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Yuba River Endowment Donates to Marysville Food Pantry



First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry Coordinator, Judy McLeod, stands with the donated children's gifts. Photo courtesy of Yuba River Endowment

**Yuba River Endowment
News Release**

MARYSVILLE, CA (MP) - Yuba River Endowment representatives presented the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry of Marysville with Christmas gifts for the children served by the pantry, and an additional cash donation, totaling \$2500.

The total donation will ensure each of the children served during the Food Pantry's holiday distribution will receive a toy plus a hat and mitten set.

The Yuba River Endowment is a non-profit organization created by Yuba County farmers. Since formation in 2019, the Endowment has donated

over \$650,000 to local organizations, including the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank, the Veterans Stand Down and all Yuba County FFA and 4-H programs.

"We always try and give each child a present in their holiday food basket," said Pantry Coordinator, Judy McLeod. "For several years now the Endowment has answered our prayers with a donation of the gifts and additional funds. The need is as great this year as in the past. We are truly humbled by the Endowment's generosity."

During their weekly food distribution event, the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry serves 100 to 120 families, and about 40 homeless. The pantry is located at 1905-C Covillard

Street in Marysville, and distributes each Friday from 10am - 12pm. The pantry is staffed by volunteers and funded through donations from church members and community grants.

"Our motto for the Endowment is 'Local Farmers Giving Back'," said local farmer and Yuba River Endowment Board Member, Steve Waltz. "As farmers, there is no better way for us to give back than to feed folks during the holidays and make sure that as many children as possible have a special gift to open on Christmas morning."

To donate to the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, call (530) 742-5541. ★

**Yuba Water
Agency Board of
Directors Names
Chairman and
Vice-Chairman
for 2024**



Jon Messick. Photo courtesy of YWA

**Yuba Water Agency
News Release**

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - During its first meeting of the year on Jan. 2, Yuba Water Agency's Board of Directors named Jon Messick as chairman and Gary Bradford as vice-chairman for 2024. The board voted unanimously on both positions.

"I appreciate the board's vote of confidence to lead this year," Messick said. "There are some really big, really important efforts all coming to fruition this year, and I'm honored to be trusted with a leadership role as we advance strategic priorities that will have a lasting impact on Yuba County."

Yuba Water's seven-member governing board is comprised of all five members of Yuba County's board of supervisors, plus two at-large, elected positions representing North and South Yuba County. Messick joined the agency's board in 2023 following his election to the Yuba County board of supervisors representing District 5, which includes Yuba County's foothill communities.

Bradford was named vice-chairman after serving as chair for the past two years. Bradford has served on the board since 2017 through his role as a Yuba County supervisor representing District 4, which includes Plumas Lake and Wheatland.

Yuba Water's board works with the agency's general manager to set policy and make decisions related to the agency's missions of flood risk reduction, water supply reliability, fish habitat protection and enhancement, hydroelectric power generation and recreation at New Bullards Bar Reservoir. Their work is guided by a five-year strategic plan.

Learn more about Yuba Water's board of directors and missions at yubawater.org. ★

First Snow Survey of the Season Finds Below Average Conditions

DWR Special Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted the first snow survey of the season on January 2, 2023, at Phillips Station. The manual survey recorded 7.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 3 inches, which is 30 percent of average for this location. The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of DWR's water supply forecast. Statewide the snowpack is 25 percent of average for this date.

After one of the largest snowpacks on record last season, the start of this water year has been dry despite some recent



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storms in the last weeks of December that provided a small boost in the snowpack. While state reservoirs are still above average for this time of

year and strong El Niño conditions are present in the Pacific Ocean, the outlook for the rest of the winter remains highly uncertain.

"California saw firsthand last year how historic drought conditions can quickly give way to unprecedented. Continued on page 2



First Snow Survey of the Season Finds Below Average Conditions

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 dangerous flooding,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “Although El Niño does not guarantee an above average water year, California is preparing for the possibility of more extreme storms while increasing our climate resilience for the next drought.”

DWR’s electronic readings from 130 stations placed throughout the state indicate that the statewide snowpack’s snow water equivalent is 2.5 inches, or 25 percent of average for this date, compared to 185 percent on this date last year.

“While we are glad the recent storms brought a small boost to the snowpack, the dry fall and below average conditions today shows how fast water conditions can change,” said DWR’s Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager Sean de Guzman. “It’s still far too early to say what kind of water year we will have, and it will be important for Californians to pay attention to their forecasts and conserve water, rain or shine.”

Last year, California experienced climate whiplash when the driest three year-period on record ended with extreme storm events in January and March that caused damage and flooding across the state. These extreme weather events highlight the need for all Californians to prepare for flood risk. DWR is working with tribal, federal, state, and local partners to provide flood resources and training to communities across the state.

The State-Federal Flood Operations Center (FOC) has pre-positioned flood fight materials at more locations across the state and is starting this winter with more supplies on hand, including 2.2 million more sandbags. This fall, DWR

coordinated pre-flood season meetings with emergency response agencies across the state and organized 38 flood-fight trainings for city, county, state and tribal agencies to prepare for possible local emergencies.

One year ago, the January survey at the Phillips location showed a water content of 177 percent of average and was followed by a series of damaging atmospheric river storms in January and March that caused flood impacts across the state and produced one of the largest snowpacks on record.

In addition to deploying resources including over 1.9 million sandbags across the state last year, the FOC coordinated a joint state, federal and local response to snowmelt-driven flooding concerns and prepared for the historic snowmelt by providing hydraulic and hydrologic modeling and snowmelt forecasts that allowed agencies to deploy resources, reinforce levees and protect communities.

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California’s water needs. Its natural ability to store water is why the Sierra snowpack is often referred to as California’s “frozen reservoir.” Data from these snow surveys and forecasts produced by DWR’s Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit are important factors in determining how DWR manages the state’s water resources. Due to last year’s above average conditions and historic snowpack, a total of 3.5 million acre-feet of water was captured in State Water Project (SWP) reservoirs. Lake Oroville, the SWP’s largest reservoir, is currently at 130 percent of average to date and state water managers are prepared to capture and store as much water as possible. ★

Unlocking a Long-Hidden Mystery of a Virus That Attacks Ag Crops



UC Davis distinguished professor Dianne Ullman, outside Sauve, France. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

By Kathy Keatley Garvey, UC Davis

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - When UC Davis distinguished professor Diane Ullman of the Department of Entomology and Nematology headed to France on a 2018-19 Fulbright grant to conduct research on tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV) with her colleagues, she hoped it would lead to important discoveries to help combat plant viruses that attack agricultural crops.

It did: their research revealed how TSWV (family *Tospoviridae*, order *Bunyavirales*) packages its RNA genome, a crucial step in virus infection.

Their newly published research, “The Genome of a Bunyavirus Cannot be Defined at the Level of the Viral Particle But Only at the Scale of the Viral Population,” appears in the current edition of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS).

The 18-member research team included scientists primarily from the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE) at the Campus International de Baillarguet, Montpellier; Department of Entomology, University of Wisconsin; and the Department of Entomology and Nematology, University of California, Davis.

“Our work showed the genome of TSWV can only be defined at the population level, pointing at emerging properties when viral particles infect plants in groups,” said a key author Stéphane Blanc, research director of INRAE’s Biology and Genetics of Plant-Pathogen Interactions. “As most virions contain an incomplete genome, TSWV is a multi-component viral system, where co-infection and complementation are key in the life cycle. These findings open a myriad of possibly distinct properties depending on the genetic composition of the group of virions co-infecting a cell.”

“The most challenging part of this work was to create a protocol reliably

quantifying the two polarities of each segment,” said lead author Michel Yvon of INRAE. “The next important advance will be to demonstrate that co-infection of cells by a group of particles is key to the spread of infection.”

Ullman, an international authority on orthotospoviruses and one of the four main authors, took a sabbatical to work on the project. “My interest was in understanding how TSWV packaged its RNA genome,” she said. “While this sounds like a simple goal, it is quite complex because TSWV has negative sense and ambisense viral strands and many research tools common to studying other viruses, such as infectious clones were not available.”

TSWV is transmitted by thrips, tiny insects with fringed wings. “Orthotospoviruses cause serious damage to many important crops, including tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, peanuts, and many others,” Ullman said. “The orthotospoviruses are enveloped negative or ambisense single stranded RNA viruses with a genome divided into several segments. For many years, graphical views of viral particles have shown a virion packaging one copy of each genomic segment in a polarity named the viral strand. Various observations suggested this scenario may not represent reality, but these studies were often focused on other questions or did not use accurate quantitative methods.”

“It was a delight to work with the fantastic team of scientists that Stéphane assembled, all very talented with skills in virology, cryoelectron microscopy and nanopore PCR,” Ullman commented. “I cannot imagine a more talented and diverse group of people to conduct this difficult work. I learned a great deal about virus purification from Michel Yvon, whose leadership, skills in virology, and patient teaching really moved our project forward.”

“The intellectual and research contributions of our colleague, the late Thomas German of the University of Wisconsin (second author) were too numerous to recount,” Ullman said. “His cloning of the six possible RNA segments made reliable quantification of the two polarities of each segment, key to this research, possible. In addition, his enthusiasm for science motivated the entire research team and propelled us all forward. The outcomes of our collaboration challenge dogma around how these viruses infect plants and insects, how their populations evolve, and even the terminology describing their biology.”

German, professor emeritus and former chair of both the Departments of Plant Pathology and Entomology at the University of Wisconsin, died Aug. 27, 2023 at age 82.

See more at <https://tinyurl.com/yeyuxy5b>

See PNAS paper at <https://tinyurl.com/5hj5a2tv> ★

Electronic Logging Device Required for Drivers of Regulated Commercial Vehicles

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In an effort to create consistency between state and federal regulations while simultaneously enhancing commercial vehicle safety across California, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has amended the California Code of Regulations (CCR) to require *intrastate* motor carriers and drivers to use an electronic logging device (ELD) to record a driver’s record of duty status (RODS) when operating commercial motor vehicles subject to hours-of-service regulations.

Since Dec. 18, 2017, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations have required interstate motor carriers and drivers to use an ELD to record a driver’s RODS in accordance with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 395, Subpart B, unless otherwise exempted. Since then, the CHP has worked to align state regulations with federal ELD regulations and has engaged with a variety of interested parties, including motor carriers, commercial motor

vehicle drivers, media, and public interest groups. The CHP received significant input during three separate public comment periods and conducted numerous presentations, which included the 2019, 2021, and 2023 Commercial Vehicle Safety Summits, to advise the affected industry of the upcoming changes.

The regulations, which will be effective Jan. 1, 2024, outline the applicability, requirements, and exceptions to the use of ELDs for *intrastate* motor carriers and drivers. Affected parties are encouraged to review the applicable sections, specifically Title 13, CCR, Division 2, Chapter 6.5, Sections 1213 and 1213.3, by visiting the official CCR website.

Additional information is available on the CHP’s website under *Regulatory Actions* and an *Intrastate Electronic Logging Devices webpage* under Programs and Services. Questions regarding the ELD regulations may be directed to the California Highway Patrol, Commercial Vehicle Section, at (916) 843-3400. ★

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Kevin Patrick Kiley Marries Chelsee Gardner



Kevin Patrick Kiley and Chelsee Lee Gardner were married on December 30th, 2023. Photo courtesy Office of Representative Kiley

Office of Representative Kiley News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - The Office of Representative Kiley is delighted to announce that he and Chelsee Gardner were married on December 30th, 2023. The ceremony took place at Pioneer Church in Auburn, California, the oldest church in Placer County.

The bride, Chelsee Lee Gardner, was raised in the small town of Rio Oso, California, and moved to Rocklin, California, in 2011. She works at Agape International Missions, a nonprofit devoted to the fight against sex trafficking.

The groom, Kevin Patrick Kiley, is also from the greater Sacramento area and was raised in Orangevale and Granite Bay. He currently represents California's 3rd Congressional District as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Chelsee and Kevin met at a community event in Rocklin, California, celebrating the Fourth of July. Kevin proposed to Chelsee in the summer of 2023 in the same park where they first met.

They are grateful for the love and support they receive from their family and friends as they embark on this journey together as husband and wife. The couple will reside in Roseville. ★

CHP New Traffic Safety Laws

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is educating the public on traffic safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative session and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. The laws referenced below take effect on Jan. 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

Vehicles: Registration - AB 256 (Dixon)

Existing law requires current month and year tabs to be displayed on the registered vehicle's rear license plate. Beginning July 1, 2024, and until Jan. 1, 2030, a violation of vehicle registration shall not be the sole basis for any enforcement action before the second month after the month of expiration of a vehicle's registration. However, if a vehicle is stopped for any other Vehicle Code violation, enforcement action for a violation of vehicle registration may be taken before the second month following the month of expiration. Late registration fees from the Department of Motor Vehicles will still apply.

Vehicle Removal: Expired Registration (AB 925, Ta)

Requires a peace officer or traffic enforcement official to verify the lack of current vehicle registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles before towing a vehicle for expired registration longer than six months and prohibits the vehicle from being towed if the officer or traffic enforcement official does not have immediate access to those records.

Vehicles: Speed Safety System Pilot Program - AB 645 (Friedman)

The cities of Los Angeles, Oakland, San Jose, Glendale, Long Beach, and the City and County of San Francisco may install a limited number of cameras to enforce speed limits for a five-year pilot period in school zones and designated "safety corridors" – locations that have a high occurrence of fatal and injury crashes – and areas known for illegal street racing. Recorded violations will be subject to a civil penalty.

Vehicles: Stopping, Standing, and Parking - AB 413 (Lee)

Designed to increase visibility at crosswalks, this law prohibits parking or stopping a vehicle along a curb at least 20 feet from a marked crosswalk or 15 feet of a crosswalk where a curb extension is present. The regulation only applies to the side of the road of the vehicle's approach to the crosswalk. Local jurisdictions may establish different distances through local ordinances by marking areas with signs or paint.

Cruising - AB 436 (Alvarez)

The law removes city and county authority to regulate cruising via local ordinances. Additionally, the law legalizes "lowrider" vehicles to cruise California's streets, by removing the height restriction on lowered vehicles.

Automobile Dismantlers: Catalytic Converters - AB 641 (Fong)

This law redefined an automobile dismantler to include individuals in possession of nine or more catalytic converters.

Additionally, the law creates penalties for individuals illegally acting as an automobile dismantler. Individuals and businesses who have a legitimate purpose for having catalytic converters, such as repair shops, will be excluded from penalty.

Vehicles: Catalytic Converters - AB 1519 (Bains)

This law makes it illegal to remove a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) marking from a catalytic converter. It also makes it illegal to possess three or more catalytic converters that have had their VIN markings removed.

Vehicles: Catalytic Converters - SB 55 (Umberg)

This law requires a motor vehicle dealer or retailer to have the catalytic converter engraved or etched with the VIN before a new or used truck or car is sold. The law does allow for the purchaser to decline having the VIN etched or engraved on the catalytic converter.

Emergency Notification: Ebony Alert: Missing Black Young - SB 673 (Bradford)

This legislation establishes the "Ebony Alert," which allows law enforcement agencies to request the CHP to activate an alert for Black youth, including young women and girls between 12 to 25 years of age, who are reported missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances, at risk, developmentally disabled, cognitively impaired, or who have been abducted.

Emergency Services: Endangered Missing Advisory - AB 946 (Nguyen)

This new law will aid in the recovery of missing persons who do not meet the age restrictions associated with the AMBER and Silver Alerts. The new law authorizes law enforcement agencies to request the CHP activate the "Endangered Missing Advisory" for public distribution of missing person information within appropriate geographical areas when specific criteria is met.

Vehicle Safety Regulations - SB 68 (McGuire)

This law authorizes the CHP to establish rules and regulations allowing commercial vehicles capable of carrying more than 500 gallons of fuel to exceed the standard 10 hours-of-service limit during Governor-declared State of Emergencies. The exception only applies for the purpose of vehicles transporting fuel for refueling aircraft used in emergency-related activities, including fire suppression.

Pupil Transportation: Driver Qualifications - SB 88 (Skinner)

This law will require drivers and their vehicles which are used by a local educational agency to provide pupil transportation for compensation, to meet certain safety requirements.

Vehicles: Zero-Emission School Buses: Signage - SB 775 (Padilla)

This law authorizes a school district, county office of education, or charter school using a zero-emission school bus to transport pupils at or below the 12th-grade level to place signage on the rear of the zero-emission school bus that identifies the school bus as a clean air zero-emission bus. It also authorizes the CHP to issue guidelines governing the size and placement of that signage.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★

Outdoor Journaling and Art Experiences

Next Up, Empire Mine State Historic Park



The Empire Mine park trail. Photo courtesy of YSAC

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is proud to announce the continuation of its free, outdoor nature programs geared toward getting the community outside to enjoy guided hiking, art, and journaling adventures. It is all made possible thanks to a \$200,000 Outdoor Equity Program Grant it recently received from the California State Parks & Recreation Department. The funding is part of a California State Parks statewide initiative that has provided \$57 million in grant funding to 125 communities, including Yuba-Sutter, to help advance its "Outdoor Access for All" initiative. The funding helps establish hubs for local activities and trips to natural areas for underserved communities.

The next adventure will be held on Saturday, January 20, to the Empire Mine State Historic Park from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Meet at Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, 624 E Street in Marysville to pick up supplies and organize carpools. Located in Grass Valley, Empire Mine consists of over 800 acres and 14 miles of trails. The event includes time for nature instruction and journaling, sketching, and photography. The hike



The Empire Mine owner's home. Photo courtesy of YSAC

will include the Upper and Lower Union and Indian Ridge Loop, a total of 3.8 miles. A visitor center, gift shop, and guided tours of the mine itself are available for any who wants to extend the day. Art supplies and snacks are all provided. The event will be held rain or shine. If it rains, the hike will be shortened, and indoor areas of the park will be explored.

Last year's near-sold-out experiences included guided trips to the Sutter Buttes, South Yuba River State Park, Table Mountain, Hidden Falls, Fairy Falls, Grey Lodge, and Ellis Lake. These trips are free of charge and park admission fees, supplies, and snacks are included. Pre-registration is required at yubasutterarts.org. You will receive a list of what else you will need to bring once you register. There is a refundable \$10 per person fee at the time of registration. Participants

will receive a cash refund upon arrival. There are no refunds for no-shows. This new rule is necessary due to the number of no-shows last year which caused organizers to turn away others wishing to attend once we reached trip capacity.

Why is access to the outdoors important? Nature is a public good that's crucial for adults as well as children's health and well-being. Scientists estimate that every \$1 spent on creating and maintaining park trails can save almost \$3 in health care alone. Additional studies show that access to parks and greenspace can increase children's physical activity, reduce stress in children, and improve academic performance.

Announcements about further 2024 outdoor art adventures will be made soon. For updates follow Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture on Facebook, go to yubasutterarts.org, or call 530-742-ARTS (2787). ★

National Average Price of Gas Projected to See Yearly Decline in 2024

GasBuddy News Release

DALLAS, CA (MPG) - GasBuddy, a PDI company, today released its annual Fuel Price Outlook with some good news for drivers: expect lower gasoline and diesel prices in 2024. The outlook highlights key trends in gasoline and diesel prices, forecasting that, after two years of above average gas prices, 2024 will bring relief at the pump for consumers as several factors contribute to less of a pinch at the pump. GasBuddy expects the yearly national average will drop from \$3.51 per gallon this year to \$3.38 in 2024.

Highlights from GasBuddy's 2024 Fuel Outlook:

Gas prices still could fall below a national average of \$3 per gallon this winter before starting to rise in late-February, getting close to \$4 per gallon as summer approaches, then mildly declining into summer, with hurricane season presenting uncertainty in late summer.

Drivers in some California cities could again briefly see prices above \$6 per gallon if major refinery issues develop during the summer, although most major U.S. cities will see prices peak at or slightly below \$4 per gallon in 2024.

Americans are expected to spend a combined \$446.9 billion on gasoline in 2024. Average yearly spending per household will fall to an estimated \$2,407, down 2% from 2023, and over 12% less compared to 2022.

Electric vehicles (EVs) and the 2024

presidential election have the potential to impact fuel prices in the year ahead, with a potential slowdown in the EV transition at stake.

Memorial Day will be the priciest 2024 holiday at the pump, with the national average price of gasoline expected to be \$3.56-\$4.04 per gallon on the holiday.

"As 2023 fades away, I'm hopeful those \$5 and \$6 prices for gasoline and diesel will also fade into memory," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "The global refining picture continues to improve, providing more capacity and peace of mind that record-setting prices will stay away from the pump in 2024. I anticipate that we'll still have some volatility, unexpected outages and disruptions, and potentially weather-related issues, but I do not expect it to lead to record prices. Offsetting OPEC+'s production cuts is contributing to the rise of U.S. oil production, which now stands at record levels. Combined with Canada, North American oil production could further stabilize countries that have decided to curb oil production."

The outlook forecasts the highest prices will be seen at the peak of the summer driving season in May, with the national average potentially rising as high as \$3.89 per gallon. More uncertainty is expected with hurricane season in late summer. Diesel prices are also predicted to fall incrementally from 2023, peaking at \$4.13 per gallon in March 2024. ★

'The Shadows at Cortez Square' Book Event on May 4th

Special Release from Andre LaBouyer

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Local book author Andre LaBouyer will be presenting a book event on May 4th in Downtown Marysville at Skip Music Café, launching a 111k novel set in "Marysville" at the 1858 State Fair (the event was here in Marysville that year- the novel is historical fiction and a reasonably accurate fictional portrayal). Other authors will be there along with poets and history presentations. There will be gold panning, Sourdough Slim performing (hard tentative), and possible reenactors.

In the venerated year of 1850, California would enter the Union as the 31st state. Soon, the State Fair would be inaugurated (1854), and this would take place within the bustling city of San Francisco. It made the 'rounds' to a few other towns (San Jose, Stockton and Sacramento); and consequently, "The California Gold Rush Exposition" landed in Rancho San Marcus in the year, 1858. The Northern State Development Society created a marvelous 'Pavilion' structure on the Piazza Cortez in the downtown section of the city. The showcase building was in the shape of a Roman Cross (according to popular opinion), with elegant and stylish 'borrowings' from classical architecture. Its dimensions were 150 feet by 75 feet, with adjoining wings (each at 40 by 60 feet). It featured a prodigious multitude of double-doors (24), with twelve elegantly designed large windows, and a prominent dome that would grace the crown of the building. Interestingly enough, all of the conventional State Fairs would be held in Sacramento from 1859 going forward (albeit, this one, "The Gold Rush Exposition;" was in the city of note)

Josiah Omaha Steele is our sixteen-year-old protagonist. The young adventurer is from Manhattan, and is travelling to California via a steamship (which includes a 47-mile jaunt by rail via the Isthmus of Panama). Josiah is reluctant to mention to fellow travelers that his family owns the largest shipping corporation in the world (Steele, Harbinger Magnate, Inc.), and how the company is interested in developing new mining technology and methods for works within the Parson Bar Watershed on the nearby Yumai River.

While riding the stage coach from Sacramento to Rancho San Marcus, several interesting developments will unfold. For one thing, he discovers that many horrific murders have recently taken place in the local region; and these crimes likely obfuscate the discovery of a large silver strike somewhere in the Utah or New Mexico Territories. Furthermore, the coach is filled with several mysterious players; all of them hoping to procure a coveted vendor booth at the Gold Rush Exposition (note: a leading Exposition official is set to be murdered while riding on this journey from Sacramento). The only thing known for certain is that Josiah is scheduled to meet with an individual named Chang Ho Lee in the downtown section of the city. This itinerant Chinese Businessman is going to provide insight into the many recent deaths; and hopefully, have a few thoughts on the hydraulic mining enterprise for the nearby tributary. Furthermore, the young man has heard rumors of an elusive map, which shows the location of this so-called magnificent strike (somewhere in the Territories just east of California).

Unfortunately, just after Josiah's arrival in Rancho San Marcus, he is mistaken for an accomplice to a shady ruffian who has been engaged in mayhem at the sprawling Jonas Augustus Ranch just south of town. Josiah's woeful arrest (and soon to be prosecution) is going to turn into a nightmare, and will produce a number of sordid developments. In addition, Chang Ho Lee (and two of his offspring) are going to present a few stunning revelations of their own. These offerings, and the unexpected developments surrounding the 'Gold Rush Exposition of 1858,' will pull Josiah into a web of misfortune and violence that could hardly have been imagined. Indeed, this is somewhat surprising since the Golden State Exposition would typically be a time of exuberance and celebration.

Herein, lies a truly odd tale of murder, mayhem and kidnappings; a few cryptic markers alluding to an extravagant gold and silver strike; chess and card demonstrations that instigate a vicious brawl (and help to spark a grand conflagration that causes horrific damage); corruption at the highest of levels, with each player fomenting their own unique terms of malice and greed. All of this is here, and much more. ★



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Intuition - That Little Voice Inside You



You've had it happen, probably more than once. You make a decision or take some action, but there is that little voice in the back of your mind telling you not to do it. Then later on, if it turns out you made a mistake, you'll readily admit that you knew you shouldn't have done it.

But you proceeded anyway, in spite of your so-called better judgement. Why? Is there something within your subconscious mind that is able to make better decisions than your conscious self? Everyone has that little voice called intuition. Too often, to our detriment, it's ignored.

Surprisingly, there are people who refuse to pay attention to their intuition, even when it's proven that it is correct. Repeatedly, these people ignore their better judgement only to continually make mistakes. There is nothing wrong with making a mistake. Ignoring guidance that could help avoid making the wrong decision is a waste.

Exactly how intuition works is not really known. However, its uncanny accuracy is proven time and time again. Some people develop a highly tuned sensitivity to it. Others block it out to the point that they are not even aware of its existence.

Your intuition is a special internal navigator. Your brain has much more power than you consciously tap into. It's capable of doing things you don't really understand. Whether you call it a gut feeling, a little voice, a nagging inside you, or a bad feeling is irrelevant. It is all the same thing.

Here's another example. Someone you meet for the first time makes you feel uncomfortable. You can't put your finger on anything specific. The person is pleasant yet you don't feel right. Your subconscious mind is picking up something you can't see. If you have enough interaction with the person, the reason for your uneasiness will eventually come to the surface.

You can develop your intuition. First recognize it exists. Next listen to it.

Your intuition works best when you step back and take some time to contemplate your situation while considering various options. Allow your mind to work to bring the best course of action.

Whenever your intention conflicts with your intuition, it's time to pause without taking any action. You first need to resolve why there is a conflict with your inner voice. If you proceed without further thought and analysis, you are increasing the odds for unfavorable results.

Your inner voice is there to serve you. It's your ally, not your adversary. People get into trouble when they act before they think. Often, they behave as if they are in a race with time. This haste is self-imposed causing them to act impulsively rather than prudently.

There is really no rush. It takes relatively little extra time to step back, listen to your inner voice, and fully analyze your various options. A little introspection yields big benefits. You don't want to lament having rushed into something.

If you analyze bad decisions you have made, you will probably find you acted hastily, didn't think first, and ignored your gut feel. This cycle doesn't have to repeat itself. It's easy to break out of it. People who reiterate this pattern invariably complain that they don't understand why problems consistently seek them out.

Everyone has intuition. Some have ignored it so long they don't realize it exists. Others pay attention when those internal alarms go off. You decide which category you want to be in. The more you use your intuition, the better it will get.

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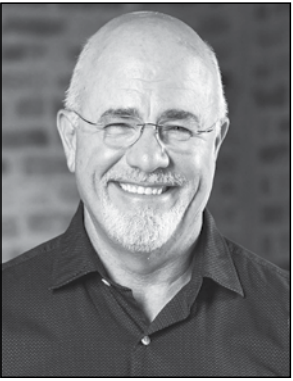
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But Will He Listen?

Dave Ramsey Says

to be practical and realistic at the same time.

This next part is more observation than insult, so I hope you'll understand. Your friend sounds to me like he might be a little impulsive and unrealistic. When it comes right down to it, maybe a touch immature, too. So, I think what we're talking about here is how to give your friend a gentle, well-intentioned nudge in a more realistic direction. He needs to open his eyes to some positive financial realities of life—like living on a written, monthly budget—and not making a habit of chasing rainbows and making excuses.

If he came to me for advice, the first thing I'd tell him is that the most employable people are ones who aren't broke. When you go into a job interview and you're broke, it's easy to come off as desperate and tense. That doesn't make for a very good interview.

The answer to that, when you're essentially unemployed, is to work any legitimate full-time job. At the very least, two, three or even four part-time jobs. Deliver pizzas, wait tables

and mow yards. It's doesn't matter what you're doing, as long as you're generating a livable income for yourself. Smile and be professional at whatever you're doing, too. You never know when you might come face-to-face with your next real employer. But none of this will happen if you're working three or four hours a day, and spending most of your time at home in front of the television.

I hope this helps. I hope your friend will listen to you and understand you have his best interests at heart. But if he doesn't, all you can do is hope for the best and pray for him.

Best of luck, Garrett. You're a good friend.

— 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 Ramsey Solutions ★



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The Proverbial New Year's Resolution

With every New Year comes the proverbial resolution for many. Whether the resolution encompasses quitting a bad habit, tightening ones financial purse strings or looking to tighten ones waist belt, we have all sworn on the first of January that we would either say good bye or say hello to a change in our behavior.

I have made a few resolutions over my 60 or so years of coherent existence, but truth be told, I am not real big on them. Not that resolutions are a bad thing. Far from it. The turning of a New Year can be the stepping stone for a positive change in one's life.

For me however, I am the kind of person that once I make up my mind a change is in order, I don't wait for January 1st, I just do it. I think it's the way my brain works. If I make a New Year's resolution, and then break it, I spiral into a deep self-loathing. In some way however, if I break a promise made on some arbitrary date like April 12th or whatever, it doesn't hurt so bad.

That should tell you a little about myself. Mainly that I, like many of you, can break self-promises like a New Year's resolutions on occasion, and when I do, that guilty feeling slowly creeps into your head, which is no Bueno for nobody. (Bad grammar I know but it sounded good).

That said, for many, New Year's resolutions can go a long way in making positive changes in one's life and if adhered to, can really make a difference, whatever the endeavor.

Weight loss might allow one to have a longer and healthier life, a more comfortable existence and possibly save money on the medical bills.

Quitting a bad habit like smoking or excessive drinking obviously has many benefits, both for the participant and perhaps even for his friends or family.

Many resolutions can revolve around a financial change of some sort and these types of resolutions can have many positive changes for the individual as well as their family, if they have one.

Usually money problems involve spending too much, not really being aware of where the spending is going, or not having enough money in the first place. Derivations around this area might include wanting to find new ways to make more money, whether it be working longer hours or working more efficiently, or even getting a new job or starting a business.

Whereas a resolution like losing some

weight has the direct benefit of looking and being healthier, improving ones finances can have multiple benefits. Since a financial goal usually involves making more, spending less, or even saving a little more or starting a retirement account, adhering to a resolution that involves money can better a person's life in many ways.

If financial improvements are successful, it can improve one's self-esteem, allow more time to be spent doing things one enjoys, such as traveling or hobbies, spending more time with loved ones, or something as simplistic as being able to buy more stuff. In certain cases, accomplishing a financial goal could even mean just putting food on the table, or putting more food on the table.

Since the number one cause of marriage problems centers around finances, and with recent inflation biting into finances more and more, addressing financial challenges can save marriages and no doubt, one could even go so far as to save lives.

My wife and I, upon receiving a \$750 PG&E bill one month, staunchly made and kept to a "Kill a Watt" program to reduce our power consumption. Successfully reducing our costs by about 20%, we not only saved money, we help save something far more grandiose. Our planet. And doing that no doubt improved, albeit in a small way, the health of those we share the planet with.

Now that's a resolution we all could easily get behind.

In conclusion, the turning of the New Year can give us new hope, a new outlook, and a reason to assess where we are and where we want to go. If the turning of the year gives some people a reason to make a change, and helps them stick to it, all the better.

Happy New Year to all of you.

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

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The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

Happy New Year. I hope you survived the holiday period well and are ready to face the challenges of a new year. Now we are awaiting our Snow Days. I love a fire, a good book and a snow. Just not four feet like we had in 1990.

Things are pretty quiet here in January. Yuba Feather Historical Assn has its quarterly meeting on January 24 at the museum in Forbestown. It is a potluck dinner starting at 6:00 pm. Come and get acquainted (or re-acquainted) with the group. We will be talking about summer plans before you know it.

Our book club, Book Bussies, meets on the last Wednesday of each month (except for December) and we will

all be reading Being Mortal by Atul Gawande during January and discussing our thoughts as we meet January 31 at Books & More at 10:30. It is a very casual group, pretty small, we would love a couple of new members. We share what books we have read during the month too or even some of our favorite books, as well as discussing the Book of the Month.

Look Back in time – In 1926 W. H. Joy was building 25 cottages in Challenge for summer vacationers (sometime take a short drive up Joy Circle in Challenge and imagine a summer resort). ★

Hope to see you soon in Brownsville. ~ Yvonne

And so, it begins ...



By Kathy Craig Harteis

me this year.

It used to be that I wanted to lose weight for the sheer style of it all. These days, it falls more in the category of wanting to be a healthier me. If you eat better, you feel better.

As we age, things change. The easiest of tasks sometimes become a real challenge.

Today our granddaughters helped to take down and pack away our Christmas decorations both inside and out. We tend to overdo on decorations, so it was a welcome effort by these two teen-aged girls.

Next week, we'll pack up and head to Southern California for a few weeks. The plan, like so

many other North Dakota Snowbirds, is to escape winter.

It seemed like a great idea when during a spring blizzard last year, we once again booked our fair weather stay for this year.

I guess the joke's on us. We've had beautiful weather so far this year. Regardless, time at the beach is never a waste of time.

We look forward to the change of pace. We stay in Oceanside. It's a beautiful seaside town. Generally, it has great weather and always beautiful areas for walking. Maybe I really will be a better, thinner me by the end of 2024.

But right now, life is good today. ★



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023F-349

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

Antiquated
1947 Pyramid Creek Dr., Marysville, CA 95901, Yuba, County
1) Antiquated LLC,
1947 Pyramid Creek Dr. Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Not Applicable.

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

Signed:
Timothy Charles Polumbo II, Managing Member

State of Incorporation/State of Organization: California

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on 11/27/2023, indicated by file stamp.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
12/15, 12/22, 12/29/23,
1/5/24
CNS-3762502#
TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 215 5TH ST., MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3411 4TH STREET, OLIVEHURST, CA 95961 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the ob-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023F-355

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

JEWELUX
2177 Harvest Street Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Maricris Taloy Dizon
2177 Harvest Street Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by an Individual..

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

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

Signed:
Maricris T. Dizon

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 12/05/2023.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
December 15, 22, 29, 2023,
January 5, 2024

igation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$91,972.92 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023F-352

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

Magana CashCoolers,
1540 Ivy Hatch Way,
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registrant Information:
Magana Ice & Water LLC,
1540 Ivy Hatch Way,
Plumas Lake, CA 95961;
State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023F-352

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

Magana Ice & Water LLC
S/ Andres Magana Gonzales, Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 11/29/2023.
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By Bridgette Evans,
Deputy Clerk
12/22, 12/29/23, 1/5,
1/12/24
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023F-368

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

STEAMING SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
1665 N Beale Rd
Marysville, CA 95901-6929
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. JIE M. GUAN INC
1665 N Beale Rd
Marysville, CA 95901-6929
This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2023.

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

Signed:
JIE M. GUAN
CA President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 12/19/2023.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
December 29, 2023,
January 5, 12, 19, 2024

requires that information about the trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOX-POSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 111951-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023F-363

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

Tait's Pressure Washing Services
16875 Dolores Ln
Brownsville, CA 95919
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Tait Leair Heffelfinger
16875 Dolores Ln
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 12/13/2023.

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

Signed:
Tait Heffelfinger

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 12/13/2023.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 111951-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023F-373

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

Hobby Insights
1372 High Noon Drive
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Michael VanDyken
1372 High Noon Drive
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 11/20/2021.

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

Signed:
Michael VanDyken

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 12/21/2023.

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

sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108

(TD) Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023F-354

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

Calyppo's Garden
1399 Meadow Rach Street
Plumas Lakes, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Calypso's Garden LLC
1399 Meadow Rach Street
Plumas Lakes, CA 95961
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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

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

Signed:
Jose Francisco Brambila Jr. CA Owner/Manager

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 12/04/2023.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
December 15, 22, 29, 2023
January 5, 2024

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY Extra Self Storage Linda

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Name: Vicky Keovilayphone

Brief description of items being sold: Mattress, Misc

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January 11th, 2024
ENDING AT 3:00 PM

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(TD) Dec. 29, 2023, Jan. 5, 2024

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The auction will be conducted online at storage.treasures.com, starting Monday January 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM and ending Friday, January 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM. (Noon). 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:

NAMES: SHERRI WARREN KELLI ACCITO AMY WALKER RENAE THOMAS ASHLEY MOWLES JAMES THORNTON	SYNDA HARDESTY MARGARET JOHNSON CHRIS PRESSLEY KIMBERLY CARNAHAN RICHARD SHELTON	DANIELLE SHURTZ JAMAL TAYLOR MIKE PRATHER MIKE FREEDLE EVETTE FIGUEROA
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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 within 24 hours of the end of the auction. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

(TD) 12-29-23, 1-5-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: Annie Rollins & Tyras Rattler Jr. PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 23-01298 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
1/29/2024
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Annie Rollins & Tyras Rattler Jr., filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Ava Rain Elizabeth Rollins
to: Ava Rain Elizabeth Rollins-Rattler

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: 12/13/2023
STEPHEN W. BERRIER
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
DECEMBER 22, 29, 2023, JANUARY 5, 12, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE YUBA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Yuba County Planning Commission on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA to consider the following:

Ordinance Amendment LACT-23-0002 (Minor edits to the Development Code & Zoning Map): The applicant, Yuba County, is requesting a recommendation of an Ordinance Amendment to make minor amendments, modifications, and corrections to the County of Yuba's Development Code (DC), Official Zoning Map of the County of Yuba (Zoning Map), and associated land use regulations. The Project components are designed to implement the County's 2030 General Plan, limit uses in the Valley Growth Boundary, and enhance unclear language in the DC.

General Plan and Zoning designations affected by Ordinance Amendment LACT-23-0002: Countywide, applicable to all land within the unincorporated area of the County. Thus, the Project applies to the following General Plan designations: Valley Neighborhood, Rural Community, Natural Resources, Public/Quasi-Public, Commercial Mixed Use, Employment, Employment Village, and Planning Reserve. The DC and Zoning Map update will update existing zoning designations consistent with the 2030 General Plan; therefore LACT-23-0002 applies to all zoning designations within unincorporated Yuba County. The Project does not include any development proposal.

A determination has been made that the above referenced project is exempt or categorically exempt

from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15183. Projects consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan, or general plan policies for which the 2030 County of Yuba's General Plan EIR was certified shall not require additional environmental review

Any person wishing to testify on the above projects may appear before the **Planning Commission** at the prescribed time and place, 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 **Planning Commission'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 Planning Commission'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 **Planning Commission** 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) January 5, 2024

The Top 10 Times Gavin Newsom was on Santa's Naughty List This Year

Commentary by Katy Grimes, California Globe

California Governor Gavin Newsom, who maintains that he is NOT running for President in 2024, has been in politics since he was appointed to the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors (1997-2004), and then ran again, then he was San Francisco Mayor (2004-2011), California's Lieutenant Governor (2011-2019), and finally California's Governor (2019-). This renders him responsible for the state of the state – an indefensible position to be in, as California's demise is evident to everyone in the country.

And while he has a long list of disasters under his belt, and the Globe highlighted the Top 50 Disasters he Has Ushered into California, what are the Top 10 for 2023 which landed him on Santa's Naughty List (*Santa told me himself...*) – in no specific order, although Number 1 is really naughty!

Number 10 – BIG BIG LIE:

For the governor who is not running for President, Newsom debated Florida Governor Ron DeSantis (why?), and told a few whoppers during the Fox broadcast. Perhaps the biggest was when he defended California's progressive income tax that imposes a top rate of 13.3% on taxpayers making more than \$1 million—the second highest in the country after New York City. But he also asserted that Florida “taxes low-income workers more than we tax millionaires and billionaires in the state of California.”

The Wall Street Journal cut to the chase and responded:

“How's that possible when California imposes higher income, sales and gasoline taxes than Florida? California's gas tax is 77.9 cents a gallon compared to 35.2 cents in Florida. The average state-and-local sales tax rate in California is 8.85% versus 7.02% in Florida.

In addition to soaking its

rich, California imposes a 6% top marginal income tax rate on individuals earnings more than \$37,789 and 9.3% over \$66,296. Florida has no income tax.”

California's overall tax burden on middle – and lower-income folks is higher than Florida's.

Highest taxes in the nation: California Ranks Among 10 Worst in U.S. for High Taxes. Gavin Newsom's state ranks in the bottom three for worst for individual taxes. Even with the highest taxes in the nation, Newsom and Democrats tried to pass legislation to force successful Californians to pay additional taxes on wealth and income that's already been taxed – and vowed tax “avoidance” would not be allowed as California would tax them for the next ten years, despite what state they live in.

Number 9 – Another BIG LIE: Gov. Gavin Newsom also claimed that “95% of Texans pay higher taxes than Californians.”

Newsom made this absurd claim in January at a budget news conference, and has repeated it many times. “Our tax rates, again, are lower than the state of Texas,” the governor said. “I just want to remind everybody out there, 95% of Texans pay higher taxes than Californians.”

As with the Florida lie, Newsom's office used a **2018 study** by the leftist Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

2018? Really? Has nothing changed in 5 years – other than California has many more taxes?

As many voters have told the Globe, it's really difficult to vote for anyone who lies so easily – yet the lies are so easy to unravel.

Number 8: Naughty or Nice?

Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered letting another 76,000 prisoners out of state prisons – on his own authority through Executive Order, as violent crime continues to spike in California's cities. Newsom has continued letting convicts out of prison,

commuted sentences, and issued pardons. This added significantly to California's drug addicted vagrant street population.

Number 7: 'All Animals Are Equal but Some Animals Are More Equal Than Others'

The California Utilities Commission recently granted Pacific Gas and Electric a 13% rate hike – ostensibly to pay for under grounding power lines. Because Gov. Gavin Newsom appoints the commissioners to the CPUC, this is “Gavinomics.” Expect the other utilities to hike the rates as well. And, Newsom's California will be creating income-based utility billing. Yipee. Can't wait.

Number 6: Punishing the state's doctors for advocating other treatments for COVID – very naughty

In January 2023, California's new law to punish doctors for spreading “Covid misinformation,” went into effect. Assembly Bill 2098 authored by Assemblyman Evan Low (D-Campbell), and then-Sen. Richard Pan (D-Sacramento), signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom, circumvented due process against doctors over “Covid misinformation conduct,” and quashed their right to free speech. AB 2098 punished physicians and surgeons for “unprofessional conduct” for advocating for the potential benefits of early treatment with off-label drugs, or those who dare to ask questions about COVID vaccine safety.

However, Judge William Shubb of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California granted a preliminary injunction blocking the state from enforcing AB 2098, ruling that the statute's “unclear phrasing and structure” could have a “chilling effect.” Newsom was forced to author legislation to undo this outrageous bill.

Number 5: Homeless Industrial Complex Grows

For growing, not slowing or eradicating the mentally-ill, drug

addicted homeless population littering streets with feces and drug needles, while spending billions on ridiculous “housing” projects and fraudulent non-profits partaking in the grift.

Number 4: Cleanup for me, not for thee

San Francisco, preparing for the Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in November, imposed a frantic rush to clean up the city streets – the streets, the sidewalks and the many businesses which have been rotting under the burden of the filth (poop, urine, needles, vomit) from homeless tent camps allowed by city officials.

Newsom admitted this blatant attempt to impress the Chinese, rather than clean up the city for the residents: “I know folks say, ‘Oh, they're just cleaning up this place because all these fancy leaders are coming into town.’ That's true... because it's true,” he quipped.

“By definition, you have people over to your house, you're going to clean up the house,” Newsom said. “We have 21 world leaders; tens of thousands of people coming from all around the globe. What an opportunity to showcase the world's most extraordinary place: San Francisco.”

The Daily Mail reported San Francisco is blasted as a ‘ghost town’ by Chinese media:

San Francisco is slammed as ‘ruined city’ and ‘hell’ in Chinese media ahead of APEC summit – as city officials try to clean up the streets by blasting Star Wars theme to get rid of homeless people and open air drug markets.

Chinese media outlets have been branding the city of San Francisco a ‘total failure’ ahead of a visit from Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Even the Chi-Comms are on to Newsom. I wonder if Newsom handed out the public defecation map to navigate the streets of San Francisco...

Number 3: De Leider Newsom

Newsom's COVID State of

Emergency order continued from March 2020 until the end of February 2023, locking down the entire state, businesses, schools. Newsom hung on to his emergency powers for three years, treating the state to a dictatorship. No other governor did this. Notably, the California media gave him a pass, proving they are his reliable propaganda arm. (*California media – also on the naughty list*)

Number 2 – Another LIE: Big Oil 'Bad'

Gov. Newsom Called for Tax on ‘Windfall Profits’ on Oil Companies after abandoning any consideration of a gas tax pause, with California's highest-in-the-nation gas taxes. Newsom also largely killed hydraulic fracturing for natural gas in California as part of his overall plan to end oil extraction. He announced his action to halt issuance of fracking permits by 2024.

Newsom also signed Senate Bill 1137, gut-and-amend legislation by Democrat Senators Lena Gonzalez and Monique Limón, to require 3,200-foot mandatory setbacks around California oil and gas wells. Trying to kill the oil and gas industry by a thousand cuts...?

Number 1: Pagan Gavin Cancelled Christmas!

Governor Gavin Newsom's decision to cancel the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and to not attend the annual menorah lighting ceremony on December 6th continues to receive backlash, with many religious and legal groups continuing to chastise the Governor for not taking part.

Very naughty of the governor, who obviously does not believe in Christmas – or Thanksgiving, as exemplified in his and the First Partner's creepy Thanksgiving video.

Happy Thanksgiving, California! Gov. Gavin Newsom. (Photo: gov.ca YouTube channel)

“Of course, enjoy some pie.”
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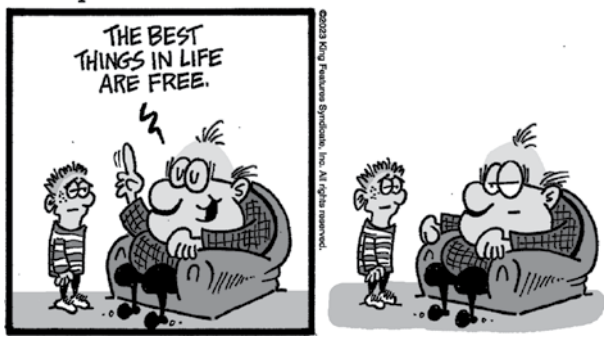
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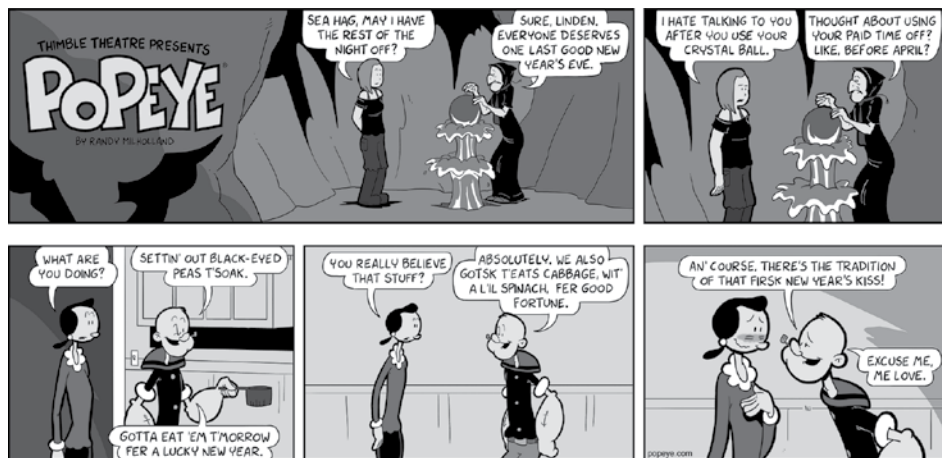


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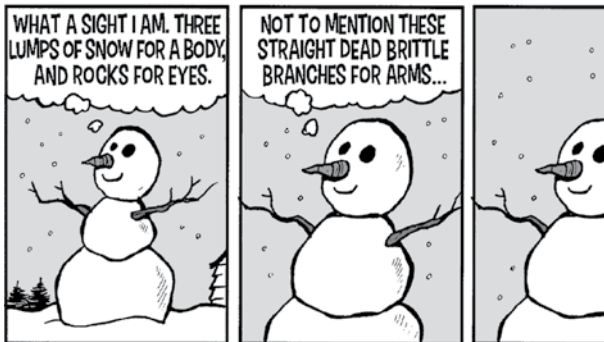
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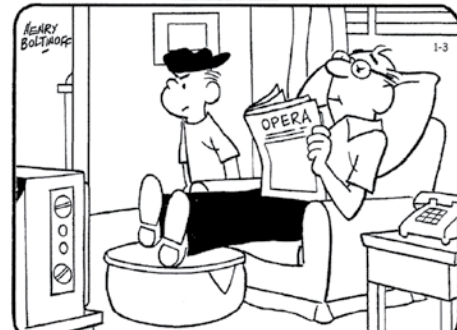
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Huskies and Honkers Take Success of Lindhurst Tourney



Sutter senior guard Naseem Bhatti (23) drives to the lane for a layup in the Huskies 62-46 win over East Nicolaus on Thursday, December 28, 2023.



Sutter senior guard Naseem Bhatti (23) shoots a three pointer in the Huskies 49-41 win over Rio Linda on Friday, December 29, 2023.



Sutter senior Gannon Deal (24) goes up for a layup in the Huskies 62-46 victory over East Nicolaus on Thursday, December 28, 2023.



Yuba City senior guard Saleem Rafiq (1) drives inside towards the basket in the Honkers 61-46 win over Rio Linda on Saturday, December 30, 2023.



Yuba City senior forward Anthony Medina (5) shoots a three pointer in the Honkers 67-23 win over Mesa Verde on Thursday, December 28, 2023.

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

OLIVEHURST, CA (MPG) - The Sutter and Yuba City boys' basketball teams competed in the Lindhurst tournament on Thursday, December 28, through Saturday, December 30, to close out the tournament schedules of 2023.

Both programs went 2-1 in the tournament as Sutter finished in second and Yuba City took third place.

SUTTER

The Huskies started off the tournament with a solid 62-46 victory over East Nicolaus. The Sutter starting lineup built up a sizable lead throughout the third quarter to eventually give the depth of their roster to play the entire fourth quarter.

The Huskies were led by senior forward Jagger Beck, who was the only Sutter player in double figures during the game. The main takeaway from the game was Head Coach Nabeel Bhatti was able to get 14 out of his 15 players into the game.

In the semifinals of the tournament against a scrappy Rio Linda team, the Huskies struggled at times, but Sutter was able to pull through with a gritty eight-point victory to advance into the championship game against Lincoln.

Lincoln came out of the gate and took control of the game early as they jumped out to an early double-digit lead in the first few minutes of the game.

The Huskies were able to regain their composure and cut into the lead by the end of the first quarter and the game was a back-and-forth affair for the remainder of the first half as Sutter trailed 34-31 at the half.

Lincoln was able to stretch their lead to 13 at the end of the third quarter and ran away with the game in the fourth to win the championship for the tournament.

Bhatti expressed to the Dispatch that Sutter is not completely there yet as a team, but they are understanding they need consistency on certain parts of the game like defense.

"We haven't been able to put four quarters at a time yet, but we

are heading in the right direction," Bhatti said.

When you look at the Huskies schedule for their preseason, you only saw one home game throughout the entire first-half schedule.

Bhatti added that playing on the road isn't a problem for Sutter, but protecting the home court is huge.

The Huskies opened up Pioneer Valley League play Wednesday night as they hosted the three-time consecutive PVL champions in Marysville.

Sutter senior guard Naseem Bhatti told the Dispatch one way that will make the Huskies successful during PVL play is the team chemistry they have as a unit.

"We know what everyone is capable of and can work off of everyone's strengths — we make everyone better," Naseem said.

Sutter will hit the road for four consecutive league games beginning with a game at Wheatland.

YUBA CITY

The Honkers started off the

tournament with a bang as they easily cruised by Mesa Verde with a 67-23 win.

Yuba City was up by 35 at the end of the first half and head coach Terry Evans expressed to the Dispatch prior to the beginning of the tournament that they weren't a healthy team as they were hit by the injury bug.

Evans told the Dispatch he brought up a couple sophomore forwards (Xavier Armstrong and Landon Epperson) from the junior varsity squad to fill in some spots on the roster.

In the second game of the tournament against the tournament's eventual champion (Lincoln), the Honkers were in the game late into the third quarter before Lincoln pulled away with a big run to stretch their lead to 19 and take the win.

In the third place game against Rio Linda, Yuba City took a one-point lead into the half and were able to stretch the game open in the third quarter to 15.

The Honkers closed out the fourth quarter to complete the

win and snag third place in the tournament.

Evans expressed to the Dispatch after the tournament the effort he saw from his squad throughout the tournament was through the roof and they played great defense.

"We got a lot better through these three games and I hope we can carry it into league," Evans said.

Yuba City is led on the floor by senior guard Saleem Rafiq and senior forward Anthony Medina, who are both prolific ball handlers and able to drive into the lane.

Medina expressed to the Dispatch that they have learned a lot through the preseason and are ready to play in their final season as a member of the Capital Valley Conference.

Medina added they are going to continue working hard as a team and do their best to compete in the touch conference for a play-off position.

The Honkers open up CVC play at home against Woodcreek. ★

Women Business Owners are Optimistic and Confident



A businesswoman leads a meeting. Photo courtesy of iStock via Getty Images Plus

From StatePoint

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Women and men who own small and mid-sized businesses are typically more aligned than they are different in their viewpoints about the economy. Now – more than ever – this is especially true as it relates to their optimism about running their businesses, according to PNC’s latest Economic Outlook Survey.

Survey results show that 69% of women and 73% of men are highly optimistic about their business prospects. But women appear to have the edge when it comes to confidence – 69% say they are confident about running their businesses compared to 57% of men. This trend is consistent with last year’s survey responses. In 2022, 8 in 10 women business owners reported feeling very confident in their business success and nearly half credited their confidence to their own hard work and drive.

“It stands to reason that those sentiments, together with a few key resources – professional networks, improved access to credit and the agility to navigate the economic landscape – all contribute to a level of confidence that is driving continued optimism this year,” says Beth Marcello, director of PNC Women’s Business Development.

ENGAGING IN NETWORKS

According to the survey, women-owned businesses are more likely to be engaged with the Small Business Administration, chambers of commerce and other professional groups. In fact, 83% of women business owners participate in business development organizations compared to 64% of men.

“Women often credit the benefits of a strong network to winning new business

and finding new and better ways of doing business, and we’re supporting that network-building through our relationships with organizations such as global non-profit Coralus and the Women Presidents Organization,” says Marcello.

DECISIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE

The optimism of women business owners comes through in the survey in specific areas of their enterprises, as 64% expect to see an increase in demand, 65% anticipate an increase in sales, and 56% predict an increase in profits in the next six months. While 57% also have plans to moderately increase prices.

“These are just a few indicators of how women are thinking as they make business decisions heading into 2024,” Marcello says. “While some of their optimism may be tested by continued high inflation and a potential recession, there is strong evidence that they are prepared.”

SEEKING CREDIT

When PNC began surveying women business owners in 2014, men were more likely to seek credit in the near term. The 2022 survey showed for the first time, women overtaking men when considering a new loan or line of credit to support business growth. This trend continued in 2023, with 26% of women saying they are likely to seek a near-term business loan or line of credit compared to 23% of men.

“While this data could simply reflect changes in the way women are conducting business, it’s evidence that fewer women are intimidated by the traditional process of gaining access to credit for their businesses,” Marcello says. “This is really encouraging.”

Dedicated efforts to make more resources available to women entrepreneurs are paying off, says Marcello. At PNC, for example, women can lean on the expertise of 5,000 PNC-Certified Women’s Business Advocates who have a passion for working with women financial decision makers. Through Coralus, entrepreneurs have access to a global support network and a no-interest loan program.

“Providing support to entrepreneurs and making access to credit more attainable are important steps toward their ongoing success as well as economic growth overall,” says Marcello. ★

The IRA Kills Incentives for Medical Innovation; Hardly a Win for Americans



Commentary by Sally C. Pipes

The Biden administration recently announced the first 10 drugs that will be subject to price controls under Medicare as part of the Inflation Reduction Act. The president celebrated the occasion, saying, “We took on Big Pharma and special interests... and the American people won.”

“Won?” The next generation of American patients will not feel like they “won” when they’re stuck waiting even longer for effective treatments -- if those treatments ever materialize.

Price controls invariably lead to shortages in the short term – and warp the financial incentives that underpin drug research and development in the long term.

Historically, drug companies have worked to bring medicines to market as quickly as possible. The sooner patients started taking a drug, the sooner the drugmaker could begin to recoup the more than \$2 billion, on average, it spent developing it.

After a treatment hit the market, firms routinely conducted additional

research to see if it was effective against diseases other than the one it was approved to treat. If that research proved successful, companies applied for approval to treat these additional “indications” and marketed the drug to additional groups of patients.

This strategy helped bring countless new treatments to patients who didn’t have any other options. Since 2003, the Food and Drug Administration has approved more than 90 follow-on indications for orphan drugs, which treat rare diseases. The majority of cancer treatments from 2006 to 2012 were approved for at least one follow-on indication – roughly 40% of which were a different cancer subtype.

Unfortunately, thanks to the IRA, discoveries like these may soon be fewer and farther between.

The law’s price controls are dressed up as “negotiations” between Medicare and drugmakers. If a drugmaker declines to accept the government’s offer, then it faces an excise tax of up to 95% on the drug in question’s sales or must withdraw all its products – not just the one subject to negotiations – from Medicare and Medicaid.

These price controls will significantly shorten the period in which pharmaceutical companies can recoup their investments in research and development. That’s particularly true for small-molecule drugs – typically pills

– which can be hit with price controls under the IRA after just nine years on the market.

Biologics – usually injections or infusions – aren’t subject to price controls until 13 years after approval.

Roughly half of a medicine’s sales are made after year nine, in years 10 to 13. So it’s only rational that some drug companies would adjust their research, development, and launch strategies accordingly.

Some may wait to seek approval until they’ve zeroed in on the largest patient population possible – even if they’re confident they could get approval faster for a smaller group of patients with a different disease.

The IRA is also scrambling drug companies’ incentives to do further research into follow-on indications. Devoting time and money to find out if a drug can treat another disease may not make financial sense once the nine-year price-control clock has started.

Patients will be the ones who pay the price for treatments delayed or never developed in the first place. That’s not a win for the American people.

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