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'It's a Yuba City Thing'

Jim King hosts 24th annual Great Yuba City Smokeout



Jim Whiteaker preps the turkeys before placing them in the smoker during the annual Great Yuba City Smoke Out in Yuba City on Nov. 27.

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - "It's a Yuba City thing" is how Jim King described the annual Great Yuba City Smoke Out, a sentiment echoed across multiple social media platforms.

King, the Rolling Stone Pizza Company owner, has hosted this event from the "privacy" of his own back yard in South Yuba City for the past 24 years now. His outdoor smoker can hold up to 25 turkeys at a time and this year, he smoked close to a hundred.

"Sometimes it's hard waking up at 4 in the morning to do this but then I start seeing the people come in with their smiling faces and they're so happy, it makes it all worth it," said King.

The smoking event took place



Jim King, left, organizer of the Great Yuba City Smoke Out, shares a laugh with Fox 40 reporter Tony Salazar on Nov. 27 in Yuba City.

on Nov. 27, and while the morning might have been chilly, Brian Davis was there to crank up the heat with

his funky tunes. Davis is the face and force behind Be Xtra Aerial Videography & Photography, a non-profit group aimed at helping put quality shoes and sneakers on the feet of residents in need. This was Davis's first time out at King's turkey event and he said he felt honored to be selected as one of the financial recipients.

"I'm super excited, I've seen it before but never attended," said Davis "We're getting one turkey for ourselves and two we'll be donating to the Twin Cities Mission."

Funds are raised through donations collected by King and his staff of volunteers. Each bird is subject to a suggested \$20 donation upon pickup, 100% of which goes toward local nonprofit organizations. This year, King opted to split the pot between

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Gallagher Re-Elected Assembly Republican Leader

Welcomes New Members and Announces Leadership Team

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Assembly Republican Caucus has unanimously re-elected Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) as its Leader for the upcoming legislative session.

Gallagher, who has led the caucus since 2022, expressed gratitude for the continued trust of his colleagues and optimism for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

"I am honored by the opportunity to continue leading the Assembly Republicans as we fight to bring down costs, restore public safety and put California back on a sustainable fiscal path," said Gallagher. "Last session, we won big victories on retail theft, fentanyl and human trafficking. This year Republicans are ready to hit the ground running to keep up that momentum and fight for a better California."

Gallagher also welcomed six newly elected members, whose victories underscore a renewed commitment to addressing the pressing issues facing California families. These new lawmakers include two Republican pickups of previously Democrat-held seats.

Newly elected leaders are Heather Hadwick (Alturas) - District 1; David Tangipa (Clovis) - District 8; Alexandra Macedo (Tulare) - District 33; Jeff Gonzalez (Indio) - District 36; Leticia Castillo (Corona) - District 58; and Carl DeMaio (San Diego) - District 75.

"These new Assemblymembers bring fresh perspectives, strong voices, and deep dedication to improving life for their communities," Gallagher added. "From our veteran members to our newly elected colleagues, Assembly Republicans have a strong team of fighters ready to take on the challenges facing our state."

Finally, Gallagher announced Assembly Republicans' leadership

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Marysville Family Saves Woman's Life Who Was Involved in Crash, Honored by LaMalfa



From left, a CHP Yuba-Sutter officer stands with Ashley Martin, Cayleigh and Cyle Johnson, the family who saved Robbie Carpenter. Photo courtesy of CHP Yuba-Sutter

CHP Yuba-Sutter News Release

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - On Nov. 25, at about 12:20 p.m., Robbie Carpenter, 75 from Live Oak, was involved in a rollover crash into an irrigation canal

on Larkin Road north of Paseo Road. There were approximately two inches of water in the canal from the previous rain event. Her vehicle landed upside down with her head submerged in the water.

Cyle Johnson, 28, and his wife, Ashley Martin, 27 of Marysville, and their six-year-old daughter Cayleigh were visiting a residence on Larkin Road. Their daughter was playing on

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Marysville Family Saves Woman's Life Who Was Involved in Crash, Honored by LaMalfa



Pictured here is the state Robbie Carpenter's car was found in. Photo courtesy of CHP Yuba-Sutter

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front, saw the crash and ran into the house to tell her parents. Johnson ran out front and jumped the front fence and jumped into the canal. Martin also ran outside to assist.

They located Carpenter, whose head was underwater and unresponsive in the driver seat, belted in. Johnson reached in the vehicle and unlocked the door and forced the door open. An unknown passerby stopped to assist and provided a knife to cut the seat belt. They were able to pull Robbie to safety and stayed with her until the

responding EMS personnel arrived to take over care.

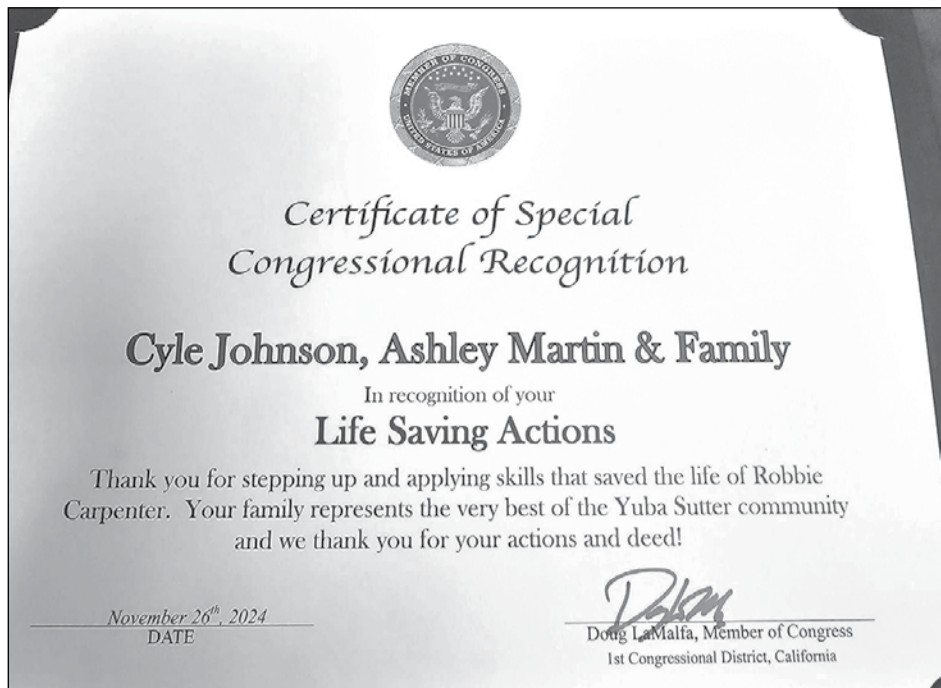
Carpenter was transported to Adventist Health and Rideout with minor injuries. Had it not been for the heroic actions of Johnson, Martin and their daughter, this would have been a very different outcome. We applaud the lifesaving actions demonstrated by this family.

A rather odd fact: Johnson was the first on scene at a fatal wrong way crash on SR-99 near Howsley Road on Oct. 13. Johnson assisted Ian Essary, who was gravely injured, and was recently

released from UC Davis. Johnson is that one guy you need in your time of need.

On Nov. 26, United States Representative Douglas LaMalfa dropped off a recognition certificate to CHP's Yuba Sutter office for the life-saving actions of six-year-old Cayleigh and her family. Officers had the privilege of showing Cayleigh one of our brand-new Dodge Charger patrol vehicles to her delight.

And even better news, Johnson is in the hiring process with CHP Yuba-Sutter. ★



Rep. Doug LaMalfa honored the family's bravery with this recognition. Photo courtesy of CHP Yuba-Sutter



Ashley Martin, Cayleigh and Cyle Johnson had several interviews with various news channels. Photo courtesy of CHP Yuba-Sutter

'It's a Yuba City Thing'



Pictured are Brian Davis, center, and his crew of Be Xtra volunteers at the Great Yuba City Smoke Out in Yuba City on Nov. 27

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Davis and a local branch of Wreaths Across America, a non-profit organization that honors veterans, active-duty military and their families by placing wreaths on veteran graves.

"I've always believed in local charity," said King. "I look to support people who are in the trenches, those who are with the

people and actually involved."

Davis said he plans to use his share to supply 170 pairs of shoes to students at three rural schools: Dobbins, Berry Creek and Yuba Feather.

"They're kind of country schools so that's why we're doing it, they don't always get the same kind of love, so we wanted to throw them under our wing," said Davis.

Davis wasn't the only one new to the turkey smokin' crowd this year, he was joined by Michelle Reyno, a Booster Club member for River Valley High School, and Gina Alexander, a Los Angeles-based influencer and handbag designer who now works locally with foster youth.

"We actually go and eat Jim's pizza all the time at New Earth



Assemblyman James Gallagher, center, poses for a photo op with Sutter County Supervisor Karm Bains and Jim Whiteaker during the annual Great Yuba City Smoke Out on Nov. 27.

Market. Our favorite is the El Rey," said Alexander. "I'm thankful to get our turkey smoked this year because the oven we usually use is kind of old."

By 8 a.m., news crews started rolling in with an appearance from Tony Salazar, a Fox 40 reporter. This was Salazar's first time stepping foot into the Yuba-Sutter region.

"This is quite unique," said Salazar. "It's kind of got that small community feel here, which is nice."

As for Jim Whiteaker, King's right hand turkey dresser and prepper, this is his fourth or fifth year in the smoking business.

"Over the years, Jim has come

to our schools and smoked turkeys for disadvantaged kids," said Whiteaker. "The kids loved it; they got to season their own birds and figure out what they wanted on it and then take it home. They were pretty happy. This year, I'll also be giving away eight of these turkeys to disadvantaged students at Pathways Charter Academy."

As the morning wore on, more and more familiar faces started to appear, including a surprise visit from Assemblyman James Gallagher. The weather was sunny and the turkeys turned out quite scrumptious. All in all, it was truly a "Yuba City thing." ★

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The Christmas Grinch

Home in Linda Brings Holiday Cheer



This dazzling home, located at 1608 Tadpole Way in Marysville, is hosting free Christmas events from 6 to 8 p.m. every Saturday. Photo courtesy of Ashley Pauling

By Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - It started with a single strand of icicle lights in 2019. Ashley Pauling had confided in her soon-to-be husband, Zachariah, about her late mother's love of Christmas and the two decided to start decorating. "Christmas was always a really big deal for my mom. She loved the decorations," said Pauling. "So it was kind of a way to honor my mom's memory."

The passing of Pauling's mother was both sudden and unexpected, having suffered a heart attack at just 58 years old. Ten days after this devastating blow, Pauling's father had a massive stroke that left him both paralyzed and unable to speak. The lights started to become both a literal and metaphorical bright spot in the family's life.

"I was dealing with a lot of trauma," said Pauling, "I never really imagined it would become what it has but it's continued to grow each year."

Their decorating journey started while the family still lived in Sacramento. After relocating to 1608 Tadpole Way in Marysville, the Paulings wasted no time in continuing their holiday tradition. Setup started in September with a focus on purple lighting for Halloween. Once November hit, blues and whites were layered on to amplify and repurpose an already dazzling display. The home's signature piece, however, is a 1972 Chevy pickup covered in at least 10,000 lights. This truck belonged to Pauling's father, who now lives under her care.

"The truck was always part of things," said Pauling. "For our high school homecoming parade, he would let us tape stuff all over it. It was a float many times for homecoming, the baseball parade, stuff like that. He used to really enjoy people getting joy out of his truck, so one year we decided to start sticking lights to it."

With the truck being made of solid metal, the Paulings found quick work by using magnets to adhere



Zachariah Pauling, right, was dressed as the Grinch last year for free photos at their home located at 1608 Tadpole Way in Marysville. Photo courtesy of Ashley Pauling

the lights. After completing the project, Pauling's father was brought out to see the glowing new masterpiece.

"He was really down in the dumps and we wanted to kind of bring a smile to his face," explained Pauling. "When we brought him outside, he was super happy and you could see in his eyes that he knew that that was his truck still and he was happy to see it like that and laughing at us."

The Paulings have been decorating this home for the past three years now, however the arrival of a new baby has put them slightly behind schedule this time. Nevertheless, they decided to open a week early on Nov. 30 to try and catch all the incoming visitors over Thanksgiving weekend.

"People usually have a lot of friends and relatives coming into town so we want to give them something they could do," said Pauling.

The Paulings frequently host free events at their house throughout the year that center around outdoor movies. Pauling has enjoyed hosting these events so much that she started asking her husband for a new concession

item to use each year for her birthday. So far, her collection includes a popcorn machine, commercial hotdog steamer, cotton candy machine and snow cone maker. Last year, Zachariah Pauling dressed up as the Grinch, which struck a popular chord with the local community. Hundreds of residents were reported to have visited the home for free pictures, cocoa and cookies.

"It was nice just to see the amount of people that actually came out," said Pauling. "We had no idea that much love for the house and the display."

This year, instead of cookies, there will be 10 different flavors of cotton candy for visitors to choose from. Donations will also be accepted there for the Salvation Army toy drive. These free events will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. every Saturday until Christmas. While there, guests can pick up a list of other holiday light displays to visit as part of the second annual South Yuba Bright Light Battle hosted by Yuba Sutter Real Estate.

"Come enjoy our beautiful light display and meet the Grinch and take family photos with him," added Pauling. ★



Pictured is a view of the Paulings' yard in Linda during one of their free outdoor movie night events. Photo courtesy of Ashley Pauling

Messiah Performances in Yuba City



At the Dec. 2 Messiah for Kids and Their Families, the Messiah Children's Choir will lead the singing of "Hallelujah Chorus." Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Oratorio Society

Yuba Sutter Oratorio Society News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba Sutter Oratorio Society's Yuba Sutter Symphony and Chorus will be presenting the 85th annual performance of Handel's "Messiah," at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1390 Franklin Road in Yuba City.

The performance by the chorus plus orchestra will be conducted by Corey Kersting. The choral director is Linda Robinson.

"The chorus and orchestra have been working very hard and are ready to share this remarkable music. We invite people to begin the Christmas season by attending this traditional presentation," Kersting stated.

Soloists this year include sopranos Sally Spatafore and Carolyn Steele, altos Natalie Nelson and Joyce Campbell and bass Brant Bordsen. The trumpet soloist is Ted Zalkind.

Numerous members of the orchestra or chorus have been part of this production for over 30 years.

"Once people start playing or singing 'Messiah,' it becomes such a part of their life that they want to sing it or play it year," Kersting said. "Ingrid Gaston, a viola player, has been playing 'Messiah' with the Yuba Sutter Symphony for close to 60 years."

"Messiah' is one of the most frequently performed pieces of music over a longer period of time than any other composition ever written. It is a joy for us to be able to present this music annually for our community," Phil Gardner, president of the Yuba Sutter Oratorio Society stated.

In the mid-1930s, Mr. Ralph B. van Courtright came to Yuba College to be an instructor in music. One of his goals was to have a performance of Handel's "Messiah" each year and the other was to have a

symphony orchestra comprised of local musicians to provide concerts of classical music in the area.

Starting in 1938, singers from local church choirs in the area, the college a cappella choir and Businessmen's Glee Club, accompanied by Ruth van Courtright and an orchestra, performed "Messiah" in the old Marysville High School Auditorium.

Afterwards, LaVerne Grell, Sarah Jane Roberts and Mr. van Courtright formed the Yuba Sutter Oratorio Society, which has continued to present "Messiah" each year performed by the Society's Yuba Sutter Symphony and Chorus.

This year's presentation of "Messiah" will be preceded by Christmas music provided by the Sutter Buttes Brass.

Messiah for Kids also to be Presented

Ten years ago, the Symphony and Chorus created a special program for children called Messiah for Kids and Their Families. It will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

This performance provides a 45-minute introduction to the text and music of Handel's Messiah for children.

"The purpose of the Messiah for Kids is to introduce this timeless musical classic to children so that they can begin to know and love this music as much as we already do," Kersting said.

The Messiah Children's Choir, directed by Alisan Hastey, will lead the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

"Messiah for Kids is also appropriate for adults to attend. Following last year's performance, a parent said, 'Even as an adult, I learned so much about Handel and the Messiah that I am coming back next year to learn more,'" Kersting said.

Both performances are free with donations accepted. ★

UCCE Sutter-Yuba to Host Wreath Making Workshop

University of California Cooperative Extension News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The University of California Cooperative Extension Sutter-Yuba Master Gardeners will be hosting a Holiday Wreath Making Workshop for the public on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension office in Yuba City at 142A Garden Highway.

The workshop costs \$75 per person, and all wreath-making supplies will be provided so participants can go home with their very own all-fresh custom-made natural wreaths. Supplies provided include rosemary, pinecones, ornaments, and bows, so that wreaths can be made in a variety of styles to suit every home holiday décor.

Instructions will be provided throughout

the workshop by expert Master Gardeners.

Coffee, tea, and breakfast will be served to participants. A small number of pre-made wreaths will be available for purchase.

Pre-registration is recommended but a small number of spots will be available for day-of registration (cash or check only). Call the office at 530-822-7515 for directions to secure your spot, or pre-register online at <https://ucanr.edu/mgwreathmakingworkshop>.

Space is limited and filling fast. The registration cost is non-refundable but is transferable.

All funds raised go towards the support and expansion of the UCCE Sutter-Yuba Master Gardener Learning Garden at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, which is open to the public for classes and tours. ★



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Lara Takes Major Step to Increase Insurance Availability in Wildfire-Distressed Areas



California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. Courtesy photo

Office of Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara announced Nov. 14 that the California Department of Insurance has submitted the final wildfire catastrophe modeling regulation to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for approval.

This “first-of-its-kind in California’s history” regulation strengthens Prop. 103 by establishing unprecedented coverage commitments from insurance companies, aimed at stabilizing the insurance market and expanding options for homeowners and business owners in high wildfire-risk areas. The submission follows several months of extensive public input, expert consultations, and multiple public hearings and workshops held by the Department.

“Consumers want solutions to our state’s insurance crisis. My new regulation will make insurance more available across the state,” said Commissioner Lara. “As California experiences more intense climate impacts, technology will tell us where the risks truly are and accurately price rates that reflect mitigation and hardening investments.”

Under Prop. 103, insurance companies are allowed to raise rates on homeowners, businesses, and consumers, but are not legally required to offer coverage in wildfire-prone areas. This new wildfire catastrophe modeling regulation, as part of Commissioner Lara’s comprehensive Sustainable Insurance Strategy, introduces a requirement for insurers to increase their policy offerings in underserved areas as a condition of incorporating catastrophe modeling into ratemaking. Providing insurers the ability to better assess risk allows them to more accurately price insurance and make coverage more available to homeowners and businesses who live and operate in wildfire-prone areas all the while ensuring that insurance companies commit to increase their writings of these wildfire distressed properties across the state.

In addition, over the past several years, California has invested billions of dollars in wildfire risk reduction, and, under Commissioner Lara’s leadership, the department has implemented several programs designed to reward homeowners and businesses for safety improvements, such as home hardening, property mitigation, and other fire-resistant modifications. These programs are intended to align insurance practices with the state’s overall wildfire mitigation efforts and investments, which must also be incorporated into catastrophe models as part of this regulation.

The Sustainable Insurance Strategy has already led major insurers like Allstate

and Farmers to announce plans to resume or expand their coverage offerings in California when its reforms take full effect.

Key highlights of the wildfire catastrophe modeling regulation include:

Expanded public engagement: The department held three workshops and hearings in 2024, which were attended by more than 1,000 interested parties, gathering input and receiving hundreds of public comments which helped shape this regulation.

Increased coverage in high-risk areas: Insurance companies must increase the writing of comprehensive policies in wildfire distressed areas equivalent to no less than 85% of their statewide market share, whereas there is no current legal requirement for insurers to commit to providing any coverage in high-risk areas.

Incorporation of wildfire mitigation efforts: Building on Commissioner Lara’s “Safer from Wildfires” initiative -- the nation’s first wildfire safety discount program -- the regulation requires catastrophe models to account for mitigation efforts by homeowners, businesses, and communities, something not currently possible under existing outdated regulations today.

Enhanced model integrity: The Department is finalizing the hiring of a model advisor to examine model integrity and ensure public review and compliance with Prop. 103.

Implementation timeline: Once approved by the Office of Administrative Law, the regulation should take effect by year’s end, with the model review process set to begin on Jan. 1, 2025.

In a parallel initiative, Commissioner Lara and Cal Poly Humboldt have established a strategy group to develop the nation’s first public wildfire catastrophe model. This partnership with California’s research institutions is designed to create an accessible, science-based model for predicting wildfire risks, ultimately supporting fair and accurate insurance rates. Expected to provide recommendations by April 2025, the group will further support California’s efforts to build safer communities and expand insurance options statewide.

By increasing insurance availability, the department’s approach aims to achieve greater affordability and stability within California’s insurance and real estate markets. The department is on track to complete the regulatory reforms under Commissioner Lara’s comprehensive Sustainable Insurance Strategy by the end of 2024 in order to address current climate risks and increase insurance protection for California consumers.

The department’s role includes regulating insurers to ensure accountability, confirm that claims are paid, and verify that consumers are not charged beyond what is necessary and fair. Furthermore, through the department’s rate regulation experts, each and every rate application filed will be thoroughly reviewed to make sure they are compliant with insurance laws, justified and transparent under Prop. 103, and that consumers are protected.

The Office of Administrative Law is now reviewing the regulation for compliance and once approved, it will become effective by the end of December 2024. This submission represents a significant milestone in Commissioner Lara’s efforts to modernize California’s insurance market with transparent, accountable, and consumer-focused solutions. ★

Sacramento Region Gained People but Flubbed Economic Opportunities Over 50 Years



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Fifty years ago this month I moved to Sacramento and a few months later, just after Jerry Brown became governor, began covering politics for the long-defunct Sacramento Union newspaper.

I have lived in five different homes — soon to be six — and my workplaces have always been in downtown Sacramento, near the Capitol.

That experience, plus research for my 1985 book on California megatrends, forms the background of some observations about the Sacramento region’s evolution. So here goes:

In 1974 the six-county region (Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Placer, Sutter and El Dorado) was home to barely a million people. However it was on the cusp of explosive growth, as was the entire state, thanks to a wave of migration and a baby boom. Today the region has about 2.5 million residents, making it the nation’s 28th largest metropolitan region, equal to the Las Vegas and Austin, Texas areas.

Much of the growth has been in Sacramento’s suburbs, so the city now contains just a fifth of the region’s population and has ceased to be its economic center, while jobs and businesses have flourished in the suburbs.

As the local economy evolved from state and federal government employment — including four large military

bases — into technology and other fields, voters had two opportunities to merge the city with what were mostly unincorporated communities in Sacramento County.

Merger would have made Sacramento the nation’s seventh or eighth largest city, with the economic and cultural clout that comes with size. But voters rejected both proposals, one in 1974, the other in 1990, and several suburbs incorporated into cities.

The consolidation failures reflected historic economic and political conflicts between the city and its suburbs which today still undermine cooperative policymaking and are visible in chaotic responses to the ever-growing homelessness crisis and the perpetual wrangling over transportation issues.

Glen Sparrow, who headed the 1974 consolidation effort, later blamed Sacramento’s “civic gentry” — its long-dominant families — for torpedoing its passage because they didn’t want Sacramento to grow.

The 1990 effort died because suburban voters saw city officials as incompetent ideologues, while Sacramento’s dominant Democrats feared that suburban Republicans would take control.

The failures blocked the city from controlling development outside its borders, and its downtown commercial district, once full of department stores, withered. It regained some momentum after the Sacramento Kings downtown basketball arena opened in 2016. But the proliferation of homeless encampments, a fatal gang shootout, a violent demonstration and the pandemic, which emptied state offices, erased much of that progress.

Meanwhile city government has become a model of dysfunction, with officials squabbling over mundane issues, chronic budget deficits and ceaseless conflicts with the county government, particularly over homelessness. The lack of cohesion means that Sacramento has flubbed opportunities to gain status among metro regions. Two examples involve its unique positioning at the juncture of two major rivers, the Sacramento and the American. Local officials blocked a canal that would have connected the Sacramento River to the channel that carries ocean-going ships to a Yolo County port and its lake, thereby missing an opportunity for spectacular waterfront development a la Southern California’s Marina del Rey. While the city is redeveloping an old railyard adjacent to downtown, it could have done something truly special by redirecting some American River water through canals, emulating San Antonio’s famous Riverwalk. A third is a failure to fully capitalize on the closure of McClellan Air Force Base in the 1990s. While the base has undergone a workable conversion to civilian use, its unique facilities also could have become another campus of the California Polytechnic State University, fueling off-campus technology businesses. Regions prosper when they have united and visionary leadership — such as North Carolina’s Research Triangle. Sacramento lacks that vision. 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 Re-Elected Assembly Republican Leader



Assemblyman James Gallagher represents the 3rd Assembly District

Continued from page 1 team for the upcoming year, which is comprised of: Floor Leader: Heath Flora (Lodi); Caucus Chair: Tom Lackey (Palmdale); Deputy Floor Leader: Kate

Sanchez (Rancho Santa Margarita); Deputy Leader (Fiscal): Diane Dixon (Newport Beach); Deputy Leader (Policy): Joe Patterson (Rocklin); Deputy Leader (Operations): Juan Alanis (Modesto); Deputy Leader (External Relations): Laurie Davies (Laguna Niguel); Chief Whip: Tri Ta (Westminster); Deputy Whip: Alexandra Macedo (Tulare); and Deputy Whip: Heather Hadwick (Alturas). “We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and skilled leadership team guiding our caucus,” said Gallagher. “Together, we will stand strong for hardworking Californians and against policies that make life unaffordable in our state.”

Assemblyman James Gallagher represents the 3rd Assembly District, which encompasses all of Glenn, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties as well as portions of Butte and Colusa counties. ★

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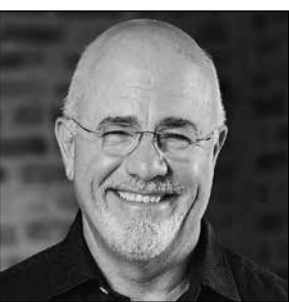
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Dear Dave,

One of my credit card bills was turned over to a collection agency, because I was late making payments several times. The agency has offered me two or three different payment options I can afford. If I agree to one of these, does the original creditor get paid, as well?

– Bethany

Dear Bethany,

You're facing one of two possibilities. The collection agency is either directly representing the credit card company, or it owns the debt outright. Neither way of handling it is unusual when someone has defaulted on a loan.

Here's the deal. You've already got a mark against you on your credit report for the bill being turned over to collections. So, at this point settling on a credit card you've defaulted on is really no big deal. Unless you have the cash on hand right now to make good on the debt outright, I'd accept whichever deal makes the most sense for you financially at the moment.

But if you want my very best piece of advice for

you, and anyone else finding themselves in this kind of situation, Bethany, it goes something like this. Stop using credit cards!

– Dave

Dear Dave,

When I leave my job in two or three years, I'll still have a good income of around \$80,000 thanks to my pension. I talked with my wife recently about us not needing an emergency fund with a continuing steady income like this, but she thinks we should still have money set aside strictly for emergencies. I think we would be fine with my pension and our other investments, but she says a fund set aside strictly for the unexpected would make her feel safer. What are your thoughts?

– Barrett

Dear Barrett,

I always recommend folks have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Put it in a good money market account with check writing privileges and a decent interest rate. That way, your money will work for you a little bit until it's needed.

I know a good pension can feel really solid. But there's always the possi-

bility of lost income or very large, unexpected expenses. Life can take a big financial chunk out of you at any time. What if one, or both of you, have a major medical event? Even with the other investments you mentioned, you should have an emergency fund. Period.

In your case, you could probably lean toward three months of expenses in your emergency fund. If it were me, I'd go ahead and make it a full six months of expenses. Trust me, a fully funded emergency fund will make both of you feel better. It can turn a disaster into nothing more than an inconvenience.

– 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. ★



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Is it Time to Sell Your Stocks?

I would never go so far as to give an all-out sell recommendation nowadays. I have in the past. But that was when the markets were somewhat predictable. Not that they are ever really predictable. But they were a bit more predictable in the past in my opinion.

To get an idea of where markets might go, we can look as to what the heavyweight investors are doing, compare that to what they may have done in the past and then see what the markets did.

Heavyweights are the major money players like hedge funds, holding companies, institutional investors and the V.P.s of public companies. It is thought, and probably rightly so, that who better to have a pulse of the markets than those with the inside track due to the amount of money and influence they have.

As previously detailed about two months back here on Money Matters, iconic investor and CEO of the gigantic holding company Berkshire Hathaway, Warren Buffett, has amassed a huge 325 billion dollar cash stash at Berkshire. Usually holding much of the company's money in stocks, he has recently unloaded huge chunks of stock shares in companies such as Apple and Bank of America. The 325 billion cash position may be telling as to Buffett's view on the markets right now.

There are other signs things might be a bit stretched in the world of stock markets. One of the largest markets, the S&P 500, is now trading at the most expensive valuation since the year 2000. One year later the infamous Dot.com crash devastated investor portfolios.

Another possible red light signaling there may be trouble ahead is that the amount of margin debt is close to fall 2021 levels right before the 2022 bear markets hammered investors. Margin debt is simply the amount of money investors are borrowing from their stock brokers to buy stocks. Although typical mom and pop investors hold "cash" accounts which don't use borrowed money, there are many investors that do. Those accounts that use margin are called "margin accounts". (One has to love the simplicity, right?).

Current margin debt in U.S. markets is running about 830 billion. The record for stocks bought with borrowed money was in late 2021 where the figure was 900 billion.

As a percentage of total stock market value, we are not quite at the 2.5% of margin seen right before the 2008 financial crisis, but the current margin percentage

has been consistently over 2%. Simply put, although not an absolute red light as to the danger, margin debt is definitely not telling us all is clear.

What is notable is that interest rates are still hovering close to 5%, which by comparison, is toward the high end of rates in the last 40 years or so. Since margin debt has a higher interest rate than the published FED rate which is that 5% figure, people are borrowing quite a chunk of change to delve into the stock market and paying handsomely for it.

Adding to the debate is the high inflation we are experiencing. Generally speaking, stocks can go up like the price of eggs and that means higher stock prices are just a result of inflation on all things and to a certain degree, the argument is a valid one. But inflation does eat away at people's available income which would lead one to conclude some folks can't afford to buy a lot of stocks much like people can't afford to buy much of anything.

That said, apparently the persistent climb of the markets has not been affected much by inflation. And as the market rises, stocks get more and more expensive as it relates to their value.

All these conflicting methodologies and theories lead me to the conclusion that indeed, the market is more unpredictable than not and more unpredictable than it has been in many years. And that doesn't help us much when it comes to a definite conclusion.

So is it time to sell your stocks?

I can't really say one way or another and I know that's not much help. What I can say is when it comes to markets, always err on the side of caution, diversify into many different asset classes, and hold a percentage of cash and cash equivalents to keep some powder dry and soften the blow should the markets correct in a meaningful way.

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

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Cost of Thanksgiving Dinner Declines, Remains Higher Than Pre-Pandemic Levels

Cooking a Thanksgiving feast for your friends and family will cost less than last year but will still be more expensive than before the pandemic. The American Farm Bureau Federation's 39th annual Thanksgiving dinner survey provides a snapshot of the average cost of this year's classic holiday feast for 10, which is \$58.08 or about \$5.80 per person. This is a 5% decrease from 2023, which was 4.5% lower than 2022. Two years of declines don't erase dramatic increases that led to a record high cost of \$64.06 in 2022. The survey also notes that the cost varies by region, with the West significantly higher than the national average, at \$67.05 this year.

Farmers Fought Fire as Insurance Crisis Left Homes at Risk

During the past three weeks, the Mountain Fire has burned some 20,000 acres and destroyed 243 structures, making it Southern California's third-most destructive fire in the past decade. The fire forced evacuations and burned around 12,000 acres of crops and rangeland, causing at least \$7 million in agricultural losses, according to Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner Korinne Bell. California's property insurance crisis, which has left many homes in areas with high fire risk uninsured, prompted some farmers to take it upon themselves to defend property from the blaze.

California Reflects on SGMA 10 Years Later

California water officials, local water agencies and farmers have spent the past decade preparing for the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA, a historic regulatory framework developed to bring overdrafted aquifers into balance by 2040. As SGMA implementation takes shape, state and local water officials, lawmakers, farmers and association leaders commemorated the 10th anniversary of SGMA last week at the California Natural Resources Agency in Sacramento. The daylong event featured panel discussions on the past, present and future of the regulation.

Increased rodent activity on farms causes damage, losses

Rodents, particularly rats, have wreaked havoc in California orchards and vineyards this year, with some farmers reporting yield losses, damage to trees and destruction of irrigation lines, electrical wiring and other infrastructure. Farmers face soaring costs not only to replace what has been destroyed or damaged but to control populations of the pests. "Rodent damage, if ignored, can lead to substantial losses," said Roger Baldwin, a *wildlife specialist* at the University of California, Davis. "I think this year is just a good example of how being a little bit more proactive may be beneficial in the long run." ★



The Brownsville Bailiwick & Beyond

Next Step Community Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, instead of its usual second Sunday of the month. Breakfast will be served from 8 – 12. There will be complimentary mimosas, a visit from Santa and several specials to choose from. This will be a great chance to visit with friends and neighbors and support Next Step with its projects.

Please find time to visit the Peddler's Fair at Ponderosa Community Center in Brownsville sometime this weekend. There will be vendors, food and lots to look at. It helps when

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Look Back in Time – In 1827 the newly completed banquet room of the Masonic Lodge in Forbestown was used for the first time, following their election of officers (before the gold "find" even. I am glad I was invited to meet in that room).

Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.

~ Yvonne

Cold Enough



By Kathy Craig Harteis

My late husband David used to have some descriptive terms for how cold it might be. Those colorful terms came to mind today as I was pumping gas into my car and it was 13 degrees. Plus, you have to remove your gloves to push the buttons on the pump. So cold. As much as I love living in North Dakota, it's times like

these that I miss California just a bit. Yet life goes on. A little cold doesn't stop us.

The holidays are coming.

I love the traditions. Things that include the grandkids are the best. Cookie day is just around the corner. School Christmas programs are abundant. It brings back so many memories.

One Christmas long ago my sister Ann and I had the chickenpox (or maybe the mumps). Holding out hope, our mom and grandma continued sewing our costumes for the school program. Sadly we didn't heal in time to be in it.

The memory I keep of that time is that we were loved enough that Mother

and Granny didn't give up. They kept sewing.

I love seeing the growth and accomplishments of each grandchild. But if I'm being truthful, I dearly miss the little kids they once were. I miss seeing the excitement and wonder each child displayed.

The good news is that we still have the little kid years ahead with 3-year-old grandson Bodhi.

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. ★

Amateur Radio Technician Class

Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club News Release

YUBA-SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club (YSARC) will be conducting classes for those interested in obtaining their license. The class will teach you everything you need to know to pass the technician level exam (FCC rules, operating procedures, radio waves, amateur radio practices, electrical principles, electrical components, station

equipment, modulation and demodulation, antennas and feed lines, and safety).

Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the American Red Cross (ARC) Center beginning Jan. 7, 2025, and ending Feb. 27, 2025. The ARC center is located at 2125 E. Onstott Frontage Road, Yuba City. On March 8 Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club will have an exam session where you can take the exam and get licensed.

The cost for instruction

is free. You will need a current copy of the "ARRL Ham Radio Technician Manual" fifth edition. The manual is available in electronic format (kindle) and spiral bound book format. You can obtain the manual yourself or the instructor can order it for you at a 20% discount from ARRL (excluding kindle). It takes about 1 week for the books to arrive.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Chicken Little said, “the sky is falling, the sky is falling,” but was it? We know of course the answer was no but does this sound vaguely familiar.

Kings fans and supposed experts would have you believe that the current team is in need of an overhaul, as well as a group of new coaches.

I’m the first to say that I’m not pleased with coach Brown’s performance thus far, but I’m not clamoring for his job. Coach Brown’s rotations have been hard to understand all season, but that is no different than the prior season where continuity was in short supply.

It wasn’t long ago the Kings were two games over 500, and suddenly went into a losing tailspin. Losers of five out of the last six games will get people talking, and everyone has an opinion.

On the plus side, no one was casting aspersions when last week the Kings announced the signing of small forward Jae Crowder. Crowder, a free agent, has a history of being on winning basketball teams, and his moniker is his hard-nosed style of play, something the Kings could use more of.

Without question, the current squad plays hard every night, but we are lacking in players that have the dog mentality that can set the bone crushing screens that the Kings seem to see nightly from other teams.

Crowder brings that element, so it remains to be seen in what capacity coach Brown will use his new addition.

Brown chose to put Crowder in the starting lineup without even a single practice, while talented Mr. everything, Malik Monk watched as always from the bench.

Imagine my surprise when not one but two former members of the Kentucky Wildcats were introduced into the starting lineup against the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday, Dec. 1 at Golden One Arena. The arena erupted when Malik Monk was introduced right in back of DeAaron Fox, and I couldn’t have been happier for Malik.

Coach Brown and Sacramento Kings fans were treated to the best scoring first quarter of the young season, as the Kings put up a staggering 42 points.

Malik was the spark plug he always seems to be, but despite the auspicious start, the Kings played poorly in the fourth quarter, and although they made it close, came away with a 2-point loss.

As is oft the case, the zebras did not help their cause, and the game was replete with calls that one would expect at a high school game, not in the highest court of basketball.

The last week began on a high note, as the Sactown boys went into Minnesota, and after losing the prior two games to the Wolves this season, the Kings put on a fourth quarter show that was a pure pleasure to watch. Surprisingly, while only connecting on 32% of their 3-point efforts, and scoring only 12 3-point field goals all night, the Kings sent the Timberwolves home with a 115-104 spanking.

For Kings fans, this type of overall efficiency, which included solid team defense all night, is what gives everyone hope that this team can turn things around.

Sadly, after breaking a 4-game losing streak by besting the Wolves, Sacramento could not back it up, losing to both Portland and San Antonio back-to-back.

The bright spot for me this past week was the emergence of small forward Isaac Jones. Nearly forgotten at the end of the bench, the rookie out of Washington State brought energy, spirited defense, and added 12 points that were sorely needed against the young and talented Timberwolves.

Why it’s taken this long to give Isaac a look is a hard question to answer but look for coach Brown to move this young forward closer to the top of the bench.

Another bright note is hearing Malik Monk in the post-game interview say it’s taken him three years in Sacramento to get a single start, and he likes being a starter where he’s spent the majority of his career.

Hang on Kings fans. It’s not time to pull your hair just yet. Christmas is right around the corner, and something tells me the Sac Town ballers may have some presents in store for basketball hungry Sacramento fans in the month of December.

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What They're Saying: LaMalfa Elected Chairman of Western Caucus

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Nov. 19, Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) was elected as chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus for the 119th Congress. This position will help bring rural America's voice to the forefront and push for policies that reflect our way of life. Leaders from across the West — spanning agriculture, forest management, energy, and conservation — are celebrating this news, underscoring the value of Rep. LaMalfa's leadership in standing up for Western priorities. Their comments, shared below, highlight the importance of this milestone for the Caucus.

Said Shannon Douglas, president of the California Farm Bureau, "The California Farm Bureau congratulates Rep. Doug LaMalfa on his election as

Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus. As a fourth-generation rice farmer, Rep. LaMalfa has spent more than a decade proudly representing an agriculturally diverse district and advocating for farmers and ranchers through his work on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources committees. He continues to bring Western and rural issues to the forefront, and we look forward to working with him and other members of the Western Caucus to support these communities."

Said Kaitlynn Glover, executive director of Public Lands Council, "We are thrilled to congratulate Chairman-elect LaMalfa as he continues his long history of fighting for the western way of life. He is a strong advocate for livestock producers and has been instrumental in improving grazing flexibility on public lands and bringing much-needed common sense to conversations

about fighting wildfires and other multiple use issues. As a western agriculture producer with decades of on-the-ground policy experience, he is perfectly suited to take on this role leading the Congressional Western Caucus. Ranchers congratulate Chairman-elect LaMalfa on his successful leadership election and look forward to continue working with him in the 119th Congress."

Said Scott Dane, executive director of the American Loggers Council, "Congressman LaMalfa represents the epicenter of poor National Forest management and the people that have experienced the catastrophic consequences of wildfires. The American Loggers Council looks forward to working with him, as the chairman of the Western Caucus, to aggressively address the threat to American forests, property, and lives through reform and active forest management."

Said Rich Nolan, president and CEO of the National Mining Association, "Congratulations to the Congressional Western Caucus's new Chairman, Doug LaMalfa, who will no doubt bring his passion and dedication to this new role in the 119th Congress. The hard-working men and women of the mining industry have long benefited from the chairman-elect's strong support, and we look forward to working with him to ensure that made in America also means mined in America. We also thank outgoing-Chairman Dan Newhouse for his strong engagement and commitment to the American Miners."

Said Paul Petersen, executive director of United Aerial Firefighters Association, "UAFA congratulates Rep. LaMalfa on being elected as Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and we are excited to continue working with him and the

Western Caucus on supporting the aerial firefighting industry. Rep. LaMalfa has long been a staunch supporter and advocate for aerial firefighting and the wildland firefighting industry."

Said Mike McShane, senior VP of Public Policy at Ducks Unlimited, "Rep. LaMalfa has a long track record of working with DU to promote voluntary, incentive-based conservation practices on working agricultural lands. His knowledge of rural America coupled with his background as a leader on the House Agriculture and House Natural Resources Committees make him a strong choice to lead the Congressional Western Caucus. We look forward to working with him to support policies that benefit waterfowl, other wildlife, and people."

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. ★

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Name
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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

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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.

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Signed:
Renata Valenzuela

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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.

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Signed:
JESSICA BASTING

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-276

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

Acorn Native Plants
16772 New York House Road
Brownsville, CA 95919
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
1. Maximillian D. Sinton
16772 New York House Road
Brownsville, CA 95919
2. Rebecca D. Sinton
16772 New York House Road
Brownsville, CA 95919

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/7/2024.

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

Signed:
Maximillian Sinton
Rebecca D. Sinton

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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-266

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Cloverleaf Market
5780 Feather River Blvd.
Olivehurst, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Balraj S. Sanghu.
5780 Feather River Blvd.
Olivehurst, CA 95961
This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/29/2010.

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

Signed:
Balraj S. Sanghu

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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5296 Acacia Way
Olivehurst, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Chris McGinnis.
5296 Acacia Way
Olivehurst, CA 95961
This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/3/2024.

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

Signed:
Chris McGinnis

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Butte College Welcomes Imelda Simos-Valdez as New Vice-President for Student Services

**Butte-Glenn
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District News Release**

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte College is excited to announce the appointment of Imelda Simos-Valdez as the new vice-president for student services.

With a career spanning more than 30 years in higher education, Simos-Valdez brings extensive experience and a student-centered approach to Butte College. She began her role on Nov. 4.

"I'm incredibly excited to assume the role of vice president for student services at Butte College because it presents an opportunity to impact student success and equity at a pivotal time in their educational journeys," said Simos-Valdez. "I look



Imelda Simos-Valdez, pictured here, is the new vice-president for student services at Butte College. Photo courtesy of Butte-Glenn Community College District

forward to collaborating with a dedicated team to enhance existing programs and initiatives, ensuring that every student has the support they need to

thrive academically and personally."

Simos-Valdez comes to Butte College from Bakersfield College, where she recently served as

interim vice president for student services, overseeing a comprehensive suite of student support services. Her leadership, which focused on supporting students from enrollment through graduation, helped increase retention rates and graduation numbers through expanded resources and support.

She began her career in student services at California State University, Los Angeles, before moving to lead the Center for Student Access and Success at CSU, Bakersfield, securing grants and bolstering outreach efforts aimed at elevating student readiness and retention. She went on to Bakersfield College, where she served as executive director of categorical programs. In addition to

her extensive experience, Simos-Valdez holds a master's degree in educational administration from California State University, Bakersfield.

Now, Simos-Valdez sees Butte College as a place where she can expand on her mission to "create an inclusive and empowering atmosphere where every student can achieve their goals." She noted, "I was drawn to Butte College because of its strong commitment to student success, equity and community engagement. The college's reputation for fostering a supportive environment aligns perfectly with my values as an educational leader."

As Butte College's vice president for student services, Simos-Valdez has an overarching goal of creating a supportive

environment where all students can thrive. Simos-Valdez's vision for Butte College includes a strong focus on holistic student support driven by data-informed decision-making and collaboration across departments. She aims to create a responsive, student-centered ecosystem, which she describes as "an inclusive and empowering atmosphere where every student can achieve their goals."

"Imelda Simos-Valdez's deep commitment to student equity and her track record of fostering impactful student services make her an exceptional addition to our team," said Butte College President Virginia L. Guleff. "I'm confident her leadership will empower our students to reach their fullest potential." ★

Farm Stand Tour Returns!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After their first farm-stand tour in early September was a major hit, the local women that peddle their home-made and home-grown goodies at their respective stands are bringing the tour back for the Holidays!

The second Gridley-Biggs Farm Stand Tour returns on the weekend of Dec. 7, with seasonal crafts, jams, gifts and fresh season fruits available for purchase.

The five original farm stand tour locations are joined by Wile Rye Farm in Gridley. This time around, each farm stand will have a personalized stamp. Visit each of the farm stands and collect a stamp from each to win a holiday gift basket with good from each of the 6 stands.

Participating in the December Farm Stand Tour are stands: Reis Ranch Produce - 405 Larkin Road., Gridley; The Sheldon Stand - 78 Sheldon Ave., Gridley; Windmill Flower Farms, 535 Obermeyer Ave., Gridley; The Crackleberry Hut, 1565 Palm Lane., Gridley (across from Eagle Meadows); Aldrich Farm



The Crackleberry Hut features unique items to create a one-of-a-kind gift basket for those on your list this year! Photo provided by The Crackleberry Hut

Cart - 666 Little Ave., Gridley and Wild Rye Farm, 1692 Grace Road., Gridley.

Maps are available on Facebook on each of the stand's individual pages. While some of

the stands do accept Venmo, visitors will want to have cash on hand.

The winner of the gift basket will be announced Sunday, Dec. 8. ★



Do you love the smells of the holiday season? Enjoy them for hours with homemade potpourri simmer pots and citrus wreaths from the Windmill Flower Farms stand. Photos provided by Windmill Flower Farms.

American Legion Post 210 Welcomes New Members

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Growing in numbers, local American Legion Post 210 has welcomed new members.

Earlier this year, two affiliated groups joined with the post and its auxiliary to form a full contingent: the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) and the American Legion Riders (ALR).

To be in the Sons of American Legion, you simply need to have a father or grandfather who served in the Armed Forces since 1919. The group aims to promote children and youth programs within the American Legion family.

With a rumble and flash, the American Legion Riders brings a fun edge to the American Legion post. American Legion members themselves, they are motorcycle enthusiasts who love to hit the road and do good within our communities.

American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders recently joined together to recognize California Boys and Girls State delegates selected by Post 210 to represent them as the delegates. American Legion chooses one junior male and female each year to send to



On the bottom row from left are Ray Whiteside, Roger Grimes, Tracy Grimes, Michelle Whiteside, Sally Duarte, Claudia Warnock and Lydia Vargas. Standing on the top row, from left are Jon Carter (guest), Josh Zwemke, and Hunter Grimes (SAL), Aaron Burks, Brad McDonald, Barry Warnock, Gene Anderson, Jennifer Cavanaugh and Owen Stiles. Photo by Seti Long

the event held in June.

This year, Girls State was held at the California State University Sacramento from June 15 to June 22, with Gridley's Annie Woods and Ryan Taranto representing Post 210.

American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders recognized them at the monthly meeting and gave them an opportunity to report on their experience gaining a better

understanding and working knowledge of city, county and state governments.

"It taught me so much about our legal system, how it works and how important it is to understand the structure of the government that runs us," Woods said. "Overall, California Boys and Girls State wasn't just about the government. It was about teamwork, leadership and developing a deeper understanding of

civic responsibility. It is an experience I'll carry with me forever and I'm incredibly grateful."

Both Taranto and Woods were honored with certificates and medals by American Legion Post 210.

For more information on American Legion, Sons of the American Legion or the American Legion Riders, call Commander Owen Stiles at 530-306-4588 or email him at ostiles45@gmail.com. ★



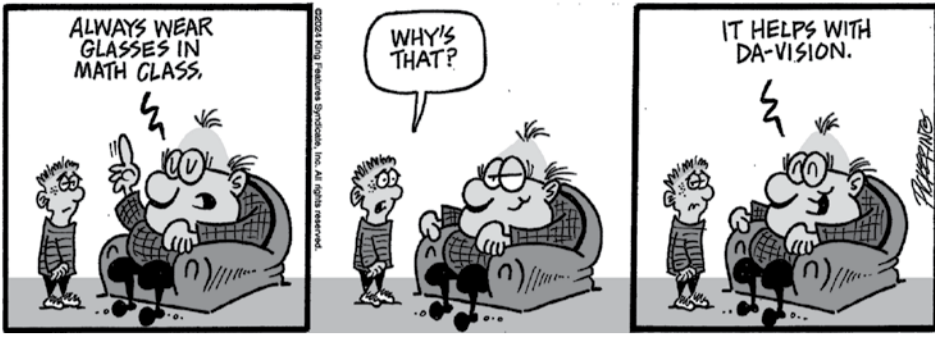
Gridley High School senior Annie Woods was selected to attend Girls State as the American Legion delegate. She is pictured here with her mother Stacey Gramps (center) and American Legion Commander Owen Stiles. Photo by Seti Long



Gridley High School senior Ryan Taranto was selected to attend Boys State as the American Legion Post 210 delegate. Photo courtesy of the American Legion

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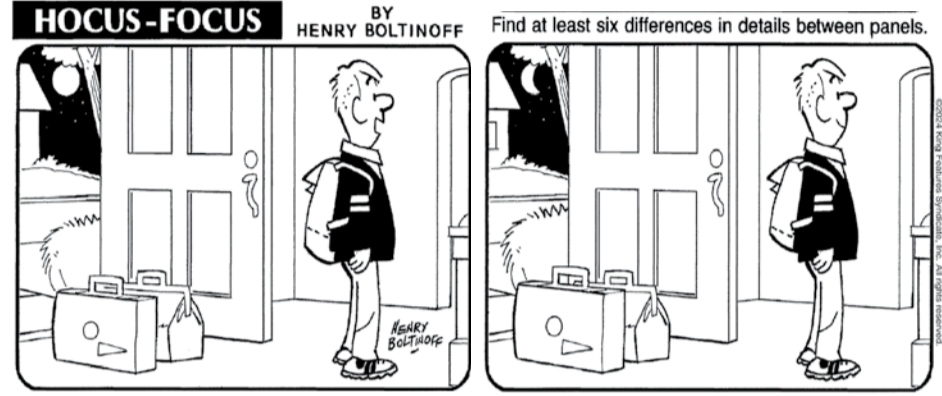
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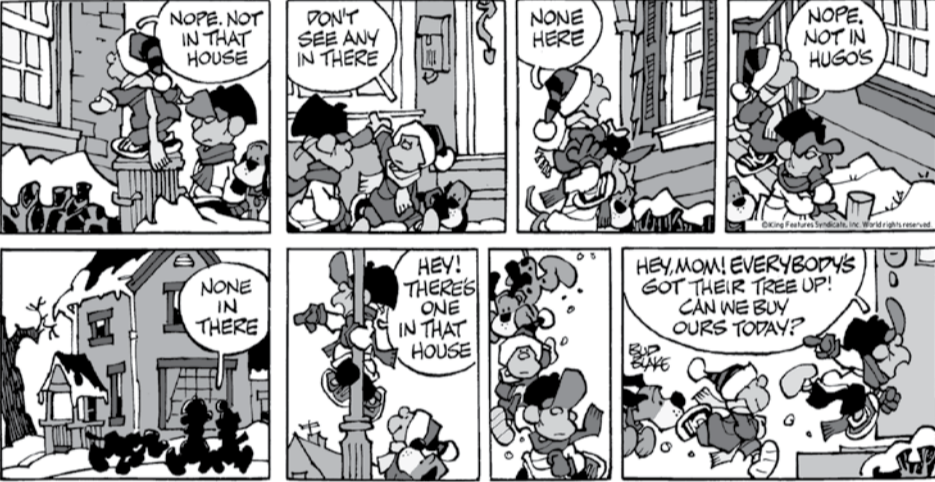
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High Wheelers Have a New Home

High Wheelers Press Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Marysville City Council has approved a new lease agreement to bring the reigning Pioneer Baseball League Champion High Wheelers to historic Bryant Field. This decision comes on the heels of a successful inaugural season, where the High Wheelers won the championship in the Pioneer League while playing at Dobbins Field on the UC Davis campus. Despite on-field dominance, the team struggled to establish a sustainable presence in Davis due to several logistical challenges.

The High Wheelers are the latest addition to the Pioneer Baseball League (PBL), a Major League Baseball (MLB) partner league established in 1939, and the second team in the league's west coast expansion, following the Oakland Ballers. The league has a strong history of player development, sending multiple players to the MLB teams each season. As a part of the team's relocation the High Wheelers will be renamed the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers. In an effort to honor the Davis fans, team founders and staff will be hosting an open forum to speak directly with people who have questions about the move.

The Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers aim to become the premium destination

for family entertainment in the Yuba-Sutter region by setting a new standard for investment in player development, community engagement, and fan experience, surpassing anything previously seen from teams in the area. The High Wheelers were founded by the same ownership group that created the Oakland Ballers, a baseball team that made national headlines by bringing a new brand of fan-centered, community-driven baseball to a fanbase that was heartbroken with the departure of the A's from Oakland.

"In Oakland, we developed a successful model of radical community participation. We are confident we can continue this in Marysville, while also staying nimble enough to consistently improve the player and fan experience. We can't wait to see how our new Yuba-Sutter fans truly make the team their own," said Bryan Carmel, co-founder of the Oakland Ballers & the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers.

Marysville, located two hours northeast of the Bay Area, is a deeply historic baseball community and offers an opportunity to re-integrate baseball into the economic and cultural fabric of the Yuba-Sutter region. The team will be playing at Bryant Field, a historic stadium built from New Deal investments. Baseball has a rich history in the community, having hosted legends such as

Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Jackie Robinson.

"On behalf of the City of Marysville, I am thrilled to welcome the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers to our community! This is more than just a team; it's an opportunity to bring families, friends, and fans together to celebrate the great American pastime right here in our city with the highest level of pro sports Marysville has ever seen! We look forward to the energy, excitement, and pride this team will bring to Marysville, and we can't wait to cheer them on as they take the field," said Jim Schaad, Marysville City Manager.

The City of Marysville will contribute \$250,000 and we expect at least double that from private sources to help fund improvements to Bryant Field. Ballpark upgrades will be used to make the field fit for professional players, including a professional club house, padded walls, and score board. The agreement is for a three-year lease and includes a number of community benefits including: camps and clinics for junior players, support for local little leagues, and free tickets for local non-profits.

"Activating Raimondi Park in Oakland taught us that baseball can be a powerful catalyst in a city's economic development. We're honored to bring the High Wheelers to Yuba-Sutter. The question is: Can



High Wheelers celebrate their Pioneer Baseball League Championship in September 2024. Photo courtesy of High Wheelers

the same community-driven model that worked in Oakland be replicated in a smaller, more rural community like this one? We believe the answer is yes and we can't wait to see the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers take the field at Bryant on opening day next spring," said Paul Freedman, co-founder of the Oakland Ballers & the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers.

The Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers are committed to creating an affordable, family-friendly atmosphere in Marysville, offering an alternative to the expensive entertainment options available in nearby metropolitan areas. By focusing on building strong relationships with local residents, the team hopes to provide both entertainment and a sense of strengthened local pride.

As a part of the team's transition, the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers are proud to announce Lon Hatamiya, as the newest

member of the ownership group. Lon S. Hatamiya is a Marysville native with a distinguished career in public service and the private sector. He served as Secretary of the California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency from 1999 to 2003, where he led efforts to promote economic development, international trade, and innovation. A Harvard and UCLA graduate, Hatamiya also held leadership roles at the USDA, founded a management consulting firm, and remains active in community service and advocacy.

"I remember building bleachers at Bryant Park as an Eagle Scout when I was growing up in Marysville. It's an honor to be welcoming a professional baseball team to my hometown! I am excited to join the team officially as the newest co-owner. The team manager will be returning, and so will many of the

championship team players setting us up for some great baseball in the spring. I am hopeful that the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers will continue to defend their victory - on and off the field," said Lon Hatamiya, Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers ownership group.

About the High Wheelers

The High Wheelers joined the Pioneer League, which was founded in 1939, as its second ever West Coast franchise. The High Wheelers are committed to providing a fun, innovative and community focused baseball experience that puts families first, while providing a new model for sports franchises. The PBL, founded in 1939, features teams based in Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Utah, and California. As an independent MLB Partner League, the PBL comprises 12 teams playing a 96-game season from May to mid-September. ★

New Softball Field Opens at Yuba College

Yuba College News Release, Chrystal Gillming

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The reigning Golden Valley Conference softball champs have a brand-new place to hang their hats (and gloves).

Yuba College recently debuted its new, revitalized softball field in a new location, now in the open space between the football stadium and the west parking lot. The 49ers new field now meets accessibility standards and allows for greater safety, security and overall improved support for student-athletes.

Coach Brian Seva, head coach for Yuba College softball, thanked Yuba College President Dr. Tawny Dotson, and Athletic Director Erick Burns for working

hard to bring this project to fruition and taxpayers for their support.

"We are so beyond excited to get on this new field. We've been staring at it for a long time without access so to say we are antsy is an understatement," Seva said. "We are grateful for the opportunity to play on this new field. This investment into our program is giving us great confidence in the future of Yuba College Softball."

The hope is the new facilities will help continue to draw softball talent to the institution, said Burns. While there are many talented players in the area, there are many community college options.

"One of the important aspects of a recruit's decision when being

recruited is the aesthetic of the college, and the functionality of the athletic facility," said Burns. "Having the campus recently painted with added signage and banners around campus, plus the mural on the theatre - these are all a part of that improved look and feel of the college along with the softball facilities."

The new field improves the overall look and feel of that corner of campus and will better serve the community experience when fans come to football games, soccer matches, and track meets.

"I think it is important to keep in mind that while the look and usability of the campus is important to the students and their educational experience, the theatre and the athletic facilities are



The reigning Golden Valley Conference champions have a new stadium to assist in their efforts to defend their title in 2025. Courtesy photo

frequently visited by the community in general," he said. "These kinds of updates have the potential to have a widespread impact on the community." Seva emphasized how the new facilities are more good news for the softball team, which is coming off a big win last season.

"We won the GVC in our first year and beat multiple schools in the Big 8. We will be even stronger this year. Combine all of that

with top-of-the-line facilities and you can see why we are so optimistic," said Seva. "I cannot wait to show this field off to our new recruits."

The prioritization of this project was supported by Yuba College through its participative governance process. This project was largely funded through local general obligation bond funding, thanks to the taxpayers in Yuba College's service area. ★

Sutter High Huskies Fall Short in Section Championship

By Daniel Canfield

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - On Saturday Nov. 30, the number two seeded Sutter High Huskies took on the number one seeded Hughson High Huskies for the 2024 CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division Five playoff championship.

The game was played under a sunny midday sky at the neutral site of historic Hughes Stadium on the campus of Sacramento City College. The matchup started off slowly with no scoring in the first quarter but ratcheted-up from there into a real dog fight with a dramatic finish. The Sutter Huskies had the lead at half-time 15-8, but unfortunately for the Sutter High faithful, the Hughson Huskies came out on top with a final score of 30-29, thanks to a successful two-point conversion in the final seconds of the game.

The Sutter High Huskies made their way to the Divion 5 playoff championship game by beating the Oakland Vikings on Nov. 15 and the Lathrop Spartans from Manteca, on Nov 22. Both of those playoff games were hosted at Sutter Union High Stadium.

With the championship win over Sutter High, the Hughson Huskies completed their perfect season with a record of 13-0 (6-0 in league play). Sutter High completed their more



Sutter High Huskies take the field on Nov. 30, at Hughes Stadium, for the 2024 CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division Five playoff championship game. Photo by Yuba Sutter High School Sports

than respectable season with a record of 11-2 (6-0 in league play).

Offensive standouts for the Sutter Huskies, from the championship game, include junior quarterback Braden Scritchfield who completed seven of nine passes for 153 yards and one touchdown. Sutter High's senior Marcus Meras propelled the Sutter offense with 14 rushes for a

total of 179 yards and one rushing touchdown. Meras was also responsible for catching the touchdown pass from Scritchfield.

On the defensive side of the ball, seniors Max Bringgold and Drew Williams led the way with a total of seven and six tackles respectively.

Congratulations to the Huskies on a season well played. ★



Sutter High's Marcus Meras catches a touchdown pass from Braden Scritchfield in the first half against the Hughson Huskies on Nov. 30. Photo by Yuba Sutter High School Sports

Mendocino Coast Home to Lesser-Known Gems

Story and photos by Dannah Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With whatever route you choose to arrive on the bluffs of the Mendocino coast, there is no escaping the first dance to this weekend romance, which is a slow and winding road through shady, lush, towering redwoods.

If not for nature itself, it could be argued that Mendocino residents designed it intentionally this way: leave your worries inland and enjoy this peace offering thrust toward your windshield as your car breaks through the trees and gives you sweeping views of endless ocean.

When it comes to visiting this region, there isn't a wrong time of year to be here. We pulled up to our vacation rental, The Homestead Mendocino, at the start of fall and it felt like we arrived right on time: the homestead's apple orchard was ripening, leaves were changing and the fog was settling. It was the perfect vibe for what we set out to explore during this particular trip, which were lesser-known gems.

Following are some gems that we found:

pudding Creek Trestle

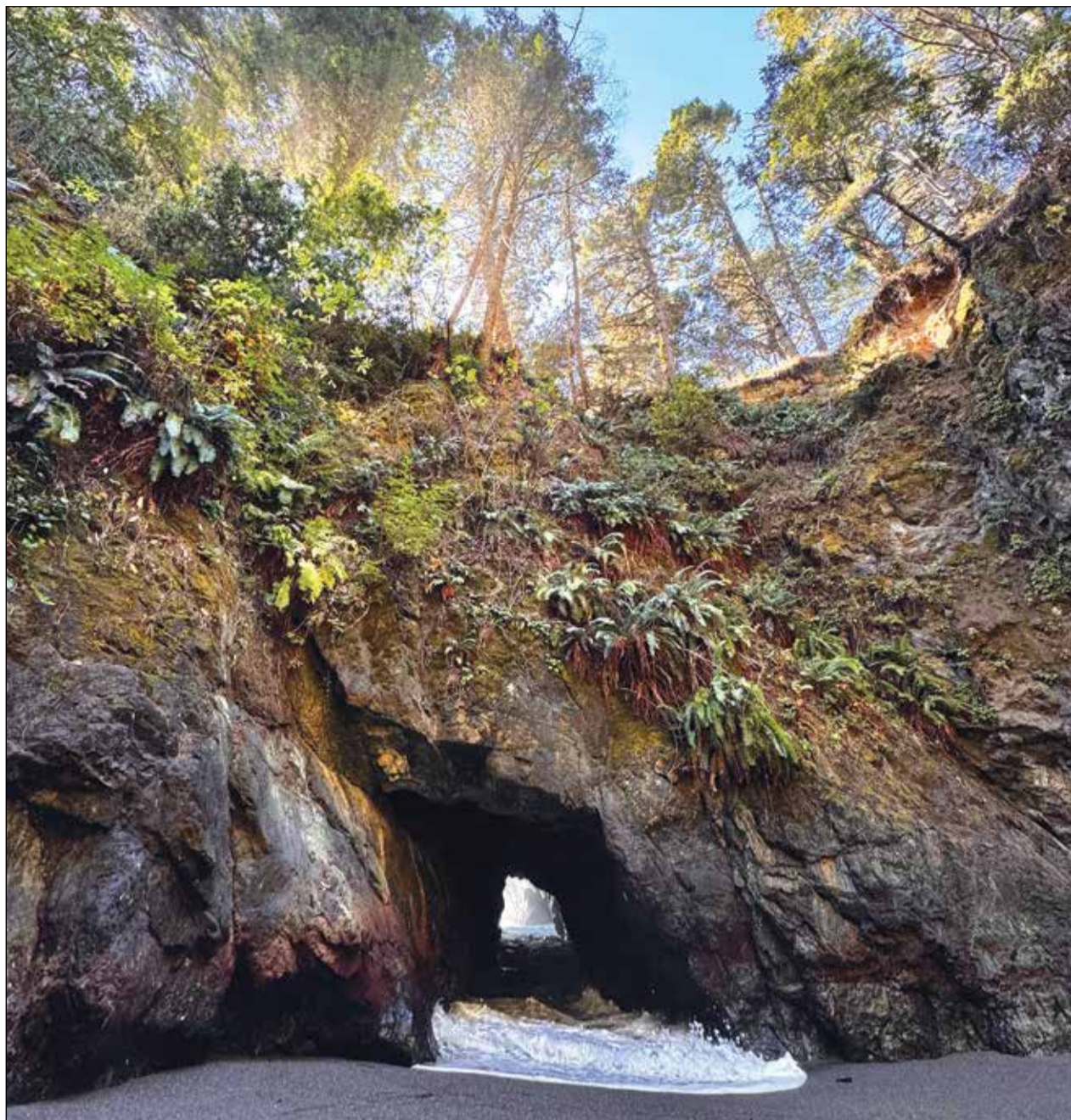
Locks on bridges have only gained in popularity and this Trestle Bridge is currently trending. Stretching 530 feet, there are plenty of unique locks to admire and room to leave your own, all while getting your steps in. The trestle is easily accessible, free to enjoy and comes with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean, unless like us, you arrive on a dense foggy morning in which case it comes with a mind-bending game of matching unseen sounds with unknown distances.

Noyo Harbor

Come for the fresher than fresh seafood, stay for the much-needed walk afterward. We opted for the highly-rated SeaPal Cove lunch spot but also highly rated are the nearby murals, eclectic collections of coastal art, marine life congregating to watch humans congregating and front row seats to our Coastguard and fishermen hard at work. Let's face it, most of us land people don't usually get everyday glimpses into this alternate world and when we do, of course we stop to debate if we could live the ocean life too. Noyo Harbor is perfect for this.

Sea Caves, Tunnels and Blowholes

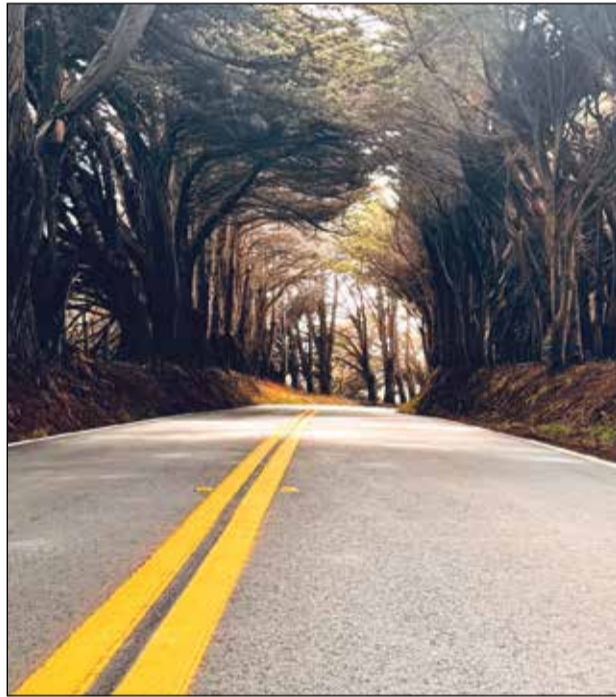
They are everywhere! Some are easy to stroll to when the tide is low, others come with vista points for everyone's safety. We found a few at the Big River Beach below the town of Mendocino at the Mendocino Headlands State Park



Many sea caves dot the bluffs up and down the Mendocino coast.



The original water tower is a center focal piece at Homestead Mendocino in Fort Bragg.



There is a surprise Tree Tunnel to coast through on your Highway 1 road trip, located in the tiny community of Inglenook, north of Fort Bragg.



The famous Westport Whale made of cement and regularly refreshed makes for a fun quick stop on Highway 1.



Here is one of many murals that can be found at Noyo Harbor.

and of course the Sinking Whole (yes, spelled correctly) at Russian Gulch State Park that allows you 360-degree views of this massive crater on a bluff. Not to be outdone are the sea caves wanting your attention at Pacific Star Winery; they make for quite a sound bath when the waves hit just right and shoot back out. If you're feeling particularly adventurous, you can also join a kayaking group to explore caves on a calm day at Van Damme State Beach.

And following are a few quick stops to note, as we do love a good roadside attraction:

The Westport Whale

A labor of concrete love, this life-sized whale sculpture is always evolving on the side of Highway 1 in the town of Westport.

The Tree Tunnel heading north of Inglenook

Made up of towering, arching cypress trees, this tunnel stretches a good 400 yards (our guess). Since there isn't a walking path to enjoy the tunnel, slow down so you can catch the sun beams or fog wisps peeking through the branches.

The Lighthouses

Point Cabrillo and Point Arena. Both have museums, tours and souvenirs but can also be admired from afar. Neither one is far off Highway 1 and also comes surrounded by a tiny, charming coastal town.

When it comes to matters of food and lodging, there is no shortage of options. For this particular trip however, our stay at Homestead Mendocino was the highlight of our weekend, being above and beyond noteworthy. The recently remodeled 100-year-old farmhouse sits on its own apple orchard with many historical pieces well-preserved and well-cared for by the hosts. From the outside, the humble character of the Homestead remains untouched. A family of deer shares the property with old growth trees, weather-worn barns and echoing memories of neighborhood ball games. Stepping inside, guests face a unique juxtaposition of upgraded elegance and luxury, all while incorporating restored pieces pulled from the restoration process. Our goal of uncovering lesser-known gems was complete with this vacation stay.

For more ideas on lesser known and well-known gems of the Mendocino Coast, follow @Ca.love.fornia on Instagram.

For experiencing the Homestead Mendocino, book at <https://Clockhouse.hospitable.rentals>. ★

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