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Folk in the Fall Returns



Folk artists play on an outdoor stage at the Tee Garden Event Center last year during the inaugural Folk in the Fall event. This free music festival and street fair will return on Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Center Street in Yuba City. Photos courtesy of Gwenhwyfar Buckley

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Traditional, generally rural, author unknown, passed down through oral tradition... these are some of the many definitions of folk music, a term Gwenhwyfar Buckley is still trying to pin down for herself.

"I think you can go a lot of different ways with it," said Buckley. "It's hard for me not to get confused with world music too."

For Joseph Meyers, folk music brings him a sense of happiness and nostalgia. He recalls long trips in the car with his father singing songs about the local area that were sung to him by his own father.

"It feels good knowing that there's history behind the music," said Meyers.

Buckley and Meyers are once again teaming up with their company, Canopy Productions, to bring year two of Folk in the Fall back to Yuba City. This 12-hour music festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 off Center Street.

"It's 12 hours long and each set is about an hour, and we have two stages, so if you think about that, it's actually 24 hours of music," said Buckley, the event's primary organizer.

Buckley and her bandmate, Meyers, pioneered their first

local folk festival last year at the Teegarden Event Center in Yuba City. This year's festivities will be hosted just a few short blocks away, nestled between some of the area's highest rated eateries, Steele House Coffee, Fernando's Cali Kitchen and Sutter Buttes Brewing.

"It felt like it was a bigger event for what the venue was last year," said Buckley. "That's basically what made us move, us feeling like it should be a bigger thing."

This street style fair will feature approximately 20 different folk artists, all of whom have been personally vetted by Buckley and her team. Guests can expect chill

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Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Bets on Sutter Health

**Sutter Health
News Release**

YUBA-SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The Enterprise Rancheria Tribe, owners of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento, announced a \$1 million gift to Sutter Medical Foundation. This landmark donation, the largest ever received by Sutter Medical Foundation, will provide vital support to cancer patients and their families in Yuba-Sutter counties through programs, services, equipment and more.

"We see the tremendous healthcare that our community receives from Sutter Health and were inspired to partner with them for an extended period to unlock the possibility to transform healthcare for our Greater Yuba-Sutter County community," said Glenda Nelson, chairwoman of Enterprise Rancheria.

Through funds raised at the annual Pinktober event hosted by Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento, Enterprise Rancheria and its affiliated Enterprise Community Fund will make an annual donation of \$200,000 per year for five years starting in 2024. This philanthropic investment will drive impactful innovations in cancer care for residents in and around Yuba and Sutter Counties and the greater Sacramento region.

"We are excited to be partnering with Enterprise Rancheria to shape the future of cancer care for everyone in our community, building the most comprehensive, integrated and connected health system," said Dr. Steven Dale Blair, president of Sutter North Medical Foundation.

**Expanding Care for
Yuba-Sutter Region**

Sutter Health is committed to expanding access to healthcare in the Greater Yuba-Sutter region. One of Sutter's latest investments in the area is for a new primary care clinic in Plumas Lake. Set to open in 2025, this new facility will house primary care physicians and rotating specialists, enabling patients to receive care close to home. Last year, Sutter Health established a new program in the area to identify patients at risk for lung cancer sooner. Area residents benefit from multidisciplinary care teams from across the network to diagnose and receive needed cancer care and treatment faster, helping improve overall health outcomes and chances of survival.

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Horses and Healing and Art

A Free Equine Therapy Clinic for Veterans

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is pleased to be able to offer a unique opportunity for local veterans to experience the joys and benefits of a hands-on program at the Horses and Healing Therapeutic Riding Center in Newcastle.

The free half-day clinic is being held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 7. Participants will be guided through a series of activities designed to connect with the healing power of these magnificent animals. There will also be a supplemental art project as part of the day's activities.

Registered participants will meet at 624 E St. in Marysville at 8:30 a.m. for check-in and a 9 a.m. departure. Transportation will be by carpool or caravanning for those wanting to drive themselves. For anyone who prefers to meet at the center, the address is 1255 Monument Place,



Equine therapy has been proven to address physical, emotion and social challenges. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

Newcastle. Lunch will be included. Advance registration is required and payment of a \$20 fee to hold the spot. The fee will be reimbursed in cash on the day of the event.

Equine therapy programs for military veterans, often

referred to as equine-assisted therapy or equine-assisted activities and therapies, offer a range of physical, emotional and psychological benefits. These programs use interaction with horses to help veterans cope with various

challenges, including physical injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and the transition to civilian life.

Equine therapy is unique in its ability to address physical, emotional and social challenges

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Beloved Forester Wins Award for Contributions to California Forestry

California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) Forestry Advisor Ryan Tompkins was posthumously awarded the Francis H. Raymond Award by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) on Nov. 6.

This award is given to the individual, organization, agency, or company who has contributed the most to the management of California’s natural resources. Criteria includes volunteer participation and achievements reached as a professional.

Tompkins graduated from UC Berkeley’s (UCB) School of Forestry in 1996 and went on to receive his Master of Forestry degree from UCB in 2001. His first job was researching wildfire impacts for the National Park Service. In 2003 he went to work for the Plumas National Forest (NF) as a timber sale administrator and steadily climbed the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) ranks to the position of lead silviculturist for the Plumas NF. In 2019, he left the U.S. Forest Service to become a forestry advisor for the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources in Plumas, Lassen and Sierra Counties.

Tompkins was involved in local and statewide forest and forest health issues. He served on the science advisory panel for the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force as a member of its reforestation working group. He also shared his expertise with the Quincy Library Group and with other projects, including U.S. Forest Service efforts to accelerate the pace and scale of forest restoration work in California.

Tompkins was always willing to help, offering his time and expertise through activities such as



Ryan Tompkins has been awarded the Francis H. Raymond Award by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Photo courtesy of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

volunteering to prepare communities for wildfire. After certifying his own home and 36 others in the Galeppi Firewise community in 2018, he helped create the Quincy Firewise community in 2020, certifying 2,400 residences and introducing an interactive online Firewise reporting tool to allow volunteers to register home hardening, fuel reduction and wildfire preparedness efforts. The tool is now recognized nationally.

From 2020-2021, Tompkins worked with the Feather River Resource Conservation District (RCD) to monitor long-term ecological conditions following post-fire treatments. He also helped pilot an emergency forest restoration team that led to the restoration of more than 2,000 acres of forestland across more than 200 properties in Plumas County.

In 2022, Tompkins co-authored the paper “Operational Resilience in Western U.S. Frequent-Fire Forests,” which became a guiding document for U.S. Forest Service and local Resource Conservation District forest health projects, including the Claremont and North Quincy Projects. Following the occurrence of catastrophic wildfires like the Dixie and North Complex, as well as others, he worked with small and large private

landowners to obtain grants to help reforest their lands and helped prepare them for the follow-up investments in vegetative treatments that ensure successful reforestation.

Most recently, Tompkins collaborated with local Indigenous groups to develop a management plan that would incorporate traditional ecological knowledge for beargrass management in timber harvest plan areas.

“Ryan never had to shout because the room always listened when he spoke. His passion for forestry went beyond his job. It permeated into his life and was something he loved sharing. He was the consummate educator, never dumbing his topics down, but always making it relatable and fun,” said Michael Hall, District Manager Feather River Resource Conservation District.

Tompkins was Registered Professional Forester (RPF) #3108. He was nominated for this award by RPF Robert A. Gimble and UC Berkeley Professor of Fire Science and Forest Policy Scott Stephens. Tompkins’ wife, Michelle Coppoletta, accepted the award on Tompkins’ behalf.

For more information on Ryan Tompkins or the Francis H. Raymond Awards, contact Dan Stapleton at (916) 653-8031. ★



Ryan Tompkins’ wife, Michelle Coppoletta (center), poses alongside members of the Board of Forestry after accepting the award on Tompkins’ behalf. Photo courtesy of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Bets on Sutter Health

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This year, Sutter celebrated 50 years of serving the Brownsville community, about 40 minutes from Yuba City. In the early 1990s the two doctors who established a healthcare practice in Brownsville, Bill Hoffman, M.D. and John Rose, M.D., partnered with the Sutter North Medical Group, which allowed them to make seamless referrals to some of the country’s top specialists in the Sutter Health Network.

“We are grateful to have philanthropic

partners who recognize the possibilities to advance and expand our mission of exceptional care for local residents,” said Elizabeth Vilardo, M.D., chief medical officer, Strategic and Philanthropic Initiatives for Sutter Health who participated at the official event announcing this commitment. “A gift of this magnitude helps us reimagine healthcare and turn possibilities into realities.”

Learn more about how Sutter Health is transforming healthcare at sutterhealth.org and vitals.sutterhealth.org. ★

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acoustic vibes, Celtic music, singalongs and a variety of others, such as “Jake the amazing harmonica player.”

“He’s a teacher that always wears a particular hat,” said Meyers. “He himself is worth coming for. You just don’t get to hear that type of music that much.”

Folk in the Fall is a free event but there will be many vendors selling their wares. Guests can cozy up at Steel House Coffee, which will house the Sunflower Stage inside, or indulge themselves over at the Lost Treasure Stage outside the Sutter Buttes beer garden. Dressing up is highly encouraged.

“It’s ‘Folk in the Fall’ and the theme

kind of revolves around folklore, like the creatures you’d meet out of books,” said Buckley.

Proceeds from selling vendor space will be used to pay artists and the rest will be donated to Creative Thinkers.

Creative Thinkers, founded by Joe Steele of Steele House Coffee, is an up-and-coming nonprofit organization whose mission is to teach and empower young people in artistic expression. Some of the primary classes featured on their website, creativethinkers.art, revolve around videography, music production and creative writing.

“Joe has supported us a lot and we are happy to give back,” said Buckley. ★

Horses and Healing and Art



For veterans, the connection with a horse often becomes a powerful symbol of trust. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

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simultaneously. For veterans, the connection with a horse often becomes a powerful symbol of trust, healing and resilience, enabling them to rebuild their lives with a sense of purpose and peace.

This is Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture’s second year of free, outdoor programs geared toward getting the community outside to enjoy guided adventures of various kinds. It has all been made possible thanks to an Outdoor Equity Program Grant that it received from the California State Parks & Recreation Department. Why is access to the outdoors important? Nature is a public good that’s crucial for everyone’s health and well-being.

Veterans can register for this program at yuba-sutterarts.org. Contact program coordinator, Anna Newman, with any questions at 956--525-2031. ★



The equine therapy clinic will include a series of activities designed to connect with the horses, as well as an art project. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

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LaMalfa Elected Chairman of Congressional Western Caucus

Office of Rep. Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Nov. 19, the Congressional Western Caucus Executive Committee unanimously elected Executive Vice Chair Doug LaMalfa (CA-01) to serve as the Caucus’ Chairman for the 119th Congress.

Chairman Dan Newhouse (WA-04) and Chairman-Elect LaMalfa released the following statements after the election.

“I want to offer my sincere congratulations to my good friend Doug LaMalfa on his election as Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus,” said Chairman Newhouse. “Doug is a true champion of the west, given his strong support for the multiple-use mandate for public lands, proactive management of our forests, American agriculture and domestic energy production. It has been an honor to serve as Chairman of the Western Caucus for the last four years, and I am excited for the Caucus’ future under its new leadership.”

“I’m grateful for the opportunity to serve as the new Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and to continue fighting for rural America,” said Chairman-Elect LaMalfa. “Chairman Newhouse has done an admirable job elevating the issues that matter most to the West, and I want to thank him for his strong leadership and dedication. He’s laid a solid foundation for the Caucus, and I’m ready to build on his accomplishments as we tackle the challenges ahead. The Western Caucus is a strong voice in Washington, and I look forward to working with the Trump Administration and our members to deliver results for the folks who call rural America home.”

Doug LaMalfa is a fourth-generation rice farmer and business owner who has lived in Northern California all his life. Doug attended local schools and grew up learning the value of hard work and community service. Doug earned his degree in Ag/Business from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Doug is a strong voice for the North State’s agriculture and resources-based economy and for the first district’s farms and businesses.

Doug was elected to the California State Assembly and State Senate before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012. In Congress, LaMalfa has been a strong advocate for limited, constitutionally grounded, government, fiscal restraint and lower taxes. In Congress he has worked to protect families from overregulation, ensure American farmers and ranchers can continue to feed the world, and has focused recovery from natural disasters.

Congressman LaMalfa’s district in Northern California has been hit with numerous catastrophic fires that have killed over 100 people in recent years. He has sponsored legislation to help citizens recover and change forest policy to reduce wildfire risks.

Doug LaMalfa’s firm beliefs are that government should do no harm and that limited government means government should do only what people cannot do for themselves, in the most efficient manner possible.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California’s First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties. ★

Adventist Health and Rideout Recognized by U.S. News & World Report

Adventist Health and Rideout News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Adventist Health and Rideout is proud to announce that it has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report in its 2024-2025 ratings with six high performing marks, an increase from four in the previous year. This recognition underscores our commitment to delivering exceptional healthcare services to our community.

Our high performing areas include Heart Failure, Chronic Obstructive

Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Heart Attack (new), Kidney Failure, Pneumonia (new) and Stroke.

These recognitions highlight the expertise and dedication of our staff in treating a wide range of complex conditions. Adventist Health and Rideout remains dedicated to advancing healthcare services and improving patient outcomes through innovative treatments and compassionate care.

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

Open Burning Permitted in the Sutter Buttes

Sutter County Administrator’s Office of Emergency Services News Release

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Fire Department will officially end the fire season at 5

p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Anyone with a valid fire permit issued by the Feather River Air Quality Management District may resume burning within the closed fire area.

Please call Feather River Air Quality

Management District (530) 634-7659 to verify burn days.

We wish to thank all the property owners who cooperated with us over the last few months to help reduce the fire danger. ★

Let The Games Begin: 2026 Campaign for California Governor Now Looms



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California has a lengthy — very lengthy — list of critical economic, social and policy issues that are very likely to remain unresolved when Gavin Newsom vacates the governorship 26 months hence.

The nation’s highest levels of poverty and homelessness, shortages and rising costs of housing, exploding energy bills, an uncertain water supply, street crime, chronic educational shortcomings, a bullet train project that seems to be going nowhere, and multibillion-dollar budget deficits are merely the most obvious flashpoints.

Most were evident when Newsom was elected governor in 2018, promising vigorous efforts to neutralize them, such as his ridiculous pledge to build 3.5 million units of housing, but most have become even more intractable during his reign.

Given that unfortunate history, why would any sane person volunteer to step into Newsom’s shoes? The fact that quite a few Californians are weighing 2026 bids for the governorship testifies to the essentially irrational nature of political ambition.

The next political cycle begins with no clear front-runners, which is a bit unusual. Rather, we have at least a dozen potential candidates, none of whom can claim more than

fractional support, plus one huge unknown factor: Vice President Kamala Harris’s career plans after losing her presidential bid.

A new poll by UC Berkeley’s Institute of Governmental Studies confirms the lack of a front-runner and, just for fun, tests the possibility of a Harris comeback run for governor, ala Richard Nixon’s vain attempt to become governor in 1962. While nearly half of voters surveyed said they would consider supporting Harris for the governorship, it could be as polarizing as her White House campaign.

“Considerations of Harris as a potential gubernatorial candidate are highly partisan,” the poll found, “with 72% of Democrats saying they would be very or somewhat likely to consider supporting her, while 87% of Republicans would not. Among voters not affiliated with either major party, 24% would be very likely and 13% somewhat likely to support a Harris 2026 bid for governor.”

Discounting a Harris candidacy, the poll found that another newly defeated Democrat, U.S. Rep. Katie Porter, sits atop the field, with 13% of voters ranking her as their first or second choice, followed closely by Chad Bianco, the Republican sheriff of Riverside County, at 12%.

Porter gave up her Orange County congressional seat this year to run for the U.S. Senate, but lost in the primary to another member of Congress, Adam Schiff, who claimed a Senate seat last week.

Among Democratic voters, Porter scores 22% support, more than twice what her most likely

Democratic rivals garner. Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, the state’s former attorney general, all are in the 10-11% range.

Among Republican voters in the survey, Bianco and state Sen. Brian Dahle are virtually tied at about a third each.

The chances for any Republican to become governor are almost nil, given the overwhelming Democratic voter majority, but the state’s top-two primary system makes Republican candidates more relevant against a large field of Democrats.

That tactical element was very apparent earlier this year when Porter faced Schiff and a third Democrat, Rep. Barbara Lee. Schiff spent heavily to help Republican Steve Garvey finish in second place in the primary, ensuring a November win.

Counting Porter, there are five reasonably viable Democrats who might run next year — not only Kounalakis, Villaraigosa and Becerra but Attorney General Rob Bonta. A five-way split of Democratic voters would make it easier for a Republican to finish second in the primary, as Garvey did, and indirectly help the leading Democrat to become governor.

Let the games begin. *Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state’s political, economic, social and demographic trends.* ★

Gallagher Makes Statement on Newsom’s Special Session

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher issued the following statement in response to Gov. Gavin Newsom calling a special session of the Legislature

to ‘Trump-proof’ California:

“This special session is a shameful political stunt. The only ‘problem’ it will solve is Gavin Newsom’s insecurity that not enough people are paying attention to him. There will not be a single policy implemented in

this special session that couldn’t be addressed when the Legislature reconvenes in January. If Newsom is so eager to set up a 2028 presidential run, he’d be much better served by fixing the crime, homelessness and high costs that will doom his campaign.” ★

California’s Climate Rules Leave Working Class Behind



Ted Gaines, Board of Equalization Member

The next time Governor Newsom puts on his detective hat and tries to get to the bottom of the “price gouging” that is supposedly driving absurdly high gas prices in California, he should start with the most obvious culprit in the state: himself.

Earlier this month, Newsom’s California Air Resources Board (CARB) voted to approve changes to the state’s Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS), potentially

adding \$.65 cents a gallon to the already punitive cost of gasoline. Although consumers may be recoiling at the thought of even higher prices, political leaders must be relishing the opportunity to make it more difficult to own and operate an internal combustion vehicle.

It’s obvious that California Democrats and their national counterparts are pushing the state and nation into a rapid Electric Vehicle (EV) future that is having dreadful consequences for families and workers.

Of course, this leftist project is under the guise of “doing something” about climate change, regardless of practicality or without any cost-benefit analysis.

Newsom, for example, issued an executive order mandating that by 2035, all vehicles sold in California are zero-emission, a standard met only by plug-in electric vehicles. Although nobody, including the governor, can say with any precision how an all-electric vehicle fleet would change global climate, if at all, it’s easy to see how current EV policies are

harming consumers today.

EV subsidies are forcing lower- and working-class fuel consumers to pay for wealthy folks’ expensive electric vehicles. “Greening” the electricity supply in California has been a major driver of skyrocketing electricity rates. After all, what good would it be to run electric vehicles on coal power? This has pushed up rates nearly 4-times faster than the national average over the past decade. Pacific Gas & Electric’s residential electricity rates are double the national average.

As reported in The Wall Street Journal, “California households owed \$2.1 billion in unpaid utility bills at the end of 2023, more than four times the amount in 2019.” While climate effects may be tough to predict, policy makers should have seen this outcome from a mile away.

That’s not even counting economic pain caused by the never-ending attacks on the petroleum industry here, which cost jobs and add around \$1.50 in government costs to a gallon of gas, before the LCFS bump earlier this month.

Soon, Californians could be paying more in taxes and fees for every gallon of gas than some states pay for an entire gallon.

Elitist Progressives put unpredictable and microscopic changes in potential future weather ahead of blue-collar jobs and affordability today. It’s no wonder that the Republican party is making huge inroads among working class voters.

These policy-induced high energy costs are one of the reasons why, when adjusted for cost of living, California has the highest poverty rate in the nation.

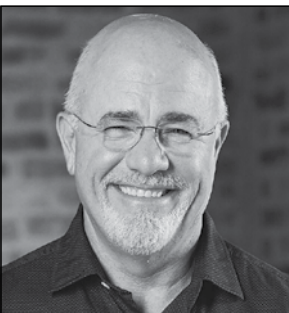
Between California’s highest-in-the-nation gas taxes and stealthy taxes such as the LCFS, California is banking profits from oil that would make John D. Rockefeller blush. Poorer Californians, who already spend more of their incomes on basics such as transportation, are paying the price.

California is also about to ban Diesel RV sales in the state in a few weeks, choking off another practical, affordable living and travel option for our citizens.

It never ends. Just for once, I’d love to see a more balanced approach from our politicians that acknowledges California environmental policy is creating the nation’s worst poverty. If that is a price the dominant political class is willing to inflict on our citizens, so be it. It would be nice to at least hear it.

But I stand with the working-class families who are struggling to get by and the many companies who are trying to survive in this hostile state. I support American sovereignty and American jobs. The government gas price gouging and reckless push towards electric vehicles must stop.

Senator Ted Gaines (Ret.) was elected to represent the Board of Equalization’s First District. He is a leading taxpayer advocate, defender of Prop. 13, and is committed to providing trustworthy and transparent representation for nearly ten million constituents in 34 counties of northern, eastern, and southern California. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Gaines. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I'm 20-years old, and I'm in a bad spot. I've been a jerk for the last year, not listening to my parents about anything. Now, I've got over \$10,000 in debt from running up bills on credit cards and writing some bad checks. Two weeks ago, I also lost my job and totaled my car. I'm about to lose my apartment, too, because I don't have the money for rent. A friend of mine said I could stay with him for a while, but I'm really scared. My parents say I created this situation all by myself, and I need to figure out a solution all by myself. Would you please give me some advice? I don't even know where to start.

– Justin

Dear Justin,

It sounds like you're about as close to rock bottom as a person can get. I know it's a scary situation, especially for a young person. I've done stupid stuff, too. And the

Dave Ramsey Says When You Hit Rock Bottom

stupid things I did had lots more zeroes on the end than you're looking at right now. So, I've got some good news for you. There's hope! The simple fact that you're looking for help, and have realized the way you've been living is stupid, means you want to change. That's a good thing.

Still, when you do stupid things, you've got to pay what I call "stupid tax." I'm talking about the consequences of your actions. It sounds like you're going to have get two or three jobs, and find a really cheap car that will get you around for a while. If you do this for maybe 12 to 18 months, and live on a very strict monthly budget, you'll probably be able to pay off all that stupid tax you've accumulated.

I think you've also recognized the fact that you left your integrity and self-respect on the sidelines for way too long. That means doing the right things really needs to be a priority from now on. The cool thing about the practical issues you mentioned—finding an-

other permanent place to live, something to drive and paying off the debt—is that all this will get better because you've made a conscious decision to be better.

You might want to think about finding and regularly attending a good church, too. Any understanding and caring pastor would be honored to pray with you, and walk with you as you get your life back together and headed in the right direction.

God bless you, Justin. You can do this!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★



Sonoma County Farmers Celebrate Measure J Defeat

The defeat of a Sonoma County ballot measure last week brought relief for farmers in the county. As of Friday, more than 85% of voters had voted against Measure J, which within three years would have banned large dairies and poultry farms in the county. The measure would have capped the number of animals each farm can raise, banning large farms or forcing them to downsize. Doug Beretta, owner of Beretta Family Dairy in Santa Rosa and president of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, said he was "ecstatic" so many voters had sided with the county's farmers. "The community came together to fight for agriculture," Beretta said. "When those results came in, it really showed."

Brussels Sprouts Nab More Acreage as Demand Grows

As Brussels sprouts have become trendy on social media and restaurant menus during the past several years, California farmers have been able to cash in on the vegetable's popularity. "The market's really grown, especially the fresh market, and a lot of that has to do with the food shows on TV and chefs' artistic abilities," said Monterey County-based vegetable grower Jeff Hitchcock. "It's really put Brussels sprouts on the map." U.S. per capita consumption of Brussels sprouts increased from 0.33 pounds in 2011 to 0.78 pounds in 2019, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics.

Agencies Identify Organized Farm Equipment Theft Ring

As part of a monthslong investigation known as Operation Tractor Pull, California law enforcement agencies have uncovered an organized agriculture equipment theft ring that targeted San Joaquin Valley farms. After conducting extensive surveillance operations throughout the San Joaquin Valley, authorities said evidence collected accounted for 24 pieces of stolen equipment valued at more than \$2.25 million. Authorities recovered \$1.3 million worth of equipment. "This is a large-scale theft ring impacting our farmers, our ranchers and our agricultural community," said Tulare County Sheriff Mike Boudreaux during an Oct. 29 press conference.

Turkey Supplies Ample Heading into Thanksgiving

The Voice of California Agriculture podcast, produced by the California Farm Bureau, discussed turkey supplies heading into the Thanksgiving holiday season. Bill Mattos, president of the California Poultry Federation, said on the podcast that despite millions of turkeys being lost to bird flu across the country during the past two years, "I think you'll find plenty of turkeys for Thanksgiving," including fresh California turkeys. Mattos said prices may be slightly higher on average this year, but that many grocery stores offer steep discounts on Thanksgiving turkeys to get shoppers into their stores. The episode also covered the efficiency of autonomous sprayers, water flow standards for the Scott and Shasta rivers, and crop damage estimates resulting from hurricanes in Florida and North Carolina. ★



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"Sigma" Event

The 2008 crisis was monumental in many aspects. The massive amounts of money spent by world governments to stave off the potential economic harm of the real estate implosion had never been seen before.

The crisis was labeled a high "Sigma" event, as in very high. Without getting too technical, a high Sigma event is supposed to happen only once in a certain amount of years. High Sigma events could be said to have the odds of occurring roughly once in thousands of years. For example, a 10-Sigma would be an event that happens once every 5.249e+020 years (that's half a Septillion years). A 10-Sigma is more like a metaphor for something that can never happen or is so great of a number you might as well use infinity.

That said, in the last few decades we have actually had a handful of high Sigma events and each one larger and more devastating than the last.

Not only is a high Sigma event very unlikely to happen, it is even more unlikely that two of them would occur within a few short years. Strangely enough, we have seen a handful of high Sigma events in the last 40 years, something that, according to the Sigma theory supporters, should not have occurred.

In 1987 the market crash was deemed a high Sigma event, which was followed by another high sigma event in 1997 which involved a hedge fund called Long Term Capital Management.

That was followed by the dot-com crash, which was followed by the mother of all events, the 2008/09 real estate implosion which almost caused a global financial meltdown. That was until the CoVid event happened. Yet another high Sigma event.

The 2008 crisis was thought to be "it", meaning we had dodged the biggest possible bullet of all time, and did so by using an unprecedented levels of monetary stimulus.

All of the above mentioned market crises were high Sigma events, and each one was larger than the last. Subsequently, each one required more central bank intervention than the previous event.

The CoVid event was only supposed to happen once in hundreds of thousands of years. In fact, all of these events were only supposed to happen once every few hundred thousand years. Like I said, now we've had half a dozen.

At some point, seeing as we have had half a dozen or so of these high Sigma events, and every subsequent one makes the series of them an extremely, almost impossible occurrence in itself, we have to conclude the Sigma theory and it's



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We attended the monthly board meeting of Yuba Feather Community Service last night. They will not meet in December, so the next meeting is January 14. They usually meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the community center in Brownsville. Things that get discussed are maintenance of the playground and ball fields, events coming up and how to raise money to manage the community center. All are welcome to attend and we wish more were interested in what is happening. Without volunteers the YFCS can do nothing. Please become a member and see how you can help. The baseball this summer was great; the building is used for parties and other events. Please call Penny Helton at 530 675-9145.

School News From Keri -
Thanksgiving Is a wonderful time of year when we gather with friends, family and community. It's a day to reflect, give thanks for all we have and celebrate with people who mean the most in our life. Below are some quotes from some of our local kids when asked, "What does Thanksgiving mean to you?" Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

how its calculated is flawed, as in very flawed.

Either that or we must be very, very unlucky.

Whatever the reason, the more important and disturbing fact is that each event is requiring more and more monetary intervention. The intervention is in the form of monetary creation by central banks. Monetary creation is what it sounds like. Creating money. Some call it money printing and there are many other names for it such as stimulus, quantitative easing or asset purchases. Whatever you call it, it simply central banks pushing a button and creating dollars in a bank account. Actually many bank accounts, and mainly the accounts of financial institutions.

And therein lies the problem. Money does have value even if it comes from thin air, or in this case a computer key stroke at a central bank.

But in creating so much money over the last four or more decades, the amount of dollars floating around the world is very large. And like a rain-storm of bananas (if such a thing could occur) where the price of bananas would plummet, the "price of dollars" has also plummeted, which is to say a dollars "worth" has also plummeted. Translated into plain English, that plummet in value IS the inflation we are all witnessing.

Simply put, the central banks of the world have been raining down money everywhere. A literal money flood of epic proportions for decades. And although the economies of the world in the aggregate amount to a vast bucket which can absorb a massive amount of money, at some point they can absorb no more without the subsequent and massive loss of value that each dollar possesses which now is now manifesting as horrendous and probably an unstoppable inflationary conflagration.

And apparently, that point in time has arrived.

Got inflation?
"Watching the markets so you don't have to"

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Homeward



By Kathy Craig Harteis

It's been a long hard journey but I'm homeward bound. Sadly I've been sick most of the trip.

I accomplished what I set out to do. I made a promise to Aunt Betty that I would be there and I would conduct her service. Betty never let me down and I was determined to keep my promise to her. I did.

I was blessed to have time with my family. I was blessed that my forever friend Deb provided a place at her house for me to recuperate.

I had a big old birthday during my time in California. Friends Deb and Connie hosted me to dinner at the Cattlemen's. The best part was time with them. Our times together, once frequent, are now few and far between.

As we age it becomes more apparent what is truly important.

We need to appreciate one another. We need to help where we can and we need to show appreciation when kindness is shared with us. The old hymn "Pass it On" says it best.

"It only takes a spark to

get a fire going. And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing That's how it is with God's love.

Once you've experienced it You spread your love to everyone

You want to pass it on."

Author: Kurt Kaiser (1969)

As Thanksgiving approaches let's remember to pass it on.
Life is good today.
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55. September stone
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9. Back arrow key
10. Indeed
12. Against the stream swimmer
13. Say "pretty please"
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19. Uncooperative, like a mule
22. "Battleship" success
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26. Carpet style
27. Lily genus, pl.
28. Angers
29. "All for one and one for all," to Musketeers
32. Egyptian goddess of fertility
33. Hair raiser
36. *_____effect, or compulsive handwashing
38. Pileus, pl.
40. Entomologist's catcher, sometimes
41. Agora, plural
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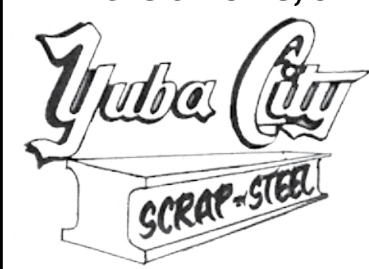
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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Sacramento Kings were 2-2 in the past week, but that doesn't begin to tell the tale.

Beginning with a disappointing 116-96 loss to the San Antonio Spurs and concluding with a thrilling 121-117 win over the Utah Jazz, the Sac Town ballers had an up and down week that ended on a high note.

Sadly, injuries played a role, sidelining big man Domantas Sabonis and newcomer all-star DeMar DeRozan, both with lower back issues.

In between the Spurs and the Jazz, saw the Kings take a tough overtime loss to a talented Minnesota Timberwolves team, and win decisively over the Phoenix Suns by the score of 127-104.

The real story of the week was none other than the offensive show put on by point guard DeAaron Fox, who scored a total of 109 points in back-to-back games against the Timberwolves and the Utah Jazz.

Setting a Sacramento Kings scoring record, DeAaron put the team on his back against the Timberwolves, scoring 60 points and shattering his previous personal record. Just one game later, with Malik Monk, DeMar DeRozan, and Domantas Sabonis sidelined with injuries, Fox backed up his 60-point performance with 49 more, this time in a win over the Jazz.

Thanks to the offensive explosion of DeAaron Fox, the Kings now have a player in the top ten in scoring. DeAaron is currently #6 in the NBA in scoring, and remarkably the Kings are the only team in the NBA to feature three players with a scoring average of 20 points or higher per game.

In addition to raising his scoring average, DeAaron is fifth in the league in steals, averaging 1.8 per game. I look for Fox to challenge the top spot in steals as the season wears on.

Overall, the Kings are off to an 8-6 start, and most pundits and fans alike are well aware that their record could be decidedly better.

It took a few games for DeRozan to become completely comfortable with his teammates, and that should be taken for granted.

Since the first few games, DeMar has been the perfect fit, and teams are having a difficult time trying to figure out who the go-to player is going to be. The Kings are spreading the boy to everyone on the court including Keegan Murray, who has had an up and down start to the season as it relates to scoring.

Keegan has made a noticeable move forward as he has focused on rebounding and improving his defensive efficiency.

Domantas continues to rebound with ferocity, and the rebounding champion of the past two seasons, is currently #2 in the NBA behind big man Nikola Jokic.

Nursing a sore back, Sabonis is on the sidelines, and with nothing definite coming from the Kings organization, Domantas is day to day.

So, what kind of a report card should the Kings receive as they play in their 15th game against the Atlanta Hawks on Monday night.

I give the team a solid B, considering the addition of DeMar DeRozan and understanding it takes time for a starting five to jell.

Let's not forget the energy and scoring punch that Malik Monk brings to this team, and the sooner we see Malik back in action, the better off the Kings will be. Reportedly, Malik has a week to go before he'll be ready for any hardwood action.


Sadly, after witnessing what I consider to be one of the worst officiating seasons in the past 50 years last season, the zebras were back to their old ways Saturday night and were it not for Kings ability to challenge two horrific calls by the referees, the Kings would have likely lost to the Utah Jazz.

I have no answer for what the NBA needs to do, but clearly the officiating is sadly lacking in quality, and this has not always been the case.

I credit the NBA with putting challenges into the mix, but there is still more that needs to be done.

Meanwhile, keep the faith Kings fans. This team is showing a lot of bright spots, so let's get everyone healthy and see if the Sac Town boys can get on a winning streak!

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APN: 006-150-012-000 TS No: CA09000145-24-1 TO No: 240281257-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 16, 2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 9, 2024 at 09:00 AM, The Fifth Street Entrance, Yuba County Courthouse, 215 Fifth St., Marysville, CA 95901, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on August 20, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019-010539, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Yuba County, California, executed by DOMINIC LOUIS LA BRUZZO, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for AMERICAN PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF EXHIBIT "A" TO FIND THE POINT OF BEGINNING COMMENCE AT AN IRON TUBE SET FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP ENTITLED, "YUBA RIVERBOTTOM FARMS", FILED FOR RECORD IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF YUBA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SAID CORNER BEING NORTH 89° 17' EAST 2677.0 FEET FROM THE CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 34 AND 35, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4EAST, MOUNT DIABLO BASE AND MERIDIAN, ON THE THIRD STANDARD PARALLEL NORTH; AND RUNNING THENCE

SOUTH 89° 17' WEST 23.2 FEET TO THE SAID POINT OF BEGINNING; RUNNING THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING SOUTH 30° 59' EAST 70.8 FEET TO CENTER LINE OF A DITCH; THENCE ALONG SAID DITCH LINE SOUTH 48° 05' WEST 67.2 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 38° 33' WEST 82.2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0° 43' WEST 169.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89° 17' EAST 66.9 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING 0.235 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3328 WALNUT AVENUE, MARYSVILLE, CA 95901 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$214,493.51 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may

withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com or call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case,

CA09000145-24-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA09000145-24-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: October 22, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA09000145-24-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 6 NPP0466890 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 11/15/2024, 11/22/2024, 11/29/2024

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
BRUCE BLAIR WILSON, PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-01457
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
12/16/2024
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) BRUCE BLAIR WILSON, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: BRUCE BLAIR WILSON
to: BRUCE BLAIR THOME

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: 10/31/2024
Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-264
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RIVER DIVA OUTDOORS
13764 GRAHAM CT
BROWNS VALLEY, CA 95918
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. BRIAN MARINO
13764 GRAHAM CT
BROWNS VALLEY, CA 95918
2. ERIN HENDRIX
13764 GRAHAM CT
BROWNS VALLEY, CA 95918
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/01/2024.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Brian Marino
Erin Hendrix
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on November 8, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-265
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
La Cabaña
14832 Winther Way
Brownsville, CA 95919
MAILING ADDRESS
6469 Marine Ave
Arbuckle, CA 95912
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Renata Valenzuela
6469 Marine Ave
Arbuckle, CA 95912
2. Alfredo Montanez
6469 Marine Ave
Arbuckle, CA 95912
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
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:
Renata Valenzuela
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on November 8, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2024F-251
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JB BOOKS
1460 BEFORD ST
OLIVEHURST, CA 95961,
COUNTY YUBA
1) JESSICA BASTING,
1460 BEFORD ST
OLIVEHURST, CA 95961
This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/29/2024.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
JESSICA BASTING
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on OCT 18, 2024, indicated by file stamp.
(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
11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13/24
CNS-3869086#
TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-242
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Royal Massage II
523 E Street
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Baoxiang Wang
523 E Street
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 04/01/2022.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Baoxiang Wang
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on October 3, 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
Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YUBA
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
WILLIAM AND HOLLY GISLER, PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-01494
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

HEARING DATE:
12/30/2024
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) WILLIAM AND HOLLY GISLER, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: DAVID HARLAND GISLER
to: HARLEY DAVID GISLER

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: 11/6/2024
Stephen W. Berrier
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
November 15, 22, 29, DEC. 6, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2024F-241
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Jedi Pirate Yoga,
8919 Arrowrock Trl,
Smartsville, CA 95977
Yuba County
1) Selden Shipley Dickinson,
8919 Arrowrock Trl,
Smartsville, CA 95977
This business is conducted by 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:
SELDEN SHIPLEY DICKINSON
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba on OCT 2, 2024, indicated by file stamp.
(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
11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22/24
CNS-3863439#
TERRITORIAL DISPATCH

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2024F-259
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Peach City Inn
1078 N Beale Road
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Manya Hotels Inc.
2205 Able Ct
Sacramento, CA 95835
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:
Dhruv Manuvijay Mistry
CA/CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on October 30, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
DONNA HILLEGASS,
County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk
Nov. 15, 22, 29, 2024.

Community Events

18TH ANNUAL TURKEY DRIVE
NOVEMBER 12 - NOVEMBER 23

Turkeys and donations will be collected Nov. 12 thru Nov. 23 at various location in Marysville, Yuba City and Colusa. To find times and locations go to KKCy.com; KUBAradio.com; Power955.com or www.ysunitedway.org (click on "Upcoming Events") or by calling 530-743-1847. You may also make cash donations online: www.ysunitedway.org (click on "upcoming events") or Phone 530-743-1847. You can mail a donation to PO Box 122, Marysville, CA 95901.

DECEMBER 6 - DOWNTOWN
MARYSVILLE ON D STREET
TOY DRIVE, VENDOR FAIR 5-9 PM
TREE LIGHTING 5:30 PM 3RD & D

DECEMBER 7TH - 73RD ANNUAL
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5 PM. Info 530-763-5402
WWW.MARYSVILLE.CA.US

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Every Thursday 5 pm to 9 pm
FREE PARKING DOWNTOWN, 3rd & D, Marysville
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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
6 pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

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

Next Step Community Breakfast, 2nd
Sunday of the Month at Brownsville Community Center
downstairs located at 17103 Ponderosa Way. Complete breakfast includes: Coffee, orange juice & peaches. Choice of eggs, ham or sausage. Choice of pancakes, french toast or biscuits & gravy.
Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5, 3 & under Free.

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Browns Valley Emu Battle



Officers Jessica Bonner and Kenneth Weckman cover an escaped emu with a tarp with the assistance of Cal Fire on Nov. 10. They were then able to escort the feisty creature back to its pen and release it safely. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

By CHP Yuba-Sutter
Officer Jessica Bonner

An escaped Browns Valley emu met its match on Nov. 10 when it went up against two California Highway Patrol Officers, Jessica Bonner and Kenneth Weckman. Officer Bonner, a California Ironman, was named Officer of the Year in 2023. Meanwhile, Officer Weckman earned his Medal of Valor and an Officer of the Year award in 2021. It was said that the emu put up a valiant fight, lacerating its owner's hand and causing minor injuries to one of the pursuing officers. In the end, they were able to wrangle the flightless bird with the help of the local fire department, "Lady with a Lasso" (Meighan DeArmond) and the emu's owner.

The following story is a firsthand account of the incident from Officer Bonner. - Shamaya Sutton

There I was, patrolling my beat on a beautiful Sunday morning. I get dispatched to an 11-25 emu causing a hazard with near miss traffic collisions. I respond to the area. While en-route, I think to myself 'What am I going to do with an emu?'

I Google 'can an emu fly?' Nope, that's good, but they can leap six to seven feet *gulp* OK no biggie. Then I'm like, are they mean birds? So I google 'are emus nice,' and I find out they have a gnarly

kick. Then I go through the pictures of an emu's leg... holy smokes they are thick. Then I google 'how much an emu weighs,' 60-80 pounds.... OK, manageable.

I'm thinking this bird will be gone by the time I get on scene. Then behold I see the Emu on the road. I also see his friends in their enclosure.

So, I get out and try to guide it back to its home. I also see it's got a minor cut to its neck. No luck in trying to get the bird back home by walking towards it, thinking it would leap back over the fence.

I inquire with Fish and Wildlife to see if they can tranquilize the bird for ease of return and to check out its neck. No luck. Animal control had no luck either. Weckman arrives on scene and he finds the owner. So now the three of us are trying to guide the birdy home. No luck.

So, the owner tries to grab it. This is where the emu began its rounds of fighting. The owner grabs it but can't hold on. It's like riding a bull but the emu's kicking. So now we think if we can taser the emu and render it motionless for five seconds we can run to it, pick it up and put it over the fence....

Taser, taser, taser.... One connection and the emu's hopping on one leg. This is when a lady with a lasso drives by and, bless her heart, stops to help. The taser didn't work. We go

another try and the owner grabs ahold of the emu for a ride and is able to hold on. Weckman and the lady with a lasso get one foot of the emu with the snare and the rope, but the left leg is under the bird.

The owner is getting jigged around on the ground when the emu kicks trying to get away. So, the owner rolls over. I grab the right foot and start to reach for the left leg to grab ahold of the leg. Then the emu kicks. Hard. The owner is exhausted at this point and the emu had just the right angle he got the owner's hand with its talon. Pretty good laceration to his hand and he's bleeding good. So I grab the owner and start treating him for his injuries. Barely missed my hand and just got my finger.

Fire and an ambulance get called out. Weckman and the lady with a lasso get the other leg with the snare and they are holding the emu down. We place a sweater over its eyes and now we're trying to figure out how to get this bird to the property. It's about a 50-yard walk.

Fire shows up on scene and we have a light-bulb moment. They have to have a tarp, and they do. So two Cal Fire officers, Weckman, lady with a lasso and myself place the bird in the tarp and carry it back to the property. The emu rips the tarp with its talons, but it makes the trek. We release the bird alive and breathing back with the owner on the property and thank everyone for their help. ★



On Nov. 10, California Highway Patrol officers battled with an escaped emu in Browns Valley. Emu's can weigh up to 80 pounds and have some of the strongest legs of any animal which are capable of kicking with lethal force. Photo courtesy of Mathias Appel

229 Legal Actions Filed in Wake of Statewide Sting Operations and Sweeps

Contractors State License Board News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) recently completed a statewide operation of stings and sweeps to uncover unlicensed activity in the construction industry as part of a multi-agency effort organized by the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA).

The efforts resulted in 229 legal actions, largely for unlicensed contracting and illegal advertising. Unlicensed contracting puts consumers at risk in many ways, including failure to meet minimum competency requirements, lack of a license bond, or workers' compensation insurance.

Over two weeks, the Contractors State License Board joined forces with local law enforcement to conduct four undercover sting operations in Ventura, Sutter, Contra Costa and Riverside counties. The stings targeted unlicensed contractors, with investigators contacting the suspects through their advertisements.

During the sting operations, suspected unlicensed individuals arrived at designated locations to bid on various projects, such as drywall, bathroom remodel, turf installation, framing, flooring, exterior and interior painting, concrete, tree removal, landscaping, and plumbing. As a result, 10 legal actions were filed, and 42 individuals may face misdemeanor criminal charges for contracting without a license.

The individuals involved submitted bids that exceeded the legal limit of \$500. The bid amounts ranged from \$800 to \$12,000. California laws prohibit unlicensed contractors from bidding and/or contracting for construction work that exceeds \$500 in value, including labor and materials. All may now face legal consequences, which can include substantial fines and potential jail time.

A total of 79 sweep operations were conducted in 23 counties, 1,147 sites visited, 34 cases referred to local district attorneys, 37 licensee citations,

80 non-licensee citations, 26 Letters of Admonishments, 38 stop work orders and 281 advisory notices.

"Unlicensed contractors pose a significant danger to consumers," said Contractors State License Board Registrar David Fogt. "CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team performs sweeps and stings every week, and we are proud to be a top-performing agency in this year's NASCLA's coordinated enforcement effort."

Fogt added, "Nationwide enforcement operations are crucial in educating consumers about the risks of not checking a contractor's license. It only takes a few seconds to verify a contractor's license information on CSLB's website."

During the stings and sweeps, multiple individuals were cited for requesting an excessive down payment. It is illegal in California for a home improvement project's down payment to exceed 10 percent of the contract total or \$1,000, whichever is less. This misdemeanor charge carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$5,000. Subsequent payments cannot exceed the value of the work being performed or materials delivered.

Unlicensed individuals cited during the operations were provided with information on how to obtain a license and were invited to attend one of the Contractors State License Board's Get Licensed to Build workshops.

For further information or to report suspected unlicensed contractor activities, please visit the Contractors State License Board website at www.cslb.ca.gov or contact Contractors State License Board toll-free at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752). For ongoing information and updates from the Contractors State License Board, connect with us on Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

The Contractors State License Board operates under the umbrella of the Department of Consumer Affairs and licenses and regulates about 285,000 contractors in California. ★

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River Valley Girls Tennis Wins Division Championship

Story and photo
by Gabriel Ramirez,
River Valley High Athletics

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - On Thursday, Nov. 13, the River Valley High School girls tennis team played at the University of Pacific against Los Banos for the right to claim the Sac-Joaquin Division 4 Championship. The Falcons ultimately prevailed against Los Banos winning the championship 7-2!

To reach the championship game, the Falcons had previously beaten Livingston High at home on Nov. 4, and then traveled to Merced and knocked out the #2 seed El Capitan, on Nov. 6. Setting up the championship against the #4 seed Los Banos in the final!

River Valley began the match with six singles players playing. It was a good start to the match when #1 Valeria Ramirez made quick work of her opponent and came off the court first with another dominant performance by winning the match 6-0, 6-1. Falcons' #2 and #3 singles players Sanah Kahlon and Claudia Dudek came right after with wins with 6-1, 6-4 and 6-1, 6-0 respectively for Sanah and Claudia. At that point, the Falcons were 3-0 in matches and all they needed were two more match wins to claim the championship.

River High's #6 singles Mia Gill made a valiant effort but came up short with a 4-6, 5-7 loss. Then #5 singles player Sam Baker, who has had pressure matches all year, wrapped up her match with a win for the team with a

6-1, 6-4 victory.

Now all the Falcons needed was one more victory to clinch the championship, with # 4 singles Gianna Lapera taking the court. Doubles play had barely begun while Lapera was in a tough singles match with her teammates watching and motivating her to get the victory. Lapera won the last point when the opponent made a double fault on her serve and Gianna won the match 6-2 6-3. The River High singles players went out and celebrated on the court in an albeit subtle way because the doubles matches were still going on.

The Falcons were all smiles from there on. They had claimed victory and doubles were still playing. #1 doubles of Alexis Otero and Jasmeen Chauhan had a great match but lost 5-7, 6-2, 5-10. They didn't play a full third set because the match had been decided. Our #2 doubles of Jessica Reyes and Harleen Dosanjh won 6-3, 6-3. They had a great match. #3 doubles of Anjali Kazmierczak and Emma Gomez also won 6-4, 6-4.

The River Valley girls tennis team had done something they had no thoughts of at the beginning of the year, but came out victorious. The girls gave it "GANAS", desire and effort. On the ride home it was a celebration of not only the championship but of all the hard work throughout the year. THEY WERE CHAMPIONS!

The River Valley Falcons girls tennis team is thankful to everyone who cheered them on as they were a crucial part to winning as well. ★



The River Valley High School girls tennis team defeated Los Banos on Nov. 13, to claim the 2024-2025 Sac-Joaquin Division 4 Section Championship.

COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

TIGER by Bud Blake

POPEYE by Randy Milgrom

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

GRIN & BEAR IT by Dave T. Phipps

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Interviews are at 8:15 a.m. each morning unless noted

- November 22 / 7 am TBD
- November 22 / 8 am Tamera Macy Sutter Co. One Stop
- November 25 / 7 am TBD
- November 25 / 8 am Sue Moyers "Let's Talk History"
- November 26 / 7 am TBD
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Season Ends for East Nic Volleyball



Jadyn Hoffman averaged 21 kills for East Nicolaus in its two CIF Division III state championship matches last week.



East Nicolaus' Kendall Kocher made 20 digs in the Spartans' win over Vanden on Nov. 12 and will be one of the key returners next season.

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

EAST NICOLAUS, CA (MPG) - It's not often that a team wins 28 straight games and sees it season come to an end with one loss, but that was exactly the fate suffered by the East Nicolaus volleyball team, who despite battling, fell 24-26, 17-25, 26-28 to Branham, a school with over 1,800 students, in the second round of CIF Division III State Volleyball Championships on Thursday Nov. 14.

Seeded No. 8 in Division III, the Spartans opened play by coming from a set down to beat No. 9 Vanden (Fairfield) another school more than five times its size, 23-25, 25-14, 25-12, 25-23 in the first round, before making the trip to the San Jose to take on the No.1 seeded Bruins.

It was a match between two high-powered offenses, but ultimately Braham won the battle with a more efficient attack, hitting .209 to East Nic's .164, in addition to landing 41 kills versus 34 for the Spartans.

In her final match for East Nicolaus, outside hitter Jadyn Hoffman recorded a team-high 18 kills and also made 15 digs

giving her career totals of 1542 kills and 782 digs.

Addy Tagala, the other half of the Spartans' dynamic duo over the past four years, handed out 19 assists and made 10 digs in loss, rounding out her time in Trowbridge with 2254 assists, 528 digs and 215 aces.

Sophomore libero, Ashlynn Tagala made a noteworthy contribution in the match against the Bruins as well, logging 16 digs.

Despite the loss, East Nicolaus (28-1) has no reason to hang its head after going undefeated in the regular season, claiming its fourth straight Northern Section Division V title and performing admirably in the state tournament.

Before their second-round match, the Spartans turned in a strong outing at home against Vanden, in which Hoffman hammered down 24 kills and Makinze Massey added nine more.

Facilitating the attack, Addy Tagala dished out 28 assists, while Shelby Scroggins accounted for 18.

In the back row, Ashlynn Tagala made 24 digs, Kendall Kocher finished with 20 and Hoffman had 17.



Spartan setter Addy Tagala handed out a total of 47 assists in her final two matches for East Nicolaus.

Although the Spartans will say goodbye to the duo of Hoffman and Addy Tagala, who graduate in the spring, they will return a group of experienced players who understand what it takes to win.

As a result, look for East Nicolaus to be in the hunt for yet another section title when the new season begins in August 2025. ★

Everyone Can Light the World



Light the World images dazzle Times Square visitors during the Christmas season. Photo courtesy of Gary McFadyen

By Danny Wells

You might have noticed the press coverage last year for the Light the World images that filled the large screens of Times Square in New York City. Visitors to Times Square were in for a surprise when its famous billboards became a larger-than-life tribute to the true reason for Christmas: Jesus Christ.

Instead of the usual array of promotional brand logos and marketing graphics to entice viewers to purchase more products, the screens were filled with images of the baby Jesus, lying in a straw-lined manger, with a new star in the heavens luminating his face.

The billboard takeover at Times Square in New York City was part of Light the World initiative, an annual movement from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to bring people from all over the world together to share the light of Jesus Christ during



Children try out the Giving Machine, a vending machine that gives back. Photo courtesy of Gary McFadyen

the Christmas season.

The beautiful nativity scene that emerged from the blackout was a tender reminder of the Savior's birth and why we need His light and love in our lives. The event was truly a Silent Night surprise as thousands of people stood in awe

Watching the miraculous events of the first Christmas on the mammoth screens overhead.

The good news is that one does not have to travel to Times Square to embrace the Light the World experience. Following the doctrine of all faiths to "love our neighbors as ourselves," everyone this holiday season can do something to light the world for another, such as donating cans to your local food bank, leaving a kind note for your mail and package carrier,

visiting an elderly neighbor, texting someone a note that says "I'm so grateful for you," paying for the person behind you in line, asking a co-worker how you can lighten their load and leaving a small gift at a neighbor's doorstep.

You can download a list of 50 ideas for Lighting the World at www.lighttheworld.org. Or visit www.JustServe.org, enter your zip code, and find dozens of volunteer service opportunities within a couple of miles from your home.

There is a plethora of variety in these community service prospects for individuals, couples, families, or large groups.

One of our holiday family favorites is to prepare gift bags for children living in the margins. Our family, including children and grandchildren, numbers 26, and each of us has an assignment to bring something to add to the gift bags.

We set up a couple of large tables near our Christmas tree and have an assembly line to fill the bags, tie with ribbons and deliver to one of the several organizations that support needy children. It is a joy watching our grandchildren delight in filling these gift bags for others.

Another part of Light the World is the Giving Machines, vending machines with a twist. The Giving Machines have become known internationally for offering livestock that charities distribute to families to help them feed themselves or start small businesses. In a single year, givers purchased 41,000 chickens, 25,000 ducks and 3,800 beehives. Chickens, goats, piglets and beehives provided through the Giving Machines have benefited 20,000 families in Kenya and Tanzania over three years.

One year a family in Kenya received three chickens. Three years later, those three had grown to a flock of over 7,000 that provided food and income

to support not only their family but the entire village. Giving Machines partner each year with both global charities and local nonprofits to allow people to donate items to people in need and have raised more than \$32 million since 2017.

The Giving Machines will be back in Northern California this year. The big red vending machines will again be at the Westfield Galleria Mall in Roseville and at the Vintage Fair Mall in Modesto as two of the 106 global locations.

Learn more at <http://givingmachinegreatersacramentomodesto.org>.

In a time of a most polarized society, embracing Light the World brings people together, helps us to focus on others, and begets joy to both the receiver and giver. Now that you are aware of the possibilities, one question remains: What are you going to do this year to help Light the World?

Danny Wells is a Vacaville resident and can be reached at danny@dannywells.com. ★



The Giving Machines have become known internationally for offering livestock that charities distribute. Photo courtesy of Gary McFadyen

City of Live Oak Awarded Grant for New Emergency Response Equipment



On the far left is Engineer Rangel, who is holding the combination “combi-tool,” which functions as both a spreader and cutter. Fire Captain Brown, in the center, is holding the battery-operated ram. This ram is used to push the dashboard away from trapped victims to provide access for first responders to remove them from their seats. On the right is Battalion Chief Del Rio, holding an additional “combi-tool.” Photo courtesy of Carlos Del Rio

Sutter County Fire Department News Release

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Sutter County Fire Station 5 (Live Oak Fire) announced Nov. 12 that it has received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to purchase new extrication equipment. Known as the “jaws of life,” first responders use these specialized tools to safely rescue crash victims trapped inside a vehicle. “We are incredibly grateful for this grant, which will allow us to purchase state-of-the-art rescue tools and provide training to first responders that is critical for the care of people injured in crashes,” Sutter County Fire Battalion Chief Carlos Del Rio said. “These tools will significantly impact our ability to protect and serve our community, allowing us to respond even more effectively in times of crisis.”

In 2022, more than 55,000 crashes across the country involved vehicle extrication, according to National Fire Incident Reporting System data. Post-crash care is vital in preventing serious injuries from turning deadly. Delays in providing expedient care impacts survival chances. Reducing the time it takes to get to the patient, treating what can be treated, and transporting the patient to the hospital can be the difference between life and death. According to federal data, 42% of people who were killed in car crashes were alive when first responders arrived. New “jaws of life” hydraulic rescue tools will help first responders deliver life-saving measures for patients trapped in vehicles, significantly increasing chances of survival. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ★

New Traffic Signal Activation on State Route 65 in Wheatland

Signal Activation Aims to Improve Safety at Intersection with McDevitt Road



A new traffic signal was set to be turned on Nov. 21, after press time, in Wheatland. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Caltrans News Release

WHEATLAND, CA (MPG) - Caltrans is notifying motorists of the activation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of State Route 65 (SR-65) and McDevitt Road in Wheatland. The signal was planned to be turned on Nov. 21, after press time, as part of a \$10.3-million rehabilitation project to improve safety and traffic flow in the area. This project will enhance safety and connectivity in Wheatland. Key improvements include pavement rehabilitation, the addition of bike lanes and a Class I multi-use path for enhanced bicycle and pedestrian mobility, rehabilitation of drainage systems, and upgraded facilities to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. It also includes

modifications to drive-ways and enhanced crosswalk visibility as part of complete streets elements. Construction began June 2024 and expected completion is by late summer 2025. 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 updates on X @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic information, download the QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★



The new traffic signal is part of a \$10.3-million project to improve safety and traffic flow in the Wheatland area. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Reconstruction of High Glade Fire Lookout

Mendocino National Forest News Release

WILLOWS, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 11, Mendocino National Forest contractors began reconstruction of the High Glade Lookout, which was destroyed by a wildfire in 2018. The lookout is located near the southern boundary of Mendocino National Forest in Lake County on 16N37 Road or High Glade Road. Forest officials ask visitors to avoid High Glade Road and to expect increased traffic on 16N30 Road (Sam Alley Road off Pitney Lane). Access to the construction site will be closed to the public. Prior to the Ranch Fire, High Glade lookout was in use and staffed seasonally to detect wildfires in the summer and fall months. After the rebuild, the lookout will be staffed again. The location provides 360-degree views of the southern end of the forest as well as communities around Clear Lake in Lake County.

“This is an important milestone to rebuild our critical infrastructure on the forest after the Ranch Fire,” said Upper Lake District Ranger Frank Aebly. “Lookout towers serve an important role in wildfire detection but even beyond that, High Glade Lookout provides vital visitor services, education and communication during emergencies.” The lookout was originally built in the 1930s in the Civilian Conservation Corps era when other lookouts on the forest were built. At the time that it burned, the lookout was about 85 years old. The replacement lookout tower will be similar in shape and size to the previous structure, a 10 feet by 10 feet square cabin sitting atop a 35-foot steel tower. Forest engineers secured funding for the design and rebuild in 2022 through the Disaster Supplemental funding. Construction is expected to take a year to complete, weather permitting. ★



Here is a view of the High Glade Lookout in 2009. The lookout, destroyed in a wildfire in 2018, was originally built in the 1930s and is being rebuilt. USDA Forest Service photo by Mendocino National Forest

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