he can do as Yuba City has gone 4-6 in the past two regular seasons, but have qualified for the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section football playoffs.

Lessard told the Dispatch that he is fired up about the upcoming season including a new coaching staff, getting into the recently renovated weight room and also joining a new league.

Due to realignment, Yuba City is going from the Capital Valley Conference to the Foothill Valley League beginning this fall for the next four years at a minimum. The Honkers will see familiar faces as River Valley and Roseville will join them in the FVL.

"We are going to be the hardest working team and we are going to bring a lot of excitement every week," Lessard said.

Yuba City opens their 2024 season on the road at Marysville on Friday, August 23, which is the first matchup between the schools since the 2009 season.

Lessard told the Dispatch that he respects the local programs in the area, but noted that the Honkers are the biggest brand of football within a 30-mile radius.

"It will be an opportunity for us to showcase the highest level of football within the area," Lessard said. ★

Sutter's Danna Gets 200th Win



The Sutter softball team celebrated Head Coach Stefanie Danna's 200th career varsity win for the program following the Huskies' 12-2 victory over Marysville on Thursday, March 28.

Story by Steven Bryla, photo by Chris Pedigo

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The special moments keep happening for the 2024 Sutter Huskies' softball team as they defeated Marysville 12-2 in a Pioneer Valley League matchup that gave Head Coach Stefanie Danna her 200th career win at the varsity level.

Sutter stayed perfect on the season with the victory over Marysville as their powerful hitting lineup continued to frustrate opposing pitchers, and big innings have become normal during a game for the Huskies.

Sutter had four players with multi-hit games, and this was the 10th consecutive game with double-digit runs and they are hitting .547 as a team. On top of the phenomenal hitting statistics, the pitching and fielding numbers are equally impressive as the Huskies are at the top of the PVL in fielding percentage (.972), earned run average (ERA) with 0.93 and 10 complete games from the circle.

Danna took over the varsity program at Sutter in

the 2016 season and has won a minimum of 23 games every season despite the 2020 season that was cut short to Covid-19.

Danna told the Dispatch that it took a lot of individuals to continue the success of the Huskies' program over the years, including great coaches that have helped build the culture that Sutter softball stands for.

"Even though it's my 200th win, it's really all of the coaches that have helped us get here along the way," Danna said.

Danna added that her husband Tim and Pitching Coach Stephanie Soto have been on Danna's staff the longest throughout her tenure as the Huskies head coach. She recognized junior varsity Head Coach Taylor Ernst and Assistant Coach Matt Schamanski as key contributors to the program since they became a part of it.

Danna told the Dispatch that she has learned from a lot of mentors through the years, including her father Raoul Singh, who accounted for 154 wins since MaxPreps began in 2004; she still had a lot to envision for the program.

If there is one thing to know about the Sutter softball program: it's a family. The culture Danna envisioned for each player to take away from the program was to give the best effort for one another, and that is why Sutter constantly does team-bonding exercises.

Those team-bonding activities have included costume days for rainy-day practices, Valentine's Day and an Easter egg hunt just to name a few of the fun activities the Huskies have used to come closer as a family one day at a time.

Danna said to the Dispatch that one of the fondest memories for her of this senior 2024 class includes the players turning into leaders.

"I love this senior class's growth: that they have embraced the leadership roles throughout their time in the program," Danna said. "Taking that role and the leadership to keep the program on track."

Sutter traveled down to Santa Maria for the Righetti Tournament that began yesterday, April 4, and plays through tomorrow, April 6. ★

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