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48-Hour Mural Marathon Includes Live Music



Above: Talented residents can create anything they want at the Chalk Art Festival. Right: Oakland-based West Grand Brass Band perform often. Photos courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture



at 3:30 p.m. April 20.

Yuba Sutter Arts News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The upcoming Yuba City Mural Marathon, Art and Health Festival from April 19 to April 21 will be a six-ring circus of art, music, health, wellness, social awareness and community. It will be the biggest free public art event of the year, according to the Yuba Sutter Arts.

While five professional mural artists are creating murals on the side of the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts at 754 Plumas Boulevard, live music will be performed across the street.

The live music lineup for April 20 kicks off at noon in the parking lot at Church and Plumas streets

adjacent to the theater with the West Grand Brass Band from Oakland. They are a high energy group of six talented musicians that combine the brass band tradition with modern musical styles and timbres. Their music takes the form of an ever-changing mix of traditional songs, re-imagined covers and genre-expanding originals. The West Grand Brass Band prides itself in creating a party wherever they perform.

Next up is multi-instrumentalist Jim Achilles at 2:15 p.m. A local music teacher, Achilles plays trombone and guitar and fronts his band, Idle Fret.

The Fenix Drum and Dance Ensemble will also perform, starting

Fenix is a world music troupe specializing in dance and drumming from West Africa, the Congo and the Caribbean. Their high energy multi-generational, multi-ethnic group highlights the richness and complexity of traditional dance and music of the African diaspora.

Americana musician Jake Houshmond will get started at 4:45 p.m. Houshmond grew up playing with his father in a Memphis-style jug band, the South Sac Jukes. He plays a multitude of instruments, including guitar, washboard, jug,

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Marysville Council Recognizes Community and Service

By Sharon Pearce

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)

Under the ease and dispatch of Marysville Vice-Mayor Bruce Buttacavoli at the April 2 City Council meeting, five proclamations to public service providers were presented. Buttacavoli was assisted by Councilmember Dominique Belza. Mayor Chris Branscum and Councilmember Brad Hudson were absent.

Recipients represented Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week, police officers and volunteer providers received for National Volunteer Week, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month was recognized for the important work done in cooperation with Casa de Esperanza.

Belza presented an acknowledgment of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

With the Core Charter School Proclamation, Belza presided over a graphics presentation of the varied benefits that Core Charter School students enjoy.

Unfortunately, barely 15 minutes into the meeting, its video failed, leaving the meeting to be an audio presentation but with the council chamber's projection screen visible so the public could view the graphics seen by the council.

All items on the Consent Calendar were unanimously passed, followed by discussion on several action items.

Public Works director Vincenzo Corazza presented background on the motion requested to suspend competitive bidding and authorize negotiations with Goodfellow Bros. California LLC of Folsom to pave the western half of G Street between 7th Street and 8th Street in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. It also authorized the finance director to make a supplemental appropriation not to exceed \$75,000 in the appropriate accounts. Goodfellow Bros. California LLC of Folsom is already paving the eastern half of G Street on a project and it was logical to take advantage of its presence to complete a job that would have been done anyway, Corazza said.

A resolution was passed indicating how the city blocks discrimination through affirmative action in fair housing. A graphics projection was made on the process for eliminating violations. It was stated that there are no housing

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City Officials Seek REAP 2.0 Grant for Harter Parkway Corridor Improvement Project

Story and photo by Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - You reap what you sow.

Yuba City might do just that after Mayor Shon Harris sows a letter of support for maintaining REAP 2.0 program funding. Now that the council passed the resolution on April 2 for the letter, Yuba City will be considered for the program administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

"REAP 2.0 funds accelerate infill housing development, reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), increase housing supply at all affordability levels, and affirmatively further fair housing," according to the program website.

If approved, funds will be used for the



Mayor Shon Harris, who will sign a letter of support for REAP 2.0 grant funds, speaks at the April 2 City Council meeting.

Harter Parkway Corridor Improvement Project, the construction of approximately 2,800 lineal feet of 18-inch diameter sanitary sewer main from

the intersection of Harter Parkway and Jefferson Avenue to the intersection of Butte House Road and Elmer Avenue. Yuba City Public

Works Deputy Director Kevin Bradford said the Harter Parkway Corridor Improvement Project is significant.

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Adventist Health and Rideout Earns Accreditation for Echocardiography Services

Adventist Health News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Adventist Health and Rideout (AHRO) is proud to announce that it has received accreditation for its echocardiography services from the prestigious Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC).

The IAC, a leading accrediting organization specializing in healthcare services, has recognized AHRO's echocardiography services for their adherence to rigorous quality and patient care standards.

This recognition underscores AHRO's commitment to providing excellent cardiovascular care and upholding the highest industry standards. "This recognition reflects

the unwavering dedication and exceptional expertise of our echocardiography team," said Jeff Ford, Director of Cardiopulmonary Services. "This accreditation is not just a recognition of our past accomplishments but also a catalyst for our future endeavors in advancing cardiovascular health in our community."

For more information about Adventist Health and Rideout and its cardiac care services, please visit adventisthealth.org/rideout/services/heart-and-vascular-services/.

For additional inquiries or questions, please contact the Adventist Health and Rideout Marketing and Communications team at AHROMarketingCommunication@ah.org ★

State Route 99 at Richland Road Reopens After Repairs

Intersection in Yuba City Back Open After Signal Restored



Workers move fast to make the repair. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Caltrans News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Caltrans is alerting motorists that State Route 99 (SR-99) at Richland Road was partially closed on April 3 for signal repairs required after a collision that occurred on March 28.

The temporary closure resulted from a truck striking a signal pole, causing it to collapse. The signal had been operating under

"flashing red" after the crash.

The repair and replacement of the signal was completed in less than eight hours. Caltrans Electrical and Maintenance crews executed the task swiftly, enabling the reopening of the road for evening traffic.

Caltrans District 3 is responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra

counties. Caltrans reminds motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert" and slow in construction zones for the safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements.

The department will issue construction updates on X @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic, download the QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★

California Farm Bureau Responds to Governor's Updated Water Plan

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass commented on the release of Gov. Gavin Newsom's updated California Water Plan. "Farm Bureau congratulates Gov. Newsom and his administration on the update of California Water Plan 2023, the latest iteration of a long-term strategy that has guided our state's water management approach for nearly 70 years,"

Douglass said. "We're encouraged that the plan highlights infrastructure projects to capture, store and convey water supplies. We're also pleased that it seeks to reduce permitting burdens for projects that support water resilience, including through groundwater recharge and habitat restoration."

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. ★

Underage DUI Arrest Occurs in Sutter County



Pictured here are what officers found with the subjects. Photo courtesy of the Sutter County Sheriff's Office

Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On April 1 at around 2:30 a.m., Sutter County Deputies initiated a routine traffic stop on Highway 99 and Powerline Road. The passenger, 22-year-old Deonjre Eacret and

driver, 20-year-old Sjrian Washington were contacted inside the vehicle. Washington is not yet of legal drinking age and was found to be under the influence of alcohol. Additionally, a Glock 19 and pair of hard plastic knuckles were found in the vehicle.

Both subjects were booked into the Sutter County Jail for carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle and possession of manufactured knuckles. Washington was also booked for a DUI.

No mugshots have been uploaded into our system and no arraignment has been set. ★

LaMalfa, Thompson Introduce Legislation to Mitigate Insurance Crisis

Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On April 1, Representatives Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) and Mike Thompson (D-CA) introduced legislation providing homeowners in disaster-prone regions with tax credits to harden their properties against wildfires and other risks. The legislation is intended to help address the ongoing insurance crisis in California and other states, as the rising frequency and intensity of natural disasters has led insurers to raise rates and, in several cases, exit certain markets entirely.

"Homeowners must be able to harden their property as they see fit, especially as the risk of wildfires due to poor forest management escalates. With this bill, we're bolstering resilience, but this will also hopefully reduce overall insurance rates and bring back suppliers that have left California entirely because of the risks," said LaMalfa.

"Property insurance has quickly become one of the single biggest issues I hear about in my district. People can't get covered: either the available options are completely unaffordable, or there are no options available at all. It's an

untenable situation – which is why this legislation is necessary," said Thompson. "By incentivizing homeowners to mitigate disaster risks on their property, we aim to bring insurers back into the market and bring rates back into more affordable territory."

The legislation includes four main provisions. The first creates a grant program, administered through State governments, through which individual households in designated disaster-prone regions (with certain limitations) are eligible for up to \$10,000 for specified disaster resiliency work on their homes. The second and third provisions (Sections 3 and 4 of the legislation) mirror existing legislation (H.R. 4070) stipulating that payments from State-run disaster resiliency programs and payments from various federal emergency agricultural programs are not considered income for federal tax purposes. The final section, which also mirrors legislation previously introduced by Rep. Thompson, provides a 30 percent tax credit for qualified disaster risk mitigation activities conducted by individuals or businesses. The credit is meant to complement the grant program by providing meaningful assistance to larger property owners for whom mitigation activity costs would far exceed \$10,000. ★

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violations currently in Marysville.

Community Development director Dan Flores presented a lengthy Community Development Update in a slide show on the timeline of Marysville as a healthy and hearty business environment in the mid-20th century, followed by its downtown's deterioration into dilapidation and abandonment. Then slides were shown of Marysville today with upgraded businesses and rehabilitated buildings. Also displayed were community and social endeavors by a variety of organizations, special events successfully attended and improvement

in Marysville's value. Flores reported that the city had reached an asset value of \$38.34 million in 2023.

Marysville City Manager Jim Schaad reported that it was clear Marysville was advancing by persistence, as well as creativity, commitment, teamwork and more persistence. Schaad reported the Delta Six luxury apartments were under construction and a developer tour is set for April 12.

Schaad said Walking from the Brick is back as is Thursdays at Third. LV's Thrift Shop will have a ribbon cutting on April 12. Traffic calming on 14th Street is beginning to be implemented, with ride-in,

ride-out on D. Street. There is rephasing of traffic lights on E Street. Aquatic leaf treatment is beginning at Ellis Lake and will take place every two weeks. The Kiwanas Fishing Derby is scheduled for May 18.

Two new dispatchers were hired, and a new officer started two weeks ago. The Public Works director has started work. In summing up, Schaad said "There is lots of forward direction in Marysville."

The April 16 Council Meeting was cancelled and the next regular City Council Meeting will be at 6 p.m. May 7 at Council Chambers, 526 C St. ★

Update on a Potential Yuba City Revenue Measure

By Yuba City Mayor Shon Harris

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Did you know out of the 180-plus cities in California with a population over 50,000, Yuba City is one of only eight still at the minimum 7.25% sales tax base rate?

Did you also know out of that 7.25% sales tax, Yuba City only receives 1%? The remainder goes to the State's general fund (6%) and the County public safety, realignment and transportation funds (.25%).

To make ends meet over the past five years - through the impacts of COVID, and as the cost of everything continues to rise faster than revenue - the Yuba City Council has continued to tighten the budget, reduce staff, pull moneys from future replacement funds, and defer much needed maintenance on our roads.

Unfortunately, though, the proverbial rubber has now met that road.

Early last year, the Yuba City Council created a Revenue Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of myself and Councilmember Marc Boomgaarden, to explore a potential revenue measure for this November, and define priorities. A Citizen Committee, comprised of 17 Yuba City community stakeholders, was also brought together through a number of meetings to provide their input.

After 100-plus hours of in-depth budget reviews, meetings with key Yuba City Public Safety leaders, Sutter County leaders, small business owners and many more - we have identified project funding priorities should a potential revenue measure pass, including:

Roads - tackling the \$150 million in deferred maintenance on our local roads.

Fire - maintaining

existing fire department staffing levels after short-term grants expire and replacing Fire Station 1 to accommodate two engine companies.

Homelessness - increasing homelessness response efforts by police and creating a city-wide "Clean Team" to quickly and efficiently address impacts of unlawful trespass and litter; remove debris and graffiti; and support small businesses.

Police - transitioning law enforcement services in the Walton/Happy Park area from the Sutter County Sheriff's Department to the Yuba City Police Department

Support County services that directly affect Yuba City resident's safety, such as:

Sheriff's Department - Dedicated Homeless Liaison Officer, jail staffing and infrastructure, and an additional Court Bailiff

District Attorney's Office - additional prosecutors, competitive pay

Public Defender

Roads - repair of county roads that directly affect Yuba City residents.

At a joint Yuba City and Sutter County public meeting in December, our Revenue Ad Hoc Committee presented a recommendation to pursue a 1% Yuba City-wide revenue measure in the upcoming November election, with a portion of the proceeds going to Sutter County for those items as outlined above.

Why would an additional 1% make such a vast difference? The additional 1% would yield approximately \$17.5 million per year. No part of those funds can be taken by the State - all funds would stay under local control, for local needs.

Additionally, if a revenue measure were to move forward, accountability requirements can be included, such as an independent citizens' oversight

committee, financial audits and yearly reports to the community to ensure that all funds are spent as promised. It is important to note that essential purchases such as groceries and prescription medicine are exempt from sales tax.

Over the coming months, myself, my fellow Councilmembers, City and County leaders, and community leaders, will be holding community education events to discuss a potential revenue measure and answer your questions. If you are part of a neighborhood group, church or service club that would like to schedule such a meeting, please email me at shonharris@yubacity.net.

To learn more about Yuba City's potential revenue measure, and to review key priority areas of roads and public safety in depth, visit www.yubacity.net/revmeasure. The website includes a community feedback form should you have any comments or questions, and an email address you may use to contact our City Manager should you want to be considered for the Citizen Oversight Committee should the revenue measure pass.

As a 22-year law enforcement veteran myself, Yuba City's public safety has always been my top priority. No one likes taxes. No one likes the thought of a tax increase. But we have reached the point of having to make a difficult choice and decide for ourselves what of type of community we want; what level of quality we want to see in our roads; what priority do we place on quality and efficient police and fire services; and if we want to hold criminals accountable for victimizing our citizens. If this revenue measure moves forward, you will get the same one vote as I do in November, and together we will decide Yuba City's future. ★

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"The project helps facilitate needed infrastructure, which ultimately helps facilitate construction of homes and multi-family housing units in one of the city's infill areas," Bradford said. "It also helps accelerate needed housing development in an area that has been planned for growth for over 20 years.

REAP 2.0, part of the 2021 California Comeback Plan, will assist in the Harter Parkway Corridor by "bringing needed housing options for Yuba City residents that are also close to numerous services, jobs, healthcare, and recreation," Bradford said.

Development Services Deputy Director Doug Libby said it is essential to encourage a range of housing types at various price points so all citizens can afford a place to call home. "Working to comply

with climate commitments ultimately reduces air contaminants, improves air quality (that can also have health benefits), and conserves energy, which benefits everyone," Libby said.

According to Libby, REAP 2.0 assists in meeting affordable housing demands here and statewide.

"Part of this includes locally ensuring there is sufficient land zoned for different housing types, which was addressed in the City's recent Housing Element update to be consistent with State law and comply with the State's Regional Housing Needs Allocation," Libby said.

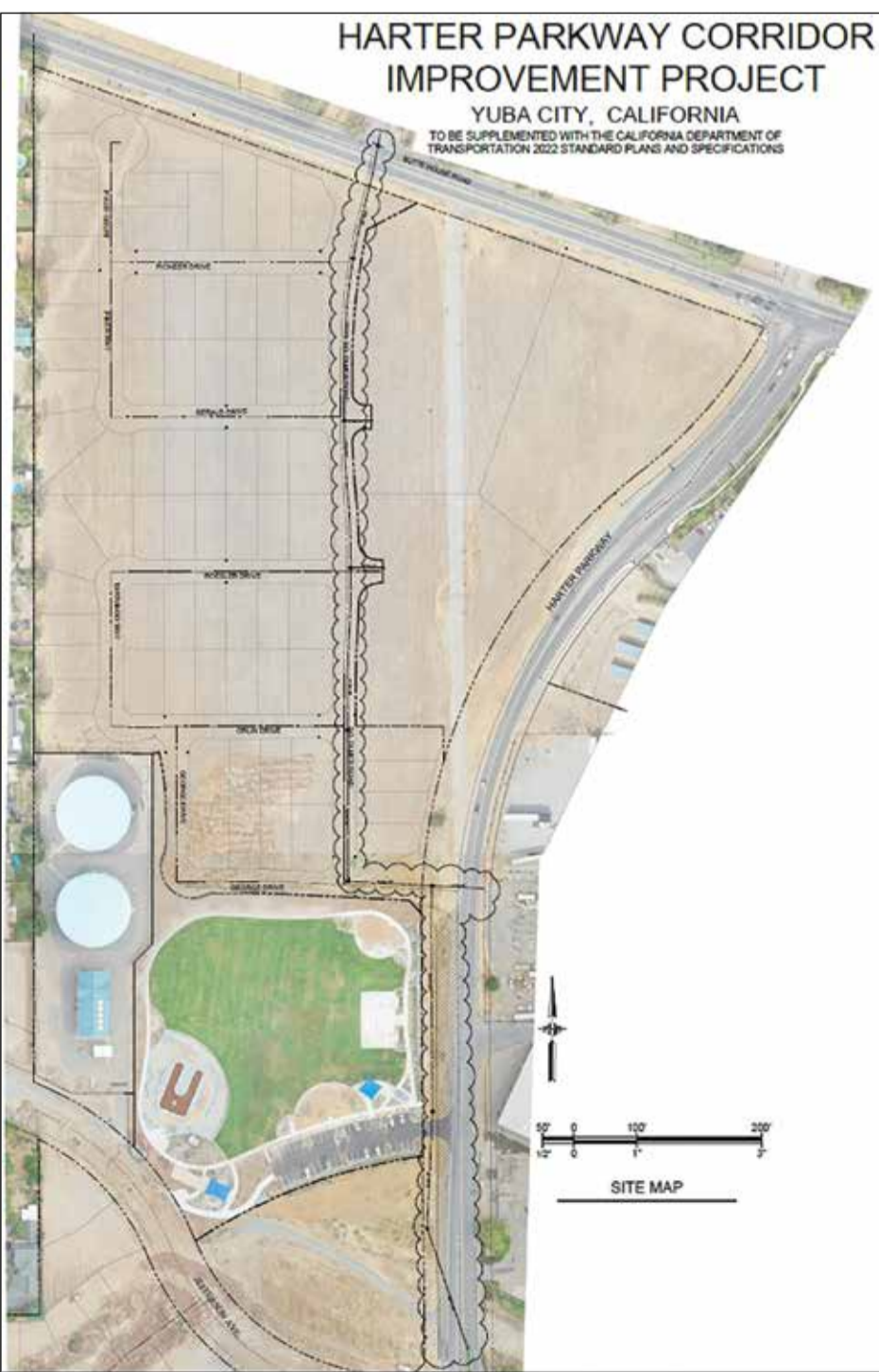
Infrastructure costs are expensive locally and statewide, according to Libby, who said, "This program helps target infrastructure needs for locations planned to bring different housing types to a

community throughout the state.

Overall, REAP 2.0 provides a \$600 million investment statewide, some of which Yuba officials hope to see. Libby said some funding could be made available through the support of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).

The program website reports that up to \$31.83 million will go to the SACOG to fund the Green Means Go program, which awards "one-time funding through planning and capital infrastructure investments for non-transportation projects in locally adopted Green Zones (priority growth areas) that improve housing affordability."

"This (letter of support) ultimately helps position the city to receive a share of available grant funding," Libby said. ★



Here is a rendering of the Harter Parkway Corridor Improvement project officials hope statewide grant money will help fund. Image courtesy of Yuba City

Mural Marathon... It's More Than Just Murals!

48-Hour Mural Marathon Includes Live Music

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harmonica, and wash tub bass.

The musical day will wrap up with the Yuba Sutter Big Band Orchestra from 6 to 8 p.m. Led by Becky Stewart, dance music is from the Great American Songbook.

Also from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 20, artists and craftspeople will sell their works. To date, the list includes Mary Ann Nation, Miranda Rolfe, Sonja Christenson, Sinklair Art, Starberry Studio, Happy Paintings by Craig, and Roger That Bunny.

The Blue Zones Project will anchor the health information aspect of the festival and be joined by Health & Human Services of Yuba County, Sutter County Public Health, Sutter County Children & Families Commission, Casa de Esperanza, Tri-County Diversity, The Sedona Project, Yuba Sutter Habitat for

Humanity, Pathways Prevention and Soluna Mental Health.

All of this will happen against the magnificent backdrop of the mural artists working on the wall right across the street, according to Yuba Sutter Arts. It will be a sprint to the finish line for the artists and the public is invited to this free event to watch the magic happen as these stunning images unfold.

This civic beautification and education project is being made possible thanks to a major grant received by the Yuba-Sutter Rotary Night Club from the Upstate California Creative Corps. The project is a collaboration with the Yuba Sutter Rotary Night Club, the Blue Zones Project, the Partnership for Health, Equity and Inclusion, and Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture.

The Mural Marathon is part of a larger statewide

grant program to illuminate key themes including public health awareness, awareness of environment-related issues, civic engagement, social justice, and community engagement. The murals and adjacent festival address all these objectives.

The public can also be part of an adjacent Chalk Art Festival. Chalk will be provided for a pilot chalk art project on the surrounding sidewalks. A community mural project will take shape as everyone is invited to "Paint A Picket." Paints and fence boards will be provided for all to paint a portrait for an upcoming art installation. More information is at yubasutterarts.org.

Yuba Sutter Arts is a nonprofit arts agency that has been serving this region since 1981. The agency is designated by Yuba and Sutter Counties as the local partner of the California Arts Council. ★



California Spends More on Schools with The Neediest Kids

Here's How It's Succeeded and Failed

By Carolyn Jones,
CALMatters.org

A decade after California revolutionized the way it funds schools, nearly everyone agrees the initiative has done what it was meant to do: improved math and reading scores and brought more resources to students who struggle the most.

And nearly everyone also agrees that the Local Control Funding Formula, as it's known, could use a tune-up. Black and Latino students' test scores have improved but still lag behind their white and Asian peers, and schools in affluent areas still spend far more per student than schools in poorer neighborhoods.

But overall, researchers and superintendents say, the system introduced under Gov. Jerry Brown has remade California's schools for the better.

"Gov. Brown had a good idea," said Adam Clark, superintendent of Mt. Diablo Unified in Concord. "(The funding formula) has given school districts the tools and resources to really address the needs of students. And it gives parents and the community a voice."

Jaime Green, superintendent of Trinity Alps Unified in Trinity County, put it more succinctly: "Without LCFF, our district would not be open."

Under the Local Control Funding Formula, the state gives school districts a base amount of money calculated by attendance, but funnels extra funds for low-income students, English learners and foster youth. Districts have freedom to spend the money on whatever programs they think will help their students, with guidance and accountability through a public local planning process.

Prior to the funding formula, California schools were financed through local property taxes, a system that had been in place for 40 years. Districts with lower tax revenues got extra money from the state, up to a certain limit, and the state doled out dozens of grants for specific programs.

Districts like Trinity Unified, located in California's poorest county, barely stayed afloat under that system because the extra money was not enough to cover expenses, especially considering the large number of students living in poverty.

The overall amount of spending was low due in part to Proposition 13, the 1978 ballot initiative that capped property taxes and resulted in deep cuts to state spending. By the mid-2000s, California was near the bottom of states nationally in school spending, student test scores and nearly every other educational measurement. Linda Darling Hammond, president of the State Board of Education, described it as "a broken system."

Simplifying and Decentralizing School Funding

Brown, who was elected to his second stint as governor in 2010, said he got the inspiration to overhaul school funding from Mike Kirst, who served as president of the State Board of Education during both of Brown's stints as governor. Kirst and his colleagues had proposed the idea of a weighted formula a few years earlier, but it was shelved when the economy crashed in 2008.

Gathering support from legislators, teachers unions, parent groups and school boards, Brown, Kirst and their allies helped get the funding formula enacted in 2013.

The simplicity, along with shifting power away from the state, appealed to Brown.

"I liked the idea of reducing complexity, of giving money where it was most needed," Brown said in December at a conference on the impact of the funding formula. "You need goals, you need standards, but you have to let local people do their thing."

It coincided with a trio of other



The Wellness Center at College Park High School is a place where students can find a quiet and relaxing environment without leaving school. Pleasant Hill, March 15, 2024. Photo by Manuel Orbeago

big changes in California education: passage of Proposition 30, a sales tax which raised about \$6 billion annually for schools; introduction of the Common Core reading and math curriculum; and the Smarter Balanced standardized testing system.

Within a few years, the improvements were obvious in California classrooms. By 2019, before the pandemic, reading and math scores in all grades had improved, graduation rates rose, suspensions and expulsions fell, and more students met college admission requirements for the state's public universities. A report by the Learning Policy

Overall School Spending is Still Unequal

Another problem is the overall amount of school spending generally, some said. Even though low-income schools now have much more money than they did a decade ago, it's not enough to address the needs of students facing complex challenges. And schools in affluent areas still spend far more per student, thanks to parent donations and local bonds and taxes.

Jack O'Connell, who was State Superintendent of Public Instruction prior to the Local Control Funding Formula, agreed. While he considers the

who meet more than one of the formula categories should be counted twice, not once. Schools should receive extra money for English learners who are also low-income, for example.

Basing School Funding on Enrollment, Not Attendance

In Trinity Alps Unified, in the mountains of Trinity County in Northern California, the funding formula has made a world of difference — not just for students but for the entire community, said superintendent Green. Prior to the funding formula, the district received less than \$12,000 per student from all sources; now it's closer to \$20,000.

violate Proposition 209, the affirmative action ban that prevents the state from linking money to students' race or ethnicity.

Gov. Gavin Newsom last year introduced a tweak to the funding formula that directs extra funding to specific schools based on high rates of student turnover, low-income students or students whose parents didn't graduate from high school. The equity multiplier, as it's known, is intended to reach students who have the highest needs.

'Deep inequities' in California

But that's not enough, said Natalie Wheatfall-Lum, director of TK-12 education policy at Ed Trust-West, an education research and advocacy organization. California should repeal or scale back Proposition 209.

"We still have deep inequities across the board," Wheatfall-Lum said. "But by fixing LCFF we have a huge opportunity to support racial equity. ... The stakes are very high. How we fund schools is the foundation of our education system."

Ed Trust-West also recommends that the state hold districts accountable for the academic performance of specific student groups, such as Black and Latino students, and pay more attention to the progress of English learners, whose test scores have barely budged since the finding formula was introduced.

But money isn't always the answer, Brown noted at a conference in December. Bumps in school funding, while helpful, can't be expected to solve problems as deeply embedded as poverty, racism and inequality, he said. Factors beyond school play a huge role in students' outcomes.

'More Than Money' to Help High-Needs Students

At College Park High in Pleasant Hill, the district used funding formula money to open a wellness center two years ago. Furnished with couches, comfy chairs, student-created artwork and private enclaves for one-on-one meetings with counselors, the wellness center is a popular place for students to relax and socialize. In addition to mental health services like peer counseling and therapy dogs, the center offers yoga, meditation, games and a quiet place to do homework. A social worker is always present.

Stephanie Perez, a senior at College Park, said the wellness center has been a lifesaver — literally. It's given her a reason to stay in school and motivation to stay healthy.

"If this place wasn't here, I'd be out drinking, smoking, ditching school, getting bad habits," Perez said. "They really care about you, listen to you, give you a shoulder to cry on. I come here to ease my mind." ★



College Park High School students can visit the Wellness Center during school hours and after school to take a break and reset before returning to their activities in Pleasant Hill on March 15, 2024. Photo by Manuel Orbeago for CalMatters

Institute found that an increase of \$1,000 in per-pupil spending over three consecutive years resulted in a full grade level improvement in math and reading.

California now ranks near the national average in school spending, as well as in math and reading scores. Although scores fell in the wake of the pandemic, they didn't fall as far as they did in other states and are slowly beginning to creep upward.

But challenges persist. One common gripe among superintendents is the annual plan required to chart goals and priorities. The Local Control Accountability Plan is a key part of the funding formula's accountability and parent involvement components, but it can be a headache, superintendents said. It entails community meetings, surveys, data analysis and detailed explanations of spending for the public, county and state to review.

The plans are often so dense with jargon that even though they're posted online, reviewed at school board meetings and shared with parents, few people wade through them — thereby not providing the accountability they're intended to.

funding formula a landmark in California education, he thinks the state needs to increase the base amount of money it gives schools. Currently, that amount ranges from \$11,000 to \$12,300 per student, which poses a challenge for middle-class districts without large numbers of low-income students or wealthy parents willing to donate thousands.

"There's no question things are better off now," O'Connell said. "But increasing the base grant might be the best way to help all students."

Kirst said he was confident the funding formula would work, but he's surprised at its political staying power and how entrenched it's become in the education landscape.

He'd like to see the formula adjusted to take into account regional costs of living, so districts in expensive areas get more money. And he'd like to see the poverty measurement change. Currently it's based on how many students meet the federal standards for a free or reduced price meals. But with so many districts now offering free lunch to all students, he said, the state should consider using other criteria.

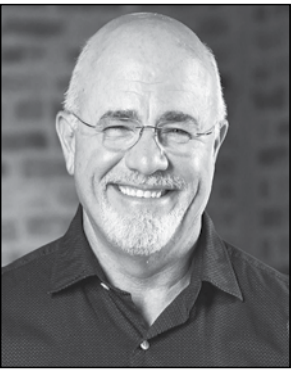
He also thinks that students

That money goes a long way in Trinity County, funding everything from art classes to after-school programs to special education.

"We feel very blessed to have this formula," Green said. "LCFF allows us to stay open and serve our children at a high level."

An improvement Green and other superintendents would like to see is funding based on enrollment, not attendance. Currently, the state disperses money to districts based on average daily attendance. But chronic absenteeism soared during the pandemic, resulting in lower revenues. While enrollment is also declining in many areas, absenteeism is the bigger challenge, Green said.

Going forward, some advocates are calling on the state to tie extra funding directly to students' race. The impact of systemic racism, they say, is too profound to ignore. They argue that Black and Latino students often fall through the cracks, especially if they attend affluent schools, or if they attend low-income schools in affluent districts. The state has shied away from such a policy for fear it would



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Dave Ramsey Says

you're playing with fire if you take him up on the offer.

I assume your father-in-law is doing pretty well financially, since he can afford to make this offer. But the downside is just too risky. If I were him, I might offer to pay off the mortgage as a gift to my daughter and son-in-law. But a loan? No way. There are no strings attached to a gift that comes from the heart.

Don't get me wrong, Seth. I'm not bad-mouthing your father-in-law. What he's making is a very generous offer, and it's an incredibly nice thing to do. But in my mind, a very important consideration is being left out of the equation, and it's a spiritual issue. The borrower is always slave to the lender. Always. And sadly enough, nowhere is that more true than within a family.

Accepting this offer could bring instant discomfort into the relationship for you and your wife. This money situation is likely to hang over things like a dark cloud. Thanksgiving, Christmas and other special occa-

sions will feel different—and kind of weird—when you're suddenly celebrating with your mortgage lender instead of just good, old dad.

Even if you come from a reasonable, stable family, and it sounds to me like your in-laws are very good-hearted folks, this debt will always be in the back of your mind. But if you're involved with a dysfunctional or controlling family, that tension is going to be right there—constantly.

I'd thank your father-in-law for his generosity and for the offer. But in my mind, it's just not worth the risk.

— 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 ★

Dear Dave,

My wife and I owe about \$40,000 on our mortgage. My father-in-law, who is a very nice and generous man, said he wants to pay off the house for us, then let us pay him back over time. We've borrowed much smaller amounts of money from him in the past, and we were always able to repay it with no issues and no pressure. How do you feel about us taking him up on his offer?

— Seth

Dear Seth,

I understand you and your wife have been fortunate in these kinds of situations over the years. And I know your father-in-law would probably be a lot easier to work with than a mortgage company when it comes to the size and frequency of payments. But I still think



It has been a year that we have worked to get Mountain Transit going. Originally, we had planned to keep the rides local, getting people to Stone soup, Community Breakfast, even to town for some shopping. Now we find ourselves going further a-field. So we “go with the flow”. We sure could use a couple more drivers, though. It is a volunteer position, but you get to meet some interesting people. If you can help out, please call Penny Helton (530 675-9145). We want to keep this service going, if possible.

We are hoping that all is in place for the Community Breakfast on Sunday, April 14. It is very difficult to change all of the details that were needed to be changed (insurance, workers, rides for those who need it, and more). If the liability insurance paperwork comes through, we are ready. The menu and times have not changed. Actually, many of the workers have not changed. We will be raising money for Next Step

projects, mainly Mountain Transit at this time. Full breakfast for an \$8.00 donation: can't be beat.

Out in front of our book store, several items have been used but left there: chairs, table, plants and more. We are thankful that our things have been used but not taken. However, a small dolly was “borrowed” and we sure need it. It was used to trundle boxes of books in and out of the store. It was old, a bit rusty, hardly worth anything except when you need to use it. I hope someone really needed the small dolly, used it, and will bring it back soon. We older gals should not be hauling boxes of books around!

Look Back in Time – In 1940 the La Porte Road was open above Strawberry Valley, but chains are still needed due to numerous deep mud holes (spring is here).

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



State, Federal Agencies Increase 2024 Water Allocations

State and federal water providers have increased promised allocations after accounting for recent storms that improved snowpack and reservoir levels. The California Department of Water Resources doubled the amount of water it expects to deliver this year to most contractors that rely on the State Water Project from 15% to 30% of requested supplies. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation increased Central Valley Project allocations for south-of-delta agricultural water users from 15% to 35% of their contracted allotment and from 75% to 100% for those north of the delta.

Dairy Industry Eyes Continued Steps to Curb Methane Emissions

With a construction boom of methane digester projects on California dairy farms in recent years, milk producers have begun to reduce a powerful greenhouse gas emitted by the manure coming from their cows. Now they must tackle the methane coming from the front end of their animals. Cow burps emit what's known as enteric methane, and the race to reduce it represents a new frontier for the dairy industry. The California Dairy Sustainability Summit in Davis last week shed light on some of the latest innovations in feed, genetics and vaccines showing promise.

United Kingdom Suspends Tariffs on Almond Imports

The Almond Board of California is praising the United Kingdom's announcement that it will suspend tariffs for at least two years on raw kernel and in-shell almonds from the U.S. and other countries. The tariffs—4% on in-shell almonds and 2% on raw kernels—have been in place since the UK left the European Union in 2021. They are to be lifted on April 11. The tariff suspension is expected to save UK almond importers about \$4 million a year, allowing them to offer a more competitive price on raw California almonds to UK processors and ultimately to consumers.

Judy Culbertson, Guiding Force of 'Ag in the Classroom,' Retires

Judy Culbertson, executive director of the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, has retired after more than 40 years of guiding the organization. Ag in the Classroom provides educational resources to about 1 million students and thousands of teachers each year. California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross praised Culbertson for her dedication to agricultural education. “Judy has touched so many lives of children, teachers and parents...who have benefitted from her passionate commitment to ag literacy,” Ross said. ★



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The Real Cost of Inattentiveness

So many of us, me included, pay through the teeth, either our hard earned money, or our God-given amount of time we have left on the planet by inattentiveness.

It is an economic topic of course, as anything that costs us money ends up, well, costing us money. And if we squander our time going nowhere or in proverbial circles, it costs us as well, as we all know, time is money.

We can always make more money, but we cannot make more time. Therefore time is the most precious of all commodities.

We can burn this most valuable commodity in a variety of ways, but inattentiveness, not paying attention to something, can be one way time gets away from us, and when it's gone we obviously cannot get it back.

One could cite hundreds of examples of how a lack of attention can cost us money.

Looking away and crashing your car. Not putting out a cigarette and burning the house down. Forgetting to lock the door and being burglarized. Ignoring the advice to exercise and then incurring medical costs for our subsequent ills.

The costs can run from pennies to millions, a minor inconvenience to a career and just about anything else depending on the transgression of inattention we commit.

I penned an article a year or so back awakening job seekers to the fact that during and immediately after the CoVid event, jobs were plentiful and a perfect time to move into a good job with perhaps minimal qualifications for that job.

For example, during that time, many so-called white collar jobs whereas would have required experience or a college degree to obtain, were handed out to whoever may have had the wherewithal to apply.

Companies of every shape and size were stranded when it came to staffing and badly needed warm bodies to fill the positions needed when the CoVid lockdowns were lifted. Being desperate, many employers eased up on the experience-needed requirements and various certifications or qualifications normally asked for. Many subsequently took on the “we will train” attitude.

At the time, I told my son about this rare opportunity to easily get a GOOD job due to the fact few people wanted to work, but he paid little attention to his father. Now he scans the job websites looking to upgrade his current job but that ship has sailed.

Our inattention can cost others too. I was preoccupied thinking about something and didn't notice a low wall behind my trucks tailgate and backed into it, costing me and the insurance company fix-it costs. Add in the time it all took to fix it at the body shop, and although they made money, it does the economy little good to start throwing rocks to break things to stimulate the economy.

Last week or so I wrote an article about employment, inflation, national parks and the cost living. A reader commented not only on that article but on a few past musings of mine and attempted to pin me against the wall by misquoting me so many times I had to use a calculator to count them all.

I finally decided it was not worth the time to address such misaligned plagiarism. I was going to offer up my services to correct the miscues, but decided enough time had been wasted by him, by my readers, my editors, my compliance guru and myself as to spend any more time on trying to bend his ear back to the correct position.

And since indeed time is money, think about the time wasted spent in traffic jams because of an accident caused by someone who was not paying attention, a failed test, or even an airplane exit door that flies off because someone forgot to tighten the bolts, or install them altogether. On that point, we could extrapolate to lives lost due to inattentiveness but let's not go there.

In a world of limited resources, we tend to think in the physical world when it comes to cutting waste, and rightly so. Conserving and paying attention to wasteful practices, recycling and the way we consume and dispose of stuff is important and globally impactful.

But think how much we could save, conserve and benefit from, if we pay a little more attention to, well, paying attention.

“Watching the markets so you don't have to”

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Travels with Harry



By Kathy Craig Harteis

Recently, television journalist Harry Smith announced his retirement from broadcasting. Instead his plan is to teach. He'll return to his alma mater, Central College, in Pella, Iowa, to teach a course “on curiosity” in the fall. Once the host of “Travels with Harry” Smith traveled visiting places big and small in search of Americana at its best. He said he wanted to examine local legends and customs. I was a newspaper reporter back in the 1990's. I wrote a story about the honor system at Olson's Service Station over in Sentinel Butte, ND.

What seemed simple and logical to gas station owners Buz and Delores Olson apparently was a

big deal to the rest of the world. I wrote how the Olson's just gave keys to the pumps to most everyone around. That way Buz and Delores weren't tied down being there all of the time. Customers used their keys, pumped their gas and left a note for Buz telling him how much they owed. Simple to the folks around here. An oddity elsewhere. Well, the AP picked up my story, calls for interviews from literally all over the world came pouring in.

Then Oprah called and the couple was whisked away to a fancy hotel in Chicago and an appearance on the Oprah Show. That's when Harry showed up.

In June of 1998 Travels with Harry filmed from Sentinel Butte, ND.

It was kind of a big deal. I was on my way to Sentinel Butte when I spotted Harry and his cameraman in a field admiring the antelope. I pulled over in my LeBaron convertible and introduced myself as the local press. Harry gave me a big smile and wave and crossed the road to where I had stopped. He folded his 6'2” frame into

the passenger side of my car. “It's a ragtop,” he said admiring my little car.

We had a good visit that day. He talk about his roots and how he admired our way of life here.

The next morning we all met early to film the segment at the station.

Harry was most gracious and seemed to fit right in here. As we stood visiting out in front of the station a local farmer on a combine came driving down the street.

It was testament to country living and how the simple things in life are usually the best.

I can't help but think what a gift this gentle giant of a man will be to his students. Can you imagine the stories he will share? Maybe he'll even recall a trip to the prairie all of those years ago.

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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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Ethan James Courtney, PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00308**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
04/29/2024
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Ethan James Courtney, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Ethan James Courtney
to: Ethan James Valadez

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: 03/13/2024
Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
MARCH 22, 29, APRIL 5, 12, 2024

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-086**

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

Lakeview Energy Services
427 14th Street
Marysville, CA 95901
MAILING ADDRESS:
PO Box 510
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Stohman & Rogers, Inc.
PO Box 510
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 05/15/2009.

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

Signed:
Ryan Rogers
CA
President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on March 27, 2024.

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-087**

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

Lakeview Petroleum
1528 Colusa Hwy
Yuba City, CA 95993
MAILING ADDRESS:
PO Box 510
Marysville, CA 95901
County of SUTTER
Registered Owners:
1. Stohman & Rogers, Inc.
PO Box 510
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 05/01/1975.

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

Signed:
Ryan Rogers
CA
President

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

PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Commercial Code § 7210 that a public auction of the herein described mobilehome, which is being stored on behalf of Philip Sequeira, will be held at 2928 Hammonton Smartsville Road Space 25, Marysville, CA, on May 7, 2024, at 10:00 A.M., and on such later sales dates as may be necessary and which will be announced at said sale: Mobilehome identified as tradename MT CABIN, serial # S3304; HUD label MH186818; Decal LAA1423. (TD) April 12, 19, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sutter County Community Action Agency board meeting Thursday, April 18 at 4:00 p.m. at Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation, 950 Tharp Road, Ste. 1303, Yuba City. Contact Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation at 530-751-8555 or ysedc@ysedc.org for any questions.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave, Marysville, CA 95901 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, known as the "California Self Service Storage Facilities Act", Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM**, on the premises where said property has been in storage at Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901, telephone 530-634-9781. Units to be sold belonging to the following:

Name
Daminike Barganier
Alexandria Johnson
Robert Knighten II
Michael E. Potts
Jo A. Padilla
Cynthia R. Weiler
Alicia D. Mahoney
Danielle M. Sharpe
Betty J. Harris
Michael Trindade
Matthew Williams
Amy L. Walker

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in CASH only. All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. Auctioneer Joan Hilbers, Bond# W150153447 (4/12/24 & 4/19/24)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Beale Mini Storage 5987 Redburn Ave, Marysville, CA 95901 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, known as the "California Self Service Storage Facilities Act", Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** on the premises where said property has been in storage at North Beale Mini Storage 5987 Redburn Ave, Marysville, CA 95901. All bidders must sign in at Erle Road Self Storage 5600 Lindhurst Ave. Marysville, CA 95901. If there are no bidders, the property will be donated or disposed of accordingly. Units to be sold belonging to the following:

Name
John T. Lee Sr.
Timothy Klinner

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in CASH only. All purchased items sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be paid for and removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. 530-634-9781 (4/12/24 & 4/19/24)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-078**

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

First Due Media
12106 North Ave
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Angel Mota
12106 North Ave
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 3-18-2024.

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

Signed:
Angel Mota
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on March 19, 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
March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-094**

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

Auto Repair Marysville CA
114 3rd Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Archsun Enterprises, Inc.
114 3rd 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:
Patrick Rippee
Utah
President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on April 1, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
OF ABANDONMENT
File No. 2022F-261**

The Fictitious Business Name Referred on this statement of abandonment was filed in Yuba County on 09/22/2022

Cant Be Numb
647 Noble Rd
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Kana Chang
647 Noble Rd
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed:
Kana Chang

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on March 28, 2024.

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-092**

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

InsertCASEable
647 Noble Rd
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Kana Chang
647 Noble Rd
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2024.

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

Signed:
Kana Chang

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on March 28, 2024.

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

Community Events

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Local Speaker: The Nuclear Threat

Table Top Restaurant, 109 Table Mountain Blvd, Oroville. Hosted by Oroville Republican Women Federated at 11 am April 24th.

Men and women welcome to attend. Come as you are, reservations are not required so bring a friend.

OLIVEHURST VFW POST 4095 BINGO

6 pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

4965 Powerline Rd, Olivehurst. Info: 530-777-9057

Nest Step Community Breakfast, 2nd Sunday

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

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10 am to 2 pm

9761 Marysville Rd, Dobbins

Vendor Information call Teresa McFall 530-635-0452

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-073**

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

Shop & Save
11400 Loma Rica Road
Marysville, CA 95901
MAILING ADDRESS:
948 Silverton Circle
Lincoln, CA 95648
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Harjot S. Sidhu
948 Silverton Circle
Lincoln, CA 95648

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:
Harjot S. Sidhu

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

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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By SARAH MULL,
Deputy Clerk
March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
OF ABANDONMENT
File No. 2022F-142**

The Fictitious Business Name Referred on this statement of abandonment was filed in Yuba County on 05/17/2022

Mardi's Dutch Oven Cowboy Catering
12082 Kimberly Road
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. PML LLC
12082 Kimberly Road
Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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

Signed:
Peter G. Langdon
California
Owner/President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on March 13, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-072**

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

K&M Fencing and Fabrication
7032 Cross Star Trail
Browns Valley, CA 95918
MAILING ADDRESS
PO Box 742
Browns Valley, CA 95918
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Randall James Kibbe
PO Box 742
Browns Valley, CA 95918
2. Trenton McCutcheon
PO Box 742
Browns Valley, CA 95918

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/14/2024..

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

Signed:
Randall Kibbe

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on March 14, 2024.

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DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-085**

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

AKG FIREARMS
4524 Shay Avenue
Olivehurst, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Alvin Kenneth Gallegos
4524 Shay Avenue
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 N/A.

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

Signed:
Alvin K. Gallegos

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on March 26, 2024.

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

Local Speaker: The Nuclear Threat

By Carol Anderson

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Navy Commander Clay Maynard (Ret.) will be speaking at the Oroville Republican Women Federated meeting on Wednesday, April 24 at 1 p.m.

CDR Maynard will discuss his personal opinions about the nuclear threats facing the United States today. The views expressed at this meeting are his own and not those of the Navy or any other organization.

Many believe that these

threats are real and should be taken seriously. Much of the news nowadays concentrates on threats inside the United States and turns a blind eye to the greatest threats of all coming from outside the country.

Please join the Republican ladies in Oroville for a great lunch and an interesting speaker. Men and women are all welcome to attend.

The meeting is in Oroville at the VFW Hall, 1901 Elgin Street (corner of Lincoln Street). Come as you are and



Retired Navy Commander Clay Maynard is to speak on April 24. Courtesy photo

reservations are not required, so bring a friend. ★

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LOCAL FISHING

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April 20-21, 2024

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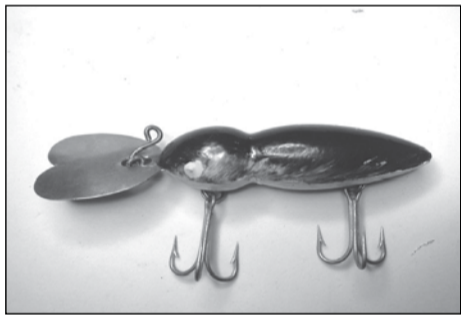
Last Monday 4-8-2024. I was on my favorite pond fishing for Red Ear Sunfish. At approximately 10:12 AM I could hardly see my bait/lure for 1-minute 40 seconds. (A partial Solar Eclipse)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Halibut are hungry in San Pablo Bay, a few Striped Bass also. Try: Cut Bait. (b) Go to Hog Slough in the Delta for spawning Black Bass. Try: Heddon Lucky 13. (a)

COASTAL WATERS

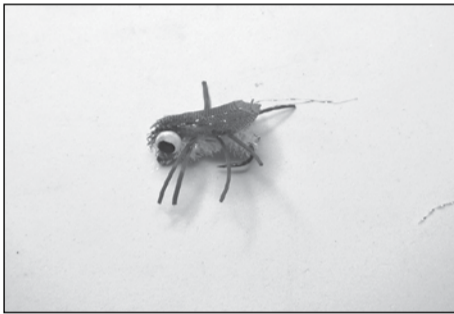
Offshore fishing for Rock Cod off to a good start. Three miles out and 350 ft. deep. Try: Cut Bait. (b) Point Sur; 17 Orcas chasing baby whales. Casper Headlands State Park Beach. Best surf fishing is with { 3 X 7.5" X 14" conditions. Try: Foxy Crab. (b)



Foxy Crab

LAKES RESERVOIRS

Lake Amador stocked with 500 lbs. of 8-20 lb. trophy Rainbow Trout; an extra 1000 lbs. of Gold and Blue Cuttbows. Try: Power Bait. (b) Lake Berryessa; water is roily and lots of debris, fishing is slow, but we did hook four "Donkey Trout". (big, Big, BIG). Try: Jenny Liz. (a) Los Vaqueros Reservoir near Livermore,



Jenny Liz

Ca. 2000 lb. plant of Mt. Lassen Trout. Fish from the public pier. Try: Big Nightcrawlers. (b) Clear Lake. Burr!! Fish the shallows for Crappie. Try: small Live Minnow. (a)

RIVERS

The Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC). "The Plan. Dewater the lake slowly, over the course of about two months."

KRRRC dumped the water and toxic sediment out of the lakes, via the Iron Gate Dam Tunnel over the period of two days. It's a plain fact that the 5.7 million cubic yards of toxic sediment dumped into the Klamath River on January 23, 2024, over the course of the just a few days killed the Klamath River. Feather River; stripers at Boyd's Landing. Anchor the boat and toss out your bait. Try: Sardine Cut Bait. (a) Stripers moving up the Sacramento River to Colusa. Tisdale to Horseshoe Bend. Back-trolling... Try: Cut Bait. (a)

American River; young Blue Back steelhead of 22"-24" arriving in late March. (Blue backs with silver sides and belly, small black dots on fins.) Try: Salmon Egg rigs. (a) Lower Yuba River... drifting bait under indicators. 15"-16" Rainbows. Try: Skawala Nymphs. (b) "Fiddle Fiddle." ~ Brownie

Senator Dahle Sheds Light on Dems Dark Solar Scheme

Shifting Billions in Burdensome Costs to Ratepayers

Office of Senator Brian Dahle News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) raised concerns recently during Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy when the majority party used the budget hearing to influence the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on a recent policy issue.

The subcommittee discussed a proposal by the CPUC for a program that would require certain utilities to buy excess power

generated by community solar facilities at a premium cost. The CPUC's pending decision rejects a proposal from Democrats and solar advocates, which would increase costs by up to \$64 billion for people without access to community solar.

Unconcerned with the potential increased rates and appearing unhappy with the recommendation to reject the advocates' cost-increasing proposal, several Democrat lawmakers signed a letter demanding the CPUC support their solar scheme.

Dahle applauded the CPUC's discretion and praised their proposal to

limit the amount of costs shifted to non-participating customers, as required by AB 2316, with an alternate program that would incentivize community solar projects without increasing electric rates.

"The Legislature needs to look at these projects and make sure they are not harming non-participants," said Senator Dahle. "This is a policy issue and shouldn't even be discussed in a budget subcommittee. Sacramento Dems need to stop supporting policies that are bankrupting constituents. Californians have a right to safe, affordable, and reliable energy." ★

Legislation Introduced to Encourage Grazing to Mitigate Wildfires

Office of Rep. Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)

- Representatives Doug LaMalfa (R-Calif.) and Gabe Vasquez (D-N. Mex.) recently introduced a bipartisan bill to direct the United States Forest Service to expand the use of proactive, targeted animal grazing in fuels management programs to reduce wildfire risk.

"Utilizing livestock for fire fuel management is common sense. It's an important tool that unfortunately isn't being utilized enough. In California, we've seen firsthand what happens when we can't use every authority available to prevent wildfires," said

Congressman LaMalfa, Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Forestry.

"New Mexico knows all too well how disastrous wildfires can be for our families and homes. That's why I'm proud to introduce the bipartisan Utilizing Grazing for Wildfire Risk Reduction Act," said Vasquez, a member of the House Agriculture Committee's Forestry Subcommittee. "This bill will help cut through red tape and make it easier to use livestock grazing proactively to prevent wildfires and keep New Mexicans safe."

Currently, agencies are limited in the scope of tools they can consider, and often

the post-fire teams bear the burden of suggesting "creative" tools like livestock grazing for fuels reduction as pilot programs. While targeted grazing is a powerful tool to combat wildfires, it can often be found as a difficult option because any change to a federal grazing permit requires environmental assessments that take up to 10 years to complete. Additionally, current federal regulations make it nearly impossible for ranchers with federal lands grazing permits to use overgrown fields and keep the invasive cheat grass, a highly flammable forage, at bay after a fire, only increasing the likelihood of another fire occurring again. ★

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR TPM-24-0005 Cendejas AND TPM-24-0003 O'Neill BEFORE THE YUBA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Yuba County Development Review Committee (DRC) on Thursday May 2, 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:

Tentative Parcel Map TPM-24-0005 (Cendejas): The applicant is requesting approval of a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide a 1 acre parcel into two (2) residential parcels located at 5802 Montclair Avenue in the Linda community (APN: 021-251-004). The property has a General Plan designation of Valley Neighborhood (VN) and a Zoning designation of Single Family Residential (RS). A determination has been made that the above referenced project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15315 (Minor Land Division).

Tentative Parcel Map TPM-24-0003 (O'Neill): The applicant is requesting approval of a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide a 2.2-acre parcel into two (2) commercial parcels located at the intersection of Lindhurst Ave and Scales Ave (APN: 20-140-054 & 20-140-056). The property has a General Plan and Zoning designation of Commercial Mixed Use (CMX). A determination has been made that the above referenced project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15315 (Minor Land Division).

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 the Planning Dpt 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) April 12, 2024

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
Gladys Marshall on behalf of James John Junior
Sesay, a minor, PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00362
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
05/20/2024
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Gladys Marshall on behalf of James John Junior Sesay, a minor, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: James John Junior Sesay
to: James John Marshall

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.

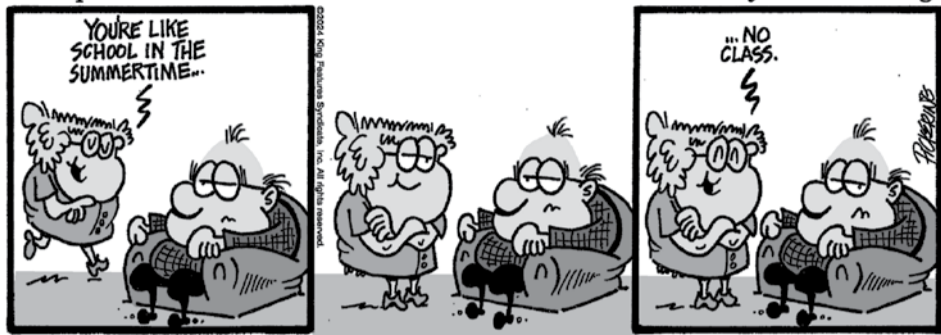
A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 03/26/2024

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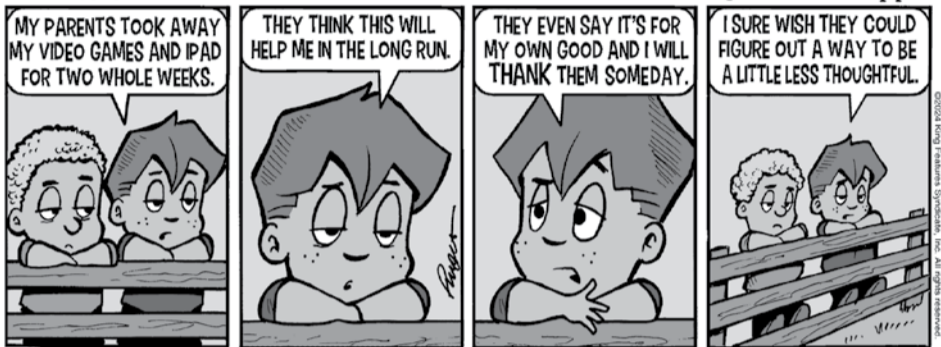
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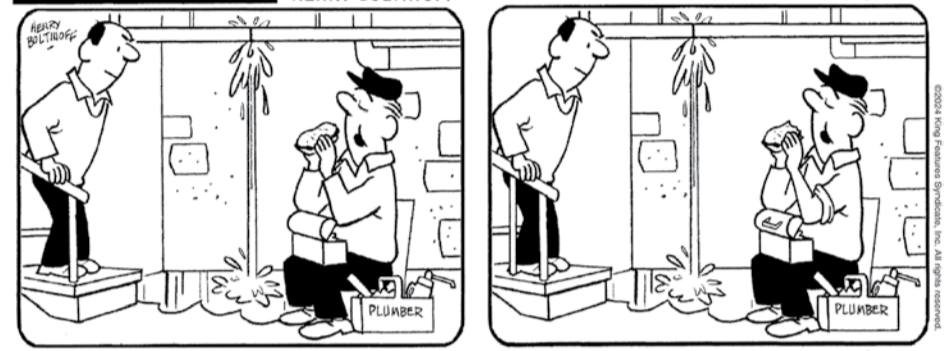
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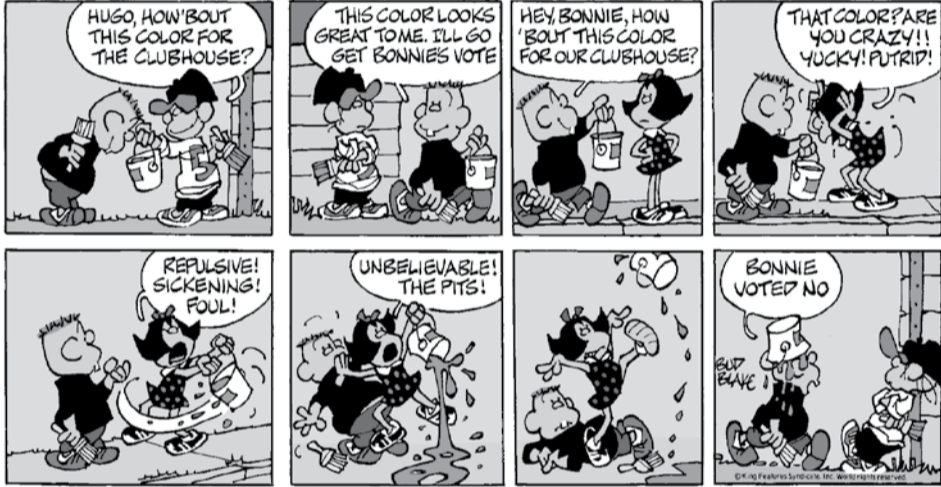


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Fix Prop 47

By John McGinness

On the general election ballot in 2014 California voters were given the opportunity to vote for Proposition 47, the so-called Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act.

For those of us who took the time to read the text of the proposition, it was clear that nothing in this law would make schools or neighborhoods safer.

On the contrary, the proposition was fraught with damaging ideas. Crimes such as possession and use of dangerous drugs would be reduced from felonies to misdemeanors. Possession of the so-called date rape drug would be an offense that would warrant no jail time whatsoever. Possession of methamphetamine would also be reduced to a mere misdemeanor, those possessing it could claim it was for personal use, regardless of the quantity, and no time in custody would follow. In recent history, very few people had been forced to serious time in custody for mere possession of illicit drugs. However, the threat of incarceration would often be the impetus for defendants to go to drug court, where they would stipulate to their guilt and be forced into treatment to put them on a path to a much better life. The success of drug court was very impressive. We did not see droves of people occupying the streets, parks and sidewalks of our communities looking like

the walking dead, while discarding human waste and dirty hypodermic needles on the playgrounds and streets of cities and towns throughout the state.

The loss of the ability to file felony charges in these cases would foreseeably evaporate the participation in drug court, because the incentive to do so would be lost by removing the criminal justice-imposed consequences for such offenses.

Similarly, changes that would eliminate real consequences for serial theft were a part of this horribly ill-conceived proposition. Previously, repeat thieves would be subject to jail time felony consequences. The criminal element generally knew of the consequences of California Penal Code Section 666 that would make even petty theft with a prior a potential felony that could result in time in-custody for repeat cases of theft, reducing the incidents of repeat theft. All the penalty enhancements for repeat theft cases would be eliminated by the passage of this proposition.

It was abundantly foreseeable – if this proposition passed it would incentivize chronic dangerous drug abuse, and serial theft. Retailers would have a difficult time staying in business, their incentive to cooperate with the criminal justice system would go by the wayside, because liability risks of stopping thieves would simply become greater than the benefit



John McGinness. Courtesy photo

to be realized from a system that would not punish offenders.

Similarly, drug addiction as the result of chronic drug abuse would skyrocket. The quality of life would be profoundly diminished in urban, suburban, and even rural parts of California.

All of this would be abundantly clear to those who took the time and effort to read the proposition, and realize the devastating consequences that would follow if this concept became law.

Regrettably, the good people of California had faith in those they had elected to represent their best interest in state government. Voters were

persuaded to support something seemingly so appealing as the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act. After all, who among us does not want safe neighborhoods and schools?

The problem is the Summary and Title of this proposition was disingenuous. There was nothing in this proposition that would make schools or neighborhoods safer. In fact, it was clearly predictable that this proposition would adversely affect public safety in schools, neighborhoods, businesses, and recreation venues to a degree not previously seen in society.

Regrettably, the voters were duped by dishonest messaging from the

very people who had been entrusted with their vote.

Consider the ubiquitous tents in public places; the sickly pathetic souls wandering about in a daze; and the areas lost for use by law abiding, tax paying citizens because of fear for their safety and concerns for their health posed by those who have ravaged their own bodies by chronic drug abuse. Consider relentless images of smash and grab retail thefts that have forced long-time successful businesses to flee the state, because they cannot endure the current conditions.

Retail and cargo theft have exploded in California. Drug addiction and homelessness have become a humanitarian crisis. The consequences are impacting public safety and the quality of life of all Californians.

Members of the California legislature have promised to fix the problem, as have members of the state's executive branch. Do not be fooled into believing these false promises. This mess was created by well-intended voters who were lied to. Proposition 47 is a law that was created by the voters, ONLY the voters can amend it.

There is good news, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act is very likely to qualify for the November ballot and will give the voters an opportunity to ameliorate the adverse consequences of

Proposition 47. There is still an opportunity to sign the petition to ensure the voters have a legitimate choice this year.

This effort will reclassify theft with two or more prior convictions as jail-eligible felonies, add new laws to address "smash and grab" thefts, add Fentanyl to the list of hard drugs resulting in felony prison time, and provide addiction and mental health services for treatment-mandated felony charges.

Some have asserted that enforcing laws and imposing consequences on offenders represents a lack of compassion. Who do you love that you want to see sleeping on a cold Sacramento sidewalk on a January night with temperatures in the teens, or conversely baking in the summer sun in triple digit heat? Who honestly believes that a young offender who begins to steal, and is not persuaded away from that behavior by predictable consequences for their actions will live a richer, fuller life?

Compassion demands providing the resources and impetus for change.

To sign the petition, or learn more, visit <https://casafecommunities.com>.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Our Sacramento Kings find themselves in the middle of a Western Conference quagmire, and at this moment, as the Kings prepare to face off with the Oklahoma City Thunder, it's anyone's guess as to who will be in 7th and 8th place when things wrap up in a week.

Sacramento began their road trip with a disappointing loss to the Knicks, a team that they should have defeated. After a close three-and-a-half quarters, the Kings disappeared in the last two minutes of the game, and a competitive game with two minutes remaining turned into an 11-point loss.

To the Kings' credit, they bounced back the very next night and narrowly missed defeating the vaunted Boston Celtics. An up-and-down game, the Celtics took control in the 4th quarter, and with less than two minutes remaining had a seven-point lead.

Showing the stuff that has made them the beloved team they are, led by lightning-quick De'Aaron Fox, the Kings threw a blanket over the Celtics, and drained shot after shot down the stretch. With 15 seconds left and the Kings holding a one-point lead, the Celtics missed the go-ahead shot and Keegan Murray snagged the rebound.

With only seconds remaining, the Celtics stripped the ball and hit a floater in the lane to go up by one point. Now, with only seven seconds in the game, the Kings called a timeout and advanced the ball into the forecourt.

Drama is an understatement, as would-be hero De'Aaron Fox drove into the paint and leaped high for one of his patented eight-foot jump shots to win the game. The ball came off the rim and Keegan Murray collected the rebound while shooting the putback in one motion. The shot narrowly missed, and who of all people was there for the potential winning tip, was none other than Colby Jones. Not who you expected in a pivotal game with under a minute to play, but there he was nonetheless. Colby tipped the ball and was karate chopped across the face, falling to the hardwood. The ball slid off the rim, while every official on the court collectively swallowed their whistles.

Yes, the team with the best record in the NBA stole a game from the Sacramento Kings, that without a doubt should have been decided with no time on the clock from the charity stripe. But once again, the zebras looked the other way, and instead of allowing the game to be played with integrity, it was simply awarded to the home team.

In the industry I have worked in for over 45 years, I have to complete continuing education every year, and the same can be said for real estate agents, cosmetologists, and accountants. If I don't pass the continuing education classes, the state simply doesn't renew my license. In other words, I'm out of a job.

Wow, can you imagine that? Actually oversee the abilities of referees during the offseason, to assess if they have the required skills to officiate at the highest level in the sport of basketball. Oh, would I love to see that.

I hope everyone can get on the same page, and raise their voices for giving our gladiators the officiating they deserve.

Meanwhile, the Kings have 48 hours to lick their wounds and try to upset a team that has already put 53 wins in the win column. The Thunder are a tough team, and the Kings are tasked with defeating them on their home court. Can they do it, and keep alive the hope of avoiding the dreaded Play-in? I, for one, believe in this group, and my prognostication of 48 wins this season remains alive.

Anyone out there want to join me in my optimism?

Domantas Sabonis continues to amaze with a consistency that no Kings player has ever demonstrated. His double-double streak is a nail-biting watch every game, all the while still leading the NBA in triple-doubles!

Yes, it's a magical season for the big man, so enjoy this while you can. No one plays tougher, takes more punishment, and plays with more effervescent joy that has a ubiquitous quality that every player on the team has embraced!

Love this team! Send your thoughts to vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. Go Kings! ★

Yuba City Beats River Valley, Sutter Goes 2-0



Yuba City sophomore Naïema Cawthon (14) hits a triple in the Lady Honkers' 3-0 win over River Valley on Tuesday, April 2.

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

Yuba City 3, River Valley 0

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba City girls softball team beat the River Valley Lady Falcons for the first time since the 2021 season and stayed perfect in the Capital Valley Conference in the 3-0 victory on Tuesday, April 2.

The Yuba City win snapped a four-game losing streak in the series to River Valley. Any time there is a rivalry game, the adrenaline pumps more and the tensions are high, and this game displayed it.

The game was in a dead-lock tie until the bottom of the fourth inning when Lady Honkers third baseman Mariah Rosales took

an inside pitch and sent it over the left field fence for a 1-0 lead.

Rosales expressed to the Dispatch that her favorite pitch to go after is the inside pitch and she was able to get a good swing on the ball.

That was all Yuba City needed as junior pitcher Tori Gonzales pitched a solid game from the circle where she gave up five hits, walked three and struck out nine Lady Falcons in her fifth shutout of the season.

The Lady Honkers added insurance runs in the fifth and sixth inning for the 3-0 win. Yuba City Head Coach Patty Gates told the Dispatch that her team is still learning to compete at the level they are competing at.

"They stepped up, but are still working on

building that strength to compete when they have that pressure," Gates said.

Although River Valley was unsuccessful in getting their first CVC of the year, they had energy throughout the game and they had shining moments.

Lady Falcons junior pitcher Payton Smith also gave up five hits, walked one and struck out four batters, but the two later runs for Yuba City were both with runners in scoring position and two outs.

Smith expressed to the Dispatch that the River Valley defense and energy improved. River Valley's hits were compiled by all underclassmen as sophomore shortstop Kaitlyn Garcia and center fielder Alexis Otero had two hits a piece and freshman infielder Ainsley Holley

hit a single in the fourth inning to center field.

The four Lady Falcons agreed with one another that the fuel they had towards Yuba City can be used in their remaining games as a team.

River Valley was scheduled to host Inderkum this past Tuesday and play at Bella Vista yesterday, Thursday, April 11.

Yuba City was scheduled to host Bella Vista on Tuesday and Roseville yesterday.

Rosales told the Dispatch for the Lady Honkers to continue their success, she believes that they need to keep the momentum of their victories this season.

"They always say a high tide floats a boat," Rosales

said. "We have to stay up and energetic, and that is going to ultimately get us to where we want to be."

Sutter

ORCUTT, CA (MPG) - The Sutter Union girls softball team went 2-0 in the spring break tournament in Santa Maria last week as they beat Bullard (Fresno) 6-4 on Thursday, April 4, and Righetti (Santa Maria) on Saturday, April 6.

Sutter came back from later in the game against Bullard as a three runs-batted-in double to right center by senior third baseman/Sacramento State signee Alexa Carino in the bottom of the sixth inning propelled the Huskies for their 13th consecutive victory on the season.

The Huskies game that was scheduled for the second day was canceled due to weather and ended the weekend on a perfect note as they beat the host of the tournament (Righetti) in a 6-1 victory on Saturday, April 6.

Carino picked up her team leading 27th RBI on the season and senior pitcher/Boise State signee Olivia Bauer picked up her 11th victory on the season, striking out 10 hitters and giving up one hit and one walk in the winning effort.

Sutter was scheduled to start Pioneer Valley League play this week as they were scheduled to host Twelve Bridges (Lincoln) on Tuesday and go to Center (Antelope) yesterday. ★



River Valley sophomore shortstop Kaitlyn Garcia (19) fields a ground ball in the Lady Falcons' 3-0 loss to Yuba City on Tuesday, April 2.

Huskies Continue Success Against Dbacks, Honkers and Falcons Continue CVC Play

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

Sutter 4, Union Mine 0

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sutter Union baseball team stayed perfect against the Union Mine Diamondbacks as they won the game 4-0 on Saturday, April 6, in a future Major League Baseball stadium.

Sutter and Union Mine faced off in Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento for the third consecutive season as the high school players got the opportunity to play on a current Triple-A field after fundraising.

Huskies Head Coach Stewart Peterson expressed to the Dispatch that the players fundraised and sold ticket vouchers for future Sacramento River Cats games as part of the agreement to play in the park.

Peterson told the Dispatch that Sutter has been a part of the experience for a lot of years, and all levels in the program this season had the opportunity to play at Sutter Health Park.

It was also noted last week that the Oakland Athletics of MLB announced that they would be sharing the stadium with the River Cats for the 2025-27 seasons.

The Huskies' freshmen team played in the middle of March, and the junior varsity played prior to the varsity team last Saturday.

Huskies senior shortstop/

pitcher Logan Yacavace, who has played in a few games at Sutter Health Park, told the Dispatch that it was an honor to be able to play on a great field.

"Sutter baseball has done a lot for us," Yacavace said. He added that he is appreciative of the opportunities to play in a great facility like last Saturday night and play in tournaments like San Diego.

Peterson gave everyone on his roster the opportunity to get into the game. The seven Huskies who pitched for Sutter in the game combined for a two-hit shutout performance on the mound.

Huskies junior outfielder Jonny Munger and junior utility Connor Inglin led Sutter with two hits a piece in the game.

The Huskies were scheduled to begin Pioneer Valley League play against Wheatland this past Tuesday and yesterday, April 11.

Peterson added that he wants to see Sutter continue and progress as a team and continue getting better each day.

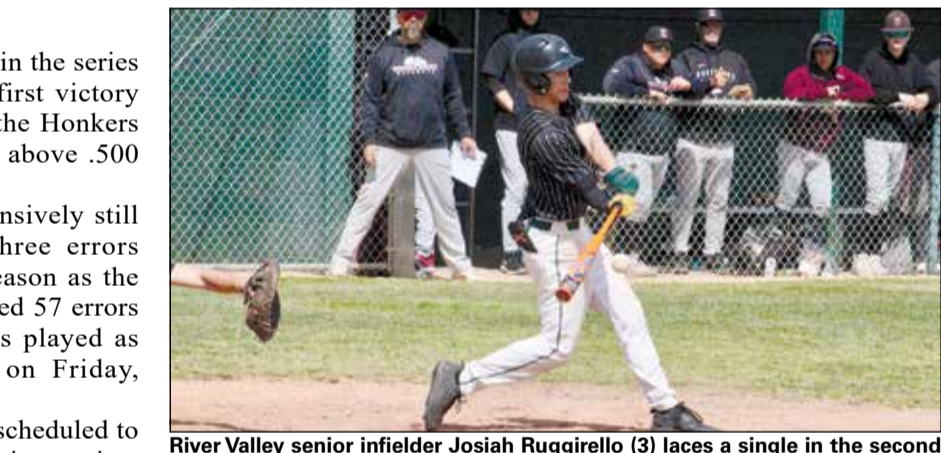
Friday, April 5.

The Titans win in the series gave them their first victory in the CVC and the Honkers moved one game above .500 in league play.

Yuba City defensively still averaged over three errors in a game this season as the Honkers committed 57 errors in their 18 games played as play concluded on Friday, April 5.

Yuba City was scheduled to begin a tough series against Woodcreek, who is the four-time defending champion of the CVC in Woodcreek.

The Honkers are seeking their first victory over the Timberwolves since the 2019 season.



River Valley senior infielder Josiah Ruggirello (3) laces a single in the second game of a double header against Woodcreek on Saturday, April 6.



Yuba City sophomore utility Brody Miller (1) connects with a pitch in the Honkers' 2-1 victory over Antelope on Tuesday, April 2.



Sutter senior shortstop/pitcher Logan Yacavace singles a ball up the middle in the Huskies' 4-0 victory over Union Mine on Saturday, April 6, at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento. ★

Yuba City

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba City Honkers baseball team won their Capital Valley Conference series against the Antelope Titans as they took two out of the three game series from last week.

Yuba City won an extra-inning game on Tuesday, April 2, and then split a double header against Antelope on

River Valley

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The River Valley Falcons baseball team stayed winless in the Capital Valley Conference as they were swept by Woodcreek in a three-game series last week.

Errors defensively have hurt River Valley as they have had trouble gaining any momentum during games as they committed 16 total errors in the series against Woodcreek.

Additionally, the Falcons have been in games, but there is a single inning that hurts them throughout their games where they are unable to recover.

River Valley was scheduled to start their new CVC series against Inderkum this week to finish up the first half of league play. ★

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