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MJUSD students doing hands-on work. Photo courtesy of MJUSD.

MJUSD News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - MJUSD has a robust college and career technical education program at each of its high schools. These multi-course pathways allow students to experience work-based learning in different career fields. Superintendent for MJUSD, Dr. Fal Asrani and her team have been keenly focused on developing industry partnerships to support job preparation

for students through internships and job shadowing experiences. While several businesses have always supported students with internship opportunities, major partnerships for Lindhurst High School have been established during the 2023-24 school year. Hard Rock Hotel is a new partner to the Culinary Pathway and 93Q Radio is a new partner to the Multimedia and Broadcast pathway. Several such partnerships are being

identified for Marysville High School. The most exciting addition at Lindhurst High School is the new Engineering Academy being introduced in the Fall of 2024. Starting with the incoming freshmen class, students in this academy will complete four courses developed by UC Davis. The completion of these courses with a grade of C or better will lead to a certificate from the Academy. The district

is working closely with UC Davis to train teachers in these courses which focus heavily on Coding and Robotics. MJUSD is also working with MIT in instituting a Coding and Robotics course of studies at the new Middle College High School. Students will be engaged in hands-on project development, ultimately leading to a national competition at MIT during the senior year. The focus on STEM

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Hard Rock Live Sacramento Takes Top Spots in Rankings

Heather Atherton, AthertonPR Press Release

WHEATLAND, CA (MPG) - Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain announced two major international industry accolades today for its concert venue Hard Rock Live Sacramento. It was ranked number four in the "Pollstar" Top 100 international list of Club venues, based on year-end gross ticket sales. It earned the #4 spot worldwide, #3 in the U.S. and #1 in California. 2023 was Hard Rock Live Sacramento's first full calendar year of operation after opening on June 3, 2022, with Grammy-winners Maroon 5. Hard Rock Live Sacramento is the only Hard Rock Live venue on the West Coast. Additionally, Hard Rock Live Sacramento was ranked #21 on the "Billboard Magazine" 2023 Year-End Touring List, International Venues Under 5,000 Capacity, #2 in California behind the Santa Barbara Bowl among four venues ranked in the state. Last year, Hard Rock Live Sacramento ranked #24 worldwide in "Pollstar" after only reporting for 5 1/2 months. "Pollstar" also listed Sacramento/Stockton as the #4 concert market in the U.S in 2023.

Additionally, Hard Rock Live Sacramento was ranked #7 on "Newsweek's" 2023 Readers' Choice Awards' Top 10 list for Best Casino with Live Entertainment.

After a year and half of operations, Hard Rock Live Sacramento has hosted more than 222,500 guests to the venue, starting with grand-opening weekend performers Maroon 5 and Bret Michaels. Hard Rock Live has now hosted 128 concerts and five MMA cage fights with Urijah Faber's A1 Combat. According to the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation (YSEDC), Hard Rock Live Sacramento has had an economic impact on the six-county greater Sacramento region of \$28,071,381 since opening June 3, 2022.

Hard Rock Live Sacramento has been on the radar of industry rankings since its opening. It was nominated for New Concert Venue of the Year 2023 by "Pollstar" in February. At the 2023 IEBA Industry Awards in Nashville this past October, the venue and casino were

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Solving an Impossible Problem

Supreme Court will hear case about homeless encampments, with huge implications for California

BY JEANNE KUANG, CALMATTERS.ORG

The U.S. Supreme Court will weigh in on whether cities can legally ban or limit unhoused people camping in public spaces — a case that could grant California officials more power to sweep homeless camps.

The case, originating from the Oregon city of Grants Pass, could overturn or narrow a five-year-old precedent from a federal appeals court that limited how much cities in Western states could criminalize those who sleep on the streets when there aren't enough shelter spaces available.

In the older case — Martin v. Boise — the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 2018 that it's cruel and unusual punishment to criminalize camping on public property when the people in

question have nowhere else they can legally sleep. The ruling was binding on West Coast cities, where rising rates of unsheltered homelessness that later spiked during the pandemic were driving local politicians to pass public camping prohibitions. In 2019 the Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of that case.

Since then, California cities have often been subject to federal lawsuits after passing restrictions on when and where the unhoused can set up camps. Relying on the ruling in the Boise case, judges have delayed or outright halted camping bans from being enforced in cities including San

Francisco, Sacramento, Chico and San Rafael, finding that the cities had failed to provide adequate alternate shelter options for the residents they were about to sweep from their encampments.

The situation has led city officials —and Gov. Gavin Newsom — to

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complain that the Boise ruling has tied their hands from addressing the state's sprawling encampments, arguing they need to sweep camps both for health and safety reasons and for the well-being of encampment residents. It's led liberal state and local officials, including Newsom, to join conservatives in asking the court for more power to penalize the homeless for sleeping outside. The high court has a 6-3 conservative majority.

In a high-profile case that has particularly drawn Newsom's ire, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals this month backed a judge's 2022 ruling restricting San Francisco's enforcement of certain bans on sleeping on sidewalks and in parks, because the city hadn't shown there were other locations that were "realistically available" to unhoused residents before a city sweep.

"California's elected officials who seek in good faith to improve what often appears to be an intractable crisis have found themselves without options, forced to abandon efforts to make the spaces occupied by unhoused people safer for those within and near them," Newsom's administration wrote to the Supreme Court in September.

An attorney for the homeless Grants Pass residents said in a statement today that politicians were wrong to blame judges for the homelessness crisis. He said cities have always been allowed to regulate encampments, even under the recent rulings.

"The issue before the Court is whether cities can punish homeless residents simply for existing without access to shelter," said Ed Johnson, director of litigation at the Oregon Law Center.

The case is being closely watched by officials across California and could widely affect how they respond to encampments. Newsom's statement was part of an amicus curiae brief the administration filed in the case. Amicus briefs are legal briefs submitted by parties not

directly involved in a given case, but who typically take one side or the other in a case. The majority of the amicus briefs filed in the case were from California entities and, though more than a dozen mostly-Republican-led state governments also filed a brief, Newsom was the only governor to weigh in.

In addition to Newsom's, other filings include the California State Association of Counties, the California State Sheriffs' Association, district attorneys for Sacramento and San Diego counties, the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bay Area Council, and even the Brentwood Community Council.

But advocates for the unhoused say the Boise ruling is clear. They point out that most cities have hardly enough shelter beds to accommodate their homeless populations and that shelters are often near-full on any given night, and say banning public camping or restricting it does more harm than good by pushing homeless people from location to location.

"All you need to do to be compliant with (the Boise case) is stop using our criminal system as the stick here to solve this problem," said Will Knight, decriminalization director at the National Homelessness Law Center, last year.

In particular, the court rulings have led to a patchwork of interpretations across the state on what qualifies as the "adequate shelter" cities must provide before sweeping homeless camps. The Oregon case that the Supreme Court agreed to hear could provide some clarity — or so California officials hope.

While the Boise ruling said the government can't broadly ban any public camping without giving people alternative places to stay, Newsom and city officials across California said in briefs filed before the Supreme Court that they want to know whether they can set restrictions on times or locations where camping

is allowed.

Other questions include whether cities can criminalize public camping for those whom they call "voluntarily" homeless — people who refuse offers of shelter. And California cities have asked the court to rule on whether, in order to ban camping, they need to have a suitable shelter space available for every individual unhoused person no matter their circumstances, or simply have general shelter beds open the day they sweep a camp.

But U.C. Berkeley law professor Jeffrey Selbin, who has studied statewide responses to homelessness, said claims from both sides are overblown.

Selbin said the existing cases neither fully tie cities' hands, as some politicians say, nor provide a broad right to sleep outside, as some advocates say. He defended the status quo in which cities sometimes must seek guidance from federal judges to know whether their local rules are constitutional under the Boise decision.

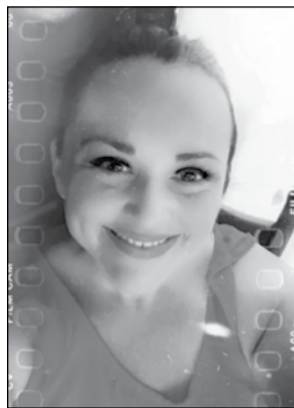
In Chico, for example, a federal district judge in 2021 ruled that sending unhoused residents to camp on an unshaded airport tarmac on the outskirts of town was not "adequate" enough shelter to justify banning encampments in town. In response, the city settled the case by setting up a site of tiny homes where it can offer encampment residents a room before proceeding to sweep their camp.

That case, Selbin said, provided direction to other cities, showing that the court cases have "required local jurisdictions to take seriously what it means to provide basic shelter and options."

The Supreme Court is unlikely to provide that kind of "micromanaging," Selbin said, predicting instead that the justices will simply overturn the 2018 precedent set by the Boise case and allow cities to broadly criminalize encampments.

"It's just going to return California to the whack-a-mole of prioritizing punishment over services," he said. ★

Local Author Geneva O'Kelley Releases Inspiring New Book



Local author Geneva O'Kelley. Photo courtesy of Geneva O'Kelley

Geneva O'Kelley Press Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - An uplifting journey through personal challenges and triumphs, this book promises to inspire and motivate readers.

Yuba City-based author Geneva O'Kelley is thrilled to announce the release of her latest book, 'Enjoy the GLO: A Guide to Living Your Best Life.' Published on January 1st, this book offers readers a heartfelt journey through the challenges and victories of living a fulfilling life.

'Enjoy the GLO' is more than just a book; it's a

deeply personal account of overcoming life's obstacles and embracing one's true self. Drawing from her own experiences, O'Kelley provides insights and wisdom on navigating life's ups and downs with grace and resilience.

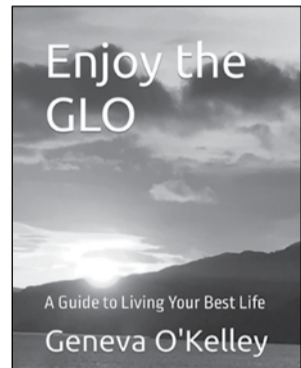
Geneva O'Kelley, a resident of the Yuba City area for over two decades, is not only an author but also a passionate artist and advocate. Balancing her career with raising three children with special needs, O'Kelley embodies the very essence of perseverance and kindness that she advocates in her book.

In a time where life's challenges can seem overwhelming, 'Enjoy the GLO' serves as a bastion of hope and encouragement. It's a reminder that personal growth and happiness are attainable, no matter the hurdles one may face.

The book is available for purchase on Amazon.

For media inquiries, interviews, or more information about 'Enjoy the GLO,' please contact Geneva O'Kelley at gem@fixittales.com or visit www.genevaokelley.design.blog.

Geneva O'Kelley is an author, artist, and advocate based in Yuba City, California. Her passion for storytelling and helping others is evident in her diverse body of work. Alongside 'Enjoy the GLO: A Guide to Living Your Best Life,' O'Kelley has authored several books, including Postcards from My Orgasms, and published two Kindle novellas, Hearts Unlocked: A Blossom Falls Mystery and A Wizards Crucible: The Rise and Fall of Gandomere the Great. Her commitment to bringing positivity and hope to her readers shines through in all her creative endeavors. ★



Cover of 'Enjoy the GLO'. Photo courtesy of Geneva O'Kelley

Toys for Tots Provides Joy to Nearly 2800 Local Kids

Yuba Sutter Colusa United Way Press Release

YUBA SUTTER, CA (MPG) - Yuba-Sutter's Toys for Tots program, with the incredible assistance from local individuals and businesses, and from the Toys for Tots Foundation, assisted 2,773 children ages newborn through 12 in December 2023.

Bob Harlan, the local Toys for Tots coordinator since 2010, worked with ten volunteers to place 80 collection boxes throughout Yuba-Sutter for a one-month period from late November until Christmas.

"With the need increasing sharply this year, we were grateful to have been able to distribute 5,378 toys, 1,299 books and 2,195 stocking stuffers. We are the main outside suppliers of children's gifts for several major distribution programs, including the Yuba-Sutter Salvation Army, SoYouCan and CHiPS for Kids, along with 10 other local distribution channels," Harlan said.

In addition to local donations of money and toys, the Toys for Tots Foundation

donates \$13,000 worth of toys, at no cost to the local Toys for Tots program.

"Toys for Tots is a pure form of giving, as no one is paid, no one asks for reimbursements for fuel, the processing of cash donations is free through the Foundation and the extensive oversight of our program by the Foundation is free. Every dollar donated is dedicated to purchasing gifts for those in need," Harlan said.

Harlan also pointed out that the Foundation staff oversees local programs covering the vast majority of the United States, serving more than 16-million children.

The local Toys for Tots program this year received temporary warehouse space for sorting and distribution from Adventist Rideout and year around storage and collection space is donated by Results Radio.

"There is no way to fully express our gratefulness to the many organizations, individuals and businesses that went the extra distance to make sure this year's program was a record-setting success," Harlan said. ★

Hard Rock Live Sacramento Takes Top Spots in Touring and Ticket Rankings

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nominated for Casino of the Year. In 2022, it was also listed as a Top 28 Venue to Watch by "Billboard Magazine".

"Hard Rock Live Sacramento has changed the entertainment landscape

in the region," says Randy Maddocks, Director of Entertainment at Hard Rock Sacramento. "The impact that music and laughter can have on people is really what it's all about. It's also part of Hard Rock's DNA." ★

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‘Lyvia’s House’ Once Again on the Big Screen

A Feature Length Film Created in Yuba-Sutter



Scene from “Lyvia’s House” at Nicolaus Tavern. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - After more than a year on the film festival trail, “Lyvia’s House” is back for a final showing at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts where it all began. The film had its world premiere just about a year ago in Yuba City, so in case you missed it, this is your chance to see it in all its big-screen glory before it goes to streaming. Lyvia’s House is a psychological thriller filmed on location right here in the Yuba-Sutter area. It includes a cast of local actors working alongside some outside seasoned professionals. This production is truly organic to our area, as the premise for the story comes from a series of missing persons incidents that occurred here years ago.

The Lyvia’s House cast and crew are coming home to share their labor of love with the community that helped to create the film. On Friday, January 19th, at 6 p.m., Sutter Theater Center for the Arts will host a gala event and final screening of the film. The ticket price is \$20. Tickets are available at yubasutterarts.org. Last year’s

screening sold out so don’t delay purchasing tickets.

So, what is “Lyvia’s House” about? Up-and-coming journalist Tara Manning has a job she loves and a posh lifestyle in Lake Las Vegas, Nevada. Everything changes when Tara falls in love with aspiring architect Johnny Beers, and he asks her to move in with him, six hundred miles away, to a house previously owned by an Italian artist named Lyvia. Lyvia’s house sits in front of a walnut orchard in the rural California town of River Oaks. In the couple’s new neighborhood, talk of the lovely young Lyvia is dismissive, even mocking. And yet, Tara soon begins to suspect the artist’s disappearance has something to do with serial murders committed twenty years earlier.

As Tara sees and hears things that become more and more irrational, she starts to doubt her own sanity. But is she truly experiencing a dissolving sense of reality, or is she simply unaware of the tortured relationships of those surrounding her?

The film is inspired by true events.

The evening will include a meet and greet with the

cast and crew, and you’re likely to see many of your favorite local actors who appear in the film. It will be a night to remember as we help demonstrate why Yuba-Sutter has so much to offer to the filmmaking community and why the creation of the Yuba-Sutter Film Commission will be an asset to economic development in the region.

The Sutter Theater Center for the Arts is the area’s premier performing arts venue with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Come see what it is all about and help support community filmmakers and performing artists. yubasutterarts.org.

About YSA: Yuba Sutter Arts is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide arts programming, education, advocacy, assistance and service to artists, organizations and residents of Yuba and Sutter Counties. The local affiliate for Yuba and Sutter of the California Arts Council, its programs include Arts in Education, Veterans Initiatives in the Arts, Convergence Theatre Company, Center Stage Productions, Yuba Sutter Big Band, Arts in Corrections, Very Special Arts Festival, Harvest the Arts and many more. ★



Rio Oso Post Office Scene from Lyvia’s House. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

MJUSD Spearheads Community Partnerships for Career Pathways

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is not just at these two high schools; MHS is also working with their team to discuss the possibility of developing a Medical Academy to train students for the Medical profession. “It is truly wonderful to see how local business leaders are becoming our partners in the work of preparing students for jobs after high school,” said Gary Criddle, Board Trustee at MJUSD. “We want our students to have options: whether they choose two or four-year colleges, we want them ready to step into hard-to-fill positions in our local community with tangible skills that make them an asset to the team. We need our business partners to lead the way.” MJUSD offers 22

pathways in eight Industry Sectors including Medical, Dental, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Business & Finance, Digital Arts and Multimedia, Supports Medicine, and more. The district is set to host a Farm-to-Fork luncheon with Agriculture industry leaders to share information about the high school Agriculture Pathway programs and learn more about what the agriculture industry needs in job-ready employees. The district plans to host a Business Connection Breakfast in partnership with the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce for a “State of our Schools” event to share information about students, teachers, and programs with the

business community. “The schools belong to the community, and we must engage with our business partners so that they understand the needs of the schools and the students we serve and help guide the work we do,” said Dr. Fal Asrani, Superintendent for MJUSD. “We graduate the future employees of the business community, and we want them to tell us what they need from us while the students are in the K-12 system, so that we can make the necessary adjustments to what we teach and how we teach,” said Asrani. MJUSD teachers and administrators are working collaboratively to pave the way for student preparation for more expansive college and career options. ★

Race Communications Launches Internet Pre-Orders in Yuba City

Race Communications Press Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Yuba City’s newest internet service provider, Race Communications, proudly announces the launch of its fiber internet services available to pre-order in the community. Residents can sign up now for a pre-order to get first access to internet services installed as soon as construction is complete.

Yuba City residents will now be able to take advantage of all Race has to offer, including the fastest internet speeds in town, reasonable rates, and California-based customer support. As an introduction to the community, every new customer will receive one month free on any data plan, valid through January 30th, 2024. Race Communications stands out from other Internet Service Providers by being flexible and transparent. The company never requires a contract or additional fees from its customers.

Further distinguishing themselves, Race includes a Wi-Fi router for all packages and free installation

to most homes. Race offers numerous plans from 25 Mbps to 10 Gbps helping customers find a balance between speed and affordability.

Customers can expect speeds that keep all their family’s devices connected. From next-level gaming experiences to 4K streaming, and free home Wi-Fi management apps, Race is constantly improving and working to offer customers everything they need from their Internet Provider.

Race has been building up fiber internet infrastructure throughout Yuba over the past year and expects to have built the entirety of Yuba City by the end of 2024. Raul Alcaraz, CEO of Race Communications, is excited about this newest expansion into Yuba City, stating, “Our goal is to bring the residents of Yuba City the fastest fiber internet. Improved broadband infrastructure will give residents choice and allow them to experience better internet and connect to what matters most.”

Race recognizes the fundamental importance of Internet access for homes and businesses alike.

Though Race started off as a small rural company, it now services large California communities like Lancaster and Ridgecrest. To date, Race has harnessed public grants and private investments exceeding \$300 million, driving broadband adoption and infrastructure deployment in communities across California. In 2023 alone, Race constructed more than 2.6 million feet of fiber-optic line across the state.

These pre-orders will empower the residents of Yuba City to make an informed choice regarding their internet services. As Race Communications expands into other California markets, it will continue to work hard to exceed expectations for its new customers in Yuba City. Race customers can anticipate exceptional Internet performance, streamlining their communication and connection with the world.

For more information, please visit the Race Communications website at www.race.com or call 877.722.3833

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The roller coaster team of the NBA, namely the Sacramento Kings, put together a comprehensive and highly entertaining performance Sunday night in Milwaukee. For all of us that are die-hard Kings fans, you witnessed a team effort on both ends of the court, and, finally, coach Brown tightened up his rotations, limiting substitutions to four players off the bench.

In previous outings, coach Brown has kept us guessing as to who would come off the bench, and at times it was difficult to make sense of the substitutions.

One notable rotation included for perhaps the first time, Sabonis and Alex Len on the court at the same time, and the team responded, playing with enthusiasm at both ends.

Many times during the early season, we have needed more rim protection, and simply more size to match up with bigger teams, but Brown has been resistant to putting Sabonis and Len together. Sunday gave way to optimism as Len became that needed rim protector, and although his 4 points and 5 rebounds may not sound like much, in only 11 minutes of play his presence was felt.

Domantas Sabonis claimed his 10th triple double of the season, 2nd in the NBA, and has begun to develop a mid-range game that gives him another weapon for the opposition to deal with. In addition to 21 points, 13 rebounds, and an astonishing 15 assists, Sabonis added a 3-pointer for good measure.

This was a highly entertaining game that turned into a loss in overtime for only one reason, our inability to hit free throws. Our best free throw shooter, Malik Monk, missed two in a row in overtime, and De'Aaron Fox missed one of two, setting up the last-second, 30-foot arching rainbow by Damian Lillard to win the game by one point for the Bucks.

The Kings were coming off of a disappointing loss to the Philadelphia 76ers, but were still 2-1 on the road trip coming into Milwaukee.

Coach Brown was tossed from the game for the first time this season, and

the team responded with energy, making the 4th quarter a real contest, ending with a Fox layup that tied the game and forced overtime.

As much as I hate to bring officiating into the equation, once again the referees did an abysmal job. At times we would be better off with a coin flip in deciding out-of-bounds calls, or whether to call a charge versus a block.

I truly believe if we switched out the division 1 NCAA referees for the NBA group, we would see an immediate improvement in the quality of the officiating.

Of course, it shouldn't be this way, and with the advent of having the ability to challenge calls, the NBA has mitigated some of the more obvious mistakes, but more needs to be done.

I believe it starts with better off-season training, but without a doubt, the NBA needs to hold each referee accountable, and a vetting process should be in place so that some referees can rotate out, and news ones in.

When it comes to challenges, the Kings simply don't take advantage of the process in place, going many games without even taking a challenge. When the Kings challenge, they are simply not good at it, with an abysmal 28% winning percentage. It's hard to understand how you can be wrong three out of every four times, but the stats don't lie, and just like shooting free throws, the Kings need to get better.

What a surprise the Philadelphia 76ers have a league best 84% free throw percentage, and the Kings are dead last in 30th place with a percentage of 73%.

So, while a part of me applauds the vociferous energy that coach Brown brought to the floor Sunday night, I think he should direct some of that energy towards his team with regards to shooting free throws.

Thank you to the many that have reached out to me with your thoughts and comments. Let me know what you think at vgharrskingsfan@gmail.com.

Until next time, keep the faith! ★



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

How Much is Enough?



Money, food, friends, happiness, time, and food; how much do you need in order to have enough? Those who appreciate all they have, always have more than they need. However, those who want more never feel they have enough.

Real life is full of actual examples illustrating this principle at work. Of the people who win big lottery jackpots, about 70% go broke within 5 years. There are many stories of people who inherit wealth yet are miserable. There are endless news stories of successful actors, celebrities, and sports stars self-destructing on drugs, alcohol, crime, or other aberrant behavior.

The key factor is not how much you have, but whether or not you appreciate that which you do have. Happiness and contentment are based on internal sentiment, not external possessions. Remember, if you always want more, you'll never feel you have enough.

So, appreciating what you have is a mindset. It's not based on how much you have. It is based on how grateful you are for what you have. When you are thankful for what you have, you'll feel as if you have an abundance.

So, instead of looking to just accumulating for the sake of having as much as possible, strive to appreciate all of the blessings in your life. Having more, without a sense of gratefulness, diminishes the enhancement on your quality of life.

Quality of life is more important than quantity of your accumulations. There are numerous examples of high-income earners who spend so much time making money that they have little time to really enjoy it. Yet, there are people who make a more modest income but are able to have a more enjoyable lifestyle.

This is not to say that more money is bad and less is good. Rather there must be a quality of life balance where you are able to benefit from all of your efforts, instead of feeling as if you are on a treadmill going a little faster than you can keep up.

Ideally, your money should contribute to your quality of life. When your pursuit of financial rewards leads to

more stress and insecurity than enjoyment, you might want to reassess your strategy.

You can look at your friends in a similar fashion. Do you have dependable friends or simply a lot of friends? A handful of people you can count on is more valuable than dozens of likes on social media. A true friend is there for you in good times and bad, as you are for them. These are people who sincerely care about how you are doing. They keep in touch just to say hello, not just when they want something from you.

You need only so much food to be healthy. Eating more than is required may lead to health problems and weight issues. Spending more than you can afford eating out creates stress in other aspects of your life.

Time is one commodity that most people will agree is in too short a supply. Since everyone has the same amount of time each day, it's how you utilize your time that matters. If you find yourself with "time to kill," you are not putting your time to good use.

There is a certain amount of time you spend working and then there is the rest of the day which is your discretionary time. What you do with your discretionary time impacts how much you will achieve. Time spent working toward an important goal is productive. Time wasted aimlessly keeps you busy with nothing to show for your efforts.

Regardless of what you are measuring, how much is enough for your needs is all that's relevant. Don't compare yourself to what others have or want. Their lives have no impact on you. Appreciate and be thankful for all of your blessings. Make the most of what you do have, instead of lamenting what you feel might be lacking.

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Copy Editor – We are seeking a part-time copy editor for our newspaper group. This position works in the Carmichael office and works directly with Editor. Work hours are flexible between 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Previous editing experience is required.

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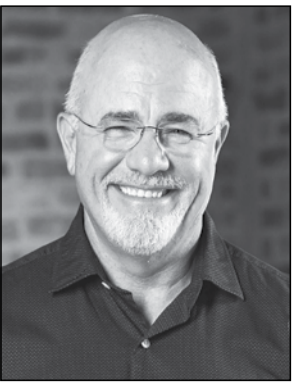
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Delivery Driver – We are seeking a part-time Delivery Driver for our newspaper group. This position would transport newspapers from our Carmichael office to our offices in Marysville and Gridley. Work hours are from 8:30 to 4:00 every Thursday. Must be able to lift and move bundles of newspapers without assistance. Must have your own reliable cargo van. This is an independent contractor position and pays a flat rate for your service.

Newsstand Delivery Driver – We are seeking a part-time Newsstand Delivery Driver for our newspaper group. This position works from the Carmichael office and delivers to our locations in the West Sacramento/Sacramento Region. Work hours are from 8:30 to 5:00 Thursday and/or Friday. Must be able to lift and move bundles of newspapers without assistance. You must have a reliable vehicle. This is an independent contractor position.

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Dave Ramsey Says

pretty good teacher when it comes to learning how the world really works.

One of the jobs of a parent is to look for teachable moments with their kids. Of course, when it comes to teaching there's always a chance the student won't learn the lesson well enough the first time around. I'm not sure how you're doing things, but if I were in your shoes, I'd follow these steps. First, give him a chance to earn some money. In my book, that means work. No allowances! There's a lot of self-esteem and value to be found in accomplishing a given task successfully. Then, once you pay him for the work he does, you have another perfect chance for teachable moments, because you can help him learn about saving, spending and giving, and how to do all three wisely.

It's always hard on parents when they see their kids unhappy. I know we went through it with ours. As a parent and protector, you want to jump in and

make everything okay. But the hard truth is that fixing or doing everything for them is the easy way out. And in the process of doing that, a child will begin to develop a sort of learned helplessness.

Sometimes, Lane, you need to love kids enough to not do things for them. Let them make some mistakes, experience the consequences and fix things themselves. And it's better for them to do all this while they're still under your guidance and protection.

— 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 ★

Work Hard Now, Celebrate Later

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have started teaching our five-year-old son about money. Do you feel we should step in and fix things when he makes mistakes, or let him experience the consequences of his actions? It's so hard on my wife, especially, to see him disappointed when he makes a mistake, and his plans don't work out.

— Lane

Dear Lane,

I know this might sound mean to some folks, but sometimes a good financial disappointment when you're young is the best thing that can happen to you. They're hard to watch happen, or to experience, but often they'll teach life-long lessons. No decent parent wants to see their child sad or hurt, but reality is a



The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

We sure miss that great smile that One-Eyed Jack sent our way at Stone Soup every Thursday. He will be missed by many. There will be a celebration of life honoring him downstairs at the Ponderosa Community Center on Friday, Feb. 9 at 11:00 am. There will be a short service followed by soup and salad (two of Jack's favorite foods).

The Yuba Feather Historical Assn. will hold their quarterly general meeting at the museum in Forbestown on Wednesday, Jan. 25, starting at 6:00 pm. There will be a pot luck supper, followed by a program featuring information about various local graveyards, sharing interesting, unusual epitaphs from the area. If you have any unusual tombstone inscriptions that you know about, please bring them to share.

Last Friday, Jan. 5 there were some happy sounds coming from the Ponderosa Community Center in Brownsville. A band sent out some great music, a spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by many and there was even free food (from one of the Give-Aways). This group, sponsored by Hillside Community Church, has decided

to repeat this event on alternate Friday evenings from 6 - 9. So if you go up that way this evening, you should hear some voices as well as beautiful music. Hopefully this will be repeated during February and maybe even into March. For more information, please call 530 675-9592.

There were many copies of the Rabbit Creek Journal (back when it was a paper edition) stored in a local basement, however they were ruined due to water damage. Now the Yuba Feather museum is hoping to find someone who has past editions of the RCJ and would be willing to donate them to the museum. Please call Books & More (675-3275) or Rosemarie Mossinger (675-2508) if you or someone you know has any of these old newspapers.

Look Back in Time – In 1920 the Challenge sleigh met the Marysville stage at Rackerby. The horses were exhausted and the sleigh will try to get back to Challenge tomorrow (that Hansonville hill is really something!). ★
Hope to see you soon in Brownsville.
~ Yvonne

Journey on . . .



By Kathy Craig Harteis

We left North Dakota last weekend and today we are settled in Oceanside, Ca.

Along the way, we felt the temperature rise and saw the gas prices soar.

When we left Beach, gas was \$2.89 per gallon. It stayed under \$3 until we hit California. Yesterday, we paid \$4.49.

The plus side to all this is that it's a predicted 64 degrees here today. At home in Beach, they expect -31-degree wind chill.

While we waited yesterday for our rental to be ready, we went to lunch at the harbor. I had my first ever lobster taco. I didn't know that was a thing, but now I do, and I'll have it again. Delicious!

The trip itself went pretty smooth. We watched the weather channel radar to see what was ahead. We prayed and tried to time it right for safe travel. We hit a bit of icy, snowy, and blowing patches but nothing major. We were blessed to slide in and out of Utah between to

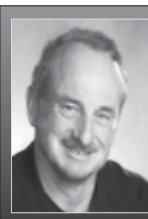
storms. It's all good.

Back now in the Southern California traffic, I've even gotten back in the swing of that.

We will enjoy our time here.

Needless to say, it is far different from North Dakota, and it has a lot to offer. But, when it's time to live in our forever home again, we'll happily head back to the prairie.

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



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Maritime Piracy Could Spike Inflation

So far, the Israeli war has had little effect on inflation here in the U.S. That could be about to change and in a big way.

In response to the continued military incursions into Gaza, the pirating and attacking of ships has increased along the most common route which is used to bring oil to the civilized world.

This route begins in the Persian Gulf, and then passes through a narrow passage called the Strait of Hormuz, onward to the Gulf of Oman and then to the Arabian Sea. It then continues into the Gulf of Aden, where it transverses through an even narrower passage, the Bab Al-Mandeb Strait which leads into the Red Sea. The route eventually ends up at the ever-important Suez Canal which gives access to the Mediterranean Sea and the rest of the civilized world.

The only other route, should this particular series of waterways become impassable for whatever the reason, is around the Cape of Good Hope otherwise known as the proverbial "Around the Horn of Africa".

With the increase in hijacking and the threat of attacks from pirates, rockets and drones, shipping companies are on high alert as well as the U.S. military, which is attempting to keep the shipping lanes open.

Enter the Bab Al-Mandeb Strait, a narrow passage not unlike the Strait of Hormuz but much smaller located between the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea. Not only is the threat of piracy increasing the chances that shippers will suffer losses, should a ship be sunk in the middle of the Bab Al-Mandeb Strait and render it impassable, the route *around the African horn* will be the only alternative. Using this route adds weeks to the travel time, which increases costs dramatically.

But the damage hardly stops there. Longer trip time means fewer trips in total as each ship is tied up for a longer period of time. Supply lines will be delayed as spare parts, oil and whatever else needs to be transported, sit in a ship's hull for a longer period of time using the alternate route.

Insurance costs are already increasing due to piracy concerns. Other costs such as fuel and maintenance costs as well as manpower costs would continue to rise due to the longer travel time and the treacherous seas the horn is noted for.

Preemptive price increases in goods will also be seen as suppliers see rising costs along many facets of the supply line.

Product shortages due to the lack of spare parts, the lack of timely deliveries and the need to increase stocking inventory to address such problems also will spike costs

while shortages will pull prices up because of the law of supply and demand.

Needless to say the price of oil will spike. Since oil is used in a vast majority of stuff that the world needs, when oil prices rise, so goes the price of many of the things we buy.

Perishable goods will be also impacted as more time at sea increases equipment costs and the energy required to keep foods fresh over a longer time period.

Additionally, in a world where supply lines are just beginning to normalize post CoVid, a major rerouting of oil and other goods may slow the recovery from the shutdowns. It could possibly even slam the progress in reverse, dragging us back to the problems witnessed when CoVid ended and store shelves were slow to fill.

You and I are not the only ones to put two and two together and surmise the damage an impassable Strait of Hormuz or Bab Al-Mandeb would cause to the Western world and beyond.

Many of the pirate groups, the Iraqi State, Hamas and other haters of Israel and America currently possess the weaponry to sink a ship large enough to cause a major problem in the narrow waterways in either or both of these two straits.

If not sink a vessel altogether, just the ongoing harassment and/or outright piracy could bring the shippers of the world to their knees through the increase in costs as a result of such actions. These costs will likely be passed onto the consumer in many of the products we buy causing even higher inflation than what we see now.

While the governments of the world try to rein in inflation through tighter monetary and fiscal policy, a handful of determined terrorists standing on a bluff overlooking the sea armed with some rockets could bring the Western world to their knees through the resulting inflation that would result from sinking just the right ship in just the right spot.

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

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Three Arrested for Assault

Sutter County Sheriff's Office

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On January 5, 2024, the Sutter County Sheriff's Office received a report of an assault in the 1100 block of Third Street in Meridian. The victim suffered major injuries and was life flighted to the UC Davis Medical Center. After the incident, the Sutter County Investigations Unit conducted follow-up

which led to the identity of the three suspects. On January 10, 2024, numerous search warrants were authorized and executed, which led to the apprehension of 23-year-old Jovani Campos-Figueroa, 24-year-old Nina Leal, and 23-year-old Robert Leal. All three subjects were arrested and booked for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Battery with Serious Bodily Injury, Mayhem, and Violation of Probation. ★

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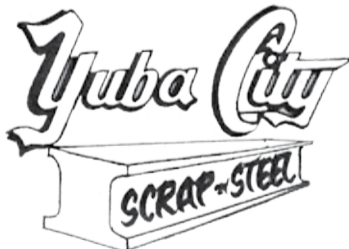
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THORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 215 5TH ST., MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said 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 obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$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 record-

er's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.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 Califor-

nia Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 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 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-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.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS
Deputy Clerk
January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023F-354
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Calypto's Garden
1399 Meadow Ranch Street
Plumas Lakes, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Calypso's Garden LLC
1399 Meadow Ranch 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.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
December 29, 2023
January 5, 12, 19, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-001
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Midas Marysville
928 H Street
Marysville, CA 95901
MAILING ADDRESS:
2201 Francisco Dr.
Ste. 140-573
Eldorado Hills, CA 95762
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Thunder Strike Investments LLC
2201 Francisco Dr.
Ste. 140-573
Eldorado Hills, CA 95762
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:
Brandy Sparks
CA Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 01/04/2024.
(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
Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 2024

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, January 23, 2024 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. Units to be sold belonging to the following:

Name
Robert Brown III
Rebecca Moore
Christian Ruiz Ramirez
Tiffany Martinez
Caleb Bunch
Billy Coffey
Christina Robinson
Alicia Mahoney
Danielle Sharpe

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 (1/12/24 & 1/19/24)

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, January 23, 2024 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. Units to be sold belonging to the following:

Name
Jacqueline Ellison

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 (1/12/24 & 1/19/24)

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.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
December 29, 2023.
January 5, 12, 19, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT File No. 2023F-342
The fictitious business name referred to in this Statement of Abandonment was filed in Yuba County, CA on: 11-16-23 FBN Filing number 2023F-342
The Style House
818 5th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of Yuba
1) Gary Vongsavath
905 5th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
2) Allen Vongsavath
905 5th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Gary Vongsavath
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on Jan. 08, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
BRIDGETTE EVANS
Deputy Clerk
January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-004
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Hai Mochi House
905 5th Street, Suite B
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Gary Vongsavath
905 5th Street, Suite B
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:
Gary Vongsavath
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on Jan. 08, 2024.
(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
January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023F-375
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
EL FENIX MEXICAN GRILL
1360 Sundance Drive
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Alberto Guzman
1360 Sundance Drive
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
2. Leticia Guzman
1360 Sundance Drive
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Alberto Guzman
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on Jan. 08, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2024.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Yuba County Community Services Commission board meeting Tuesday, January 23 at 3:00 p.m. at the Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth Street, Marysville, CA 95901. Contact Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation at 530-751-8555 or ysedc@ysedc.org for any questions.

Community Events

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6 pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
4965 Powerline Rd, Olivehurst. Info: 530-777-9057

Hilltop Gang Breakfast, 2nd Sunday of the Month at Brownsville Community Center downstairs on Ponderosa Way. Complete breakfast includes: Coffee, orange juice and peaches. Choice of ham or sausage. Choice of pancakes, french toast or biscuits and gravy.
Adults \$8, Children under 12 \$4, 3 & under Free.

DOBBINS FARMERS MARKET
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that Marysville Mini Storage 528 14th Street, 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.

This auction will be conducted online at www.bid13.com **Friday January 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM, and end on Thursday January 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM**. 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:
Ralph E. Verre
Eva A. Padilla
Marcus D. Savedra
Lori A. Jones
Joseph A. Staten
Timothy P. Timms Jr.
Jamal D. Coleman

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. 530-742-6898
January 19, 2024

Investigation of University Department Exposes Problematic “Critical” Ethnic Studies

AMCHA Initiative Press Release

SANTA CRUZ, CA (MPG) - A new study released today by campus antisemitism watchdog group AMCHA Initiative provides extensive evidence that faculty in the academic department considered ground zero for the highly politicized, “critical” version of the ethnic studies discipline at the University of California and for efforts to push the discipline into K-12 classrooms are using their department’s name and University resources to promote propaganda and activism to undermine and ultimately dismantle the Jewish state – in violation of University policy and California law.

According to the new research, the University of California Santa Cruz’s Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) department has engaged in anti-Zionist advocacy and activism since at least May 2021, when CRES pledged departmental allegiance to “the struggle for Palestinian liberation” and committed its faculty to bringing the academic boycott of Israel (the academic arm of the antisemitic BDS movement) onto campus and into their classrooms. However, according to the study, incidents involving CRES’s anti-Zionist political advocacy and activism have drastically increased in frequency and intensity since Hamas’ massacre of Israeli civilians on October 7, 2023.

Some of the newer incidents include: blaming Israel for the Hamas massacre and calling Israel’s defensive measures a “genocide”; incorporating anti-Zionist propaganda, including clear falsehoods, into their teaching and teacher training programs; shutting down their department as part of a “Global General Strike” against Israel and calling for students to boycott their classes; and promoting and participating in the “Shut It Down for Palestine” protest rally of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) that illegally blocked access to the campus. Even after a clear warning from the UCSC Provost highlighting UC policies proscribing political advocacy and activism “in the classroom and other instructional spaces,” CRES faculty doubled-down on their political activities, recently announcing on their university website the launch of Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP), a group designed to serve as the faculty-arm of SJP.

“CRES’s commitment to anti-Zionist political advocacy and activism, as a department and as a core element of its discipline, can’t help but corrupt the academic mission of the

university and violate students’ fundamental right to be educated and not indoctrinated,” said Tammi Rossmann-Benjamin, co-founder and director of AMCHA Initiative and a former UC Santa Cruz faculty member herself. But for Rossmann-Benjamin, the most alarming consequence of CRES’s substitution of anti-Zionist activism for education is its harmful impact on Jewish students: “Our research has consistently shown that on campuses where individual faculty and departments use educational spaces for anti-Zionist political advocacy and activism, rates of antisemitic activity – including assaults, threats of harm, vandalism, and bullying – are significantly elevated. Against the backdrop of a more than 700% increase in campus antisemitism since Hamas’ horrific massacre of Israeli civilians on October 7th, CRES’s unbridled expression of animus towards the Jewish state and its supporters absolutely contributes to a hostile, antisemitic environment for Jewish students, faculty, and staff at UCSC.”

The report also notes that CRES plays an important role in bringing the department’s highly politicized version of ethnic studies to K-12 classrooms in the state. Last year CRES became the first UCSC department outside the STEM fields to include an expedited pathway for students to earn a post-BA teaching credential. In addition, CRES leadership is behind a proposal for establishing a UC ethnic studies admissions requirement, which, if approved, would force almost every high school student in the state to take an ethnic studies course whose content standards were developed, in large part, by CRES faculty.

“Shockingly, these same professors who are using their university positions and resources to unabashedly promote anti-Zionism and antisemitism,” says Rossmann-Benjamin, “are the ones who our state has entrusted with developing what will be taught to every California student about Jews and Israel.”

According to the report, CRES’s anti-Zionist advocacy and activism are likely in violation of several UC policies and state laws that prohibit the use of the name, facilities, and resources of the University for political advocacy or indoctrination, and others that sanction the failure of individual faculty members and academic departments to fulfill their contractual and fiduciary responsibilities. The report concludes that there is more than enough evidence of departmental misconduct to warrant a thorough investigation of CRES by UC and state officials. ★

Gallagher Applauds SCOTUS Decision to Hear Homeless Encampment Case

Assembly Republicans Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) applauded the United States Supreme Court’s decision to hear the case of City of Grants Pass v. Johnson, which seeks to end the prohibition on enforcing local anti-vagrancy laws unless there is a shelter space for each homeless individual. The prohibition was imposed by a ruling in the 2018 case of Martin v. Boise, and has been blamed for contributing to California’s

current homelessness crisis. Following the Court’s announcement, Gallagher issued the following statement:

“Democrats’ handling of homelessness in California is a national embarrassment.

“The Boise case is being abused by activists, and some cities have used it as an excuse for their complete failure to solve the homelessness crisis and clean up our streets. Removing that excuse will allow us to begin holding politicians accountable for their inaction and incompetence.

“I am confident the Supreme Court will agree there is no right to vagrancy and to fill our parks and sidewalks with trash, needles and human waste.

“Removing this barrier to cleaning up encampments is a good first step, but we need to go further: stop wasting money on ineffective programs, demand results from officials and organizations that are supposed to be solving this problem, and stop tolerating the drug use and crime that have become hallmarks of many California cities.”



Merced, Sonoma Poultry Farms Hard Hit As Avian Flu Outbreak Spreads

Outbreaks of a highly contagious strain of avian influenza have spiked markedly this winter, leading to the recent destruction of 3.78 million birds at poultry farms in Merced and Sonoma counties. Until last fall, the disease appeared to have left California poultry farms relatively unscathed compared to farms in states such as Iowa, the nation’s largest egg producer. While California bird losses totaled 751,680 the first year of the outbreak, losses topped 4.7 million in 2023, with most of the cases occurring since October, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Desert Farmers Are Pleased With Winter Vegetable Harvest

Winter vegetable harvest is in full swing in the Imperial Valley and growers say the conditions this season have been close to perfect. Growers say a fall planting season without heat waves and a mild winter have created ideal conditions for leafy greens and vegetables. Alex Jack of Jack Brothers grows lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower and other crops in the Imperial Valley. “Our crops are looking fantastic,” Jack said. “We’re pretty much right on schedule.” The Imperial Valley and neighboring Coachella Valley produce the lion’s share of America’s winter vegetables. ★

Snowfall, Rain Diminish In Early 2024 After California’s Wet 2023

Unlike early 2023, when nonstop atmospheric river storms built a deep Sierra Nevada snowpack, replenished depleted reservoirs and flooded parts of California, snowfall and rain has sharply diminished so far this year. In the days since the first Sierra Nevada snow survey of 2024 last week, storms added more snow, increasing the early January state-wide snowpack figure of 25% of average to 36% of average as of Monday. At this time last year, the state’s snowpack measured 117% of average, which is more than half of the average yearly total. But key precipitation months are still to come.

Organic Market Is Robust For Berries, Prepackaged Salads

The prospects for organic produce remain strong in these inflationary times, according to leaders of some of the largest grower-shipper operations. Statistics gathered by the Category Partners farm market data firm show that organic berry sales increased nearly 7% in the third quarter of 2023 compared to the previous year, while organic prepackaged salads were up 5.4%. Sales of organic lettuce, onions and tomatoes were all up less than 4% year over year, while sales of organic celery, squash and peaches were down. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-007

The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
The Liquor Empire
301 E Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Sarvasva Success Inc.
301 E Street
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by
a Corporation.

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

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

Signed:
Sambhav Soni
CA President

This statement was filed
with the County Clerk of Yuba
County on January 9, 2024.

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

DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-003

The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
Blue Drones
1566 Garnet Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Stephen Cotta
1566 Garnet Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961
2. Stephen Cotta
1566 Garnet Way
Plumas Lake, CA 95961

This business is conducted by
a Married Couple.

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

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

Signed:
Stephen Cotta

This statement was filed
with the County Clerk of Yuba
County on January 8, 2024.

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

DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: Jose Villasenor & Khaleela Oneal PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 23-01334 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
2/13/2024
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Jose Villasenor & Khaleela Oneal, filed a petition with
this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Abel Xavier Sosa O'neal
to: Abel Sosa Villaseñor

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.

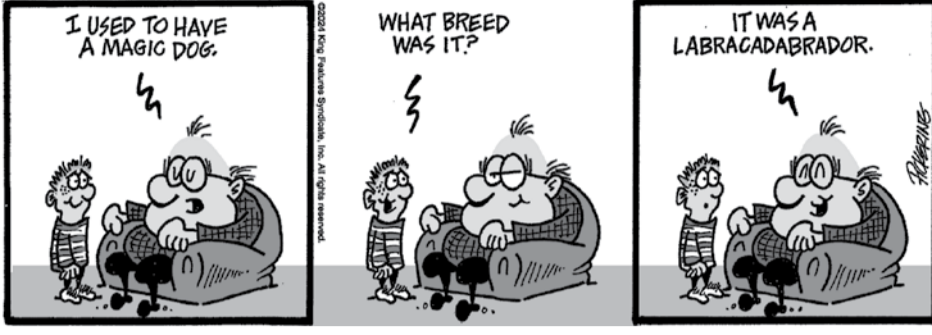
DATE: 01/02/2024

Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
JANUARY 12, 19, 26, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



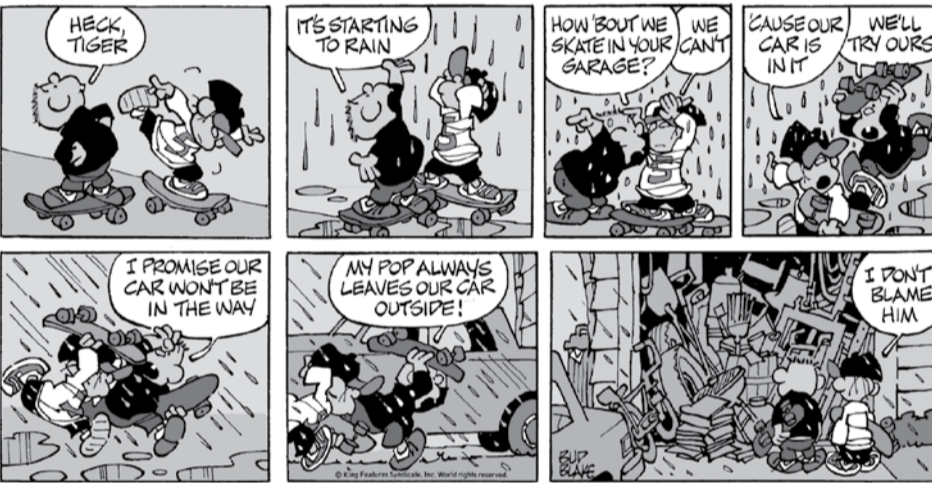
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by Gary Kopervas



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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by Dave T. Phipps



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Farm Bureau Photo Contest Winners Illustrate California Farm Life

California Farm Bureau Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A college student from Los Banos majoring in plant and soil sciences has earned First Place in the 42nd annual California Farm Bureau Photo Contest.

Cayden Pricolo, who won \$1,000 for an action shot of the hand harvest of watermelons at a farm in her hometown, noted that photography is an invaluable tool for helping urban and suburban residents understand where their food comes from.

“Photography is a good way to advocate and show the rest of the world how the ag industry is done,” she said. “Without these people doing this manual labor, we wouldn’t be able to have successful farming to provide food for the world.”

The 2023 photo contest attracted hundreds of images from amateur photographers who are members of county Farm Bureaus throughout the state. Contestants used digital cameras and smartphones to capture the winning images.

Ismael (Mel) Resendiz of Fallbrook garnered Second Place and \$500 for a photo of an employee harvesting protea flowers at his 250-acre farm. Third Place and \$250 went to Woodlake resident Mishael McDougal, who submitted a portrait of a Jersey cow that joins her for nutrition education classes at local elementary schools. Timothy Danley of Willows won Fourth Place and \$100 for a drone

shot of his father working lime into the soil.

Six photographers earned Honorable Mentions and \$50 each: Jocelyn Brown of Nevada City, Ashley Carreiro of Riverdale, Mariah Earl of Vacaville, Stan Grosz of Fresno, Mary Ann Renner of Ferndale and Larry Speed of Hughson.

In the Budding Artists category for photographers ages 13 and younger, 12-year-old Ashley Jansen won First Place for a closeup of a bee pollinating an almond blossom on her family’s farm in Arbuckle. Natalie Webb, a 10-year-old from St. Helena, earned contest accolades for the fourth straight year, grabbing Second Place with a shot of green grapes in a vineyard near her home. Both prizes were presented by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

All 12 prize-winning photos were published this week in Ag Alert®, the California Farm Bureau’s weekly newspaper, and California Bountiful®, the organization’s magazine.

Winning images may be viewed and downloaded for publication from Farm Bureau’s “Meet the Winners” profiles here.

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 29,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.3 million Farm Bureau members. ★



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

LOCAL FISHING

Emergency White Sturgeon Laws
October 2023

One White Sturgeon per year. Slot is 42"- 48". Possession One. Sac. River Hwy. 50 Bridge, upstream, closed 1-1 to 5-31-2024. San Joaquin River Hwy. 5 upstream, closed 1-1 to 5-31-2024. Reopens June 1, 2024 to catch and release only. Sturgeon Report Card required. \$18.40

Fisherman’s Comment: Brownie, where is your report on striped bass fishing in Yuba City and Marysville? Ans: Dear Reader: current reports on striped bass fishing in Yuba City and Marysville are done when fish are biting, if no fish are biting...no report.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

San Francisco Bay/ Emeryville. Rock fishing ends on Dec 31, 2023. Halibut season opens on March 2024. Dekker Island in the Delta; windy and lots of grass. Caught four Starry Flounders and six Striped Bass...Both on...Try: Sardine Cut Bait. (a)

COASTAL WATERS

Huge 12-foot waves, prevents fishermen from fishing. Party boats and commercial boats remain in harbor. Last trip Dec 31, 2023, party boats limit out on Dungeness Crab and Sanddabs. Crabs...Try: Squid. (b). Sanddabs...Try: Strip Bait. (b) North Coast commercial crab fishermen on strike. Buyers offering only \$3.00 per pound. Note: Squid bait cost \$3.50 per Lb. Bodega Bay: The last trip of Dec. 31, 2023. Twenty three anglers landed 230 rock fish and 230 Dungeness Crabs...

to 2.5 lbs. Rock fish...Try: Cut Bait. (b) Crab...Try: Squid. (b)

LAKES RESERVOIRS

Lake Berryessa; limits of 20-inch rainbows. Try: Spoons. (b) Pyramid Lake/ Nev. Lahontan Cutthroat trout bite slow-



Popcorn Beetles

ing down. Slow retrieve of sunken bait. Try: Popcorn Beetle. (a) Bullards Bar Reservoir; limits of Kokes to 13 ½ inches. 50-65 ft deep. Try: Cut Plug w/ Tuna scent. (b) Davis Lake; ice is too thin to walk on. Ice Fishing Report next week. Lake Oroville; spotted bass at 15'-25' deep. Try: Swim Bait. (b)

RIVERS

Upper American River; first week of Jan, 2024 opener. Lots of fishermen. 1800 CFS flow. Steelhead to 8-lbs. Try: Soft Red Beads under Bobber. (b) Upper Sacramento River; landed 30 rainbows to 22- inches. Try: Fresh Salmon Roe Clusters. (b) Russian River/ Guerneville; 8-pound adult steelhead landed. Try: Steelhead Fly. (b)

“Grasping at straws”
~ Brownie

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RV Girls Grab First Two CVC Wins, Marysville Girls Split Week



River Valley senior forward Tanvi Joshi (34) drives toward the basket and puts up a shot on Monday, January 8, in the Lady Falcons' 44-40 victory over Bella Vista.

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

River Valley

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The River Valley Falcons girls' basketball picked up their first two wins of the Capital Valley Conference as they beat Bella Vista 44-40 on Monday, January 8, and Roseville 40-20 on Wednesday, January 10.

River Valley contained Bella Vista junior guard Ellie Thome defensively and forced her to find other sources of offense for the Lady Broncos.

The Lady Falcons led 20-18 at the half and had great energy throughout the game.

River Valley junior guard Gurleen Nijjar told the Dispatch that the Lady Falcons overall effort on defense was great with how they kept up the energy throughout the game.

Nijjar had six points in the win. The Lady Falcons defense opened the third quarter forcing multiple Bella Vista turnovers that gave River Valley fast break opportunities down the other end of the floor.

Lady Falcons senior forward Tanvi Joshi expressed to the Dispatch that they were composed in the second half and just didn't throw up any shots that weren't out of the ordinary. Joshi led River Valley with

13 points in the win.

Bella Vista closed the lead and tied the game within the final minute where junior forward Claudia Dudek gave River Valley the lead after a layup with 58 seconds remaining in the game.

The defense continued in the final minute and got major stops as junior forward Avneeth Gill iced the game and extended the Lady Falcons lead to four points at the free throw line with 1.6 seconds left in the game.

River Valley Head Coach Thomas Zaragoza expressed to the Dispatch that although they did a lot of right things in the win over Bella Vista, he wants

to work on the minimal things they missed in the game throughout the night.

The Lady Falcons have a rivalry game as they travel to Yuba City.

Marysville

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Marysville girls' basketball team lost its first Pioneer Valley League game as they were beaten 54-41 by Colfax on Wednesday, January 10.

Colfax left the Marysville gym with sole possession of first place in the PVL, and the Lady Indians defensive effort throughout the night gave the defending 2023 CIF Division III NorCal Champions fits at times. Colfax led by six at the end of the first.

The second quarter turned into a mini shootout competition between both squads as none of the balls wanted to drop for Marysville and all seemed to fall for Colfax as the Lady Falcons opened the quarter with a 9-1 run and led by 10 at the half.

Marysville Head Coach Ike Prince told the Dispatch they lacked rebounding throughout certain moments of the game.

"A couple of the girls when the ball would go up were trying to get to outlets and get fast break points," Prince said. "All we talked about yesterday (Tuesday, January 9) was all five girls rebounding."

Prince added that health within the team has been noticeable as he has yet to have a game with a complete roster due to sickness/illness since the Lincoln tournament began on December 14, 2023.

Prince told the Dispatch

he hopes there are a few days in the near future where he can give the girls some much needed time to get healthy and come back after as a solid group.

The lady Indians continued their strong defense as they had 19 steals during the game, and that helped Marysville close in on Colfax towards the end of the third quarter as the Lady Falcons lead dwindled to six.

Marysville senior guard Kaliyah Henry led the Lady Indians with five steals in the game, and junior guard Demi Boykin led Marysville with 14 points on the night.

Once the fourth quarter hit, it became the stage for Colfax junior center Juliette James as she worked the paint in the fourth quarter scoring eight points and snagging

multiple rebounds to eventually pull away out of reach for Marysville.

Prince expressed to the Dispatch that some of the positives throughout the night included handling the Colfax press well.

Although the shots didn't fall as much as Marysville would have liked, Prince told the Dispatch that he is going to attempt to get his girls relaxed.

"When we miss shots, it's because we're rushing and not relaxed," Prince said.

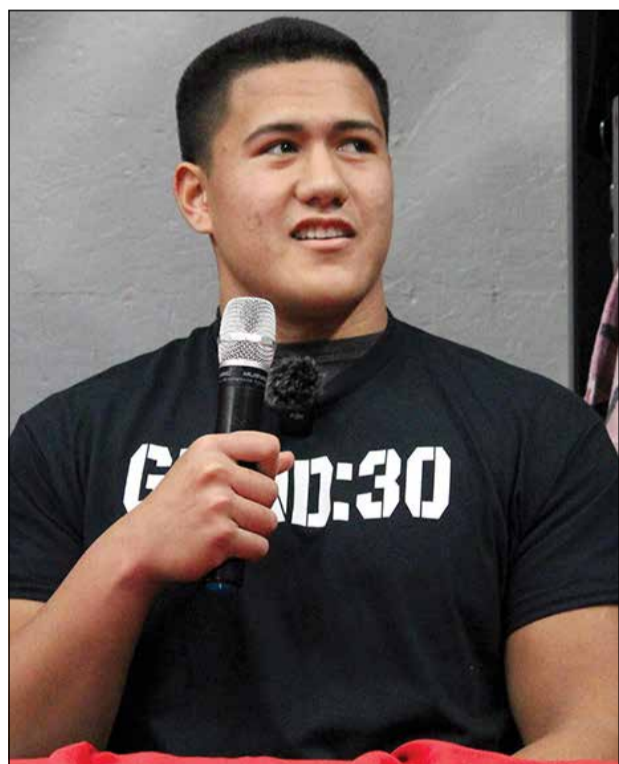
He added that he knows the open shots will come in throughout time. The Lady Indians came back a couple nights later and took care of business against Twelve Bridges 50-14 on Friday, January 12.

Marysville is on the road as they are set to tipoff at Bear River. ★



Marysville sophomore guard shoots from the outside on Wednesday, January 10, in the Lady Indians' 54-41 defeat to Colfax.

Asiata Brings Smarts and Dawg Mentality to Fresno State



Auckland Asiata speaks at his signing ceremony on Saturday, January 13. Asiata signed his letter of intent to play football for California State University, Fresno in the fall of 2024.

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Sutter Union senior Auckland Asiata was swarmed by family, friends, teammates and coaches as he signed his national letter of intent (NLI) to commit to the California State University, Fresno for furthering his academic and athletic career playing football.

Asiata held a ceremony on Saturday, January 13, at the new GRIND:30 facility in Yuba City, and the family atmosphere was represented all over

the facility.

Asiata expressed to the Dispatch that he chose Fresno State because it was the right fit and he believes the coaches can take him to another level.

Asiata had offers from many schools across the country that included the Ivy League and military academy schools, to name a few, but ultimately decided Fresno State was the place to call home for the four upcoming years.

During his speech at the ceremony, he showed love and appreciation to everyone in attendance and who has helped him throughout

the time, but he showed the most appreciation to his mother, Jana.

Jana expressed to the Dispatch that she is happy he is going to be closer to home but didn't want to detour his decision on other offers.

Jana told the Dispatch she has been to everything of Auckland's and wasn't going to start missing anything now.

Jana added that she does want Auckland to keep growing as a great man

and have fun in his time at Fresno State.

Auckland told the Dispatch that is he going into Fresno State as a defensive tackle when he arrives there, so he is in the process of trying to get bigger and stronger.

Sutter Head Football Coach Ryan Reynolds expressed multiple leadership words describing Auckland's time in a Sutter football uniform and the classroom that included dedication and drive.

Reynolds expressed to the Dispatch that he is excited to see how Fresno State expands Auckland's development from where he ended at Sutter through his entire career as a Bulldog.

"I can't wait to see how they develop him," Reynolds said.

Throughout Auckland's 28 games in a Husky varsity uniform, he collected 185 total tackles, 53.0 tackles for loss and 18.5 sacks.

Auckland will complete his last few months of enjoying being a high-school senior at Sutter before he moves onto Fresno in the summer.

Fresno State's first game of the 2024 season is on the road on Saturday, August 31, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Michigan just won the 2023-24 College Football National Championship a couple weeks ago with a victory over Washington. ★



Sutter senior Auckland Asiata (middle of table) celebrates with family and coaches at a signing ceremony at the new GRIND:30 facility on Saturday, January 13. Asiata signed his letter of intent to attend California State University, Fresno in the fall of 2024.