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Friday Night Bingo Gets an Upgrade



"It became necessary to update our older bingo system in order to accommodate our growing attendance, requiring an additional room set-up," Gillen said. Image mehaniq41 - stock.adobe.com

Story by Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Yuba City Councilman Wade Kirchner gave a big thumbs up for purchasing new Yuba City Senior Center Bingo equipment.

Mayor Shon Harris pulled item 9 from the April 2 Yuba City Council meeting consent agenda to say a word before adopting a resolution awarding the purchase of bingo equipment for \$23,760 from California Bingo Service of Richmond.

"We want to thank our senior center folks for all their hard work and dedication behind it," Harris said of the successful Friday night bingo at 777 Ainsley Ave.

"I haven't made it over there yet but I hear it is extremely popular and expanding, and this new equipment will allow you to have folks in the overflow room to get an accurate count of the numbers," Harris said.

Calling the purchase "very good," the mayor noted how the senior center is not just about Bingo but much more. Harris pointed out Community Service Director Ann Gillen, who said Gillen "took that baton and ran with it."

"I have seen you there a few times when I have been there, too, and it's just always a positive environment," Mayor Harris said. "It's a fun, definite feather in our cap for our community and I just want to take the time to thank you all for all that."

Handing over comments to council members, Vice-Mayor Dave Shaw spoke first.

"Just to echo the mayor's comments, what you are doing over there is incredible," Shaw said. "It reaches far beyond our city, so, again, thank you guys, and thank you, Ann, for grabbing the bull by the horn."

According to Shaw, the most thanks go to the seniors at the center daily, dedicated day in and day out to make

the location a success, who he is "honored to help."

"Good times for sure," Mayor Harris said before officially authorizing the purchase.

The Territorial Dispatch contacted Gillen, who humbly accepted without speaking, to learn more about the equipment.

"It became necessary to update our older bingo system in order to accommodate our growing attendance, requiring an additional room set-up," Gillen said. "With a second room opened up, additional equipment is required so that all participants can play along and enjoy the game equally."

In searching for bingo equipment, Gillen said, it became evident that it changed over the last several years.

"Bingo equipment has evolved, and our older, outdated system is no longer manufactured, also making it

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Bocce Ball Court Construction Underway

By Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Sam Brannan Park will soon be sporting new bocce ball courts.

Why bocce ball? The Montana family, one of the four founding families of the Yuba/Sutter Special Olympics, donated \$300,000 to help fund the project. Community Services director Ann Gillen said the Yuba/Sutter Special Olympics teams have practiced on the two bocce courts at Kingwood Park over the years.

"With the addition of the four new courts at Sam Brannan, the local teams can practice more and will also be able to host regional tournaments every year," Gillen said of the four official-size courts, 76 feet long and 10 feet wide. "Since they are official-size courts, we will be able to rent them out for tournaments."

When not hosting



Sam Brannan Park is getting four new bocce ball courts, where the Yuba/Sutter Special Olympics team will practice. Photo courtesy of Yuba City

tournaments, the Yuba/Sutter Special Olympics practice at Sam Brannan Park during their bocce ball season. According to Yuba City Vice-Mayor Dave Shaw, bocce ball is a sport many Yuba residents

enjoy. "It provides exercise and enjoyment for those who engage in this sport," Shaw said. "I have had the pleasure of speaking to many people of our community who frequent the bocce

ball locations throughout the city."

Shaw said the new feature at Sam Brannan Park makes a great addition to many other amenities in Yuba City, including pickle

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MJUSD Receives "Heart of Inclusion" Award

Marysville Joint Unified School District News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Leaders at the Marysville Joint Unified School District have cause for celebration. Marysville Joint Unified School District is one of just three districts recognized out of 89 statewide for their commitment to SIP's mission and was honored on April 9 with the Heart of Inclusion Award by SIP (Supporting Inclusive Practices), a statewide non-profit.

SIP, partially funded by the California Department of Education, is dedicated to equipping school districts with training and resources to ensure students with disabilities flourish academically and beyond. "As educators, our greatest achievement is in creating environments where every student can thrive," said Fal Asrani, Superintendent for Marysville Joint Unified School District. "Receiving this award for inclusion is a testament to the dedication of our entire school community in ensuring that every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential."

MJUSD became a study site for SIP during the 2019-2020 school year, sparking the district's initiative to integrate inclusive practices into its educational framework. Ella, Linda, Olivehurst, and Kynoch Elementary Schools have seamlessly incorporated SIP strategies into their preschool classroom settings. This practice aims to provide students with special needs equal access to opportunities and foster their success within traditional classroom environments.

"Our team's unwavering dedication and relentless determination throughout the three-year journey of implementing this project have been unparalleled," remarked Jolie Critchfield, Director of Early Education at MJUSD. "The commitment of our staff to mastering inclusive practices through ongoing professional development and peer coaching, aimed at empowering them to effectively engage with all students and foster vital skills for academic and life success, has been truly exceptional."

Special Education Director, Shevaun Matthews, was also invited earlier this year to present the district's practice at a conference in Southern California.

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Live Oak Announces Mark Scott as Interim City Manager

By Sharon Pearce

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - A short Live Oak council meeting was made even shorter for those viewing through the Granicus Live Stream on April 3, which disconnected but the Zoom link did provide coverage of a new interim city manager being introduced.

Mark Scott, a retired city manager, who said he was happy to take on these jobs, accepted the offer.

Described as an annuitant with special parameters as to how he could serve, Scott spoke from the podium to introduce himself to City Council and Live Oak citizens. Some requirements are that he is limited in the number of hours he can work each week and the full assignment cannot run more than 960 hours, which would take him potentially to late 2024.

City Council stated that a number of possible hires were interviewed for the position.

Scott expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be Live Oak city manager, stating this was the 11th time he had done

this. "This is what I love doing," Scott said, enjoying the moment. In his initial remarks, Scott said, "Some might say driving from Fresno every week is 'borderline crazy' but this is what I do."

Scott commented to City Council, "I appreciate how you work with each other respectfully and the good words you have for your staff." Scott said he has already spent time with Parks and Recreation director Luis (Ciprian).

Scott continued, "Ultimately, I work for the City Council and take direction from it. I am interested in what each of you think. I promise you I will have fun and the people around me are having fun."

Scott revealed his understanding and experience in the sophistication of city management, saying, "I will be as non-political as possible. I will never count votes (as to who might back his positions). Each councilmember has a vote on everything." He added, "I will do my best to keep you informed."

City Council responded by thanking Scott for

joining them.

The consent items, all passing unanimously, included a resolution approving changes to the city manager's compensation and adopting an amended salary schedule recommendation increase from \$150,000 to \$225,000 annually.

The meeting also included a recognition to Deputy Ryan Tapia for his service. He was present for a City Council group photo.

A Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation was presented to Casa de Esperanza, a domestic violence shelter serving the Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties area with a crisis line of 530-674-2040. City Council indicated Casa de Esperanza led the way in providing phone contact and other active efforts, in collaboration with others, in every segment of society to provide help and hope as to sexual assault awareness with a goal that the message "No means No" is understood by all.

The next regular Live Oak City Council meeting will be at 6 p.m. April 17 at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. ★

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ball, pump track, basketball, and playground structures.

"We want our parks to be a place that all residents can enjoy with their family and friends in an area that is close to home," Shaw said.

By adding bocce ball courts to Sam Brannan Park, Gillen said, "We are giving the community an opportunity to participate in a game of leisure, which she said combines social activity, light exercise, and outdoor time."

"It is a game that is easy to play and is suitable for all ages and skill levels," Gillen said of bocce ball, which allows a minimum of two players and a maximum of eight.

Physical exercise is one of the best things you can do for yourself, according to the community service director.

"It relieves stress and anxiety, improves mental health, increases energy levels, and can reduce the risk of disease," Gillen said. "Not everyone can afford a gym membership or have the room or equipment at home to get the daily exercise they like or enjoy, so providing a variety of different amenities at our parks is a way of keeping our community healthy and happy."

Outside gyms such as Sam Brannan Park and other Yuba City recreational areas must be maintained and improved for proper use, specifically since Yuba City

"parks play a crucial role in the community," according to Gillen.

The vice-mayor agreed, saying, "As a part of the quality of life our residents, we continue to create, maintain and enhance our parks so that the residents of Yuba City can enjoy open spaces and amenities that they may not have access to without the parks of the city."

Gillen said recreational areas such as Sam Brannan Park encourage physical activity and provide space for learning, play and social interaction, which are essential for childhood development. However, park space is not just for the young but just as important for older generations.

"A well-maintained park allows people of all ages to get out and move, whether it be playing on playground equipment, walking, having a pickup game or practicing for a team sport in the open areas or having a birthday party with friends and family," Gillen said.

And there is nothing like some good friendly competition, Gillen added.

"Two of the most important reasons to have competitive games in our parks is exercise and social interaction," Gillen said. "Being part of a team is a great social activity; it offers a way to escape the pressures of everyday life and provides an opportunity to meet people from all walks of life." ★

Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way's 'Fabulous '50s Soirée'

Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way News Release

YUBA/SUTTER/COLUSA REGION (MPG) - The digs for the Fabulous '50s Soirée is the spacious Hard Rock Live at Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain in Wheatland on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Step back into the '50s and have a blast enjoying fabulous foods and drinks. Enjoy gourmet hors d'oeuvres from 15 local

restaurants and bakeries. There will be a no-host bar, a raffle with over 100 items and an amazing silent auction. This will be followed by a dance led by the band Left of Centre playing music from the '50s plus rock and country.

This event, now in its 24th year, is the foremost event benefiting the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way. Tickets are \$60 each. To purchase tickets, visit www.yscunitedway.org and click on "Upcoming Events." Sponsorships are available. ★

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year, MJUSD initiated the process to take back the district's Special Education programs operated by Yuba County Office of Education and the first program was the Preschool program. This award underscores the importance of serving students with special needs within regular school campuses, ensuring access to tailored educational

opportunities. MJUSD eagerly anticipates operating the additional special education programs that have now returned to the district. In 2024-25, the district will operate all the secondary programs and the following year will complete all elementary program transfers. MJUSD remains committed to furthering inclusive practices across all its programs. ★

Murder Charge Filed Against Ricky Singh Lasher

Yuba County District Attorney's Office Media Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - On April 15, the Yuba County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal case alleging that Ricky Singh Lasher, 39, of Yuba City, murdered Amery Sweany on or about April 27, 2023. The Court continued Lasher's arraignment that afternoon to Monday at 3:00 p.m., at

his request. Lasher remains in custody on \$1,000,000 bail.

The investigation into this case is ongoing. If you have any information about Amery Sweany or Ricky Lasher that might be relevant to the investigation, please contact Sheriff's detectives at (530) 749-7777.

Lasher is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court beyond a reasonable doubt. ★

Man Accused of Assault with Firearm at Marysville Restaurant

Yuba County District Attorney's Office Media Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - On April 15, the Yuba County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal case alleging that on April 9, Roy Lavern Kirk, Jr., assaulted another with a firearm, negligently discharged a firearm, and drove a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Kirk's arraignment was continued at his request from this afternoon to April 26

at 3:00 p.m. Kirk remains in custody on \$500,000 bail.

Marysville Police Officers arrested Kirk on April 9 after responding to a call shortly after 11:30 p.m. regarding an active shooter at the Lakeside Indian Restaurant. Bystanders had detained Kirk prior to the officers arriving. Kirk is 26 years old and from Clearlake Oaks in Lake County, CA.

Kirk is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court beyond a reasonable doubt. ★

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Butte College Speech and Debate Team Earns Bronze at National Championship



The Butte College speech and debate team performed exceptionally at the Phi Rho Pi Community College National Championship Tournament. Photo courtesy of BGCCD

Butte-Glenn Community College District News Release

WALNUT, CA (MPG) - Butte College's speech and debate team earned the bronze award at the Phi Rho Pi Community College National Championship Tournament hosted by Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA. The tournament, held from April 2 to April 6, saw participation from 50 colleges, totaling 953 entries.

Led by standout performer Julia Irvine, the team brought home seven national championship awards. Irvine, who was initially drawn to the team through an oral interpretation of literature class, showcased her versatility across multiple categories, including dramatic interpretation, program oral interpretation, poetry interpretation and speech to entertain. Her performances captivated audiences and earned her silver in dramatic and program oral interpretation and bronze in poetry and speech to entertain.

In addition to Irvine's

success, teammates Abel Chavez and Kyle Landrum won bronze awards in poetry interpretation and persuasive speaking, respectively. Chavez's piece shed light on the struggles of Latinx men dealing with body dysmorphia, while Landrum advocated for policy reforms regarding prison labor.

Coach Shannan Troxel-Andreas expressed pride in the team's accomplishments, stating, "It's incredible to see these students perform on a national level and help set the bar for what a competitive speech or drama event should be."

Beyond the national stage, the speech and debate team has enjoyed a stellar season, securing 120 awards in competitions across the North State. Their success reflects a dedication to excellence and collaboration across various disciplines, from communication studies to business and the sciences.

"Right now, Northern California's competitive speech and debate circuit is booming, and Butte's students rank at the top among them," remarked Troxel-Andreas. ★

Sutter Health Donation Provides Casa De Esperanza with Fencing

MPG Staff

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Casa de Esperanza has long been a beacon of hope and safety for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, child and elder abuse, and human trafficking in the Yuba, Sutter and Colusa County communities.

Recognizing the importance of ensuring the safety and comfort of its residents, Casa de Esperanza will implement a new fencing project to enhance safety and security measures, thanks to a generous grant of more than \$130,000 from the Sutter Medical Foundation.

The project will enhance overall safety and well-being by establishing secured entry and exit points, implementing fencing protection that will serve as a protective barrier, and enabling survivors and staff to enjoy activities without fear. This project will boost their overall satisfaction and improve physical and mental health.

"I am truly grateful for Sutter Medical Foundation's



Casa de Esperanza executive director Michelle Downing. Courtesy photo

mission to end domestic and sexual violence and empower survivors on their path to healing and recovery.

"We are thrilled to support Casa de Esperanza in their important work of empowering and assisting survivors of domestic and sexual violence in our community," said Sutter Health Community Health director Kelly Brenk.

As a not-for-profit organization, Sutter Health is committed to the health and well-being of the communities it serves. That commitment includes supporting community health initiatives and programs outside of its care facilities. Sutter Health's total community benefit investment was \$822 million in 2023. These funds supported traditional charity care, unreimbursed Medicaid costs, health education and community clinics.

For more information about Casa de Esperanza and its services, visit casaysc.org or call 530-674-2040. ★

generous grant. This funding will empower us to create a more secure environment, ensuring that individuals accessing our services can find a place of refuge and healing without fear," said Casa de Esperanza executive director Michelle Downing.

The organization's efforts to enhance safety measures serve as a reminder of its unwavering commitment to serving the community and a testament to its ongoing



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April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

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Helen was born and raised in Marysville and still lives in Marysville with her husband Loran.

She says she is honored to be a volunteer for the City of Marysville and the Marysville Police Department. She feels she is giving back to the department where she started her career when she was only 20 years old.

Helen left MPD and went to work for the County of Yuba where she worked in the District Attorney's Office and then Yuba County Courts. Helen retired from Yuba County Superior Court as the Criminal Division Supervisor where she worked for five judges over 27 years.

Helen has been a volunteer with Marysville Police Department for 12 years. She received the Chief's Award in 2017. She has since received The Volunteer of the Year Award for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Helen says as MPD volunteers, we work special events, school events, distribute flyers and posters and no parking notices. We patrol, help with traffic, help identify blight, transport vehicles and help in the office.

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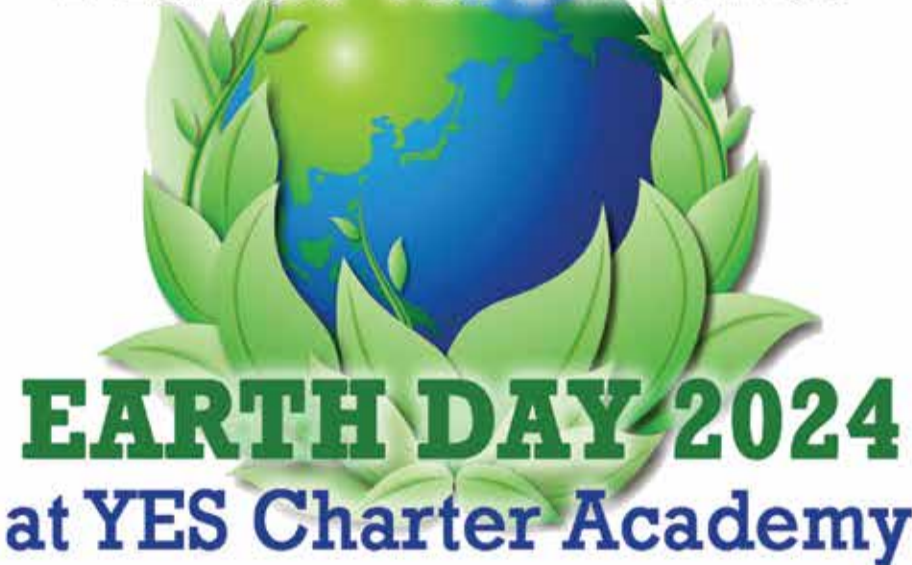
There is always work for everyone and the department is always looking to recruit new volunteers.

Helen says "I love being a part of the Marysville Police Department Team."

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Yuba College Recognizes Adventist Health and Rideout for Support of Nursing Program

Adventist Health and Rideout News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - At 32 years old, Jennifer Rollins was working for a healthcare insurance company when she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. She sought treatment at the Cancer Center at Adventist Health and Rideout where the compassionate care she received from medical staff inspired her to become an oncology nurse.

"I fell in love with my nurses, they were amazing. I was young and didn't know what to expect, and they walked me through everything. They even made me laugh throughout my whole treatment," she said. "They were the most amazing team ever, so I promised myself that if I made it out of treatment alive, I would become a nurse."

"I figured, why not make something bad and difficult into something good?"

Rollins was recently among a group of 120 nursing students from Yuba College who earned clinical experience at Adventist Health and Rideout to meet their Board of Registered Nursing clinical requirements for graduation. On Thursday, April 11, the Yuba College Registered Nursing (RN) department recognized Adventist Health and Rideout with

a resolution honoring its commitment and partnership to the local program. When a neighboring clinical partner was unable to accommodate nursing students in fall 2023, Adventist Health and Rideout stepped in and accepted the entire class to ensure they were able to complete a combined total of 15,690 clinical hours.

For over 44 years, the collaboration between Adventist Health Rideout and Yuba College has significantly enhanced healthcare services in Yuba and Sutter Counties and the surrounding areas. Yuba College trains capable nurses while Adventist Health Rideout provides essential facilities and experienced staff to enrich student learning experiences at the bedside. This reciprocal partnership ensures the continuous development of skilled healthcare professionals to serve the community.

"Adventist Health and Rideout has always been the foundation of our nursing program," said Harinder Sohal, Interim Director of the Nursing Program at Yuba College. "They go above and beyond to collaborate and meet the needs of our nursing students. We are privileged to have them as a partner."

A Worthwhile Learning Experience

Today, Rollins is in remission and completing her fourth semester of nursing school. She expressed her excitement about the learning experience, stating that she has discovered a newfound passion for nursing, particularly in Adventist Health and Rideout's emergency department. There, she enjoys the unpredictability and the opportunity to stabilize and care for patients in critical situations.

"I'm doing my preceptorship at the emergency department, and I'm having the best time. Like, 12-hour shifts fly by. I don't even want to go home at the end of my shift," she said. "I'm like, do I have to leave? I've had nothing but an amazing experience. It's just been so much fun and a great learning opportunity."

Taylor Lasick, a Yuba College nursing student graduating this May, was also accepted by Adventist Health and Rideout to meet her clinical requirements. Like Rollins, she was quick to highlight the experiences she has had at Adventist Health and Rideout.

"All nurses were very supportive in helping me fine tune and hone my nursing skills. As nursing students, we are still learning, and sometimes we are slow on doing things, and they were always very patient," Lasick said.

"They encouraged me to take my time to make sure I did everything right, which was not only helpful for me, but it's a safety protocol for the patients. I had nothing but positive experiences at Adventist Health and Rideout."

Throughout her studies, Lasick had the opportunity to rotate through multiple healthcare settings, gaining firsthand insight into the diverse cultures and dynamics within each institution. Reflecting on her time at the hospital, she noted the organization's positive atmosphere.

"I think culture is a really big difference," Lasick said. "At Adventist Health and Rideout, teams are very supportive. The cohesiveness of the team on the floors and the way that they work together and support each other and take care of the patients is superior."

Rideout's Commitment to Community

Students like Rollins and

Lasick are a fundamental part of why Adventist Health and Rideout is committed to partnering with local institutions like Yuba College's nursing program, said Cyndy Gordon, the hospital's Patient Care Executive. Providing the opportunity to have hands-on experience in a positive environment is integral to developing dedicated healthcare professionals, and Adventist Health and Rideout has embraced that role.

"As a hospital, we are happy to partner with our local schools to provide a quality learning experience for the students. Contributing to career development opportunities in healthcare benefits these hardworking students as they work towards a future in the medical field," Gordon said. "It's also essential for our community, since it contributes to keeping jobs locally and providing the healthcare organizations of both Sutter and Yuba Counties

with qualified candidates to help deliver the best care possible to our patients."

Looking ahead, Rollins said she is eager to continue her journey towards becoming an oncology nurse and hopefully working at Adventist Health and Rideout Cancer Care Center, where she once was a patient. As for Lasick, after graduation she said she plans to take the NCLEX-RN exam to become a registered nurse. From there, her primary goal is to secure a job at Adventist Health Rideout through their new graduate program. Both students share a passion for providing compassionate care to patients, placing emphasis on empathy and support in their nursing practice.

"My favorite part about being a nurse is connecting with the patients and their families," Lasick said. "Being able to provide them compassionate care and hopefully educate them on what is going to keep them healthy." ★

Five Ways Counties Can Prepare Now That Prop 1 Has Passed

By Amalia Egri Freedman



Amalia Egri Freedman

After two weeks of counting votes, California voters passed Proposition 1 by a hair. The proposition, a two-part initiative aimed at improving equitable access to behavioral health services, provides new funding for treatment facilities and housing support while updating the 20-year-old Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Millions of Californians who cope with behavioral health conditions — mental illness or substance use disorders (SUD) — rely on services and supports primarily provided by California's 58 counties through MHSA, and increasingly their needs include housing.

Prop. 1 directs the State to borrow \$6.4 billion through bonds to fund new housing and treatment facilities. The State will also reallocate MHSA funds at the state and county levels, with a slightly greater proportion of MHSA revenue shifting to the State. Where 95% of MHSA funds were previously distributed to county behavioral health systems, now they will receive 90% with an additional 5% funding expansion of statewide efforts, including training, evaluation, innovation, and administration. There will also be new restrictions on how funds can be used, thus funding is likely to decrease for some behavioral health services.

Improving equitable access to needed services regardless of race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, or county of residence is a critical step in building a more comprehensive behavioral health system in California. And the challenge to ensure access falls primarily on county leaders. Expectations are high, tensions are high, and the divided voter support may lead to challenging conversations around the changes that will inevitably raise questions for county leaders and families with individuals facing behavioral health challenges. Still, with Prop 1's ratification, we believe that the answers to five key questions are essential to begin paving the way for the measure's implementation.

How will funds be allocated at the county level? First and foremost is the process of allocating funds locally. County officials will be required to spend pre-allocated amounts on housing interventions, services, and treatment for adults with severe mental illness, and for behavioral health services. County leaders will need to drive discussions internally and among stakeholders to determine how to implement this spending while expanding community partnerships to extend service provision.

How will programmatic changes resulting from revisions to the MHSA be addressed? Second, each county must adjust programming from previous MHSA requirements to correspond to the new Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). The BHSA expands programming to address the needs of people living with SUDs. County mental health plans will need to determine the degree to which they will expand SUD service provision and further integrate mental health and SUD treatment. It is possible that in some locales, reallocating funds will necessitate changes to or elimination of some county services.

How will counties balance the provision of behavioral health services and affordable housing? The BHSA also prioritizes

supportive housing for veterans and individuals with behavioral health challenges who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. Decision-makers will need to weigh the impact on existing services while expanding housing options for vulnerable populations based on the new funding requirements.

How will county leaders advise and advocate for effective implementation of Proposition 1? When MHSA was adopted 20 years ago, it not only changed the flow of funding but also the flow of data. County leaders were instrumental in advising the State regarding these issues. With BHSA, leaders will need to convene stakeholders, including mental health advocates, providers, and community members, to shape policies and programs. They must take the results of these conversations to their colleagues at the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA) to triangulate opportunities and challenges, and to collaborate with state agencies to ensure the most seamless implementation possible. County leaders and communities will need to balance the new mandates with the unique, local challenges they hope to address.

How will county leaders monitor and measure the outcomes of the new BHSA? Counties will need to monitor whether new housing interventions are effective. They will likely need to examine how SUD services align with existing mental health services and any gaps created in their communities. And they will want to look at how the changes in programming affect access. Within a year or so of implementation, counties may want to conduct needs assessments to determine how the changes have affected the clients each county serves as well as needs and gaps in resources to guide adjustments and improvements among providers.

Proposition 1 adds significant funds to support behavioral health and housing. It also calls on county-level decision makers to rise to this moment. The months ahead will require thoughtful planning, collaboration, and strategic choices to enhance behavioral health services and housing support for Californians. With thoughtful implementation, Proposition 1's new mandates should serve the changing behavioral health needs of Californians.

Amalia Egri Freedman is the CEO of RDA Consulting. RDA is celebrating forty years of systemic change consulting in collaboration with state, county, local agencies and foundations and CBOs. ★



A representative of Adventist Health and Rideout is presented with the honors. Photo courtesy of Adventist Health and Rideout

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you some homework, Davis. I want you to talk to a bunch of rich, old folks. Learn what they did to build wealth and hang onto it. Also, make sure the friends and family you both have around you are quality people—the kind who have your best interests at heart. Remember, the Bible says, "In the multitude of counsel there is safety."

Your sister is very lucky to have a big brother like you. Walk her through this advice. Be there for her. Look out for her. She needs you right now, and she'll need you in the years to come.

God bless you both!

— Dave

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More Government Handouts

The CHIPS and Science Act (CHIPS) was established by Washington in 2022 to encourage semi-conductor companies to manufacture their product here in the United States.

From the website GRANTHORTON.COM: "The CHIPS Act, enacted last August, authorizes the federal government to provide direct funds, make direct loans and loan guarantees to qualifying companies making investments in the domestic semiconductor manufacturing industry. The act (also) created a 25% tax credit, which is projected to provide up to \$24 billion to semiconductor manufacturers over the next several years, and does not have any cap on total allocation"

These chips power everything from automobiles to zoo electronics. The latest applications in the news for semi-conductor chips includes artificial intelligence (AI) which will soon give us electronic humans in all shapes and sizes. They are currently one of the hottest stock sectors investors are piling into.

There are 68 semi-conductor manufacturers which are listed on the public stock exchanges all over the world. They have a combined worth of over 5.3 trillion with a total estimated annual revenue of over half a trillion dollars. 12% of all chips are made in the U.S. with the remainder scattered far and wide throughout the globe.

Being the essential brains of most things that require complexed functions, it has been argued that relying on 88% of the chips being made overseas is a threat to U.S. security and the government wants to do something about it.

The Chips Act was initiated as a free handout to U.S. based chip makers to build more plants here in the states and 52 billion was the allotted amount when first conceived. Although not all the money has been allocated, Intel Corporation, a public company, was just given the largest amount of eight billion dollars just last week.

One could argue the security of the United States takes precedent over the idea of funding public companies, but this analyst doesn't see it that way.

Semi-conductor (chip) companies have been the hottest investment going lately, with chip manufactures NVIDIA and Micron Technology seeing their stocks go literally straight up. One wonders if the free money has anything to do with it.

After all, when a company has some government funding, what's not to like right?

Micron stock has gained over 80% in the last 12 months, Advance Micro Devices over 83% and NVIDIA over 252%. Intel stock has lagged but the CEO hasn't done badly.

The salaries and net worth of the CEO of

each company is below:

Intel- In 2021, the most recent year of available compensation data, Patrick Gelsinger earned a total of \$179 million. Only \$1.1 million was his base salary. He received \$1.75 million in a cash hiring bonus and nearly \$170 million in stock awards.

Micron Technologies- Sanjay Mehrotra, the CEO of Micron Technology, has an estimated net worth of at least \$136 million. His total compensation in 2022 was \$28,840,809, which included a salary of \$1,409,893, a bonus of \$3,435,275, stock of \$23,499,965, and other compensation of \$495,676. Mehrotra owns about 1.3 million Micron shares, which is 0.11% of the company's outstanding shares.

NVIDIA- Jensen Huang, appointed in Apr 1993, total yearly compensation is \$21.36M, comprised of 4.7% salary and 95.3% bonuses, including company stock and options is worth an estimated 62 billion.

Advanced Micro Devices -Lisa Su, lagging behind (poor thing) only had an estimated net worth of over \$1 billion. This is made up of approximately 4 million shares of AMD stock, which are worth about \$700 million, and awarded options. Su owns 0.2% of AMD.

Now consider these figures were before the stock price increases noted above.

Now I am no expert on such things as reasonable salaries for executives, but if the board of directors of for-profit public companies want to pay their top brass such amounts, it is in their rights to do so. After all, the boards control such things.

But is it just me, or should Washington be doling out billions to for-profit companies using tax payer dollars when the executives are making the fortune 500 list of the wealthiest of Americans?

Add in the amount each of their stocks have risen, and the tax breaks, and it seems more logical (and a bit more fair to us tax payers) to just require them to increase U.S. manufacturing capabilities with their own money instead of giving them billions of our hard earned tax dollars.

Just saying.

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Déjà Vu



By Kathy Craig Harteis

Déjà vu is the phenomenon of feeling as though one has lived through the present situation before.

It's been happening to me quite frequently in the past month or so.

Whether it is being in a familiar setting or catching a glimpse of something, my memory has kicked in. I have had remembrances take over and take me back to another time. It's not a bad thing, but I admit it is sometimes emotional.

This week we had occasion to be at the BMO Bank. It was once called Farmers and Merchants Bank and I could recall

the bankers of the past. It felt comfortable to be in that building and recall the conversations and events once shared there.

My youngest child had his 44th birthday a few days ago. I was prompted to look through old photos. It's hard to believe that little boy in the photos is now this man with boys of his own. Yet I only need to close my eyes and I can recall when all of my babies were small.

Memory is a gift we have. Good times or bad, we can recall and recognize the lessons we gained. Life is tough sometimes but somehow we get through the challenges. One day at a time has been my family's motto now and in the past. Especially in hard times.

It's in my nature to want to fix things. Sometimes I get ahead of myself and just end up making things worse. It is particularly hard to refrain from rescuing my loved ones. I have to stop and remind myself

God has a plan. I may not like His timing but in my heart I know His is the best timing and all will be as it should. I call it the little voice. We may fret over the smallest of things, and suddenly it becomes crystal clear. The thought that slips in and provides the answer we are seeking is the voice. When that happens there is a sigh of relief and all is well in the moment.

Moving back to Beach, ND has triggered many Déjà vu moments. Sadly many of the people I loved are gone from us now. The memories remain. It's a time and a place that brings it back.

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. ★



You're a Great Big Brother

Dear Dave,

My mother died about a year and a half ago, and she left me and my younger sister \$75,000 each. My sister is 16, and she plans on enlisting in the military after high school, then using the G.I. Bill to pay for college afterward. She won't receive the inheritance money until she's 18. What advice can I give her to ensure she makes good decisions with the money?

— Davis

Dear Davis,

I'm truly sorry to hear about your mom. At the same time, I'm so proud of you for stepping up to help your little sister. You know, \$75,000 sounds like a lot of money—especially to a teenager. But that kind of cash can disappear in a heartbeat if she's not careful. And



The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

I think Spring may be here, but it is too early to plant tomatoes unless you plan to cover them when needed. We have not had our last frost yet and tomatoes like HEAT. It is good to see that Ray's Hardware has some great looking plants out for sale, though.

Saturday, April 27, will be a Day of Worship at Ponderosa Community Center in Brownsville. It will be a day of fellowship, live music and free food. We hope several people will gather and help make this a great day. If you have any questions, please call Wayne McMillan 530 675-9592.

Tawyna Hoffman is asking us to Save the Day, June 29, to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Health Center. We are so glad to have the facility close by. She is planning quite a celebration, so keep that

date in mind, please.

On May 4 Marysville will be celebrating the First Saturday, Focus on Marysville. They invited Books & More to set up tables to "show off our wares". It will be held in one of the stores on D Street across from The Brick Coffee Shop. There will be many interesting things to see, people to meet and more. The Gold Rush era is their theme on that day. We will be featuring local authors as well as our store. I hope you can stop by sometime between 11:00 and 3:00 on that day and say "Hi".

Look Back in Time – In 1913 a dance was held at Hansonville School in Rackerby and it was a success. It raised nearly \$50 for the school (that was a lot of money in 1913).

Hope to see you soon in Brownsville.

~ Yvonne



California Imposes Restrictions on Cattle Imports Due to Avian Flu

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has implemented import restrictions on cattle from premises with confirmed or suspected cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza. The move comes as agricultural officials acknowledge the H5N1 virus has spread between cows, affecting dairy herds in six states. This has prompted calls to minimize dairy cattle movement. Some affected states had received cattle from an affected dairy in Texas. Dairy cattle entering California from states with infected cattle must be inspected by a veterinarian within seven days of shipment.

Research Supports Clustering of Organic Farms for Curbing Pesticide Use

Researchers have found that organic agriculture can increase pesticide use on nearby conventionally farmed fields. The findings, based on data from Kern County, suggest that organic farms can further reduce their pesticide use when organic fields are clustered. But when organic acreage is interspersed among conventional fields, overall area-wide pesticide use can increase in some scenarios, researchers found. The new research could have impacts for farmers and policymakers worldwide as governments set targets for converting more farmland to organic agriculture.

Organic Strawberries Benefit from New Soil Treatment

Organic strawberry growers in California have increased adoption of a technique that suppresses soil-borne pathogens and, in some cases, weeds, leading to more robust plants and improved yields. The preplant soil treatment known as anaerobic soil disinfestation, or ASD, has emerged as a nonchemical alternative to methyl bromide, a phased-out fumigant used in conventional strawberries that proved effective in controlling pathogens, weeds and nematodes. Growers apply the ASD technique in the fall before planting to initiate a biological process of anaerobic decomposition.

Spring snowpack raises hopes for California water year

California's snowpack has reached 110% of its seasonal average, up from 28% of average on Jan. 1, according to the state Department of Water Resources. The April 1 measurement was closely watched by California water managers because it is an indicator of peak seasonal snowpack. It also signals the transition to spring snowmelt into rivers and reservoirs. The snowpack survey results came after state and federal water officials on March 22 increased water allocations after accounting for storms that improved snowpack and reservoir levels. ★

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Death Notices

BARRERAS – Abraham Barreras, 85, of Olivehurst, passed away April 5, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

JONES – Ann Jones, 42, of Marysville, passed away April 5, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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WHITEHEAD – Jack Whitehead, 79, of Olivehurst, passed away April 9, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

STEVENS – Connie Allen Stevens, 75, of Yuba City, passed away April 11, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000.

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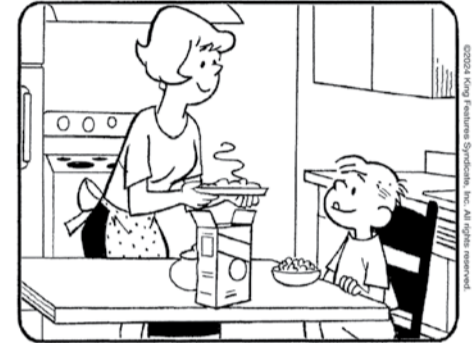
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Jean-Benoit's Itchy Feet The Alternative History Series

Jean-Benoit Dubois Lafontaine was born and raised on his family's hog farm just outside of the small fifteenth century French village of Porc Chambre. The year was 1778. Numerous families had lived in and around this village for several generations and the Lafontaine family was no different.

Having reached his eighteenth birthday, Jean-Benoit had itchy feet. No, it wasn't a foot fungus from working the farm barefoot but a yearning to see the world beyond the Foncé Rivière. So, on July 21, 1796, three months after Henri le Magnifique, the family's boar hog extraordinaire, had performed his "seasonal duty" numerous times and retired exhausted to his private accommodations to relax and enjoy a few choice apples, Jean-Benoit bummed his way to the port of Marseille and found a spot on the merchantman "Cafard de la Mer." The ship was transporting a cargo of wine to the American port of New Orleans from the Languedoc-Roussillon region in the South of France.

Most seaman wannabes signed aboard an eighteenth century vessel as boys of twelve to fourteen and began as general servants, learned seafaring skills, and were promoted through the ranks from ordinary seaman to able seaman and beyond. Jean-Benoit was an eighteen-year-old pig farmer with no experience at sea. But he was a strapping young man and no stranger to hard labor as one could see, so he was brought aboard as a

landman, the lowest of the low, and of use to the ship's company in such important tasks as deck scrubbing and cleanup after sailors occasionally "relieved" themselves in the ship's hold rather than using the "head," a crude "siège de toilette" hanging over the water at the ship's bow.

The six-week trip west was filled with interesting experiences. The salt pork, sauerkraut, and hard biscuits caused thirst, vomiting, fever, dysentery, constipation, boils, scurvy, mouth rot, and several other maladies. Lice were in abundance. Rough weather involved gale force winds with salt water on deck resulting in being perpetually soaked with no source of fresh water with which to wash. In addition, the old ship leaked like a sieve and was in danger of sinking at sea.

The misery finally ended on September 11 when Cafard de la Mer wallowed into the port of New Orleans. Jean-Benoit quickly disembarked the ship, abandoning his short life as a sailor just in time to hear the ship give a final groan and slowly sink up to its gunwales into the murky depths of the harbor.

By the year 1803, sovereignty of the Louisiana colony, of which New Orleans was a part, had been returned to France. Jean-Benoit now was employed just outside the city as a stable boy by Ervin Destrahan, a wealthy Creole with a serious French pedigree. Because of his care of Ervin Destrahan's stables, Jean-Benoit often overheard snippets of gossip between Monsieur Destrahan and his friends as they prepared for their rides into town for vis-

its to their favorite tavern and bawdy house. Jean-Benoit kept his ears open and stored the information gained for possible future use. Monsieur had loose connections with the American government and was aware that President Jefferson was concerned about the control of the city of New Orleans and the Mississippi River. Jefferson felt it might be necessary to purchase New Orleans from Napoleon. Coincidentally, Napoleon's Saint-Domingue in the Caribbean experienced a slave revolt that forced the little general to essentially give up on his plans to rebuild France's New World Empire. Now, the city of New Orleans was of little value to him and he needed the scratch. In fact, the whole Louisiana Colony was of little use.

"Mon Général, it is finished. Our empire in the new world is fini," said Monsieur Guy de Grosjean, Napoleon's minister of finance, very careful not to upset the diminutive general. "We need to replace the funds we have expended in the revolution and the war with those hated English."

"What do you suggest?" responded the little General, now First Consul for Life and in no mood to be anything but contrary.

"Word has come through certain channels that Président Jefferson is considering an attempt to purchase New Orleans."

"Sacrebleu, why does he want to do that?"

"Foolishly, he believes we might close the port and restrict entrance to that big river of theirs."

"Can we do that?"

"Oui, Mon Général, but not without moving ships to the area at great expense."

"What is a price we could charge?"

"I believe a price of 20,000 francs would be acceptable."

"I fear that will hardly pay for one ship. I need more. Leave me! Find more francs!"

Guy de Grosjean slowly backed away, bowing in deference to the new leader of France.

Two weeks later, Monsieur de Grosjean asked for and received an audience with the First Consul.

"Général Bonaparte, I bring good news. I think you will be very happy."

"Well, make it quick. I must see Josephine. She is with the vapors and demands me attend her at her bed."

"I have a sister who lives in Porc Chambre. Her husband is a hog farmer. Their only son left home in 1796 to seek his fortune in the Americas."

"Get to the point of this interruption. I am not concerned that your sister married so poorly."

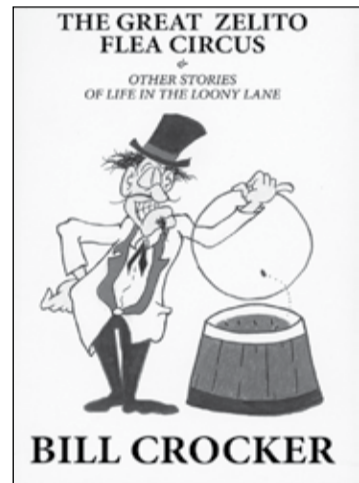
"Non, non, Monsieur. Her son, my nephew, holds a very high position with an influential New Orleans Frenchman. As you are aware, two men representing Président Jefferson are in Paris at this moment negotiating the purchase of New Orleans. My nephew informs me he has heard they might be convinced to purchase the whole of the colony of Louisiana. This would provide the funds that we so desperately need and would free France from the burden of administering this colony."



"If that is your advice, negotiate a bargain with the United States. Now leave me. I must attend to the difficult Josephine and calm her nerves or I will suffer more than she in days to come."

Guy de Grosjean did as he was told and played a very influential role in the negotiations between France and the United States.

So, this is the heretofore untold story of the young French lad who braved a sea voyage in a leaking cargo ship named Cockroach of the Sea, found employment with an influential New Orleans Creole, and acted on gossip to which he was privy that changed the course of the United States forever. The 828,000 square miles of what is known as the Louisiana Purchase became the property of the young United States in 1803 for the paltry sum of 80,000,000 francs or \$15,000,000. ★



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Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



If you knew nothing about the Sacramento Kings and went to Golden One Center for the first time Sunday, and watched the Kings dismantle the Portland Trailblazers, you would probably think this team is headed straight to the playoffs.

Well, maybe not straight to the playoffs, but a one game, win-or-go-home game against the Golden State Warriors is going to answer a lot of questions many Kings fans have had all season.

Personally, I have been a die hard, and predicted that the Kings would equal or exceed last year's win total of 48 wins. Obviously, I was wrong, as the Kings took two heart-breaking losses on the chin, leaving them two short of last year's win total.

Although I never like whining about poor officiating, what the Kings have had to endure in losses to the Celtics and Oklahoma City Thunder in the past two weeks has been reprehensible.

The NBA came out and issued apologies to the Kings organization for the blatant missed calls that in both cases cost them a critical win. This should not happen in an environment where the highest caliber of players perform, and what is needed are officials that measure up to the same standard.

But those losses are in the loss column and that is where they stay, regardless of apologies.

After a disappointing week, the Kings rose to the occasion Sunday against the Trailblazers and finished off a roller coaster season with a convincing win. It was good for the Kings, and definitely good for the fans.

Should-be all star Domantas Sabonis missed a triple-double by one assist, but still led the entire NBA with an eye popping 26. Besting Nikola Jokic by just one triple-double, Sabonis also led the entire league in rebounds, an astounding feat.

For the many Kings fans that lived through 16 years without a playoff appearance, having an opportunity to make the playoffs with just two wins in a row, must seem like the impossible dream.

A win tomorrow night against the arch-rival Golden State Warriors would give the Kings one more chance to make

the playoffs when they would meet the winner of the Pelicans/Lakers game.

So, what are the positive/negatives that we have to look back on, now that the 2024 season is in the hopper?

Number one is a highly competitive team that brings 100% effort every night, and that is something that no fan should ever take lightly.

Number two for me is a team that is growing together and loves to play together. For the first time in the past 20 years, I'm convinced the Kings are truly one player away from making a real championship run.

This coming off season will answer a lot of questions, and will tell the fans if Monte McNair's acquisition of Domantas Sabonis was an anomaly, or what we can expect from a young GM. I like what I see in this guy, but operating efficiently in the draft, and having the ability to lure an attractive free agent to Sacramento, is paramount if we are to be a true championship contender.

On the negative side, this was not a good season for coach Brown, who continued to tinker with his lineup for the entire season.

Whether Colby Jones, Chris Duarte, or Kessler Edwards, Brown could not make up his mind what he had or how to play them.

Trey Lyles was the real recipient of Brown's inability to assess his talent, and never received the quality minutes on the hardwood that he deserved. I am a firm believer that Lyles is not just a stalwart bench player, but someone who should be occupying a starting role.

Lastly, I don't believe Brown did the job of growing young players like Davion Mitchell and Keegan Murray. It's not just the time on the court, but how you grow the confidence in the young players you have, and without a doubt there was a missed opportunity here.

The Kings gave me an entertaining season, with a team spirit that only further enhances my love for this group of never-say-die players.

Like all of you I will be rooting beyond measure for a victory Tuesday night.

Go Kings, and a big thank you to all of you that have read and supported Kings Korner! ★

Lady Honkers Stay Atop CVC Standings

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

Yuba City

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba City girls softball team rebounded after their first Capital Valley Conference loss with a 13-3 victory over the Roseville Lady Tigers on Thursday, April 11, to stay in top spot of the league.

The win against Roseville was the first for Yuba City since the 2022 season, and the Lady Honkers keep displaying their high-level confidence after they were beaten for the first time in league play a couple days earlier against Bella Vista.

Yuba City sophomore shortstop Chloe Gonzales and junior center fielder Alexia Alvarez led the way in the game with three hits a piece as Gonzales had a double and a triple in the game. Alvarez led the Lady Honkers' with five runs-batted-in (RBI's) in

the victory.

Gonzales told the Dispatch that the day in between the games they worked on staying level and driving through the softball, along with swinging at better pitches in the strike zone.

Alvarez added that another adjustment of a good vibe throughout the warming up process was music and constantly cheering one another on, and the constant positivity throughout the team was a big factor in the win against Roseville.

Gonzales and Alvarez told the Dispatch that the knowledge and positivity that Head Coach Patty Gates brings to the team on a daily basis is amazing.

Yuba City junior pitcher Tori Hernandez pitched another great performance and the defense behind her was spectacular.

In the win over Roseville, the Lady Honkers had double-digits for the



Sutter senior pitcher/Boise State-signed Olivia Bauer (5) throws a pitch during her perfect game on Tuesday, April 9, against Twelve Bridges.

second game in a row as they pounded 17 hits on the day. Yuba City had six players with multi-hit games.

The Lady Honkers were scheduled to end the first half of CVC play this week against Inderkum on Tuesday, and were scheduled to begin the second half against Woodcreek yesterday, Thursday, April 18.

Sutter

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The Sutter Union girls softball team continued their success last week in the Pioneer Valley League as they had two shutouts in a 9-0 victory over Twelve Bridges and a 24-0 win over Center.

Sutter hit .525 as a team between the two games

and 10 players of the Lady Huskies accounted for one hit during the week.

Against Twelve Bridges, Sutter senior shortstop Grace Diaz led the way with three hits and three runs-batted-in (RBI's), and senior catcher/Sacramento State signee Alexa Carino blasted an opposite-field home run.

Lady Huskies senior pitcher/Boise State signee Olivia Bauer tossed a perfect game from the circle. Bauer struck out 12 hitters and threw 72% strikes in the game.

Bauer and Carino exploded the next game in the 24-0 win over Center as they both had three hits, hit a home run and had six RBI's each in the game.

Sutter senior

second baseman/Northwest Nazarene University signee Nai Garcia also had four hits and four RBI's in the game.

The Lady Huskies were scheduled to host Wheatland this past Tuesday and were supposed to travel to play at Colfax yesterday, Thursday, April 18.

River Valley

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The River Valley girls softball team got their first Capital Valley Conference win this season as they beat Bella Vista on Thursday, April 11.

The win over Bella Vista snapped a four-game losing streak as River Valley was able to survive three long balls

off the bats of Bella Vista hitters.

It was an all-around team effort from the Lady Falcons as they received a hit from every player in the game, and freshman pitcher Ainsley Holley pitched 4.1 innings where she allowed three earned runs, gave up three hits and struck out four hitters.

River Valley junior Claudia Dudek came into the fifth inning and relieved Holley for the final 1.2 innings to shut the door on the Lady Broncos.

The Lady Falcons' win helped Yuba City stay at the top of the CVC for the time. River Valley was scheduled to host Woodcreek and Antelope in CVC play this week. ★

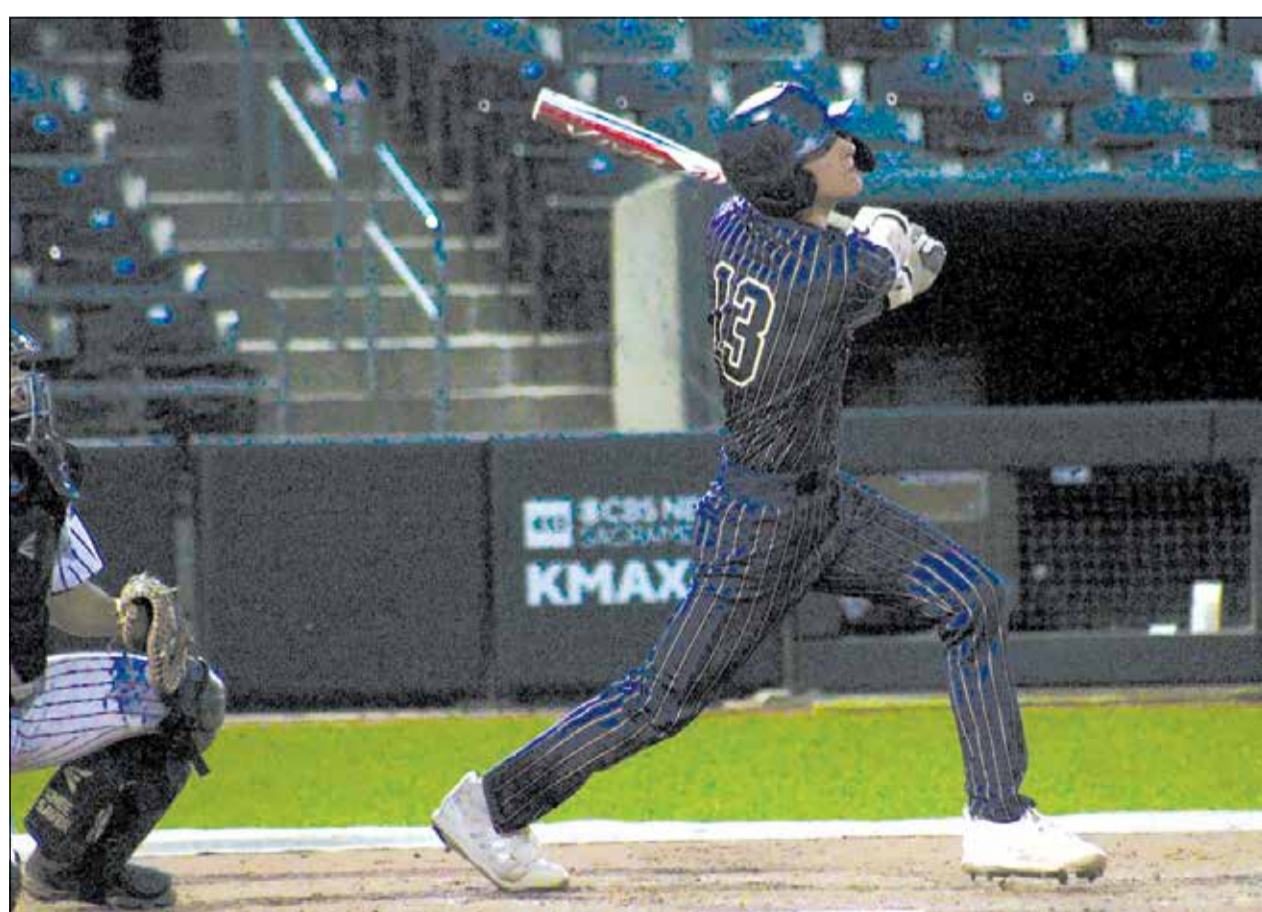


Yuba City junior center fielder Alexia Alvarez (7) gets ready to catch a fly ball in the Lady Honkers' 13-3 victory over Roseville on Thursday, April 11.



Yuba City sophomore short stop Chloe Gonzales (13) throws a Roseville runner out at first base after making a diving stop in the Lady Honkers' 13-3 victory on Thursday, April 11.

Big Innings Hurt Yuba City as They are Swept by Woodcreek



Sutter junior first baseman Brady Wickum (13) hits a fly ball in the Huskies' 4-0 win over Union Mine on April 6.

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

Yuba City

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The young Yuba City Honkers baseball team was swept by the Woodcreek Timberwolves in the latest three-game Capital Valley Conference series last week as they fell to 5-7 overall in league play.

Yuba City Head Coach Maury Castaneda told the Dispatch it was one bad inning each game that dug the Honkers into a hole. Although Yuba City fell below a .500 winning percentage and into fifth place in the CVC standings, Castaneda believes in his team to make the jump and get back into the playoff

picture.

In the series against Woodcreek, the one bad inning by the Honkers allowed the Timberwolves to put up a crooked number on the scoreboard of four or more runs. The runs were scored off primarily hits but the crooked numbers throughout the week shifted the momentum of Woodcreek.

Of the 17 players on the roster, 10 are sophomore/juniors and his starting infield a lot of time throughout the season has been the younger core.

A positive for the Honkers against Woodcreek was the ability to put runs up on the board and constantly put the ball in play, which they had previously struggled with

in the earlier part of the CVC schedule.

Castaneda expressed to the Dispatch that they will put it all together one of these days and will be dangerous when they connect and click on all cylinders.

Yuba City was scheduled to host the CVC leader (Bella Vista) this past Tuesday and Thursday evenings before they are supposed to finish the three-game series today at Bella Vista.

Sutter

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The Sutter Union baseball team swept their two-game series against the Wheatland Pirates last week and maintained their perfect record in Pioneer Valley League play.

In the Sutter 10-0 victory on Tuesday, April 9, Huskies senior pitcher/Hawaii signee Jagger Beck pitched a no-hitter.

The only blemish that kept the game from a perfect start was a walk in the top of the fifth inning, but Beck looked dominant on the hill as he struck out six Wheatland hitters searching for a treasure on how to find a hit as 67% of his pitches were thrown for strikes.

Junior first baseman Brady Wickum led the Huskies with three hits and opened the game scoring as he hit a two-run single in the first inning with two outs.

In the second game on Thursday, April 11, it was a pair of Sutter senior arms that pitched a gem between Rylan Giovannoni and



Yuba City junior infielder Zeke Garcia (2) fields and is ready to throw a runner out at first base in the Honkers' 11-7 defeat on Thursday, April 11.

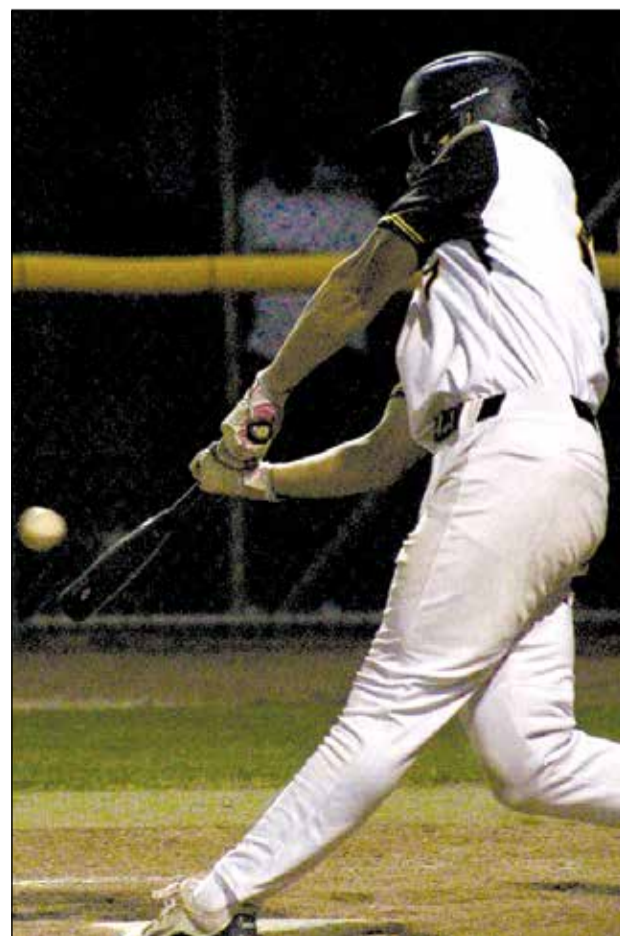
Kasey Combo.

Giovannoni picked up his third win of the season after he pitched six innings of two-hit baseball. He sat down seven Pirates at the plate. Combo pitched a scoreless seventh inning.

The Huskies had three

multi-hit performances in the game including Wickum, junior center fielder Carson Bishop and senior shortstop Logan Yacavace.

Sutter was scheduled to continue PVL this week against Center. ★



Yuba City senior outfielder Kaedin Bullock hits a home run in the Honkers' 11-7 loss to Woodcreek on Thursday, April 11.