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Why Aren't Kids in School?

Soaring chronic absenteeism in California schools is at 'pivotal moment'



Kids are missing school at an alarming rate for a wide variety of reasons. Image by N-region from Pixabay

By Carolyn Jones, CALMatters.org

As a new school year gets underway in California, districts are desperately trying to lure thousands of missing, tardy and truant students back to the classroom in what many view as a pivotal moment for education in California.

In 2021-22, 30% of students in California’s public schools were chronically absent, an all-time high and more than three times the pre-pandemic rate. Advocates fear that unless schools can reverse the trend, so many students will fall behind that they may never catch up.

“This is a crisis, and it’s not going to change until we do everything

we can to get kids back in school 100%,” said Heather Hough, director of Policy Analysis for California Education. “What we all fear is that this will become the new normal.... It is hard to overstate the importance of this issue, and it is absolutely a pivotal moment.”

Before the pandemic, about 10% of students in California’s public schools missed at least 10% (or 18 days) in a school year, which the state defines as chronically absent. But COVID-related school closures, remote learning and quarantines have created a new habit for millions of families: optional, not mandatory, daily school attendance.

Even though California law requires all children ages 6 through

18 to attend school every day, nearly 2 million students were chronically absent in 2021-22, the most recent year data is available. Nearly every group of students had high rates of absenteeism, but the highest rates were among kindergartners. Kindergartners who are Black, Pacific Islander or have disabilities all had rates of 50% or higher.

Students’ specific reasons for missing school are varied. Lack of transportation is among the most common reasons, but sometimes students have to look after younger siblings or go to work. In some cases, students stay home because they’re being bullied or don’t like their teachers. After COVID, some parents

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Fletcher's Plumbing and Contracting, Inc. Receives Proclamation Celebrating Their 50th Year



Fletcher's receives the recognition for their 50 years of service. Courtesy photo

From Deb Biladeau

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - September 6, 2023 - Fletcher's Plumbing and Contracting, Inc., a leading plumbing and contracting company in Northern California, is proud to announce that they have been honored with a

proclamation from the City of Yuba City City Council on September 5, 2023. This esteemed recognition celebrates their remarkable 50th year anniversary in the City of Yuba City.

Presented by Mayor Wade Kirchner on behalf of the City Council, the proclamation recognizes

Fletcher's Plumbing and Contracting for their outstanding contribution to the community and their commitment to excellence over the past five decades. It specifically highlights the visionary leadership of founder Rod Fletcher and the ongoing dedication of current owners, Carl and

Adam Fletcher, in growing the company to what it is today.

Fletcher's Plumbing and Contracting was established in 1973 as a modest single-truck operation by Rod and Eleanor Fletcher. With their relentless work ethic and passion for

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Grand Opening For New Affordable Housing In Marysville

City of Marysville Special Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - East Lake Apartments hosted a grand opening ceremony for their new 71-unit affordable housing apartments in Marysville. Located at 1315 Yuba Street in the east part of the city, the project was first presented to the Marysville Planning Commission in March of 2021.

Highmark Lands LLC, owner of the new 71-unit complex, placed the new construction project on a full block of land that was previously inhabited by the California Department of Transportation Sign Shop on Yuba Street between 13th and 14th Streets. The project includes a clubhouse, covered and open parking, 4 separate residential buildings, and a community room. The garden-style apartments are configured in three-story walk-up buildings and include 24 one-bedroom units, 24 two-bedroom units and 23 three-bedroom units. “Many wonderful projects are happening across our great city,” said Director of Community Development, Dan Flores. “The City of Marysville fosters an environment that prioritizes quality of life and inclusivity, both of which are embodied in this affordable housing project.”

Bound by a ring levee surrounding the city, it’s not often that the Marysville City Council and community get the opportunity to celebrate the construction of 71 new living spaces within the city limits. “Marysville is a great place to live, work and play,” said City Manager Jim Schaad. “We welcome the 71 families who will now call East Lake home.”

According to the California Housing Partnership’s Affordable Housing Needs Report (2022), California has more than doubled production of new affordable homes in the past 3 years, but the State is only funding 16% of what is needed to meet its goal.

“Marysville is composed of young families, many who struggle financially, living paycheck to paycheck,” said Vice Mayor Bruce Buttacavoli. “It’s important that we work with developers to provide a balance of affordable housing and fair market value homes to meet the growing demand for housing in our community.”

The public attended the Grand Opening, which was held September 6th at 10 a.m. Those interested in applying to live in the East Lake Apartments are encouraged to contact Buckingham Property Management at 559-452-8250. ★

Will Sutter County Fire Close?



Commentary
by Lou Binninger

Sutter County Supervisors will not fund their fire department. The unincorporated areas in Sutter County (County Service Area F) that are served by Oswald/Tudor, Sutter and Live Oak fire stations are in jeopardy of losing their fire protection and emergency services.

The 2019-2020 Sutter County Grand Jury reported that the “CSA F fire district is in dire straits and citizens of Sutter County need to be informed immediately. The CSA F is dangerously understaffed and alarmingly underfunded.” The Grand Jury recommended a Special Fire Tax to fund the fire department.

The 2020-2021 Grand Jury again conducted an extensive investigation into the CSA F fire district. They reported that “Sutter County continues to underfund its fire services. The underfunding potentially endangers the people of Sutter County and risks doubling or tripling of home and fire insurance.”

At the time of the report, 65% of the equipment in the fire district was outdated and needed replaced. Sutter County Fire Chief John Shalowitz stated in a January 2023 article that, “this is physically, operationally and financially insatiable”. The Grand Jury again recommended a Special Fire Tax.

Nearly five years later, Sutter County has done

nothing to solve the crisis. It has ignored Grand Jury recommendations. Neither the Supervisors nor the Office of Emergency Services ever notified rural residents of the potential for no fire protection or emergency help.

Instead, Sutter County tried to pass a county-wide 1% sales tax increase in 2022. Supervisors promoted the tax with political signs showing patrol cars and fire trucks to scare voters. A General Sales Tax goes into the general fund and can be used for anything. Politicians are famous for using bait and switch tactics with tax revenues. They cannot be trusted.

There was no guarantee that one dime would be used for safety. The voters wisely rejected the Measure A tax hike. However, the voters’ wishes mean nothing to the Supervisors. The County recently hired the Lew Edwards Group (a sales tax propaganda firm) with tax dollars for another attempt at a sales tax increase.

Sutter County refuses to pay for fire services but continues to squander money. The purchase of the Kmart property (\$8.24 million) is an example. At a budget hearing in April 2023, County Administrator (CAO) Steve Smith reported that the budget looked very bleak with a \$3.2 million shortfall. Deep cuts were needed.

Miraculously eleven days later Smith declared the budget problem solved. The budget was balanced and he then requested \$1.7 million in raises for some of the County’s highest paid employees. The Supervisors unanimously agreed.

Smith stated during an interview that “the primary function of the County is safety”. However, the county refuses to fund fire. Smith was quoted in

an Appeal Democrat article saying, “the General Fund cannot bear the ongoing operating costs (Sutter Fire). Fire was never intended to be a General Fund obligation without impacting valuable services for the County.”

The community believes that fire and emergency response is the most valuable county service. Meanwhile, Supervisors want another General Sales Tax increase - another blank check for bigger government.

Sutter County Fire will run out of funds in June 2024. Losing fire protection and emergency services is not an option for residents. A group of citizens is determined to solve the crisis. They drafted the “Citizens’ Initiative to Save Sutter County Fire.”

This is not a new tax. It will instead repeal and replace the current fire parcel tax that was passed in 1997. That parcel tax had no inflators to keep-up with rising costs, and not every property owner was required to pay their share.

One hundred per cent of the monies from the “Citizens’ Initiative to Save Sutter County Fire” will pay for CSA F fire stations. This is exactly what the Grand Jury recommended.

A General Sales Tax increase is not the answer. There are no legal requirements to spend it on safety. The Citizens’ Initiative is a guarantee that Sutter County Fire will remain in service.

Follow “Save Sutter County Fire” on Facebook for updates.

(Lou Binninger can be heard on No Hostages Radio podcast, live on KMYC 1410AM 10-1 Saturdays, read at Live with Lou on Facebook and at Nohostagesradio.com) ★

Fletcher's Plumbing and Contracting, Inc. Celebrates Their 50th Year

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providing top-notch services, the company has flourished over the years. Today, Fletcher's Plumbing and Contracting employs 45 experienced professionals and serves a broad range of clients throughout Northern California. The expansion also includes additional locations in Chico and Sacramento.

The company is well-known for its comprehensive range of services, including residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal plumbing. They have built a reputation for delivering exceptional quality and exceptional customer satisfaction. In addition to plumbing services, Fletcher's Plumbing and Contracting also specializes in general contracting and underground engineering.

Upon receiving the proclamation, owners Carl and Adam Fletcher expressed their delight and appreciation for the recognition. Carl Fletcher said, "Reaching our 50th year anniversary is a significant milestone for Fletcher's Plumbing and Contracting. We are incredibly grateful to the City of Yuba City



Celebrating Their 50th Year. Courtesy photo

City Council for honoring our hard work and dedication. This proclamation symbolizes our commitment to providing excellent service to our clients and being an integral part of the community."

Adam Fletcher added, "We are also deeply grateful to our loyal customers and dedicated team of professionals who have been instrumental in our success.

Without their support, this accomplishment would not have been possible. We look forward to continuing our legacy of excellence for many years to come."

As Fletcher's Plumbing and Contracting celebrates their 50th year anniversary, they remain committed to providing top-quality services and contributing to the growth and development of the Yuba City community. ★

Marysville Utilizes Measure C Funds To Improve Roadways

City of Marysville Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The City of Marysville is set to begin a series of street paving, sealing and preventative maintenance measures at twelve sites throughout the city. Utilizing funds generated by Measure C and paired with SB1, ARPA and SACOG funding, the Marysville City Council voted to award the contract to Lamon Construction (Yuba City) in the amount of \$3,336,937.60 at their July 18th City Council Meeting, following the completion of the open bid process.

“Since becoming Mayor just three short years ago, this Council and our staff have made immense progress on meaningful projects that benefit Marysville residents and improve public safety throughout the city,” said Marysville Mayor Chris Branscum. “With the continued trust of Marysville residents, more of the same can be accomplished in the future.”

The twelve sections of roadway that are scheduled for improvement are:

- E. 22nd Street (Cheim Boulevard to State Route 20)**
- Cheim Boulevard (E. 22nd Street to Nadene Drive)**
- Del Pero Street (Rideout Way to Toddwick Avenue)**
- E. 19th Street (Covillaud Street to Sampson Street)**
- 14th Street (Phase 1: Levee to railroad overcrossing)**
- Johnson Avenue (Cheim Boulevard to Hall Street)**

- Nadene Drive (Cheim Boulevard to Hall Street)**
- 14th Street (H Street to F Street)**
- A Street (4th Street to 6th Street)**
- Olson Court**
- Glen Street (Hobart Drive to Nadene Drive)**
- E 22nd Street (Cheim Blvd. to Ramirez Street)**

“These roadway improvements are only possible thanks to Marysville voters who supported Measure C,” said Dan Flores, Community Development Director. “We understand that the condition of roadways is a quality-of-life issue, and we want our residents to be assured that their quality of life is, and always has been, our top priority.”

Although the groundbreaking will be held at E. 22nd Street & Cheim Blvd., the order in which the street improvements will take place will be determined by Lamon Construction. Area residents and those who frequently travel these neighborhood streets can expect everything from minor repaving work to complete roadway reconstruction.

Ten of the twelve project areas are expected to be completed before December 31, 2023, with the A Street segment completed in 2024 and the East 22nd Street from Cheim Blvd. to Ramirez Street programmed with SACOG funds in 2025.

The public is invited to attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony on September 13th at 10 a.m. at E. 22nd Street and Cheim Blvd. ★

Cop Killer Ordered to Appear in Court

Story by Susan Meeker

COLUSA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Colusa County Superior Court Judge Jeffrey A. Thompson has ordered death row inmate Cuitlatuac “Tao” Rivera to appear in court next month on his petition for resentencing.

Rivera has served more than 16 years in San Quentin for killing Merced Police Officer Stephen Gene Gray in 2004. A Colusa County Jury condemned Rivera to death by lethal injection in 2007, after a change of venue brought the highly publicized case to local jurisdiction.

Rivera, who was a member of the Merced Gangster Crips, shot Gray, a gang task force officer, when the officer attempted to enforce a traffic stop on the vehicle Rivera was riding in with his girlfriend, the diver, and the couple’s 2-year-old daughter.

Rivera, who was 20 at the time of the murder, was a suspect in the shooting of two rival gang members four days earlier, and he was well-known to Gray and the gang task force, court documents state. Rivera had a lengthy criminal history, including convictions for making criminal threats and brandishing a weapon, for which he was jailed as a juvenile, among other serious crimes as an adult.

According to the testimony of the girlfriend, Rivera recognized Gray at an intersection before the officer turned his patrol car around to enforce the traffic stop. She said she did not know Rivera was carrying a loaded semi-automatic weapon in the vehicle, or that, as a parolee, he was searchable at any time.

A Colusa County jury convicted Rivera of first-degree murder, shooting at an occupied vehicle, assault with a semi-automatic firearm, and possession of a firearm by a felon, along with multiple special circumstances, including killing a police officer that, under California law at the time, warranted the death penalty.

Rivera is currently going through all the legal battles to have his sentenced reduced under California’s social justice reforms, which now require courts to consider age and other factors, such as upbringing, as well as new California laws that prohibit the compilation of special circumstance and enhancement charges to ensure the harshest penalties are imposed.

Deputy District Attorneys Thomas Min and Misty Compton, of the Merced County DA’s Office, will represent the people at the hearing

on Oct. 12, via zoom.

Thompson has ordered the California Department of Corrections to arrange for Rivera to appear in person for the hearing, which is expected to take about 60 minutes.

Rivera is represented by Colusa County Public Defender Albert Smith, who told Thompson at the Sept. 6 court proceeding in Colusa County that he is having difficulty communicating with or receiving documents from Rivera, prohibiting him from properly assisting Rivera in his 1170.1 petition for resentencing.

According to records from Rivera’s 2019 California Supreme Court appeal, Rivera’s defense never denied Rivera killed Gray, a 34-year-old father of three, but claimed the shooting was not premeditated and that he did not deserve a first-degree murder conviction or the death penalty for the crime.

Rivera is one of more than 700 death row inmates given a reprieve in 2019 by Gov. Gavin Newsom, whose executive order placed a moratorium on executions. Newsom also had the death chamber at San Quentin permanently dismantled.

Although he is not involved directly in the case, Special Prosecutor Matt Beauchamp, of the Colusa County District Attorney’s Office, said progressive prison reforms have allowed many dangerous prisoners to be released or seek release in the name of “social justice” and to reduce the prison population.

“Nobody is looking out for the greater good of the public,” Beauchamp said.

If resentenced, many inmates, particularly those sentenced to life for crimes committed when under the age 25, have a chance at eventual release.

In July, the parole board released Manson family member Leslie Van Houten after repeated blocked parole by Newsom, and his predecessor Jerry Brown.

Van Houten was convicted of the 1969 murders of Rosemary and Leno LaBianca, after she was convinced by cult leader Charles Manson that a killing spree was necessary to create a race war between blacks and whites, as court documents state.

Van Houten, who was 19 years old at the time of the killings, admitted to stabbing Rosemary LaBianca more than a dozen times and using the victim’s blood to write on the walls. ★



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Clean California Unveils New Roadside Artwork Designed by Local Students

By Kevin Murphy, Caltrans

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Caltrans and the city of Oroville hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Aug. 30 to celebrate the completion of a \$3.2 million project that will bring safety improvements and artistic elements to State Route 70 (SR-70) near the Montgomery Street and State Route 162 (SR-162) interchanges in Oroville.

The improvements are part of Governor Gavin Newsom's Clean California initiative, a sweeping \$1.2 billion clean-up effort led by Caltrans to remove trash, beautify public spaces and create thousands of jobs across the state.

"Clean California works to transform our public spaces, beautify our state, and improve the safety of our transportation network," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. "We are delighted to work with the City of Oroville to create these beautiful landmarks and continue the city's tradition of recognizing important public art."

This project includes the creation of dry creek beds and rock outcroppings along the roadsides, as well as new decorative slope paving and fencing marking the interchange. The new fencing and landscaping will create additional safety barriers between sidewalks and vehicle access points to SR-70, and new curbs and slope paving will improve drainage inside underpasses during

rainstorms.

Additionally, the project incorporates artistic elements installed on the existing piers under the SR-162 interchange. These transportation art pieces were facilitated by local artists from the Rainforest Art Collective of Chico and designed by area high school students who joined together to celebrate the wildlife of the region.

Oroville has a rich and complex history and is known for its public art, murals, and museums throughout downtown. The SR-70 interchanges will serve as critical links in a vibrant art corridor that begins at the city's Entry Arch and continues throughout the Feather River Art Wall on Table Mountain Boulevard.

"We are excited to see and share the expression of Oroville youth in permanent art projects that provide tremendous public pride and positive quality of life," said Oroville Mayor David Pittman.

"Caltrans fully appreciates the effort the city of Oroville made to reach out to local artists and organizations for this project," added Caltrans District 3 Director Amarjeet Benipal. "These installations contribute greatly to the aesthetics of the corridor."

"The Clean California initiative has provided a rare and marvelous opportunity for local Oroville youth to participate in the creation of beautiful and lasting public art. These installations will make a wonderful impression when entering and leaving

Oroville, and the artists at the Rainforest Art Project are thrilled to be a part of this transformation," said Dan Evers, CEO of the Rainforest Art Project.

Construction began in April and was the first of two Clean California beautification projects on the state highway system in Butte County to be completed. The second project is currently under construction and will provide similar improvements to the 20th Street and Skyway interchanges along State Route 99 in Chico.

The Oroville project is among 126 Clean California beautification projects worth \$312 million [2] designed to help energize communities and create connectivity along the state highway system. There are an additional 105 projects statewide funded by nearly \$300 million in Clean California local grants [3] to remove litter and transform public spaces in underserved communities. Building on Clean California's success, Governor Newsom earlier this year announced a new round of \$100 million in grants for local beautification projects. The projects will be announced in the coming weeks.

Many Clean California projects throughout the state include public art created by local artists and other design aesthetics. Among its many positive attributes, art in public spaces has been shown to benefit communities by reducing illegal dumping and graffiti, just one of the goals of Clean California. ★

Rep. Kiley's PRESS Act Now at 20 Bipartisan Co-sponsors

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA) announced that his bipartisan PRESS Act now has 20 bipartisan co-sponsors. The PRESS Act was introduced by Rep. Kiley on June 21, 2023 with Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) and has been introduced by Senators Lee (R-UT), Durbin (D-IL), and Wyden (D-OR) in the US Senate. This legislation ensures reporters cannot be compelled by the government to disclose their confidential sources or research files, and protects their data held by third parties like phone and internet companies from being secretly seized by the government without the opportunity to challenge those demands in court. On July 19, the PRESS Act received unanimous support from the House Judiciary



Kevin Kiley

Committee.

"It is more important than ever to have bipartisan support for the protection of First Amendment freedoms, and I am grateful that so many colleagues on both sides of the aisle have joined me as co-authors. The Judiciary Committee unanimously passed this legislation to secure a core constitutional right and make

our government more representative and accountable. I look forward to getting it passed on the House Floor and ultimately signed into law by the President." - Congressman Kevin Kiley (R-CA).

While 48 states and the District of Columbia have some form of shield law or reporter's privilege, protections vary significantly, and the state laws do not apply to investigations by federal agencies, such as the DOJ or FBI. Passing this bill mitigates these shortcomings and brings consistency to an important freedom of speech issue. The bill shields journalists' communications records from the government, with narrow exceptions for terrorism and threat of imminent violence or harm. ★

California Legislature Passes Landmark Tax on Firearm Manufacturers and Dealers

From the Office of Jesse Gabriel

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On September 7th, 2023, the California State Legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 28, a landmark measure that would impose an 11 percent excise tax on firearms and ammunition sold by gun manufacturers and dealers. Having cleared both the Assembly and Senate by a 2/3 supermajority vote, AB 28 – which is officially known as the Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Act – is on its way to Governor Newsom's desk.

Authored by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (D - Encino), Chair of the Legislature's Gun Violence Prevention Working Group, AB 28 would generate over \$150 million annually to fund school safety and violence prevention programs, including initiatives to prevent school shootings, bolster firearm investigations, reduce retaliatory violence, and remove guns from domestic abusers.

"I am grateful that a supermajority of the Legislature voted today to fund critical programs that will save lives and protect communities across the State of California," said Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel. "It's beyond shameful that gun manufacturers are reaping record profits at the same time that gun violence has become the leading cause of death for kids in the United States. The Gun

Violence Prevention and School Safety Act will help to ensure that we have the tools and resources necessary to better protect our kids and our communities."

"California has a long history of paving the way for effective methods of reducing gun violence. It's an undisputed leader in the fight for gun safety, and I am proud GIFFORDS has worked alongside gun violence prevention groups across the state and members of the legislature, including Assemblymember Gabriel, to help advocate for the state's latest effort," said former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords. "We urge Governor Newsom to prioritize the safety of California's kids and communities and sign The Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Act, a top priority for the gun violence prevention movement."

Since AB 28 was introduced at the beginning of the current legislative session, the United States has experienced hundreds of mass shootings, including horrific incidents in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay. A recent report by the American Academy of Pediatrics found that the firearm death rate for American children increased 40 percent between 2018 and 2021.

"California is again proving why the Golden State leads the country on gun safety legislation. Imposing a modest tax on firearm and ammunition

sales to provide sustained and increased funding for violence intervention and prevention programs will help us better protect our communities from gun violence," said Kris Brown, President of Brady. "Providing long-term investments in these initiatives is a proven way to stop gun violence before it begins. Brady thanks Assemblymember Gabriel and other bill sponsors for introducing this first of its kind tax bill, and calls on Governor Newsom to cement California's position as a leader in the fight against gun violence and sign The Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Act"

"California continues to lead the nation when it comes to gun safety. This bill will take that leadership one step further by providing essential resources to life-saving programs - including the California Violence Intervention and Prevention grant program - which rightfully centers solutions from the communities most impacted by our gun violence crisis," said Angela Ferrell-Zabala, executive director of Moms Demand Action. "Since the introduction of this bill our grassroots army has been committed to working with our gun-sense champions to get it across the finish line. I urge Governor Gavin Newsom to continue his commitment to public safety and sign this bill into law for the well-being of all Californians." ★

Torture Suspect Arrested

City of Marysville Police release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - On September 07, at approximately 12:07 p.m., Marysville police officers and Bi-County Ambulance personnel responded to the 1200 block of G Street about a burned female.

Marysville police officers determined that 70-year-old Juan Carlos Medina had intentionally

doused the 59-year-old female victim with hand sanitizer and then set her on fire after a verbal altercation. Medina prevented the victim from seeking assistance for hours before calling for medical aid. The victim was determined to have significant burns over 10% of her body, which are being medically treated.

Throughout the investigation, it was determined Medina had struck the

victim the day prior, and she could not reach out for assistance.

After the investigation concluded, Medina was booked for 206 PC, Torture, 203 PC, Mayhem, 451 (a) PC, Arson Causing Great Bodily Injury, and 273.5 (a) PC, Domestic Violence. Medina remains in custody at the Yuba County Jail with a bail amount of \$500,000 pending future court proceedings. ★



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Shipping Needs At Odds With California’s Climate Goals



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

In retrospect, Southern California’s political and civic leaders may have erred a half-century ago in deciding that the region’s economic future would depend on developing a massive logistics industry centered on the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Countless billions of public and private dollars were committed to upgrading the ports to handle ever-larger container ships, erecting dozens of warehouses and other facilities in San Bernardino and Riverside counties and improving rail and highway corridors linking them to the ports.

In macro terms, it paid off.

As shipment of goods from Asia — particularly China — blossomed, the twin ports eventually claimed as much as 40% of the nation’s import traffic and logistics became, by some measures, Southern California’s largest single generator of employment. It propped up the region’s economy when another mainstay, aerospace, plummeted three decades ago after the Cold War ended.

That said, the industry may have peaked. Factors such as the enlargement of the Panama Canal, the emergence of India and other nations as suppliers of goods,

congestion in the twin ports and transportation corridors, labor conflicts, and growing local opposition to the environmental impacts of logistics pose potentially existential threats.

Recently, West Coast ports finally settled a long-running conflict with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union with a new six-year contract. However, during the dispute, wildcat work stoppages had tied up traffic through the twin ports and some shippers moved their business to East Coast and Gulf ports.

The Pacific Merchant Shipping Association says that the twin ports saw import volumes decline by nearly 25% in the first six months of 2023, not only due to labor unrest but a sharp downturn in the Chinese economy.

Gene Seroka, the Port of Los Angeles executive director, told the Wall Street Journal that retrieving the business “will be an uphill climb. Our job now is to be absolutely relentless in going after every pound of freight possible.”

The machinery of logistics — ships to trucks to locomotives — produces tons of particulate emissions. They and the warehouses they serve also create traffic congestion and noise and over time the physical presence of logistics breeds resentment that, in turn, morphs into political and legal action.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has steadily ramped up pressure on the industry to reduce polluting emissions by electrifying trucks and other equipment. The demands impose costs that, industry leaders say, make the region

less competitive with alternatives, particularly East Coast and Gulf of Mexico ports.

The SCAQMD is now on the verge of issuing an overall draft rule to limit pollution from the ports and last month, labor and management officials and a variety of business organizations sent letters to the mayors of Los Angeles and Long Beach raising alarm about what they regard as a potentially fatal blow to the ports’ long-term viability.

“The initial SCAQMD staff proposal essentially establishes volume caps on port activities, which will restrict the delivery of critical imported goods including essential construction, manufacturing, and automobile components, as well as medical supplies and halt the export of California’s manufactured goods and agricultural products to foreign markets,” the coalition told the mayors.

In August, as details of the proposed rule leaked out, the state Assembly’s Select Committee on Ports and Goods Movement staged a hearing in which legislators decried the potential economic impact.

Southern California may have made a mistake when it put so many of its economic eggs in the logistics basket but it is now a test case whether California can manage the potentially immense economic fallout from converting itself into a net-zero emission society, as Gov. Gavin Newsom and other political figures pledge to do.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



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The Nightmare That Is Fire Insurance

Five years ago, I started hearing stories about people having their fire insurance cancelled. After hearing repeated complaints, I finally decided to stop scratching my head and find out what was happening and why so many homeowners were losing coverage.

Obviously, what I did not know but soon found out was that insurance companies whose balances sheets were being scorched by massive wildfire losses, were pulling out of fire prone communities en masse.

As wildfires became a horrific and recurring event, more and more companies cancelled the fire portion of their policies and in some cases, withdrew from certain regions altogether.

As homeowners panicked in the scramble for coverage, calls to insurance agents accelerated. Whereas before, insurance agencies saw a good portion of their policies auto-renew, now the number of phone calls increased dramatically and with each phone call came a request for quote. Making matters worse, many homeowners sought out multiple quotes. This spike in the number of quotes soon reached a fever pitch and customer service response plummeted. One agency was rumored to have a recorded answering machine saying if you weren’t a current customer, don’t bother leaving a number.

At that time, my insurance agency did not sell fire insurance. When I heard more and more stories about homeowners not being able to get answers in a timely fashion, I scrambled to obtain the Property and Casualty licenses so we could add fire insurance to our repertoire.

It was then I found out just how dire the situation was becoming.

Around 2019, when we started advertising we were offering new fire insurance policies, the amount of phone calls lit up the switchboard and hammered the email servers into overdrive. With the inquiries came a massive undertaking of quoting policy after policy, only to find out the “hit rate” per quote was becoming somewhat less than desirable. As we struggled to keep up, the calls kept on coming.

Although we strive to keep our customer service at the highest possible level and return all calls, the workload for some agencies may have simply become unmanageable.

The following few years did see a reduction in inquiries somewhat, and obtaining coverage, even though expensive, was possible. Most customers in fire prone areas could get coverage by buying two policies. A “Difference in Conditions” policy called a DIC or Wrap from the standard insurance companies. The Wrap policy covered most perils except fire and a few others that are related to fire. This left the need for fire coverage and plugging the holes in the coverages

that the wrap policy did not cover and that is where Cal Fair comes in.

I can best explain Cal Fair as an entity that contains all the insurance companies that provide property and casualty insurance in the state, smooshed together in sort of a forced “financial marriage” with each other. The combined companies share in the profits and share in the losses from the perils they cover. It operates as one large entity with the combined financial strength of all the companies in it, which is necessary due to the financial devastation a large wildfire can cause.

Besides pricing objections, homeowners could still get coverage with a wrap policy by a standard insurer coupled with a fire policy from Cal Fair.

Although there were many individual companies that would offer the limited wrap coverages, after a while, even some of those companies started pulling out of California.

Fast forward to today and more and more of the individual insurance companies that don’t even cover fire are pulling out of the state. That means even if a homeowner can obtain a Cal Fair fire policy, they are still finding it harder and harder to get the wrap policy.

And although the companies that sell the wrap policy for the most part are not exposed to fire risk, any time there are two insurance companies being responsible for the same house, there is strong possibility for there to be infighting no matter what the cause of the loss.

Like two lions fighting over a kill, the bigger one eventually wins out and the other goes its own way.

It could be because Cal Fair has the combined financial strength of the multitude of insurance companies that make it up, and therefore is the biggest dog in the fight should an argument commence.

Either that, or just covering a home that is in a high fire risk area is bad business for an insurance company, no matter what their legal exposure is.

“Watching the markets so you don’t have to”

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We Used to Talk about Boys



By Kathy Craig Harteis

My forever friends and I were talking this week about aches, pains and medications.

We all went to high school together. The conversations have changed each time we visit.

We used to talk about boys. Our biggest worries were if we had a prom date or if the guy we liked still, if ever, liked us.

At some point we moved on to talking about getting married, then our kids and then our grandkids and even great grandkids.

Suddenly now, in this last chapter of our lives we’re comparing which medications work best for our ailments.

We’re lucky to still have these friendships so many years later.

As troubling as it might be to grow older, the years and the times we’ve shared together out way the annoyance of aging.

As I’ve said many times before, the key is to keep moving. Keep your brain busy as well.

With age comes knowledge. Some might even say it comes with power. One of my favorite movie lines comes from ‘Fried Green Tomatoes’. Kathie Bates says to some snotty young women harassing her that she’s a lot older and has a lot more insurance. Then she smashes their little car with her big car.

I won’t be doing that, but I do feel that way some days.

Younger people sometimes try to make us feel stupid at best. My theory is that I’ve lived a lot longer and I know a lot more.

I recall being young and thinking my elders were not as with it as my generation.

Now, I think back on and remember the lessons I learned from each of them.

I wouldn’t be this wise old lady I claim to be if I hadn’t learned from someone else.

I grew up in a big southern-rooted family. Although I was born and raised in California, my parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles migrated from Arkansas and Oklahoma during the depression.

In fact, my mother

insisted that the family youngsters watch the movie “Grapes of Wrath” saying it was about the life they had escaped.

Some were farm labors or migrant workers and others like my dad and uncles were heavy equipment operators. Few were not educated beyond high school or less. My dad had a third grade education. He was definitely a self-made and successful man.

The thing they all had in common was the desire to survive, live well and work hard.

Although I always respected the men in my family, it was the women who taught to me valuable life lessons.

As far back as my maternal great grandmother, there was a strength in my family’s women.

Grandma Stevenson was a tiny little woman full of courage. Her husband had left her with a houseful of children to raise on her own. She worked hard, shared hard and loved hard. The results were a passel of fine, hardworking adults who loved their mama.

If at the end of the day, if our kids respect us and love us we will know we’ve done our best.

Life is good today. ★



The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

Now that Yuba Feather Next Step has the Mountain Transit up and running, we are looking for other areas to work on. The mission of Next Step is to help community members get organized to take their “next step” toward their goal. This could include tutoring, listening, organizing and more. We have several areas that could use some leadership in these areas. One of our biggest projects would be to develop a Senior Village in Brownsville with several cabins and a lodge so that as we age, we don’t have to move to town. We need a person to organize this major project and get it moving. If you are interested in helping someone reach a goal, please come by Books & More and let us know.

Books & More will be closing the last week of September for our annual two week vacation. This year it is my turn to fly to Ohio and spend two weeks with my long-term friend. We will reopen on October 11. I am hoping for some fall “color” as we are taking a short train

ride through the mountains of Ohio (I was not sure Ohio even had mountains).

Looks like Brownsville is declaring the last few days of summer with an End of Summer Festival on Saturday, September 16, at the medical center. Breakfast at the firehouse will be served and the Mountain Transit van will be available to take people up to the center. Pets will be on parade in the morning, quite a variety have signed up, should be interesting. There will be music in the afternoon with vendors, lunch served by Next Step and Dinner by Community Services. This is an opportunity for several non-profit organizations to take part and make a little money. Entry is free.

Look Back in Time -’In 1898 F. G. Kelly conducted classes in German at his location on New York Flat (as feelings were mixed against the German Kieser). ★

Hope to see you soon in Brownsville. Yvonne

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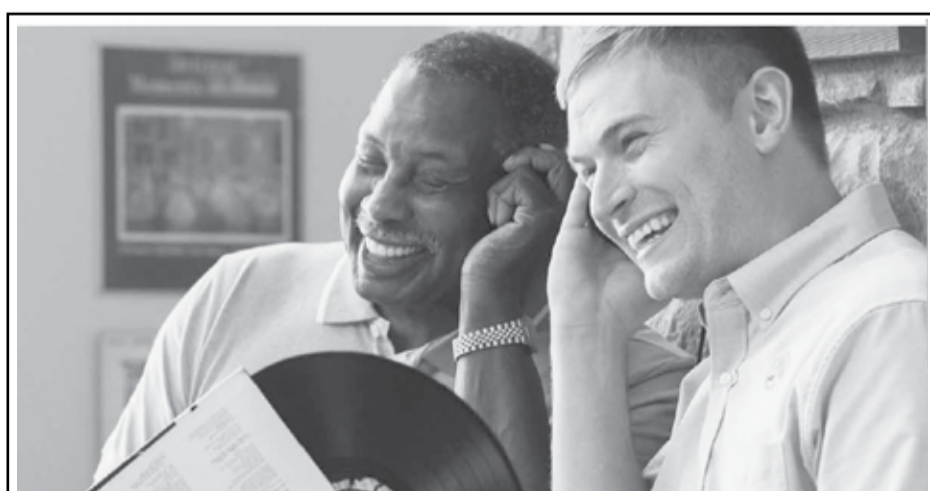


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A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: Jesus Navarro in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): Jesus Navarro 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: **10/2/2023 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: SHELTON C. HADLEY
230 5TH STREET
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901
Phone No.: 530-743-4455
PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH:
September 8, 15, 22, 2023

LAND PATENT

I, Jessica Maslan, am bringing forth a Land Patent benefit for the following parcel located at 5445 Wolf Trail, Loma Rica, California. Any party interested in viewing or challenging this claim can view the associated documents here <https://www.staternationalhelp.com/jessica-maslan> (TD) Aug. 18, 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Yuba County Community Services Commission board meeting Tuesday, September 26 at 3:00 p.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth Street, Marysville, CA 95901.

Contact Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation at 530-751-8555 or ysedc@ysedc.org for any questions.



Community Events

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
CANDY ERMINA BERMEJO, PETITIONER
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 23-00888
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
10/09/2023
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) CANDY ERMINA BERMEJO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**from: Candy Ermina Bermejo
to: Dulce Herminia Bermejo**

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: 8/29/2023

**Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.**

September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-263

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Sacramento Limo and Car Service
1715 Presidio Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Hassebullah Najib
1715 Presidio 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:
Hassebullah Najib
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 08/18/2023.
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
September 15, 22,29,
October 6, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-264

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Porcelain Paradox
11624 Vickie Drive
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Phillip J. Smirh
11624 Vickie Drive
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 01/17/1996.

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

Signed:
Phillip Smith
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 08/23/2023.
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Beale Mini Storage 5987 Redburn Ave, Marysville, CA 95901 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, known as the “California Self Service Storage Facilities Act”, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. on the premises where said property has been in storage at North Beale Mini Storage 5987 Redburn Ave, Marysville, CA 95901. All bidders must sign in at Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901. If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly. Property to be sold as follows: household goods, personal items, furniture, etc. belonging to the following:

Name
Arianna Guitron

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in CASH only. All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be paid for and removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. 530-634-9781 (9/15/23 & 9/22/23)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
RICHARD LEE WILSON, MICHEAL ALY’CE
WILSON, PETITIONERS
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 23-00878
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
10/09/2023
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) RICHARD LEE WILSON and MICHEAL ALY’CE WILSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**from: Richard Lee Wilson
to: Richard Lee Mendenall, Jr.
from: Justice Ryan-Beverley Wilson
to: Aly’ce-Katherine Justice Mendenall**

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: 8/29/2023

**Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.**

September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF MICHAEL DEAN MILLS
Case NO. PRPB23-00114

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of **Michael Dean Mills**.

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: Toni Mills in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The Petition for Probate requests that (name): Toni Mills 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: **9/25/2023 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: SHELTON C. HADLEY
230 5TH STREET
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901
Phone No.: 530-743-4455
PUBLISHED IN THE TERRITORIAL DISPATCH:
September 1, 8, 15, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-266

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

Pine Squirrel Studios
18205 Challenge
Cut Off Road
Forbestown, CA 95941
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Deborah A. Aseltine
Neilson
18205 Challenge
Cut Off Road
Forbestown, CA 95941
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/26/2015.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
**Deborah A. Aseltine
Neilson**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 08/24/2023.
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-259

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

Copy City
1712 Ash Way
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Cheryl Ann Robbins
1712 Ash Way
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 08/01/2000.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Cheryl Robbins
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 08/14/2023.
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-265

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

**COUTURE FANTASY
COUTURE FANTASY ART
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MAGAZINE**
13337 Rice's Crossing Road
Oregon House, CA 95962
Mailing Address:
200 Coyote Street Unit 5
Nevada City, CA 95959
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
ITW Group, Inc.
2108 N Street, Suite N
Sacramento, CA 95816
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/22/2023.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
**Margaret Campbell
CA CEO**
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 08/23/2023.
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023F-279

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

**Nutech Capital Resources,
Nutech**
8499 Aero Pines North
Brownsville, CA 95919
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Richard J. Paoli
8499 Aero Pines North
Brownsville, CA 95919
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/03/1993.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Richard J. Paoli
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 09/01/2023.
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2023

Why Aren't Kids in School?

Continued from page 1

have become overly cautious about sending their children to school with minor ailments.

Absenteeism has myriad negative impacts. For students, they're more likely to fall behind academically, drop out and not graduate. For schools, lower attendance means less revenue from the state, which bases its funding on how many students show up every day. For teachers, poor attendance means half-empty classrooms, with some students who are weeks or months behind their peers.

There are legal implications, as well. In extreme cases, local district attorneys can get involved, citing and fining parents or students who persistently flout the mandatory attendance law.

Alarmed at the extent of the crisis, the Legislature is intervening. The

Assembly recently asked Hough's organization, Policy Analysis for California Education, to study the issue and come up with recommendations.

The findings could lead to legislation that would address the issue directly. A few possibilities include increased accountability at the local level, such as offering districts more incentives to get students back in class; better data collection; and broader efforts to make school a more attractive place for students to be.

In response to the pandemic, the state has already invested billions in initiatives aimed at boosting student engagement.

For starters, health standards need to change, she said. Schools should promote better preventative care for students, but also convince parents that COVID is no longer a public health emergency and children should not miss school "for every sniffle or tummy ache." ★

Gallagher Announces Funding for Small Agricultural Businesses

From the Office of James Gallagher

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) is proud to announce the opening of applications for the Small Agricultural Business Drought and Flood Relief Grant Program. Established in 2022, this program provides crucial support to California's agricultural industry, which has been struggling to recover from the devastating effects of extreme weather.

In 2022, the program received \$75 million in initial funding to provide relief to agricultural businesses impacted by drought. Recognizing the extraordinary need faced by our farmers, Assemblyman Gallagher championed legislation, Assembly Bill 1044, to secure additional funding for the program. An



Assemblyman James Gallagher. MPG files photo

extra \$20 million was later included in the state budget, enabling the program to expand its scope to offer relief to businesses impacted by flooding.

"California's agricultural industry is the backbone of our state's economy and our farmers have faced unprecedented challenges in recent years," said Gallagher "High input costs combined with inflation and regulatory

expenses have put the agricultural industry in a precarious situation, jeopardizing producers' continued operation. This funding addresses a critical need to help keep these businesses open and workers employed."

The Small Agricultural Business Drought and Flood Relief Grant Program is now open for applications and eligible farmers who have been affected by drought or floods are strongly encouraged to apply for this essential relief. Designed to assist small agricultural businesses most impacted by recent drought and flood conditions, the program offers direct grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000.

Interested farmers are encouraged to review their eligibility and apply by visiting the official website: CADroughtFloodRelief.com ★

Register for the 20th Annual Yuba-Sutter Veteran's Day Parade

By Cindy Verrill, Parade Chairman

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Veterans Day is the day for all Americans to honor the contributions of service men and women throughout our Nation's history. On Friday, November 11th at 11:00 am, come out for the 20th Annual Yuba-Sutter Veteran's Day Parade. The parade route follows "D" Street in Historic Downtown Marysville. The theme for the parade is "Supporting Our Troops:

Past, Present, and Future.

If you're interested in participating in this year's parade, request a registration package from verrillcm220@outlook.com. There is a limited number of Parade Registration Packages available for pick-up at the Marysville City Hall. The registration form should be returned no later than October 27, 2023. For more information contact Cindy at (530) 701-7349. We are also looking for volunteers, if interested in volunteering, contact T.J. Fetters at (530) 673-2961. ★

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The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM**, on the premises where said property has been in storage at Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901, telephone 530-634-9781. Property to be sold as follows: household goods, personal items, furniture, etc. belonging to the following:

Name
Walton J. Hornbeck Jr.
Dawn S. Tyler
William Holly III
Nathaniel Duhart
Brandon C. Currier
Lane A. Alexander
Johnny Sallaberry
Susan K. Hudgens
Jerrod D. Smith
Darlene C. Gilmore

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in CASH only. All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. Auctioneer Joan Hilbers, Bond# W150153447 (9/15/23 & 9/22/23)

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Marysville, CA 95901**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP TPM-23-0006 (Anwar I) and TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP TPM-23-0007 (Anwar II) 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 October 5, 2023 at 9 a.m. or soon thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA. In compliance with Government Code section 54953(e), members of the DRC and members of the public can also participate in the meeting by teleconference via Zoom:

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The Yuba County DRC will consider the following:

Tentative Parcel Map TPM-23-0006 (Anwar I): The applicant is requesting to subdivide a ±1 acre parcel into four parcels that will all be 10,209 square feet in size. Access is proposed through a 20 foot wide ingress/egress easement from Montclair Ave allowing access to the rear parcels. The project site is located at 5824 Montclair Avenue (APN 021-251-012). The 2030 General Plan designates the land use as Valley Neighborhood and the zoning as Single Family Residential (RS). A determination has been made that the above referenced projects is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15315 (Minor Land Division).

Tentative Parcel Map TPM-23-0007 (Anwar II): The applicant is requesting to subdivide a 0.9 acre parcel into four parcels ranging in size from 5,200 square feet to 17,760 square feet in size. Access is proposed through a 20 foot wide ingress/egress easement allowing access to the rear parcels. The project site is located at 5814 Montclair Avenue (APN 021-251-002). The 2030 General Plan designates the land use as Valley Neighborhood and the zoning as Single Family Residential (RS). A determination has been made that the above referenced projects is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15315 (Minor Land Division).

Any person wishing to testify on the above projects may attend the Development Review Committee by teleconference via **Zoom** 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) September 15, 2023

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Falcons Head into CVC Winless, Shown Flashes of Improvement

**Story and photos
by Steven Bryla**

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The River Valley Falcons football program has shown the community their new identity of football and flashed excitement on the field with big plays and explosive offensive opportunities.

River Valley fell to the Nevada Union Miners 58-34 in their final non-league contest of the 2023 regular season on Friday, September 8.

The Falcons put up the most points since the 2021 season and River Valley head coach Alex Gomes-Coelho told the Dispatch they have improved each week of the season.

Gomes-Coelho accepted the job in May, which gave him a short amount of time to revamp a new program that couldn't even field a junior varsity program at the beginning of his time, and they just played their first official game against Nevada Union.

When you're around this Falcons program, excuses aren't one of the words mentioned because Gomes-Coelho, his staff and players are grinding day in and out to build a new culture environment.

River Valley (0-4) began the game against Nevada Union with a bang as senior tight end/linebacker Jayden Noyan ran the opening kickoff back to the Miners 27-yard line.

It took the Falcons two plays to cash in on the great field position as River Valley junior running back Adrian Walters found the end zone on a nine-yard touchdown rush and gave the Falcons the lead after the opening possession 8-0 following a successful two-point conversion.

Walters ended the night with 88 yards on 16 carries with one rushing touchdown on the night.

It didn't take Nevada Union long to respond as they quickly responded a couple minutes later with a 29-yard rushing touchdown. They eventually took over the lead late in the first quarter after they scored on a 17-yard touchdown pass to take a 14-8



River Valley junior running back Adrian Walters (1) rushes the ball in the Falcons 58-34 loss to Nevada Union on Friday, September 8.



River Valley junior quarterback Jackson McPeak (17) rushes the ball in the Falcons 58-34 defeat to Nevada Union on Friday, September 8.

lead to end the first quarter.

River Valley took the lead back in the opening minute of the second quarter when Falcons junior quarterback Jackson McPeak rushed the ball

in from two yards out. This was McPeak's first of his three rushing touchdowns on the night as he also threw for one with a total of 181 yards in the air of 20 completions, and also rushed for

110 yards from 15 carries.

This is where the back and forth scoring between the two teams stopped as Nevada Union capitalized on a deep ball to take the lead 21-16 with a little more

than 10 minutes left in the first half.

Walters fumbled on the first play for River Valley on the following possession to give the Miners a short field and they cashed in quickly with another touchdown to take a 28-16 lead with nine and a half minutes to go in the first half.

The Falcons closed out the first half and responded with a long drive that closed the Nevada Union lead 28-22 with two and a half minutes to go in the first half.

The Miners quickly scored a touchdown with 27 seconds to go in the opening half and extended their lead 36-22, but weren't done in the half as McPeak threw an interception with six seconds to go in the first half.

Nevada Union found an open hole in the River Valley secondary as they scored another passing touchdown to close out the first half with a 43-22.

The Miners eventually got the lead to 58-22 later in the third quarter which turned the game into a running clock in the fourth quarter.

McPeak had a rushing touchdown and threw a passing touchdown to Noyan in the fourth quarter to end the night for the Falcons.

Gomes-Coelho expressed to the Dispatch postgame this was the best game that McPeak has had during the season, and you could see the growth on the field.

McPeak told the Dispatch the quick start to the game against Nevada Union came from the physical mindset that Gomes-Coelho wants to have in the program.

"We came out with a lot of energy and pride in ourselves, and we were ready to play in the game," McPeak said.

River Valley travels to Bella Vista to open Capital Valley Conference play tonight where Gomes-Coelho hopes they can play good fundamental football and be physical.

"We're working on those things still, but we have improved week by week," Gomes-Coelho said. ★

Lady Indians Sweep Gridley and Lindhurst in Straight Sets

**Story and photos
by Steven Bryla**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Marysville Lady Indians volleyball team swept the Gridley Lady Bulldogs in straight sets (27-25, 25-21, 26-24) on Wednesday, September 6.

This was the second meeting between the two teams as they met earlier in the season at the Chico tournament where Gridley swept Marysville in two sets on August 19.

Although the roles were reversed after September 6, two of the three sets went into extra points to win the sets.

The crowd in Gridley celebrated the (5-8) game with a whiteout theme as it was the Lady Bulldogs first game of the year. The interesting fact on that note is the Lady Indians haven't played a home game yet either as their home gym is getting a brand-new floor.

Marysville (4-8) head coach Annie Wooten expressed to Messenger Publishing Group that it has been a challenge to not be in their own gym on a daily basis just to get simple things like where the line work on the gym floors would be.

The first set of the match was so close that neither team was ahead by more than two points the entire set. Although there were plenty of good volleys, amazing digs and bulldozing blocks, there were still flaws both coaches wanted to improve on.

Gridley head coach Elizabeth Ayon told MPG there were a lot of missed opportunities the Lady Bulldogs didn't do well in the match against Marysville.

Some of the missed opportunities included 14 service receiving errors and 22 dig errors.

Gridley completed in the



Marysville junior middle hitter Kirsten Shaver hits the ball over the net in the Lady Indians three-set sweep over Gridley on Wednesday, September 6.



Marysville junior libero Carmen White goes for a ball in the Lady Indians three-set sweep over Gridley on Wednesday, September 6.

Hamilton tournament that took place September 7 and 9th, where they went 3-2 and Ayon said they played well overall.

Lady Bulldogs middle/outside hitter Charlee Sormano

led Gridley with 11 kills, three blocks and nine digs. Senior libero Giselle Fuentes led the way for Gridley with 20 digs.

In the second set, the Lady Indians jumped out to a quick

6-0 lead, and it was due to great setting by junior setter Madison White.

White expressed to MPG that it was a good overall team win, and her and her teammates were

focused to win.

The final set was set like the first and neither team had breathing room until Marysville took advantage and cheered as the final whistle ended the match.

The Lady Indians began their Pioneer Valley League play the night prior in the CIF Sacramento Section where they got swept in straight sets by Sutter. The match with Gridley took place in between a PVL match set up with Lindhurst the following day.

White explained that you could take non-league games not as serious as like okay they aren't league games, we don't need to worry if we win or lose, but Marysville takes every match seriously.

"That first set always hypes everyone up," White said. "We're like hey let's go, let's keep this going for tomorrow too."

White added that during PVL play, she wants the team to get comfortable enough where she is able to input more hitting plays and sneak attacks on other teams with her teammates to potentially throw their opponents off their games.

White expressed to MPG that it is important she is in the right positions as well to set her teammates correctly because if she isn't doing her job, how can her teammates do theirs.

The Lady Indians continued league play this week as they traveled to Colfax and Bear River.

Gridley hosted Live Oak this past Wednesday to kick off the rivalry week festivities before the 14th Annual Harvest Bowl kicks off tonight.

The Lady Bulldogs begin Butte View League play on Tuesday, September 19 at Las Plumas at 6:30 p.m. ★



Life Insurance Isn't a Baby Step

Dear Dave,

I just discovered you and your teachings a couple of weeks ago. I'm already on Baby Step 2, and I was wondering if I should buy life insurance now or wait until I've finished paying off debt. I'm single with no children, and I owe a total of \$44,700. I have a \$25,000 company-funded life insurance policy through my employer. What do you think I should do??

– Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth,

If you have a life insurance need, it's not a Baby Step. It's a necessity in your budget and something you need to put in place as soon as possible.

Dave Ramsey Says

But from what you've told me, you don't have a great need for life insurance at this point. No one, except you, is depending on your income, and the \$25,000 policy you have through your employer is more than enough to take care of any final expenses if something happened to you.

The main purpose of life insurance is to take care of those you leave behind when you die. If someone is financially dependent on your income, I recommend having 10 to 12 times your annual income wrapped up in a good level term life insurance policy. That means if you make \$80,000 a year, you should have a policy worth anywhere from \$800,000 to \$960,000.

If I were you, I wouldn't buy another life insurance policy at all right now. If you get married or have kids somewhere down the road, then buy it immediately. In that case, both you and your spouse should have 15- to 20-year level term policies of 10 to

12 times your individual incomes. And never buy anything except level term life insurance. The reason? That covers you until you're out of debt—should a spouse bring some into the picture—and the two of you have so much cash piled up that you don't need to pay for a life insurance policy anymore. It's called being self-insured, and that's a great place to be.

Good question, Elizabeth!

– Dave

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LOCAL FISHING

A Scottish prospector William Donie panned for gold here in 1850. Downieville was notorious for the July 5, 1851 hanging of Josefa, a Mexican woman. Travel 3-miles up the Downie River before wetting a line, for nice native rainbow trout. Later, take a short trek up the "Third Divide" to fish Lavezzola Creek and Paulley Creek. Be sure to stay alert while wading Lavezzola Creek, this is a Class IV white water rafting creek. The native rainbows are a little larger here. Best baits are caddis insect imitations: Grannon, Spotted Sedge, Green Rock Worm and October Caddis.



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San Francisco Bays Berkeley Flats continues to produce limits of big halibut. Drifting...Try: Live Minnows. (b) Rio Vista Delta; netted 40 nice big stripers, kept six for dinner. Deep trolling...Try: Yo-Zuri Crystal Minnow. (b) Note: Sunken Tugboat spilled diesel fuel and oil at Empire Tract in the San Joaquin Delta.

COASTAL WATERS

Rittenburg Banks in the Farallon Islands yields limits of rockfish before the

shallow water area closed on Sept. 1, 2023. Try: Swim Bait. (b) Halfmoon Bay anglers restricted to fishing for rockfish in the 300 ft. deep areas. CDFW monitoring the "Quillback" rockfish in order to reduce the Quillback mortality? Recent party boat results. 70 rockfish, 2- lingcod and 1- cabazon. Try: Tray Bait. (b)

LAKES RESERVOIRS

Limits of four pound ELT. In Eagle Lake, follow the white pelicans feeding on tui-chub bait fish. Best area Wilder Pt. to Christie Campground area. Try: Needle Fish. (b)

RIVERS

The Pit River flows into Lake Britton where there is plenty of boating and water sport activity, but those fishermen seeking walleye can find them where Burney Creek enters the Pit. The best bait is live Leeches rigged on a Carolina Rig.



Leech rigged on Carolina Rig.

Sacramento River/Redding. Releases of 8,250 CFS spurs big rainbow activity. Find them at the Posse Grounds down past Jelly's Ferry. Fish the late evening hatch of caddis. Try: Little Sister, Weedy-water, Saddle Case and October Caddis. (b) Striped Bucket Mouth of 18" to 24 " being caught in the Lower American River between Howe Ave. and Paradise. Fly fishers...Try: Clouser Minnow (a) Hardware slingers...Try: Swim Bait. (a)

The guide would, "Hem and Haw" ~ *Brownie*

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Despite delayed harvest, California pear growers are optimistic

California Bartlett pear growers say they are seeing a good crop of high-quality fruit, even though a cold spring and late bloom delayed harvest by about two weeks. Lake County pear grower Pat Scully, general manager and owner of Finley-based Scully Packing Co., which packs and ships 35% to 40% of the state's Bartlett crop, said he is pleased by the results he is seeing. He said the fruit is "sized nicely" and harvest looks promising. Harvest is ongoing in the state's two main growing regions, the Sacramento River Delta and Lake and Mendocino counties.

Vast rural land purchases in Solano County stir concerns at hearing

Farmers and their advocates say the state should seek to protect agricultural resources and open space amid concerns raised over a company buying large swaths of farmland in Solano County. At the state Capitol last week, the state Senate Agriculture Committee held a panel discussion on "navigating threats to California agriculture." The discussion was inspired by a venture known as Flannery Associates LLC. Since 2018, the group backed by Silicon Valley billionaires has amassed 400 parcels spanning nearly 55,000 acres of agricultural-zoned land near Travis Air Force Base.

Canning, Fresh Peaches See Production Increases

Harvest continues for the state's cling peaches for canning and freestone peaches for the fresh market, with estimates of good crops that will exceed last year's production. Rich Hudgins, chief executive officer of the Sacramento-based California Canning Peach Association, said this year's harvest will likely exceed the preseason estimate of 212,000 tons. That's up from 204,440 tons in 2022. In fresh-market peaches, the state's estimated freestone peach production is forecast to be 260,000 tons, up from 240,000 tons in 2022, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

California Senator Introduces Legislation To Expand Disaster Relief Access

U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla has announced legislation to improve disaster relief to help specialty crop farmers recover from catastrophic events. Along with the bill's co-author Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., Padilla introduced the Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act. The legislation waives adjusted gross income restrictions that prevent some farmers from receiving disaster relief under U.S. Department of Agriculture programs. Padilla said the measure could help California growers who produce high-value specialty crops but are saddled with high land costs and escalating expenses. ★



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