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Nine Graduate from Leadership Farm Bureau Program



The California Farm Bureau officer team congratulates the 2024 Leadership Farm Bureau Class on their graduation Dec. 9 at the organization's 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey. From left are First Vice-President Shaun Crook; class members James Moller, Harsimerdip "Harry" Sidhu, Rachel Nettleton, Tanya Brouse; President Shannon Douglass; class members Jackie Kennedy, Danielle Vietti, Sy Honig, Ben Abatti III, Alex Arroyo; and Second Vice- President Ron Peterson. Photo courtesy of California Farm Bureau

California Farm Bureau News Release

MONTEREY, CA (MPG) - An intensive, monthslong training program concluded Dec. 9 for nine Farm Bureau members from California who

participated in the Leadership Farm Bureau program. The Leadership Farm Bureau Class of 2024 graduated during the 106th California Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Monterey.

The class learned about

communication, team building, advocacy and the Farm Bureau organization during 10 months of instruction. Class members participated in training on governmental policy, personal development and

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CDFW Enters into New Agreement

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is committed to restoring, protecting and conserving vulnerable species and habitats in the floodplains of the Sacramento Valley.

The Sacramento River Basin and its floodplains span from Sacramento to Chico, a coverage area of approximately 1,100 square miles, an area larger than the state of Rhode Island. Floodplains, low-lying areas of land around a river or stream that when flooded, fills the area with nutrients and provides precious habitat for native fish, including salmon.

In October, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife joined federal and State of California government agencies, overseeing water, agriculture, fish and wildlife, public lands and flood control, to enter into the Floodplain Forward agreement to enhance collaboration on floodplain water projects in the Sacramento River Basin.

This agreement supports existing efforts and paves new paths forward to streamline planning, design, implementation, monitoring, funding, and information sharing of projects located on the floodplains. This memorandum of understanding also aligns with California's Salmon Strategy for a Hotter, Drier Future, which aims to restore and expand habitat for salmon spawning and rearing.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is focused on science-based efforts in the Floodplain Forward agreement to reconnect rivers to their historical floodplains and enhance flood protection, restore fish and wildlife habitat, improve groundwater aquifer recharge, and create better water flow and reliability.

This agreement also builds on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's decades of work to conserve Sacramento Valley floodplains, including important investments in research and pilot projects such as Knaggs Ranch, California Rice Commission's Salmon Project and the North Delta Food Action to support salmon growth and diversity; leading restoration projects to support salmon in the Yolo and Sutter bypasses; helping to design important projects including the Fremont

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Family Hits Jackpot for Local Charities

By Gary Zavoral

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Seven is a special number for Kelvin and Leslie Moss of Granite Bay. They have seven children, and their last child was nicknamed “Seven.” And, on the night they went to the Sacramento area’s charitable vending machines, there were seven members of their family present.

And sevens are especially lucky for struggling individuals and families throughout the Sacramento region and the world. Because last week, the Moss family typed in “777” into a Light the World Giving Machine and donated 30 gifts to those in need. It is considered a “Giving Machine jackpot,” worth \$2,035 for five local charities and two global ones.

“We didn’t know we’d do this until we got there that night. We had seven children, and seven of us were at the Giving Machines that night. It just felt right to choose 777,” mother and grandmother Leslie Moss said. “We really felt we hit the jackpot for our community. It was a great night.”

Light the World Giving Machines, sponsored and financed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are at the Westfield Galleria at Roseville for a third year and are filled with cards detailing charitable gifts. When one item is purchased, the card falls to the bottom, just like a candy bar drops when purchased at a vending machine. Joining Kelvin and Leslie at the Giving Machine were son-in-law Eric Stratton and four grandchildren.

“It was really fun to see every single card drop to the bottom one by one,” said Leslie. “The kids would shout as they dropped: ‘Someone is getting new underwear!’ ‘Someone is getting diapers for their baby!’” And so on, she says, until all 30 cards dropped.

Twenty-five of the 30 gifts are for individuals or families in the greater Sacramento region who are suffering financially or emotionally,



From left, Eric, Win, Daisy, Freddy and Bennett Stratton show off some of the gifts for others that they purchased. Photo courtesy of Gary Zavoral

and the gifts are designed to provide food, comfort, counseling and other services to help them on their path toward self-reliance. The Moss family knows a bit about suffering emotionally, as they lost three of their sons to accidental deaths in the past four years.

“Our grandchildren were really on board with this, in giving to others who are less-fortunate and suffering at this time,” Leslie said. “They wanted to make sure that heaven could be involved, that their uncles could be there, too.”

Before heading to the Giving Machines, Grandma and Grandpa talked to the children about what the Giving Machines are all about and to think about the specific gift they wanted to choose for a needy person or family.

“We talked about how usually with a vending machine you get something for yourself, but with the Giving Machine, this time you are getting something to help someone else,” Leslie said. “They were so thoughtful about why they chose that specific gift.”

Bennett, 14, chose suicide

prevention therapy from Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource Center because “it’s the gift that will keep giving,” Leslie said. Lighthouse, based throughout Placer County, provides counseling, educational classes and programs and assists clients in obtaining resources to help them through a challenging time. The other gifts in the Giving Machine for Lighthouse that the Moss family also purchased are child abuse and domestic violence prevention counseling sessions, one week worth of diapers for a single mother with a newborn, and a three-day supply of emergency food.

Winston, who goes by Win, is 8 years old, and he chose three days of safe shelter for a family or individual in need, provided by Catholic Charities throughout the Sacramento region. Win chose that, Leslie says, “because whenever he sees a homeless person, he feels so sad for them and wants to help take care of them.” Other gifts for Catholic Charities are an infant care kit for a new mother, a “dress for success” gift that provides a job seeker a new outfit, one week of food for a senior

experiencing food insecurity, and job training for someone entering the workforce.

Daisy, 5, “couldn’t bear to think about someone going to bed without a blanket and a pillow,” so she wanted to give the “Pillow & Bedding” provided by Al-Misbaah Charitable Aid, Leslie said. The Sacramento-based charity has helped numerous refugees and vulnerable families get established in Northern California. The other gifts for Al-Misbaah are socks and hat for someone who needs the extra warmth, a hygiene kit to help a community member stay clean, a backpack filled with school supplies for a student, and a bicycle for a child for exercise, adventure and to ride to and from school.

Daisy’s twin brother, Freddy, “loves to play soccer, and he couldn’t figure out how any child could go without a soccer ball,” Leslie said. So, he chose the gift of four soccer balls for a school to help teach students teamwork and promote fitness. That gift is offered by Right to Play, a global charity that helps children in impoverished

nations thrive by promoting the “power of play.” The other gifts in the Giving Machine purchased are 20 storybooks for primary school-children and menstrual hygiene kits to help female students stay in school.

The Moss family purchased all those gifts, along with others from three other charities. They are:

First Step Communities in Sacramento and Roseville, which provides interim housing and emergency shelter in the Sacramento area and Roseville. Their gifts in the Giving Machines are a kit of hygiene essentials, new underwear, a warm blanket and pillow, a winter coat and 100 laundry vouchers.

Rancho Cordova Food Locker’s Community Food Hub, whose gifts in the Giving Machines are two gallons of milk for children, an emergency weekend food pack for students, a one-month supply of fresh produce for a family, a kit of essentials to feed 10 senior citizens, and a group cooking class to teach 25 families cooking techniques and nutrition principles.

The global charity Academy for Creating Enterprise, which provides business opportunities for individuals and families in impoverished countries. The two gifts in the Roseville Giving Machines are a basket as a way to carry goods for a new business owner and, probably the most unique gift in the machines, two piglets to help a family start a business.

“It was just an awesome experience for us to give to so many people at the same time,” Leslie said. “We hope to do again next year and make it a family tradition.”

The Light the World Giving Machines are located on the first floor of Westfield Galleria at Roseville, near the giant Christmas tree. The Giving Machines will keep giving through New Year’s Day.

To see all the gifts available, their prices and links to all the charities, go to the Sacramento and Modesto Giving Machines website at www.givingmachinesgreatersacramento.org/. ★

Yuba Water Agency Commits \$2.9 Million For Canal Improvements, Honors Outgoing Director

Yuba Water Agency News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)

- On Dec. 17, Yuba Water Agency committed more than \$2.9 million to improve the reliability of water deliveries to Yuba County farmers by lining several miles of canals within the Hallwood Irrigation Company’s service area.

The funding will serve as a local match to help Hallwood qualify for a \$2 million federal grant for two canal-lining projects. The funding would only be expended if they are successful in securing that federal grant.

Hallwood supplies irrigation water to approximately 9,200 acres of farmland in the valley, north of the Yuba River. Constructed more than 100 years ago, Hallwood’s irrigation system has experienced two significant failures in recent years, resulting in water loss and property damage.

“This is a major renovation that will improve the reliability of our water operations and help save water by reducing seepage,” said Hallwood Director Mark Chandless. “We appreciate the agency’s ongoing support of these critical improvements, which in turn support our local agricultural economy and the community.”

The canal-lining project is part of Hallwood’s multi-year system



Pictured is a canal within the Hallwood Irrigation Company’s service area to be lined to reduce seepage and water loss. Photo courtesy of Hallwood Irrigation Company

renovation plan, which Yuba Water previously supported by funding the assessment that guided the plan’s development.

Yuba Water takes next step to advance the planned second spillway at New Bullards Bar Dam. Yuba Water also approved an Environmental Impact Report for the agency’s

planned Atmospheric River Control (ARC) Spillway at New Bullards Bar Dam. The report is a requirement under the California Environmental Quality Act and is the next step to move the project forward as the agency continues to explore external funding sources to finance the spillway.

The ARC Spillway would be the agency’s largest single investment in flood risk reduction for the Yuba-Sutter area since building New Bullards Bar Dam in the late 1960’s. The new spillway would have gates 31.5 feet lower than the existing spillway, ensuring more flexibility to make water releases ahead of

large atmospheric river storms and reducing stress on downstream levees during the peak of big storms.

Yuba Water honors outgoing Director Don Blaser

At its final meeting of the year, Yuba Water’s board honored outgoing Director Don Blaser, recognizing his dedicated

service over the last four years. His term officially ends Jan. 6, 2025.

Blaser joined Yuba Water’s board in 2020 after being elected as Yuba County Supervisor for District 2. The agency’s seven-member board includes all five members of Yuba County’s Board of Supervisors and two elected representatives of North and South Yuba County.

In addition to serving as vice-chairman in 2023, Blaser served on the agency’s Administration, Budget, and Personnel and Project Operations and Development committees, where he helped guide budgets, significant capital improvement projects and community grants and loans. He also served as Yuba Water’s representative for the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association during his tenure.

“Don has always been a champion for projects and efforts designed to lift up the community of Marysville,” said Jon Messick, Yuba Water’s board chairman. “From advocating for the restoration of Ellis Lake to fostering connections with the local business community, his impact extends beyond his role at Yuba Water. We appreciate all he’s done during his time on the board.”

Learn more about Yuba Water’s missions and investments in Yuba County communities at yubawater.org. ★

Teenage Boys Missing in Oroville

By Shamaya Sutton

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Two brothers, Andruw Cornett, age 19, and Wesley Cornett, age 17, have been reported missing after a duck hunting trip in Oroville went awry.

Their parents, April Clark and Henry Combs, said the boys headed to Thermalito Afterbay on Dec. 14 early in the morning but never returned.

According to the Butte County Sheriff's Office, and posts made by Clark on social media, Wesley Cornett entered the water to retrieve a duck he had hunted that fell too far from shore for their 8-month-old labrador to retrieve.

While doing so, Wesley Cornett's kayak is said to have capsized, and his older brother, Andruw Cornett, saw that he was in distress.

Andruw Cornett called 911 but didn't feel that his brother had enough time to wait for emergency services to reach their location,



As of press time, the search continues for Andruw and Wesley Cornett, two teenage brothers who went missing in Oroville on Dec. 14 during a duck hunting trip at the Thermalito Afterbay. Photo courtesy of April Clark

according to his mother and also the Sheriff's Office. Andruw Cornett entered the water to try and assist Wesley Cornett and neither have been seen since. Their belongings, kayak and dog were found at the site.

According to the Butte County Sheriff's Office, search and rescue teams have been deployed to the Thermalito Afterbay area but as of press time Dec. 17, no sign of the boys has been found yet.

The California

Rescue Dog Association (CARDAs), Yuba County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, Marine Unit and Dive Team members, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit, Nevada County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and CAL FIRE are all assisting in the search.

Those with information are asked to call the Butte County Sheriff's Office at 530-538-7321. ★

Ceramics Classes Offered Again for Veterans



Art classes for veterans can be a therapeutic outlet for expressing emotions that might be difficult to verbalize. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture (YSAC) is offering again free art classes for veterans and active-duty military. The "Ceramics for Veterans – With Just a Hundred Pounds of Clay" project is a yearlong program, which will include basic hand building ceramics classes, wheel throwing and related lectures, gallery shows and sales.

The first eight-week session of classes will be held in the Gallery at Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, 624 E St., Marysville. Classes will be held once a week starting on Thursday, Jan. 9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The final class will be on Feb. 27.

The second session begins on March 6. The classes are free of charge for veterans, active-duty military and their families. Additional classes will be offered over the next year, along with a series of offsite, ancillary wheel throwing classes.

Veterans are invited to be a part of these workshops and related events. They will learn the basics of working with clay and hand-building techniques, giving them a powerful creative outlet. Ceramics improve fine motor skills, concentration and problem-solving. Participants will leave with a sense of accomplishment and finished projects.

Classes will be led by well-known Northern California ceramic artists, Amy Davis and U.S. Army Combat Veteran Jason Lewis.

Davis' instructors in her early career included Glenn Husted at Yuba College where she studied traditional Asian ceramics and wood firing and Dick Hotchkiss at Sierra College. Lewis is a former student of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture's Ceramic Artist in Residence, Navy Veteran Drew Saltee, who is also a retired Sutter Union High School ceramics teacher.

Art classes for veterans provide a therapeutic outlet for expressing emotions and experiences that might be difficult to verbalize. Many veterans face challenges such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, or depression, and creative activities such as ceramics and other art forms can offer a sense of relief and healing. These classes foster a supportive environment and a sense of community, where veterans can connect with others who share similar experiences, promoting camaraderie and reducing isolation. Overall, these programs support emotional well-being and help

veterans with newfound skills and confidence.

"The simple act of taking a piece of clay and focusing on transforming it into something beautiful and/or functional has real value for the creator," said Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture executive director David Read. "The veterans and other students leave class with a sense of accomplishment and beautiful finished projects."

This series of Ceramics for Veterans classes is funded by Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health.

This program is open to all veterans and their families in Sutter and

Yuba Counties at no cost. Pre-register at yubasutterarts.org. For more information, call 530-742-2787. ★



Ceramic artist Amy Davis will be one of the artists leading the classes. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture



Roger Schultz works on a bowl during a Ceramics for Veterans class. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture



Classes are in eight-week sessions, one beginning in January. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture



Free art classes are offered to veterans or active-duty military. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

'Workplace Misconduct' Allegations Brought Against Yuba County Supervisor

By Shamaya Sutton

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Seth Fuhrer, Yuba County's Third District Supervisor, has been banned from attending conferences conducted by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) because of alleged "lewd, sexually suggestive, and inappropriate comments," according to a document filed in Yuba County Superior Court.

Fuhrer was first elected to a Yuba County supervisor position in 2020 and won re-election this past March. He currently sits as vice-chair and has described the allegations against him as a means of preventing him from becoming board chair in January.

"Normally the Board Chair rotates," said Fuhrer in an online response to the Investigation Assessment Report.

"Since I won my election in March, I would rotate to Chair in a few weeks. Being Board Chair lets you rein in the CAO and put items he doesn't necessarily want to deal with on the Agenda. So, you will notice that banning me from being Chair is his recommendation for discipline. The hurry for all of this is, he needs it to be done before January to prevent me from being Chair. Which is why after sitting on it for five months, they are pushing it through now."

Almost five months ago, in August, the California State Association of Counties and Rural County Representatives of California sent a joint letter in an attempt to ban Fuhrer from conferences and events through 2026. The letter accused him of "lewd, sexually suggestive, and inappropriate comments" at conferences in November 2023 and July. The county later upheld the allegations in the letter which claimed Fuhrer had jokingly threatened another conference attendee by pretending to push them overboard off a boat.

"In this case, I and another supervisor and our wives were at a social event," said

Fuhrer in an online statement. "On the boat ride, I kiddingly suggested pushing the other supervisor off our nearly stationary tiki boat, into calm warm water in daylight. He took the words as a joke. In no way can this rise to the level of workplace violence. Again, the people with the agenda hoping to sling enough mud, that people assume there must be some substance, but it's all smoke and no fire."

On Dec. 4, Fuhrer filed a suit in Yuba County Superior Court seeking a court order to stop county officials from publicly releasing the results of an investigation into allegations of his alleged inappropriate workplace behavior.

Judge Stephen Berrier of Yuba County Superior Court denied Fuhrer's request. Fuhrer's social media post said that the third-party Investigation Assessment Report was prepared by Boucher Law. Some of the listed complaints included pulling an employee's ponytail, touching a co-worker on the nose, poking another's stomach and a few sexually suggestive or questionable comments. Fuhrer argues that these incidents were all taken out of context and that intent matters. Others he describes as having no memory of the incidents or that they occurred outside of work.

"Harassment has to be severe or continuously recurring creating factors of adverse hardship in the work environment re-victimizing the person over and over again," said Fuhrer in his posting. "I have always attempted to resolve any issues with others. Publishing the investigative report and making a public spectacle is harassment and abuse of power. The goal is to stop me from being Chair and to defame me in the eyes of my constituents."

A special meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Dec.19 after press time, at which Yuba County supervisors will consider taking action against Fuhrer. Possible actions could include censorship and blocking Fuhrer from holding leadership positions on the board through 2025. ★



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Initial State Water Project Allocation Announced

California Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 2, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an initial State Water Project (SWP) allocation forecast of five percent of requested supplies for 2025.

The State Water Project provides water to 29 public water agencies that serve 27-million Californians.

The December initial water supply forecast is the first allocation of the new water year and is based on current reservoir storage and conservative assumptions for precipitation to come. For comparison, the initial allocation for Water Year 2024 was 10 percent of requested supplies and it eventually increased to 40 percent by the end of the season.

The initial allocation forecast announced Dec. 2 does not take into account the series of strong storms that brought precipitation to above average across Northern California in the last two weeks of 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.

“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,” said the Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. “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,” Nemeth said.

Soil moisture is critical to the success of California’s water years. If the soil is too dry, snowpack runoff in the spring will absorb into the ground instead of providing water supply to the state’s reservoirs. The ability to incorporate soil moisture into runoff forecasts is one of many recent improvements for State Water Project operations. Investments in Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) and improved data collection through the Department of Water Resources’ \$7-million California Stream Gage Improvement Program will also help the Department of Water Resources and other agencies to incorporate the best available science and data into water management decisions.

Also new this season, the State Water Project has revised its operating permit to allow for new tools and resources to better manage the water supply for endangered fish species and millions of Californians. Earlier this month, the State Water Project received a new Incidental Take Permit from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife that covers five species protected under the California Endangered Species Act: Delta smelt, longfin smelt, white sturgeon, winter-run Chinook salmon and spring-run Chinook salmon. The new permit went into effect on Nov. 4.

Each year, the Department of Water Resources provides the initial State Water Project allocation based on available water storage, projected water supply and water demands. Allocations are updated monthly as snowpack, rainfall and runoff information is assessed, with a final allocation typically determined in May or June. As the winter progresses, if California sees an increase in rain and snowfall, the allocation forecast might increase.

Historical data on State Water Project allocations is available at water.ca.gov. ★

How California Can Fix Its School Crisis. Two Projects Point the Way



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When the state Department of Education released academic test scores of California’s public school students in October, it cast them in positive terms.

“Overall,” the department said, “the percentages of California students meeting or exceeding standards (demonstrating proficient or advanced grade-level knowledge and skills) in (English language arts), mathematics, and science increased, from 46.7% to 47% percent in (English language arts), from 34.6% to 35.5% in math, and from 30.2% to 30.% in science.”

What the department didn’t say is that those minuscule increases from the previous year meant that California remains one of the states where academic achievements are still below what they were prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As CalMatters’ account of the test scores notes, “both English language arts and math scores are 4 percentage points below their 2018-19 levels, which were among the highest scores for California students since the state began administering the Smarter Balanced test in 2014-15.”

Alix Gallagher, director of strategic partnerships at the education research non-profit Policy Analysis for California Education, told the San Jose Mercury News

that the slow recovery from the pandemic indicates that the massive federal and state funds given schools to cope with the pandemic failed to prevent declines.

“What we would want to see is that with those additional funds, we had a really strong recovery. Instead, what we saw were really modest gains,” Gallagher said.

The department’s obfuscation continued a month later when it released its “dashboard” of public education markers that trumpeted nonacademic factors, such as increases in attendance and decreases in student suspensions, but ignored California’s subpar academic outcomes, which should be the most important.

That’s not surprising, given that the state’s education bureaucrats consciously developed the multipoint dashboard to conceal the chronic lack of academic achievement.

A state-by-state report on school system transparency of academic test results issued by the Center for Reinventing Public Education, based at Arizona State University, gives California a “D” for its lack of clarity.

“I have a Ph.D. in education policy and I can barely navigate these sites,” Morgan Polikoff, a USC professor who worked on the report, told CalMatters. “How do we expect a typical parent to access this information and make sense of it?”

Are California’s stubborn failings in teaching basic subjects such as math and reading, which the educational establishment hopes no one will notice, fixable?

Two recent projects to improve academic skills indicate that learning can be improved with sustained effort that uses proven techniques and shuns trendy short-term

fixes that school systems often adopt in their desperate efforts to raise test scores.

Policy Analysis for Public Education, a think tank jointly operated by several major universities that studies California schools, cites the math project in Lake Tahoe Unified School District’s Sierra House Elementary School and a reading program in Grass Valley School District as successful examples.

In both, California Education Partners, a school reform organization staffed by academic experts, provided three years of hands-on help to improve instruction, and PACE evaluators found significantly positive results. “The Sierra House model serves as a blueprint for building adult capacity and fostering instructional coherence,” they said, while Grass Valley’s phonics-based reading program was adopted district-wide and “improved student outcomes.”

California’s educational crisis is palpable. Not only do California schools fare very poorly vis-a-vis other states in federal academic testing — seventh from the bottom — but there’s a yawning “achievement gap” between low income and English learner students and their more privileged classmates that widened during the pandemic.

Rather than hide the problem with gimmicks such as the school dashboard, California should own up to it and embrace successful examples such as those in Tahoe and Grass Valley.

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. ★

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Weir, agricultural crossing removals, Weir 1 and Giusti Weir in Yolo and Sutter bypasses to enhance salmon and sturgeon fish passage; funding and managing initiatives in the Sutter Yolo bypasses to improve flow and water quality; developing projects such as the Elkhorn Basin Levee Setback and Sacramento Weir Widening to improve flood control and grow habitats for juvenile salmon in the Yolo Bypass; conducting fish rescues in Yolo and Sutter Bypasses since 1954; studied and monitored salmon in Yolo and Sutter Bypasses since the 1990s, including tagging more than 1.7 million juvenile salmon from 2006 to 2007 in Sutter Bypass; and



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is committed to conserving the floodplains of the Sacramento Valley. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

managing 16,000 acres of rice, managed wetlands and tidal habitat in the Yolo Bypass.

California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crofoot said it best: “Restoring seasonal floodplains across California is a win-win-win.”

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife remains committed to working with state, local, federal and tribal partners to ensure better conditions and quality of life for native fish and wildlife in the Sacramento River Basin and beyond. ★

Nine Graduate from Leadership Farm Bureau Program

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key issues affecting California farmers, ranchers and agricultural businesses. They also advocated on behalf of Farm Bureau with lawmakers in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

“The members we grow today through Leadership Farm Bureau are the future leaders of this organization, and I look forward to seeing all that they do in their counties and for California Farm Bureau,” said Ryan Amaral, who manages the leadership program.

Graduates of the 2024 Leadership Farm Bureau class are listed below.

Ben Abatti III of Imperial County is a third-generation farmer who grows alfalfa, sugar beets, wheat and other forage crops in Holtville.

Alex Arroyo of Monterey County is the general manager of King City Transplanting in the Salinas Valley.

Tanya Brouse of Butte County is a program coordinator for the Butte County Farm Bureau, who also works with the Butte Agriculture Foundation.

Sy Honig of Sutter County is a third-generation farmer who owns Honig

Farms and is a pest control adviser.

Jackie Kennedy of Glenn County is the founder of Knaughty Farms Olive Oil and the office manager for a family farm growing olives, rice and walnuts.

James Moller of Shasta County is a seventh-generation cattle rancher and a manager for Driscoll’s Inc., focusing on strawberry nursery production.

Rachel Nettleton of Kern County is the executive director of the Kern County Farm Bureau and a marketing and communications professional.

Harsimerdip “Harry” Sidhu of Sutter County is a vice-president of First Northern Bank in Yuba City, who grew up on his family’s fruit and nut farm.

Danielle Vietti of Tulare County is a vice-president at AgWest Farm Credit in Tulare, who specializes in dairy financing.

The class represented the 24th group to graduate from the Leadership Farm Bureau program since its inception in 2000.

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. ★



Books & more will be closed for a couple of weeks giving us time for a trip to Washington to see Nicolai and other family members. We plan to open by January 8, if not before. Wish us good traveling weather, please. It will be our first Christmas without Nicolai being with us, so we will just go to him.

The next Community Breakfast will be at the community center on January 12. Please put that date on your calendar and hope to see you there. Now winter begins. We got a taste or two of frosty weather already. We wonder if there will be any heavy winter storms after Christmas. Some more rain would be welcomed.

School News from Keri -As we kick off the Christmas season, I would like to thank our amazing volunteers and ALL school staff, at both Dobbins and Yuba Feather, who have helped support our community schools, families & kiddos. Your continuous help in planning, organizing and constant doing are what make each one of you a true “Christmas Miracle.” Also, I would like to give a huge shout out to the many organizations that continue to help bless and support our schools. Your generosity, compassion and love of Dobbins Elementary, Yuba Feather Elementary and Community as a whole are greatly appreciated. Thank You for making this season one of our most magical.

- Yuba Water Agency- \$1,000 Sponsorship for “Operation Christmas Stocking.”

- SoYouCan- Serving the needs of 33 families/Students at Yuba Feather Elementary and Upper Foothill Families this Christmas Season.

- YFACA - Serving the needs of families/Students at Dobbins Elementary School this Christmas Season.

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- North Yuba Water District - Getting us in touch with Santa & Mrs. Clause.

- Challenge Resource Center- Opening your doors to better support our school community,staff and families this Christmas season.

- McDonalds (Yuba Sutter Region) Donation of toys for “Operation Christmas Stockings.”

- YC Grocery Outlet - Donation of Candy for “Operation Christmas Stockings.” Foothill Volunteer Fire Dept. - Continually supporting our school community, staff and families.

- Walmart Supercenter Yuba City \$25 Gift Card Yuba Feather/Dobbins.

- Eschelman Construction - Yuba Feather School \$100 Dobbins \$100.

- Hillside Community Church Brownsville-Continually supporting our community schools ,staff and families.

- Browns Valley 76- Donation of toys & Candy for “Operation Christmas Stocking.”

- Yuba Sutter Veterans Stand Down - Candy for “Operation Christmas Stockings.”

- Yuba County Sheriff’s Dept. - Shop with a Cop and continually supporting our community schools,staff and families.

- CHP- Helping put a smile on the faces of many kids at “Operation Christmas Stockings” and continuous support of our community schools,staff and families.

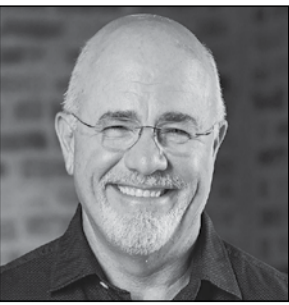
Thank You to all those who joined us for the Dobbins/Yuba Feathers Christmas Program. What a great evening filled with Christmas Cheer! We are beyond proud of the kids and each of their amazing performances. Thank You Mrs.McMartin for sharing your talent,passion and love of music with each and every one of us. Yuba Feather and Dobbins School will be closed for Christmas Break December 23 - January 3rd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Look Back in Time – In 1927 Claude Adams’ car went down the road with a large Christmas tree on the running board (sometimes I miss those running boards).

Hope to see you in Brownsville soon.

~ Yvonne





Dave Ramsey Says *The Roadmap to Financial Peace*

Dear Dave,

A friend told me about your Baby Steps plan, and after years of living paycheck-to-paycheck and running up credit card bills, I'm ready to get control of my finances. I just have one question. Baby Step 1 is saving \$1,000 for a beginner emergency fund. Do you recommend getting current on past due bills before starting Baby Step 1?

– Miles

Dear Miles,

Congratulations! I'm glad to hear you're finally sick and tired of being financially sick and tired. This is the perfect question for someone is your situation, because it gives me a chance to walk you all the way through the Baby Steps. So, let's go!

First, make sure all your necessities are taken care of. By necessities, I'm talking about food, clothing, shelter, transportation and utilities. Then, get current on anything you owe, or make payment arrangements for past due bills. After you've done this, it's

time to take your very first Baby Step.

You've already mentioned getting \$1,000 in the bank for a starter emergency fund. That's Baby Step 1. After that comes your debt snowball, which is Baby Step 2. Here, you'll pay off all your debts from smallest to largest—except your home. Attack the first balance on your list by paying as much as you can each month, while making minimum payments on the other debts. When you've paid off the first one, add what you were paying on it to the payment on your next debt and start attacking it. As the snowball continues to roll over, you're picking up more and more money to apply to your debts.

In Baby Step 3, you'll save money and increase your emergency fund from \$1,000 to a full three to six months of expenses. You're going to be surprised how fast you can save money when your income isn't flying out the door to pay off debt every month.

Now, it's time to really start looking toward the future. In Baby Step 4, start investing 15 percent of your income for retire-

ment. College funding is next in Baby Step 5 for any kids you have, or plan on having one day. And here's a big one. Baby Step 6 is where you pay off your home early. How great will that feel?

But Baby Step 7 is the real deal. Now, you start building wealth and giving with outrageous generosity. When you've completed all the other Baby Steps, and are able to do these two things, you've achieved the pinnacle of smart money management. Or in other words, you've reached the point of financial peace.

Make it happen, Miles. You can do this!!

– Dave

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



Douglass honor Farm Bureau Successes

California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass celebrated the organization's accomplishments this year in an address delivered Monday at the Farm Bureau's 106th Annual Meeting in Monterey. Douglass, speaking in her first annual address since being elected last year to lead the Farm Bureau, focused on local achievements and on the organization's strength in unity. "We can have extensive success as a state organization, but it doesn't matter if we don't have strong county Farm Bureaus," Douglass said. "Thank you for showing us what's possible when we put our mind to something."

Young Farmers and Ranchers Urged to Engage, Be Involved

Young farmers and ranchers from across the state gathered at the 2024 California Young Farmers & Ranchers State Conference, where they reaffirmed the importance of collaboration within their communities to boost involvement and address key issues essential to the future of agriculture. The event brought together California YF&R members—farmers, ranchers and agricultural professionals ages 18 to 35—for workshops on critical issues, strategies to strengthen YF&R programs and celebrations of member achievements.

Madera County Farm Dog Wins Farm Bureau Contest

Aussie, a hardworking pooch in Madera County, won the Grand Prize in the California Farm Bureau's fourth annual Farm Dog of the Year contest. With support from Nationwide and FieldClock, the contest asked Farm Bureau members to submit photos and a brief story about their beloved family member. The Grand Prize winner earned \$1,000, with First Runner-up receiving \$500, Second Runner-up, \$250 and Third Runner-up, \$100. "Aussie is our family's special dog," said Kaydence Erickson, 15. "There has been no other dog like her that we have ever owned."

UC Master Gardener's 'Labor of Love' Improves Health of Older Adults

The Belden Village Apartments in Clairemont Mesa East of San Diego is home to a diverse population of older adults. Shital Parikh, a UC Master Gardener of San Diego County, took the initiative to build a garden that grows food and encourages residents to spend more time outdoors, getting their hands dirty alongside neighbors. "The Belden Community Garden is a labor of love," Parikh said. "One that has been made possible thanks to the knowledge and support gained from the UC Master Gardener Program and the invaluable support from Amy Zink from the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency." ★



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Finding the Handle to Inflation Reduction

I am often asked how I would solve the inflation problem. I pen a lot of articles about inflation, why the government will likely never solve it and that I had little hope of the president elect solving it. No matter who was elected, I held the belief inflation isn't going away and the reason is simple.

After about 5 decades of government overspending, inflation is likely baked into the proverbial cake.

We COULD solve it, or at least mitigate the worst of it, but HOW it could be solved would cause untold misery on many Americans.

When a government spends by borrowing or printing money, both are debt based spending. And when you spend using debt, you are pulling forward consumption. The problem is the cost of that consumption must be paid back at some point in the future.

When you spend without working, which is what debt spending is, at some point you must work without spending. In other words, you must work for essentially no benefit.

In an economy, this equates to reducing government spending without reducing government income. By doing that, you reverse the inflationary process and revert to a deflationary environment (prices drop).

You cut government cost by eliminating wasteful spending and reducing the size of government. Reducing the size of government means laying off people.

All this cutting adds up to a reduction in economic output, an increase in unemployment and unfortunately, pushing some under the bus of poverty, which is why I mentioned that governments will likely never get a handle on inflation.

Unfortunately it is the only way to extinguish the fires of inflation. I know the calls to tax the rich and collar those greedy corporations will fill the households of some readers, but the math of taxation and regulation just won't do the trick.

The overspending has been so egregious and gone on for so long, the amounts are just too large.

Enter the new administration's DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency). To be run by Elon Musk, Vivek Ramaswami and Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga. The goal of DOGE is to audit as many governmental departments as possible. The DOGE plan so far is to reduce the number of government employees and address the wasteful and frivolous spending like the proverbial \$500 hammer.

Ramaswami proposed reducing government employees by 75%. An eye-popping percentage to say the least. Other details other than a broad brush-stroke of goals are yet to be seen, but to many, the commission's proposed

actions sounds ominous.

And they will be.

The challenges are many. There are an untold number of government departments. Some with names and goals so ridiculous you wonder how they ever got the go ahead in the first place.

Firing a million plus government workers will also have many roadblocks. Spiking unemployment will only be one of them. One can imagine the public protests as they bring out the axe.

Reducing wasteful spending will also take the wind out of some corporate financial sails and no doubt reduce economic output and probably by a significant amount.

All told, the actions of DOGE could well mean a recession, if not worse.

Unpalatable is an understatement. But we have only ourselves and our elected officials to blame. Doing some quick math, a good portion of everything we see around us like roads, buildings, projects, and whatever else the government spent its money on was accomplished by debt laced spending. Nice while it lasted. Spending by borrowing always is.

But if DOGE has its way, the yucky part is next.

We must now work without spending. In government terms that means the knife for cutting and the axe for firing.

And for some, that will mean finding a new job, getting some benefits cut, and shuttering some departments and programs many might think are worthwhile and necessary.

But the damage has already been done. The cancer of inflation is engrained and infecting the body. Unmanaged, the fires of inflation could very well keep burning hot, incinerating family after family and business after business in is path.

It is way past time to administer the medicine in order for a brighter tomorrow. But it won't be pleasant. Not until at least, we kill the beast of rising prices and return to a healthy, vibrant and stable economy. But first we have to get the scalpel out and start cutting.

Either that or let the cancer keep growing. And we all know the end game of something like that.

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

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Onward



By Kathy Craig Harteis

Good news. Husband Tom doing well and heading home from hospital today. Onward to Christmas with all the chicks in the nest. There is joy to share.

While we continue to be blessed we are still concerned about the world around us. This has been a challenging and shocking week.

It seems no matter what the situation, there is always that faction of people protesting

acts of heroism or praising acts of violence, even cold blooded murder as justified.

Meanwhile drones of unknown origins are filling the skies and no one knows what they are doing. It's a drone; shoot it down and inspect it. Just sayin'.

It makes us wonder how much longer the Lord will tolerate us.

New terms like ghost guns and ghost cars boggles the mind.

The world is crazy and criminal these days.

If the low life's perpetrating these crimes spent as much time looking for a job and actually showing up and earning what they need everyone's economy would be healthier.

We all need to do our part to contribute to the world, not take from it.

There are good people

among us as well. A man in our town volunteers to help where needed. My friend Scott Trotter helps me and a multitude of other people in our town. He just helps.

It snowed while we were at the hospital. Before we got home today, Scott had shoveled our walkway. E cleared our back deck.

It's in his nature to help. Another person had plowed our driveway.

In a small town filled with good people; Life is good today.

A native of Grimes, CA, Kathy Craig Harteis is a former local journalist and former owner and chief executive of Kathy Craig Media Consulting, in Colusa. She currently lives in Beach, North Dakota, where she lived for many years while raising her family. ★



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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Things can change quickly in Kings Town, and the happenings of the past week certainly demonstrate exactly that.

The hardcourt gladiators from Sacramento are currently on a torrid 3-game winning streak, looking ahead to Monday night's game against the Denver Nuggets.

If you hadn't paid attention and just tuned into the Kings, you'd discover a team that is just finding themselves 26 games into the regular season, after losing every game in the preseason.

Fans and pundits alike have riddled the airwaves with remedies for multiple losing streaks, along with advice to coach Brown as to who should be his starting five.

I am more than happy to announce that coach Brown's decision to finally insert Malik Brown into the King's starting lineup has produced four wins in the last five games, and everyone is now wondering why it took three seasons to figure this one out.

But rather than casting aspersions, I will take the high road, and just give him an attaboy for making a decision that was long overdue. Malik is thrilled to be where he always thought he should be, and now coach Brown can simply focus on his bench that is currently ranked in the bottom of the league.

Kevin Huerter is showing signs of returning to form and seems to be comfortable taking the 6th man position that was formerly Monk's, so it's really the next three or four rotations that are going to tell the tale.

What has created chaos with the team is the night-in and night out inconsistency as to who will sit the night out completely, or who will garnish the majority of the minutes.

Big man Alex Len cannot catch a break, as he all too often finds himself at the end of the bench being a spectator for the entire game. This 7-foot giant has NBA game, and from my perspective, it's up to coach Brown and his staff to build this big man's confidence. One way you do that is by giving him a consistent rotation that he can count on every night.

Len has played several good games and shows real promise, only to find

himself relegated to the bench the very next game with no explanation except for the dreaded, coaches' decision.

The Kings can keep scouring the league for another trade/acquisition, or just look at their own bench, and perhaps realize that there is more talent already on this team than they are giving them credit for.

I for one believe that Alex Len has a big upside, but it takes a coach and staff that are willing to build a player's confidence if you want to see the desired result.

So far, I'm giving this staff a failing grade as it relates to evaluating talent, and you need to look no further than the inexplicable trade of Davion Mitchell to qualify my comments.

The Kings are still feeling the void left in Mitchell's absence, and all he is doing in Toronto is making Canadian fans fall in love with him. From the Kings bench to the Raptor's starting point guard, Davion is making the Toronto GM look like a basketball wizard.

The Kings cannot afford to continue undervaluing talent, or simply not see the forest for the trees. Let's get everything out of the team currently constituted, and that means starting with consistency as it relates to players coming off the bench. If Huerter is the 6th man, who is #7, 8, and 9? At this point no one but coach Brown knows, and he doesn't know until just before gametime.

Here's the good news! At 13-13 it's time to hit the reset button. Yes, the Kings are at 500, and now is the time to start making a run that can propel this team to the playoffs.

The starting five of, Fox, Monk, DeRozan, Murray, and Sabonis are a formidable group to guard, and I look forward to watching this team come out of the blocks on all 8 cylinders every night.

So, take heart Kings fans, because the best is yet to come, and that's without a trade or an acquisition.

Merry Christmas to one and all and go Kings!

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APN: 014-550-002-000 TS No: CA05000387-24-1 TO No: 240443583-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 24, 2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 13, 2025 at 09:00 AM, The Fifth Street Entrance, Yuba County

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RITA JOAN BRENNER Case NO. PRPB23-00166

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of Rita Joan Brenner.

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: Renee R. Kowalik-Moss in the Superior Court of California, County of: Yuba

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A **hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: January 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 4 located at Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, 215 5th Street Ste. 200 Marysville, CA 95901.**

If you **object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a **creditor** or a **contingent creditor** of the **decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four** months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: ROBERT A. CLAVEL, ESQ.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YUBA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: SUNALINA GRACE DAYTON, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-01676 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE: 2/3/2025 DEPT: 4 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Sunalina Grace Dayton, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Sunalina Grace Dayton to: Sunavana Grace Diamond

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: 12/12/2024 Stephen W. Berrier JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT December 20, 2, 2024, January 3, 10, 2025

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** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on November 08, 2024. (I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By NELIDA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024.

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

to this case, CA05000387-24-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-294 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Back in Time Arcade Marysville** 819 5th Street Marysville, CA 95901 Mailing Address: 8675 Bigelow Rd. Live Oak, CA 95953 County of YUBA Registered Owners: Michael J. Del Rio 819 5th Street Marysville, CA 95901 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/05/2024. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct). Signed: **Michael J. Del Rio** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 06, 2024. (I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By BRIDGETTE EVANS, Deputy Clerk Dec. 20, 27,2024, Jan. 3, 10, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-287 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **The Work Hub** 922 G Street Marysville, CA 95901 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 110 Marysville, CA 95901 County of YUBA Registered Owners: Sutter Networks LLC 922 G Street Marysville, CA 95901 This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/02/2024. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct). Signed: **Darci Ferguson CA Managing Editor** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on November 06, 2024. (I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By BRIDGETTE EVANS, Deputy Clerk Dec. 13, 20, 27,2024, Jan. 3, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-299 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Performance Auto Supply** 220 F Street Marysville, CA 95901 County of YUBA Registered Owners: Richard K. Dozier 220 F Street Marysville, CA 95901 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/11/2024. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct). Signed: **Richard K. Dozier** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 11, 2024. (I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By BRIDGETTE EVANS, Deputy Clerk Dec. 20, 27, 2024, Jan. 3, 10, 2025

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property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA05000387-24-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: November 19, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05000387-24-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0468082 To: TERRITORIAL DISPATCH 12/20/2024, 12/27/2024, 01/03/2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-263 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OLON VENTURES** 12594 Shetland Lane Oregon House, CA 95962 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 861 Oregon House, CA 95962 County of YUBA Registered Owners: Evangelos Moschovas P.O. Box 861 Oregon House, CA 95962 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/06/2024. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct). Signed: **Evangelos Moschovas** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on November 06, 2024. (I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By BRIDGETTE EVANS, Deputy Clerk Dec. 13, 20, 27,2024, Jan. 3, 2025

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. Maximilian 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** This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on November 20, 2024. (I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By NELIDA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 2024.

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The Nail that Changed Christianity

For several hundred years prior to the fifteenth century, little changed in the way Europe operated. The peasants worked on small farms that were owned by local lords. The lords provided the land and protected those who worked it. By the end of the fifteenth century, Europe was in the midst of the Renaissance that had begun in Italy, especially around the city of Florence. However, for most, life was little changed.

Friedrich Klapmann was born in the village of Scheessel in what is now northern Germany. He was the young son of a blacksmith and a devout Catholic hausfrau. Friedrich was coached in the religion by his mother and generally served as slave labor for his father. He received a limited education in the basics of language, mathematics, and Catholic doctrine as created by the local bishop and enforced by the territorial German prince.

As Friedrich began his teen years, he grew in size and in his irritation with his slave status. His only pay was a roof overhead, food, and water. His father, realizing he was losing control of this young giant, agreed to lend him to his brother-in-law for a monthly sum of ten pfennige. Uncle Klaus Lahme was an ironsmith. Friedrich worked long hours in blistering heat and was continually berated by Klaus for his lack of progress. But, after a few years, Klaus grudgingly admitted that Friedrich had become a passable ironsmith.

At the age of twenty-six, Friedrich took a wife. The lovely Gundula Schultheiss carried a sizable dowry into the marriage, so the

large wart on her left cheek, a Neanderthal-like gait, and the need for serious dental work did not sway Friedrich from recognizing true love. The young couple loaded their meager belongings into their two-wheeled ox cart and headed down the road to meet the challenges of life. They came to the village of Ziggelmark where Friedrich found work. There, they set up housekeeping, never to return to their place of birth.

The practice of Catholicism at the beginning of the sixteenth century in the many semi-independent territories of the declining Holy Roman Empire was at odds with the Papacy. Local German princes and bishops decided what portions of the religion were important and determined how the practice would be conducted in their areas.

The Papacy continued to attempt to assert its authority. But the general public, most of whom could neither read nor write, was not aware of this higher authority and went along with the local Catholic rules. However, certain learned men in the German church were unhappy.

Martin Luther was an Augustinian monk, a Doctor of Theology and Doctor in Bible at the University of Wittenberg. He called his university staff together in the catacombs of All Saints' Church on September 23, 1517, to discuss the visit a few years back by Johann Tetzel, a Dominican friar from the Roman church and papal commissioner for indulgences.

Six university staff members were gathered in the dark, dry, catacombs wondering why Martin had called them together. Moments later, Martin walked in and

went to the head of the gathering.

"Please find a burial niche in which to sit," Martin began. "Take care to not disturb the inhabitants. They were there first."

Martin continued. "This outrage of selling indulgences for the remission of temporal punishment for previously committed sins cannot be tolerated any longer. I sent a letter to Archbishop Albrect of Mainz and Magdeburg that contained ninety-five theses rejecting this practice three years ago. He sent them on to the big guy in Rome who has ignored us. It is now time to take make them public.

"But I like the indulgences," interrupted Brother Herman. "The money earned is covering my debts. I owe Brother Alois twelve thalers. I know he cheats at cards, but I can't prove it. So how am I going to pay my debts without the sale of indulgences?"

"Brother Herman, that money is to go directly to the Roman church to fund the renovation of The Basilica of St. Peter. Are you telling me you are skimming some of these funds?"

"No . . . well, maybe. But I'm not the only one. Tell him, Brother Karl."

"Tell him what? What are you talking about?" responded Brother Karl.

"Those high pitched screams of delight, coming from your bed chamber tell the tale."

"People, people, listen! Focus on the issue at hand. The Roman church has systematically ignored my plea concerning the selling of indulgences. We have to act. I am open to suggestions. What should we do?"

The meeting suddenly took on a quiet atmosphere. Most everyone enjoyed the benefits from

these sales and was not interested in curtailing the practice. Finally, one young man indicated he wanted to speak.

"Yes, Brother Johann, you have a suggestion?"

"Yes, Professor. We could have the theses printed and passed out to the villagers."

"That's a good suggestion, Brother Johann, but the villagers can't read," responded Martin.

"But that gives me a better idea," announced Martin. "I will nail a copy of the theses to the door of All Saints' Church. Then as people gather to see what is happening, one of us can read the theses to them. Quick, bring a hammer and follow me."

Everyone did as he was told and soon a crowd of villagers had gathered at the door.

Martin spoke in his most authoritative voice. "People of Wittenberg. The sale of indulgences and similar unholy acts perpetrated by our Catholic brethren in the Roman church is wrong. No more. I intend to nail these theses of protest to this very door. This act will surely gather the attention of the church and make our voices heard."

With a roar of approval from the crowd, Martin held the document containing the theses in place, took the hammer from Brother Alois, and prepared to nail it to the door.

"Brother, where is the nail?" asked Martin.

"Nail? You did not say anything about a nail."

"My god, man! How can I nail something to the door without a nail?"

Alois quickly recovered and asked the crowd if anyone had a nail. Martin, embarrassed, waited rather impatiently. Finally, a



strong voice was heard from the middle of the crowd. "Professor, I have a nail."

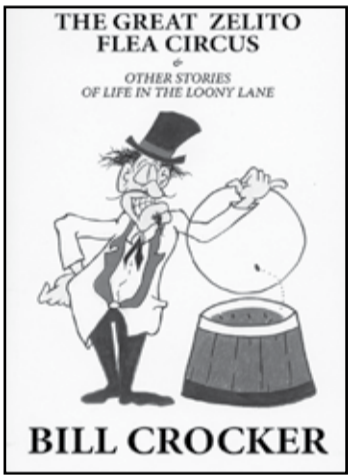
"Come forth, my son. Bring me your nail."

The crowd parted to allow the young man to come to the door of the church. He carried in his hand a single nail that he handed to Martin.

"God bless you, my son. You have saved the day. Tell us your name and be recognized."

"I am Friedrich Klapmann an ironsmith from Ziggelmark. I am in Wittenberg to sell my wares. I always carry a single nail as a good luck talisman. I willingly give this charm to you for your use. Its magic will surely bring you good fortune in your endeavor."

With proper reverence, Martin took the nail and with two swift blows, nailed the document containing the now famous ninety-five theses to the door. With this act, the practice of Christianity was changed forever. ★



Gallagher Comments on Newsom's "Jobs First" Stop in Colusa County



James Gallagher

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

On Dec. 10, as Gov. Gavin Newsom visits Colusa County for his "Jobs First" tour to brag about the Sites Reservoir and Delta tunnel project (neither of which have created many jobs), Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City)

blasted the governor for failing to deliver on his promises about infrastructure and the economy.

"The only 'first' about this tour is it's the first time Newsom has cared about jobs in his six years as governor," said Gallagher. "Sites Reservoir has been in the works since the Eisenhower administration and voters approved

funding for the project a decade ago - what on Earth is taking so long? Californians need more results and fewer publicity stunts from the governor."

Some other information to consider as Newsom brags about jobs:

California's unemployment rate is the second-highest in the nation, at 5.4%.

The nonpartisan

Legislative Analyst's Office recently reported "Outside of government and health care, the state has added no jobs in a year and a half."

A just-released study from the PPIC found a plurality of Californians disapprove of Newsom's handling of jobs and the economy, while 62% say it's harder to achieve the American Dream in

California than anywhere else.

A report from the Hoover Institution found "California ranked 50th in job growth in 2023."

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. ★

Holiday Cheer Starts Here: Celebrate the Holiday Season Responsibly

National "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Enforcement Campaign Began Dec. 11

Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The holiday season can be dangerous for people on the roads. In December 2022 alone, 1,062 people were killed in the U.S. in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Sutter County Sheriff's Office wants to remind the public of the dangers of driving impaired and to celebrate the holiday season responsibly by not driving under the influence.

From Dec. 11 through New Year's Day, the Sutter County Sheriff's Office will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The high-visibility enforcement effort is part of a national campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, with the goal of

stopping suspected impaired drivers who put others at risk.

"During the holiday season, we see families and loved ones coming together to celebrate, and our



goal is to make sure everyone gets home safely," said Sergeant Carlos Mendoza. "Impaired driving isn't just dangerous; it's illegal. Let's make this a joyful

and safe holiday season for everyone on the road. We urge people to act responsibly and plan a sober ride home."

Sutter County Sheriff's Office encourages everyone to stay in for the night or have a "go safely" game plan by scheduling a ride or designating a sober driver if you plan to consume alcohol.

Impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, cannabis products and other drugs may also cause impairment. If you plan on drinking or taking medications with a driving warning label, let someone who is sober drive. If you see someone who appears to be driving while impaired, call 9-1-1.

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

CHP Secures Federal Grant to Enhance Older Driver Safety

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

The California Highway Patrol (CHP), in partnership with the Office of Traffic Safety, announced the receipt of a \$225,000 federal grant to launch the "Keeping Everyone Safe" (KEYS) program.

This program is designed to enhance traffic education and health awareness for drivers aged 65 and older and aims to ensure older drivers remain safe, confident and informed on the road.

A vital feature of this program is the "Age Well, Drive Smart" class. This free, two-hour course addresses older drivers' unique challenges, such as age-related changes, crash risk factors, safe driving strategies and Department of Motor Vehicles licensing requirements. This class also provides helpful self-assessment resources.

Classes are offered at all CHP area offices and taught by experienced CHP public information officers (PIOs), who bring the

class directly to community locations for added convenience. In addition, public information officers will engage with older drivers at local events and community gatherings. "Ensuring the safety of California's older drivers is essential as they remain active on our roads. This federal grant allows us to provide targeted resources and support to help them drive confidently and safely," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "Our goal is to enhance their independence while reducing risks, making our state's roads safer for everyone."

The CHP is committed to supporting California's older drivers with the education and the resources they need to continue driving safely and confidently.

For more information on the "KEYS" program or to enroll in an upcoming "Age Well, Drive Smart" class, contact your local CHP office.

This program is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ★



Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers Host Signing Ceremony at Historic Bryant Field

High Wheelers News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The High Wheelers, 2024 Pioneer League Champions, announced they are moving to the Yuba-Sutter region next season. On Dec. 11, the team hosted a signing ceremony at the historic Bryant Field in Marysville where they will be playing.

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.

“We love baseball, and this is a first-class field here in our backyard to play it on! On behalf of the City of Marysville, I am thrilled to welcome the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers. We’ve got such a deep and rich history with the sport and can’t wait to carry on that tradition.” said Dan Flores, Community Development Director, Marysville

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 ballpark built from New Deal investments. In the past, the community has hosted baseball legends such as Babe Ruth, Lou



High Wheelers manager Billy Horton, at the Dec. 11 official signing ceremony in Marysville, the High Wheelers new home. Photo courtesy of the High Wheelers

Gehrig, and Jackie Robinson.

“I remember building bleachers at Bryant Field 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 build a championship culture - on and off the field.” said Lon Hatamiya, Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers ownership group.

The City of Marysville will invest in ballpark upgrades which will be used to make the field fit for professional players, including a professional clubhouse, padded walls, and a video scoreboard. 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.

“I grew up in a small town with one stoplight, and so being here has made me excited to be a part of this community. I’m looking forward to having my wife and kids here in Marysville

this summer to watch baseball from the dugout. The players are really hungry and ready to work hard. As a team, we focus heavily on preparation and execution, because when you prepare yourself mentally and physically, the results come. We were able to win a Pioneer League Championship last season, and we’re planning to build on our success in the coming season.” said Billy Horton, Manager of the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers

Season tickets for the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers are now on sale at www.highwheelers.com. ★



Marysville Community Development Director Dan Flores officially welcomes the High Wheelers on Dec. 11. Photo courtesy of the High Wheelers



Marysville native and High Wheelers part owner Lon Hatamiya, speaking at historic Bryant Field. Photo courtesy of the High Wheelers

The Bulldogs Struggle at 70th GIBT



By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The annual Gridley Invitational Basketball Tournament was played this past weekend. The tournament started on Thursday, Dec. 12 and ended on Saturday, Dec.14.

This year marked the 70th year of the tournament and spans between three days with teams from across California. The teams who played this year consisted of Salseian (Richmond), Archbishop Riordan (San Francisco), Branson (Ross), Clayton Valley Charter (Concord), Clovis North (Fresno), Destiny Christian (Sacramento), and San Ramon Valley (Danville). All of these teams were champions in one way or another or made a deep run in the playoffs

last season so it was beyond safe to say that the Bulldogs would be testing themselves against high competition.

The Bulldogs would start the tournament against the Salesian College Preparatory Pride and not much would go right for the Bulldogs. Salesian would explode to start the game as they scored 24 points and held the Bulldogs to only 11 in the first quarter. Salesian would repeat that trend in the next two quarters as they scored 27 in the second, and 21 in the third while holding Gridley to just 14 points for the rest of the game. The final score would be 76-25 and the Bulldogs would start the tournament off with a loss.

On the second day, the Bulldogs played the Destiny Christian Academy Lions and

while they played a little better in this game, the Lions would still have their way against the Bulldogs. The Lions would pick apart the Bulldog zone defense specifically in the third quarter as they rained down open threes. While the offense got going better than the first game for the Bulldogs, it was not enough against the Lions as they won the game 59-36.

The Bulldogs would play in the 7th place game against the Branson Bulls and once again could not do much. The Bulls would consistently score while also holding the Bulldogs to under 10 points in each quarter. The Bulls would win the game 63-28 and the Bulldogs would take the 8th place spot in this year's tournament.

In front of a packed house, the championship game would be played between the Salesian Pride, and the Archbishop Riordan Crusaders. The game would be exciting to watch as each team traded baskets and stellar defensive plays. The Crusaders would end up winning the game in the final minutes 52-51.

The Bulldogs will look to put this tournament behind them as they play in the Colusa tournament starting on Thursday, Dec. 19 against the Williams Yellowjackets (after press time). ★

Athletics Add Free Agent Pitching Ace

By Daniel Canfield

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento region baseball fans rejoice. Major League Baseball’s Athletics took a huge step toward the 2025 season by signing free agent pitcher Luis Severino.

According to a Dec. 6 report on the official MLB website, Severino signed a three-year, \$67 million deal that goes down as the largest guaranteed contract handed out by the Athletics in franchise history.

Severino will be joining the Athletics who will be playing their 2025 home games at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento, while a new stadium is being built for the Athletics in Las Vegas. The AAA River Cats will also be playing their home games at Sutter Health Park in 2025.

The Athletics left Oakland at the conclusion of the 2024 season when the organization’s lease agreement with the city for the Oakland Coliseum expired. The Athletics reported at the time, the club was unable to come to terms with Oakland on a new stadium to replace the outdated and dilapidated coliseum.

The Athletics had played in Oakland since the 1968 season after moving from Kansas City.

According to baseball-reference.com, Severino is currently thirty years old and was born in the Dominican Republic. The

6-foot, 3-inch-tall right hander started his major league baseball career with the New York Yankees in 2015. Severino pitched for the Yankees for eight seasons and was a Major League Baseball All-Star in 2017 and 2018.

In 2023, Severino played for the New York Mets. In the 2023 campaign he posted an 11-7 record with a 3.91 ERA in 182 innings.

Major League Baseball reported that Severino was in Sacramento on Dec. 6 for a press conference and took the opportunity to also visit Sutter Health Park which is undergoing renovations necessary for the stadium to host a major league baseball club.

At the press conference which was held at the ritzy Sawyer Hotel in downtown Sacramento, Severino summed up the moment succinctly and perfectly with this statement, “... excited to be here, excited to be part of this new team.”

Athletics fans will be hoping that Severino returns to the All-Star form he exhibited with the Yankees in 2017 and 2018. It is most likely that Severino will be the Athletics starting pitcher on opening day, which for the Athletics is Thursday, Mar. 27, in Seattle against the Mariners. The Athletics home opener at Sutter Health Park will be on Monday, Mar. 31 against the iconic Chicago Cubs. ★

Recreational Dungeness Crab Fishery Open in Northern California

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The recreational fishery for Dungeness crab is open in the portion of northern California that was delayed due to a public health hazard. State health agencies determined that consuming the meat of Dungeness crab taken in waters from the California/Oregon border (42° 0.00’ N latitude) to the southern boundary of the Reading Rock State Marine Reserve (41° 17.6’ N latitude) no longer poses a significant threat for domoic acid exposure.

Following a recommendation from state health agencies, California



Dungeness crab season is open in the northern waters of California's Zone 1. Photo by Daderot via Wikimedia Commons.

Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Director Charlton H. Bonham

declared the recreational Dungeness crab fishery to be open in this area of

northern California. CDFW Director Bonham continued to delay the

northern California commercial Dungeness crab season for Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte counties until 12:01 a.m. Dec. 31, 2024, due to poor quality crab. Crab meat quality tests were not conducted due to continued high domoic acid concentrations at one of the northern sampling locations. Another round of testing is anticipated to occur around Dec. 15 to determine whether the fishery may open on Dec. 31, 2024, or be delayed an additional 15 days until Jan. 15, 2025.

A continued delay in the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab season in Fishing Zones 3-6 (From the Sonoma/Mendocino County line to the U.S./

Mexico International Border) also remains in place after entanglement risk was assessed under the Risk Assessment Mitigation Program.

The temporary crab trap restriction in the recreational crab fishery in Fishing Zones 3 and 4 (From the Sonoma/Mendocino County line to Lopez Point [36° N. latitude]), and a Fleet Advisory for the recreational fleet in all Fishing Zones will also continue.

The next scheduled risk assessment is expected to occur on or around Dec. 20, 2024. For more information, please visit CDFW’s Whale Safe Fisheries webpage at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/marine/>. ★

Demolition of Hotel Marysville Begins



Pictured here is an aerial shot of the Hotel Marysville demolition taken on Dec. 16. Current detours and road closures are expected to be removed by the end of January or early February of 2025 following a complete demolition. Photo courtesy of Brian Davis

By Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The official demolition process of the historic Hotel Marysville began on Dec. 11, nearly a full six months after a fire rendered the building unsalvageable on June 15.

The cause of the fire remains undetermined but engineering reports confirmed that the building contained asbestos and was at risk of collapsing. Since then, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the City of Marysville and local authorities have worked to address these public safety risks, which included setting up a safety perimeter and shutting down

a portion of State Route 70 between 3rd and 6th streets.

The detours that were established through the neighboring streets of downtown Marysville will remain in place until State Route 70 is able to open back up in full following the complete demolition of the hotel. Caltrans and Marysville city leaders estimate demolition to be completed by the end of January or early February.

“The entire building will be demolished. Then the highway will be reopened,” said Dan Flores, Marysville’s director of community and economic development. “The city will begin actively marketing the property within the next few weeks. There is no specific plan

for the property at this time.”

According to a statement from Caltrans, truck drivers should detour off State Route 70 before entering Marysville and use Simpson Lane to bypass the closure. Detour signage will remain in place until the re-opening of State Route 70 and travelers have been asked to allow extra time to navigate the area or use an alternative route, such as State Route 99. Caltrans will issue updates on X @ CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3.

Most local businesses will remain open during the demolition process. Owners report varying experiences with the detour routes and road closures with some citing an increase in



The 100-year-old Marysville Hotel is now in the process of being demolished. Photo courtesy of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

foot traffic while others feel it has diminished their visibility.

“We are one of the lucky ones, that traffic was directed toward us, instead of away and we are so grateful,” said Nicole Franco, owner of the Woodbutcher located at 301 C St. in Marysville. “Although the detours are a constant complaint from people that come in, I think they’re kind of used to it now. I am looking forward to having everything open, I feel like Marysville was on an upturn and then held back from the progress we were making. I think the added stress from traffic and such has been tough for everyone in the community... it’ll be nice to feel ‘normal.’”

Franco added that she hopes

to see the hotel grounds developed into additional retail space with a variety of shops and a parking garage above.

“It has been pretty difficult to park near our office or to cross the street from our office for donors to drop off donated items such as shoes and blankets,” said Brian Davis, owner of Be Xtra, a local nonprofit photography group located at 417 4th St. in Marysville. “Can’t wait for the traffic flow on 4th to return to normal and being able to have people drop off or pick up donations with ease again. I’d love to see another hotel replace the current site that would house some shops and restaurants right in the heart of downtown Marysville.”

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