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## Missile Site's TCE Spreading to Border of Active-Adult Community

Story and photos by Carol Feineman

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Remediating a trichloroethylene (TCE) plume that moved from the defunct Titan 1-A missile site in Lincoln to properties across the street and today bordering an active-adult community is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) priority.

That's what U.S. Army Corps' Sacramento District Deputy District Commander Lt. Col. Dianna Lively stressed during a Jan. 31 meeting with the grassroots Lincoln-based Titan1-A Missile Site Environmental Contamination and Remediation Committee. Right before an Army Corps' public informational meeting about the former missile site's soil vapor and groundwater contamination, Lively and other Army Corps representatives assured the committee that the agency was working on removing the contamination.

Minutes later at the public meeting, however, Army Corps representatives told about 250 residents that remediation would not begin until at least 2027. Army Corps representatives at both meetings would not estimate when remediation would start.

The Titan 1-A Missile



Sun City Lincoln Hills residents looked at charts and information from the U.S. Army Corps showing a trichloroethylene (TCE) plume bordering the active-adult community. The residents also listened to a presentation by Army Corps representatives saying that more information was needed to determine the contamination's extent.

site at 401 Oak Tree Lane in Lincoln was one of 18 former intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) silo sites in California, Colorado, Wyoming and Washington during the Cold War.

Each Titan 1 missile site stored three missiles in the underground silos. Beale Air Force Base 851st Strategic Missile Squadron near Marysville oversaw the Titan I missile sites in Lincoln, Chico and Live

Oak. Lincoln's missile site operated from 1962 to 1965.

According to the Jan. 31 public meeting presentation, the Army Corps will place three soil vapor

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## Residents Still Without Power a Day After Heavy Winds

By MPG Staff

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The region's weekend storm Sunday and Monday has affected several thousand residents at home, work and while driving.

As of 2 p.m. Monday, the Yuba County Office of Emergency Services reported that 8,822 Yuba County residents remained without power as a consequence of the storm's high winds and heavy rainfall.

"We're hearing from PG&E that restoration to power in some locations will take longer than 24 hours; they aim to operate a Community Resource Center in the foothills at some point tomorrow (Tuesday)," according to the Office of Emergency Services Facebook page. "In the meantime, Yuba County is opening a resource center at our Yuba County Health & Human Services, located at 5730 Packard Avenue in Linda. You can charge your devices, connect to WiFi, have access to restrooms, and heat. This will operate from 3 - 6 p.m. today (Monday) and during business hours tomorrow (Tuesday) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Enter the main lobby and you will see signs pointing you to the Peach/Yuba conference room."

The stormy weather also impacted travel on area roadways, according to the Yuba County Sheriff's Department's Facebook page.

While Ramirez Road was reopened at 9 a.m. Monday, road closures as of Monday afternoon affecting Yuba County included Hammonton-Smartsville Road and North Beale Road, both closed from Griffith to Brophy; Highway 70 and Ramirez Road, one mile east of the railroad tracks; South Beale Road at Bradshaw; River Run at River Bank; 7th at Okmulgee to Fleming Road; and Old Dobbins at Marysville Road.

On Monday, the Yuba County Sheriff's Department urged residents to "please be careful and watch for debris and fallen trees." ★

## Mural Marathon Coming to Yuba City

*Call to Artists for Submissions Is Now Open*

**Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture News Release**

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - So, what is a Mural Marathon anyway? In the case of the Yuba City Mural Marathon, it's a competitive mural painting event with a set timeline. Think of it as public art as a spectator sport. The Yuba-Sutter Rotary Night Club is in search of five professional mural artists who will each create a 21'x21' mural in just 48 hours on the south side of the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts.

All five murals will be painted on the same wall along Church Street which has five distinct framed sections, one of which will be assigned to each artist. The project is being funded by a grant from the Upstate California Creative Corps (UCCC). The project is being done in collaboration with the Yuba Sutter Rotary Night Club, the Blue Zones Project, the Partnership



STCA Mural Marathon Wall.jpg: The STCA Mural Marathon Wall waiting to be filled with art. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

for Health, Equity and Inclusion, and Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture.

The Mural Marathon is part of a larger event that includes an adjacent art and health Festival to bring awareness to the four UCCC program goals. Artists must incorporate one or more of the following themes into their designs:

- Public health awareness messages, such as mitigating the spread of COVID-19
- Public awareness of

environment-related issues, such as water and energy conservation, climate mitigation, and emergency preparedness, relief, and recovery

- Civic engagement, such as election participation
- Social justice and community engagement

The start time for the Mural Marathon is 4 pm on Friday, April 19, and "brushes (or spray cans) down" will be at 4 pm on Sunday, April 21. Winners

will be announced between 5 and 5:30 pm on the 21st. Artists chosen to participate will each receive \$5,000. Once completed, judges will award additional prize money. The first-place winner will receive an additional \$3,000, second-place - \$2,500, and third-place - \$1,500. Interested artists should go to yubasutterarts.org to review the full Call to Artists details and Entry Form or write to: david@yubasutterarts.org ★



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# As California Closes Prisons, the Cost of Locking Someone Up Hits New Record at \$132,860



An inmate at San Quentin State Prison on March 17, 2023. Photo by Martin do Nascimento, CalMatters

## Cal Matters News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION CA (MPG)** - The cost of imprisoning one person in California has increased by more than 90% in the past decade, reaching a record-breaking \$132,860 annually, according to state finance documents.

That's nearly twice as expensive as the annual undergraduate tuition — \$66,640 — at the University of Southern California, the most costly private university in the state.

California's spending per inmate jumped steeply during the COVID-19 pandemic and it continued to increase despite recent cost-cutting moves, including Gov. Gavin Newsom's recent move to close three state prisons.

It's propelled by lucrative employee compensation deals and costly mandates to improve health care behind bars, according to fiscal analyses by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office. Newsom's most recent budget proposal includes \$18.1 billion for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, up from \$15.7 billion when he took office in 2019.

Some lawmakers and advocates have argued California should focus on rehabilitation and shut down additional prisons to save money in the face of what the governor's office projects to be a \$38 billion deficit.

Last year, the Legislative Analyst's Office suggested the state could close as many as five more

state prisons because of California's declining inmate population.

That would stand to save upwards of \$1 billion in operating costs, and even more money on unfunded capital improvement projects, the report said.

Newsom's three closures and the cancellation of a contract for a fourth privately run prison save the state an estimated \$667 million over the next year, according to the Department of Finance, but the savings are not enough to offset increased operational and employee costs.

The California Correctional Peace Officers Association, which represents 26,000 prison guards, last summer negotiated a contract with successive 3% raises and other perks that will cost the state roughly \$1 billion over the next three years. The prison doctors' union, which represents 1,700 employees, also negotiated a two-year contract with a combined 5.5% general salary increase and a range of other incentives. The Newsom administration estimates it will cost \$234 million over three years.

But Newsom, at least for now, is not recommending any additional prison closures. Instead, his state budget proposal recommends keeping prisons open with fewer inmates in them to provide more space for rehabilitative programs.

"The administration is not currently proposing any additional prison closures," H.D. Palmer, spokesperson for the Department of Finance, said in a statement. "We remain committed to meeting the

needs of staff and the incarcerated population while right-sizing California's prison system as the prison population declines over time, and to addressing space needs as the state transforms the carceral system to one more focused on rehabilitation."

Opponents of mass incarceration say the administration's argument for keeping empty prison beds open doesn't align with how the money is spent.

"This is a cash grab by (the corrections department)," said Brian Kaneda, deputy director of the prison abolitionist group Californians United for a Responsible Budget. Newsom has touted transforming San Quentin State Prison into a rehabilitation center, but advocates like Kaneda and state advisory groups say the plan is vague.

Rehabilitation costs, which currently include prisoner education and activities, only make up a fraction of total correctional spending — roughly 3% — over the past decade, according to state budget documents.

In a written statement, the corrections department said its spending plan "judiciously uses taxpayer dollars in a manner that balances the need for cost-efficiency while maximizing public safety, the wellbeing of incarcerated people and successful rehabilitation."

The actual cost to house a prisoner is much closer to \$15,000, said Caitlin O'Neil, a criminal justice analyst for the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's

Office. Direct costs include things such as food and clothing while the remaining 91% of spending per prisoner comes from fixed costs like salaries and facility upkeep.

She found that compensation for employees at the corrections department increased by 43% between 2010 and 2019 — from \$110,000 to \$158,000 — nearly triple the rate of inflation.

Last summer, the state prison guard contract included \$10,000 bonuses for officers at certain prisons and a new guaranteed 401k contribution in addition to regular pension benefits.

The state's current savings from prison closures, about \$200 million per facility, is not nearly enough to offset those pay and benefits boosts.

"We would have to close one or more prisons per year just to offset employee compensation increases that happen regularly," O'Neil said.

The peace officers' union did not respond to requests for comment. Prison labor advocates often argue that jobs are dangerous and difficult to staff, warranting high compensation benefits.

The union can be a force in the Capitol. It has contributed \$2.2 million to the campaigns of current state legislators and it gave \$1.75 million to help Newsom defeat a 2021 recall campaign. It also recently contributed \$1 million to support Proposition 1, the measure Newsom placed on the March ballot to build housing and treatment facilities for people

with serious mental health conditions.

Despite a precipitous decline in prison populations, corrections spending has remained relatively stable. In 2018, the average daily prison population topped 120,000 compared to a projected 90,240 people in 2024. That's a 25% decrease. In contrast, correctional spending as a share of the total state budget has barely dropped in the same time period from 7% to 6%.

What should be good news to opponents of mass incarceration — decreasing populations — has not resulted in a leaner criminal justice system.

"If you have \$700 million in annual savings from prison closure, but you're spending hundreds of millions of dollars on new prison infrastructure and giving prison guards a billion dollar raise (over three years), that starts to show why the math isn't mathing," Kaneda said.

But wholesale cuts to correctional spending don't necessarily always equate to better prison conditions, said John Pfaff, a law professor at Fordham University.

"If you don't cut (budgets) carefully, that makes prisons worse places to be. It makes them more dangerous, more traumatic," Pfaff said. "I say that as someone who is not a fan at all of prisons as a general institution."

Medical care is one area of increased spending where the state, under court order, is trying to improve prison conditions.

The average cost per person for medical care has

more than doubled in the past 10 years, and total health care spending by the corrections department has increased by about 67%. Although the recent prison closures have cut about 2,700 correctional positions, medical spending has eaten up those savings.

Former Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting, a Democrat from San Francisco, said corrections is the only state program where having fewer people translates into more spending. In 2022 Ting proposed closing three more prisons to bring down fixed costs and account for the shrinking number of prisoners.

"If we were educating 50% less kids, you'd see the funding go down. If we had 50% less people in health care or 50% fewer families using CalFresh, the programs would go down," Ting said. "So how is it at a time when the prison population has not just gone down a little bit, has gone down significantly, that spending increased?"

There were roughly 15,000 empty beds last year in prisons across the state, according to the Legislative Analyst's Office. That number, driven largely by decades of sentencing changes and court-ordered mandates to decrease prison crowding, is expected to reach 20,000 over the next three years.

"We're not not talking about some very small number where they want to keep a little bit of a buffer," Ting said. "They want to keep three to five empty prisons up and running."

Ting, who is no longer the budget chair, said he may still push this year to shut down more prisons. ★

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## Jerrett Davis Takes Helm as Executive Chef for Hard Rock Hotel and Casino

Heather Atherton PR News Release

WHEATLAND, CA (MPG)

- Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain is proud to introduce our new farm to fork focused Executive Chef, Jerrett Davis. Davis will oversee all culinary operations for eight dining venues including the award-winning Council Oak Steaks & Seafood and the signature Hard Rock Café as well as the Fresh Market Buffet, YouYu Asian Bistro and Constant Grind. A California native who spent 10 years cooking for the Maloof family after serving as a Marine around the world, Davis brings his unique flavor and perspective to the Hard Rock team in Wheatland.

Raised in southern Central California, just North of the Santa Ynez wine country, Davis moved to Sacramento in high school and graduated from McClatchy High School. He then enlisted in the Marines and spent

four years traveling to 20 countries. Throughout his career he has also had the opportunity to work in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and San Francisco prior to landing at Hard Rock Sacramento in Wheatland. He worked for the Maloof family for a decade as their personal chef and was able to cook for celebrities, sports stars, and dignitaries.

"I love what I do. Seeing people enjoy what I create and snapping photos of their plates is a guilty pleasure," explained Davis. "I'm thrilled to join the band and be able to work with such an incredibly iconic brand like Hard Rock Café and the other amazing restaurants here on the property to deliver my vision to the palates of our guests."

Davis lives on seven acres in Grass Valley with his family. He loves the outdoors and enjoys hunting, fishing, foraging, and farming. He collects whiskeys and has a passion for Bourbon and wine and holds a collection



Jerrett Davis

of rare bottles.

"We are thrilled for Jerrett to join our team and oversee our restaurant menu development. His food and beverage background coupled with his experience as a veteran is incredibly valuable in the fast-paced environment of restaurants," explained Jarrett Hipp, Director of Food and Beverage for Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain. "His familiarity with the Central Valley farm to fork connection and his roots in Sacramento make him a great fit to design our menus and lead our culinary team." ★

## Missile Site's TCE Spreading to Border of Active-Adult Community

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probes and a groundwater monitoring well at a church property located in between the missile site and the Sun City Lincoln Hills (active-adult community) border. The Army Corps will add probes and five monitoring wells along the Sun City Lincoln Hills border. The reason for the probes and the monitoring wells is because the federal agency "wants a better understanding of the amount of contamination in the area," according to Army Corps Deputy Chief for Public Affairs Tyler Stalker.

"It's hard to say when everything will be finished," said Army Corps technical lead Matthew Marlatt during the public presentation. "We don't know yet."

Asked by the Messenger Publishing Group when remediation could possibly start, Marlatt would not answer and said to look at the meeting slide that described the CERCLA process. CERCLA stands for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

The project is in the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) phase. Samples of soil, soil vapor and groundwater are collected and analyzed to determine the contamination's extent. The Army Corps expects to finish the study in 2024, followed by a proposed plan in 2025 and an approved record of decision with the state of California in 2026, according to the Jan. 31 public presentation.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the federal agency responsible for cleaning up the contamination and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is the state agency responsible for remediation oversight.

Eliminating the TCE "is not a fast process," said U.S. Army Corps Project Manager Tim Crummett. "When the record of decision is done, there's always the unknown. Things don't go as planned."

The Jan. 31 presentation was the Army Corps' second public presentation on the Lincoln missile site's remediation efforts.

During the first public presentation on May 31 at Sun City Lincoln Hills, Crummett said, "We have a carcinogen in the groundwater. It's under the ground. It's not too far from you. It's in your neighborhood. We all agree, everyone in this room, we want it removed."

Crummett, at the May 31 presentation acknowledged that several Lincoln residents and the Army Corps representatives disagreed about the health risks and levels of TCE contamination in the groundwater. He said residents were not at risk.

Others, including Center for Public Environmental Oversight Executive Director Lenny Siegel, Lincoln resident and grassroots committee member Anne Constantin Birge, Lincoln City Councilmember Bill Lauritsen and Lincoln City Manager Sean Scully strongly disagreed and have pushed for remediation.

Exposure to high TCE concentrations can cause dizziness, headaches, sleepiness, confusion, nausea, unconsciousness, liver damage and death, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Army Corps included a fact sheet in a Jan. 18 email blast inviting the public to the Jan. 31 public informational meeting.

The fact sheet stated, "However, the data collected as part of the Remedial Investigation (2018-2023) indicates that there is no imminent risk to residents that live or work near the former missile complex as the impacted soil vapor is within undeveloped land to the southwest, and groundwater is not used as a drinking water source. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), the government regulatory agency coordinating with USACE on this project, concurs with this finding."

The grassroots Lincoln committee has said that the health risks are not from the drinking water supply, but from TCE vaporizing from the groundwater.

What Lincoln Officials



U.S. Army Corps' Sacramento District Deputy District Commander Lt. Col. Dianna Lively on Jan. 31 at Sun City Lincoln Hills said that cleaning up the TCE plume from a nearby former missile site is a priority.

Said About the Jan. 31 Meeting

"We were excited to hear about the additional testing measures that will be implemented in the very near term, which will hopefully give a better quantitative view of the contamination and its spread or movement," said Lincoln City Manager Scully on Feb. 1. "...We consistently heard from USACE personnel about how important it is for the city and community to remain engaged on this issue as a partner in the process, so we will continue to advocate, participate and coordinate until remediation is complete."

Lincoln City Councilmember Bill Lauritsen had another perspective.

"The USACE presentation was disappointing on several fronts, although I have two main concerns. The first was the 'Area of Concern' or testing zone outlined within the yellow border on their maps. This 'Area' excluded Sun City, even though it goes right up to the Sun City fence and the area immediately downhill south from the already contaminated zone..." Lauritsen said. "My second concern is the timeline. If what I heard is right, the Army Corps of Engineers won't really begin remediation until 2029 at the earliest. This is not a pleasant thought. Developers want to build on this land and residents of Sun City are rightly concerned about the spreading contamination... We need to begin testing beyond the yellow line and push for a speeded-up calendar." ★

## Smartsville to Host Pioneer Day

Smartsville Church Restoration News Release

SMARTSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Smartsville and Timbuctoo are hosting their 15th annual Pioneer Day on Saturday, April 27th. Starting at 9 A.M., the event is general admission and goes until 3 P.M. All funds accrued during Pioneer Day will go towards restoring a historic former Catholic church in the gold rush town of Smartsville.

The annual historical festival is meant to show what the gold rush town was like back in the day. Citizens tell about the folks who settled here. Many come to see where Smartsville, Timbuctoo and Sucker Flat were and what they were like. It has turned into a town reunion of sorts. People have been able to learn more about the original settlers and even unite cousins who had lost track of the family tree and introduced people whose ancestors were neighbors and friends.

Pioneer Day started out as a way to get

people to come to Smartsville and see the work that has been done on the restoration of the former Church of the Immaculate Conception. Then they add a dose of gold rush living history to demonstrate what the area was like and why the church was such an important part of the community.

Old Time music makes it festive, and of course some great food is necessary for any party. Activities for the kids make it family friendly and educational. There will also be historic characters, craft vendors, and Blue Point Mine & Sucker Flat Tours. You can also tour the historic Smartsville church.

Pioneer Day has become something that locals and people from out of town look forward to. Some even come back again and again, so whether you have been before, or are new to our festival, we welcome you!

For further information, please call (916)-838-2757 or (530)-701-5090. Visit [www.smartsvillechurchrestoration.org](http://www.smartsvillechurchrestoration.org), as well. ★

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# Bipartisan Tax Deal That Includes Exemption of Wildfire Relief Payments from Taxes Passes

Office of Representative Doug LaMalfa News Release

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Today, the House voted on and passed the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024, by a vote of 357-70. The bill was passed under suspension of the rules, a streamlined process that sidesteps the Rules Committee's approval and amendment process but requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa's (R-CA) bill with Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA), the Protect Innocent Victims of Taxation After Fire Act, which exempts all wildfire relief payments from federal income taxes and taxation on legal fees, emotional distress, lost wages, and additional living expenses has been included in the legislation. Once the bill is signed into law, any taxes already paid on wildfire settlement money since 2020 will be eligible for retroactive refund during this tax season. The legislation also includes LaMalfa's cowritten legislation, the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act, which makes it simpler to write off losses from other natural disasters.

"Fire survivors have waited too long for certainty regarding the

settlement with PG&E. To have to pay a huge portion to the government because the IRS deemed disaster aid as income adds insult to injury, especially paying the income tax on the lawyers' fees. My staff and I have worked diligently on this initiative for many months to finally see it come to fruition. I thank Ways and Means Chairman Smith for negotiating this deal, and Speaker Johnson for getting it to the House Floor for a vote expeditiously. The Senate needs to quickly act, as the new tax period will be upon us soon." said Congressman LaMalfa.

"Today's strong bipartisan vote to provide essential tax relief to fire survivors is an important step towards recovery for those who lost homes, businesses, and loved ones in disastrous wildfires," said Congressman Thompson. "Rep. LaMalfa has been a tremendous partner in this effort as we have worked closely with House Leadership to secure the inclusion of this bill into the tax package. The Senate must swiftly consider and pass this bill so that our fire survivors receive the tax relief they desperately need."

"We are grateful for the collaboration and leadership of Rep. Doug LaMalfa in shepherding this critically important bill to the floor. If successful, this bill

will be the most important legislation ever passed for fire victims, affecting hundreds of thousands of disaster survivors, and correcting a grave error in the tax code. This legislation will determine whether or not families can finally get home. Rep. LaMalfa's commitment to fire victims and bipartisanship on this issue is deeply appreciated by megafire victims at home and across the country," said Jennifer Gray Thompson, MPA, Founder and CEO of After the Fire USA.

"This is absolutely the best news Fire Victims have received since the fire, a lot of hard work has gone into this bill by many people, and we will be forever grateful, a special thank you to Congressman LaMalfa and Thompson, they fought so hard for this bill," said Paradise Councilman Steve Crowder.

The bill is fully paid for by repurposing funds previously authorized for COVID relief. This bill also expands the Child Tax Credit, increases supply of low-income housing by enhancing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, builds up Main Street by reducing bureaucratic paperwork and expanding the small business expensing cap, and improves trade agreements with Taiwan to bolster competitiveness with China. ★



## Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

### Turn Your Back



To lead an orchestra, a conductor has to turn his back to the crowd. To lead your life, you have to turn your back to the crowd. This means you have to immunize yourself to what others say, think, or do relative to your quest to achieve your goals.

Just as a conductor must focus on the performance of the orchestra, you need to focus on the performance of your life. If a conductor faces the crowd, he can't direct the musicians.

Do you measure your performance by what the crowd thinks. Are you more concerned about the opinions of others than about the direction of your life? If so, you may find it hard to stay on a path of your choosing.

Far too many people have abandoned their dreams due to input from the crowd. This is a shame, since it is you who suffers when your dreams are abandoned. The crowd rarely roots for success. They would rather see failure. If you doubt this, just look at the news. How many stories depict defeat and tragedy compared to success and triumph?

People tend to be jealous when someone does better than them. Rather than attempting to elevate themselves, they boost their stature by comparing themselves to those who are doing worse. Additionally, people love to give their opinion, often unsolicited. When you pay attention to the crowd, you do yourself a disservice.

At first it won't be easy to turn your back. You have become conditioned to care about what others think. You want to be accepted and fear rejection should you not be sensitive to others' opinions. You want to fit in.

Dave loved to cook and entertain. One beautiful summer day, he invited a number of friends over for a barbecue. He put several steaks on the grill. As he was cooking, one of his friends came over and told Dave the steaks needed more salt. Wanting to accommodate his guest, Dave followed his suggestion.

Then another guest came over and suggested the food needed more steak sauce. Again, Dave did as his guest asked. Each guest proceeded to make some suggestion about how to make the steaks better; add garlic, turn the flame up, turn the heat down, more spices, less spices.

When Dave served the steaks, no one liked them. Even though Dave knew how to make a tasty steak, he listened to everyone. The result was inedible food. If Dave had done the cooking his way, everything would have turned out fine. Dave's party would have been much more successful had he turned his back to the crowd.

Imagine Dave's frustration. In spite of all the effort, time, and money he put into having a successful party, it was a flop. Dave tried to please everyone but in the end no one was happy.

What happened to Dave is exactly what happens to many people. They take advice from anyone and everyone. Their minds constantly vacillate depending on who they are speaking to at the moment. The result is just as unsatisfactory as the food at Dave's barbecue.

There was a better way for Dave to handle the situation. All he had to do was thank each of his friends for their suggestion while he continued to grill the food his way. With this approach, Dave would have had a successful party without being rude to anyone.

Turn your back to the crowd. Do your own thing. Conduct your life the way you want. Thank others for their suggestions while proceeding along your own path. Keep your attention focused on what's ahead of you.

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# EMF May be Killing You



Commentary by Lou Binninger

If you are struggling with poor health, you could be affected by electro-magnetic radiation. It's not just your cell phone. It's hundreds of thousands of cell phones, 5G towers and more. Government and schools are paid to locate towers on their property with devastating effects on people nearby.

"There is scientific evidence so strong that you can be certain that the standards used by the FCC to manage sound effects are wrong (scientist testimony 5/29/18 for SB 637 Michigan House Energy Policy Committee regarding regulations for wireless infrastructure)."

Dr. Sharon Goldberg – Internal Medicine Physician also testified on 5/29/18 that "We need to start measuring how much radiation people are being exposed to before we roll-out 5G. There are four kinds of magnetic fields that we know are harmful to human health. Radio frequency radiation, magnetic fields, dirty electricity and electric fields."

"All humans are affected by EMF (Electro Magnetic Frequency). It's not just a cellphone, its cellphones, multiple wireless networks, Smart Meters, and cell towers. It's a sandwich effect of various frequencies. It all adds up."

How do we measure the effect of EMF? At the bottom end of the radiation scale is the minimum level of signal strength needed for cell phones. That is 0.0000000002 (2 billionths) of a microwatt centimeter squared. Pine needles were shown to age prematurely

at 0.000027. At short term exposure of 0.05 children experienced headaches, concentration problems, irritation and behavioral problems.

Level 0.1 is the Institute of Building Biology guideline for extreme concern. Wi-Fi Laptop level of 1.0 produced sperm DNA fragmentation and decrease in sperm viability invitro. Also, at this level science has shown these bodily effects – headaches, dizziness, irritability, fatigue, weakness, insomnia, chest pain, difficulty breathing, and indigestion.

Altered calcium metabolism in heart muscle cells was noted at 2.5. There were changes in the hippocampus affecting memory and learning at 4.0. At 6.0 there was cellular brain damage.

So, where are Smart Meters on this range of detected EMF impacts? Electrical Power Institute in December 2010 measured a single Smart Meter with pulses up to 7.93 microwatts per centimeter squared. Testing was done at 1-foot distance from the Smart Meter. Note that an infant's crib could be located on the other side of the home's wall at 1-foot distance from where the meter or bank of meters are installed.

In spite of these test results, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, and Luxembourg set their standard at 9.5. China, Poland and Russia agreed on 10.0. This is the same level where changes in behavior are produced like reflex of avoidance with 30-minutes of exposure. A bank of 12-Smart Meters on an apartment building tested at 19.8 or hundreds of times higher than much lower readings that clearly cause harmful effects.

How are utilities permitted to force these devices on everyone? In Canada, the U.S. and several other modern countries the safety limit is set at between 600 and 1,000 microwatts per centimeter squared. This so-called

safety limit is tens of thousands of times higher than levels known to damage health according to peer-reviewed published science.

Why are the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations so lax? They have only tested for the impact of a single cell phone and have conducted no modern testing. And, those serving on the commission are well-connected to the communications industry that claims EMF is a non-issue.

The FCC and our representatives are "owned" by the communications industry in the same way Big Pharma and Big Tobacco control U.S. governance. The telecommunications industry has almost complete control of the FCC, according to a report published by Harvard University's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics. A telecom lobbying group executive boasted that its lobbyists meet FCC officials 500 times annually.

The 2024 Communications Industry is like Big Tobacco of the 1950's when doctors prescribed tobacco to ladies "to improve their health."

In its 12/2020 IRS 10-K Filing Verizon Communications, but not consumers nor neighbors saying "Our wireless business also faces personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits related to alleged health effects of wireless phones or radio frequency transmitters. We may incur significant expenses in defending these lawsuits. In addition, we may be required to pay significant awards and settlements."

If you have health issues and live near 5G towers you may want to move rather than wait for your elected representative to care.

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

## Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



If you're like many Kings fans, you've probably already had a conversation as to whether the current Kings team can surpass the 48 wins of last year.

As of this writing, the Kings are on a 5-1 road trip, and with a win over the Cleveland Cavaliers, this road trip poses the possibility of being the best in the last 25 years! This, after a horrific four-game losing stretch that should have been at worst two wins and two losses.

Time to give out some much-deserved kudos. Much-criticized coach Brown has tightened up his rotations in recent games, and the results are speaking loudly.

It is so good to see Davion Mitchell jumping off the bench every game and creating havoc with the opposing team. His presence literally changes the defensive chemistry on the court, and it seems to work like a much-needed jump start. Collectively, everyone seems to realize that it's time to up-tempo the defensive effort, and I'm seeing significant changes in Fox, Sabonis, Murray, Huerter, and even Kessler Edwards.

In addition to Mitchell seeing increased playing time, let's give coach Brown some credit for giving Trey Lyles more time on the court. As I have expressed several times, we have yet to see what Lyles' ceiling will be, and he continues to impress me. He could arguably be the best 3-point shooter on the team, but his game brings much more. Like Sabonis and Barnes, he is adept around the rim, a good passer, and one of the best on the team in drawing offensive fouls.

A 5-1 road trip, with the potential of winning six games before returning home, puts smiles on everyone's faces, and like last year, the Sacramento Kings are telling the league, "We are tough on the road!"

Playoff teams win on the road, period! Something else playoff teams do is shoot free throws.

If the Kings don't make some immediate improvement in their ability to sink free throws, look for another quick exit from the playoffs. Yes, we first have to make the playoffs, but this team is very capable of doing that, and I for one believe they will surpass 50 wins this year.

The Kings have exactly two players shooting 80% or better from the line, and that

would be Malik Monk at 81% and Harrison Barnes at 80%.

The team is dead last in the league, and that just isn't acceptable. While it's true that the coaching staff doesn't shoot free throws, with the number of coaches on this team one would think we could find a prescription to improve the moniker of worst in the NBA.

Let's set some goals here Kings fans, and the first one should be getting out of last place. We can do this!

I would be remiss if I didn't hand out a major accolade to "Mr. Double-Double," Domantas Sabonis, who just tied Oscar Robertson for achieving the most consecutive double-double games as a member of the Kings roster, with an incredible 31 straight. In addition to his stellar consistency, Sabonis is challenging the league leader Nikola Jokic for triple-doubles! This is nothing short of remarkable. For all Kings fans, stop and smell the roses. This is something you may never see again, so let's appreciate the guy that brings his lunch pail to work like no one else does.

29-19 and fifth place in the western conference should be applauded, and I hope you're enjoying the breadth of this team. There is something here for everyone.

As much as I like to see coach Brown tightening up his rotations, something needs to be done as it relates to coach's challenges.

My wife made the observation that with a success rate of 28%, it makes more sense to flip a coin than continue on the present course.

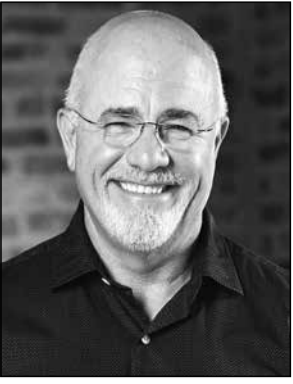
When you are wrong three out of every four challenges, it's time to make some changes. Give it this to one of the assistant coaches, or if it comes at a critical time in the game, call a timeout, and take the time necessary to make a good decision.

Last note, De'Aaron Fox broke out of a miny slump to lead the team in points on the recent road trip. His 41 points in the win against Chicago was huge, and watching him improve from the free-throw line was encouraging.

Trade talks have died down, so appreciate the team we have, and let's have a tremendous second half!

Light the Beam!

Your thoughts? Reach out to me at [vgarris@kingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgarris@kingsfan@gmail.com). ★



## Dave Ramsey Says

you're living right now will have either a positive or negative effect on your future. I decided I wanted the greater, long-term good, so I gave up on the short-term stuff.

Debit cards are great tools. You can't spend money you don't have with them like you can with a credit card. But you've still got to budget very carefully for each month, and give a name and a job to every single penny of your income. Otherwise, you can still overspend.

– Dave

### Put The Money In Your Own Pocket

Dear Dave,

Are home warranties a waste of money if you already have a fully-funded emergency fund containing six months, or even more, of expenses set aside?

– Jodie

Dear Jodie,

I don't do extended warranties, because they're not a good deal. In my mind, you're better off to self-insure against damage or things breaking down. That way, you can put what would have been profit and marketing

dollars for the extended warranty company in your own pocket. I mean, think about it. If you buy something, but can't afford to fix it if something goes wrong, it's not really a smart move to buy it in the first place, is it?

I always recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses to cover the unexpected things that life will throw at you. In most cases, this amount of cash—sitting in a good money market account with check writing privileges—will allow you easy access in the event of unexpected expenses or a financial emergency.

– 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 Financial Instruments Game

I went out to dinner last week at a popular Italian restaurant here in my neighborhood. Being a Friday night at prime time, I made reservations earlier that day and arrived a bit late only to find I needed not to worry about my tardiness. In fact, I shouldn't have even bothered making a reservation. Usually packed to the gills on such a night, the restaurant was half empty. Not only had the number of customers changed, and not for the better for the owner, but the menu had also changed and also not for the better.

Prices had jumped. I had been at this restaurant about 6 months prior and the prices had changed back then too. And hint, they didn't go down.

I thought back to President Biden's claim at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, Nov. 16, 2023 that prices were coming down.

Guess he doesn't eat at my restaurant. At that same meeting he warned "Let me be clear to any corporation that hasn't brought their prices back down even as inflation has come down: It's time to stop the price gouging".

I guess my local restaurateur is going to get in trouble. Damn price gouger.

Now you Biden supporters don't go getting yourself in a huff. It's not all Joe's fault we have the worse inflation in 40 years. Truth be told, every president since Lyndon Johnson has overused the nation's credit card to bail out this, that or the other.

It just so happens that the inflation chickens came home to roost while Joe was at the helm. But it could have happened on Trump's watch, or Obama's white house residency, or a handful of other lucky presidents who left the white house after spending a fortune and not paying for it.

Literally.

Indeed, spending, printing and borrowing greenbacks has been the modus operandi for Uncle Sam for decades. About 6 decades to be semi-exact.

As I looked around at the empty seats while I gulped my first red and pretended to listen to the wife go on about some topic or another, I thought no wonder there were empty seats. Food prices are through the roof.

My host wasn't practicing price gouging. He was practicing survival.

It's hard enough to run a restaurant. I know, I saw my father-in-law run one for years and I saw how hard he worked. My wife, when she was young, worked right alongside her dad and told me of the hardship that running an eatery was.

Keeping food fresh, maintaining consistency, dealing with flakey employees,

irritable customers and slaving over a hot stove all night at breakneck speed to get the meals out or prep side dishes all day.

Add in an inflationary conflagration to deal with and you've got the makings of a price gouger.

Not.

Contrary to what Washington might think, prices are not coming down. The rate of increase is coming down, but not the prices themselves. Simply put, prices were rising close to double digits last year. Now they are rising by single digits *but they are still rising*.

If we look at the math, it's ugly.

The problem is rates of inflation add more and more dollars the higher a price goes.

Suppose a \$100 suit in 2022 rose by 10% that year. It's up 10 bucks to \$110 bucks. In the year 2023 suppose it rose by 5%, which adds another 5 bucks, making the suit now \$115.00.

The increase in 2023 of 5% was on a higher amount. So true, the 2022 inflation rate (10%) decreased to 5% in 2023, but it still added \$5 more to the cost of the suit.

Prices are not coming down. They are going up, and because of the math, they can rise by a greater amount of actual dollars.

For prices to FALL, we would have to see deflation, and that we haven't seen on a broad scale for many a decade.

The bureaucrats might have us believe it's those greedy price gouging corporations we have to go after. Or maybe my price gouging restaurateur, taking advantage of the high inflation to gouge me even more. Bet he just loves higher prices so he can screw me.

Then I finish the wine and my common sense returns. I was going to stiff my price gouging host with no tip to teach him gouging will not be tolerated.

Then I realized price gouging probably ain't what it used to be, and flipped him a fity.

And yes, I really did, and he appreciated it. I thought, maybe it will stop him from gouging.

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

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Dear Dave,

I switched to a debit card so that the money I spend comes directly from my checking account. But I still have a problem some months with overspending and buying things I shouldn't. Do you think I should stop using my debit card?

– Debbie

Dear Debbie,

When I made the decision to get intentional with my money, I just used cash. It's hard to spend it when you don't have any on you. It's a tough thing, I know, but you have to make a conscious decision to start living differently. You've got to get mad at the things that steal your money a dollar or two at a time enough to take action.

Try looking at your life as a whole, not a moment at time. All the moments



Bigfoot Eats in Clipper Mills is offering to deliver meals. Sounds like a good plan to me. After working at the store all day, I would love to have a meal delivered. Please give them a call: 530 675-9118 for details. Another favorite of ours is the take and bake pizza from Mountains Top Coffee Shop.

A second van has been added to the Mountain Transit fleet. It's a pretty powder blue and is ready to pick up people needing a ride. Give Penny a call: 530 675-9145.

February 10 should have been a community breakfast, however now that Hill Top Gang has stopped having the breakfasts, it is taking Next Step time to get details straightened out. So we will have to go "dark" in February and have the first Next Step community breakfast on March 10. Many of the Hill Top volunteers have offered to stay on board and help the transition. I hope to see you there.

At the bookstore we have copies of the Save Our Landline letter directed to AT&T. Come by and pick one up if you want to try to save landlines in our area. Then there is the survey sent out by the water district to be considered. I called the water district office and Leona told me it was very important to fill out the survey and send it in.

Tomorrow, Feb. 10, Next Step is sponsoring a great Valentine Party that will help benefit the Mountain Transit program. A spaghetti dinner and karaoke sounds like a good time to me. Tickets are available at Books & More and Ray's Hardware as well as from board members. Hope to see you there.

Look Back in Time - In 1906 the Gold Bank Mine in Forbestown was running. It was music to the miners; they were happy on pay day. ★

*Hope to see you soon in Brownsville.  
~ Yvonne*

## Old Masters



By Kathy Craig Harteis

It's always a treat to see paintings by the old masters.

Last week we visited Balboa Park in San Diego.

While the grounds and the architecture of the park are magnificent, the museums are outstanding. Anything from a railroad museum to Japanese art and fine art and science is available. There is something

for everyone.

It always leaves me in awe to see up close and personal the work of the old masters. It is as if the subjects of the paintings will step right out and engage the viewer. How wonderful would it be to have that talent?

While it's raining today, yesterday was a beautiful sunny day here in Oceanside.

For lunch we walked a few blocks to the local Italian restaurant: Veneto's Cucino Italiana.

Aside from the delicious food, it's always a pleasure to visit with the owner. Pino is a delightful Italian gentleman. He grew up in Italy in the same village as Andrea Bocelli, my favorite tenor. In his youth he also knew another favorite.

The restaurant

welcomes pets as well, so Rocky was a welcomed guest. God bless him, he was totally well behaved during our lunch.

We had a god visit with Pino and later he played Bocelli recordings during our meal.

It was a wonderful meal and experience. It is always a pleasure to learn from others and listen to memories they may share. We can always learn from others.

Life is good today. *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.* ★



### State Program to Compensate Ranchers for Wolf Attacks Runs Out of Money

Less than a year after the state fully implemented a pilot program to compensate ranchers for livestock losses and other economic impacts caused by wolves, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife says it has run out of money. Ranchers say the \$3 million allocated for the program does not begin to pay for the rising financial damage created by the presence of wolves, apex predators that are protected under state and federal endangered species acts. In an announcement, the department said it had received 102 applications for compensation and that there may not be enough money to cover future applications.

### As Rice Planting Surges After Drought, Waterfowl Flock to Fields

The return of fully planted rice crops to the Sacramento Valley following years of drought has restored another essential feature of the region: migrating waterfowl. After harvest, reservoirs replenished by last year's historic storms enabled farmers to flood more of their fields this winter, creating wetland habitat for birds. "You can't drive down the road without seeing thousands of geese," said Kim Gallagher, who grows rice along Highway 45 in Yolo and Colusa counties and participates in government-funded programs

that incentivize rice farmers to flood their fields for wildlife conservation.

### American Farm Bureau Federation Sets Policy Agenda

The American Farm Bureau Federation has wrapped up its annual convention in Salt Lake City by approving policy changes to guide the organization's legislative priorities for the year. AFBF delegates reversed policy by allowing caps on the annual number of temporary guest worker visas, as long as they do not restrict farmers and ranchers from using the program to meet labor needs. Delegates also agreed to address the growth of artificial intelligence in agriculture, which has the potential to enhance farming practices but raises some privacy rights concerns.

### Researchers: Wet Weather Could Increase Almond Orchard Threat

University of California researchers are warning almond growers to be on the lookout for a rare disease that can cause severe damage to their orchards. Phytophthora, soilborne microorganisms dubbed "water molds" because of their dependence on water, can cause root and crown rot at the base of trees. With heavy rains in the forecast for late January and early February, one species—Phytophthora syringae—was drawing attention due to an unprecedented outbreak last winter, fueled by the atmospheric rivers that lashed California. ★

# Shooting Suspect Charged With Attempted Murder

**Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release**

**SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On the night of September 2, 2023, Sutter County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a report of a drive-by shooting that occurred on Hunn Road and Highway 99 in Yuba City. One victim was injured but no fatalities occurred. After further investigation by the Sutter County Sheriff's Detective Unit, the suspect in the shooting was identified as 20-year-old Alfonso Banuelos of Yuba City. On January 31, 2024, around 5 p.m. the Sutter County Sheriff's Office Special

Enforcement Detail Team (SED) successfully conducted a felony search warrant on Barrington Drive and Pelican Place where Banuelos was residing. The search warrant resulted in the finding of a firearm and arrest of Banuelos. Banuelos was booked into the Sutter County Jail on the following charges:  
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 9. Tucked in  
 13. Whatchamacallit  
 14. Robert Redford's Sundance \_\_\_\_  
 15. In a cold manner  
 16. Tiny island  
 17. Mad King George's number  
 18. Hearing, e.g.  
 19. \*Love's late Nirvana husband  
 21. \*Star\_\_\_\_  
 23. \*Air Supply's "Making Love Out of Nothing at \_\_\_\_"  
 24. Elementary particle  
 25. Tire meas.  
 28. Land of Israel  
 30. \*Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes: "Love lifts us up where we \_\_\_\_"  
 35. Ladder crosspiece  
 37. Frenzied  
 39. London's Thames, e.g.  
 40. \_\_\_\_-European language  
 41. Call it quits  
 43. Very bright star  
 44. What procedural and epidural have in common  
 46. Crosby's and Still's partner  
 47. Mountain valley  
 48. Final words  
 50. Future J.D.'s hurdle  
 52. Food scrap  
 53. Tax  
 55. Pen point  
 57. \*\*"All You Need Is Love" band, with The  
 61. \*Letters to Juliet destination  
 64. Habituate  
 65. NHL surface  
 67. Ancient marketplace  
 69. Like many bathroom floors?  
 70. Blunderbuss, e.g.  
 71. Entrenched (2 words)  
 72. Whirlpool  
 73. Volleyball court center  
 74. English homework assignment
- DOWN**  
 1. Computer-related imaging acronym  
 2. CISC alternative  
 3. Capital of Norway  
 4. Single-cell protozoan  
 5. Bottom lines  
 6. Similar  
 7. One of the Tudors  
 8. Authoritative proclamation  
 9. Single pip cards  
 10. The Container Store purchase, pl.  
 11. "What \_\_\_\_ can I say?"  
 12. T-shirt, after tied  
 15. Chemical cousin  
 20. Homer's epic  
 22. Actor Lowe  
 24. Deviation from the norm  
 25. \*U2's "In the Name of Love" song  
 26. First light of day  
 27. Lemur from Madagascar  
 29. Damien's prediction  
 31. Ding-a-\_\_\_\_  
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**NEVIS** – Joseph JD Nevis, 36, of Marysville, passed away January 23, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**VAN TASSEL** – Dorothy Van Tassel, 78, of Yuba City, passed away January 25, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**DOMBO** – Scott Dombo, 62, of Yuba City, passed away January 27, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**MASON** – William Mason, 61, of Live Oak, passed away January 30, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**O'DONNELL** – Kathleen O'Connell, 74, of Plumas Lake, passed away January 30, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**BRADFORD** – Bernoy Bradford, 83, of Yuba City, passed away January 31, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

**BARNETT** – Gerald Barnett, 74, of Yuba City, passed away January 31, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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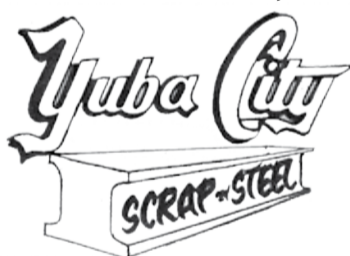
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APN: 013-101-022-000 TS No.: 23-05960CA TSG Order No.: 230216237 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED AUGUST 6, 2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded August 17, 2022 as Document No.: 2022-012555 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by: Miguel Angel Rosales, a single man and Jaime Ruiz, a single man, as Joint Tenants, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at

time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. As more fully described in the attached legal description. See Exhibit A. Sale Date: February 23, 2024 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: The Fifth Street Entrance, Yuba County Courthouse, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, CA 95901 File No.:23-05960CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4835 Arboga Rd, Olivehurst, CA 95961. The undersigned

Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$416,057.42 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more

times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 23-05960CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 280-2832, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-05960CA 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. File No.:23-05960CA 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. For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: (800) 280-2832. Dated: January 10, 2024 By: Omar Solorzano Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 File No.:23-05960CA LEGAL DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT A PORTION OF LOT 20, AS SHOWN UPON THE MAP ENTITLED, "SUBDIVISION OF OLIVEHURST TRACT", IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA KNOWN AS OLIVEHURST, COUNTY OF YUBA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN BOOK 2 OF MAPS, PAGE 5, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DE-

SCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 20, SAID POINT BEING SOUTHERLY A DISTANCE OF 542 FEET FROM THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 20; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 20, A DISTANCE OF 70 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 20, A DISTANCE OF 289 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE LAND CONVEYED TO GOLDIE CAGLE BY DEED RECORDED NOVEMBER 18, 1953, IN BOOK 186 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, PAGE 9; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE LANDS CONVEYED TO SAID GOLDIE CAGLE AND WESTERLY LINE OF THE LANDS HUDSON AND GOLDIE HUDSON, HIS WIFE, BY DEED RECORDED NOVEMBER 12, 1947, IN BOOK 115 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, PAGE 182, A DISTANCE OF 70 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 20, A DISTANCE OF 289 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. NPP0445609 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 01/26/2024, 02/02/2024, 02/09/2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Sutter County Community Action Agency board meeting Thursday, February 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation, 950 Sharp Road, Ste. 1303, Yuba City. Contact Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation at 530-751-8555 or ysedc@ysedc.org for any questions.

### 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. 2024F-023

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Rodent Wrangler Pest Control**  
1030 F St. #1  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Rodent Wrangler Pest Control, Inc.  
1030 F St. #1  
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 01/30/2024. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Michael Williams**  
**California President**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on Jan. 31, 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  
February 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2024.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-019

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**XEROPOINTE**  
2076 Moss Glen Loop  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Christy Galli  
2076 Moss Glen Loop  
Marysville, CA 95901  
2. Wes Pamplona  
6100 48th Ave., Apt. 5206  
Sacramento, CA 95828  
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 01/24/2024. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Christy Galli**  
**CA President**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 01/24/2024. (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  
Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-014

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Lopez Maintenance Services**  
1779 Linda Avenue  
Marysville, CA 95901  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Jesus Lopez Mata  
PO Box 281  
Olivehurst, 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 1/17/2024. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Jesus Lopez**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on 1/17/2024. (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 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2024



### 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  
January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 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-022

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Blue Drones**  
1566 Garnet Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
County of YUBA  
Registered Owners:  
1. Blue Drones LLC  
1566 Garnet Way  
Plumas Lake, CA 95961  
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).  
Signed:  
**Stephen Cotta**  
**California President**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on Jan. 30, 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  
February 9, 16, 23, March 1, 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.

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Sealed BIDS for **OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT (OPUD) ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) PROJECT BID**

Can be submitted at OPUD& will be accepted by the **Olivehurst Public Utility District** at the office of the District until 2:00 P.M., March 13, 2024, and then publicly opened and read aloud shortly after on the same business day at the **Olivehurst Public Utility District Office** at 1970 9th Avenue.

**Olivehurst Public Utility District**  
1970 9th Avenue  
Olivehurst, CA 95961  
Phone (530) 743-4657

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location: Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office at **Olivehurst Public Utility District**, upon the non-refundable payment of \$ 50 for each set or be sent a free copy via email from sboyal@opud.org cc:skoller@opud.org.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, this project is subject to the provisions of California's Prevailing Wage Laws and copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the office of Olivehurst Public Utility District, 1970 9th Avenue, Olivehurst, California 95961.

Prospective BIDDERS shall be licensed CONTRACTORS in the State of California and shall be skilled and regularly engaged in the general class or type of WORK called for under the CONTRACT. Each BIDDER submitting a bid shall have California Contractor's license appropriate for this type of work. A mandatory site walk will be scheduled February 16, 2024 at 10 am with no make up date allowed.

2/05/2024  
Date Swarnjit Boyal, Public Works Engineer (TD) February 2, 2024

### NOTICE OF TRUTH ACT COMMUNITY FORM

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Government Code section 7283.1 (d) during a Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday March 12, 2024 at 1:30 pm in the Board Chambers, at the Yuba County Government Center located at 915 8th Street, Marysville California, a public community forum will be held to provide information to the public about Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access to individuals that was given by County law enforcement departments and to receive and consider public comment.

MARY PASILLAS  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
(TD) February 9, 2024

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Jan 26-March 29, 2024

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- VALENTINE'S DINNER & DRINKS**  
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# Education is Failing America's Future by Forgetting its Past

By Jamie Gass and Chris Sinacola

**WASHINGTON, DC (MPG)** - In 2022, eighth grade test scores in civics and U.S. history hit record lows. The decline didn't start with pandemic school closings. But they made it worse and revealed its extent.

Less than half of adults can name the three branches of the U.S. government. Another 25% can't name even one. And just over one-third of Americans can pass the U.S. citizenship test.

These sad facts are a reminder that the future success of our nation is far from guaranteed. We must acknowledge the imperfections of our current system and work to reform them -- a challenging but hardly impossible task.

For starters, history curricula should be based on the United States' founding documents: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Federalist Papers.

Some states have prioritized reading primary sources and writing assignments so that students develop background knowledge, vocabulary, and the ability to advance evidence-based arguments. The 1993 Massachusetts Education Reform Act, for example, prioritized the study of U.S. history through primary documents in each grade and required passing a U.S. history exam for high school graduation.

South Carolina, California, Alabama, Indiana, and New York have also previously adopted rigorous state standards for history and social science.

In some cases, these reforms were repealed in favor of trendier classes in "social studies." But the principles

underlying the 1993 Massachusetts law and others like it got the fundamental questions right. They are worthy of revival.

All states should also require a passing mark on a civics test or the U.S. citizenship exam for a high-school diploma. Today, only eight states do so.

If we're to truly become the educated society the Founders envisioned, we'll have to invest in better training for teachers as well. Most states have dropped even basic requirements for people entering the teaching profession, blaming a shortage of qualified labor.

Finally, the institutes of higher learning that train teachers must convey the centrality of civics and history in a curriculum geared toward producing good citizens.

Education is the responsibility of state and local actors. Rather than retaining the top-down approach that has led to our current failures, school systems should engage with parents to understand their educational priorities for their children. Expanded school-choice programs can provide the means for parents to go elsewhere when they are dissatisfied with available public education options.

The importance of a nonpartisan, fact-based U.S. history and civics education cannot be overstated. Without one, students will not be able to take their place as informed and engaged citizens dedicated to preserving the legacy of America's Founders.

We know how to provide that sort of education. We just need the will to make it happen. The future of our great country depends on it. ★

# California Comment on the Latest National Small Business Poll

NFIB California Press Release

Two big compliance headaches adding to the pessimism leading into 2024, says NFIB. **SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Tiny bits of good news could be found in today's release of the monthly Small Business Optimism Index from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), but they offered no serious counterweight to the pessimism small business owners have heading into 2024—a pessimism made heavier and darker by two new laws certain to give Main Street entrepreneurs compliance migraines.

"Today's Optimism Index is the 24th consecutive monthly one below its 50-year average," said John Kabateck, California state director for NFIB. "But it does not factor in the compliance misery facing small business owners who must calculate the substantial cost and time of abiding by the new federal beneficial ownership information reporting requirements under the Corporate Transparency Act and the new state requirement on every enterprise to have workplace violence prevention plans in place and constantly update them.

"Add to all of that the return of a Legislature never shy about sticking small businesses with another rule, regulation, or tax, and it's not a good time to start a business let alone keep one going."

More about the workplace violence prevention plan can be found in this article, The Top Five Compliance Headaches in 2024. The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) issued a final rule that sets forth beneficial ownership information reporting requirements as mandated by the Corporate Transparency Act. The rule, effective January 1, 2024, affects a broad spectrum of

businesses (virtually all LLCs, corporations, and entities formed under state or tribal laws with 20 or fewer employees and \$5 million or less in gross annual receipts), and requires them to begin filing periodic reports on their beneficial owners to FinCEN.

Today's Optimism Index found 23% of small business owners reported that inflation was their single most important problem in operating their business, up one point from last month, and replacing labor quality as the top concern. Other key findings include:

-Small business owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months increased six points from November to a net negative 36% (seasonally adjusted), and 25 percentage points better than last June's reading of a net negative 61%.

-Seasonally adjusted, a net 29% of owners plan to raise compensation in the next three months, down one point from November.

-The net percentage of owners raising average selling prices was unchanged from November at a net 25% (seasonally adjusted).

-The net percentage of owners who expect real sales to be higher increased four points from November to a net negative 4% (seasonally adjusted), the highest reading since January 2022.

"Small business owners remain very pessimistic about economic prospects this year," said NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. "Inflation and labor quality have consistently been a tough complication for small business owners, and they are not convinced that it will get better in 2024."

Keep up with the latest California small-business news at [www.nfib.com/CA](http://www.nfib.com/CA) and on Twitter @NFIB\_CA ★

# Chico Man Sentenced to Probation for Bizarre Assault

Butte County DA News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - At a sentencing hearing yesterday in Butte County Superior Court, Daniel Mason Clark, 49, of Chico, was sentenced to a two-year term of probation for his bizarre assault with his truck on an unsuspecting pedestrian in Chico.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the incident occurred on April 15, 2023, near the Esplanade and Lassen Avenue when Clark intentionally turned his Ford Ranger truck into a 39-year-old male pedestrian walking on the sidewalk alongside the Esplanade. The victim suffered minor injuries to his right foot. Clark then armed himself with a chain and rocks and continued to pursue the victim on foot before Chico police arrived and arrested Clark. Clark told police he was seeking revenge on the victim for an alleged prior incident at a recent party. The victim informed officers he had never met Clark before.

At the sentencing hearing, Clark's attorney said Clark had been struggling

with recent mental health and substance abuse issues before the incident. Evidence was presented of attempts by Clark to address his then rapidly declining mental state by him contacting local emergency services for a psychiatric evaluation.

Butte County Superior Court Judge Corie Caraway granted Clark a two-year term of probation citing Clark's lack of any criminal history and recent mental health challenges. In exchange, Clark agreed to waive his 264 days of custody credits for his time in custody since he was arrested on April 15, 2023, and stipulated that should he violate his probation he would receive an upper term of four years in prison.

As part of his probation, Clark was ordered to a residential treatment program to complete psychiatric testing and treatment.

Ramsey said the Department of Motor Vehicles will be notified of the conviction which will cause a lifetime revocation of Clark's driving privileges. ★

# Momentum Continues for the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, Retail Theft Reduction Act

Becky Warren, Elevate Public Affairs News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Californians to Reduce Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft announced February 2nd that they have collected another nearly 100,000 signatures from California voters totaling over 300,000 to place the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, Retail Theft Reduction Act on the November 2024 ballot.

"We continue to see an outcry of overwhelming support from Californians of every political affiliation and geographic region across the state demanding for change that will improve community safety and hold repeat offenders of theft and serious

drug crimes including those involving fentanyl accountable," said campaign chair Greg Totten who is also chief executive officer for the California District Attorneys Association.

"Californians want to feel safe in their neighborhoods and when they shop, and this initiative amends Prop 47 to effectively hold individuals accountable for repeat crimes of theft and serious drugs like fentanyl while making sure individuals receive and complete drug and mental health treatment they need," added Totten.

A survey of likely California voters found that 70% of voters support the title and summary of the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, Retail Theft Reduction Act. The

overwhelming support was consistent across every demographic and geography including the Bay Area and Los Angeles. Furthermore, 89% of likely voters support amending Proposition 47 for stronger penalties for those engaged in repeated retail theft and trafficking hard drugs like fentanyl. The measure also includes incentives to complete drug and mental health treatment for people who are addicted to hard drugs. The survey was conducted online from November 8-November 13, 2023, with a margin of error of +/- 2.28%.

To qualify the measure for the November 2024 ballot, the law requires 546,651 valid signatures.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Yuba County Development Review Committee (DRC) on Thursday March 7, 2024 at 9 a.m. or soon thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA. The Yuba County DRC will consider the following:

**TPM-23-0008 (Abbott):** Request for a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide a 40 acre parcel into three parcels; Parcel 1 will be 20 acres and Parcels 2 and 3 will be 10 acres. Parcel 1 will have access from Loretta Lane and Parcels 2 and 3 will have access from Boulder Way. The project site is located at 7173 Loretta Lane in the Smartsville community (APN 006-250-040). The 2030 General Plan designates the land use as Rural Community (RC) and the zoning as Rural Residential, 5 acres minimum (RR-5).

The DRC will be considering adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The public comment period for the Mitigated Negative Declarations is February 9, 2024 to February 29, 2024.

Any person wishing to testify on the above projects may attend the DRC meeting at the prescribed time, or may submit written comments or objections to the Community Development and Services Agency at 915 8th Street, Suite 123, Marysville, CA 95901, prior to the hearing. Copies of the staff recommendations are available for inspection at the same address. If you have any questions, you may contact Ciara Fisher at (530) 749-5470.

The DRC's action on the project may be appealed by any interested person to the Board of Supervisors by filing a written appeal with the Planning Department within 10 days following the DRC's final action on the project. If the Board of Supervisors is the final Approving Authority, or if the project is appealed to the Board, the Board's action is final.

If you challenge the action of the DRC on this matter in court, pursuant to Government Code section 65009 you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Department at, or prior to the hearing.

(TD) February 9, 2024

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: ELIZABETH BALLESTEROS PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00031

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:  
03/04/2024  
DEPT: 4  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) ELIZABETH BALLESTEROS, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

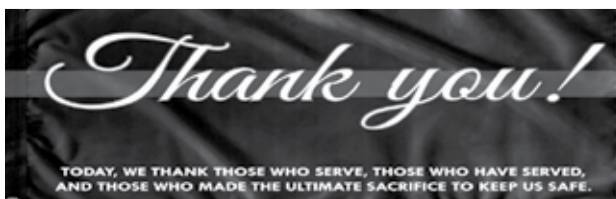
from: Courage Rider Dye Ballesteros  
to: Courage Catori Amore Ballesteros

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: 01/11/2024

Stephen W. Berrier  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FEBRUARY 9, 16, 23, MARCH 1, 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.

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# COMICS & PUZZLES

## The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



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by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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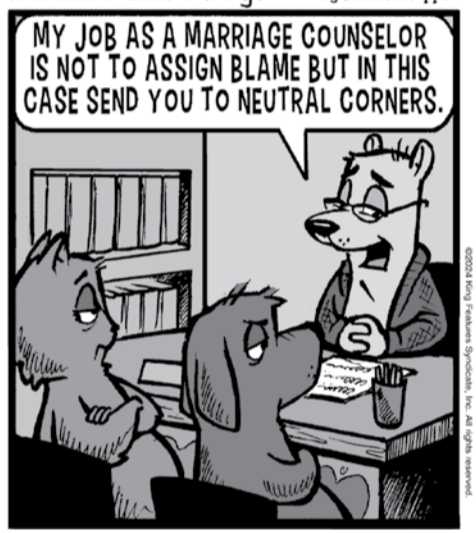


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# Auditions for "The Dining Room" to Be Held at The Acting Company

## The Acting Company News Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Acting Company continues its 40th Anniversary Year of bringing live theater to the Yuba-Sutter community with auditions for THE DINING ROOM directed by David Wheeler. Auditions will be held at The Acting Company, 815 B Street, Yuba City at 7:00pm on Monday, and Tuesday, February 19 and 20. Auditions will be cold readings. Six actors are needed for the roles—two men, two women, one teenaged boy and one teenaged girl—in this banquet of theatrical riches. Rehearsals will be Monday through Thursday, February 26 through March 28, 7:00-9:00 pm at The Acting Company.

The Dining Room is a brilliantly conceived and richly humorous theatrical tour de force in which

six performers portray a wide array of diverse characters as they delineate the dying lifestyle of wealthy WASPdom, and the now neglected room which was once a vital center of family life.

The play, written by American playwright A. R. Gurney, is set in the dining room of a typical well-to-do household, the place where the family assembled daily for breakfast and dinner and for any and all special occasions. The action is comprised of a mosaic of interrelated scenes—some funny, some touching, some rueful—which, taken together, create an in-depth portrait of a vanishing species: the upper-middle-class WASP. The actors change roles, personalities and ages with virtuoso skill as they portray a wide variety of characters, from little boys to stern grandfathers, and from giggling teenage

girls to Irish housemaids. Each vignette introduces a new set of people and events. The scenes coalesce, ultimately, into a theatrical experience of exceptional range, compassionate humor and abundant humanity.

Established in 1984, The Acting Company is a non-profit organization who engages, inspires, entertains and challenges audiences with theatrical productions that range from the classics to new works. Our productions train and support our existing actors and provide a venue for the next generation of theater artists. We provide youth acting programs that promote life-long learning to a diverse community.

The Dining Room will be performed Friday, Saturday and Sunday beginning March 29 through April 21 at The Acting Company 815 B Street, Yuba City. ★



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

### LOCAL FISHING

Lake Oroville South Forebay; Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) is the most populous fish in the South Forebay, and in fact a cannibal. They will not eat their own offspring, but chow down on other species of baby fish. A four lane boat ramp accommodates power boats, and a fishing pier for handicap fishermen. You may also rent a Kayak, or take the hiking trail... cross over the walk bridge to access Mr. Whiskers haunts in the West Bank of the South Forebay. My fishing buddy fed me a lot of "razzmatazz" about the bait he was using. However, the-cat-is-out-of-the-bag. Try: Hormel Hot Dogs...soaked in Strawberry Jello and Garlic Powder. Umm, Umm good!

### ICE FISHING 1 of 5 Articles

Caples Lake; 7,820 ft Elev. Use cross-country skis to access. Gas powered 8-inch auger used to dig four fishing holes, Sonars installed in each hole. No open fires allowed. Hungry Mackinaw to 6-lbs. Jigging...Try: Drop Shot, rigged Wacky style.



Wacky Style

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

S.F. Bay/Berkeley Flats; Flounder of the flatfish species to 4.4 lbs. Both eyes located on top/left side of the head, looking up at your bait offering. Jigging... Try: Trap Hook setup with Live Squid. (b) Avoid the Sacramento Delta, muddy roily waters with sunken debris. Go to the San Joaquin Delta, fish the Bishop Cut on Disappointment Slough. Plenty of small 18-inch stripers. Try: Grass Shrimp. (a) The Cut is known for its Chain Pickerel (*Esox niger*) a

Pike Hybrid. Mouth full of sharp teeth, 36-inches long/seven pounds. An aggressive fighter and excellent tasting meat, but super bony. Try: Live Shiners. (a)

### COASTAL WATERS

Both commercial and sport crab fishermen continue with successful Dungeness Crab limits. Try: Chicken Guts. (b) Note: Game Wardens in hot pursuit of "pot robbers."

### LAKES RESERVOIRS

Folsom Lake; King Salmon of 6lbs. caught at 7'-30' deep. Try: Speedy Shiner. (b) Clear Lake winter Red Ear... 3-anal spines. Bluegill...3-anal spines. Black Crappie...8-anal spines. Try: Crappie Jigs. (a) Lake Del Valle, Orinda, Calif. A small 80 acre impound, stocked with Crappie and Red Eared Sunfish. Try: Crappie Jigs. (b)

### RIVERS

Most rivers in Northern California are blown out. American River; steelhead in the upper section. Try: Salmon Roe. (a) Smith River; a few steelhead



Crappie Jigs

caught. Try: Salmon Roe. (a) S.F. Eel River; a few chromies caught. Try: Salmon Roe. (a)

### Spinner Bait

Take a fresh anchovy, remove the scales, fillet it lengthwise, take that half and split it lengthwise so the head is broader, tapering to the tail. Insert the fish hook in then out of the flesh near the head, then push the hook tip through the flesh at mid-section. This makes bait spin slowly

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# Christopher Crafton Arrested on a Variety of Charges

## Yuba County Sheriff's Office News Release

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Early in the week of 1/29, Yuba County deputies responded to the Hard Rock Casino in response to a report of a male subject with a firearm. The suspect, 35-year-old

Christopher Crafton, was quickly located and apprehended. Crafton was arrested for possession of over 64 grams of suspected fentanyl for sales, possession of an illegal firearm and ammunition, possession of burglary tools, and other miscellaneous charges. He was booked into the Yuba County Jail. ★



Pistol, clips and ammunition found on Christopher Crafton.

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# Marysville's Big Win at Colfax Forces Tie

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**COLFAX, CA (MPG)** - The Marysville girls' basketball team ended the Colfax Falcons' 32-game winning streak in the Pioneer Valley League dating back to the 2021-22 season as they beat the Colfax Falcons 38-37 on Wednesday, January 31.

The game was a defensive battle that began from the opening tip and didn't let up until the clock hit triple zeros at the end of the game.

Colfax led 11-7 at the end of the first after both teams defensively locked in their full-court-press defense on one another.

The defense in the first half was the story as you could see it was a chess match as both teams committed turnovers in the open court.

Marysville Head Coach Ike Prince told the Dispatch

that both teams defensively attacked the ball in the air.

"Both teams anticipated what the other was going to do on offense," Prince said. "After that, it boiled down to who made the most shots and took care of the ball the most."

One of the adjustments the Lady Indians made from their January 10 loss against Colfax was the attempt to drive to the basket more and not try and have a shootout with them. In the first matchup, Marysville attempted 16 three-point shots compared to the five the Lady Indians attempted the second time around.

The lady Falcons took a 19-12 lead at the end of the first half as Marysville senior Krystal Briggs led the Lady Indians with eight points. Briggs had seven rebounds and four steals, and also ended up tied with the game-high in points



The Marysville girls basketball team celebrated their 38-37 victory over Colfax on Wednesday, January 31, with lots of hugs and smiles.



Marysville senior Krystal Briggs (25) puts a shot attempt up against Colfax in the Lady Indians' 38-37 victory on Wednesday, January 31.

with Marysville sophomore guard Abigail Pietz.

The Lady Indians also took care of the ball better overall, and although they still got outbounded by the Lady Falcons during the game, they limited the second chance point opportunities in the second half.

Briggs expressed to the Dispatch that after the first matchup a few weeks ago, the whole team has worked well with one another and picked each other up on the court with adjustments daily.

In the second half, the Marysville defense came out with a jolt of energy and continuously challenged Colfax every possession down the floor, but the Lady Falcons held a five-point lead heading

into the fourth quarter. The Lady Indians closed the gap to a one-possession game within the first couple minutes of the final quarter and then Colfax went on a cold streak from the floor where they were scoreless for a couple-minute stretch.

Pietz put Marysville up 38-36 just inside of a minute remaining in the game. Colfax junior forward Juliette James made a free throw to make it a one-point game within the final 45 seconds. As there was a quick flurry of a couple turnovers by both teams it came down to the Lady Indians needing to pass the ball in and controlling the possession with 2.9 seconds to secure the victory.

Colfax made a couple stabs at the ball, but at the

end Marysville was able to run the clock out and secure the tie atop the PVL standings. As both teams will be competing in the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division IV playoffs next week, we can expect both teams to get a high seed.

The Lady Indians traveled to Wheatland on Monday night before they hosted Lindhurst on Wednesday night. Marysville hosts Bear River at 5:30 p.m. for senior night, but this will be a competitive game as Bear River gave the Lady Indians a tough fight in their first meeting on January 19, where Marysville won 64-49.

The CIF SJS brackets will be announced on February 10. ★

# Indians Fall on Road, Must Win-Out for Postseason

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**LINCOLN, CA (MPG)** - The Marysville Indians boys basketball team has to win-out if they hope to defend their CIF Division IV Section title from last season after they lost to the Twelve Bridges Raging Rhinos 58-31 on Friday, February 2.

Marysville came into the game locked in, but the talent level of the senior-heavy Twelve Bridges persevered. The loss dropped the Indians into a 4th-place tie with Bear River as they were beaten by Sutter last Friday.

Defensively, Marysville did a great job as they didn't allow a high-powered offense like Twelve Bridges to score more than 20 points in a quarter, and Rhinos senior forward Jacob Gilchrist scored eight in the win, as senior forward Elias Delozier locked Gilchrist down



Marysville senior forward Anthony Walker (24) shoots a three-point shot attempt in the Indians' 58-31 defeat at Twelve Bridges in Lincoln on Friday, February 2.

throughout the night. Indians senior forward

Anthony Walker led Marysville with 10 points.

The offense for the Indians couldn't get consistent with making shots in the basket even with good looks from the field, but defensively the Rhinos had a great defensive night.

Indians junior guard Dennis Syders, leading scorer on the Marysville roster, was held to one point as he hit a free throw in the third quarter for his offensive contribution in the game. As he was able to drive into the paint during the game, he fell victim to some of his shots being blocked by Twelve Bridges.

Indians assistant Danny Lewis expressed to the Dispatch that the boys have committed to playing defense. Lewis added that

Marysville does have a height advantage over some teams, but overall they are an athletic team that can use their length on the defensive end as well.

Lewis told the Dispatch shots didn't fall against Twelve Bridges, but defensively they held a good offensive team to lower than their season average of points.

The Indians are aware of the importance of winning-out this week, and if they took care of Wheatland and Lindhurst earlier this week, the game against Bear River will determine if they get into the playoffs or not, as they were projected in the last MaxPreps rankings on January 31 as the only potential at-large team in the Division IV field due

to the top three spots in the Pioneer Valley League being automatic playoff berths.

With four teams fighting for two guaranteed spots in the playoffs, all the competing teams — Sutter, Colfax, Marysville and Bear River — are going to be watching one another's games for instant updates.

If there is one team that the Indians could potentially catch for an auto bid into the playoffs, it would be Colfax. Colfax's remaining schedule this week included a road game at Bear River, hosted Sutter and hosts Twelve Bridges.

The CIF Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs begin next week as brackets will be announced on Saturday, February 10. ★



Twelve Bridges senior forward Kellen Phulps (11) blocks Marysville sophomore guard Jaylen Brown's (1) shot attempt in the Raging Rhinos' 58-31 victory over the Indians on Friday, February 2, in Lincoln.