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Finding Santa at the Christmas Parade



Above and below: Candies, Sugarplum fairies and gingerbread man were heavily featured throughout the 73rd annual Marysville Christmas Parade on Dec. 7 in downtown Marysville. Photos by Chris Pedigo

By Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - It was a beautifully clear and relatively windless evening on Saturday, Dec. 7, and exactly 55 degrees at 5 p.m., which was perfect weather for the 73rd annual Marysville Christmas Parade.

Crowds gathered on either side of D Street and lines flowed out onto the sidewalk from both The Brick and Edible Memories Bakery for a last-minute caffeine pick-me-up.



"Last night was the biggest it's been," said Skip Bertsch as he tended to his outdoor stage. "The

city did the Christmas tree lighting on Friday night, our band actually played last night, which is a Trans-Siberian Orchestra tribute with the laser light show, but with Candy Cane Lane doing their thing that same night, we just had a huge crowd. It was amazing."

This year's parade theme centered around "The Nutcracker," a fairytale ballet based on short stories written in the 1800s. Classic characters include a mischievous Mouse

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Marysville City Council Honors Outgoing Member



Councilmember Dominique Belza. Courtesy photo

By Shaunna Boyd

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - At the Dec. 3 Marysville City Council meeting, the results of the 2024 election were accepted and approved.

Mayor Chris Branscum announced that Measure G was approved by the voters, with 2,765 votes in favor and 921 votes against. Measure G is a public services sales tax renewal measure, which would extend the one-cent sales tax first approved by voters in 2016.

Branscum and Councilmember Stuart Gilchrist were both re-elected to their seats on City Council, and Marjorie Rollins was elected to serve on the seat vacated by outgoing Councilmember Dominique Belza, who did not seek re-election.

City Council issued a proclamation recognizing Belza for his dedicated service to the City of Marysville. Branscum said that throughout his tenure, Belza "demonstrated unparalleled integrity, passion and resilience, tackling complex challenges with thoughtfulness and determination."

"Your forward-thinking initiatives, collaborative spirit, and tireless work ethic have not only addressed the immediate needs of our city but have also laid the foundation for a brighter and more prosperous future," said Branscum. "Your efforts have enriched the lives of countless individuals, strengthened the bonds within our community and elevated Marysville as a beacon of progress and unity. The legacy of your service will continue to inspire others to lead with courage, conviction, and unwavering dedication to public service."

Assemblymember James Gallaher, Sen. Roger Niello and Congressman Doug LaMalfa also sent proclamations to honor Belza's work on City Council.

Belza thanked his fellow councilmembers and city staff, stating, "I am so honored to have served with you."

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Raising Funds for Special Needs Students

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - On Sept. 14, the Yuba City's West Coast Wrestling Federation (WCWF) held its first show of 2024 at River Valley High School.

The event featured some of the area's top professionals including Nathan Brick, Jayson Xavier, Prime Time and the Honor Society.

Continuing in its apparent high school tour, the West Coast Wrestling Federation will be hosting its second wrestling gig at Wheatland Union High School on Dec. 13 under the direction of Olumide Coker, also known as "Darkfox."

Coker is both a professional wrestler and a resident special ed teacher at Wheatland Union. As a fighter, he has been featured in countless matches, but this will be his first time wrestling at the school he teaches for.

"Almost everyone on campus knows I'm a wrestler and a lot of them ask about it," said Coker. "This will be a chance for them



Olumide Coker, right, faces off against another professional wrestler at River Valley High School on Sept. 14 during a match hosted by the West Coast Wrestling Federation (WCWF). Coker has organized another match with the West Coast Wrestling Federation at Wheatland Union High School on Dec. 13 to raise funds for its special ed program. Photo courtesy of the West Coast Wrestling Federation

to finally see it up close and personal and then maybe they'll understand

why on Mondays I'm coming in sore and slow." In honor of this inaugural

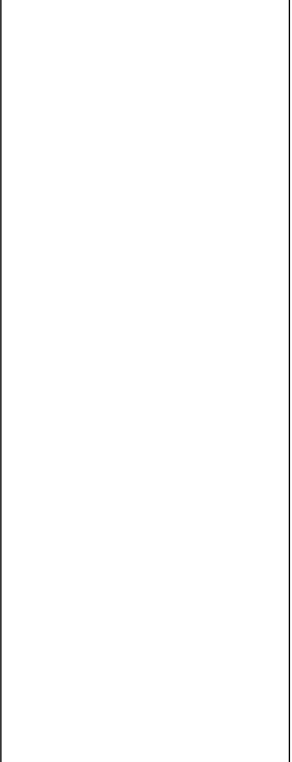
event, and in homage to Wheatland's Pirate mascot,

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City of Marysville Announces Demolition of the Hotel Marysville



Nearly 6 months after fire destroyed the Hotel Marysville, demolition of its ruins began Wednesday, Dec. 11. Photo courtesy of the City of Marysville

City of Marysville News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The City of Marysville announces the commencement of heavy demolition work on the Hotel Marysville starting Wednesday, Dec. 11.

This comes after the historic hotel was severely damaged by a fire on June 15, rendering the building unstable and unsafe. The city expects the demolition to be completed by mid-to-late January 2025, marking a crucial step toward restoring the area and mitigating the ongoing negative impact on local businesses, transportation, and commuters.

The fire caused extensive structural damage to the hotel, leading to its eventual condemnation due to safety concerns. The building's instability has not only posed a danger to public safety but has also disrupted the local economy. The presence of the damaged hotel has impacted nearby businesses, and the closure of adjacent sections of Highway 70 has caused significant delays for commuters and affected regional transportation.

"The damage caused by the fire and the ongoing instability of the building has had a significant effect on our

community," said Marysville City Manager, Jim Schaad. "Demolishing the Hotel Marysville is a necessary step to restore local traffic flow, revitalize the area, and ensure that businesses and residents can thrive. We are committed to minimizing disruption during the demolition process and are working closely with Caltrans to reopen Highway 70 as quickly as possible."

The City will be coordinating with Caltrans to expedite the reopening of Highway 70 shortly after the demolition is complete, allowing for improved traffic conditions and access to the region. "We understand the frustrations of commuters and local businesses, and we are doing everything we can to ensure that the demolition process is swift and efficient," said Vincenzo Corazza, City Public Works director. "We will continue to work closely with all agencies to minimize the impact and keep the community informed."

For updates on the demolition and the reopening of Highway 70, visit the City of Marysville's official website at marysville.ca.us or follow the city's social media channels. ★

California Respects the Power of Your Vote

By Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., California Secretary of State

Californians can confidently claim this: California has made more significant reforms to our election laws and expanded voting rights than any other state.

The relevance of this accomplishment deepens as we prepare to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act next year. This landmark legislation began to undo our country's long history of voter suppression, intimidation, and disenfranchisement that far too many Americans experienced at the polls for decades.

My own parents, who were sharecroppers, were denied their right to vote in the Jim Crow era South. Before moving to Los Angeles from Hope, Arkansas, my parents, David and Mildred Nash, could not vote. My father was an adult with six children before he registered to vote and was only able to exercise that constitutional right for the first time here in California.

As California Secretary of State, I do not take the progress we have made over the years lightly. My staff and I hold sacred the obligation to ensure that our elections are safe, free, fair, and accessible to all. Therefore, before certifying the results for this year's election on Dec. 13, we have taken a number of steps to ensure that every vote is counted. We have also made sure that our ballot counting process is credible and free from interference.

To meet that deadline without a hitch, California requires elections officials in all 58 counties to turn in their official results by a certain date. This year, that date was Dec. 6.

By law, every eligible voter in our state receives a vote-by-mail ballot. This ensures all registered voters can exercise their right to vote.

Whether you placed your ballot in a designated drop-off box, voted by mail, or cast your ballot at a polling center, votes are safe and secure. And we allow voters to sign up to receive text message, email, or voice call notifications about the status of their own ballots by using the Where's My Ballot? tool. To learn more or to sign up, paste this URL in your web browser: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>

The ballots of Californians who voted by mail are also protected. The United States Postal Service partners with the State to make sure ballots are delivered on time. All mailed-in ballots are sent by First Class mail with a postage paid envelope provided to every eligible registered voter.

Election Security is our number one priority. That's why my office designed and implemented a program to back up that commitment. For more information, visit this URL: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/election-cybersecurity>

Additionally, California takes preventive actions to make sure our voting technology keeps our elections safe and protects everyone's votes.

For example, county voting systems are not connected to the internet, which protects them from cyber-threats. The State also performs regular and rigorous testing to make sure the voting systems are working optimally, and only authorized personnel are granted access.

Staff members are also given phishing and cybersecurity training.

VoteCal, the state's centralized voter registration system, is also key. The system is regularly updated, and it is used as a resource for counties to verify voter signatures.

California also provides security at all counting locations and makes sure ballot drop-off boxes are secured and monitored.

And all election processes are open to observation during specified hours.

In my role as Secretary of State of California, there is nothing more important to me than defending our democracy. I am committed to safeguarding voting rights, and to leading our state in upholding the highest democratic standards by implementing policies and practices that Californians and all Americans can trust and look to for instruction and hope.

You can contact the California Office of the Secretary of State at 1-800-345-Vote or elections@sos.ca.gov with inquiries or to report suspected incidents or irregularities. Additional information can be found at www.sos.ca.gov and the office's social media platforms:

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Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way

Dear community members,

Thank you so much for your on-going support of our community, including the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way. More importantly, for your deep concern for the welfare of the tens of thousands of truly less fortunate residents locally.

We're facing extraordinary challenges in our region right now. As federal COVID-era benefits have ended and the cost of living continues to rise, many local families are confronting impossible choices. The numbers tell a heartbreaking story: our food pantries are now serving two to three times more people than last year. Seniors on fixed incomes are struggling to afford necessities. More neighbors than ever are reaching out to us, desperate for help with housing, utilities, and everyday expenses.

But here's where your support has made magic happen. In 2024, together we empowered over 200 families through our innovative "United Way Born Learning Academy," helping parents become their children's first teachers; provided emergency referral assistance to more than 500 families facing homelessness, eviction, loss of utilities, many needing food for their families and much more; distributed \$153,678 in FEMA funding for local food and shelter providers; connected more than 600 residents with vital resources through our Community Resource Fair; raised \$17,592 and collected hundreds of turkeys to feed nearly 6,000 neighbors for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays; and generated \$15,350 through our Summer Cash for Food Drive, supporting 12 local food providers.

As we look ahead to 2025, we're embarking on an ambitious journey with our new "Better Together, 2026" Strategic Plan. Working with our network of 27 local non-profit partners, we're positioning ourselves to reach more families and create an even greater impact. But we can't do this without you.

Your year-end gift will help us meet the growing needs in our community and ensure that no neighbor has to face their challenges alone. Whether it's preventing an eviction, providing a warm meal, or helping a parent create a brighter future for their child, your support makes it all possible.

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Visit www.yscunitedway.org and click "Donate Now."

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Thank you for being part of our Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way family. Together, we're not just changing lives – we're building a stronger, more resilient community for all.

Sincerely,

Bob Harlan, Executive Director and Sarah Kotko, President of the Board

Our 2024 Executive Board Members include: Sarah Kotko, President; Erica Hernandez, Vice-President, Richard Eberle, Secretary/Treasurer, Robert Bendorf, Past-President. The remainder of our board includes Nancy Aaberg; Sandi Adams; Jasmine Bartolome; Manny Cardoza; Connie Cornelius; Vera Correa; Bal Dhillon; Scotia Holmes; Manjit Jhutti; Randy Page; Eric Paredes and Mary Welker.

California Farm Bureau Celebrates Accomplishments



California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass speaks to members and guests at the opening session of the organization's 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey on Dec. 9. Photo courtesy California Farm Bureau

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass celebrated the organization's accomplishments this year in an address delivered Dec. 9 at the Farm Bureau's 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey.

Douglass, speaking in her first annual address after being elected last year to lead the Farm Bureau, focused on local achievements and on the organization's strength in unity.

"Stronger Together' is more than a catchphrase," she said of the Farm Bureau's theme for this year's Annual Meeting, which brought together farmers and ranchers from across California. "We can have extensive success as a state organization, but it doesn't matter if we don't have strong county Farm Bureaus."

Douglass cited examples of the Farm Bureau's impact this year in different parts of the state, beginning with the resounding defeat of Measure J, a Sonoma County ballot measure that within three years would have banned large dairies and poultry farms in the county.

"We recognized that something like this in Sonoma County could easily be replicated" in other counties "and across the country," Douglass said. The Sonoma County Farm Bureau, with support from the California Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus, waged a more than year-long campaign to defeat the measure.

"Not only were they successful, they were extremely successful," Douglass said, with voters in the county rejecting Measure J by a margin of roughly 85% to 15%.

The state Farm Bureau president also highlighted the success of the Kings County Farm Bureau, which won a preliminary injunction in September protecting groundwater users in the Tulare Lake Subbasin from the additional pumping fees and well metering requirements that came with a probationary designation under California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

"When we speak up and we speak out we can make a difference," Douglass said. She recognized several county Farm Bureaus that met goals of increasing their membership, including the Alameda, Calaveras, Humboldt, Inyo-Mono, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Monterey, Napa, Orange, San Luis Obispo, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Trinity and Tuolumne County Farm Bureaus.

The Lake County Farm Bureau, Douglass said, added more than 60 new members, increasing its membership by more than 20%. Meanwhile, in its first year, the new San Francisco Farm Bureau enrolled more than 100 members.

"Thank you for showing us what's possible when we put our mind to something," Douglass said.

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

WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS



Matt Maples Sworn in as Captain and Jail Division Commander

By Shamaya Sutton

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Back in September, Brandon Barnes, the 24th sheriff elected to Sutter County, announced that two members of his command staff would retire by the end of the year.

Both happened to be working in Sutter County's corrections facility, the first being Captain Chad Niswonger, Jail Division Commander for the Sutter County Sheriff's Office, and the other Corrections Lt. Kristie Garza.

"I'm losing my two top people who oversee the jail for me," said Barnes during a community radio interview.

Barnes went on to say that Lt. Matt Maples had tested very early on for the position and that he would be promoted to captain on Sept. 21. After this announcement, Maples worked with Niswonger and Garza for several months to get his operational knowledge up to speed.

"I'm looking forward to the change," said Maples. "Sometimes change can feel bad at first but change is good; bringing different people into new roles can be good. I'm going to miss the role that I'm leaving. I greatly care about all the people that I've worked with but I'm excited about working with people on the corrections side and I think



Sutter County Sheriff's Office Matt Maples, center, is sworn into his new position as captain and jail division commander for the Sutter County Sheriff's Office. Courtesy photo

it's going to be rewarding and a challenge as well."

Maples has been with the Sutter County Sheriff's Office since 2009. Previously, he worked as the county's patrol lieutenant in the Operations Division overseeing Main Office Patrol, along with other assignments such as Sheriff's Posse and

Search and Rescue.

While his roots might be planted with his family in Fair Oaks, Maples has worked the majority of his professional career in Sutter County and said he feels like a part of the community.

On Nov. 25, Sheriff Barnes and his staff held a special swearing in ceremony, commemorating

Captain Maples' new position as overseer of the county's correctional division. When Maples isn't busy keeping his corner of the world safe, he enjoys cooking and has his own business called Silver Sage Catering, which he often uses to cater various fundraising events.

"He's very involved

with a lot of our non-profits in the area," said Barnes. "Even if you don't know Matt, you've probably eaten one of his delicious dinners, I know I've had a few over the course of my career."

It was this type of servitude and commitment that Barnes said showed through in Maples early testing process for the

captain position.

"One of the things I always say is, 'I know who people are at work but who are you outside of work, what do you give back?'" said Barnes. "I see that in Matt, he gives back to the community. We're very proud of him and the steps he's taken to come oversee our jail." ★

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Raising Funds for Special Needs Students



Olumide Coker celebrates a win at River Valley High School on Sept. 14 during a match hosted by West Coast Wrestling Federation (WCWF). Coker has organized another match with the West Coast Wrestling Federation at Wheatland Union High School on Dec. 13 to raise funds for its special ed program.
Photo courtesy of Tyler Zepp

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The West Coast Wrestling Federation has christened its Dec. 13 show the “Maiden Voyage.” Proceeds from the match are meant to raise funds for the school’s S.M.I.L.E special education program with the goal of purchasing a storage shed.
“The program is growing so we’re going to need more space and because we have such a diverse learning curve it’s a lot to keep up with,” explained Coker. “You do accumulate a lot of stuff doing this, but it’s always useful.”

“Something that can be used for one student can always be used for another to help them develop whatever the skill is that we’re working on,” Coker added.
Coker said the shed will be used to house a variety of items such as specialty bikes adapted for physical disabilities, holiday decorations, recreational equipment, art and garden supplies. They will also be sharing the space with their classroom neighbors, the adult transitional program.
“I’m in a unique position and I really care about my kids,” said Coker. “I can’t

give them everything, but I want them to have everything. I don’t think I’ve ever found a way to get money to get them stuff, so this is a way for me to do that.”

The “Maiden Voyage” matchups are open to the public and will take place in Wheatland Union’s North Gym. General admission will be set at \$15 with floor tickets being sold at \$20. Wheatland students, staff and those with student ID can purchase tickets at \$10. Tickets will be available at the door or online at gofan.co/event/2474959.

The following day, on Dec. 14, Coker and a number of his colleagues will again be featured in the “Christmas Clash,” hosted by Pro Championship Wrestling (PCW), as part of the annual Yuba City Christmas Stroll. This is the first time professional wrestling has been showcased as featured entertainment for the stroll, a decision made by members of the Yuba City Downtown Business Association.

“We thought it would be a different and fun show to bring downtown,” said Natalie Syverson, a local business owner and member of the Downtown Business Association. “We are always thinking of what else to bring to the events we have for others to come and join in on the fun.”

The Christmas Clash will also feature a new up and coming high school wrestler from River Valley named Ethan Reyno. Reyno has been creating a bit of a buzz around town as the youngest wrestler in PCW’s history.

Matches will be held off Plumas Street in Yuba City starting around 2 p.m. ★

California Officials Plan for a Dry 2025 With Grim Water Supply Guesswork



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Each December, there’s a new version of an old guessing game about how much water will be provided to agricultural and municipal users in the year ahead.

Federal and state water agencies post initial, and usually very low, estimates based on the current condition of reservoirs, soil conditions that affect runoff, and assumptions of rain and snow during the winter and spring.

Over the next few months, the estimates are upgraded as firmer precipitation data accumulates, often — but not always — increasing.

For 2022, as drought gripped California, the state Department of Water Resources initially projected zero water deliveries, later raised them to 15% of the contracted supplies, but finally delivered just 5%.

One year later, however, the department initially promised 5%, but after a very wet winter finally delivered 100%. This year began with a 10% estimate of state water supply and ended up with 40%.

The huge swings in initial allocations and final deliveries are an obvious headache for the 29 local and regional water

purveyors supplied by the state water system, serving some 29 million people. Do the public water agencies impose strict conservation on their customers in years with low initial projections, try to obtain supplemental supplies, take a chance that eventual deliveries will be higher, or all of the above?

The annual game resumed this week, when the Department of Water Resources announced an initial 2025 estimate of just 5%.

“Based on long-range forecasts and the possibility of a La Niña year, the State Water Project is planning for a dry 2025 punctuated by extreme storms like we’ve seen in late November,” department director Karla Nemeth said in a statement. “We need to prepare for any scenario, and this early in the season we need to take a conservative approach to managing our water supply. Our wettest months of the season are still to come.”

“What we do know is that we started the water year following record heat this summer and in early October that parched the landscape. We must account for dry soils in our State Water Project allocation planning and our runoff forecasts for the spring.”

That’s a fairly grim scenario that may already be outdated because it was made without counting the heavy rains and snows that hit the state in late November.

“These storms will be taken into account along with other variables for future allocation updates. Prior to these storms, the

start of the water year had been dry and warm,” the department said. It’s also noteworthy that after the spate of storms, California’s weather has returned to dry and warm.

Another factor in the guessing game is the status of reservoirs, not only the state’s Lake Oroville, but the multiple storage projects managed by the federal government, such as Lake Shasta, and those owned by cities and irrigation districts.

At the moment, the state’s reservoirs are generally above 100% of historic averages after a couple of relatively wet winters, which indicate that ultimate water deliveries will be higher than the low initial estimates, although how much higher is uncertain. Shasta is at 113% and Oroville at 109%.

The annual guessing game would be more accurate if the state had done what it should have done decades ago — developed more storage capacity, either in reservoirs or aquifers, that could be filled in wet years and cushion the impact of drought.

A couple of storage projects are underway, Sites Reservoir on the west side of the Sacramento Valley and an enlargement of the San Luis Reservoir in the Pacheco Pass west of Merced.

Much more is needed as climate change affects the precipitation cycle.

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. ★

Marysville City Council Honors Outgoing Member

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Belza expressed his respect and admiration for the council and their many accomplishments during his term. Belza also extended a welcome to incoming Councilmember Rollins, and said he was excited to see what she will do during her tenure.

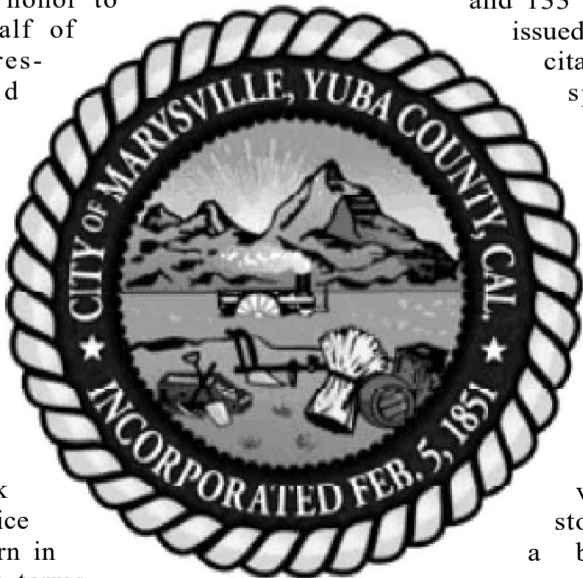
“It was an honor to work on behalf of Marysville residents,” said Belza, and “regardless of where my political career might lead, my heart will always be in Marysville.”

The elected councilmembers then took the oath of office and were sworn in to serve their terms. Rollins said she is humbled to serve as the newest councilmember and she looks forward to working toward a “vibrant and inclusive community.”

Gilchrist and Branscum both thanked Marysville residents for their continued support.

Branscum then appointed Vice-Mayor Bruce Buttacavoli to continue serving in that position.

City Council then approved the consent calendar, which included approval of accounts payable, approval of the proposed 2025 City Council meeting calendar, approval of minutes from prior meetings and approval of revisions to the management compensation plan for executive and mid-management employees.



During City Manager items, City Manager Jim Schaad said that the Marysville Police Department has been heavily enforcing traffic laws in the downtown area. A representative from the police department reported that over a recent three-day period, there were 203 traffic stops and 133 citations were issued. More than 30 citations were for speeding and several were for unlicensed drivers.

The traffic team also made 11 felony and misdemeanor arrests.

Most notably, one vehicle was stopped because a brake light was out and officers found a hit on INTERPOL (International Criminal Police Organization) showing the driver was wanted for weapons trafficking out of India, through Canada and into California. He was a Door Dash driver on the way to a delivery, and a loaded gun and 13 burner phones were found in his vehicle.

The team also made five DUI (Driving Under the Influence) arrests. One of those drivers crashed their car in Riverfront Park, taking out wooden pylons, crashing into concrete barriers and running over the levy before trying to report their vehicle as stolen.
The next Marysville City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Dec. 17 at 526 C St., Marysville. ★

Shopping locally helps both you and our community. Please check in at the local stores and see what might “fill the bill”. I always get to Ray’s Hardware, the variety there is great: fishing stuff, kitchen things as well as things for your yard or patio. Gift certificates help, too. Kelly’s Smoke Shop certainly has more than “smokes”; check out her new consignment room. Let’s keep our shopping on the hill as much as possible.

We hope to see you at the Community Breakfast Sunday, Dec. 15. It is not on its usual Sunday because Peddler’s Fair has that weekend as its usual time. There will be several “yummy” specials to choose from as well as the usual fare. Santa will be there with some gifts, mimosas will be available as well as hot chocolate. Brunch will be served from 8 – 12.

Keri’s School News - Hello Dobbins and Yuba Feather Families! And just like that, it’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas. However, before we Fa-La-La-La-La, thank you to Abi and the crew at Yuba Sutter Food Bank for the 50 turkeys so graciously donated to our local school families. In addition, Carri Simeroth along with some amazing members

at Hillside Community Church Brownsville, went above and beyond making Thanksgiving meal bags for some wonderful families in need. Your kindness and compassion towards others goes above and beyond.

- Yuba Feather Elementary School Holiday Store runs until December 13th.
- Make your purchases today before it is too late.
- Preschool will be closed for a teacher work day Friday, December 13th.
- December 16th at 5:30pm Yuba Feather Elementary School annual Christmas program.
- December 17th at 5:30pm Dobbins Elementary School annual Christmas program.
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Look Back in Time – In 1885 Colonel Rackerby sold the finest Mental Invigorator at his store, along with feeds and clothes for both man or beast. Oyster suppers were served. (a lively place).
Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.
~ Yvonne

Bomb Threat Evacuates Sutter Superior Court

Sutter County Sheriff’s Office News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - On the morning of Dec. 10, several notes were found at Sutter County Offices that alluded to a potential bomb threat at the Superior Court of California, Sutter County, located at 1175 Civic Center Blvd. in Yuba City.

Sutter County Detectives, Sutter County Sheriff’s Deputies and California Highway Patrol Officers quickly evacuated the courthouse until further notice. Assistance was requested from the Sacramento County and Butte County

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Teams (EOD).

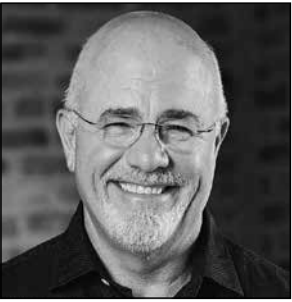
Around 10:30 a.m., an evacuation order was issued for ¼ of a mile radius surrounding the courthouse. Civic Center Blvd and Poole Ave were closed for approximately 1 hour. With the assistance of the Office of Emergency Management, the public was notified through an alert system on their mobile devices.

Once the surrounding area was safely evacuated, both Explosive Ordnance Disposal Teams were able to enter the courthouse and secure the scene. No threats were found.

“There is no greater responsibility than keeping our community and our staff safe when these types of threats are brought to our attention. These matters are always taken seriously by my office, and it is being fully investigated,” Sheriff Barnes said.

Sutter County Detectives are working to identify a potential suspect. Additional information will be provided once an identity is confirmed.

The evacuation order has been lifted. All scheduled court sessions from the morning of Dec. 10 will be rescheduled to a later time/date. ★



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After that, start throwing every nickel and dime you can scrape together, and save toward paying off those student loans as fast as possible.

Your income is your largest wealth-building tool, Jules. You can't save, and plan for the future, when all your money is flying out the door to pay off debt.

– Dave

Find a Good Money Market Account

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are completely debt-free, and we're saving up for our first house. We currently have about \$140,000 in savings, and we'd like to buy a home with cash when the time is right. Where should we put our money, so it will work for us while we save more?

– Andy

Dear Andy,

If I were in your shoes, and maybe looking at a window of three or four years, I'd just park the cash in a good money market account. You won't make a lot off it, but

your money will be safe. I mean, all you're looking for is a smart place to stash it for a little while.

When it comes to long-term investing, I'm a big fan of growth stock mutual funds. The problem with that in your situation would be the volatility of the market. By the time you've saved up more money, and spent time deciding on a house, the market may be down.

You two are in a great place financially right now. With the path you're on, just imagine how incredible it will be in a few years to have a new home and be debt-free!

– 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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Those Annual Christmas Sales

With Thanksgiving now in the rear view mirror, the Christmas season is upon us and that means nationwide sales reports on everything from baby toys to gifts for grandpa and all things in between will be hitting the news wires in about 6 weeks.

That said, obviously one of the first things on the minds of many is how are they going to afford presents and how much are they going to cost.

We will find out how we did when the annual holiday sales figures hits the news wires and no doubt they will be up as they almost always are.

The reason every year we see increased spending by consumers on gifts are the sales figures are based on the total amount of money spent. Sounds reasonable but since everything costs more every year, of course holiday sales are more than the year before. It would make more sense and reflect how things really are if they reported actual number of units sold instead.

If they did that, it's my guess we would see the total number of gifts probably drop every year. Real wages (what one can buy with the money they earn) have remained stagnant for decades, probably since around the 1970's.

In my opinion, the reason the reporting agencies don't count number of units sold is that no matter who is in the White House, they want a positive spin on the health of the consumer for obvious reasons. It's the reason we see very few true reporting figures on a variety of economic environments such as inflation, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), consumer sentiment and unemployment to name but a few.

I have penned a few articles on the massaging of numbers by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the folks that do the economic reporting we see coming out of Washington so I won't hash them over here. But trust me, it's like a shell game how they hide stuff.

These happy-go-lucky stats are also the reason many a reader try and cross swords with me about my articles saying they know this and that about the economy and that I am as wet on my economic accuracies as contestants in a wet T shirt contest. They believe the fairy tales they read from the BLS.

But I think astute and truly observational readers see the spin that inflation is receding and the consumer is a vibrant soul and just shake their heads in wonder and try and figure out how all that feel good news isn't making it down to his neighborhood.

And so it goes with government statistics and we will undoubtedly see more "vibrant consumer" headlines come the conclusion of the holiday season once again while in reality everyone is buying a smaller tree because they cost so much and smaller trees need fewer presents under them to look just as festive as last year.

With inflation taking the price of just about everything up in leaps and bounds despite what Washington says along with the BLS statistic-quoting letter writers to my Money Matters inbox, very few if any of my acquaintances tell me their planning on dropping more money on gifts this year than last.

How about in your circles?

In conclusion, finding some good in everything, there will be a lesson in all of this, with smaller trees casting less shade on fewer gifts, we will look for the gift of family and friends instead and realize that is what really is important, and not all that over-packaged plastic crap that we could really do without anyway.

Then when we read how once again how wonderful holiday sales were and how resilient we all are in our spending, we'll just manage a smile knowing we really got what we wanted. A little less of that plastic crap and a bunch more of the touchy-feely family stuff.

And that is truly the greatest gift.

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

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Farm Groups Work to expand Outreach on Groundwater Law

As implementation of California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ramped up during the past couple years, farmers who learned late about the far-reaching law have encountered additional challenges. In 2017, Madera County farmer Makhan Singh borrowed money to purchase farmland and plant almond trees, long-term investments he may be unable to recoup due to the law's restrictions on groundwater pumping. As groundwater management tightens under SGMA in the coming years, some groups are expanding their efforts to educate farmers about the law.

Farmers Need Plan to Keep Employees Safe from Avian Flu

To protect employees who work with dairy cows and poultry from H5N1 bird flu, farmers should have a basic plan in place, even if their animals are not infected. Such advice and other guidelines were shared during a webinar last month hosted by the California Farm Bureau-affiliated Farm Employers Labor Service, or FELS. As of Dec. 2, 31 human cases of H5N1 bird flu had been confirmed in California, according to the California Department of Public Health. All but one have been Central Valley dairy workers who had direct contact with infected cattle. The workers have all experienced mild symptoms, primarily eye infections, with no hospitalizations.

Farm Bureau Celebrates Success as Organization Prepares for 106th Annual Meeting

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass reflected on the organization's successes this year as it prepares to hold its annual meeting Dec. 7-10 in Monterey. "These are indeed challenging times for farmers and ranchers in California, yet it's in moments like these that the importance of celebrating our accomplishments shines even brighter," Douglass said. "With Annual Meeting just days after Thanksgiving, it's a perfect time to pause and count our blessings—not just as individuals, but as part of this amazing organization we call Farm Bureau."

Farm Income Declines in 2024 Amid Challenges for Producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's farm income forecast for 2024 revealed a difficult year for the nation's agricultural producers. USDA projected net farm income at \$140.7 billion for 2024, down \$6 billion from 2023 and \$41.2 billion from \$181.9 billion in 2022 when net farm income reached its peak. "USDA's December report underscores the volatility of the U.S. farm economy as farmers face their second consecutive year of declining income," the American Farm Bureau Federation said in an analysis of the forecast. "Crop producers, in particular, face dramatic declines in cash receipts, with little hope for immediate relief as global supply chain disruptions continue and prices for key commodities remain depressed." ★

And So it Begins



By Kathy Craig Harteis

I decorated the house for Christmas today.

It snowed a little bit so it felt right to dive right in.

This weekend we'll have cookie day with the grandkids. Cookie day and Christmas Eve are my absolute favorite days of the holidays.

Time surrounded by my kids, their spouses and grandkids mean so much to me. I doubt they know

just how much it really means to me.

As a child, our home was always filled with family and friends on Christmas Eve. My mother loved hosting the party. I think that's what instilled in me the love of hosting Christmas Eve.

At my folks' house no one was turned away. There was always room for one more. Everyone was welcome.

As we became teens, friends of me and my sister Ann always came by for Christmas treats. They knew they were welcome there.

These last few weeks have been stressful as we address health issues with my husband Tom. Through it all we have held tight to faith. It is a season of miracles and

repeatedly we have seen the path cleared before us. Prayers for Tom and our family are appreciated.

There is light at the end of the tunnel. God is good.

The next few weeks we will continue to prepare for the holidays.

First and foremost let's remember the reason for the season. It's not about presents or Santa. It's about love, family and the birth of a boy child in a manger.

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. ★

STUDENTS MAKING THE GRADE

We recognize the following local students who have achieved scholastic honors at their institutions of higher learning.

- ❖ Jazzmyne Garcia of Yuba City earned a Master of Business Administration from University of Maryland Global Campus in summer 2024 (11/4/24).
- ❖ University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) graduated more than 3,200 students worldwide in the summer 2024 term. Local graduates included (Nov. 4):
- ❖ Julian Partida of Marysville, Associate of Arts
- ❖ Stephanie Barnett of Beale Air Force Base, Bachelor of Science in Management Studies
- ❖ Jazzmyne Garcia of Yuba City, Master of Business Administration.

Biola University is excited to welcome incoming students to the Biola community as they start their journey as an Eagle this fall. The following local residents started their journey as an Eagle (Oct. 23):

- ❖ Sophia Arden of Yuba City majoring in Liberal Studies Multidisciplinary
- ❖ Braden Indelicato of Yuba City majoring in Cinema and Media Arts
- ❖ Omayra Ornelas Benitez of Yuba City majoring in Computer Science.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2024 President's List (9/25/24):

Cheryl Laird of Yuba City	Maryia Rafiq of Yuba City	Damien Geddis of Yuba City	Dennis Godbey of Yuba City	Evyana Canales of Marysville	Issaih Perez of Marysville	Jessica Paasch of Marysville.
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Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2024 Dean's List (9/25/24):

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Sutter County Sheriff's Office Awarded Grant

Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Sheriff's Office was awarded a \$97,000.00 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The grant will support our ongoing enforcement and education programs to help reduce the number of serious

injuries and deaths on our roads. The grant will provide additional programs and resources, including: DUI checkpoints and patrols focused on stopping suspected impaired drivers.

High-visibility distracted driving enforcement operations targeting drivers in violation of California's hands-free cell

phone law. Enforcement operations focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors that put the safety of people biking or walking at risk.

Enforcement operations focused on top violations that cause crashes: speeding, failure to yield, stop sign and/or red-light running, and improper

turning or lane changes. Community presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding and bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Collaborative enforcement efforts with neighboring agencies. Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside

Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

The grant program will run through September 2025.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ★

Sutter County Children and Families Commission Awarded Grant to Enhance Pedestrian Safety

Sutter County Children & Families Commission News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Sutter County Children & Families Commission (SCFC) is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$170,489 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to implement critical safety initiatives aimed at reducing pedestrian and bicycle-related injuries and fatalities throughout Sutter County.

This funding will support the Sutter County Children & Families Commission's commitment to expanding accessibility and promoting community well-being, with a focus on vulnerable populations, including young children, their families and underserved communities.

This OTS-funded grant will support

a range of community-focused activities, including safety workshops, bicycle rodeos, classroom presentations, and community events that encourage safer walking and biking practices. Additionally, the Sutter County Children & Families Commission will distribute free helmets and other safety items to enhance visibility and protection for both pedestrians and bicyclists.

"Our goal is to create safer, more accessible roads for everyone in Sutter County," said Dr. Michele Blake, Executive Director of the Sutter County Children & Families Commission. "This grant from OTS enables us to bring crucial safety programs to communities that need them most, ensuring every family can navigate our roads safely and confidently."

In line with the grant's objectives,

the Sutter County Children & Families Commission will partner with local organizations, the education sector, and healthcare providers to implement programs such as the Safe Routes to School initiative, which promotes safer pathways for students walking and biking to school. Additionally, quarterly meetings with county partners and collaboration with law enforcement will help reinforce community-wide safety awareness.

Key activities and goals include: conducting safety presentations and distributing materials across schools, community events, and programs specifically targeting families with children ages 0-5; hosting National Walk to School Day and National Bicycle Safety Month activities to engage communities in road safety; lead local safety initiatives and promote safe transportation

habits; organizing Walking School Buses and pedestrian-focused field trips to encourage safe commuting practices for children and families; and collaborating with county partners, law enforcement and healthcare providers to improve safety awareness and practices across Sutter County.

With the help of this grant, the Sutter County Children & Families Commission aims to significantly reduce the number of injuries and fatalities among pedestrians and bicyclists in Sutter County, ultimately creating safer, healthier, and more accessible communities for all.

For more information about this initiative and upcoming safety events, please contact the Sutter County Children & Families Commission at (530) 822-7505 or visit www.sutterkids.org. ★

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File No. 2024F-287

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County of YUBA
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/02/2024.

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Registered Owners:
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Oregon House, CA 95962

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County of YUBA
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Balraj S. Sanghu.
5780 Feather River Blvd.
Olivehurst, CA 95961

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1) JESSICA BASTING,
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16772 New York House Road
Brownsville, CA 95919
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Finding Santa at the Christmas Parade



Farm animals and bright lights were displayed for this 4-H club during the 73rd annual Marysville Christmas Parade on Dec. 7 in downtown Marysville. Photo by Chris Pedigo



Nine-year-old Jacob Huisman, left, embraces Santa with tears of joy on Dec. 7 following the 73rd annual Marysville Christmas Parade. Photo by Shamaya Sutton



Miss Yuba-Sutter and Miss Teen Yuba-Sutter were featured on a float during the 73rd annual Marysville Christmas Parade on Dec. 7 in downtown Marysville. Photo by Chris Pedigo

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King, a Sugar Plum Fairy, a mysterious magician named Drosselmeyer, a young child heroine named Clara and, of course, the Nutcracker prince. With close to 90 entries, the parade lasted nearly two hours from start to finish with blinding lights and horns tooting throughout. The judges had their work cut out selecting winners to place in eight categories. Meanwhile, Robert Fischetti and Gary Jensen of 93Q kept the crowds entertained with humorous banter as they announced each entry.

"I love the marching bands," said Fischetti. "Some of the cars were pretty cool too."

Marysville resident Amanda Huisman decided the school floats were her favorite this year but for her son, Jacob, it was all about Santa Claus.

"He's here to see Santa, he waits all year to see

Santa. He actually wants to be Santa when he gets older," said Huisman. "He's got autism so that's all he thinks about."

Nine-year-old Jacob sat dejectedly on the bench beside her and made a remark of annoyance with his hands. His mother explained that he uses sign language to supplement his speech delay and that he was frustrated Santa hadn't shown up for pictures yet. They had been waiting patiently by the city's Christmas tree at the corner of 3rd and D Street, but as the minutes ticked by, Jacob became increasingly more distraught. His mother worried that their night might take a sour turn if they couldn't find Santa.

"The weird thing is when I was growing up, I did not like Christmas," said Huisman. "My grandpa died three days before my 18th birthday and he goes, 'You

watch, you're gonna have a kid that loves Christmas.' And I guess he cursed me. There was one time I had to leave our own tree up for three years, Jacob wouldn't let me take it down."

It was beginning to look bleak for the Huismans until a well-intentioned parade attendee, dressed like an elf, stepped in to find old Saint Nick. A few moments later, Santa rounded the corner from Edible Memories Bakery with a jolly "Merry Christmas." Jacob burst into tears of joy as he embraced his red-clad hero. The two posed for pictures before sending Santa on his way back to the North Pole. Before leaving, Jacob made one more brief motion with his hand toward his chest.

"You made his heart very happy," Huisman translated. "Thank you."

Marysville Christmas Parade Winners

Judging results for the 2024 Marysville Christmas Parade held on Dec. 7, submitted by parade coordinator Kary Hauk are below.

High School Band
First-Place: Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts

Second-Place: River Valley High School Band
Intermediate School Band

First-Place: Andros Karperos

Elementary School Band
First-Place: Edgewater School Cheer/Band

Floats (Best Lighting)
First-Place: Browns Valley 4-H
Second-Place: Habitat



Medics carry Frosty the snowman during the 73rd annual Marysville Christmas Parade on Dec. 7 in downtown Marysville. Photo by Chris Pedigo

for Humanity
Third-Place: Farm to Fork

Floats (Most Original)
First-Place: Shayla's Metal Buildings & More

Second-Place: Paragon Collegiate Academy
Third-Place: Youthful Courage Stables/ABLE RIDERS

Floats (Most Thematic)
First-Place: Enchanted

Learning
Second-Place: NorCal Lumber

Third-Place: Yuba County Office of Education

Saddled Animal
First-Place: Miss Shayla's Hallwood 4-H Horse Group

Cheer, Dance, Spirit
First-Place: Mary Covillaud Spirit Team ★

Crazy 'Whyte Hare' Found in Marysville

Story and photos by Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Sightings of a man with tall white rabbit ears have been reported on the historic streets of downtown Marysville.

Most recently, this man, referred to locally as the "Crazy Whyte Hare," has been observed popping in and out of a storefront at 408 4th St. Legally, his name is Dwayne Hoskins and further investigations prove that he is now the proud owner of Crazy Whyte Hare, a shop named after his own alias.

"It's a double entendre that refers to my own hare and the ears," explained Hoskins.

Hoskins also claimed to have an affinity for a particularly un-punctual rabbit featured in the classic novel "Alice in Wonderland." Likewise, Hoskins has now developed his own wonderland within the walls of his shop, a business marked for its robust collection of fantasy figures, antique tools, oddities and curiosities.

"Dark Academia, steampunk, goth, renaissance, there's a lot of stuff that influences the direction that I go," said Hoskins, trying to summarize his aesthetic vibe. "What I want to do is create an environment where it feels like you're stepping back in time. The clocks kind of help support that, and there's little things that spread around that sort of help clue people in."

Hoskins' typical work uniform consists of a tall black top hat and white rabbit ears. He previously resided in another antique shop off D Street, scurrying in and out of a small room tucked away in the back of Yesterday and Today.

This space could have easily been mistaken for a mystic layer, a destination for both starting and stifling significant quests. But Hoskins' dreams were



Dwayne Hoskins scribbles a note behind the countertop at the Crazy Whyte Hare in Marysville.



A dog named Max curls up in an armchair at the Crazy Whyte Hare in Marysville.



"Dark Academia" is the interior theme for the Crazy Whyte Hare, an eclectic shop in Marysville.

scrawling bookshelves, diligently guarding their literary wards. Gothic jewels glow softly within their glass casket, patiently awaiting their next victim. Look too quickly and one might miss a secret passage leading to the fortune teller's layer.

"My idea is to kind of create these vignettes that tell a story," said Hoskins. "I had read, probably 30 years ago, that retail stores in the future would be more about the experience, but in reality, they haven't gone that direction. Now it's more like warehouses like Costco and Walmart or a lot of it has gone online, which they never predicted. But Ikea is kind of an example of that experience where everything is set up in these vignettes and gives you ideas as far as decorating and how to use the items they sell. If nothing else, I think people want to come in to look at what's here."

Those brave enough to venture through the rabbit hole can visit the Crazy Whyte Hare from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays at 408 4th St. in Marysville. ★



Dwayne Hoskins offers a faux bottle of "brain pain tonic" at his shop, the Crazy Whyte Hare, in Marysville.

space until he eventually found his niche in "dark academia" and interior design.

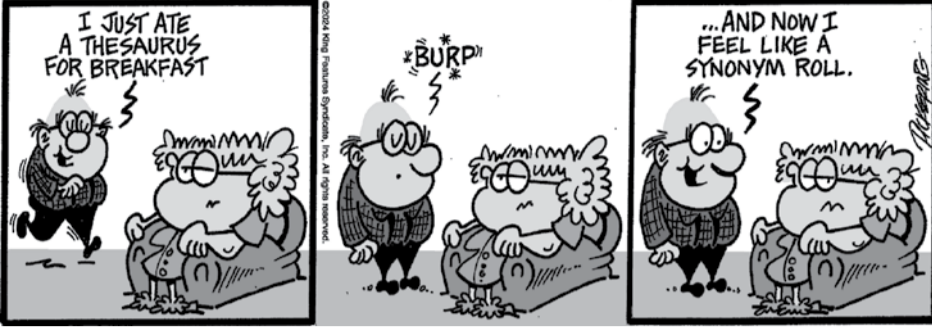
Having outgrown his room at

Yesterday and Today, Hoskins leaped at the chance to spread out and expand his medium. Here, antique tools find new life amid

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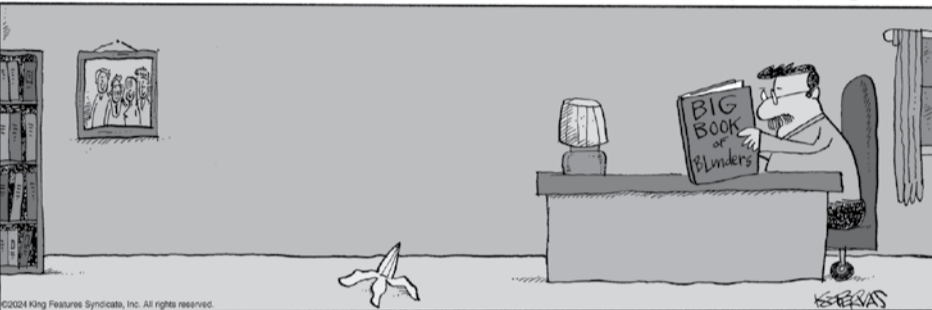
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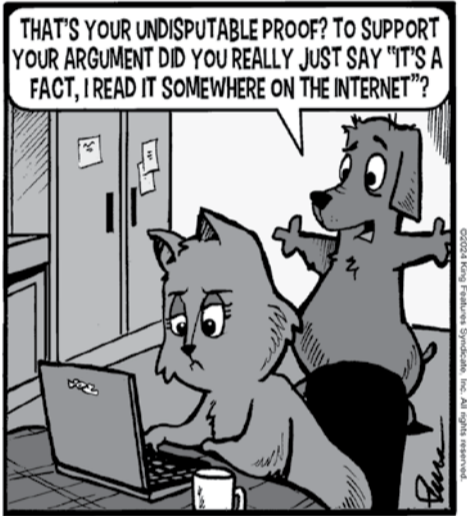
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Californians Pay Billions for Power Companies' Wildfire Prevention Efforts. Are They Cost-Effective?

By Alejandro Lazo
CALMatters.org

Diane Moss lost her home in the Santa Monica Mountains after power lines ignited the apocalyptic Woolsey Fire in 2018. Since then, she's pressed for a safer electric grid in California.

"It's so easy to forget the risk that we live in — until it happens to you," said Moss, a longtime clean energy advocate. "All of us in California have to think about how we better prepare to survive disaster, which is only going to be more of a problem as the climate changes."

In recent years, California's power companies have been doing just that: insulating power lines and burying lines underground, trimming trees, deploying drones and using risk-detection technology.

As wildfires across the U.S. intensify, California is on the leading edge of efforts to prevent more deadly and destructive fires ignited by downed power lines and malfunctioning equipment.

Customers have shouldered a hefty price for wildfire safety measures. From 2019 through 2023, the California Public Utilities Commission authorized the three largest utilities to collect \$27 billion in wildfire prevention and insurance costs from ratepayers, according to a report to the Legislature.

And the costs are projected to keep rising: The three companies — Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric — continue to seek billions more from customers for wildfire prevention spending. Rates are expected to continue outpacing inflation through 2027.

Fire safety projects are a big part of the reason that Californians pay the highest electric bills in the nation, outside of Hawaii. Other reasons include rooftop solar incentives, new transmission systems and upgrades for electric vehicles.

Higher electric bills have helped fuel a statewide affordability crisis alongside soaring housing prices, expensive groceries and costly gasoline. Small businesses are feeling the burden, along with the state's poorest residents: One in three low-income households served by the three utilities fell behind in paying their power bills this year.

California's three investor-owned utilities are regulated monopolies, so when they spend money on costs related to wildfires, they recover it through customers' bills.

The price of electricity has ignited debate about how much California families should bear for the cost of wildfire prevention, whether utilities are balancing risk and affordability and whether the money is being spent wisely.

Loretta Lynch, a former head of the state utilities commission, said lack of oversight is a problem, with the commission "rubber-stamping outrageous costs" and allowing the companies to "address wildfires in the most expensive, least effective way possible."

One of the biggest controversies is whether the utilities should be spending so much on burying power lines, an extremely costly and slow process.

Last year, a state audit concluded that the utilities commission and the state's advocates office must do more to verify whether utilities were completing the work they sought payment for.

PG&E has buried 800 miles of power lines since 2021, with each mile costing between \$3 and \$4 million. Last year the company's \$3.7 billion plan to bury 1,230 miles of lines through 2026 was approved.

The three companies say the billions of dollars in spending is necessary as climate change worsens wildfires across the state. Utility equipment has



Contractors with PG&E work in a trench to lay underground electric cables in Placer County on Oct. 17. Burying lines and other wildfire prevention projects have raised the price of electricity in California. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

caused less than 10% of the state's fires but nearly half of its most destructive fires, according to the utilities commission.

PG&E, which a few years ago came out of bankruptcy triggered by its liability for several deadly, destructive fires, has adopted the stance that "catastrophic wildfires shall stop." The company, which serves the most high-risk areas in California, is the state's largest spender on wildfire prevention.

PG&E plans to bury 10,000 miles of power lines in its highest-risk areas — work that is highly contentious because it is costly and slow. The company has buried 800 miles since 2021, with each mile costing between \$3 and \$4 million. Last year, the commission approved a \$3.7 billion plan for PG&E to bury 1,230 miles of lines through 2026.

Sumeet Singh, PG&E's chief operating officer, told CalMatters that the utility is concerned about rates, too. He said the company is "very committed to stabilizing our customer rates as we go forward without compromising safety. I think that's clear, that it's a non-negotiable.... There's a pretty robust process, and oversight, that we are under."

Kevin Geraghty, chief operating officer of SDG&E, called the wildfire spending process "the most highly-scrutinized, regulatory utility process I have ever been involved in, in my life."

Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order in October aimed at tackling the high costs of electricity, asking state agencies to evaluate their oversight of wildfire projects and ensure that the utilities are focused on "cost-effective" measures. He is seeking proposals for changes in rules or laws by Jan. 1.

Reduced to Ash

The spark for the increased spending came seven years ago, after California suffered one of its worst droughts and a series of devastating wildfires in 2017 and 2018, many ignited by utility equipment.

Sixteen fires were caused by PG&E equipment during a rash of October 2017 fires that decimated Napa, Sonoma and other Northern California counties. That December, the Thomas Fire, sparked by Southern California Edison equipment, engulfed parts of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

But the devastation of 2017 was only a prelude to an even graver year. On Nov. 8, 2018, the Camp Fire leveled the town of Paradise, killing 85 people, making it the deadliest wildfire in state history.

The Camp Fire was caused by the failure of an old metal hook attached to a PG&E transmission tower. An intense wind event pushed the fire at a rate of roughly 80 football fields per minute at its peak. The company in 2020 pleaded guilty to 84 counts of involuntary manslaughter for its role in the disaster.

The same day as the destruction in Paradise, another fire

ignited some 470 miles south. In the Simi Hills of Ventura County, Southern California Edison wires in two separate locations made contact with others, triggering "arc" flashes that rained hot metal fragments and sparks onto the dry brush below. These triggered two blazes, which soon merged to form the Woolsey Fire.

Santa Ana winds spread the conflagration across parched terrain, with swaths of the nationally protected Santa Monica Mountains reduced to ash.

Moss, the clean energy advocate, evacuated her home with her son that day. Her husband, clinging to hope, stayed until the blaze threatened to swallow him whole. Their neighborhood near Malibu, with its heavily wooded surroundings, was no match for the inferno.

"My husband stayed until the last minute, when it just — it looked like it could cost him his life," Moss said. "Everybody else left, and just about all of us lost."

Three people died. Moss' home was gone, reduced to a hollowed out structure and charred rubble, along with about 100,000 acres of parkland and wilderness, more than any other fire in recorded history for that area.

'It Just Takes the Wrong Ignition'

The number of fires triggered by the companies' equipment fluctuates from year to year, driven by the huge variability in California's weather. But data from 2014 through 2023 indicate there were substantially fewer fires last year than in other recent years. SDG&E equipment caused 16 fires after its high of 32 fires in 2015, Southern California Edison had 90 fires, compared to a 2021 high of 173, and PG&E reported 374 fires after a high of 510 in 2020.

PG&E also reported that fires in its highest-risk areas trended down every month of 2023 compared to the same months in previous years. But that progress reversed this year, with 62 fires reported by August in high-risk areas, compared to 65 in all of 2023. (PG&E would not provide 2024 fire data to CalMatters.)

Caroline Thomas Jacobs, inaugural director of the state Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, established in 2021 to oversee utility safety, said progress can be hard to measure. Nevertheless, she said she has seen a cultural shift at electric companies in recent years, with a more focused approach in high-risk areas and an environment that empowers workers to prioritize safety.

"It just takes the wrong ignition ... under the right conditions, to have a catastrophic fire," Thomas Jacobs said. "But are we in a better place? The numbers seem to indicate we're moving in the right direction."

PG&E has installed more than 1,500 weather stations and 600 AI-enabled cameras to detect severe weather and ignitions, Singh said. Enhanced safety systems now cut power to lines within a tenth of a second. The utility also has cleared

vegetation, ordered power shut-offs during high-risk times, insulated lines and buried some lines underground.

"Where do we see the greatest risk?" Singh said the company asks itself, and "what is the most cost-effective way to be able to reduce that risk for every dollar that's spent?"

Wildfire Spending — 'an Odd System'

Critics say the scramble to address the wildfire crisis has left the state vulnerable to overspending by utilities.

About two months before the Camp and Woolsey fires, outgoing Gov. Jerry Brown in 2018 signed a \$1 billion plan to thin forests and clear out the tinderbox of California's dead and dying trees. That measure came too late to prevent the devastation.

But it opened the door to increased spending by utilities beyond limits set in the highly deliberative process known as their general rate cases, which determine what Californians pay.

Newsom and the Legislature in 2019 created a \$21 billion wildfire fund paid for by Wall Street investors and California ratepayers to help PG&E exit bankruptcy and protect utilities from being financially threatened by the wildfires they cause. The utilities cannot access the state's \$21 billion fund unless their wildfire plans are approved by the energy safety office.

One problem, critics say, is that the safety plans are approved by one government entity while the spending to carry them out is approved by another.

"We now have this very odd system," said Lynch, who served on the utilities commission from 2000 through 2004. "The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety reviews the plans, puts out guidelines, but then the (commission) still has to ratify the plans, so that the utilities can take money from their ratepayers."

Wildfire Safety Goes Underground

On a temperate, clear morning in the Sierra Nevada foothills east of Placerville in October, a PG&E construction crew donned yellow jackets and safety helmets and went about the work of burying power lines along a narrow, wooded road. Overhead lines snaked through thick trees in this area — prime fire risk territory. The workers buried the lines in a trench that had been dug using a heavy piece of equipment designed to cut hard concrete and soil.

Once those power lines are buried and activated, their risk of fires are all but eliminated.

Burying lines in high-risk areas improves reliability amid rising wildfire risks and extreme weather, PG&E's Singh said. Though it's pricier up front, it eliminates the yearly expense of trimming trees and vegetation, which makes it a better, long-run value for customers, he said.

"Underground is a no-brainer when you look at it from that lens," Singh said.

But the high cost and the time

it takes to do the work has left some skeptical. The company has buried 800 miles of wires underground since 2021 and plans to bury more than 1,600 by the end of 2026. It aims to get the cost per mile down to \$2.8 million by the end of 2026 from \$3 million at the end of 2023.

Michael Campbell, assistant deputy director of energy for the public advocates office, a state entity that represents utility customers, said PG&E should consider other means of preventing wildfire, like insulated wires, otherwise known as "covered conductors." This can be deployed more quickly and at a lower cost, he said, and is effective when combined with operational techniques like fast trip settings and power safety shutoffs.

The sense of urgency following fires paved the way for the multi-billion surge in spending. The commission authorized PG&E, for instance, to spend \$4.66 billion on wildfire costs from 2020 through 2022, but the company ultimately spent \$11.7 billion and is seeking payment through utility bills, according to The Utility Reform Network.

Audits of nearly \$2.5 billion in 2019 and 2020 wildfire spending found some costs from PG&E, Southern California Edison and SDG&E may already have been covered by previously approved rates, or more documentation was needed to confirm they had not been covered.

Some expenses, such as operating costs, have an immediate impact on how much people pay in their bills. But other costs, such as long-term investments in insulating or burying power lines, are stretched out over years, meaning they add to bills for decades to come.

Over time, these capital costs are growing due to factors like depreciation and the returns utilities are allowed to generate. This creates a compounding effect, meaning wildfire-related capital costs will take up an increasing share of what California customers are charged in the future.

Feeling the pinch in Oakland, the fear near Malibu

The burden of the rising bills is hitting many Californians hard. Roshonda Wilson, of Oakland, couldn't afford to pay her power bill even though she said she watches television only after sunset, refrains from running unnecessary appliances and is hyper-aware of every energy-consuming action in her household. At one point PG&E turned her power off this year. "I couldn't catch up," she said.

On the other hand, Moss — who has weathered not just the trauma of losing her home near Malibu but also the difficult process of rebuilding — says the expensive wildfire prevention work is critical to prevent more tragedies.

"Even though (burying power lines) is costly and time-consuming, the cost and time of not doing it is starting to seem more devastating to a broader swath of people," Moss said.

Nevertheless, the rate hikes have alarmed climate activists who fear rising power bills in California may trigger a backlash against the state's effort to switch to renewable energy, and influence other states, too.

"The state, we fear, will start to lose the political will to keep pushing on," said Mohit Chhabra, a senior scientist with the Natural Resources Defense Council. "The problem with that is not that California will be a few years late — we can handle that. But the impact on all the other states who are looking at California."

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Sutter Girls Basketball Team Competes at RedHawk Classic



Sutter's Mia Baustia drives past a Pierce defender in the Huskies' first game at Colusa's Jim Ernst RedHawk Classic. Photo by Jennifer Corriea

By MPG Staff

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - Sutter High School's girls basketball team competed in the Jim Ernst RedHawk Classic which ran from Dec. 5 though Dec. 7 in Colusa.

The Huskies lost to Pierce 27-31 in the opening round, edged Durham 50-46 on the second day and beat Willows 59-25 to win the consolation. Sutter High's Torrence Harter was named to the All-Tournament team after averaging 12.3 points and 15 rebounds over the three games. ★



Sutter's Emma Deal defends against Pierce's Charlie Wayman in a game at the Jim Ernst RedHawk Classic on Dec. 5. Photo by Jennifer Corriea



Madelynn Hans looks to initiate the offense in the Huskies' game against Pierce on Dec. 5. Photo by Jennifer Corriea



Torrence Harter brings the ball up court in the Huskies game against Pierce at the Jim Ernst RedHawk Classic in Colusa. Photo by Jennifer Corriea

Lions Fall in Lois Langford Tournament

By Dillon Longmire

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak Lady Lions hosted the annual Lois Langford Tournament that started on Thursday, Dec. 5 and concluded on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The annual Lois Langford tournament consisted of the Live Oak Lions, Lindhurst Blazers, Yuba City Honkers, Venture Academy

Mustangs, Faith Christian Lions, Marysville Indians, and the River Valley Falcons. Every year, the tournament is filled with fast paced and fun basketball and this year was a repeat of the same.

The Lions started play against the Lindhurst Blazers and were able to keep it close throughout the first three quarters. As the buzzer sounded for the start of the

fourth quarter, there was a sudden shift, and the Blazers exploded on offense scoring 19 points to the Lions' eight making the final score 41-30 Blazers.

On the second day of the tournament, the Lions faced the Venture Academy Mustangs and were overpowered right from the opening tip. As the Lions were not able to generate much offense or get stops on

defense, the Mustangs did quite the opposite and dominated on both sides of the ball. The Mustangs would end up winning 48-29.

On the last day of tournament play, the Lions would take on the Yuba City Honkers and almost have a repeat performance from the day before. While the offense looked a little better, the defense still struggled, and the Honkers

took almost everything they could get. The Honkers would win 54-32.

The tournament would be won by the Faith Christian Lions as they beat the Lindhurst Blazers in dominating fashion 67-32.

Live Oak will look to get their first win of the season on the road against the Williams Yellow Jackets on Monday, Dec. 9, after press time. ★

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