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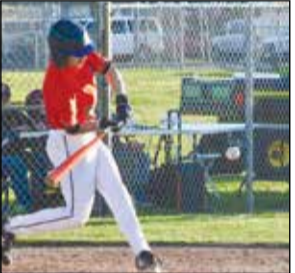
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## Yuba City Police, Fire Budget Assessment More than \$1M



Yuba City Mayor Shon Harris and Yuba City Council at the Feb. 20 meeting, where they approved more than \$1 million for the mid-year public safety budget assessment.

Story and photos by Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Combined mid-year Yuba City budget adjustments for police and fire public safety total more than one million dollars.

Both Yuba City Police Chief Brian Baker and Fire Chief Jesse Alexander presented their requests Feb. 20 to the mayor and council, with law enforcement requesting more than \$200,000, and the fire department asking for nearly one million dollars.

While the last few years' end-of-year actual budget totals were closer to assumed, Alexander said, it is not the case now with this year's projected amount at \$1,947,676 instead of \$972,610.

"Unfortunately, it is a significant difference from the budgeted amount," Alexander said, adding the department is "partially in this situation" due to industrial disability injuries, known as workers compensation, and the Family and Medical Leave Act in the fiscal year of 2023-2024.

According to the fire chief, for the first six months of the fiscal year, up to 10 employees are collecting some compensation. Backfilling 10 workers' compensation positions cost \$420,204, and Family and Medical Leave Act costs \$91,474 for eight employees. Bottomline, the department needs \$1,927,067 in total to maintain compliance with the department's overtime budget account.

Alexander said officials could also choose from the alternatives to modify the recommended salary savings from the General Fund account or direct staff to pursue other options for maintaining budget requirements.

Baker explained how the Police Department's mid-year budget requests pertain to infrastructure and technology upgrades.

"We have utilized mass storage devices, USBs, and going back in time DVDs," Chief Baker said. "We are having issues with those devices failing, and we are having problems finding ways to store the mass amounts of digital evidence we recover from many of our investigations."

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## Senator Dahle's Bill Aims to Save Rural Hospitals

Office of Senator Dahle News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Working to preserve vital emergency and acute-care services for California's rural residents, Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) introduced Senate Bill 1423 which would require Medi-Cal to pay the actual costs of providing outpatient services in designated critical access hospitals.

As it stands, the 37 critical access hospitals serving rural communities in California are not fully reimbursed for providing outpatient services to patients covered by Medi-Cal, meaning the hospitals lose money for every dollar spent on care for needy patients.

"It's disheartening to see that rural hospitals face the only options of either declaring bankruptcy or scaling back their services. We cannot continue to ignore the needs of millions of Californians who rely on these critical access hospitals. It's time for us to do better and ensure that these facilities have the resources they need to provide quality care to those who need it most," said Dahle.

Federal law recognizes the vital importance of hospitals, especially those that provide emergency care, in rural communities and allows them to be paid for Medicare services for the elderly and disabled based on actual costs.

Over the years, enrollment in Medi-Cal, which serves lower-income Californians, has increased dramatically, but reimbursements below the cost of care put small hospitals serving these patients in critical financial straits. SB 1423 changes that so these hospitals continue to be an indispensable part of our health care system for rural California. ★

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## Getting a Makeover to Remember

Story and photos by Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Two committees for Yuba redesigns around town were recently formed, beginning with the City Welcome Sign Ad Hoc committee, comprised of two council members and Planning, Senior, Youth, and Parks & Recreation Commission representatives.

Councilmen Wade Kirchner and Michael Pasquale immediately stepped up to the plate at the Feb. 20 meeting, where Mayor Shon Harris said officials have been getting emails for a year from residents questioning the removal of signage on Township Road and State Route 20, and Bogue Road and Highway 99. Repair is the answer,



Old Yuba City Welcome Sign.

according to Ashley Potocnik, the committee's development liaison.

"The city has been working on ways to get designs there," Potocnik said.

The two-part process first included a design

concept competition in December 2023, with up to 10 artists vying for the honor.

"Tonight, we are forming an ad hoc committee to review those submittals," Potocnik told officials on

Feb. 20. "Following that, the second phase is the request for those proposals that will be sent out to the public."

Forming a Water Tower Plaza Name and

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# A Fun Presentation, Free Books, Help for Your Child's Development

Story and photos by Teri Saya

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - February 13th, the day before Valentine's Day, at the T.E.A.M. center in Marysville, a group of children and a dog named Nana had the opportunity to watch a story-book presentation of "Super Puppies" by the author Tonya Flores. The series of twelve short books focuses on some of the global issues and challenges of life on our planet, and how children can be inspired to be happy, confident, and secure about their place in the world.



Author of "Super Puppies," Tonya Flores.



The presentation begins.



Author signs and gifts books after the presentation.

The books introduce eight virtues of the ancient Greek philosopher and scientist, Aristotle, by using cute puppy characters Zuko and Ally Puff in each book's adventures. Learning virtues such

as bravery, truthfulness, confidence, wit, ambition, friendship, patience, and generosity can act as a guide for

building a life that's full of happiness, fulfillment, and social responsibility. Tonya signed and gifted her

books to the children present at the event. For more information about these books, games, and presentations go to

www.thesuperpuppies.com. Just outside, during, and after the book presentation, Yuba County's First 5 information booth was passing out literature, merch, and food boxes to the public. First 5 is sponsored by the Children and Families Commission to help our local families with young children learn positive parenting development skills such as healthy eating, exercising, reading, teaching, and exploring. First 5 is sponsoring a 6-week series called "Fathers Matter," a support group for Yuba County fathers and father-figures. Beginning on February 20th, every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm until March 12th. These groups will be held at the T.E.A.M. Center at 120 5th Street in Marysville. For more information, call (530) 749-4948 or go to www.first5yuba.org. ★

# Yuba City High School Presents 2024 Musical "James and the Giant Peach"

Yuba City High School News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Yuba City High School will be presenting the endearing musical "James and the Giant Peach" on Friday and Saturday nights, March 15, 16, 22 & 23 at 7:30 and Sunday afternoons on March 17 and 24 at 2:00 pm. YCHS Backlot Theater is located on the east side of the campus off of Park Avenue. Ample parking is available at the site.

features an exciting and tuneful musical score that will thrill all ages in the audience. I believe the musical is destined to be a classic."

The cast of fourteen will feature Lexy Osburn as James Trotter; Taleah Abolt and Cameron Kersting sharing the role of Ladahlord; Elizabeth Hansen as Sponge; Chloe Valdez as Spiker; Kelsy Ulrey as Grasshopper; Cheyenne Her and Mia Beltran sharing the role of Ladybug; Alexis Trotti as Spider; Andi Wild as Earthworm; Derick Hannover and Taleah Abolt sharing the role of Centipede. Completing the Ensemble will be Arianna Glasglow DaisyLin Horner, and Brooke Kersting.

The musical tells the story of a young orphan, James, who, through some miraculous circumstances, finds himself inside a giant peach along with a group of friendly insects. Together they



Cast and Orchestra for "James and the Giant Peach" rehearse. Photo courtesy of Yuba City High School

seek ways to become friends, help each other and find freedom. Lexy Osburn who plays James says, "I believe anyone can connect with the emotional storytelling in this show. It paints vibrant pictures for both children and adults to enjoy together as a family."

Cameron Kersting, who plays Ladahlord, states "The most fun part of the musical is all the songs. A lot of the songs are very jazzy and upbeat, and the choreography is fun as well. This is

a great show for both kids and adults.

You've got the goofy villains, the charismatic sidekicks, and, of course, the brave strong lead. For adults, the plot covers deeper themes of loss, recovery from loss and finding your way home, wherever that may be."

Kelsy Ulrey, who plays Grasshopper, encourages people to attend the show "because the story has a really powerful message that everyone can

understand and relate to. Seeing the actors tell the story on stage right in front of you has a very different feeling than seeing something like a film. There is a special magic between the actors and the audience."

Osburn promises, "Anyone leaving our production will have had a 'remark-u-lous-ly, fan-tas-ma-rific' evening!"

Tickets are available at the door for \$15 or reserved seats are \$20. ★

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# The Story of Land, Water, and People Exhibition Coming to Nevada City



NCRN Tribal Member Sarah Thomas works on artwork for the exhibit. Photo courtesy of CHIRP

## CHIRP News Release

**NEVADA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Story of Land, Water, and People, curated by Shelly Covert and Mira Clark, will be the 6th exhibit showing at 'Uba Seo: Nisenan Arts and Culture in downtown Nevada City. The Gallery and Culture space serves as a strong focal point for raising visibility and telling the stories of the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe. This exhibit is part of California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project (CHIRP)'s Visibility Through Art (VTA) initiative; by coordinating collaborations among artists and Tribal Culture bearers to increase public awareness and engage the public related to social justice, through the lens of environment-related issues including, land, water, and people. This exhibit is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, through the Upstate California Creative Corps program, administered by Nevada County Arts Council.

Visibility Through Art is a community art initiative produced annually as part of CHIRP's Arts & Culture Program. Visibility Through Art is an intentional and informed collaboration between local artists and members of the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe. Each project year explores a theme or subject of importance to the Tribe, culminating in an annual exhibit. Art opens the way for meaningful conversations around topics that can reveal solutions that may otherwise remain unseen. The Nisenan people are working to revitalize their Culture and traditions after the intense erasure of colonization and the California gold rush. Many traditional

lifeways and ecosystems were completely disrupted by exploitation and modernization.

The once intimate, traditional, and intuitive connection and understanding of the land was forever altered. Current revitalization efforts for earth-based traditional Nisenan Culture are made nearly impossible by the compounded layers of deracination, historic and generational trauma caused by genocide, removal from sacred lands, the forced assimilation of Indian boarding schools, outlawing of traditional and religious practices, and the prohibition of Native Language and Culture. Through creative and artistic means, the Nisenan are gathering and re-weaving the remaining traditional Indigenous knowledge to process the complex layers of trauma, bring visibility to their stories, history, and Culture, and to envision a path forward in a forever-changed landscape.

'Uba Seo: Nisenan Arts & Culture is a gallery and Culture space in downtown Nevada City. The gallery project falls under CHIRP's Art & Culture Program and is another way to bring visibility to the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe while fulfilling CHIRP's mission: to preserve, protect, and perpetuate Nisenan Culture. 'Uba Seo is another step toward the restoration of the Tribe's Federal Recognition. Since opening its doors in the Spring of 2021, 'Uba Seo has created rich opportunities for visibility, advocacy, healing, and community education. This unprecedented social space is curated through the perspectives and voices of the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe.

This art event was created to engage our

community in conversation about this land and the Nisenan People. It also serves to raise the Tribe's visibility. Shelly Covert, who is the Nevada City Rancheria Tribal Council Spokesperson and the Executive Director of CHIRP stated, "The goal is to create conscientious art pieces that inspire dialogue about Nisenan history and culture. We were looking for a way to tell our collective story and this seems to be working. Art is an incredible platform to engage in difficult dialogue. And collaborating with local artists has not only been a pleasure, but it is helping us achieve our goals. Our deepest hope is to bring about awareness of local historic and current issues through the medium of art." The one-of-a-kind pieces created annually during this project have become the main body of CHIRP's expanding art collection.

Participating Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribal Member Artists: Shelly Covert, Ginger Covert, Lorena Davis, Sarah Thomas, Cindy Buero, Debra McBrien, Saxon Thomas.

Native Nisenan Special Guest Artists: Tiffany Adams and Deerstine Madrone Suehead.

Participating Artists: Nikila Badua, Maile Claire, Mira Clark, Jan Michelle Sawyer, and Ruth Chase.

On View: March 16th, 2024 - March 2025

Opening Art Reception: March 16th, 6 - 9:30 p.m.

(7 - 8:30 p.m. Shelly Covert Opening & Artist Speakers)

'Uba Seo: Nisenan Arts & Culture, 225 Broad Street, Nevada City CA, 95959

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# Getting a Makeover to Remember

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Mural Designs Ad Hoc Committee was also presented to officials by associate civil engineer Josh Wolffe. The funding for the citywide revamp is from a 2022 Clean California grant for \$2.2 million for improvements on Plume Street under the water tower, and the murals adjacent to the water tower and along Center Street, Wolffe said.

The committee comprises the Planning, Senior, Youth, and Parks and Recreation Commission members, business owners, and a representative from the Yuba City Downtown Business Association and Yuba Sutter Arts. Mayor Shon Harris and Vice Mayor Dave Shaw will represent the city.

Sandy Drown, a Yuba City Downtown Business Association member and the Happy Viking owner, thanked officials for making a spot for business owners.

"The merchants downtown feel like this is our front yard, so I appreciate you guys giving us a seat at the table from the beginning," Drown said. "The downtown appreciates our relationship with the city, and we look forward to a new remodel downtown."

Wolffe presented photos of the total project scope, including four main components: a water tower redesign, Center Street lighting, Water Tower Park, and Gateway Arch.

"The new logos have just gone on the water tower last week," Wolffe said. "Center street lighting is currently in process."

Wolffe asked officials to focus on analyzing the mural design and plaza name on the side of Lee Canton & Babies to Teens Consignment Shop, which started in 2007.

"For the mural design, the city staff has been coordinating with the Yuba Sutter Arts to determine the best way to procure an



Ad Hoc Committee Development Liaison Ashley Potocnik.



Associate Civil Engineer Josh Wolffe.



Downtown Business Association member Sandy Drown.



Yuba Sutter Arts Executive Director David Read.

artist to install the murals along the two walls," Wolffe said.

Wolffe said a call to artists will go out after the ad hoc agrees on the final design, including a historical timeline of the Yuba City area from the 1850s to the present day. Other ideas include paying homage to some famous Yuba City residents.

As for naming the park, Yuba City has a park-naming policy Wolffe said would be used to determine the name. Thus far, possible names include Downtown Plaza, Plumas Street Plaza, Plaza 1980, Don Covery Plaza, and Water Tower Plaza.

"We anticipate the final recommendations to be made by early spring of 2024," Wolffe said.

Yuba Sutter Arts executive director David Read said his work on the project with Wolffe has been productive over the past

few months.

"It is sort of serendipitous because, as some of you may know, in April, we are hosting the Sutter Theatre marathon at the Sutter Theatre," Read said.

For 48 hours, artists gather to paint five large murals on the side of the theater along Church Street. After getting the idea from Reno, Read said, Yuba Sutter Arts had a mural marathon in Live Oak.

"As Sandy mentioned, it is a reinvention of Plymouth Street and all the great work done there over the years," Read said. "These kinds of public artworks create, just like our theater, additional reasons for people to come to downtown Yuba City and Plumas Street."

For more information on the City Welcome Sign Ad Hoc Committee call to artists, email [jwolffe@yubacity.net](mailto:jwolffe@yubacity.net). ★

# Yuba City Police, Fire Budget Assessment More Than \$1M

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Another needed technology upgrade is the Police Department's contract with Axon, a cloud storage system enhancement totaling \$68,500.

"The purchase will give us three years of unlimited digital storage and it will also allow members of the community to go out to the crime. If we need to capture video surveillance, we can give them a link and they can upload it to the system, and it is a good resource overall for the department," Baker said.

The Cellebrite Phone Analyzer is also becoming obsolete, according to the police chief, noting the new device that costs \$32,000 will save staff time processing information.

"This processing device is faster. Many times, we have up to 10 to 15 cell phones that need to be processed for cases that they are working," said Baker, adding the department signed a four-year contract that offers a significant discount.

Facility repairs for the Police Department roof and flooring are just more than \$100,000, beginning with the ceiling, which takes up much of the maintenance team's time, according to the police chief.

"A few weeks ago, we had rain leaking down the wall into the interior



Yuba City Fire Department Chief Jesse Alexander explains to city officials additional mid-year budget expenditures mostly related to workers compensation and family leave reasons.



Yuba City Police Department Chief Brian Baker presents a mid-year budget assessment for the department at the Feb. 20 Yuba City Council meeting.

wall of one of the offices," Baker said.

Additionally, the Police Department requests \$70,000 to purchase an elastomeric system for the roof used by other city building officials that has potential cost savings in the summer since it reflects heat.

The Police Department's flooring is also comprised, according to the police chief: "There is some significant cracking that is occurring."

"Maintenance has identified that some of the non-slip surfaces are worn away, so they are recommending we apply a polyurea coating to address those issues," Baker said, adding the cost of \$36,000.

The good news is the money for infrastructure

and technology upgrades is already there, according to the police chief.

"We are not asking for any additional funds; we have money in our budget from allocated salary savings due to vacancies, so it will basically be an overspend for our facilities maintenance and our investigations technology budget," Baker said.

Even better news was that both facilities maintenance issues went out to bid here in Yuba City.

"They have obtained quotes from all local vendors, so that will be money being spent with vendors here," Baker said.

Mayor Shon Harris and the Yuba City Council voted unanimously to approve all public safety requests. ★

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# Public's View on Signing Sheriff's Contract Wanted

By Sharon Pearce

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Much of the Live Oak City Council special session on Feb. 28 was on discussion points that council engaged in at the end of the year about the proposed Sheriff's contract for police services.

One option is to sign the contract and come back to the table to iron out details that can be added to the contract in an addendum.

The second option is to authorize a study to determine if the proposed contract does not leave the city with lack of control over its fleet of police cars and city officials not knowing where officers are or how many extra officers might be needed. The City Council could then better determine if more money is needed in the budget for the final contract.

No decision was taken at the session but Councilmember Lakhvir Ghag requested through Zoom that if any of the viewing public wanted to express an opinion on action they wanted taken on the budget, to let the city know by calling 530-695-2122 or emailing at lghag@liveoakcity.org.

Councilmember Bob Woten asked how much it would cost to just request a detective on an ad hoc basis rather than budget for one and was told \$100 per hour. He responded that it was like "buying an extended warranty."

Councilmember Jeramy Chapdelaine agreed, saying "I am not opposed to this as it is now." Chapdelaine added the detective, if included in the contract

up front, could, when free, jump in a car and patrol or use a motorcycle, and the budget shows a trend of \$300,000 but it could go down substantially, making it even more cost effective. For Year One, Chapdelaine suggested, it might be an increase of \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Having a detective present all the time, Ghag said, would serve as a deterrent to crime, adding that "the Sheriff's Office does not compensate for cars, fuel and other things." Ghag said, "It would be nice to have the extra officer available so he could get in his car, but if he is going to be out in the county, we have to take it to our conscience (to deal with anything that happens)."

Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana commented, "I don't think either of these proposals are good enough for Live Oak." Santana added, "I think we need a police presence at the school; at least two on duty at a time. I'm thinking we are going to need our own police station. The sheriff isn't showing he really wants to work with our city. We need to dig a little deeper, look a little harder."

Mayor Ashley Hernandez spoke of the Live Oak cars being driven elsewhere.

"We should be reimbursed; we don't charge for substation, we pay for canine, bikes, equipment. We are at an 88% cost share; it's 88 1/2 in this contract. The mayor wanted a monthly itemized report. I feel it is disappointing that statistics are showing officers

create contacts to jam up bills. I would like to have a consultant assess our true needs, including what the length of the contract should be," Ghag said. "It would only take one incident, when they are not here, to put this town's rating into the dirt."

According to City Manager Aaron Palmer, "...we are not being charged for dispatch for 17 years; that's a pretty good deal. We could put into the contract that we want the vehicles left here. If they have an accident, they have the liability."

Ghag suggested that there was laxity in letting the council know about incidents to which deputies respond.

Palmer said he would ask that the Sheriff's Office send the general email on logs "so we can sit down and determine what we need... they would charge us."

Chapdelaine added, "Our approach needs to be more transparent and more robust and done in a workshop manner. It will take looking at tax increases and other things to determine we cannot afford this anymore as is."

Santana said she "thought the Live Oak residents would pass a tax increase as it voted to do for all of Sutter County."

Council members want to engage in a study as the contract is not due until June. While Ghag called out to the public for its opinion, he said, "We need to continue with the current contract until we have a sure method to protect the people of Live Oak. We can end up adding more money." ★

## This Month In Your Garden

by Jeff Rice

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March is a great time of year to spend in the garden – the coldest weather is usually behind us and the hot weather is still several months off. The first day of spring officially happens on March 19th this year. Spring is a beautiful time of the year with beautiful weather for all kinds of pleasant activities, gardening being a favorite for many.

It's time to get your vegetable gardens ready for planting. Don't plant too early though. Warmer days don't mean warm nights. A good rule of thumb to use for when to plant vegetables, is when nighttime low temperatures are consistently 50 degrees or higher and the soil is feeling warmer to the touch. We frequently have warm weather in February and March, but the nights are still too cold for putting out vegetables. If you put out vegetables when the nights are still cold and the soil is still cold, they can be stunted. Select a spot with lots of sunlight for your vegetable garden, and some intermittent shade as the sun moves across the area is alright. The soil will probably need to be spaded or roto-tilled to loosen it. If the soil is heavy clay it will take several rounds of tilling and adding planting mix or compost to help break up the clay. Adding organic soil conditioners and fertilizers will build your soil rather than chemical products that tend to deplete the soil of needed nutrients. The decomposition of organic matter such as crushed leaves and grass clippings can be interspersed into heavy clay soil to help lighten it as well as create spaces to help with drainage which is a problem with very dense clay. Many of our customers in the foothills are very familiar with the clay soil, and maintain a compost pile - an effective way to always have soil additive ready when you need it. A compost pile is not especially attractive and might be offensive to some neighbors in town, but there are containers available that work well and will breakdown trimmings into compost. It is not a fast process, but it is still a good way to dispose of trimmings and weeds, and make good use of them.

Now is the time to try to keep weeds and brush under control – they both grow rapidly and can be an invasive problem. Control can be accomplished in several different ways such as pulling them by hand, tilling them, mowing and weed eating, or using herbicides. Pre-emergent is another effective way of weed control. It is probably too late now for the weeds that are already coming up but can stop any that have not yet sprouted. With pre-emergent, one must be careful not to apply it where you planted

flower seeds for spring color – it is not fussy about what it works its magic on! Congratulations to anyone who had the foresight to use it early enough to be effective. A combination of all those things seem to work for most people, depending on the areas to be done, the kind of weeds, etc. All methods require that some caution be used in order not to harm something else in the process.

With the weather warming, and plants eager to grow, it is also time to fertilize just about everything to give them all a good start. An all purpose fertilizer is fine for most plants, but try to use the proper fertilizer on those things that need it, such as citrus food and acid based fertilizer. I have a few words of caution, though. Should you have any plant that has buds that should open several weeks later than your date of fertilizing, skip those plants until they have finished blooming. Fertilizing while the buds are not mature might cause the plant to start putting on vigorous new growth that could push the unopened buds off. Just wait until it has finished blooming, and fertilize it then. It is natural for spring blooming plants to put out new growth following their bloom period. This caution refers to those plants that bloom only once a year in the spring. Sometimes, for instance, some rhododendrons are later blooming. Enjoy all of their beautiful blooms, and fertilize them after they have finished. Another cautionary statement on rhodios – be sure to break off the flower trusses left following the petals falling, to reduce seed formation which will reduce next year's bloom.

We are not the only ones happy to see spring. Slugs, snails, earwigs, aphids all welcome the warmer weather. Aphids multiply exponentially and ants farm them by moving them from one place to another because they like the sticky honeydew that they leave behind. Aphids can be controlled by hosing them off frequently, and there are insecticides that will control them for longer time. Controlling the ants helps to control the aphids.

This is an excellent time to plant most anything. Perennials can also be dug and divided. They can become well established more easily in the cooler spring temperatures and thus, withstand the heat of the summer. Enjoy the beauty of the spring season.

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# Enrollment Opens for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program

California Farm Bureau News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The California Bountiful Foundation, the 501(c)3 science, research, and education non-profit organization of the California Farm Bureau, began enrollment last week for a new program called Expanding Our Roots: Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Mentorship Program.

The program has a website where beginning farmers and ranchers with one to 10 years of farming and ranching experience in California may enroll for free in the mentorship program.

Farmers and ranchers interested in serving as mentors may also sign up via the webpage. Mentors are financially compensated for providing six hours of mentoring services to beginning farmers and ranchers.

The program will allow 200 beginning farmers to be paired up with mentor farmers and ranchers with more than 10 years of experience. Half of the program participants must be specialty crop growers. Under program funding requirements, priority consideration will be given to socially disadvantaged farmers and military veterans in



California Farm Bureau began enrollment last week for a new program called Expanding Our Roots: Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Mentorship Program. Photo courtesy Emily Studer Pixabay

farming and ranching.

Mentoring will focus on a range of topics, including market access, climate stresses, navigating the regulatory system, production management and business aspects of farming in California.

The program will also provide educational workshops that offer insights on regulations for farming and ranching in California. Additionally, participants will learn about financial incentives, including grant opportunities that can help them fund conservation management practices and climate-smart agriculture. They will be exposed to resources from the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources and UC Cooperative Extension.

Grant funding for this project was made possible through a cooperative

agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

"This program is designed to bring our agricultural community even closer together as a family through mentoring opportunities," said Dr. Amrith Gunasekara, science and research director for the California Bountiful Foundation. "Mentoring the new generation of farmers and ranchers by experienced farmers and ranchers will ensure agriculture and food security is sustained into the future."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members. ★

# Education is Failing America's Future by Forgetting its Past

By Jamie Gass and Chris Sinacola

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.

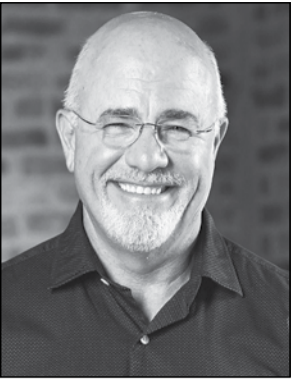
Finally, the institutes of higher learning that train teachers must convey the centrality of civics and history in a curriculum geared toward producing good citizens.

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. ★





## Dave Ramsey Says

thing in situations like yours. But more than feeling indebted to someone or experiencing a sense of guilt or shame, it's really a discussion about differing views of marriage.

You're never in debt to your spouse. You should be all in where your husband or wife is concerned. Remember the vows? For richer, for poorer. In sickness and in health. If she makes you chicken soup when you're sick, does she charge you for it? Of course not. When you get married, you agree to take on each other's burdens. Once you walk down the aisle with someone, you're choosing to serve each other. You're also choosing to take on each other's debt, each other's income, each other's assets and each other's crazy parents. Everything!

It all boils down to having a shared view of a proper marriage relationship. And the proper (and biblical) view is we own everything. There's no mine and yours anymore. Now,

you can't make her feel—or not feel—a certain way. But you can ask her questions to understand where she's coming from and what blockers are keeping her from being totally together in this. Talk about it. Put your heads together and practice thinking about your marriage as a union.

It will take some encouragement from you and some getting used to on her part, but if you work together, it's a muscle you can grow and develop together!

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling 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* ★

## My Wife Thinks She Owes Me Money

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have been married for nine months, and we've been following your Baby Steps plan for three months. We have about \$50,000 in debt, and I recently cashed out an old whole life policy that enabled us to pay off \$22,000 of our debt. My wife still feels weird about us doing that, since the money paid off all the student loan debt she accumulated before we got married but none of the debt I brought to the marriage. I look at everything as ours, not mine and hers. What can I do about her sense of guilt and feeling indebted to me

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

This isn't an uncommon



So sorry, but again the community breakfast is being postponed until April 14. The Covid "bug" as hit again and we just can't get it together for March. Hopefully, absence makes the heart grow fonder and we will have a good crowd. I have enjoyed eating with friends and neighbors for about 40 years and am looking to continuing this habit as long as I can.

Don't forget the Sip 'n' Paint party on March 15 from 6:00 to 8:30 in Brownsville. The topic is a flower with a honeybee, done in acrylic. The cost is \$40 and includes painting supplies, beverages/wine and snacks. Call Deb for more information: 530 675-2924.

From Anchorage to Nome, almost 1000 miles, run by dog sled each March since 1973. It is the Ididerod. The race started as a 'race' in 1973, but it follows the route of a dog sled run in 1925, The Great Race of Mercy, that delivered antibiotics to save the life of many dying of diphtheria in

Nome. The Ididerod has revitalized the use of sled dogs and now they come to Alaska from all over the world, even a team from Jamaica. How can one run sled dogs in Jamaica? The run follows the Yukon river as well as thru mountain passes. The teams hold 12 - 14 dogs and it take from 8 to 15 days to run. It is very popular and many come to Alaska just to see them take off or come in at the end in Nome. Tune in next year on the second Saturday in March.

As of last week, I am still testing positive for Covid. Joyce is opening the store mid-day for a few hours just to keep in touch. The work always piles up. Hope for better health soon.

Look Back in Time - In 1914 the stagecoaches on Oroville and Marysville lines have been replaced by 5-passenger Chalmers auto (going forward).

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

## It's been a Long Journey



By Kathy Craig Harteis

We're getting closer to home.

The last couple of days we've enjoyed beautiful Fort Bragg, Ca.

Well, it was a beautiful day here yesterday but today the rain has come. It looks like it'll be a long rainy drive today as we head toward Oregon.

This past weekend we were blessed to see old friends and family in Colusa, County.

We met our great great niece and nephew, the two newest members of the family. Other than feeling old to see my two great nieces with babies of their own it was wonderful. Welcome Ellis and Elly. You will be loved.

We were so touched by the show of love and appreciation for Ben Felt by the community at his celebration of life. His family was truly appreciative to know how much we all cared about him.

Ben's life's motto was service before self and he truly lived it.

We could all learn a lot

from him and his giving nature.

It always feels good to go back to my roots. I did enjoy time in California but its time to go home.

Two more family visits in Oregon and Washington and we'll be on our way. Home is sounding better all the time.

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.* ★



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## The Most Valuable Commodity

The most valuable commodity is not money, but time. One can always make more money, but no one can get more time.

No matter who we are, everyone on the planet has only 24 hours in a day. How we use that time can make the difference in what we do, how we do it and if we can afford it.

With few exceptions, when I look at successful people in business, sports or quality of life in general, most people I know or read about who are successful use their time wisely.

I have always said, "You don't get what you want, you get what you work".

No truer a mantra exists in my opinion. Whether starting a business, aiming to be the best at sports, or whatever it is one endeavors to do, the more time you allocate to it, you will be more successful at it.

I once played racquetball with a guy who always complained he couldn't afford things. Because I have always packed my days full with whatever it was I was doing, I asked if we could play at 7:00 am instead of his usual start time of 10:00 am so I could get on with doing other things. He said 7:00 am was too early and he didn't get up until 9:00.

Not drawing an absolute conclusion that his wake up time was the reason for struggling with his bills, I am pretty certain if he got up earlier and had more time in his day, he would have more time to do whatever it was he needed to do to make a bit more money.

I listen to a lot of motivational tapes on You Tube. Some of the topics might be things like, "Get it done" "I will out work you", "Get up at 4:30 am", "It's not over until I win", and many others.

I usually listen on my phone while driving or working out and many of the audios are often done by motivational speakers or famous and accomplished individuals.

The tapes I listen to always have a common theme: Get up early, as in REAL early, never quit, work harder, work smarter, put down the smart phones, and don't hang out with those that don't motivate you or that put you down. Things like that.

Some great quotes come out of these



### Number of Farms Continues to Drop in California, Mirroring National Trends

Small-scale farmers continue to struggle to stay in business in California and across the country, according to the results of the 2022 Census of Agriculture, which was released last week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In California, the overall number of farms decreased 10% from 2017 to 2022, while the average acreage per farm increased 10%. The USDA conducts the census every five years. The number of farms in California peaked at 87,991 in 1997. Since 2007, the number has declined in each census, falling to 63,134 in 2022.

### Dairy Herds Shrink to 20-Year Low as Farmers Breed More Cows for Beef

Dairy farmers looking to buy young heifers to replace their older milking cows should get used to the sticker shock for a while, as the nation's dairy heifer inventory has plummeted to a 20-year low. Reduced supplies of dairy heifers could limit the nation's ability to produce more milk, people in the industry say, and reversing the trend will take at least two to three years. How soon farmers respond will depend on market conditions—for milk and for beef. Dairy replacement heifers have dwindled because dairy farmers have turned to breeding more of their dairy cows with beef genetics.

### Bees Go to Work, Pollinating California Almond Orchards

Dealing with a mix of extreme weather during bloom, California growers and beekeepers are hopeful that Mother Nature provides plenty of sunny days so honeybees can leave their colonies and pollinate the 2024 almond crop. Pollination of the state's 1.37 million bearing acres of almonds requires 2.5 million beehives provided by California and out-of-state beekeepers, according to the Almond Board of California. Heavy rainfall this month caused headaches for some beekeepers who had trouble accessing muddy orchards and dealt with stuck equipment when moving bees.

### 2024 Water-Delivery Pledges Remain Low, but Don't Account for Recent Storms

State and federal water officials last week announced preliminary water deliveries of 15% of requested supplies for 2024 from the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project. But both the California Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said the water-delivery pledges don't take into account recent and anticipated storms expected to add to California's water supply. The recent storms boosted water levels in some key reservoirs as well as snowpack in the Sierra Nevada. ★

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- Name
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

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

**COUNTY OF YUBA**

**SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 1624**

The following is a summary of an ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba on February 27, 2024. The adopted ordinance repeals and reenacts Title XI of the Yuba County Development Code and amends Zoning Map. The ordinance was passed and adopted upon the following vote: AYES: Supervisors Andy Vasquez, Don Blaser, Seth Fuhrer, Gary Bradford, Jon Messick NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None The complete text of the adopted amended ordinance may be reviewed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Yuba County, 915 8th Street Suite 109, Marysville, CA 95901. MARY PASILLAS CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (TD) March 8, 2024

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: JESSICA CROCKETT, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00176 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE: 04/02/2024 DEPT: 4 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

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

from: Jessica Crockett to: Jessica Cook from: Averi Trewartha to: Averi Cook

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: 02/16/2024

Stephen W. Berrier JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FEBRUARY 23, MARCH 1, 8, 15, 2024

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION AS DEFINED BY:** The California Self Storage Facilities Act Chapter 10 commencing with section 21700, division 8 or the California Business and Professional Code. **Stow Away Mini Storage, 889 N George Washington Blvd, Yuba City, CA 95993 Auction To Be Held Online By: www.StorageTreasures.com. March 9th 9am-March 12th 12pm** Units Contain the Following: Misc Items **Notices Given To:** Alexis Dunn, Anthony Stillwell & Tanya Matter In accordance with the California Self Storage Act, should bids fall short of agent's pre-determined fair market value on a given storage unit, agent shall have the right to halt the sale of said storage unit. Agent for owner Gainer & Associates. (TD) 3-8-24

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION / LIEN SALE** NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN that a mobilehome registered to DANIEL N MELTON, in which TARA RODRIGUEZ is an interested party, and described as a 1969 FLEETWOOD mobilehome, Decal Number ABG2930, Serial Number S11068, Label/Insignia Number 04293, and stored on property owned by Alpine Yuba Properties, LLC ("Alpine Village ME"), at 6105 Alpine Way, Marysville, CA 95901, Yuba County (specifically, those goods located/stored at Space #4 within the park), will be sold by public auction at the Alpine Village ME on **March 20, 2024, at 11 :30 a.m.** and such succeeding sale days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sale will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale, as well as costs and attorney's fees pursuant to contract, statute, and/or law. This sale is by public auction on a certified funds basis (money orders, cashier's or traveler's checks only). **Must have money order(s), cashier's/traveler's check(s) made payable to PCH Property Management to participate/bid.** NO cash, NO personal checks, NO business checks, NO guarantees or letters of credit allowed. NO exceptions. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. The mobilehome and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees. This sale is conducted under the authority of California Civil Code § 798.56a and Commercial Code §§ 7209-7210. DATED: February 7, 2024 /S/ Stephanie D. Rice LAW OFFICES OF JOSEPH W. CARROLL, P.C. Attorney for Alpine Yuba Properties, LLC 610 Fulton Avenue, Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 443-9000 **3/1/24, 3/8/24 CNS-3784385# TERRITORIAL DISPATCH**

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-039** The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Red Boot Ranch** 10158 Peoria Road Browns Valley, CA 95918 County of YUBA Registered Owners: 1. Katrina Ann Cookman 10158 Peoria Road Browns Valley, CA 95918 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: **Katrina Ann Cookman** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 21, 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 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-027** The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Surf Thru Express Car Wash** 601 5th St, Marysville, CA 95901 MAILING ADDRESS 11837 Bolthouse Dr., Suite 400 Bakersfield, CA 93311 County of YUBA Registered Owners: 1. Surf Thru, Inc. 11837 Bolthouse Dr., Suite 400 Bakersfield, CA 93311 This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/13/2020/. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct). Signed: **Todd Gall California Secretary** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 6, 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 February 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-046** The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **The Bloc Shop Marysville** 424 8th St, Marysville, CA 95901 MAILING ADDRESS 34 Ditzhazy Court Roseville, CA 95678 County of YUBA Registered Owners: 1. Caylon Gary McKellar 34 Ditzhazy Court Roseville, CA 95678 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: **Caylon McKellar** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 26, 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 March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-028** The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Sandtech Cleaning Services** 6302 Jordan Drive Marysville, CA 95901 County of YUBA Registered Owners: 1. Larry Sandoval 6302 Jordan Drive Marysville, CA 95901 2. Novina Sandoval 6302 Jordan Drive Marysville, CA 95901 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: **Larry Sandoval Jr.** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on February 6, 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 March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

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# Democrats Once Told the Truth About Unlawful Immigration



By Harold Pease, Ph.D.

Democrats used to tell the truth about unlawful immigration. Consider the following: Chuck Schumer in 2009, "Americans don't like illegal immigration - 'illegal immigration is wrong.' - People illegally in the United States are illegal aliens, not 'undocumented.'" - Border fence made the southern border 'far more secure'... [It] created a significant barrier to illegal immigration" (X22 Reports, hereafter not cited, Ep. 3245b, Dec. 28, 2023, 20:40).

Joe Biden. "No great nation can be in a position where they can't control their borders. It matters how you can control your borders, not just for immigration but it matters for drugs, terror and a whole range of things." Barack Obama. "We simply cannot allow people to pour into the United States, undetected, undocumented, unchecked, and

circumventing the line of people who are waiting, patiently, diligently, and lawfully to become immigrants in this country."

Bill Clinton. "All Americans, not only in the United States most heavily affected, but in every place in this country are rightly disturbed by the large number of illegal aliens entering our country. The job they hold could otherwise be held by citizens who are legal immigrants. The public service they use imposes burdens on our taxpayers, that is why our administration has moved aggressively to secure our border by hiring a record number of new bodyguards, by deporting twice as many criminal aliens, as ever before, by cracking down on illegal hiring and by barring welfare benefits to illegal aliens" (Ep 3272b, Jan. 31, 2024, 26:08).

The collapsed border protection is 100% Biden and Democratic Party driven. With the Trump Wall mostly finished Biden inherited the most secure border in American history—all he had to do was finish it. Instead, day one, he did the following: 1) immediately defunded the wall, 2) withdrew the emergency declaration regarding it, 3) paused the deportation of illegal aliens, and 4) terminated "remain in Mexico policy," these encouraged the invasion flood (Ep. 3269b, Jan. 28, 2024, 21:00). Over the next 100 days he initiated "94 executive actions" to open it entirely" (Ep 3273b, February 1, 2024, 18:16). And,

he has consistently undermined it since. To end the invasion he created, all he has to do is reverse these, which can be done very quickly.

Democrats are growing in their opposition to illegal immigration—illegals take their jobs. Rasmussen Reports asked these questions. "On the question of illegal immigration, is the government doing too much or too little to reduce illegal border crossings and visitor over-stays?" Too little—Dem: 41%, Independent: 61%, GOP: 82%, all voters 61%. "Do you support or oppose making border security part of the negotiations for the recent September 2023 spending bill?" Support—Dem: 50%, Independent: 61%, GOP: 80%, all voters 63%. "Do you approve or disapprove of the (October 2023 Biden Administration) decision to allow more border wall construction?" Approve - Dem: 62%, Independent: 74%, GOP: 86%, all voters 73%." Democrats now want the wall. Democrat leadership do not and, on this issue do not care if their party disagrees with them (Ep. 3245b, Dec. 28, 2023, 21:54). Rasmussen Reports, "Nearly two-thirds see 'invasion at the US Mexico border.' Majority of Democrats say it is accurate to describe the current situation at the US - Mexico border as an invasion, 55% of them, and only 43% disagree (only 23% strongly) (Ep. 3252b, Jan. 8, 2024, 25:00).

If nearly two-thirds of perspective voters see our southern border being invaded, including 55% of Democrats, how can the Biden Administration, being 100% responsible for it, even against its own political party, escape the charge of treason? They can't, and increasingly honest Democrats are accepting this reality.

Immensely disturbing is illegals are increasingly single, military-aged men. Karie Lake observes, "When a man flees war, he takes his family with him. When a man heads to war, he leaves his family behind, There is not one single woman or child in this video captured in Lucille, AZ." These migrants are not seeking asylum. They are being brought in for a reason - chaos. There are "only minimum health screenings, just a quick visual medical exam, probably not even a TB test. The criminal background screenings are even more limited." Most lose their ID "once they cross the border...then your tax dollars are used to fly and bus them everywhere," a retired ICE director disclosed (Ep. 3239b, Dec. 19, 2023, 15: 27).

Another disturbing reality is that Democrats are "putting illegals ahead of the people of this country ("NY Eyes Rule Changes to Hire Thousands Amid, Migrant Crises," by Zach Williams, and Laura Nahnias, Bloomberg, January 29, 2024). Illegals are allowed to move freely around the country, no

ID, no checks, nothing, at our airports. "I'm in the pre-TSA line, where migrants don't have to have an ID to get through security and it's their choice whether they want their picture taken. There is a plan to destroy America." (Ep 3272b, Jan. 31, 2024, 20:38).

Why? Illegals will be the favorite way of cheating in 2024. Last October, "More than half of voters consider it likely that next year's election could be decided by illegal immigrants voting" (Rasmussen Reports. Ep. 3177b, Oct. 2nd, 2023, 51:28). Congresswoman AOC said the quiet part out loud. "Let everyone in, and make them citizens immediately" (Ep. 3252b, Jan. 8, 2024, 16:24). So did Barack Obama many times when president. "We need a civilian force as powerful as the military" (Ep 3273b, February 1, 2024, 22:50). Are single, military aged men flooding in—that force? Some fear that the illegals that invaded this country will attack this country.

Who tells the truth now? Trump! "The illegal aliens that are pouring into our country are taking over our cities and attacking our police. They are forming gangs, and they are tough. Close the border, you do not need a ridiculous border bill that will allow 5000 people into our country a day. Call it the 'Stupid Bill,' and make sure it does not pass" (Ep 3272b, Jan. 31, 2024, 28:29). ★

## Five Solutions to Some of California's Woes

Commentary by Ted Gaines

California's biggest problem is up for debate. Sadly, there are many contenders vying for that dubious distinction. But instead of focusing on the problems, we need to be focused on solutions. Without rank, here are five chronic California problems where state leadership has completely failed and one simple idea for each to help improve governance and boost our quality of life.

**Budget:** This budget year, California faces a nearly \$40 billion deficit. To avoid such massive shortfalls, California should adhere to the state's "Gann Limit," a law passed by the voters in 1979 that limits annual budget growth to a combination of population growth and inflation. The Gann Limit is ignored or avoided by legislative trickery, but it provides a simple structure that would avoid the massive budget growth that contributes to massive deficits whenever state revenues drop. Gann addresses California's spending problem.

**Housing:** One of many reasons housing is so expensive is excessive government fees, which can run as high as \$135,000 for building a single-family residence. Right now, an El Dorado County man is battling these fees in his *Sheetz v. County of El Dorado*, California case currently

before the US Supreme Court. I hope he wins, but the state doesn't need to be forced into fairness by a court decision. Developer fees serve a specific purpose but have morphed into a revenue source for governments. They should all be reviewed to ensure they are meeting their purpose only and not as a backdoor funding source for general government operations. This could help lower housing costs.

**Crime:** California's empowered criminals do not fear punishment and retailers are paying the price. Governor Newsom just recently witnessed this himself at a Target store. Thieves can afford to be cavalier, and casually stroll out of stores with arms full of merchandise because we've essentially eliminated punishment for shoplifting anything under \$950 in value. I'm encouraging Californians to sign the petition to repeal Prop. 47 that has wreaked havoc on our state and give prosecutors the ability to charge smaller retail thefts as felonies once again.

**Insurance:** The only thing leaving the state faster than its residents might be its insurers, who are pulling out of all or some of California's markets seemingly by the day. California must repeal Prop. 103 and make it easier for insurance companies to adjust rates and offerings. While this may lead to some price increases in the short term, providing a framework

for more insurers to write policies here will lead to more competition, more choice, and more options for consumers.

**Homelessness:** This problem may be most emblematic of the California Way, where taxpayers pay the most but get the least. Cities in some of the state's most beautiful and valuable areas have been overrun by a permanent cadre of homeless, many of whom are obviously mentally ill and who, by their own admission, are addicts. The state must dramatically expand the concept of forced care in Governor Newsom's "Care Court" proposal, to promote the health and safety of the homeless, but also to reclaim our streets, parks, and sidewalks for their intended purposes.

President Reagan once said there are no easy answers, but there are simple answers. And it won't get better overnight. California holds all the promise it ever did and it can again be a national leader in all that is right and good. It has been in decline, but this can all be turned around by showing the political will to implement simple ideas that would reverse some of the state's chronic problems. With the right choices, our future is bright.

*Sen. Ted Gaines (Ret.) is a member of the State Board of Equalization representing 34 counties in Northern, Eastern and Southern California. For more information, visit [www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines](http://www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines).* ★

## Gallagher Introduces Bill to Safeguard Patient Visitation Rights

Office of Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher News Release

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) -** Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) has introduced AB 2549, the Patient Visitation Rights Act, to address the crucial issue of family visitation rights in health facilities and to ensure safe visitation practices during pandemic events.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of visitation in patient recovery, comfort, and healing was widely recognized. Flexible visiting hours reduce patient anxiety and delirium, while

visitors and care partners play a vital role in patient care by assisting with decision-making and discharge planning. However, during the pandemic, many facilities imposed strict limitations on in-person visitation, isolating patients from their loved ones during critical moments. AB 2549 seeks to avoid similar situations by recognizing the importance of visitation while maintaining patient safety.

"We got this wrong during the pandemic. AB 2549 codifies the essential rights of patients and their families, ensuring visitation rights so Californians can stay connected with their loved ones during a health crisis. Isolation kills

too, and no one should have to die alone," said Gallagher.

At least eight other states have laws safeguarding visitation rights. Building upon existing law, which requires health facilities to allow a patient's domestic partner to visit, AB 2549 expands visitation rights to include specific immediate family members, such as children, grandchildren, and parents. Additionally, the bill ensures that in-person visitation is accommodated in end-of-life situations and mandates that visitation protocols be designed to allow visitation to the fullest extent feasible while maintaining the health and safety of clients. ★

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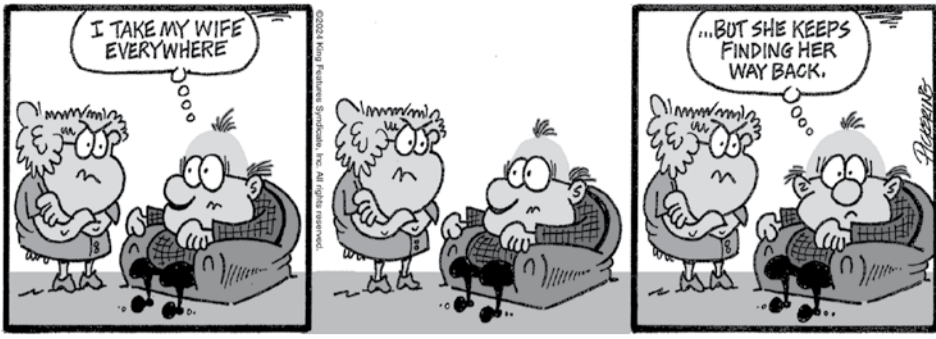
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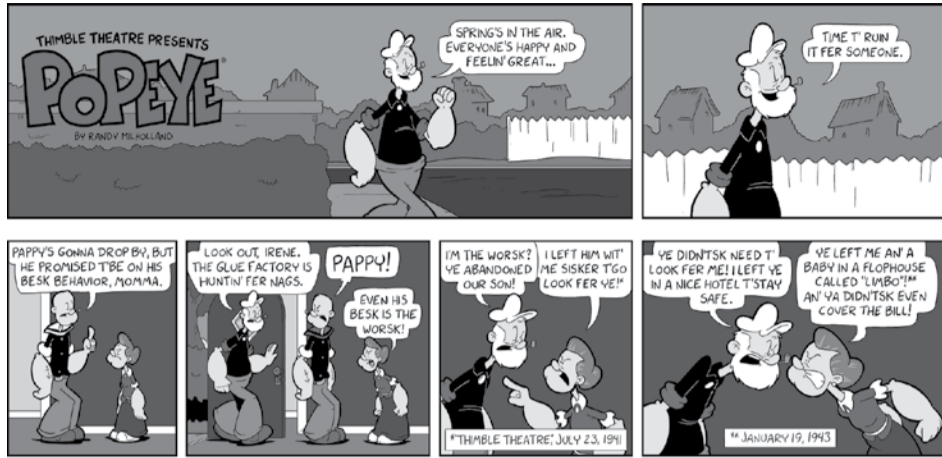


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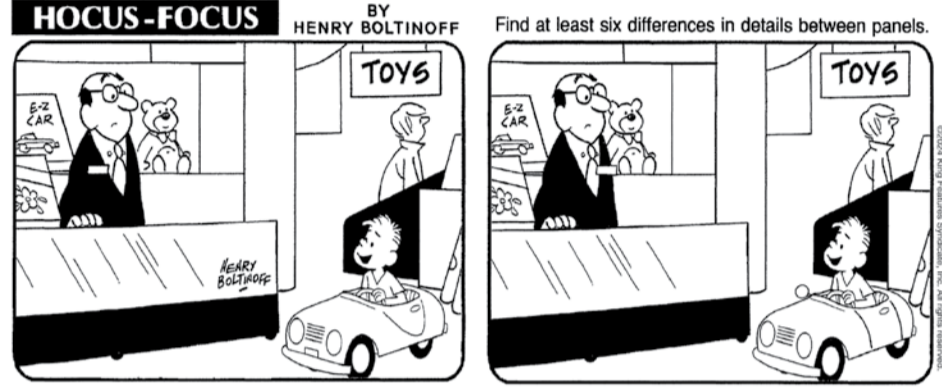


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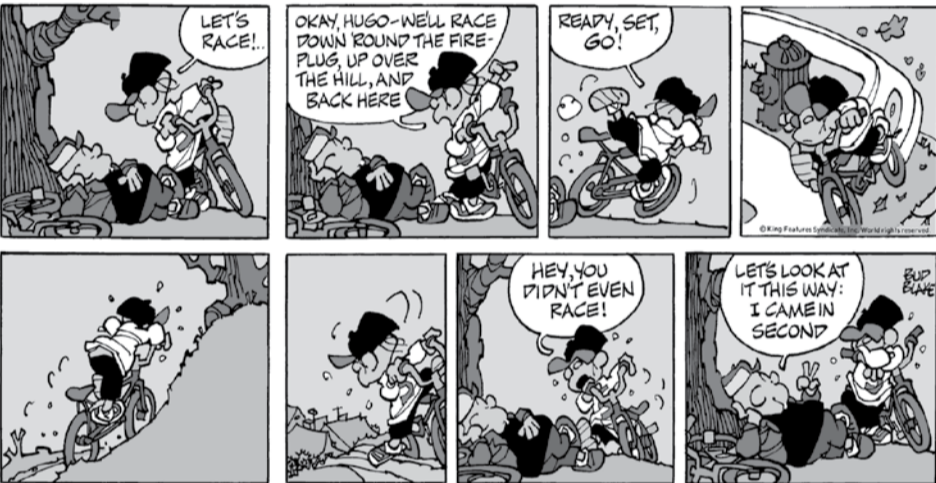


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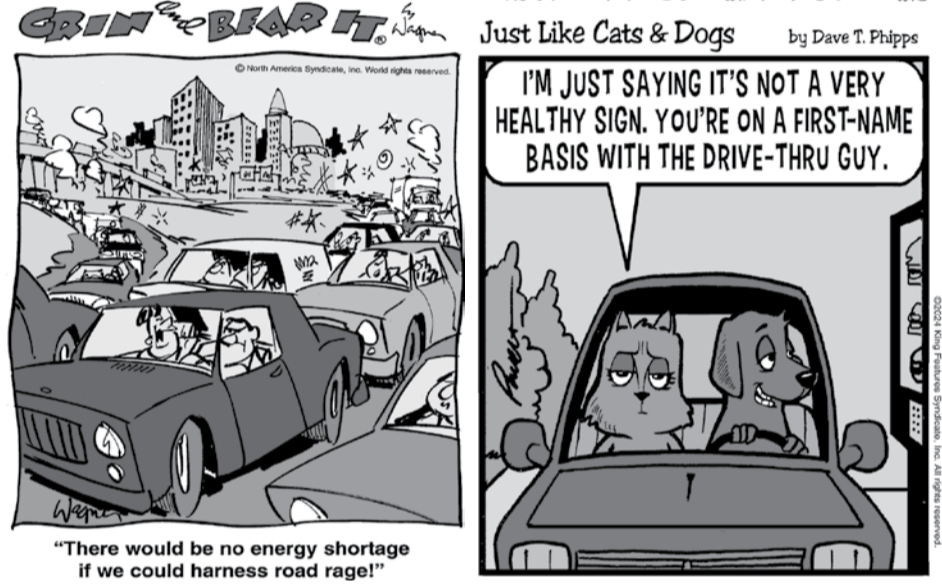
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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



A little over a week ago I found myself in a local sports card shop picking up a De’Aaron Fox rookie card for my grandson’s ninth birthday.

To my complete surprise I was forced to listen to a clerk that had no regard for our playoff-bound Sacramento Kings. Not less than five times he exclaimed that the Kings were “a bad team.”

Now, for someone that is as deeply-rooted and invested in this team as I am, it took great composure to have a civil conversation with this obviously uneducated sales clerk.

If you want to tell me that the Kings can’t shoot free throws, or coach Brown must be picking his starting lineup out of a hat, or even remark that the Kings have not the slightest knowledge of how to challenge a call, you may have an argument that I can have a conversation about.

But, do not expect me to accept that the Kings are a bad team. They are anything but a bad team, and as I have extolled their virtues in nearly every column, this team as presently composed, is one of the most dangerous teams in the NBA today. No one in their right mind would want to take on the Kings in the first round of the playoffs.

What other team has defeated the defending NBA champs in their first three meetings this season?

The Sacramento Kings have repeatedly shown the ability to go into hostile arenas, with teams that have a better record, and come away with wins.

As pleased as I was to see the Kings go on the road to L.A. and upset a star-studded Clippers team that had repeatedly given us trouble, I was even more impressed with the workmanlike way the Kings handled business in Minnesota.

Fans and pundits alike were putting up an L as we flew into Minneapolis, and without team scoring leader De’Aaron Fox the Kings played the Timberwolves to a stalemate in regulation. Then, with stalwart Domantas Sabonis on the bench

with 6 fouls, the shorthanded Kings gave the Wolves only their 7th loss of the season on their home court.

The mark of a bad team or a good team? Our fans know that answer, and I believe this team has another level that we have yet to see.

I don’t like criticizing Coach Brown, but he has not enjoyed his best season coaching. Coming off an award-winning season, Coach Brown has established himself as the worst in league as it relates to coaches’ challenges. This can’t continue, and especially in light of the firestorm that is the Kings free-throw shooting.

So, after everything I’ve said about higher levels, and what a solid team we overall are enjoying, the free-throw shooting percentage cannot be accepted.

Whether the coaching staff needs an epiphany, or an expert from the outside needs to come in and render help, let’s all agree that something needs to be done sooner rather than later.

Many years ago, playing in the San Jose city league, I met the man who was in the Guinness Book of World Records for making the most consecutive free throws ever. From 15 feet out from anywhere on the court this guy just wouldn’t miss. Where is he now, or if not him, the carbon copy that can come in and actually teach fundamentals to professional basketball players?

Over the weekend, I watched several college teams shoot free throws like they were making layups, so how are they doing it while we seemingly cannot?

Let’s love this team, and the fervor with which they play. The defense is getting better and may be peaking at just the right time. But let’s not just shout our praises when we have a glaring blemish for all the league to see.

Go Kings, and please send your thoughts and comments to [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

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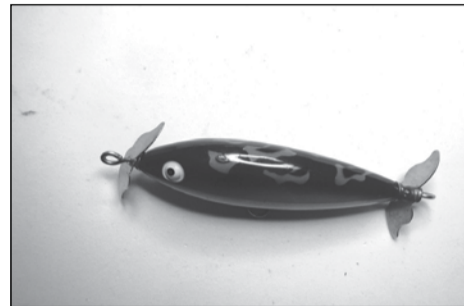
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# Lady Lions Season Ends in Nail Biter

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**WEED, CA (MPG)** - The Faith Christian girls basketball team ended their season on Saturday, March 2, as the Weed Cougars stormed a second half comeback to win 65-61 over the Lady Lions in the CIF Division VI NorCal semifinals.

The game was originally scheduled to start at 7 p.m., but due to the winter storm conditions happening in Siskiyou County, both teams got the approval to push the game up a couple hours earlier to make it an easier trip for the Lady Lions.

Faith Christian led 15-12 at the end of the first quarter where Weed had a few second-chance opportunities that they cashed in to stay close.

Offensively for the Lady Lions, sophomore guard Lauren Harris led as she hit a couple of three-point baskets and spaced out the floor by finding fellow

sophomore guard Presley Berry on the perimeter for a couple assists. Berry had 11 points in the game.

In the second quarter, Faith Christian was able to kill any positive momentum following any Lady Cougars basket as Harris would come down the floor and silence the crowd with a basket of her own. Harris was able to dish out assists down court as freshman Mia Bryan received a few outlet passes to contribute 10 points in the game.

The Lady Lions had a 13-point lead at the half 36-23. Harris had 23 of her game-high 40 points at the half for Faith Christian.

In the second half, Weed came out determined to get back in the game as they opened the second half with a 9-2 run led by senior center Renaissance Johnson and junior forward Alayja Oliver, who were able to get the ball inside the paint and into the basket to cut the Lady Lions' lead.

The Lady Cougars



Faith Christian sophomore guard Lauren Harris (5) dribbles left in the second half in the Lady Lions' loss to Weed 65-61 on Saturday, March 2.

eventually took the lead with two-and-a-half minutes left in the third and we had the game tied at 48 entering the final quarter.

Weed eventually pressed up its defense schematically and was able to trap Harris with three defenders at half court which made it difficult to move the ball they had been comfortable with throughout the game.

Faith Christian Head Coach Geoff Harris expressed to the Dispatch that it forced the offense to make a difficult change where the backdoor cuts and screen reads were hard to coordinate.

Geoff added that is one thing they have struggled with consistently this season and that it's going to take a lot of work and time on the court to be successful with, and that they need

to be able to execute it.

The Lady Cougars built an eight-point lead with five-and-a-half minutes left in the game and were able to connect on some deep buckets and keep the lead.

Weed was in the penalty with a little over five minutes to go in the game, but only let the Lady Lions get the game back to one

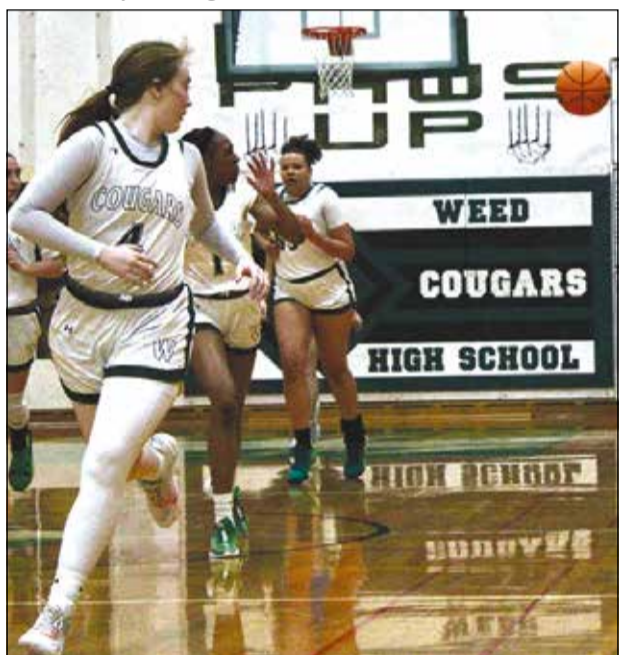
possession once with a little over a couple minutes in the game and closed out the victory to move onto the NorCal regional.

Geoff expressed to the Dispatch that when the game was over, his thoughts immediately went to the two seniors on the Faith Christian roster in forward Carleigh

McCracken and Hannah Bliss. Geoff told the Dispatch that they meant the world to him, he was blessed to be a part of their lives and he is proud of the way they have developed throughout their time since he has taken over the program. The Lady Lions will return eight players next season and they won't have any seniors next season.

Geoff said his fondest memory of the season came when the girls displayed the grit and laid it all on the floor for the 74-72 comeback victory over Valley Christian in the Sacramento Metropolitan Athletic League championship on Feb. 6.

"Everyone contributed in that game and didn't give up, we persevered and won it together," Geoff said. ★



Faith Christian sophomore guard Lauren Harris (5) throws a pass up court in the first half of the Lady Lions' 65-61 defeat on Saturday, March 2, to Weed.



Faith Christian sophomore guard Presley Berry (21) shoots a deep three in the first half of the Lady Lions' 65-61 defeat to Weed on Saturday, March 2.

# Indians Drop Home Opener to Gridley

By Steven Bryla

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Marysville Indians baseball team lost its home opener of the 2024 season as they lost 6-5 to the Gridley Bulldogs on Monday, February 26.

The game featured a battle of young lefties and first-year head coaches as Marysville freshman Julien Johnson tossed five solid innings in his first career varsity start by giving up three runs and striking out four. Johnson added a hit at the plate and scored two runs in the defeat.

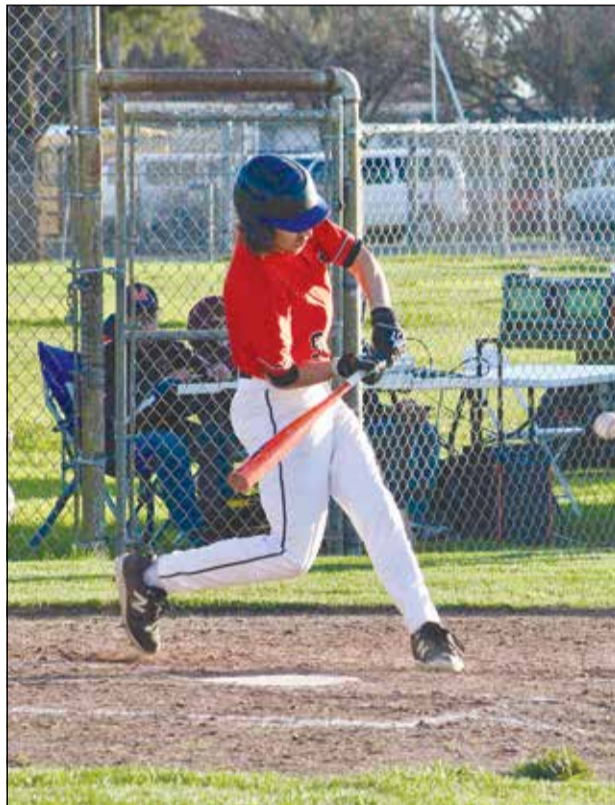
For Gridley, sophomore Tanner Abbot pounded the zone through his four innings of work by striking out eight batters, giving up three runs overall on four hits and reaching base on a single in the third inning.

Indians junior shortstop Benjamin Barajas led Marysville with three hits, including the first run batted in (RBI) for the Indians on the season as he smacked a double to right center.

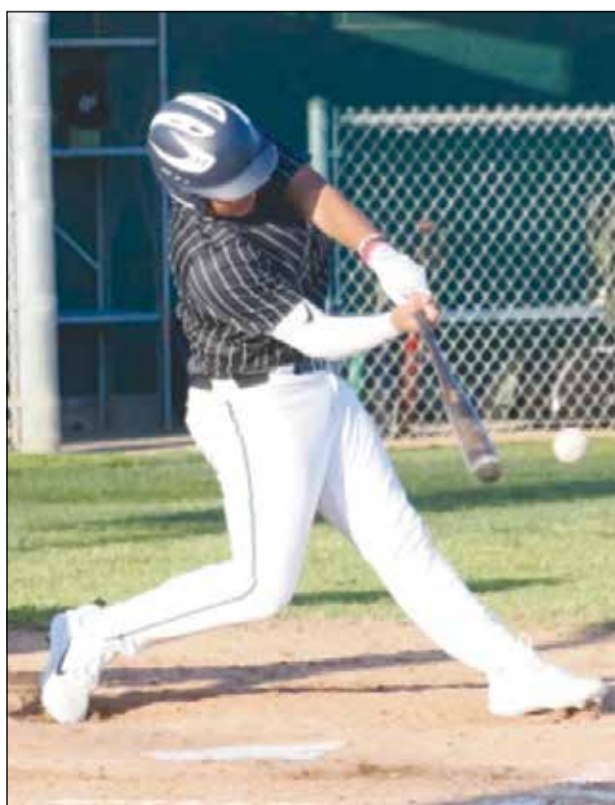
The game was tied at four heading into the final inning where the Bulldogs added two runs with two outs and were able to hold onto the victory.

The Indians lost eight starters from a year ago and Head Coach Dominic Barriga expressed to the Dispatch that they are going to compete and fight throughout the season.

"I want to see us play together as a team in the preseason, so when we get to league, we



Marysville junior infielder Devon Lopes (9) swings the bat in the Indians' 6-5 loss to Gridley on Monday, February 26. Photo by Steven Bryla



River Valley senior Matthew Mashburn (13) connects with a ball in the Falcons' 10-0 win over Paradise on Monday, February 26. Photo by Chris Pedigo

are more complete," Barriga said.

Marysville got their first win of the season on Tuesday, February 27, in a 13-6 victory over Grant.

## Yuba City

The Yuba City Honkers split their opening week of play with a loss to the MaxPreps No.2 ranked team in the preseason of the Sac-Joaquin Section with a 15-0 shutout and rebounded with a victory on Wednesday, February 28 in a 13-12 win over Nevada Union.

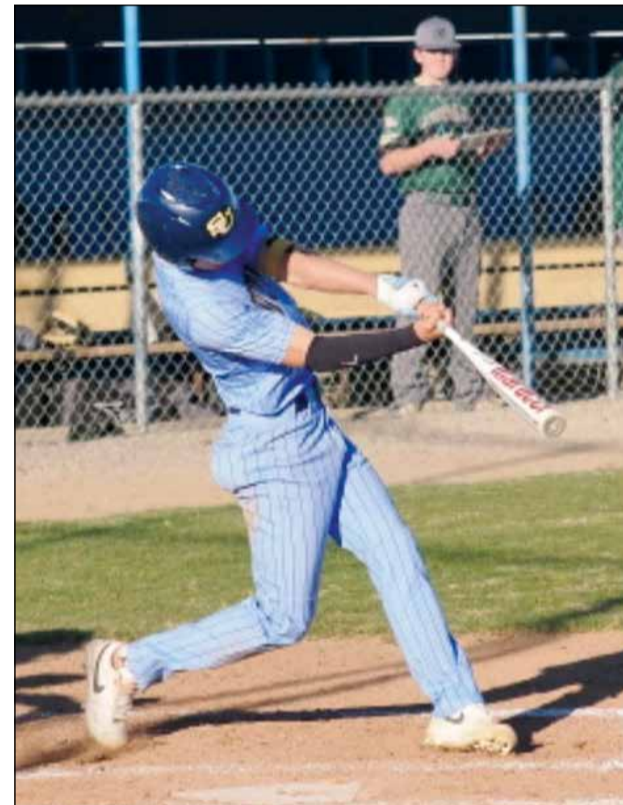
Yuba City junior Brandon Pelechowucz got his first of four team-leading hits in the first part of the season in the win over Nevada Union, including a double and four RBI's.

The Honkers are no strangers to scheduling tough in the preseason as they enter their last season in the tough Capital Valley Conference due to realignment beginning next school year. Yuba City is scheduled to host McClatchy tonight at 6 p.m.

## River Valley

The River Valley Falcons have already doubled their total number of victories from last season as they went 1-1 last week with a win over Paradise and a 4-2 loss against Bear River.

River Valley sophomore catcher Matthew Martin led the Falcons with a double and three RBI's in the victory over Paradise on Monday, February 26. Falcons senior pitcher Maddox McMains picked up the victory on the mound as



Sutter senior infielder Logan Yacavace (4) hits a line drive in the Huskies' 14-4 win over Argonaut on Tuesday, February 27. Photo by Chris Pedigo

he pitched three innings, struck out eight and didn't give up a hit.

River Valley hosted Marysville yesterday and is scheduled to host Twelve Bridges tomorrow, March 9, at 11 a.m.

## Sutter

The Sutter Huskies swept last week going 2-0 with victories over Argonaut and Dixon in the opening week of the 2024 season. The 2023 CIF SJS Division V and CIF Division IV NorCal Champions have some new faces on the field, but primarily have a healthy group of starters including Hawaii signee Jagger Beck on the mound.

In the opener against Argonaut on Tuesday, February 26, Beck fanned nine batters in four innings of work,

didn't give up a hit on throwing 78% strikes and is only a couple weeks removed from the hardwood from basketball playoffs as a multi-sport athlete like a lot of the students at Sutter.

Huskies senior outfielder/pitcher Rylan Giocannoni led Sutter in the week with five hits and tied with 2024 shortstop/pitcher Logan Yacavace for the team lead in RBI's with five.

Sutter senior pitcher Kasey Combo pitched five innings of relief and allowed only three hits in picking up the win over Dixon.

The Huskies host a shared site tournament with Colusa and Gridley today and tomorrow before they open Pioneer Valley League play next week against Marysville. ★