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## End Run Around the Rules

*California lawmakers: 'any flavor of affordable housing you could possibly want'*



A patchwork of bills are giving housing developers and local governments more options to reduce red tape for housing projects.

**BY BEN  
CHRISTOPHER,  
CALMATTERS.ORG**

**CALMATTERS (MPG)** - You may not have seen the headlines (there weren't any). You may have missed the raucous debate (there wasn't much of one). But with the end of the legislative session last week, California is now on the verge of laying down a welcome mat for most major affordable housing projects across the state.

That's not because of a

single bill, but a patchwork of current and former legislation that, taken together, "basically covers any flavor of affordable housing you could possibly want to build," said Linda Mandolini, president of Eden Housing, an affordable housing development nonprofit.

Homes designated for low-income occupants, like all housing projects, face a gauntlet of potential challenges and hold-ups that add to the already exorbitant cost of affordable

housing in California. Those hurdles include lawsuits filed under the wide-ranging California Environmental Quality Act, extensive public hearings and other forms of opposition from local government.

Now, affordable housing projects — in most places and most of the time — may soon be exempt from all that, fitted out in a suit of procedural armor made up of some half a dozen bills and laws.

A bill now sitting

on the governor's desk would cover up one of the last chinks in that armor. Assembly Bill 1449, authored by two Democratic Assemblymembers, David Alvarez of San Diego and Buffy Wicks of Oakland, would exempt certain affordable apartment developments from review under CEQA. To qualify, projects would have to be located in dense urban areas, set aside each unit for someone earning

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## Calling on Newsom to Act on Homelessness

**Assembly Republican  
Caucus News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On September 7, 2023, Assembly Republicans sent a letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom calling on him to act to address the growing homelessness crisis in California. The letter, signed by all 18 members of the Assembly Republican Caucus, urges Newsom to:

Bring down the state's cost of living that drives people into homelessness; Fight to overturn court rulings that block programs to clear encampments, including by deploying state attorneys to help local governments fend off lawsuits; Cut ties with law firms that exploit homeless plaintiffs to defend the failed status quo; Enforce our laws and stop enabling homelessness and crime.

"Gavin Newsom is great at two things — talking and spending money. Unfortunately, neither of those have put a dent in California's homelessness crisis," said Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City). "Rather than just whining, Newsom needs to get the cost of living under control and fight back against activist judges and their out of touch rulings that perpetuate homelessness."

The letter comes as local governments throughout California are prevented from removing homeless encampments by judges citing *Martin v. Boise*, which bans the enforcement of anti-camping laws unless there is a shelter bed for each homeless person. The effects of the ruling are exacerbated by California's "housing first" policy that discourages emergency shelter construction and diverts limited resources to expensive supportive housing projects.

"California's current approach to homelessness isn't working — it's time to try something new," said Assemblymember Greg Wallis (R-Bermuda Dunes). "I hope Governor Newsom will work with us to turn the tide of poverty and homelessness we see on our streets."

Since 2019, California has spent more than \$20 billion on homelessness programs — despite that spending, homelessness has soared and the state is home to half the nation's unsheltered population. ★

## Yuba Water Agency grant will upgrade aging water delivery infrastructure for Yuba County foothill communities

**By Bonnie Dickson,  
Yuba Water Agency**

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Yuba Water Agency's Board of Directors today committed \$200,000 to help the North Yuba Water District upgrade a deteriorating wooden flume that delivers water for residential and agricultural use in the Yuba County foothills. The funds will cover the construction of a new, inverted siphon to replace the aging Hell for Stout Flume, which is part of the Forbestown Ditch, and increase its capacity for water delivery.

"This flume is essential for safeguarding the reliability and capacity of water deliveries in the area," said Yuba Water Board Director Jon Messick, who also represents Yuba County's foothill communities as a county supervisor. "A failure of this system would be catastrophic for our foothill residents."

A recent engineering inspection of the flume found the structure to be at or near the end of its service life due to severe timber rotting and leaks



Photo provided by Yuba Water Agency

that compromise its overall soundness. The location of the flume on a steep slope in the foothills also means it's susceptible to hazards from surrounding rocks, trees and erosion, and impacts from heavy winter storms like those experienced last winter. The inspection determined that the flume likely would not survive the coming winter, which could have devastating impacts on foothill residents.

Yuba Water previously provided \$400,000 to the district for engineering and

analysis of the state of the flume. Based on the grave condition of the structure during the initial inspection, North Yuba Water requested that those funds instead be redirected to cover construction, which the Yuba Water board approved, as well as the additional \$200,000.

The improvements will increase the flume's capacity from 22 cubic feet per second to 38 cubic feet per second.

"Yuba Water Agency was created to reduce flood risk and ensure a sustainable

water supply in Yuba County," said Yuba Water General Manager Willie Whittlesey. "One of the primary ways we do that is by helping others with funds to support planning, engineering and implementation of projects like this one, which directly benefits local water supply reliability."

The district plans to begin construction as soon as mid-October to get ahead of winter weather.

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# Supervisor Gary Bradford Announces Bid for Third Term as Yuba County Supervisor

## Vote 4 Bradford News Release

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - After seven years of commitment and service to the residents of Plumas Lake and Wheatland, Supervisor Gary Bradford is excited to announce his campaign for a third term as Yuba County Supervisor. Since taking office, Supervisor Bradford has driven initiatives to enhance the quality of life in Yuba County. Supervisor Bradford recently spotlighted 50 pivotal accomplishments in the 4th District, which span three core pillars: Livability, Opportunity, and Transparency.

Under Livability, strides have been made to bolster public safety, maintain and upgrade roads regularly, initiate pivotal traffic mitigation projects, and introduce dynamic recreational and walkability initiatives.

Opportunity has seen Supervisor Bradford champion economic development, driving job creation, promoting both residential and commercial development, tax and fee reductions, accelerating broadband expansion, introducing watershed education opportunities, and advancing flood risk mitigation measures.

In promoting Transparency, Supervisor Bradford has instilled an open, honest, and responsive governance model, underlined by regular community engagement and a commitment to clear, timely communication.

Looking ahead, Supervisor Bradford shares his future commitments for Livability, Opportunity, and Transparency. His approach will emphasize:

Elevating the quality of life in Yuba County by prioritizing public safety, promoting development, ensuring access to amenities and natural resources, and championing the voice of the community. Augmenting economic



Yuba County Supervisor Gary Bradford, 4th District. Courtesy photo

opportunities by employing a visionary approach. This includes focusing on economic development, forging strategic partnerships, and spearheading crucial infrastructure projects to make Yuba County more connected and thriving.

Maintaining a gold standard in transparency through consistent community outreach and prudent fiscal management.

In a heartfelt re-election announcement on social media, Supervisor Bradford expressed, “It’s a privilege and an honor to represent you, and we’ve achieved a lot together in the last 7 years. But there’s more to be done, and I’m committed to continuing to represent you, focusing on livability, opportunity, and transparency for Plumas Lake, Wheatland, and all of Yuba County. That’s why I’m excited to announce I’m seeking re-election in 2024. I’m committed to facing our challenges and capitalizing on our opportunities to make Yuba County a great place to live, work, and play.”

In addition to serving on the Board of Supervisors and as chair

of the Yuba Water Agency, Supervisor Bradford represents Yuba County at the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the Greater Sacramento Economic Council (GSEC), the South Yuba Transportation Improvement Authority (SYTIA), the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA), the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the Northern California Water Association (NCWA), the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

Supervisor Bradford envisions a flourishing Yuba County, where prosperity, transparency, and quality of life are at the forefront. As the campaign his third term gains momentum, residents are encouraged to interact, offer their perspectives, and be active contributors in the county’s journey ahead.

For more in-depth details on Supervisor Bradford’s achievements, vision, and campaign specifics, please visit [www.vote4bradford.org](http://www.vote4bradford.org) ★

# CDPH Recommends All Californians Stay Up to Date on COVID-19 Vaccine

## CDPH Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Following federal approval of the updated COVID-19 vaccine and recommendations for the upcoming winter respiratory virus season, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is recommending all Californians stay up to date on the vaccine and get the updated shot when available.

For renewed protection against severe illness, hospitalization and death, all Californians 5 years and older should receive one dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine, as long as it’s been 2 months or more since their most recent dose. Getting vaccinated may also minimize your symptoms if you do become infected so you can return to your daily activities more quickly. Recommendations for younger children depend on the number of doses received previously.

CDPH strongly urges vaccination for individuals who are at high risk of serious illness from COVID-19 due to advanced age or underlying illness as this is the group of individuals most vulnerable to severe disease and the worst outcomes.

“Staying up to date on the COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to keep your immunity strong and protect yourself and others from severe illness, hospitalization, and death,” said CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás Aragón. “As we enter the winter season, it is crucial that all individuals remain up to date with vaccinations when they’re eligible, including flu, COVID-19 and RSV.”

## WHO SHOULD GET VACCINATED

•Everyone Age 5 and

Up: Everyone 5 years of age and older, regardless of previous vaccination, is eligible to receive a single dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine as long as it’s been at least 2 months since the last dose.

•**Younger Children and Infants:** Infants and younger children, 6 months through 4 years of age, who have previously been vaccinated against COVID-19 are eligible to receive one or two doses of the updated vaccine. The timing and number of doses depends on the previous COVID-19 vaccine received.

•**Unvaccinated Younger Children and Infants:** Unvaccinated infants and younger children, 6 months through 4 years of age, are eligible to receive three doses of the updated Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine or two doses of the updated Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

**WHEN & HOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR UPDATED COVID-19 VACCINE:** Initial supplies of updated COVID-19 vaccine are expected in California in the coming weeks. For added convenience, COVID-19, flu, and RSV vaccines can all be administered in the same visit. Schedule a vaccine appointment by visiting [MyTurn.ca.gov](http://MyTurn.ca.gov) or contacting your local pharmacy or health care provider.

**HOW TO PAY FOR A COVID-19 VACCINE:** COVID-19 vaccines will continue to be free for most Americans through their health insurance plans, including Medi-Cal and regular health care providers.

The CDC’s Bridge Access Program will provide limited quantities of COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured and underinsured adults through December 2024. The

Vaccines For Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children (18 and younger) who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay.

## CDPH’S VIRUS PREVENTION TIPS:

The best defense against COVID-19 and other winter viruses starts with good prevention. Follow these five tips to protect yourself and others:

•**Stay Up to Date on Vaccines:** Vaccines reduce the chances of infection and are the best defense to limit severe illness and death. COVID-19, flu, and RSV vaccines will all be available for this winter season.

•**Stay Home if You're Sick, Test for COVID and Treat if Needed:** Staying home when you’re sick slows the spread of COVID-19, flu, RSV, and even the common cold. If you have symptoms, test for COVID-19 and contact your doctor immediately to seek treatment. Treatments work best when started right after symptoms begin.

•**Consider Wearing a Mask in Indoor Public Places:** Wearing a mask significantly reduces the spread of respiratory viruses, especially in crowded or poorly ventilated spaces.

•**Wash Your Hands:** Frequent handwashing with soap and warm water, for at least 20 seconds, is an easy and very effective way to prevent getting sick and spreading germs.

•**Cover Your Cough or Sneeze:** Remember to cough or sneeze into your elbow, your arm, or a disposable tissue to help prevent the spread of winter viruses. Wash or sanitize your hands and dispose of your tissue after.

For more information visit [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov) ★

# Bitcoin ATM Company Forfeits \$1M for Conspiring to Violate the Bank Secrecy Act

## FBI News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Folsom company Amani Investments LLC, which operated Coinucopia kiosks that exchanged U.S. currency for Bitcoin, forfeited \$1 million in currency, a Mercedes-Benz, Bitcoin, and other items for its criminal efforts to avoid reporting requirements under the Bank Secrecy Act, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

In February 2023, Amani Investments LLC, doing business as Coinucopia, pleaded guilty to conspiring to avoid filing Currency Transaction Reports (CTRs) that are required under federal law. The federal Bank Secrecy Act was enacted by Congress to combat the laundering of criminal proceeds, and it requires money services businesses to report each transaction involving more than \$10,000 in currency. Willful violation of the requirement to file these reports, commonly called CTRs, is a federal criminal offense.

According to court documents, on multiple occasions Amani Investments exchanged over \$10,000 in U.S. currency for Bitcoin

without filing a CTR, as required by the Bank Secrecy Act. Many transactions were conducted during face-to-face exchanges of more than \$10,000 in cash for Bitcoin with a Managing Officer of Amani Investments, all without the filing of a CTR. In total, approximately \$1 million was involved in the crime. Today the court finalized Amani Investments’ forfeiture order, which included a Mercedes-Benz E63, Bitcoin, gold coins, and \$1 million in United States currency.

“Federal currency transaction reporting requirements are intended to protect our financial system from the influx of criminal proceeds,” said U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert for the Eastern District of California. “The U.S. Attorney’s Office will continue to hold accountable those who seek to evade these requirements.”

“Today’s sentence holds Amani Investments, dba Coinucopia, a registered Money Service Business, accountable for violating the Bank Secrecy Act,” said Tatum King, Special Agent in Charge, HSI San Francisco / NorCal. “We know that money is the lifeblood of criminals as

evidenced by the \$1 million forfeiture, which is why it is a primary focus for HSI across all of our investigative programs. We appreciate the work of HSI personnel with FBI, USPIS, DEA, IRS-CI, USAO Eastern District, and Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office who worked this multi-year case collaboratively and resulted in the substantial forfeiture of ill-gotten gains.”

This case is the product of an investigation by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), as part of the Northern California Illicit Digital Economy (NCIDE) Task Force, consisting of agents from HSI, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation, the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The NCIDE Task Force is a joint, federal task force focused on targeting all forms of dark web and cryptocurrency criminal activity in the Eastern District of California. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Robert C. Abendroth and Veronica M.A. Alegría prosecuted the case. ★

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# Sutter Co Supervisors Should Resign



Commentary  
by Lou Binninger

Sutter County Supervisors are derelict in their duty by not funding Sutter County Fire. The Supervisors’ primary mission is to insure adequate emergency services. Their excuse of a lack of funding means they mismanaged the budget.

In 1993, Sutter County voters were deceived by politicians to support Proposition 172 (Public Safety Funding Amendment), a statewide half-cent sales tax. The ballot argument stated that “Revenue would be distributed to cities and counties for purposes such as police, sheriffs, fire, district attorneys and corrections.”

During the publicity campaign fire safety was a common talking point and visual incentive to convince residents to increase their taxes for adequate emergency protection.

Yet, since 172’s passage by 57.80%, Sutter Supervisors have disbursed no 172 funds to fire. That is 30-years of neglecting fire while receiving more than \$300 million in 172 tax monies. Supervisors and County Administrator Steve Smith lie when they say fire protection is the number one priority.

People make trade-offs living in rural regions. Some prefer living there and others are there out of necessity. In Sutter County, much of the rural areas are agricultural where residents and workers farm and maintain the

equipment / facilities that feed our nation.

There are fewer services, slower emergency response times, and limited resources. And rural residents are older and sicker than their urban counterparts. This fact presents an even greater challenge for emergency services and a higher risk for residents.

The large coverage areas, travel distances, and increased demand for time spent with the patient can lead to significant impacts on patient outcomes and survival rates. For example, the fatality rate from a vehicular accident in a rural area is almost twice as high as an urban crash.

Rural residents battling cancer, heart disease, accidental injury, chronic respiratory disease and strokes die at twice the rate of urban neighbors with similar maladies. Delayed responses to structure or wildland fires in rural areas can be catastrophic.

With State Farm and Allstate Insurance Companies withdrawing from the California market a closed Sutter Co Fire will likely trigger a fire insurance coverage crisis. That will hurt property values.

This all comes just three years after voters were again deceived to approve Proposition 19. Prop 19 was touted to help the elderly and give more money for wildfires and to counties.

It barely passed with 51.11% of the votes. To generate revenue, it gutted the property tax protections achieved by Propositions 13 (passed by voters 65%), 58 (passed by 76%), and 193 (passed by 67%). These protections lowered property taxes and allowed parents and grandparents to pass properties and businesses to their children without tax reassessment saving families hundreds of millions

of dollars a year.

Assemblyman James Gallagher and the Supervisors supported Prop 19. This was a boon for big government and a bust for taxpayers. Each year, this change forces many families to sell their inherited properties and businesses to pay the spiked taxes.

Sutter County government actions are following the guidelines of the United Nations Agenda 2030. This agenda advocates the relocating of the population from rural to urban areas into “stack and pack” housing. This allows for the rewilding of rural America by abandoning forests and farmlands.

Millions of people are leaving California which brings no sorrow to environmentalists. However, few realize that the greatest percentage of population loss has occurred in ten rural Northern California counties. Rural counties are being purged by government policies that starve people out.

What is laughable is the “leaders” noted above claim to be conservative while acting just the opposite.

The “Citizens’ Initiative to Save Sutter County Fire” can solve the lack of funding. 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. Should the initiative get enough signatures to qualify for the March 2024 ballot and then pass, Sutter Co Fire gets a new life.

*(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)★*

# California Man Sentenced to Prison for Assaulting Law Enforcement During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

## FBI News Release

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - A California man was sentenced in the District of Columbia on Thursday, September 7, 2023, on two felony charges related to his actions during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. His actions and the actions of others disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened to ascertain and count the electoral votes related to the 2020 presidential election.

Sean Michael McHugh, 36, of Auburn, California, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John D. Bates to 78 months in prison and 36 months of supervised release. Judge Bates also ordered McHugh to pay \$2,000 restitution and a \$5,000 fine. McHugh was found guilty of obstruction and assaulting, impeding, or interfering with law enforcement officers following a stipulated bench trial before Judge Bates in April 2023.

According to court documents and the stipulated evidence presented in court, prior to his arrival in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6, 2021, McHugh told others that he was going to Washington, D.C., to “fight” and “storm

Congress.” He brought a canister of bear spray with him to Washington, D.C., and he carried it in a holster for ready access. The bear spray is 50 percent stronger than the pepper spray used by police. Before the riot, McHugh urged others to “march on Congress directly after Trump’s speech.”

McHugh was part of the initial breach of the Capitol grounds at the Peace Circle. Once he arrived at the Capitol, McHugh actively participated in at least four attempts to breach perimeters established by officers during the riot. He was one of the initial rioters to breach a police line and enter the West Plaza. Afterward, McHugh wrestled with an officer for control of a barricade protecting access to the Capitol and assaulted a line of U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) officers on the West Plaza, hitting them with his bear spray, causing the officers to back away from the line, and preventing them from performing their official duties. Finally, McHugh helped other rioters to push a large metal sign into officers. In between these acts of aggression, McHugh used his megaphone to encourage other rioters to act against law

enforcement.

After the riot, McHugh posted multiple messages on Facebook bragging about his actions during the riot and reveling in the violence against police, boasting, “...we stormed them and we took Congress.”

This case was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia and the Department of Justice National Security Division’s Counterterrorism Section. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of California.

This case was investigated by the FBI’s Washington Field Office, as well as the Metropolitan Police Department, with significant assistance provided by the FBI’s Sacramento Field Office.

In the 32 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 1,146 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including more than 398 individuals charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement.

Anyone with tips can call 1-800-CALL-FBI (800-225-5324) or visit tips.fbi.gov ★



By Kathy Craig Harteis

Nestled in the hills of Idaho is a unique little town called Lava Hot Springs.

The hot spring pools are readily available in town.

Our granddaughter Annika will be married there this weekend.

Tucked in the heart of town is a circa 1914 hotel Riverside Hot Springs Inn

# Aaah. .

and Spa.

That’s where the Aaah comes in.

The hotel, may be a bit quirky and dated, but believe me it’s a treat to stay here.

It’s claim to fame is that President Theodore Roosevelt stayed here and the property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Although the hotel is not ADA accessible and there is no elevator it’s still doable for older folks. The staff is attentive and kind and helpful in taking luggage’s to upper floor rooms.

The rooms are not elegant and they are vintage. But that kind of adds to the adventure off it all.

I just got back from a massage. Again; Aaah.

My back was giving me problems, but for the moment I’m feeling a lot better.

This has been a treat. We may come again. Even Rocky dog can stay here.

I learned this morning that a longtime friend Ron Dryden has passed. He and his wife Pam we’re dear friends indeed when we lived in Spokane. Luckily we visited them last year so I saw Ron one last time. Time moves on.

We have been blessed with a bevy of friends over the years. One day at a time we meet, come to love one another and far too often say goodbye. Goodbyes are hurtful but time together is a gift. Don’t waste it.

*Life is good today.* ★



The Pause  
that Refreshes

Karen and I were upgrading our home a few years ago and wanted to replace the old toilets. We visited a local box store and found the plumbing section.

“There sure are a lot of toilets here,” I said as I gazed at the displays. “We’re going to need some help. Do you see anybody?”

I located a young man who appeared to be an official plumbing sales associate.

“We’re renovating our bathrooms and need to purchase three toilets,” I began.

“Okay, let’s take a look at what we have,” he responded. “What style are you interested in?”

“Style? How about one that flushes good.”

“We want the elongated style,” Karen said, cutting off any further wisenheimer cracks.

“Okay. What about height? Do you want the regular fourteen inch or the sixteen inch ADA style?”

“Two fourteen inch ones and one sixteen inch.” Karen was very impressive with her toilet knowledge.

“One piece or two piece?”

“Two piece.”

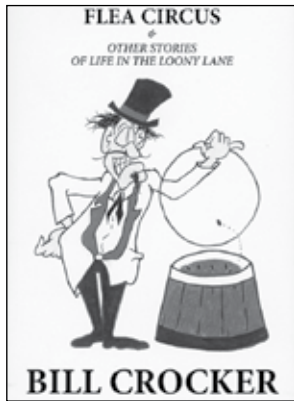
“Do you have a manufacturer in mind? We sell Toto, American Standard, and Kohler. Toto’s considered the best.”

“What’s the price range for the Toto?” I asked, trying to reenter the conversation.

“The price ranges from approximately \$300 to \$600, depending on a number of things.”

“For a toilet? How much

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if we leave off the gold plating?”

“We’re interested in American Standard,” replied Karen, giving me that look I know so well.

“Okay, the American Standard toilets are over here,” directed the sales associate. “Several colors are offered: white, linen, bone, silver, fawn beige, and black.”

“Bone,” responded Karen.

My brain is now going into overload.

“I still have a few more questions,” said the young man. “What type of flushing were you thinking of?”

I’m not touching this one, I thought.

“Gravity flow, vacuum assist, or pressure assist?”

“Gravity,” Karen continued.

“Do you know your rough in?”

“Twelve inches.” Now the sales associate is impressed. I stood there, so proud of my wife’s waste disposal expertise, yet realizing how utterly unprepared I was to purchase this complicated appliance.

“Okay, these are your choices,” said the associate, pointing to a small number of boxes.

“We’re undecided on the flow rate,” said Karen. “We would like to get the 1.28 GPF,

but I’m not sure.”

“Well, do you have city sewage or a septic system?”

“Septic.”

“Are your toilets less than ninety feet from the septic tank?”

“I don’t know. I never thought of that,” responded Karen.

“We have only one toilet that might be too far away,” I responded, taking advantage of this rare gap in knowledge.

“Yeah, you’re right, the half bath off the laundry room.”

“Well, if the distance is too great, and you have a 1.28 GPF, the flush might not be strong enough to transport the waste to the tank. This means the stuff might linger in the sewer line.”

“I don’t think we need that. Let’s go with the 1.6 GPF,” I suggested.

“Also, just another thought you might consider,” said the associate in a conspiratorial tone. “You might not be able to purchase a 1.6 in the future. Our state government is considering outlawing the 1.6. It uses too much water. Gone are the days of the five gallon flushes!”

“I agree. Let’s go with the 1.6,” said Karen.

Mentally exhausted, I followed Karen and the associate to the order desk and dimly remembered hearing the final order of three toilets for a total of nearly \$800. I was numb after being mentally beaten up and, consequently, was not prepared for Karen’s comment as we left the store.

“I hope I guessed right and the bathroom sinks are bone and not linen.” ★



# Compromise Settles Dispute Over Status Of Franchises In Fast Food Industry



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

In some ways, the most interesting — and perhaps most significant — event of the 2023 legislative session’s closing days was a compromise agreement on state oversight of the fast food industry.

Last year, unions pushed through legislation that would have created a new state commission to set wages and working conditions in the industry.

Inferentially, the legislation set aside the industry’s franchise system and treated local outlets of as merely branches of their corporate franchisors.

While the wage increases that would have resulted garnered most of the media attention, erosion of the franchise model was most worrisome aspect to the fast-food corporations and their franchisees.

Immediately, big guns in the industry pledged tens of millions of dollars for a campaign to challenge the legislation via a referendum that qualified to go before voters in 2024.

The Legislature’s response was entertaining another bill that would have doubled down on attacking the franchise model by making corporate franchisors legally responsible for labor law violations in their franchisees’ fast-food outlets.

With the outcome of the referendum election in doubt, the long-warring factions began negotiating and last week a bargain was struck.

The 2022 legislation would be repealed, the 2023 legislation would be scuttled and a substitute for both would retain the fast-food council, but alter its membership slightly, limit its authority to set wages and working conditions, provide a new \$20 per hour minimum wage for fast food workers, prohibit local efforts to affect wages, and remove threats to the franchise model.

Like all legislative compromises, this one, written into Assembly Bill 1228, had something for everyone but didn’t give every stakeholder everything it wanted.

“For the last decade, fast-food cooks, cashiers and baristas in California have been sounding the alarm on the poverty pay and unsafe working conditions plaguing our industry,” Ingrid Vilorio, a fast-food union leader, said in a statement. “We have always known that to solve these problems, we need a seat at the table with our employers and the power to help shape better rules across our industry.”

“It provides meaningful wage increases for workers, while at the same time eliminates more significant — and potentially existential — threats, costs, and regulatory burdens targeting local restaurants in California,” International Franchise Association CEO Matt Haller said in a statement.

Haller’s statement hints that on balance, it appears that given the

circumstances, the fast-food industry’s big players, such as McDonald’s, came out ahead, although their franchisees will feel whatever financial pinch ensues.

The \$20 minimum wage is only slightly over what, on average, fast food workers are being paid now, the industry having boosted wages sharply in the last few years in an effort to fully staff the outlets. Current California fast food wages average \$19 an hour.

More significantly, the agreement protects the franchise system’s assumption that the operators of fast-food outlets are independent businesspersons who invest their money and are fundamentally responsible for hiring, training, paying and sometimes firing their workers.

Had state regulation of fast-food wages and working conditions survived as originally proposed, with franchisees indirectly considered to be merely branch managers rather than entrepreneurs, it could have undermined franchising in other consumer industries.

Union leaders much prefer to deal with large scale sectors rather than individual employers in both organizing workers and negotiating contracts. The recently ratified labor contract affecting every West Coast port is an example of sector-wide negotiations, as is the current standoff over a new auto industry contract.

Cracking the fast-food franchise system would have been a big step in that direction.

*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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## Inflation Is Here To Stay

The latest figures on consumer spending show appliance sales slowing. Home Depot, in their latest earnings call, stated sales on appliances costing over \$1,000 were down 5.5% compared to last year.

Although not a monumental drop, these things start gradually.

Notwithstanding the brutal drop-off in sales of Bud Light beer due to the Dylan Mulvaney fiasco, which saw an April to June drop in sales of the beer a whopping 10.5%, and the entire planet’s businesses being throttled back by overzealous politicians everywhere because of the fear of CoVid, a 5.5% drop in appliance sales as mentioned by Home Depot is *significant*.

Readers of this column will know I have stated multiple times, that in my opinion, inflation is nowhere near under control, and its full effects on consumer pocketbooks has yet to be seen.

Although statistics will occasionally note a drop or slowdown of certain metrics that measure inflation, in the long term, inflation may be here to stay for a while, and at levels that may devastate the finances of consumers everywhere.

This analyst blames the decades of money printing by central banks worldwide, and exasperated by the lavish CoVid spending which began in early 2020.

Never before in human history has so much money been created from nothing. The multiple CoVid bailout programs to consumers witnessed 5 trillion plus (we really don’t know the actual figure) handed out like candy to every Tom, Dick and Mary with little regard or oversight.

Add that to the five decades or so of government deficit spending which easily exceeded many hundreds of trillions, and in my opinion, we have the reason prices are rising and may continue to do so no matter what our monetary authorities try to do to stop it.

Although it took a while to see the spend-happy consumer finally start to pull back, it’s likely only their CoVid savings from the lavish government programs prolonged the inevitable pull back that we may now be witnessing.

From a Google search, “some 53 percent of Americans, according to the survey, have reduced their spending on groceries, 50 percent have cut down spending on clothes, and 45 percent spend less on entertainment and leisure activities. Some 40 percent of respondents have cut down on vacations—a rising phenomenon previously reported by Newsweek.”

The Federal Reserve meets again soon and another interest rate manipulation is expected. Analysts forecast another ¼ % increase in the overnight discount rate.

The latest round of increases by the Federal Reserve holds the record for the most interest rates bumps in succession, both in quantity and speed of occurrence.

With rates now close to 5% or more, historically, when overall interest rates closed in on 5%, something usually ended up breaking in the economy, be it some part of the banking sector or the economy itself.

Either that or the consumer was so badly hurt by the rising cost of debt (caused by the increase in interest rates) and/or rising unemployment, the political pressure on the Federal Reserve caused the Fed to quickly lower rates again.

It’s difficult to forecast just how long inflation will stick around and at what level it will be at. We have no historical precedent to draw on when it comes to the amount of money creation we have witnessed in the last 5 decades coupled with the massive CoVid payments that were given out.

What we do know is the full effectiveness of the Federal Reserve and its monetary tools have yet to be seen.

Whether they can be successful in their attempt to halt the inflationary fires that now burn hot is a question we may not find the answer to for a very long time.

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

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# Yuba City Man Pleads Guilty to Unlawfully Possessing and Selling Guns

FBI News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Billy Glyn Sims Jr., 29, of Yuba City, pleaded guilty on Thursday, September 14, 2023, to one count of unlawfully dealing in firearms without a license and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

According to court documents, between April 1, 2022, and March 9, 2023, Sims, who is not a licensed firearms dealer, unlawfully engaged in the business of dealing in firearms. In three separate transactions in motel and apartment complex parking lots, Sims sold an FBI confidential source a Mossberg Shotgun, a Ruger single-action revolver, and a black powder revolver and a box containing .45 caliber ammunition. The transactions occurred in Yuba, Yolo, and Sutter Counties. At least one of the transactions occurred after Sims became aware that the source was a

“double felon” and thus prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition. Sims also offered to sell the source several other firearms, including an AR-15 assault rifle, although these transactions were never completed. Sims was prohibited from possessing any firearms because of his own prior felony convictions, including for domestic violence and burglary.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Justin L. Lee and Dhruv M. Sharma are prosecuting the case.

Sims is scheduled to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Daniel J. Calabretta on January 18, 2024. He faces a maximum statutory penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for unlawfully dealing in firearms, and 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine

for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Any sentence, however, would be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence, and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the U.S. Department of Justice launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results. ★



We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the bookstore. If you are a reader, like working with books, talking to people, think about it. We also need help in the consignment room: checking price tags, organizing displays, dusting. All kinds of tasks keep us busy during the week. We also offer a place for people who are thinking about taking their Next Step in life, to get some training or help with organizing their choices. We offer a place to study, use the internet, and more. We offer an art workshop on Saturday mornings (10:30), a book club, a writing group (alternate Saturdays at 1:00), and a game time on Friday afternoons at 3:00. It can be a busy place, but sometime it is quiet, too, and a great place to read or think.

We would love to have a Trunk & Treat happening at Books & More on Tuesday, Halloween evening, maybe from 5-7 or so. You could wear a costume, decorate a bit, pass out at treat from your vehicle. It would start the kids on a trick or treat jaunt. Please let us know if you are interested. Maybe call the bookstore (675-3275) or drop in. We would decorate the store and maybe even have a scary happening in the store, if we can get volunteers to participate.

This will be the last column until I get back from my annual fall trip. I am beginning to look at what to pack, arrange business like who brings soups to Stone Soup and more. Sometimes it is harder to go on vacation than not. However, fall is here and my turn to travel east approaches. I will fly to Ohio and visit my long time friend for a couple of weeks and then reopen Books & More on Oct. 11. Keep the fires and bad weather at bay, please.

Look Back in Time- In 1899 Forbestown School had 43 students and Miss Kate E. Fry was the teacher. That would be a large class today and it was many grades (now it is the area of the museum). ★

*Hope to see you soon in Brownsville. Yvonne*

## Landmarks Commission Says, “Thank You” to the Community

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

**NEVADA CITY, CA (MPG)** - Thank You, Jones Hospital Babies and Staff! With your generosity, we have met our goal. So, there is no need for further contributions. We are hoping for a dedication ceremony in mid-October. Details will follow. A special thanks to the media for getting the

word out. If you have questions, contact Kathy Hillis at (530) 263-4963.

*The purpose of the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission is to promote the general welfare of Nevada County and its citizens through official recognition, recording, marking, preserving and promoting the historical resources of Nevada County. For more information, please call (415) 264-7230. ★*

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**PIKE** – Claudia Pike, 79, of Yuba City, passed away September 9, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**MILLER** – Melvin Miller, 80, of Olivehurst, passed away September 10, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**GUTIERREZ** – Sharon Gutierrez, 78, of Olivehurst, passed away September 13, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**NICHOLS** – Leo Nichols, 85, of Marysville, passed away September 15, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**SANDERS** – Lucille Sanders, 85, of Olivehurst, passed away September 15, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**GUESS** – Stuart Guess, 68, of Marysville, passed away September 16, 2023. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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cuddles. I would love to find a furever home!  
See you soon!

Hi, I'm Kaya. I am sweet, well-man-  
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home. I am a four month old border col-  
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a month and a half! I am very affection-  
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every chance I get! I am learning man-  
ners to be crate trained, but I do know my  
name, how to sit, and lay down. Luckily,  
I am currently in a foster home where I  
am getting loved on in the meantime by  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF SATURNINO NAVARRO  
AKA SATURNINO D. NAVARRO  
Case NO. PRPB23-00119

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

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: SHELDON C. HADLEY  
230 5TH STREET  
MARYSVILLE, CA 95901  
Phone No.: 530-743-4455  
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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.

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DATE: 8/29/2023

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst 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 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:

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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)

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.statenationalhelp.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](mailto:ysedc@ysedc.org) for any questions.



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-287

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Sweet Escape**  
1319 Covillaud St.  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
Amy Freeman  
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# First Decision Signed, Bid Solicitation Open for Part of Community Protection Project

## Plumas National Forest News Release

**QUINCY, CA (MPG)** - The week of September 10-16, the first decision for the Community Protection – Central and West Slope Project was signed and published and the Spirit G-Z Integrated Resource Service Contract (IRSC) solicitation for bids started.

The first phase of the project is under an approved emergency authorization for the geographic area of La Porte and the greater Mohawk area. This includes the communities of La Porte, Graeagle, Blairsden, Cromberg and the area southwest of Portola. The Spirit G-Z IRSC solicitation is open for 60 days and treats approximately 70,000 acres.

“The Plumas National Forest and our communities have been impacted by catastrophic wildfires over the past several years,” said Forest Supervisor Chris Carlton. “There is an urgent need for fuel reduction and forest health restoration to help protect communities in and around the Forest and this first decision is the start for critical treatment for our mountain towns and residents.”

The emergency authorization was approved by the Chief of the Forest Service for the 217,721-acre Central and West Zone Project a few weeks ago.

Plumas National Forest leadership determined that a phased decision approach to the Community Protection – Central and West Slope Project Environmental Assessment was best.

“We are grateful for the emergency

authority so we can start work to protect communities in the La Porte and greater Mohawk areas while continuing to address public feedback on the remaining 147,796 acres of the project area,” Carlton said.

“I want to acknowledge that use of an emergency authority causes concern among some of our stakeholders,” Carlton said. “While I strongly believe this emergency action responds to the crisis we face, our team worked hard to incorporate comments and make adjustments to the final decision that recognize those concerns. I look forward to working with all commenters through the objection process as we move toward a decision for the rest of the landscape in the near future.”

Treatment in the Spirit G-Z IRSC includes more than 54,000 acres of mechanical thinning and nearly 14,000 acres of manual thinning, with prescribed burning as a follow-up treatment in both areas and as the only treatment on approximately 2,000 acres.

Work is focused in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) as part of community protection efforts.

“Our local area has been extremely fortunate over the past two years to have some relief from wildfire, allowing us to focus on community protection and forest recovery,” Carlton said. “While recovery is important, protecting our communities is the highest priority and we are happy to be making this step from planning towards implementation and getting meaningful work done on the ground.”

To increase capacity to accomplish landscape scale community protection, the Plumas National Forest is working with partners in the planning and implementation process.

Planning for the Community Protection – Central and West Slope Project is being done in partnership with Great Basin Institute.

“The partnership with Great Basin Institute has been a tremendous help as we work on not only this project, but a similar effort for community protection on the east side of the Forest and the planning effort for post-fire recovery,” Carlton said. “We truly appreciate their commitment throughout this process and support as we work together on the Environmental Assessment.”

For more information about the Central and West Slope Project, including the first signed decision, please visit the project webpage at [www.fs.usda.gov/project/plumas/?project=62873](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/plumas/?project=62873).

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In January 2022, recognizing the need to address the wildfire crisis immediately threatening communities, the Wildfire Crisis Strategy was launched by the U.S. Forest Service. Since then, 21 landscapes have been identified nationally for targeted investments.

The Community Protection Project on the Plumas was announced as a WCS Landscape in January 2023.

The project is intended to focus on treatments to protect more than 41 communities in and around the Plumas National Forest from the risk of wildfire through fuel reduction and restoration of fire-adapted forests.

For more information on the Plumas National Forest, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/plumas](http://www.fs.usda.gov/plumas) or follow the Forest on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/USFSPlumas](https://www.facebook.com/USFSPlumas) ★

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public meeting will be held before the Plumas Lake Design Review Committee (PLDRC) on Thursday, October 5th, at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter via Zoom. In compliance with Government Code section 54953(e), members of the PLDRC and members of the public may participate in the meeting by teleconference via Zoom to consider the following:

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**DREV-23-0002:** A request by Richmond American Homes for consideration of a Master Design Review Plan and overall conceptual architectural and site design for 162 lots of the Leak Subdivision (TSTM2002-00598). The project site is located west of River Oaks Blvd, on the central portion of the Plumas Lake Specific Plan.

Any person wishing to testify on the above project may appear before the **PLDRC** at the prescribed time via Zoom 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 meeting the project file is available for inspection at the same address. If you have any questions, you may contact Ciara Fisher, Planner III at (530) 749-5470.

The **PLDRC's** action on the project may be appealed by any interested person to the Board of Supervisors by filing a written appeal with the Clerk of the Board within 10 days following the **PLDRC'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.

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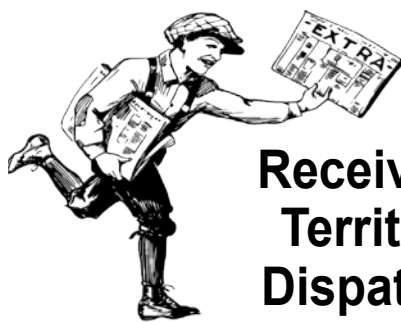
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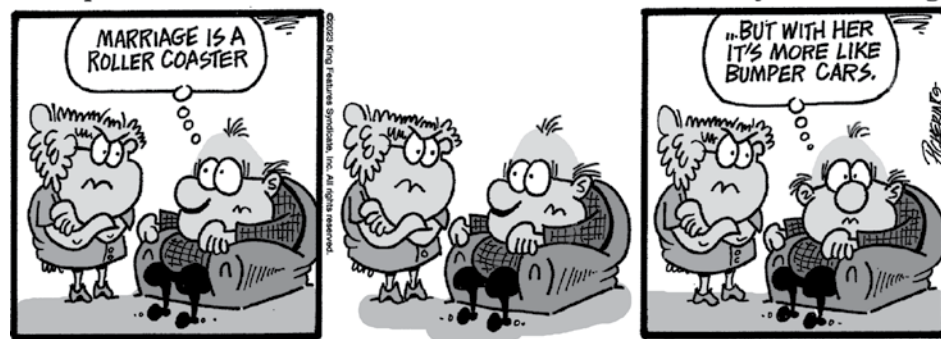
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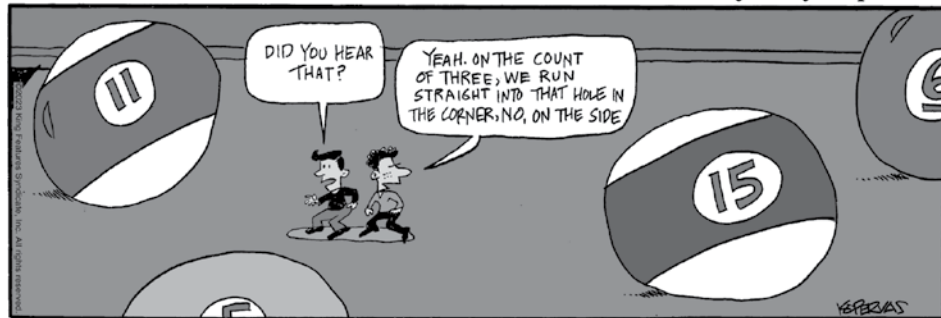
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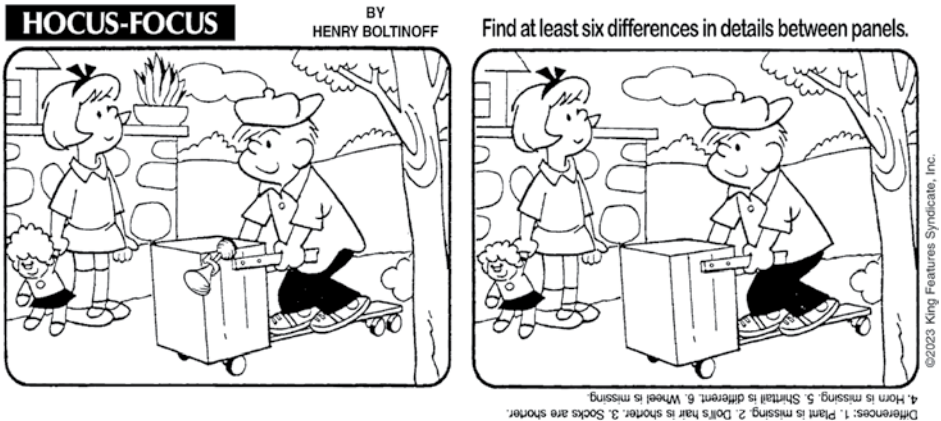
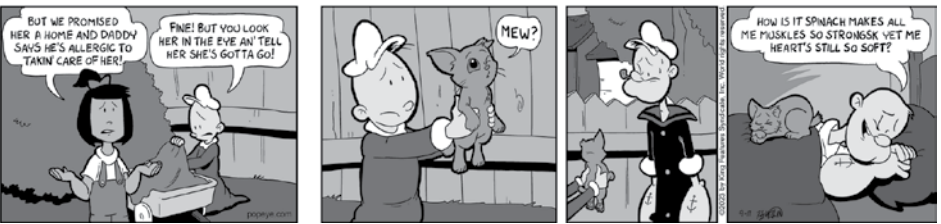
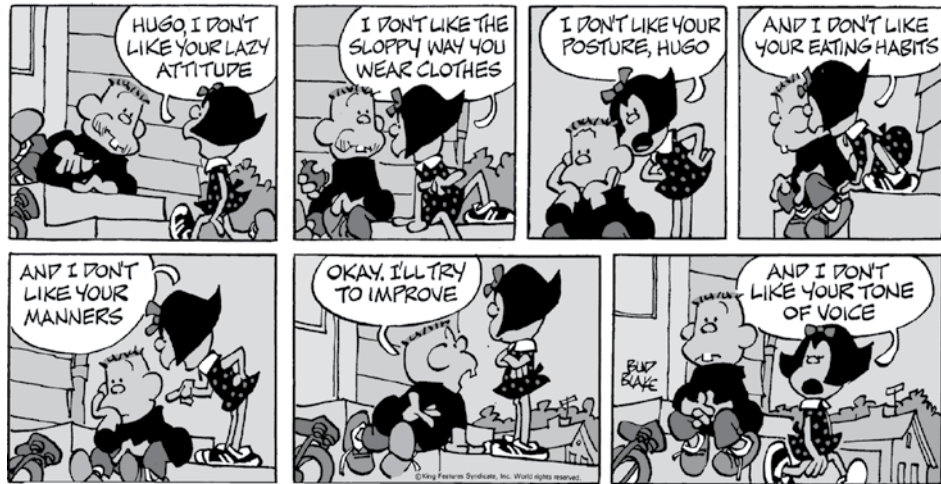
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# Yuba City Blown Out to Open CVC



Yuba City senior wide receiver Xavier Butler (5) tries to break a tackle in the Honkers 62-0 loss versus Inderkum on Saturday, September 16.

**Story by Steven Bryla,  
photo by Chris Pedigo**

**YUBA CITY, (MPG)** - The Yuba City Honkers football team didn't begin their Capital Valley Conference play the way they wanted as they got shutout by the Inderkum Tigers 62-0 on Saturday, September 16.

The game was clearly out of reach and over by halftime as Yuba City was already down 35-0.

Inderkum junior quarterback Ricky Cole owned the Honkers secondary as he tossed six touchdown passes on the night with 316 passing yards on 23

completions.

The impressive numbers only added to how many different receivers he had involved on the night as nine different receivers caught a pass from Cole and five different ones for a touchdown.

The 539 yards of offense the Yuba City defense gave up were the most they have given up this season and the most since the Honkers loss to Grant last season in the second round of the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division III playoffs where they nearly gave up 500 yards of offense.

Tigers junior running

back Kyle Gurganious led the Tigers with 85 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown in the game. Additionally, both of Gurganious's receptions were touchdown receptions from Cole.

Yuba City (2-3, 0-1 CVC) head coach Willie Burns expressed to the Dispatch that Inderkum exploited their weaknesses and never let up on the deep ball.

The deep ball coverage was one of the biggest things Burns told the Dispatch preseason he would try and focus on, but ultimately it was the bread

and butter for the Tigers last Saturday.

"This was a bad game for us and a revenge game for them," Burns said. Burns added that when they figured out the pattern of being able to go deep, it snowballed for the rest of the night.

The revenge game aspect reflects back to last season when the Honkers defeated Inderkum 14-7 to open CVC play last season.

Burns told the Dispatch it's back to the drawing board as Yuba City has lost three games in a row, but before jumping on anyone the combined record of

Pleasant Valley of Chico, Chico and Inderkum following the conclusion of games this past Saturday was 10-2.

There's no question Yuba City has played a hard schedule, but that's how it has been since they joined the CVC.

"We need to play better that's all there is too it," Burns said. "Offensively we need to pick up the blitz."

Burns said they need to realize what they are good at as a team overall and fix the flaws.

"Everyone is going to have a bad game, but

it's how you respond and bounce back from that," Burns said.

The Honkers travel to Roseville tonight where they are a 50/50 pass/run team and have the availability to get the ball deep downfield in the passing game.

Although Yuba City made the playoffs with four wins last season, they can't bank on that to be same result again if they reach that amount of wins. Burns told the Dispatch it's time to get back to work and give it all they have as a squad. ★

# Lady Honkers Make Comeback, Lady Falcons Show Fight

**Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla**

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Capital Valley Conference matchup between the Yuba City rival schools showed heart, pride and brought excitement as it took the Lady Honkers five sets (18-25, 16-25, 28-26, 26-25, 15-12) to beat the River Valley Lady Falcons on Tuesday, September 12.

River Valley came out ready to give it their all and you could tell they stunned Yuba City as they owned the first two sets as they jumped out to a sizeable and comfortable lead. The Lady Falcons had great starts in the first four sets while the Lady Honkers had the better start to the fifth and final set.

Yuba City (7-7, 2-1 CVC) head coach Jenny Dove expressed to the Dispatch that she couldn't recognize where her team was on the court when they started the match against River Valley.

The Lady Honkers started CVC play at Woodcreek on September 5 and Dove told the Dispatch she left the match completely satisfied leaving the match that night.

"We played Woodcreek really well and even though we lost, I walked out of the gym happy with my team because of the way they left everything on the floor," Dove said.

Dove added that in the pregame prep against the

Lady Falcons, her team had a horrible warmup and it translated over to the floor in the match.

River Valley (3-9, 0-3 CVC) head coach Kellie Tongson expressed to the Dispatch how proud she was of her team and how they fought through the night with a lot of grit.

"They put up one hell of a fight, they played together and that is all I can ask," Tongson said.

After the Lady Falcons took the second set decisively, the Yuba City section was silent and the River Valley fans let them hear they weren't going to be a pushover. Lady Falcons junior outside/middle hitter Claudia Dudek told the Dispatch the vibe was right and the first two sets put them in a great position to take the match.

The Lady Honkers dug deep in between the second and third sets and they eventually woke up as they grinded out the third and fourth sets into extra points. As the match was tied at two apiece, both sides were chattering back and forth and it was clear the intensity in the gym transferred over to the court as the athletes let out screams of excitement every point scored.

In the fifth and deciding set, Yuba City jumped out to a few point lead before River Valley clawed their way back into the mix and the Lady Honkers

eventually won the final set and match to win their sixth consecutive match over the Lady Falcons.

Yuba City sophomore middle hitter Chloe Gonzales led the way with 10 kills along with two digs. Senior Libero Mattie Gonzales had 23 digs while senior setter Olivia Louis had 24 assists and 12 digs in the match.

Dove expressed to the Dispatch that in order for the Lady Honkers to make the playoffs this year, they need to take care of the teams they should beat. River Valley and Bella Vista were two teams named by Dove that they should beat during their CVC play as Yuba City missed the playoffs by one game last season despite their 7-5 record and a fourth place finish in the CVC.

"I'm thankful we were able to come back tonight and pull it off, but I'm not happy with how we played," Dove said.

The Lady Honkers traveled to Bella Vista this past Tuesday and hosted Roseville last night while the Lady Falcons searched for their first CVC in since last season when they beat Antelope on September 29, 2022 as they traveled to Inderkum on Tuesday and Bella Vista last night.

The next match up between these two cross-town rivals is on Thursday, October 5 at River Valley. ★



The River Valley Lady Falcons celebrate an ace in the fourth set of their loss to Yuba City on Tuesday, September 12.



Yuba City junior defensive specialist Tori Hernandez (6) tips the ball in the Lady Honkers victory over River Valley on Tuesday, September 12.





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– Gary

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Dave Ramsey Says

you and their mom have worked hard, been smart with your money, and that's why you're in the position you're in.

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Another thing we did was based in our faith. As Christians, we taught our kids that we don't really own anything. It all belongs to God, and one of our jobs is to wisely manage the things He entrusts to us. The first rule is to take care of your own household—the important stuff. After that, it's okay to have some

nice things, but it's not all about fun. It's also about thoughtful giving and being generous.

As a parent, your job isn't to be a buddy to your kids. It's not to give them every little thing they want, and make sure they're running around carefree and playing every hour of the day. Your job is to teach them about the important things in life, and over time, mold them into mature, responsible human beings who can survive—and succeed—in the real world.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions. ★



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- Bright sun puts them down, fish early or late on cloudy days.

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Party boats, six-pacs and sportfishermen continue taking limits of delicious halibut. Try: Live Anchovy. (b) Best summer ever for stripers: West Bank, Dekker / Hobo Beach, Sherman Island and Broad Slough. Shallow trolling... 27 keepers to 26"/7 lbs.. One 14 pounder. Try: Rattletrap. (b) Fisherman Abe, caught 2-stripers of 1-peck each, while the crew of three landed limits of stripers of 6-pecks. [Ans: Abe 20 lbs. Crew 60 lbs.]

COASTAL WATERS

Monterey Bay rock fishing only allowed in deep 300ft + waters. Party boats catching 140 rock fish and 1- lingcod. Try: Tray Bait. (b)

LAKES RESERVOIRS

Lake Davis bank anglers catching 3- lb. Brown Trout at Camp Five. Try: Power Bait. (a) Netting nice rainbow trout to 2- pounds in main body of Folsom Lake. Follow the bait fish. Try: Speedy Shiner. (b) Spotted bass in Lake Oroville are



Fluke

stuffed with 2" pond smelt. Troll mid depths to 40 ft. Try: Fluke (a) Opossum shrimp are targeted by nice 7 lb. mackinaws at Lake Tahoe. Trolling slow at 120-240 ft. Try: Rapalas (a) Little Grass Valley Lake night fishing for rainbow trout. Find the shad bait fish balls first. 9 pm-12 pm drop the light to 32 inches deep. Try: Nightcrawlers on #2 hooks with Pautzke's Firebait. (b) Prosser Reservoir; fun fishing for ancient Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. Caught and released 25 Cutts of 14"-21". Shallow trolling...Try: Spoons behind Dodgers. (b)

RIVERS

Truckee River confluence at Boca Reservoir to Reno/Nev. Is fishing well



Sculpin

for rainbow trout. Try: olive or orange Sculpin streamer. (b)

Another guide, "Boondoggle"  
~ Brownie



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**Hilary's Wake Leaves Huge Losses For Table Grape Growers**

California table grape growers in Kern and Tulare counties suffered major crop losses last month when Tropical Storm Hilary slammed vineyards as they neared the peak of harvest season. With about a third of the crop harvested before the storm hit, California Table Grape Commission estimated the wind and rain damaged 35% of the grapes that remained on vines, or around 25 million boxes. The boxes hold about 21 pounds of grapes each. Western Ag Crop Insurance Services, which surveyed the damage to table grape crops, said more than 60 million boxes may have been destroyed.

**Farmers, Water Districts Seek Solutions In and Out of Court In Flows Fight**

Central Valley water districts are working to achieve a more holistic approach for San Joaquin River fisheries through voluntary agreements, while also pursuing court challenges to a state plan on downstream flows for fish. Central to the issue is a plan adopted in 2018 by the California State Water Resources Control Board that requires affected water users to leave unimpaired flows of 30% to 50% in three San Joaquin tributaries, the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced rivers. Water districts and farmers have protested the plan, saying it cuts water supplies while doing little to help fish.

**Farm Groups Say New 'Waters of the United States' Rule Remains Problematic**

After the U.S. Supreme Court set boundaries for what bodies of water the federal government can regulate, some farm groups say they're disappointed a revised rule meant to conform to the court ruling fails to bring clarity and certainty to agricultural landowners. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a final, modified WOTUS rule last month. It took effect last week. Farm groups had hoped that the Biden administration would instead scrap its existing rule altogether and write a completely new one.

**California Almond, Walnut Exports Boosted As India Lifts Tariffs**

India has formally removed retaliatory tariffs on some U.S. farm products that made almonds and walnuts from California less competitive. Duties on almonds, walnuts, apples, chickpeas and lentils were lifted Sept. 6. The tariffs were eliminated two days before President Joe Biden's meeting last week with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of the Group of 20 economic summit in New Delhi. Almond exports to India alone represent 46% of all U.S. agricultural exports. The Indian tariffs were a response to 2019 U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum. ★



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