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## Getting More Covered



More people will be eligible for health insurance through Covered California. Photo courtesy of Alexander Rathes | Dreamstime.com

By Elizabeth Aguilera,  
CALMatters.org

Hundreds of thousands of Californians previously shut out of Covered California — the state program that offers discounted health insurance — soon can participate because the eligibility requirements are changing.

Prior to the new rules, individuals who had access to an employer-based health insurance plan through a family member were not eligible for Covered California. Employer plans are often expensive for spouses or children, driving up the cost of coverage for those family members. Those caught in this unaffordable “family glitch” have few choices: buy the expensive plan, try to buy a bare-bones plan separately or go without health insurance.

In April, the Biden administration issued guidelines to fix the near-decade-long problem and last month the federal government adopted the regulation. Starting in January 2023, if a family’s premium costs more than 9.12% of the household income the family could be eligible for federal subsidies, or discounts, through Covered California.

According to the UC Berkeley Labor Center, the “glitch” impacts an estimated 615,000 people in California, mostly women and children from low and middle-income families. The center estimates that about 400,000 of those people would be eligible for financial assistance through Covered California based on their income.

“For the people impacted, it could be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars,” said Anthony Wright, executive

director of Health Access California, a consumer rights group. “It really does have an impact on the health and well-being of the family and their finances.”

A state analysis by Third Way, a national think tank, found that a California family of four with \$53,000 in annual earnings would likely save about \$4,340 a year in health insurance premium costs. The report shows that lower-income households would see the most significant savings.

The federal government is footing the bill for the expansion and pays subsidies directly to the health plans based on Covered California’s marketplace prices. The Congressional Budget Office reported that it would cost \$44 billion over the next 10 years to cover

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## Flavored Tobacco Ban Begins In California

By Evan Symon,  
California Globe

The statewide flavored tobacco and e-cigarette ban went into effect on Wednesday, (December 21, 2022) impacting retailers and consumers alike less than a week after a final attempt to stop it in the Supreme Court failed.

The battle over flavored tobacco in California dates back to January 2020, when then-Senator Jerry Hill introduced SB 793, to totally ban flavored cigarettes and e-cigarettes from sale in the state. The bill had much support, and easily made it through the Assembly and Senate, although a number of amendments were added, allowing certain exceptions. Governor Gavin Newsom signed the bill shortly afterwards, with the ban set to take place at the end of the year.

However, tobacco companies quickly formed a coalition and set up a ballot referendum, collecting enough signatures in time by December to delay the ban. In early 2021, enough signatures were collected to put the decision up to California voters, with the referendum going to the November 2022 ballot. Tobacco companies fought hard to fail the referendum, now known as Proposition 31, as many felt the ban went too far, and that it would hurt many businesses as a result. Those supporting pushing for Prop 31 to pass claimed a rise in youth tobacco consumption partially attributed to flavored tobacco being on the market.

Last month, Californians overwhelmingly voted for the ban to stay in place, 63% to 37%, or, 6.8 million for the ban and 3.9 million against. With the ban now set to begin later this month, R.J. Reynolds, as well as other tobacco companies, quickly filed an emergency application for a writ injunction with the U.S. Supreme Court, asking the court to stop the ban as a last Hail Mary attempt. In their application, the tobacco companies said that the ban will cause “irreparable harm, leading to substantial financial losses and a hit to customer goodwill and its reputation.” Meanwhile, California argued that this was a state matter, and voters had already decided on it.

Flavored tobacco ban in CA begins

Without any quotes or other notes, all nine Supreme Court justices turned down the case last week, ending the last legal avenue to stop the ban and clearing the way for the

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## YWA Board of Directors Adopts New Five-year Strategic Plan

YWA News Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba Water Agency Board of Directors has approved a new strategic plan to guide the agency’s decision-making and investments over the next five years.

“This plan is the result of many hours of work by both this board and agency staff and is a comprehensive and effective blueprint for the next several years,” said Yuba Water Board Chairman Gary Bradford.

The 2023-2027 plan maintains Yuba Water’s existing mission and vision statement and includes six updated, overarching strategic priorities with 29 supporting objectives and 105 action-based strategies to guide implementation. The plan also outlines

budgeting and resource allocation priorities.

The plan’s six overarching strategic priorities are:

Provide planning, funding and other support for responsible flood risk management to continue decreasing flood risk in Yuba County to the lowest possible level; Maintain and enhance the delivery of a reliable water supply for the people of Yuba County; Operate the Yuba River Development Project and its power system for safety, regulatory compliance, water supply and power reliability in an environmentally responsible manner; Obtain a new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license for the Yuba River Development Project and Narrows 1 powerhouse at a reasonable cost, under favorable terms that are

protective of the environment; Further develop Yuba Water’s organizational capabilities to efficiently support operations; Proactively engage in developing a robust, diverse Yuba County economy and improve the overall well-being of Yuba County residents by investing in projects that offer strategic benefit and regulatory security.

“Strategic planning is fundamental to the success and longevity of any business, and we take that seriously here at Yuba Water,” said Assistant General Manager Terri Daly. “This plan is a living document that sets the policy direction and priorities for us and will be an important anchor for us as we plan for the future.”

The 2023-2027 strategic plan is an update to the

agency’s previous five-year plan and was developed during several dedicated special board meetings over the last year. The complete plan is available on the agency’s website.

*Yuba Water Agency was created in 1959 to reduce flood risk and ensure a reliable and sustainable water supply for the benefit and prosperity of the people of Yuba County. For more than 60 years, Yuba Water has operated in a professional, proactive and responsible manner to tackle the complex challenges of water resource management. Looking to the future, Yuba Water is focused on ensuring its projects, programs and community investments have a direct impact on improving the quality of life for Yuba County residents.* ★



# Snow Survey Shows Storms Provided Big Totals

DWR Special Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted the first snow survey of the season on January 3 at Phillips Station. The manual survey recorded 55.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 17.5 inches, which is 177 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. Statewide the snowpack is 174 percent of average for this date.

California is expected to see continued rain and snow over the next seven days, with the threat of flooding in parts of California. Conditions so far this season have proven to be strikingly similar to last year when California saw some early rainstorms and strong December snow totals only to have the driest January through March on record.

“The significant Sierra snowpack is good news but unfortunately these same storms are bringing flooding to parts of California,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “This is a prime example of the threat of extreme flooding during a prolonged drought as California experiences more swings between wet and dry periods brought on by our changing climate.”

One year ago, the Phillips survey showed the seventh highest January measurements on record for that location. However, those results were followed by three months of extremely dry conditions and by April 1 of last year, the Phillips survey measurements were the third lowest on record.

More telling than a survey at a single location are DWR’s electronic readings from 130 stations placed throughout the state. Measurements indicate



Despite Heavy Rain and Snow, Relief from Drought Conditions Still Depends on Coming Months. Photo courtesy of needpix.com

that statewide, the snowpack’s snow water equivalent is 17.1 inches, or 174 percent of average for this date. This January’s results are similar to results in 2013 and 2022 when the January 1 snowpack was at or above average conditions, only for dry weather to set in and lead to drought conditions by the end of the water year (September 30). In 2013, the first snow survey of the season also provided promising results after a wet December similar to today’s results. However, the following January and February were exceptionally dry, and the water year ended as the driest on record, contributing to a record-breaking drought. In 2022, record-breaking December snowfall was again followed by the driest January

through March period on record.

“Big snow totals are always welcome, but we still have a long way to go before the critical April 1 total,” said DWR’s Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager Sean de Guzman. “It’s always great to be above average this early in the season, but we must be resilient and remember what happened last year. If January through March of 2023 turn out to be similar to last year, we would still end the water year in severe drought with only half of an average year’s snowpack.”

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California’s water needs and is an important factor in determining how DWR manages the state’s water resources. Its

natural ability to store water is why the Sierra snowpack is often referred to as California’s “frozen reservoir.” A below-average snowpack impacts water users across the state, putting further stress on the environment and critical groundwater supplies.

Due to these increasing swings from dramatically wet to dry conditions, Governor Newsom’s recently released “California’s Water Supply Strategy, Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future” calls for investing in new projects and technologies that will modernize how the state manages water. In alignment with the Administration’s strategy, the recently adopted 2022 Update to the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan identifies actions needed to

adapt much of California’s flood infrastructure to a rapidly changing climate. Current climate research indicates the state will see bigger swings from extreme heat and dry conditions to larger and more powerful storms that deliver temporary large boosts to the state snowpack as well as flood risk.

DWR encourages Californians to visit SaveOurWater.com for water saving tips and information, and to continue to conserve California’s most precious resource, rain or shine.

DWR conducts five media-oriented snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month, January through April and, if necessary, May. The next survey is tentatively scheduled for February 1. ★

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# 'Bandits and Bandanas' Fundraiser Set for the Main Stage

YSAC News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - What do you get when you mix an opera singer with a couple of musical theater performers, a jazz pianist and vocalist, a folk/rock singer/songwriter, a retired Credit Union CEO, a contractor, and an insurance agent? Why *Bandits and Bandanas* of course! What's that you say? What's *Bandits and Bandanas*? Why it's the rip snortin', boot scootin' kickoff event for the fundraising campaign for the completion of the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts Main Stage Theater, that's what. And why *Bandits and Bandanas*? Well, you'll just have to attend to find out.

The *Bandits and Bandanas* fun starts on Saturday, January 21st in the Giddy-Up Saloon at 5:30 followed by a chuckwagon supper at 6:30. The music starts at 7:30. It all takes place at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. Lots of folks don't even realize that behind the beautiful lobby, art gallery and Clark Family Black



The cast of 'Bandits and Bandanas.' Image courtesy of YSAC

Box Theater at the front of the building, there is a 299-seat theater waiting to be refurbished. It is what was once the front half of the original 900 seat Sutter Movie Theater. It is like a time capsule, unchanged for over 70 years. There stands the raised stage and proscenium arch just like they were when "Singin' in the Rain," "The Quiet Man," "Rear Window," and "Star Wars" first screened there. The Sutter Theater Center plans to restore the

space and convert it to a live performing arts venue. Eventually, a new projection system will be added as well so that the space can once again be used for film screenings as has been done in the Black Box. Imagine a 299-seat multi-purpose theater right in the heart of downtown Yuba City and what that will mean for businesses in the central district. Back to the lineup for *Bandits and Bandanas*. The amazing cast of this cabaret style show

(think *Applause*) includes Kelly Cunningham, Alex Mazzerole, Gay Galvin, Matt DeMeritt, and Tom Galvin. Add to the mix special guest performances by frequent open mic participants, John Cassidy, and Virgil Atkinson along with fiddler Maggie Capitano and her HellCat Maggie band and you have an evening's entertainment like nothing ever seen before in Yuba-Sutter. The *Bandits and Bandanas* show is being wrangled by returning

native son, Alex Cesena, who is directing and singing and dancing right alongside his longtime sidekicks. But wait, there's more! Midtown Stomp will be on hand for Country Swing dance lessons and a performance to help get you up and moving. In addition to ticket purchases and table sponsorships, there will be a Gold Rush Silent Auction and a creative take on the old 50/50 raffle called Bandana Bucks. Lots of chances for you and the Sutter Theater

Center for the Arts to win. Almost forgot to mention that the evening will kick off with a special "speak easy" experience on the Main Stage with libations at the Giddy-Up Saloon. Those attending are asked to please use the rear entrance (plus you will get to see the space before the transformation begins.) The Chuckwagon Supper will be served in the Black Box before the Saddle-Up Songsters kick things off at 7:30. The set list includes lots of your favorites songs including Jolene, Wagon Wheel, Devil Went Down to Georgia, Don't Come Home A-drinkin, Crazy, Neon Moon and many, many more. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved on the ground floor of this great new project that will benefit the entire community in unimaginable ways. Individual tickets are \$75 or \$700 for a table of eight. Join the celebration and celebrate these wonderful artists who are donating their time and talent for this worthy cause. Purchase your tickets or a table at yubasutterarts.org. ★



Wheatland Police Department Release

WHEATLAND, CA (MPG) - Wheatland Police Officer Daniel White, pictured at left, was named "2022 Wheatland Police Officer of the Year." Officer White began his career in April

2021 as a full-time Reserve Police Officer and was hired as a full-time Police Officer in April 2022. This year Officer White leads the department in total arrests, citations written, reports taken, and traffic stops conducted. Officer White's proactivity

has definitely led to the crime reduction in our community this year. Along with his proactivity, Officer White works closely with new officers to ensure they are successful in their career development and is involved with the community during events in town.

Officer White takes a leadership role at the department and aspires to become a Field Training Officer. Thank you, Dan, for your hard work, you earned this award and your performance this year is much appreciated. Congratulations! ★

## Lindhurst High FFA Gets Big Bucks



FFA student-leaders (center) Alanna Whitlock, Ella Peterson, Erika Rivera-Vargas, hold a \$40,000 donation check from the Yuba River Endowment received on December 20. Next to them from the right: Crystal Martin and Lindhurst High FFA advisor Meaghan Alvarez. On the left: Yuba River Endowment Board Member, Mike Filice. Photo courtesy of Smart Marketing

Smart Marketing and Public Affairs

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - During a live 93Q radio interview on December 20, 2022, Yuba River Endowment coordinator, Crystal Martin, surprised Lindhurst High FFA advisor Meaghan Alvarez, and FFA student-leaders Alanna Whitlock, Ella Peterson, Erika Rivera-Vargas, with a \$40,000 donation. The Yuba River Endowment is a non-profit organization created by Yuba County farmers to benefit Yuba County residents. The funds for Lindhurst FFA will go towards infrastructure improvement costs and travel costs for their 220 students to participate in their upcoming field trips and State competition. Over the past two months the Endowment also presented Marysville High School FFA and Bear River Middle School FFA with donations. "Lindhurst is so special. I am one of the many teachers and staff here who went to school here, went away to get our degrees, but chose to come back and serve this community we love," said Alvarez. "Our Lindhurst FFA students have amazing hearts and are capable of accomplishing so much. These funds are going to allow them to take part in more field trips, explore more college campuses, and better hone their leadership skills before they graduate." The Yuba River Endowment is comprised of farmers who have a right to water that flows on the Yuba River. In

some years these farmers are able to both farm their own land and transfer a portion of their water to drought-stricken areas of the state. A portion of the proceeds from these water transfers goes to the Endowment. Since formation in late 2019, the Endowment has donated over \$450,000 to support Yuba County ag education, provide food resources, veterans support, and much more. "We recently toured the Lindhurst High ag facilities and talked with some of their impressive FFA leadership students," said local farmer and Yuba River Endowment Board Member, Mike Filice. "They are truly accomplishing great things but are limited due to lack of funds to get projects like their greenhouse and plasma cutter up and running. Our board wants to ensure that all FFA programs in Yuba County stay strong and thrive. Hopefully these funds will give Lindhurst the foundation they need to continue to do great things." To learn more about Lindhurst FFA, visit www.facebook.com/lindhurstffa. To learn more about the Yuba River Endowment, visit www.facebook.com/yubariverendowment. In addition, the Yuba River Endowment's 2023 scholarship application is now live at www.farmersgivingback.com. Any graduating senior from a Yuba County high school, or any Yuba County resident who will be attending a college or trade school next year, is eligible to apply. The application deadline is January 31, 2023. ★

## Flavored Tobacco Ban Begins

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ban to begin on the 21st. On Wednesday, all flavored tobacco products, including flavored cigarettes, flavored e-cigarette juice, menthol cigarettes, flavored tobacco enhancers, and all other related flavored tobacco products were officially banned. A few exemptions, such as flavored tobacco used in hookah bars, flavored loose-leaf pipe tobacco, and flavored premium cigars costing over \$12, are still allowed under the law, but will be closely regulated from now on. While some retailers and users have been generally fine with the ban, others noted to the Globe on Thursday that it has already negatively hurt them. "So we had to take out shelves of the products Tuesday night," Duy Pham, a convenience store owner in Riverside, told the Globe Thursday, "A lot of customers have been lost and angry the last several days, and I'd say we have lost hundreds in sales

so far. We all knew this was coming, but it's not great. This isn't what we wanted at all." Others noted that, instead of discouraging users, it was only having them change products. "We get a lot of teenagers and people in their early twenties here," said Paul Stevens, a manager at a national convenience store chain. "When we told them what happened, some did get angry, but 99% of them just asked for another type of cigarette brand or something pure tobacco. Others said they'll simply stock up on the next trip out of state and maybe give some to their friends. Whatever they thought would work, it hasn't. And it looks like a work around is forming by having people bring it in out of state, so California is losing out in taxes in the end. I don't think they realized what they did honestly." Other states and cities in the U.S. are currently considering similar bans. ★  
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# Getting More Covered

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family members previously impacted by the family glitch.

Covered California pays for outreach to families, including those who have been caught in the glitch, said Jessica Altman, executive director of Covered California. Covered California has a \$109 million annual budget for marketing and the bulk is spent during open enrollment to outreach to Californians to sign up or renew coverage.

Open enrollment started this week and runs through Jan. 31, 2023. Coverage can begin as early as Jan. 1.

California health advocates have been trying to solve the glitch at the state level for years but it was too expensive for the state to pay the cost. The federal government had to decide to fix it and fund it.

This change should help reduce the number of uninsured people in California. The state has experienced the steepest decline in the number of uninsured since the federal Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, launched in 2013. Since then, some 35 million people have enrolled in health plans nationwide, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The state's rate of uninsured residents dropped from 17% in 2013 to 7% in 2021. More than half of the 3 million still uninsured in California are eligible for some sort of coverage, according to UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and UC Berkeley Labor Center. The remainder, about 1.2 million, are undocumented immigrants who are ineligible for coverage through the exchange, although some may now qualify for public programs..

Any change that increases coverage for Californians,

especially children, is a boon, Wright said.

"This is a big deal toward the goal of a government guarantee that everybody has access to affordable health coverage," Wright said of the policy change. "The more we get rid of asterisks and exclusions the better."

The change comes as employers continue to shift insurance costs to families. According to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey, premiums for family coverage increased 22% between 2016 and 2021.

Nationally, about 5 million individuals are eligible only for unaffordable employer-provided insurance. More than half of those are children. Among adults, more women than men are caught in the glitch.

"It created an unaffordable situation for a small but meaningful group of people," said Christine Eibner, a senior economist focused on health care at RAND, a non-profit research organization that published a report about the issue in 2015. "Most of them were enrolling anyhow and paying the higher premium. They could be paying 15% to 20% of their income."

In California, of the estimated 615,000 who are stuck with high-priced employer insurance plans as their only option, researchers estimated that about 87,000 are uninsured, Altman said. About 35,000 are in the individual market paying full rates and the majority are paying for that expensive employer-sponsored coverage, Altman said.

"There are families that can save thousands of dollars — middle-income families, lower-income families — that it's going to make a significant change for," Altman said. "There is value in helping people who have coverage to connect with

lower-cost coverage."

If people are uninsured or have expensive coverage they are less likely to get the care they need.


Those who stretch their budgets to sign up for employer-based plans may take the least expensive plan with higher deductibles or catastrophic coverage, Wright said. That could result in people going to the doctor less or not using the plans they have because they would still have to pay out of pocket.

"We believe it's important to have the whole family covered," Wright said. "There is a real result of not having coverage. The uninsured live sicker, die younger and are one emergency away from financial ruin."

The Affordable Care Act requires employers with at least 50 employees to offer health insurance to them and their dependents. Spouses are usually included but not required under the law. In California, 47% of people are enrolled in an employer-provided plan. A national study published in the Health Affairs Journal found that families spend an average of 16% of household income paying employer-based premiums.

Before the latest change, the Affordable Care Act allowed employees to obtain insurance through discounted state programs if their employer health plan cost more than 9.1% of their income, which is considered unaffordable. Employers face penalties if their workers are obtaining insurance through those state programs.

Also, prior to the latest change, the law did not define affordability for family members and employers faced no penalties related to the cost of premiums for family members. ★



MEMORIAL

DANIEL L. LAVY • 4/6/1961 – 12/21/2022

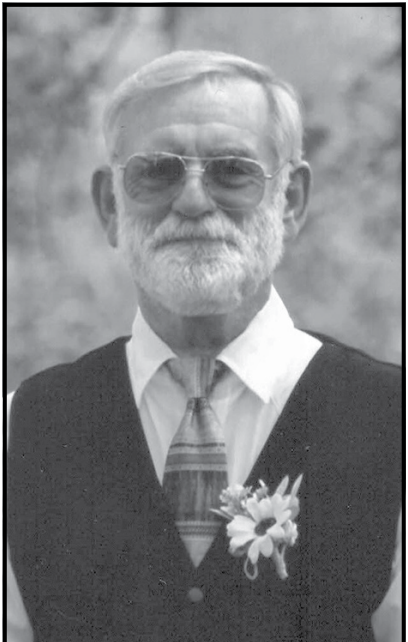
Dan Lavy, 61, of Browns Valley California passed away on December 21, 2022.

Daniel was born on April 6, 1961. He was raised in the Buttes as a child on the family farm and in the town of Gridley. He was active in De Molay as a boy and as an adult he was a Master Mason in the Colusa Masonic Lodge for over 25 years. He graduated from Gridley Union High School in 1979. While in high school he was active in FFA, sports and track. As an adult he used that FFA knowledge and helped many kids raise, feed, and show their fair pigs. In 1984 he was blessed with a son whom he is survived by, named Jacob Lavy. He was very proud of Jacob and all that he has accomplished in his life.

In 1987 Dan enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Being in the Navy also made Dan proud that he was able to serve our country and protect us. When he got out of the service he worked at the US Post Office in Colusa.

For the last 25 years he has driven equipment for numerous landowners and farmers. He was amazing and could operate just about any equipment out there.

For the last 29 years he has lived with his wife Julie and their daughter Randi whom he is



survived by. Dan was also very proud of Randi and loved her like she was his own.

Dan was surrounded by his family, friends and those who loved him when he passed.

He is also survived by his mother, Barbara Stohman and his step-dad, Dave Stohman of Gridley, his sister Elizabeth Teklinsky and niece Ellie Teklinsky of Sacramento, his brother David Lavy of Yuba City and his niece Janice Lavy of Oregon.

Dan was loved by many and never thought twice about helping someone in need. His heart was as big as Texas. He will be missed by many...

There will be a Celebration of Life in Feb. If interested in attending, please call his wife Julie for the details.

## Congressman LaMalfa Condemns Biden Administration's WOTUS Rule

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On December 30, 2022, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) responded to the Biden Administration's new Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that was finalized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Rural America doesn't need yet another rule giving the federal government more power over farming and private property. The federal government shouldn't have jurisdiction to regulate puddles, ditches, seasonal creeks or culverts. All this rule does it make it more difficult to grow food or build anything," said Rep. LaMalfa. "That seems to be the whole point — to make every-day Americans ask permission from their government for basic tasks like cleaning a ditch, repairing a road, or building something on your own property. I will be leading an effort to stop yet another ridiculous rule."

Background:

Under the Obama Administration, the EPA finalized an updated rule that significantly expanded the definition of WOTUS and the EPA's regulatory authority far beyond the limits originally set in place by Congress. This 2015 rule was

nothing short of a land and water grab that gave bureaucrats the ability to meddle in intermittent and ephemeral streams — such as the kind used for drainage and irrigation — to harass farmers for plowing fields they historically grew crops on. Under this rule, the EPA could fine farmers thousands of dollars if they simply rotated from one crop to another on their own land without first gaining permission that could take years to receive from Washington bureaucrats.

That rule was immediately challenged in court and was withdrawn through a 2017 executive order by President Trump. Unfortunately, the Biden Administration and their "green new deal" agenda was determined to bring back the overreaching rule for good, and with it, uncertainty that will make it more difficult for American farmers to produce the food we eat, home builders to make new family homes, and to produce cheap and abundant American energy. This rule doesn't just affect farming but every potential land use in the country. This will have devastating impacts on the farms and towns that are critical to the health of our rural economies.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou and Tehama Counties. ★

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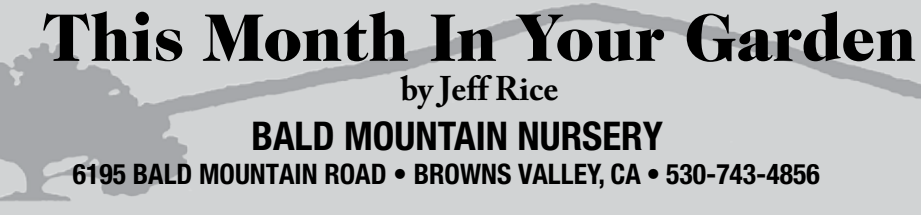
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We wish everyone a "Happy New Year" as we enter 2023. We are having a good winter so far and hoping for it to continue. So far here at the nursery we have had 9.50" of rain and as I write this there is a week of rain coming for the last week of December with forecasts for substantial amounts. When the storms clear out, pay attention to freezing weather. That is usually when the freeze happens. Clear cold nights

Bare root season is the big thing happening in January at the nursery. Bare root fruit trees arrive in late December and are sold through January and February. We usually have some folks who are new to gardening and the term "bare root" may not be familiar to them. It is simply what it says. The trees have been taken out of the ground and the roots are exposed, thus, "bare root". We bury the roots in mix and then pull them when they are purchased and the customer takes them home and plants them right away. They are less expensive since the pot, soil, and time and effort to plant them into a container has been avoided. It does require that it must be planted right away, or otherwise stored in a way to protect the roots from drying out or freezing. We have availability lists at the nursery of all the varieties of fruit trees we carry during bare root season. Bare root season for fruit trees is usually considered very late December or early January to the end of February. By then the trees are beginning get too many new fragile roots and new leaves to handle them "bare root" without possible damage. There are advantages to planting your own fruit trees. You make the decisions of what fertilizers etc. are used and avoiding many of the unknowns of commercial grower's methods. Allowing the fruit ripen on the tree allows much better flavor to develop as the fruit ripens than that picked early and ripened in cold storage. Often kids and adults are encouraged eat more fruit just because they like picking it themselves and it is close by.

When planting fruit trees, be sure to check if the tree you are buying needs a pollinizer. Some are self fruitful and don't need a different pollinizer and others do. Many of the peaches and nectarines

are self-fruitful, but not all of them. Most of the cherries need a pollinizer, but again, not all of them, and so it is with apples, apricots, plums, pears. Most fruit trees have a tag giving some of that information.

Chill hours may be noted on the tag. That refers to the cumulative number of hours required under 45 degrees during the entire winter season to provide normal fruit production and is generally not a concern in our area.

Bare root roses are available during January and February, and have been pruned by the growers. If you have roses that are growing in your yard already, we suggest delaying the pruning until the danger of a heavy freeze is past. In our area roses usually don't go completely dormant. What happens when you prune a rose? It starts putting out new growth at that point. That new growth is too tender to survive a hard freeze and dies back. We have lots of micro climates in the foothills, so consider the temperature range in your area and delay the pruning until freezing danger is past and do the pruning in early spring if it seems more appropriate. If by chance you do prune them and are then hit by freeze that damages new growth, no great harm has been done — the rose just has to expend more energy that might otherwise have been saved for its beautiful first bloom and has to start over again.

Some maintenance chores to be done in January — weather permitting —

Annual pruning of dormant deciduous fruit trees.

Prune dormant vines, grapes and cane berries.

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# How will California Deal with a Big Budget Deficit?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

While California has a surplus of critical issues demanding political attention – housing, homelessness and water to mention the most obvious – it faces a deficit of financial resources to deal with them.

Gov. Gavin Newsom will soon reveal a proposed budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year that begins July 1, and it's likely to greatly differ from the 2022-23 version he and the Legislature adopted just six months ago.

The current budget reflected what Newsom said would be a massive surplus, thanks mostly to a flood of tax revenues from high-income Californians who were enjoying big gains on their investments.

Pegging the surplus at \$97.5 billion, Newsom bragged that “no other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this.”

He and the Legislature enacted a \$300-plus billion budget that committed much of the supposed surplus to expanding an array of social and educational services, including what he said was achieving universal health care by extending coverage to all undocumented immigrants.

Just a few weeks later,

however, Newsom began acknowledging that the surplus might not be as large as he had boasted. He vetoed a number of spending bills, citing indications that a recession might be on the horizon.

In November, the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Patek, made the reversal of fortune official in his annual report on the state's finances, saying the healthy surplus that Newsom projected is really a “\$24 billion budget problem.”

“The budget problem is mainly attributable to lower revenue estimates, which are lower than budget act projections from 2021 22 through 2023 24 by \$41 billion,” Patek said, stressing that the deficit would occur even if there's no recession but would become worse if the economy does, indeed, “turn sour.”

Whether the nation is headed for recession is a much-debated question. The Federal Reserve System has hiked interest rates sharply in hopes of cooling off the economy and lowering a soaring inflation rate. While it hopes for a “soft landing,” some economists believe that it could become a full-blown recession.

California's budget is particularly sensitive to larger economic currents because it is inordinately dependent on taxing incomes of a relative few wealthy Californians. Income taxes are three-quarters of the state's general fund revenues and 1% of taxpayers generate nearly half of those taxes.

“Based on historical experience, should a recession occur soon, revenues could be \$30 billion to \$50

billion below our revenue outlook in the budget window,” Patek said. Because of the looming threat of recession, Patek urged the Legislature to adopt a very conservative approach to the 2023-24 budget, balancing it without relying on the state's reserves.

It's good advice, but will the Legislature heed it? Backpedaling is a hard sell in a Legislature dominated by left-leaning Democrats and allies in advocacy groups that had been elated by the budget's provisions.

Initial indications are that legislators would prefer to continue the programmatic enhancements even if it means dipping into reserves or borrowing money to cover the deficit.

The Assembly Budget Committee said as much in a “budget blueprint” issued after Patek made his report. The document devotes much verbiage to self-congratulation about the current budget's largesse and calls for protecting it by using the “state balance sheet to continue key investments.” That's defined as shifting some spending to special funds and “borrowing from special funds, especially if revenue situation worsens.”

So where does Newsom stand between these two conflicting approaches? Will he adopt Patek's conservative advice or side with the Legislature, even if it means deficit spending and debt? We'll know in about a week.

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## Cutting the Head of the Snake

It is said to kill the snake you must cut off its head.

Probably wise advice especially if it's a poisonous snake. Just make sure you bury the head afterwards, so says a rancher friend of mine. Otherwise the meat bees will eat it and if you then get stung by one, you could be in trouble.

Nice to know but what does that have to do with the stock market?

Actually the snake example does have its lesson.

There are many signs a prolonged market rout has a chance of ending.

Technical analysts look at price charts for clues while the macro guys look to what is happening in the overall economy to see where things might be headed.

The blue light special shoppers called the “value investing” gang compare where a stock was and where it is now. The more beaten up the better so say the value investors. After all, a stock that used to be at \$400 must be a buy at \$100 right?

There are many other signs and clues that are tossed about on why or why not the current market ills should or should not end anytime soon.

To this analyst, one signal an end might be near is the head of the proverbial snake must be cut off and buried.

What I mean by this is the market leader(s), the most popular of stocks and the most well-known, must fall out of bed and get creamed once and for all.

In my own words, the King snake, the most popular and resilient stock, must have its head lopped off and buried along with the rest of the market.

Now stay with me here.

Arguably, one stock comes to mind as to “the stock”, the most popular and well-loved stock of them all in recent years, if not decades, and it is ..... you guessed it: APPLE.

Keep in mind I said “arguably”.

There are many other great stocks and probably just as well known, but Apple, at least in my mind, is the most loved stock of all.

Apple is indeed a great company. It may not be at its pinnacle which, in my opinion, was when Steve Jobs ran it, but his successor and the current CEO, Tim Cook is nonetheless brilliant.

He has continued to, if not innovate to the degree that Jobs did, steer Apple to the cash juggernaut it is today, which is to say,

it is cash rich and generates gobs of it.

Needless to say, it also controls a vast portion of the lucrative smart phone market as well as all the ancillary businesses related to it.

Although one of the largest companies in the world, its stock has not been immune to some significant turbulence. But in the opinion of many, including myself, it has not been trampled into the dirt and had its head severed like so many of the other popular stocks have.

Recently on CNBC I heard an analyst say as much by stating something like “until Apple gets crushed as the last stock standing to fall and fall hard, this market may not be done to the downside”.

I couldn't agree more. Various price levels of Apple stock originally on my charts showed a 138 level as major support early on in 2022. That came and went a few times, down from its all-time high of about 182 in early January 2022.

Then, in June, it breached 138 to the downside, only to rebound again the rest of this year. That was until last week when it briefly dropped all the way down to 125.

It bounced up and off that level rather convincingly in the last day or so but looking at the historical price action dating back a year or two, I can't seem to get the numbers 120, 110 and even 100 out of my head.

Although Apple is down 30% or so off its all-time high, I am of the opinion that market routs end violently and not with a whimper. And so far, I think the final capitulation sell-off of Apple stock is yet to be seen, although the brief fall to 125 was ugly to say the least.

Keep in mind no one can forecast market direction at any time. But to this analyst, the snake's head may not be quite dead and buried just yet.

**“Watching the markets so you don't have to”**

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

### What Voice Do You Listen To?



You have an inner voice which is always speaking to you. Your voice may offer encouragement or it could be disheartening. Not only are you free to choose which one you listen to, you also determine, either consciously or subconsciously, what is being said. So, you decide what your voice says and whether or not to listen to it.

Listening to your negative voice diminishes your self-esteem, sabotages your success, boosts stress, causes missed opportunities, and has a deleterious impact on interpersonal relationships. The undesirable statements you make to yourself diminishes happiness. Your negative voice also intensifies problems, and magnifies frustration.

Your negative voice is problem oriented, fixating on what's wrong with every situation. It clouds your view of reality making circumstances appear worse than they are. Your negative voice invokes feeling helpless.

Paying attention to your positive voice reduces stress, improves your psychological well-being, enhances your coping skills, aides goal attainment, and helps you overcome obstacles and solve problems. Listening to your positive self-talk makes dealing with life's challenges easier.

The best way to develop a positive inner voice is by closely monitoring your self-talk. Anytime you find yourself drifting into negative territory,

replace negative statements with positive ones. Engaging in this strategy consistently will have a markedly positive boost on your life.

Here are some suggestions for improving your inner voice. Replace, “I've never done it before,” with, “This is a great opportunity to expand my knowledge by learning something new.” Education is a lifetime pursuit. Since you want to constantly be acquiring new information, welcome any new impetus to do so.

Replace, “It's too complicated,” with “I'll break the challenge down into small, manageable steps.” The largest building is constructed by placing one brick at a time. The largest tasks are accomplished one step at a time. Therefore, even complex goals are reached one small step at a time.

Instead of saying, “I don't have the resources,” state to yourself, “I'm motivated to figure out how to get what I need.” Whatever you are lacking; money, knowledge, skills, or ability is obtainable. Whatever is needed can be acquired by you or you can find someone who has the needed resources.

Rather than claiming, “There's no way this will work,” phrase it, “I can and will do whatever is necessary to be successful.” Giving something a try is a waste of time because trying lacks commitment. Saying, I will get it done,” is a mental obligation to success.

Replace, “I tried that

before and it didn't work,” with, “Let me figure out what went wrong so I can make positive changes before continuing toward my goal.” The road to success is filed with attempts that didn't work as planned. When this happens, figure out what went wrong, make the necessary changes, get back up and keep going.

Instead of saying, “Here are the reasons I won't succeed,” say “This is how and why I will be successful.” Whatever your objective may be, there are many people who have already proven it can be achieved. If others can do it, so can you.

Develop the habit of cultivating positive self-talk. When you find yourself using negative language, ignore what is being said while replacing any negative statements with positive ones. Also, avoid the deleterious impact of naysayers by ignoring them also.

Success is achieved by those who are determined to reach their objectives and constantly motivate themselves with positive, motivating self-talk. When faced with a challenge, use your self-talk to tap into your can-do, will-do mindset.

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## The Brownsville Bailinick & Beyond

Yuba Feather Historical Assn. Will be holding its quarterly meeting Jan. 25. This will be a potluck meal in the museum itself, starting around 6 pm. We will hear about the new displays being planned. We would love to have some new members who might even plan to help out as we get ready for the summer of 2023. People who meet guests visiting the museum are always needed, too. Come join us, please

Time for a full moon and some reflection time. As we head forward into 2023, I remember the New Year's Eve we spent in 1999 wondering if we could weather the storm promised for 2000. Many of the computer experts said the internet could never make the change over. I remember when people said we would never manage Covid. Both of the predictions were wrong.

Now is the time to look back at 2022

and consider you goals, promises and plans. Which ones worked well, what did you put off for next year? Well, “Next Year” is here! Just take those goals a step at a time, though. If your goal is to read more, what kinds of books suite you best, don't set the goal too high, but think how you will manage it. My goal will have to do with setting up a better book-keeping system. Bud and I started with a very casual system and then April rolled around. I need to make a system that I can work with, and then focus on actually doing it. Wish me luck.

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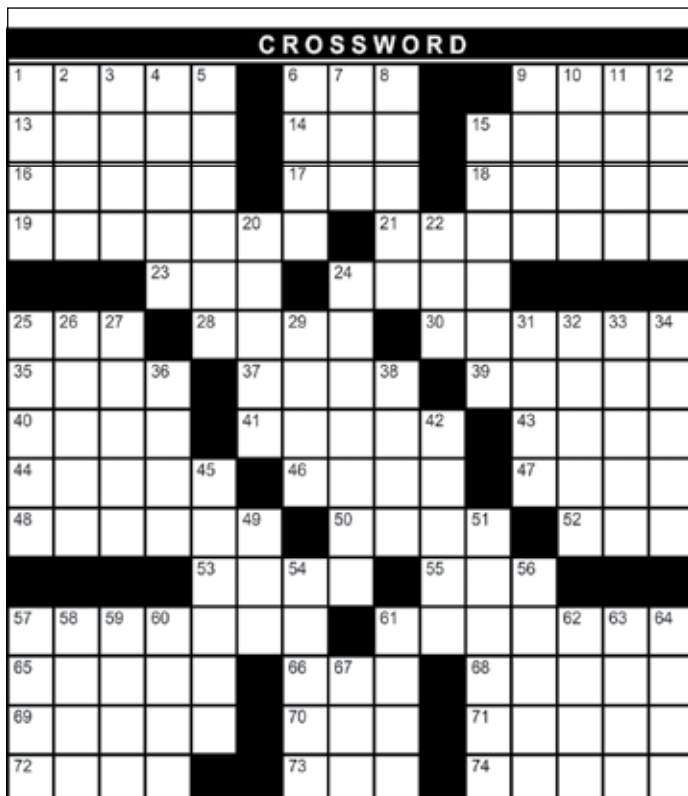
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T.S. No.: 9462-5561 TSG Order No.: 2141958 A.P.N.: 014-131-011-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/12/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 01/21/2004 as Document No.: 2004R-001094, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by: VIRGINIA L. TIMMS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 02/06/2023 at 9:00 AM Sale Location: At the Fifth Street Entrance of the Yuba County Courthouse, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, CA 95901 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1979 BEVERLY AVENUE, OLIVEHURST, CA 95961 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 2022F-348**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Crave Aesthetics**  
1261 Pecos Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
1) Lindsey Kissinger  
1261 Pecos Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
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.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Lindsey Kissinger**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 21, 2022.  
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).  
DONNA HILLEGASS,  
County Clerk  
NELIDA WILLIAMS  
Deputy Clerk  
December 30, 2022, January 6, 13, 20, 2023.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 2022F-337**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Dick's Dumping & Hauling**  
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Olivehurst, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
1) Richard Allen Perez  
4567 Arboga Road  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
2) Jennifer Marie Perez  
4567 Arboga Road  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by a married couple.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-13-2020.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Richard Perez**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 9, 2022.  
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).  
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Deputy Clerk  
December 23, 30, 2022, January 6, 13, 2023.

implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$62,923.87 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-280-2832 or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9462-5561. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after

the date of the trustee sale, you can call 855-976-3916, or visit this internet website https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079/, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9462-5561 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NBS Default Services, LLC 14841 Dallas Parkway, Suite 425 Dallas, TX 75254 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: 1-800-280-2832. NBS Default Services, LLC, James Aranda, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0419306 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 01/06/2023, 01/13/2023, 01/20/2023



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TS No: CA08000458-22-1 APN: 014-432-019-000 TO No: 220264628-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED AUGUST 12, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 26, 2023 at 01:30 PM, At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St., Marysville, CA 95901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on September 13, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005R-021884, on Page 1 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by JESUS G. RODRIGUEZ AND BRENDA RODRIGUEZ, MARRIED TO EACH OTHER, as Trustor(s), in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4324 TWAIN DR, MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$202,020.85 (Estimated).

However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08000458-22-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend

the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08000458-22-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 12, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08000458-22-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 By: Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0419161 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 12/30/2022, 01/06/2023, 01/13/2023

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File No. 2022F-320**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Blackjack Commercial Services, LLC**  
1741 Dos Rios Court  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
County of Yuba  
1) Blackjack Home Solutions, LLC  
1741 Dos Rios Court  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Erin Ocheltree**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 5, 2022.  
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# COVID-19 Patent Waiver Will Cost Lives, Not Save Them

Commentary by Joe Crowley

Anyone wondering why Democrats fared better than expected in the midterms should direct their attention to President Joe Biden's recent string of legislative victories.

These accomplishments helped Democrats win crucial votes in key states and maintain control of the Senate. But if they want to hold onto the White House, it's important that President Biden and congressional Democrats avoid any policy stumbles before 2024.

One such stumble would be the president and his allies throwing their support behind the World Trade Organization's proposal to waive intellectual property protections on therapeutics and tests related to COVID-19. It would allow our global competitors -- including China -- to help themselves to U.S. patents and other intellectual property.

The stated goal of the proposal is to improve access to COVID-19 therapeutics and diagnostics in the developing world, similar to the WTO's nullification of IP protections for vaccines in June. But there's little evidence that such access is lacking or that this reform would improve it.

What it would do is harm the research ecosystem that has made the U.S. the world's leading source of medical breakthroughs.

The very idea that patents are inhibiting access to COVID-19 tests and therapies is unfounded. Since the beginning of the pandemic, pharmaceutical firms have voluntarily licensed their COVID-19 therapies to manufacturers in low- and middle-income countries around the world.

Simply put, suspending IP for valuable COVID-19 technologies isn't likely to save lives. But it will certainly compromise the Biden administration's efforts to improve healthcare access and encourage domestic biotech innovation.

Currently, getting a new medicine to

market requires a massive investment -- \$2.6 billion, on average. Patents help ensure that when a new drug passes government-mandated clinical trials -- about 90% don't -- investors have a chance to recover their development costs and pay for the numerous failures that came along the way.

If federal officials start calling patents into question, the result will be a future deprived of cutting-edge medicines for everything from cancer and heart disease to diabetes and Alzheimer's. It's also a future in which the world will be far less ready to handle a global health crisis like COVID-19.

Had patent waivers been the norm before the pandemic, America's scientists and drug manufacturers would have lacked the basic infrastructure to invent, mass produce, and distribute the vaccines and therapies that are now bringing this emergency to an end.

Indeed, a new Progressive Policy Institute paper notes that strong, codified IP protection has "contributed to a long-term upturn in scientific research and invention, a public good well worth preserving, which makes this next decision one that raises some systemic questions."

By weakening IP protections, the WTO's expanded waiver would deal a blow to a \$1 trillion domestic industry that supports millions of U.S. jobs. It would also enable other countries -- friends and foes alike -- to piggyback off American innovation, hurting our economic competitiveness.

President Biden's historic strides in expanding healthcare access and bolstering America's biotech economy are legacy accomplishments. Rejecting an expansion of the WTO waiver gives his administration the opportunity to continue that legacy of supporting American ingenuity and prosperity and restoring our nation's position as a leader in global health.

Joe Crowley represented New York's 7th and 14th congressional districts from 1999 to 2019. ★



## LOCAL FISHING

The last seasonal trip to Lower Sardine Lake before the ice. We spent three days in a rustic cabin, rented a small boat (no personal watercraft, or swimming allowed). Mackinaws: USE: Minnow Plugs (b)



Top to bottom Minnow plug. Worm

Brown Trout: USE: Worms (a) Brook



Top to bottom Heddon River Runt Spook. Heddon Tiny Floating Runt.

Trout: USE: Heddon River Runt Spook, Heddon Tiny Floating Runt. (b)

This is an ancient story about Abe the bait fisherman, Bob the hardware fisherman and Ed the fly fisherman. All three fishermen were standing along the banks of the Lower Yuba River, and spied a huge 25-inch rainbow trout, playing in the river's shallow waters, below the Parks Bar Bridge. "Fascinating! That trout there is silver." Say's Abe. Bob say's "I'm afraid

you're overgeneralizing, from the scant evidence. All we know is that some trout are silver." Finally, Ed shakes his head in wonder at both Abe and Bob. "Wrong again. Completely unwarranted by the evidence present. All we can infer, logically, is that there exists at least one rainbow trout in the Lower Yuba River, at least one side of which is silver." Gee Whillikers.

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

No fishing activity in the S.F. Bay. Delta; sturgeon moving up the system. USE: Fresh Roe. (a) Striper in the Delta; Roily, dirty water. If you do venture out...USE: Mud Suckers. (g)

## COASTAL WATERS

Bodega Bay; Commercial crab boats soaking pots at 300ft. USE: Fish Offal (b) Local crab may be for sale in bay area next week. \$15.00 per pound? Happy New Year. Coastal sport crab fisherman still using "Hoops"...Hanging bait. USE: Live Squid. (b) Note: Poachers stealing crabs from hoops.

## LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Clear Lake; water rising. Bass Tournament set for Sun, Jan. 1, 2023. Results next week. Bullards Bar Reservoir; Spotted bass to 6-lbs. Fly fishers...USE: 1/16 oz Jig Head, #4 hooks with Black and Red Feathers two inches long. (a)

## RIVERS

Danger, most rivers are blown-out, logs and debris. If anchoring, deploy break-away gear. American River flow at 10,000 CFS. Wait until flow returns to 5000 CFS to fish steelhead. USE: Fresh Roe. (g)

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Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 9/2/2022 in Book , Page , as Instrument No. 2022-013237 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 01/26/2023 at the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St., Marysville, CA 95901 at 01:30PM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1128 GRAND AVE., WEST LINDA, , CA 95961 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness

of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$262,684.19 In addition to cash, the trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022F-323

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Full Spectrum Performing Arts Academy 409 4th Street Marysville, CA 95901 County of Yuba 1) Glen Hogue 417 7th Street Marysville, CA 95901 2) Alexander Yamada 417 7th Street Marysville, CA 95901 This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

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

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

Signed: Glen Hogue

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 6, 2022.

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DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk NELIDA WILLIAMS Deputy Clerk January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022F-349

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

13274 Marysville Road Camptonville, CA 95922 County of Yuba

1) German Daniel Guerrero 13274 Marysville Road Camptonville, CA 95922 This business is conducted by an individual.

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Signed: German D Guerrero

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# Indians Win Fourth in a Row Over Former State Champs

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

LINDA, CA (MPG) - The Marysville Indians opened the first day of the second annual Coach Corn Classic with an impressive 67-56 win over the Elk Grove Thundering Herd at Yuba College.

Elk Grove was the defending CIF Division II State Champions but with most of the roster now graduated, Marysville head coach Stan Easter thought it necessary to mention to the Dispatch that the Herd held the title regardless and still is a competitive squad.

On top of the title, Elk Grove also competes in the Delta League, which is the top competitive league in the Sacramento area that includes the first ranked team by The Sacramento Bee in Jesuit and former powerhouse Sheldon, which has multiple CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division I titles.

Marysville (10-3) came out and controlled the first quarter and were led by senior guard Amrin Mann. Mann was on fire from beyond the three-point circle as he hit four three's and led the Indians to a 24-8 lead at the end of the first.

Mann ended the game with 25 points, four rebounds and five assists in the game.

Mann told the Dispatch that the Indians had a great first quarter, and he likes the team chemistry as a whole.

The only flaw Marysville had in the game was getting to the free-throw line throughout the game as they only attempted five total.

The Indians and the Herd were scoreless for the first three minutes of the second quarter.

Marysville senior guard Josh Brown Jr. chipped in 13 of his game-tying high 25 points as well with knocking down three triples in the first half.

Brown added five assists and three rebounds on the night.

The Indians took a 32-18 lead into the half.

Easter expressed to the Dispatch that in the first half, they were able to drive into the paint and have the option to either kick (pass) the ball to the outside or finish at the basket.

"When we're able to get into the paint and break the defense down, it opens it up for our shooters," Easter said.

Easter added that for his team to get to the free-throw line more, they need to attack the basket more.

Mann expressed verbatim the Indians need to be more physical and create contact to get to the charity stripe.

Marysville struggled in the second half on their defensive rebounding and early foul trouble. The Indians gave up a lot of offensive rebounds that gave the Herd multiple second chance buckets that turned into threes and let Elk Grove get into the one-and-one regular bonus late in the third recording seven fouls at that point.

Mann emphasized the importance of the rebounding when he exclaimed to the Dispatch that Elk Grove didn't have a "big", so they should have been able to limit the second chances for the Herd.

The Marysville lead hovered around eight to 12 points for the remainder of the game and that was from the duo of Mann and Brown Jr. hitting timely buckets.

Indians senior forward Shawn Smith led the rebounding department for Marysville with eight and added six points. Smith is the leading rebounder on the Indians this season averaging 6.6 per contest.

The win was followed up by a 15-point victory over Oakmont and a 25-point win over El Camino where the Indians took the Corn Classic Championship outright.

Brown Jr. was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Junior forward Josiah Arrington and Mann were named to the all-tournament team as well.

All of the Indians competitors throughout the Corn Classic were higher division level teams, and Easter described how much confidence it brought to his squad.

"It's big for us, we wanted to play these bigger schools so we can be battle tested," Easter said.

Marysville is a Division IV team as Elk Grove is Division II, Oakmont and El Camino are Division III.

Easter added no matter what the result of these contests were, his team was going to gain a lot of experience and learn a lot about the team.

"It's going to help us be ready for adverse situations," expressed Brown to the Dispatch.

Marysville opens up Pioneer Valley League play when they host Sutter on Wednesday and travel to Center on Friday night.

Mann told the Dispatch at the end of the Elk Grove game that they (Marysville) wanted to end the Corn Classic 3-0 and bring all the momentum into PVL play.



Marysville senior guard Amrin Mann (3) attempts a shot in the Indians 67-56 victory over Elk Grove at the second annual Coach Corn Classic held at Yuba College on Wednesday, December 28, 2022.



Marysville senior guard Josh Brown Jr. (1) drives into the lane against Elk Grove on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, in the Indians 67-56 win at the second annual Coach Corn Classic held at Yuba College.



Marysville senior guard Josh Brown Jr. (1) goes up for the basket in the Indians 67-56 victory over Elk Grove on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, in the second annual Coach Corn Classic at Yuba College.



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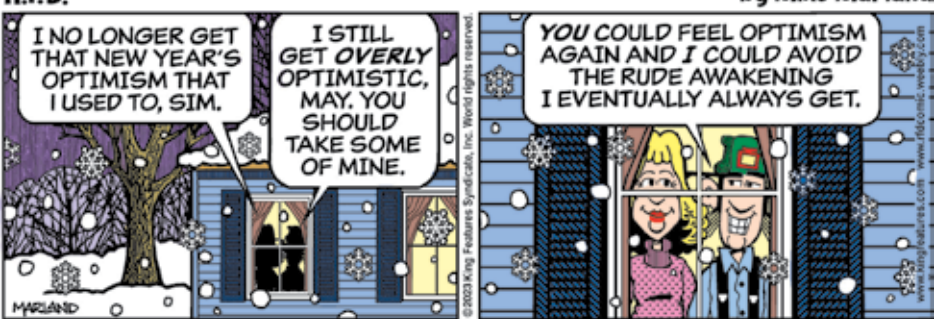
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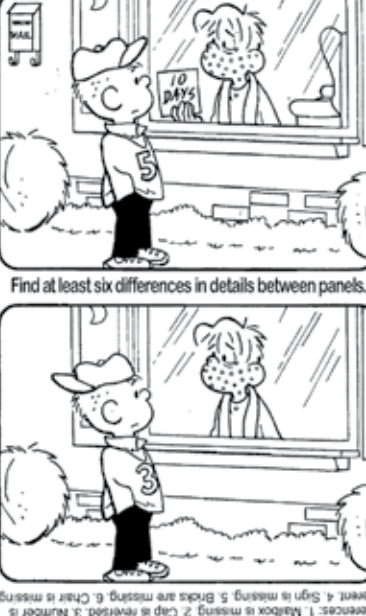
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# Stealing is Stealing

By Katy Grimes,  
California Globe

A massive rise in retail theft is contributing to “shrinkage” at brick-and-mortar retailers, contributing to the growth of online sales.

“The National Retail Federation estimates that shrink—an industry term for loss in inventory—amounted to roughly 1.4% of retail revenue in 2021, or roughly \$94.5 billion. Most of that shrink is caused by theft, the Wall Street Journal reports.

The Globe reported on California’s retail theft last May:

The escalation of organized “smash-and-grab” robberies in cities around the country has been costly. CNN reported in January that retailers across America say shoplifting is now 2% to 3% of their total sales, forcing the retailers to install new security systems, video cameras and security staff.

A 2021 survey of retailers found 65% acknowledged an increase in violence, while 37% said Organized Retail Crime gangs were much more aggressive than in the past.

With every legislative solution killed by California’s Democratic supermajority, retailers and Chambers of Commerce formed Californians Against Retail and Residential Theft (CARRT), and launched a campaign to raise lawmakers’ and the public’s knowledge of the growing theft problem in the state. CARRT is a broad-based coalition of business associations, local groups, and victim organizations advocating for California officials to act now to undo the damage done by Proposition 47.

Not the Bee also addresses this shrinkage: the Covid lockdowns.

“Whoever had the bright idea to shut down the entire U.S.



**Retail Theft is a \$94.5 Billion Crime Problem at American Stores. Retailers say Covid-19 has worsened the risk of crime.** Photo courtesy of Dreamstime

economy, confine people to their homes indefinitely, foment open-ended hysteria about a respiratory virus, and drive inflation to sky-high record rates — congratulations, your strategy is bearing fruit,” Not the Bee reported.

“Brick-and-mortar retail’s indisputable edge over e-commerce is that consumers can get what they want immediately, and can touch and feel the product before buying it. Rising theft — and stores’ measures to prevent it — could dull that edge,” WSJ said.

The National Retail Federation report also found that the vast majority (89.7%) of respondents report that their Loss Prevention department is evaluated according to inventory shrink levels – in

other words, shrink reduction is part of their goals, objectives or performance measures. Just 10.3% reported that they were not.

“Retailers surveyed by the NRF said Covid-19 has worsened the risk of crime, partly because labor shortages have made it difficult to fully staff stores,” WSJ said. “Moreover, supply-chain shortages made certain products more susceptible to theft because they fetched high value in secondary markets.”

“Can you imagine a more predictable outcome from the pandemic policies we enacted to fight COVID-19?” Not the Bee asks. “We threw our entire way of life — our economy, our organizations, our social structures, our education — into a complete

and total tailspin.”

“Shrink can have a substantial impact on already thin retail margins. Target said that the rise in shrink, including theft, reduced its gross profit by more than \$400 million in the first three quarters of its fiscal year, compared with a year prior. For the full fiscal year, it estimates that its gross profit will take a \$600 million hit.”

“Although shrink is a perennial problem in retail, it really took off when the pandemic hit. In the five years leading up to 2019, retail shrink grew at a compound annual growth rate of roughly 7%, according to data from the NRF,” WSJ said. “In 2020, it jumped 47%, and rose another 4% on top of that huge jump in 2021. Some retailers, including Ulta Beauty and Target, have

said that shrink has gotten worse again this year. ‘When times get tough, shrink goes up,’ Ulta Beauty Chief Financial Officer Scott Settersten said on the company’s earnings call on Dec. 1. ‘We’ve seen that in retail over a long period of time.’”

And who will pay for these increasing retail costs? “Retailers will ultimately pay for shrink risk in some form or another—either on the top line if they want to keep stores completely accessible or on the bottom line if they spend heavily on labor and mitigation measures,” WSJ said. “Finding the right balance will be key to preserving brick-and-mortar businesses.”

And if you wonder why toothpaste, shaving cream and laundry detergent is under lock and key at many stores, it is a theft mitigation measure, according to retailers.

California’s nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California released a report that found a direct correlation between Proposition 47 and a marked increase in larceny thefts across California, despite many media reports attempting to refute the correlation, the Globe reported. As for any legislative support from the California Legislature, don’t hold your breath:

The California Assembly Public Safety Committee heard and killed Assembly Bill 1599 by Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Granite Bay) in March, which sought to repeal Proposition 47, and “make crime illegal again.”

“Retail theft losses may be the straw that breaks the camel’s back,” said Julian Canete, President and CEO of the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. “Something needs to be done before mom and pop stores are stolen from our communities.” ★

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