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Former Husky Starts in Potato Bowl



Auckland Asiata, a former Sutter Husky football player, starts in the Famous Idaho Potato Ball on Dec. 23 as a defensive tackle for the Fresno Bulldogs. Photo courtesy of Jana Auckland

By Shamaya Sutton

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - Asiata is a name synonymous with football in the Yuba-Sutter area.

Auckland Asiata, who graduated from Sutter Union High School last year, is making a name for himself, despite a lineage that includes former Minnesota Viking running back

Matt Asiata and former Chicago Bear Johan Asiata, his father.

Asiata received numerous offers from college football programs, including Ivy League schools such as Princeton and Dartmouth. He ultimately chose Fresno State, signing his letter of intent on Jan. 13, 2024 at the GRIND:30 facility in Yuba City.

"It seemed like the right fit for

me," said Asiata. "I wanted a good balance and didn't want to worry about studying too hard."

As a defensive tackle in his freshman year, Asiata had the rare opportunity to play in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. The Potato Bowl is an annual National Collegiate Athletic Association

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Suspect Arrested in Connection with Bidwell Mansion Fire

California State Parks News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Officers with California State Parks, CAL FIRE's Office of the State Fire Marshal, Chico Police Department, and the California State University, Chico Police Department on the afternoon of Jan. 2 arrested a suspect on felony arson charges in connection with the Dec. 11 fire that severely damaged Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park.

Kevin Alexander Carlson, 30, of Chico, was taken into custody and booked at the Butte County Jail on multiple charges, including Penal Code 451(c) Arson.

The early morning fire caused extensive damage to the historic mansion. CAL FIRE investigators found clear indicators pointing to an intentional act and on Dec. 17, determined the cause to be arson.

Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park remains closed to the public. Completed in 1868, the 26-room mansion was undergoing an extensive renovation that was nearly complete when the fire broke out.

California State Parks has begun discussing the future of the state historic park with community partners, including the city of Chico; CSU Chico; the Mechoopda Indian Tribe; and the Bidwell Mansion Association. State Parks is assessing what remains of the mansion and how that fits with its designation as a California Historical Landmark and being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Any decision about the future of the park will involve substantial community input and engagement, tribal consultation, and considerations of national standards for historic properties.

California State Parks acknowledges its partners' efforts in providing the resources and expertise needed to bring this suspect into custody. It was a collaborative effort with CAL FIRE – Office of State Fire Marshal Arson and Bomb Unit; Chico Police Department; CAL FIRE – Butte Unit; CSU Chico Police Department; Butte County District Attorney's Office; the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other allied agencies.

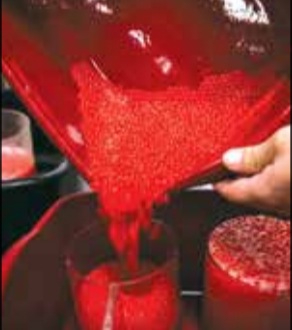
If the public has any photos or videos related to the Bidwell Mansion fire, call the CAL FIRE – Office of State Fire Marshal Arson and Bomb Unit hotline at 1-800-468-4408. ★

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Art Fix & Mix Coming to the Burrows Center for the Arts

A Bi-weekly Gathering of Creatives in All Genres

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Be part of an all new, all inclusive, free and exciting opportunity to mix with other artistically minded community members.

Hosted by artist Pamela Nowak (pr. "no-vack"), all artistic styles and genres are welcome. Bring your art materials, electric keyboard, poetry, clay, guitar or dance shoes and participate in or just experience a 90-minute, full immersion in the arts exchanging ideas and creative expression.

Dubbed Art Fix & Mix, this new program sponsored by Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture (YSAC) will be held in its Gallery at the Burrows Center for the Arts, 624 E St. in Marysville on the first and third Mondays of the month. The kickoff event was held on Monday, Jan.

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Dubbed Art Fix & Mix, this new program will be held in its Gallery at the Burrows Center for the Arts, 624 E St. in Marysville. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

CHP Highlights New Laws for 2025

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is highlighting the new public safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative session and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom. Unless otherwise noted, the laws referenced below took effect on Jan. 1.

Combating Retail Theft

Crimes: Organized Theft (SB 982, Wahab)

Senate Bill 982 makes the crime of organized retail theft permanent and strengthens measures to address retail crime. The bill eliminates the expiration date for specific provisions targeting organized retail theft, ensuring long-term tools for law enforcement to combat this issue.

Crimes: Fires (SB 1242, Min)

Senate Bill 1242 amends Penal Code Section 452 regarding the unlawful setting of fires. It updates penalties and legal language to clarify offenses, including circumstances involving organized retail theft.

Sentencing Enhancements: Sale, Exchange, Or Return of Stolen Property (SB 1416 Newman)

Senate Bill 1416 focuses on combating organized retail theft by increasing penalties for those involved in the resale of stolen goods, often referred to as "fencing." The bill, until January 1, 2030, creates sentencing enhancements for individuals who sell, exchange, or return stolen property for value, particularly when the property exceeds specific thresholds. Punishment increases from one year to four years based on a property value scale ranging from \$50,000 to over \$3 million.

Theft: Jurisdiction (AB 1779, Irwin)

Assembly Bill 1779 addresses

the issue of organized retail theft by streamlining the prosecution process. Specifically, it allows district attorneys to consolidate charges for theft offenses committed across multiple counties into a single trial, provided all affected county district attorneys agree.

Crimes: Organized Theft (AB 1802, Jones-Sawyer)

Assembly Bill 1802 ensures that the crime of organized retail theft remains permanently defined in state law and extends the CHP's Property Crimes Task Force indefinitely. This bill eliminates the "sunset" clause that would have allowed the statute and the task force to expire.

Regional Property Crimes Task Force (AB 1972, Alanis)

Assembly Bill 1972 expands the scope of the CHP's Regional Property Crimes Task Force to include cargo theft as a property crime for consideration and requires the task force to provide logistical and law enforcement support for railroad police.

This bill emphasizes cargo theft as a specific priority and aims to strengthen resources for law enforcement agencies to combat these issues. As an urgency statute, AB 1972 went into effect immediately upon its passage last August.

Crimes: Shoplifting (AB 2943, Zbur)

Assembly Bill 2943, also called the "California Retail Theft Reduction Act," strengthens measures to combat organized retail theft by creating a specific crime for serial retail theft, allowing the aggregation of property value for thefts committed within 90 days to qualify as grand theft. It empowers law enforcement to make arrests using video evidence or sworn statements, shields businesses from lawsuits for reporting crimes and promotes rehabilitation through diversion programs

for minor offenders. The bill aims to dismantle theft rings while balancing public safety and criminal justice reforms.

Crimes: Theft: Retail Theft Restraining Orders (AB 3209, Berman)

Assembly Bill 3209 creates a retail crime restraining order. A court can issue a restraining order when sentencing an individual for specific retail theft-related crimes, including vandalism of a retail store and assaulting a retail store employee.

Emergency Alert Information Sharing

Electronic Toll Collection Systems: Information Sharing: Law Enforcement (AB 2645, Lackey)

Assembly Bill 2645 allows transportation agencies operating electronic toll collection systems to share real-time license plate data with law enforcement during active emergency alerts, such as AMBER, Ebony or Feather Alerts. This legislation eliminates the need for a search warrant in such situations, enabling quicker responses to locate suspect vehicles linked to emergencies, such as child abductions.

Tools to Address Reckless Driving and Sideshows

Vehicles: Speed Contests (AB 1978, Sanchez)

Assembly Bill 1978 permits storing a vehicle when an individual is arrested but not taken into custody for obstructing or placing a barricade on a highway or off-street parking facility for purposes of aiding a speed contest or exhibition of speed.

Vehicles: Impoundment (AB 2186, Wallis)

Assembly Bill 2186 permits the arrest and custody of individuals engaged in an exhibition of speed in an off-street parking facility. It permits the impounding of the individual's vehicle for not more than 30 days.

Vehicles: Sideshows and

Street Takeovers (AB 2807, Villapudua)

Assembly Bill 2807 defines a "sideshow" and a "street takeover" as the same type of event.

Vehicles: Removal and Impoundment (AB 3085, Gipson)

Assembly Bill 3085 provides authority to seize and impound a vehicle with a warrant when the vehicle was used in violation of a speed contest or exhibition of speed (including aiding or abetting). This bill also permits electronic service of the notices of impoundment and storage hearings.

Electric Bicycle Safety

Electric Bicycles, Powered Mobility Devices and Storage (SB 1271, Min)

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, SB 1271 focuses on improving the safety standards for electric bicycles (e-bikes), powered mobility devices and related lithium-ion batteries. It requires these devices and their components, such as batteries and charging systems, to be tested by accredited laboratories to meet specific safety standards. The bill also mandates labeling these products to show compliance with safety regulations, ensuring consumers are informed. Furthermore, it prohibits distributing, selling or leasing e-bikes and related equipment unless they meet these standards, aiming to reduce risks such as fire hazards and electrical malfunctions. Beginning Jan. 1, 2028, the bill would prohibit a person from renting or offering for rental an electric bicycle, powered mobility device, charging system or storage battery unless it has been tested to the specified safety standard.

Vehicles: Electric Bicycles (AB 1774, Gipson)

Assembly Bill 1774 prohibits modifying an electric bicycle's

speed capability to an extent it no longer meets the definition of an electric bicycle.

Clean Air Vehicle Sticker Extension:

Vehicles: High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (AB 2678, Wallis)

Assembly Bill 2678 permits vehicles with a Clean Air Vehicle decal to drive in High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes until Jan. 1, 2027, if federal law permits.

Autonomous Vehicles

Vehicle Equipment: Driver Monitoring Defeat Devices (SB 1313, Ashby)

Senate Bill 1313 prohibits using, possessing or selling devices designed to interfere with driver monitoring systems in vehicles equipped with advanced driver assistance systems or autonomous technology. These systems monitor driver alertness and help ensure safety when automated features are used. Violating this law is classified as an infraction. Exceptions are provided for manufacturers testing new technology, vehicle repairs and updates compliant with safety standards or modifications for disability accommodations.

Autonomous Vehicles Interactions with First Responders and Traffic Violation Notices – AB 1777 (Ting)

Upon the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) adoption of necessary regulations, AB 1777 creates new authority for a law enforcement officer to issue a "notice of autonomous vehicle (AV) noncompliance" to an AV manufacturer for an alleged traffic violation committed by one of their vehicles. Beginning July 1, 2026, AB 1777 establishes additional requirements for how AVs that operate without a human operator in the vehicle interact with first responders, including a requirement for manufacturers to provide a two-way device in the vehicles to communicate with first responders. ★

Average California Farm Loses \$19,734 per Year to Natural Hazards

Trace One News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - High grocery prices have been a defining economic story in recent years, driven by a combination of factors including pandemic-related supply chain breakdowns and labor shortages. However, an increasingly critical driver of food price inflation has been the impact of natural disasters—such as droughts, floods, and hurricanes—on the nation's agricultural output.

In Florida, a devastating combination of hurricanes and disease has sharply reduced orange harvests over the past several years, leading to soaring costs for citrus. Prolonged droughts in critical agricultural regions like the Midwest and California have curtailed the supply of grains, contributing to higher prices. In Texas, episodes of extreme heat have stressed livestock, decreasing productivity and raising costs for dairy and meat products.

The increased frequency of natural hazards has created a challenging environment for farmers. However, the effects of climate- and weather-related disasters are not uniform, varying greatly depending on location. To pinpoint where these events are having the greatest impact on farmers and the nation's food supply, researchers at Trace One—a company specializing in regulatory compliance for the food and beverage industry—conducted an in-depth analysis of the latest data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Here's what they found.

Annual Agriculture Loss Due to Natural Hazards

Drought is the most common cause of economic loss in the agriculture industry.

According to estimates from FEMA, natural hazards cause an average of \$3.4 billion in agricultural losses annually, with drought being the single largest contributor. Drought alone accounts for more than half of these losses, averaging \$1.8 billion per year. The financial impact of drought underscores its threat to farmers, particularly in regions reliant on water-intensive crops.

Other significant contributors to agricultural losses include hurricanes, which cause \$471 million in annual losses, along with flooding (\$424 million) and cold waves (\$278 million). Events such as hailstorms, strong winds, and heat waves collectively add hundreds of millions in losses to the yearly toll. While less frequent,



Drought is the most common cause of economic loss in the agriculture industry. Image by Siggý Nowak from Pixabay

disasters like tornadoes, wildfires, and winter weather also contribute economic strain in certain regions.

Expected Annual Losses by Region

California farms are facing the largest losses due to natural hazards.

Natural disasters impacting agriculture vary significantly across U.S. regions due to differing climates and geographic vulnerabilities. Drought is a persistent challenge on the West Coast, particularly in California, as well as the Southwest and parts of the Southern Plains, where water scarcity hampers crop yields and livestock production. Hurricanes have the most severe impact in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions, where states like Florida and North Carolina frequently experience storm surges and high winds that devastate crops and infrastructure. Riverine flooding is most problematic in the Mississippi River Basin and its extensive tributary networks, as well as in the Pacific Northwest. Cold waves are most prominent in the Midwest and Mountain West, where freezing temperatures can damage crops and livestock operations.

Taken together, California leads the nation in agricultural losses due to natural hazards, with farms in the state incurring an estimated \$1.2 billion in losses annually. This figure dwarfs losses in other states, with drought being the most significant hazard affecting California's vast agricultural sector. On a per-farm basis, California reports an average loss of \$19,734—the highest of any

state—reflecting its reliance on high-value crops such as fruits, nuts, and vegetables, which are particularly vulnerable to water shortages.

By comparison, Texas, which ranks second, faces an expected annual loss of \$199 million, with droughts again being the primary driver. Iowa, North Carolina, and Florida round out the top five, each suffering from a combination of droughts and hurricanes, though with lower total and per-farm losses than California.

At the county level, California continues to dominate the rankings, with Santa Barbara County reporting the largest expected losses at \$238 million annually. Drought is the principal hazard here, impacting high-value crops like strawberries, vegetables, and wine grapes. Other California counties, such as Yolo, Napa, Sutter and Colusa, also rank highly, with annual losses ranging from \$68 million to \$112 million. These counties experience some of the highest loss rates per farm, with those in Santa Barbara County and Yolo County losing an estimated \$175,120 and \$140,459 each year, respectively.

Here is a summary of the data for California:

Total expected annual loss: \$1,245,887,089
 Expected annual loss per farm: \$19,734
 Expected annual loss rate: 2.19%
 Total farms: 63,134
 Total agriculture value: \$56,797,402,704
 Worst natural hazard for agriculture: Drought

For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:

Total expected annual loss: \$3,380,082,197
 Expected annual loss per farm: \$1,779
 Expected annual loss rate: 0.69%
 Total farms: 1,900,487
 Total agriculture value: \$488,704,132,158
 Worst natural hazard for agriculture: Drought

Methodology

The data used in this study is from FEMA's National Risk Index and the USDA's Census of Agriculture. To identify locations where natural hazards have the greatest impact on the nation's food supply, researchers at Trace One analyzed and ranked locations based on their average annual economic loss (expected annual loss) in 2024 dollars within the agricultural sector. This metric accounts for damages caused by natural hazards such as cold waves, hail, heat waves, hurricanes, riverine flooding, strong winds, tornadoes, wildfires, and winter weather events, using data collected since 1996. In the event of a tie, locations with greater expected annual losses per farm were ranked higher. The analysis also incorporated the expected annual loss rate, calculated as the expected annual loss divided by the total annual value of the agricultural sector for each location. Additionally, researchers identified the worst natural hazard for agriculture in each location, which is the hazard contributing the largest share of the expected annual loss. ★

First Snow Survey Shows Snowpack Near Average

After a Warm, Dry Fall, Recent Storms Provide Boost to Snowpack but Return of Dry Conditions Looms

Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) Jan 2 conducted the first snow survey of the season at Phillips Station. The manual survey recorded 24 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 9 inches, which is 91 percent of average for this location. The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of the Department of Water Resources' water supply forecast. Statewide, the snowpack is 108 percent of average for this date.

Recent years in California have been marked by extremely hot and dry conditions broken up by periods of intense rain and snow. So far, this water year has been no different. A record-breaking hot and dry summer continued well into the fall, but a powerful atmospheric river in November broke several rainfall records in Northern California. A series of storms in late December provided another boost.

"While our snowpack looks good now, we have a long way until April when our water supply picture will be more complete," said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. "Extreme shifts between dry and wet conditions are continuing this winter and if the past several years are any indication, anything could happen between now and April and we need to be prepared."

The Department of Water Resources' electronic readings from 130 stations placed throughout the Sierra Nevada indicate that the statewide snowpack's snow water equivalent is 10.7 inches, or 108 percent of average for this date, compared



California Department of Water Resources staff members (from right) Andy Reising, Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager, Manon von Kaenel, Water Resources Engineer, Angelique Fabbiani-Leon, State Hydrometeorologist, and Jordan Thoennes, Water Resources Engineer, conduct the first media snow survey of the 2025 season at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada. The survey is held approximately 90 miles east of Sacramento off Highway 50 in El Dorado County. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources



California Department of Water Resources staff Angelique Fabbiani-Leon, State Hydrometeorologist, conduct the first media snow survey of the 2025 season at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources



California Department of Water Resources staff (from left) Angelique Fabbiani-Leon, State Hydrometeorologist, Manon von Kaenel, Water Resources Engineer, Andy Reising, Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager, and Jordan Thoennes, Water Resources Engineer, conduct the first media snow survey of the 2025 season at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources

to 28 percent on this date last year.

California has seen this pattern

before. In both 2013 and 2022, the January snowpack was well above average thanks to December storm activity, only for dry conditions to take over the rest of the winter, quickly

erasing early season snow totals and continuing existing drought conditions across the state.

"We are fortunate to have had several solid snow-producing atmospheric river systems so far

this season," said Department of Water Resources Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager Andy Reising. "The fall was extremely dry, so our healthy snow totals are thanks to a handful of big storm systems in November and late December. But to finish the year where we need to be, we will still need additional snow building at a regular pace throughout the winter."

Major reservoirs statewide are currently 121 percent of average thanks to two consecutive years of above average snowpack conditions, which occurred after the driest three-year period on record in California. DWR is preparing for these swings between extreme conditions by investing in climate resilience, including the use of Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations, floodplain and flood infrastructure improvements and groundwater recharge efforts that will ensure California is able to capture and use as much water during flood conditions as possible.

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California's water needs. Its natural ability to store water is why the Sierra snowpack is often referred to as California's "frozen reservoir." Data from these snow surveys and forecasts produced by the Department of Water Resources Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit are important factors in determining how Department of Water Resources manages the state's water resources.

Department of Water Resources conducts four media-oriented snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month, January through April and, if necessary, May. The next survey is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 3. ★

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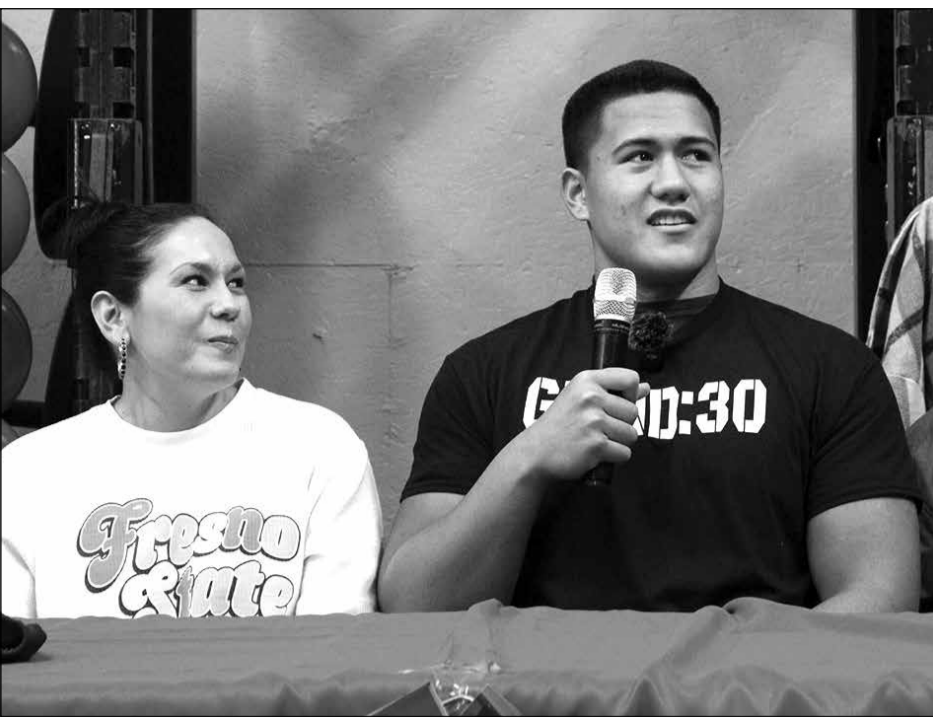


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Former Husky Starts in Potato Bowl



Auckland Asiata, then a Senior at Sutter High School, speaks at a ceremony in January 2023 where he signed his letter of intent to play football for California State University, Fresno. Photo by Stephen Bryla

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(NCAA)-sanctioned game played at Albertsons Stadium on the Boise State University campus. This week-long celebration includes a potato bar, a French fry feed and other events that make it fun and exciting for both players and fans.

Today, the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl is considered the longest-running cold weather bowl game in college football and, due to its national coverage on ESPN, most teams consider it priceless in terms of exposure.

The Fresno Bulldogs went up against the Northern Illinois Huskies on Dec. 23, and while they had a strong start, they ultimately lost 28-20. Asiata said multiple coaches and teammates had transferred before the game, which gave him the opportunity to start.

“I was really nervous because that was my first game I started and with my teammates and coaches leaving, I had to step up,” said Asiata.

Asiata made the most of this opportunity until about midway through the second quarter when he injured his bicep. This came as a tough end to a monumental season but his mother, Jana, and younger brother, Losi, now a Sutter Husky running back, were in attendance to help ease the blow.

“My mom didn’t miss a home game all year,” said Asiata. “Her support was big in helping me deal with the injuries this season.”

Asiata’s support system also included Sutter Husky football coach Ryan Reynolds.

“Auckland is a product of his relentless work ethic and commitment to being the very best he can be,” said Reynolds. “The community of Sutter is extremely proud of him.”

While there were a few highs and lows this season, Asiata is already looking forward to next year and anticipates playing at a “whole other level” following his recovery. Not forgetting his hometown, Asiata said that he will continue showing support to the community of Sutter, coach Reynolds, and Michio Takahashi, his trainer and the owner of Grind:30 Fitness.

“I’m just so proud of him,” said Jana Asiata. “He amazes me as a true freshman, barely adjusting from the huge leap of small-town high school football and on top of that fighting through injuries. He makes it look easy but I know it’s not. His dedication and focus on his goals astounds me. His future is bright.”

While playing professional football is the goal, Asiata knows there is no guarantee and that the sport comes with inherent risks. As such, Asiata has dedicated his college studies toward becoming an actuary; a risk management professional who uses mathematics, statistics and financial theory to assess the likelihood and financial impact of future events.

“I like math, so it makes sense,” said Asiata. “It’s a win-win.” ★

Art Fix & Mix Coming to the Burrows Center for the Arts

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6. The second January event will be held on Jan. 20.

A regular gathering of artists can provide an invaluable opportunity for creative growth, collaboration and inspiration. In a world where artmaking can often be a solitary pursuit, it is hoped that these regular meetings will foster a sense of community among like-minded individuals. Sharing ideas, techniques and personal experiences allows artists to broaden their perspectives and experiment with new approaches. By witnessing others’ creative processes and hearing diverse viewpoints, participants will be encouraged to push their boundaries and step outside their comfort zones.

Moreover, such gatherings provide a space for constructive feedback. Honest, supportive critiques from fellow artists can help refine one’s work, offering insights that are often difficult to achieve alone. This dynamic exchange fosters an environment where everyone learns, whether from mistakes, breakthroughs or shared challenges.

Additionally, the diversity within our artistic community often brings together individuals working across different mediums and disciplines. This cross-pollination of ideas, where a painter might learn from a ceramist, or a photographer from a printmaker, leads to innovation and experimentation. Ultimately, a regular gathering of artists nurtures creativity, strengthens community bonds and reinforces the value of collaboration in



Pam Nowak will host the 90-minute program Jan. 20. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

the ever-evolving world of art.

Program lead, Nowak, is a multi-genre artist and arts educator and has been extensively involved in the arts all her life. After attending Humboldt State University and earning a double teaching credential in both Elementary education and Secondary art education, Nowak relocated to Sutter County to teach art at Yuba City High School for 28 years.

Becoming the content lead for the Visual and Performing Arts Department allowed her to implement many student-centered programs including Advanced Placement art, annual

student art shows, art centered field trips including trips to San Francisco and the Getty Museum with Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, Art Club student leadership, and participation in curriculum development at the Yuba City Unified School District level.

Nowak has had several art shows in Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture’s galleries, sharing her ongoing artistic exploration with students as well as the community. Several of her former students are now Yuba-Sutter art teachers. For more information, contact Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture at email@yubasutterarts.org or call 530-742-2787. ★

Wildcats Overpower Warriors



The Chico State Wildcats mens basketball team overpowered the Stanislaus State Warriors on Jan. 4. Photo by Aaron Draper, Chico State University

California State University Chico News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - The Chico State Wildcats showcased their dominance on Saturday, Jan. 4 with a commanding victory over Stanislaus State, extending their win streak to nine games. With the win, the Wildcats now boast an impressive 10-2 overall record and remain unbeaten in CCAA play at 6-0. Meanwhile, Stanislaus State fell to 6-6 overall and 3-3 in conference play, continuing an up-and-down season for the Warriors.

Chico State’s JoJo Murphy delivered another stellar performance, recording his seventh 20-point game of the season with a game high 24 points, along with eight rebounds and five assists. Murphy now sits at 992 total career points and has the opportunity to become the latest Wildcat to reach the thousand-point milestone since Joshua Hamilton, who scored his 1000th point last January against Stanislaus State. Murphy will be the fourth fastest Chico State men’s basketball player to join the thousand career point

club. As a junior, Murphy has the chance to become one of Chico State’s highest scoring players in program history.

Trae Taylor also delivered a stellar performance, dropping a career-high 21 points on an efficient 90 percent shooting from the field, while also grabbing seven boards. Miles Daniels added valuable contribution, chipping in 14 points despite not attempting a single free throw.

The Wildcats took the lead just two minutes into the game and never looked back. By halftime, Chico State had built a six-point lead, which they steadily expanded to a commanding 20-point advantage with 4:33 remaining in the second half.

Chico State owned the paint, scoring 38 points in the restricted area compared to just 22 for the Warriors. The Wildcats’ defense was key to the victory, limiting the Warriors to a mere 37.3 percent shooting from the field for the game.

The Chico State men’s basketball team is scheduled to return home to host Cal Poly Pomona at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 9, after press time. ★

State Route 70 Improvements Set



Planned improvements to State Route 70 include increased railroad bridge clearances. Photo courtesy of California Department of Transportation

California Department of Transportation News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Marysville are proud to be working together to deliver an upcoming project that addresses the community’s safety and multimodal connectivity needs with the State Route 70 (SR-70) Binney Junction Roadway and Complete Streets Project.

“This project reflects Caltrans’ commitment to delivering safe, accessible and modern infrastructures that meet the needs of all travelers,” said Caltrans District 3 Director Sergio Aceves. “These upgrades to State Route 70 will improve traffic flow, enhance safety, and provide vital connectivity for Marysville’s residents, businesses and visitors. This is about building a roadway that supports the community today and into the future.”

The estimated \$178.6 million project will improve SR-70 between 14th Street and Cemetery Road by adding two-way left turn lanes and creating wider 8-foot shoulders. It will include new 6-foot sidewalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps and levee improvements. The project also will replace the Marysville and Binney Junction railroad underpasses with new structures that meet modern safety and height standards.

“In addition to the increased railroad bridge clearances, the city is pleased to

see enhanced bike lanes, wider pedestrian sidewalks, additional traffic control, emergency vehicle provisions, and flood protection features that will benefit the community,” said Marysville City Manager Jim Schaad.

The improvements will make the area safer for students traveling to and from school and provide better options for walking and biking. These updates will not only make the road safer and traffic flow better, but also support local businesses and improve the transportation of goods, helping the Marysville community thrive.

Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2025 and is anticipated to be completed by December 2027. Caltrans and the city are committed to keeping the community informed throughout the project’s progression, ensuring transparency and engagement with residents and local businesses.

For more information about the SR-70 Binney Junction Project, please project webpage at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-projects/d3-sr-70-binney-junction>

Caltrans District 3 is responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. Caltrans reminds motorists to “Be Work Zone Alert” and slow in construction zones for the safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements. ★

New Law Inspired by Ex-Lawmaker's DUI Adds to Alcohol Education in California Schools

By **Ryan Sabalow**,
CALMatters.org

California public school students will get additional coursework on the harms of alcohol in 2025, thanks to a new law from a former lawmaker whose drunken driving arrest inspired her legislation.

In September, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2865 by former Los Angeles Democratic Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, whose DUI last year helped derail her political career.

California schools are already required to provide instruction about alcohol, narcotics and other dangerous drugs. This bill would require that schools also provide instruction about the short- and long-term harms of excessive drinking — including alcohol's link to chronic diseases, mental health problems and deaths.

As she pitched her bill to her colleagues in 2024, Carrillo told them that it was important for students to learn about alcohol's consequences in the hopes they don't go down the path she did.

"I wish I would have known in high school what I know now," she said at one hearing. "I would have made different choices."

On Nov. 3, 2023, Carrillo crashed into parked cars in Northeast Los Angeles. Police said her blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit, according to the Los Angeles Times. She ended up pleading no contest to the DUI in the middle of her race for Los Angeles City Council, which she lost. Because

she ran for city council, Carrillo left her Assembly seat this year.

Carrillo said her DUI was a wake up call for her. She said she started going to therapy and became sober. As she reflected on her life, she said her own struggles with booze began at an early age. And she was troubled by how prevalent alcohol is in society, despite its documented dangers.

Alcohol is a National and Global Health Issue

According to federal health officials, alcohol-related diseases kill 178,000 people in the U.S. each year, and death rates are increasing. Noting that alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer, including bowel and breast cancers, the World Health Organization last year declared that "when it comes to alcohol consumption, there is no safe amount."

Carrillo testified that 54 Californians die each day from alcohol.

"I want young people to learn early how something that is so legally and easily accessible can do so much harm if not consumed with more knowledge and more responsibility," she told her colleagues.

Her bill passed without any lawmakers voting against it.

What Law Will Do

Under the new law, school boards can decide which grades receive the new instruction. They can ask the state for reimbursements for the costs of instruction, training and updates to instructional materials, said Nicholas Filipas, a spokesperson for

the California Department of Education.

At the San Juan Unified School District in the Sacramento region, educators shouldn't have trouble rolling the bill's requirements into their schools' curriculum, said Raj Rai, a spokesperson for the district, which educates about 39,000 students.

"Alcohol education has been embedded into our high school health class curriculum for quite some time," Rai said in an email. "Our curriculum team will review the currently adopted health materials to see if anything additional is needed to meet the new requirements."

The district already has several programs that teach students grades six through 12 about the harms of alcohol and drugs with the goal of reducing or eliminating teen substance abuse.

The district's high schools also regularly participate in California's Highway Patrol's "Every 15 Minutes," Rai said.

The CHP describes the program as challenging teens to "think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, their community, and many others."

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How to Run a Business

Last month I wrote an article on running a restaurant and as I was writing it, I realized, with a few specific differences, running a successful business is just as easy, or for many, just as hard as the very difficult restaurant business.

Actually it can be maddening to start a business and probably as it should be. For if it was easy, the things that make it hard are the seeds of giving good service and/or providing a good product.

An entrepreneur that starts a business will find out soon enough whether he or she is doing it correctly by how many "votes" they get in the process.

Votes in the business world are dollars. Put in simple terms, although business startups need time to get the word out and attract customers, eventually, given enough time, the votes (dollars) should start trickling in. Either that or what you are offering is not very much in demand.

The longer you operate, the more dollars (votes) should come rolling in. If you are doing it right that is.

I once had lunch with a business mentor that had been in the business of mentoring for many years. He made the comment he was having a hard time monetizing his service.

To me, that meant he had a hard time making enough money at doing what he was doing. In business terms, he had a hard time getting enough votes.

People vote with their dollars. Offer something they want and they'll cast their votes your way and fill your coffers.

Take APPLE for example. Apple gets billions of votes every year because people love what they offer in the form of their phones and their ancillary businesses like the APP STORE.

If a new business is opened and the dollars don't eventually start flowing in meaningful amounts, it either means the public doesn't need or want whatever it is you are offering or in the way that you are offering it.

In the restaurant business, it might mean they don't like your food or your service. If it's a clothing boutique, maybe they don't like the clothes you're selling, or maybe your prices are too high.

It could be a number of things that are causing you not to get votes (make money). The bottom line is the public, much like a disliked politician would lose due to lack of votes, are not casting enough votes in your direction.

I can't tell you how many people I talk to year after year that couldn't

make a business work.

Like my previous article mentioned: nine out of ten new businesses end up in the trash heap. And unfortunately, may do significant financial damage to the entrepreneurs in the process.

The failures are not tied to any one type of business, although the restaurant business seems to be the top dog in business flop overs along with web based businesses. Web based businesses have many home based platforms which are started on an idea and a whim with often little capital, which may be why the numbers are so high for web business failures. As for the high number of restaurant failures, as anyone that has run one will tell you, it's a darn hard business both in hours and profit margins as well as the inherent mechanisms of offering a perishable item.

In conclusion, starting a successful business can be very rewarding both financially and personally if you come up with the right recipe both in your offering and how you offer it.

There are many things you will have to address and navigate in the process of starting a new business and I won't list them all here due to space constraints, but plan on working an ungodly number of hours to both start up and run your new business.

You can forget about sleeping in and better plan on long days and even longer nights. Most successful business owners will tell you they never worked harder nor longer. It's just the way of it.

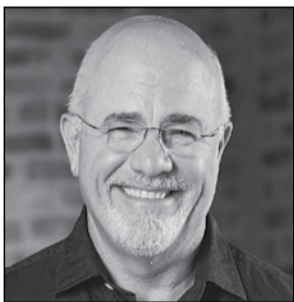
Those that refuse to put in the long hours are probably the nine out of the ten that fail because they went back to bed.

All kidding aside, it's damn hard to open a new business. So make a solid plan, perhaps get a mentor, listen to advice and research, research, research.

It's not easy but it's worth it if you do it right.

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

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Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says The Game's Not for Everyone and The Safest Place?

on an easy \$400 in your pocket every month.

Now, I love real estate. I understand the excitement and allure. But what you're really saying is you want to cash out part of your retirement, get hit with a penalty and take on debt, all to buy an investment property. This is not a good plan.

My advice is to save up, and pay cash for one small, decent rental property to see if the landlord game is really for you.

– Dave

The Safest Place?

Dear Dave,

Where is the best place to keep my savings?

– Angie

Dear Angie,

In my mind, when it comes to savings, the idea is to park the money in a safe place—like a money market account or basic savings account—and keep it separate from the rest of your cash, so you don't accidentally spend it on the wrong thing. I'm not really concerned

with making money in a savings scenario, so things like setting money aside for an emergency fund or vacations fall into this category.

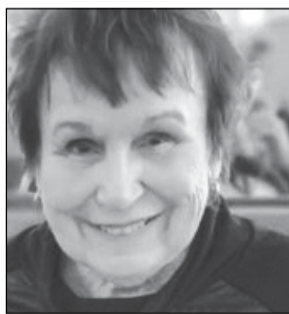
Investing, on the other hand, is when you're going to leave the money alone for a bare minimum of five to 10 years in order to grow it. Things like college planning and retirement fall into this category. In these instances, I recommend good, growth-stock mutual funds that have stable track records of at least 10 years.

I hope this helps, Angie!

– 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. ★

Wisdom of a Different Kind



By Kathy Craig Harteis

For years I have periodically rewatched The movie Forrest Gump.

The simplicity of the wisdom shared there is a benefit to all who listen to it.

Now I hear there will be a sequel film Forrest

Gump2 coming in 2025. That pleases me.

In our world today I think revisiting Forrest and his son will be a welcome change. As always my favorite quote from the film is; "Stupid is as stupid does," Mama always says. Mama was a wise woman.

The New Year is here. I always view it as a time of renewal, change and hope.

I don't make resolutions but I do set goals. To my surprise my first goal in 2025 is to learn again to walk on my own.

We never know what the year will bring.

I'm certainly not where

I planned to be now. I've often been teased by family and friends because I walk at a fast pace. I'm usually in the lead.

If you read this column you know I believe God has a plan for each of us. I'm interested to see what I will do going into the year with a broken ankle.

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



What a difference a week makes! Yes, a lot can happen in a week, and the Sacramento Kings are living proof.

Gone is former coach of the year, Mike Brown, and interim head coach Doug Christie not only is riding a season high 4-game winning streak, he's riding a basketball juggernaut as well.

Wins over injury depleted Dallas Mavericks and Philadelphia 76ers were welcome wins, but to handily defeat the Memphis Grizzlies and archrival Golden State Warriors back-to-back was a sign that the Kings were truly on the road to recovery.

A horrid 6-game losing streak was the undoing of Mike Brown, and every pundit, newscaster and fan had a different opinion. The general consensus was that coach Brown had lost the locker room, and after a meltdown loss to the Detroit Pistons in which collectively the Kings and in particular DeAaron Fox guarded no one, the Pistons came away with an improbable 1-point win. 4-point plays to win a game are a rarity, and it's no fun to be on the losing end, but that's precisely where the Kings found themselves.

Whether coach Brown had truly lost his voice with the team is still open to conjecture, but from this writer's perspective, his lack of any consistency as it relates to playing time for players off the bench, led to overall sub-par productivity. Players from Keon Ellis, Alex Len, to Trey Lyles never knew from one game to the next if they would see significant minutes or no minutes at all.

Doug Christie was tapped on the shoulder and asked to take over the head coaching reigns, and so far, he's been a welcome addition to the head seat.

Some players have commented that Christie brings the mindset of a former player to the table, and thus far his voice is being heard. In particular the defensive end of the court has seen significant improvement, and the past four games have featured some of the best defensive basketball that fans have seen in memory.

A wire-to-wire victory over the Golden State Warriors in which Sacramento never allowed the Warriors any breathing room, was a glimpse of what the

Sactown boys are capable of, and Malik Monk had perhaps his finest game of the season. Malik matched Steph Curry with 26 points and added a season high 12 assists, but his defense was equally impressive. Domantas Sabonis had his usual stellar performance, adding 22 points and 13 rebounds while playing only three quarters.

Does coaching make a difference? You bet it does. Does that mean that winning four of five games since Mike Brown's departure, the Kings are headed to the playoffs.

Too early to tell Kings fans but take solace in seeing what your hometown boys are capable of doing. Not just playing tough teams and winning, but actually accomplishing blow-out wins.

Keon Ellis has returned to form and did a yeoman's job in filling in for an injured DeAaron Fox in the win over the Warriors. Keon has a big upside, as does Trey Lyles who is also showing signs of looking like his former self, playing solid basketball on both ends of the court.

Say hello to Devin Carter Kings fans, and this young rookie has game! Playing in just his 2nd NBA game, Devin broke into the scoring column with 13 points while adding an impressive seven rebounds. This youngster has been on the sidelines all season recovering from off-season shoulder surgery, and he looks eager to impress his fans and teammates alike. I like what I see in Devin, and his defense in particular on Stephon Curry was impressive to see. His debut has been a long time coming, and it could not have come at a more auspicious time. I look for coach Christie to give him all the playing time he can handle, and with the unfortunate departure of Davion Mitchell, another guard that can play ferocious defense is a welcome sight.

Stay tuned Kings fans and stay away from ugly trade rumors. Trades will invariably come, but let's just hope it doesn't involve the core members we've come to love!

All be best!

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The Petition requests that that Bobbi Vanvliet be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-310
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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6165 B Alberta Ave.
Marysville, CA 95901
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Adam Richfield
6165 B Alberta Ave.
Marysville, CA 9590
Sarah Richfield
6165 B Alberta Ave.
Marysville, CA 9590
This business is conducted by a Married Couple.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/01/24.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Adam Richfield
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 20, 2024.
(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).
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County Clerk
By NELIDA WILLIAMS,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-294
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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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.
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Signed:
Michael J. Del Rio
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By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
Deputy Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-304
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Elite Universal Security / API Academy
5548 Feather River Blvd.
Olivehurst, CA 95961
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
California Security Services, Inc
5548 Feather River Blvd.
Olivehurst, CA 95961
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/Oct./2002.
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Monty Duaine Hecker California, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on December 16, 2024.
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County Clerk
By BRIDGETTE EVANS,
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Dec. 27, 2024, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-309
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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11823 Dolan Harding Rd.
Browns Valley, CA 95918
MAILING ADDRESS:
P.O. Box 67
Browns Valley, CA 95918
County of YUBA
Registered Owners:
Wesley J. Appleton
P.O. Box 67
Browns Valley, CA 95918
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20./2024
(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).
Signed:
Wesley J. Appleton
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Professional Wrestling Expands in Yuba City

Story and photos
by Shamaya Sutton

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The West Coast Wrestling Federation (WCWF) hosted a full house on Jan. 3 for the launch of a new series of training matches called Friday Night Prospects. As the name implies, Prospects refers to a handful of up-and-coming amateur wrestlers aspiring to level up their game and get promoted to bigger and better shows.

"These events are for young talent to develop and give us online content for another weekly one-hour show," said Zack Reeb, owner of Pro Championship Wrestling (PCW).

Pro Championship Wrestling has taken the lead in arranging these Prospect matches, which will be performed on the first and third Friday of every month at the West Coast Wrestling Federation's training ring in Yuba City. Footage from these shows will then be compiled and streamed on the organization's YouTube channel, PCWProWrestling.

According to Doc Heywood, Pro Championship Wrestling's web content developer, curating this type of promotional content is crucial toward getting wrestlers noticed and moving them up the ladder in terms of performance and pay. The group plans to edit the Prospect footage and

release it on the Thursday following each match. This means that fans can expect to see the results of Jan. 3 aired on Jan. 9.

"Zack is really good at promoting the school and finding the talent. I'm honestly not sure how he does it," said John Cooper, owner and founder of the West Coast Wrestling Federation. "The Prospects thing isn't supposed to be anything major; it's just supposed to give students some time in the ring to work in front of people."

The training match on Jan. 3 included the talent of Ethan Reyno, Bryce Kouza, Bishop Dorian, Brian Joseph, Aiden Andrews, Noah Palmer, Travis Alexander and Kairo Leon, to name a few.

Cooper founded the West Coast Wrestling Federation a little over a decade ago, which currently serves as the training ground for both Pro Championship Wrestling and Sacramento's Supreme Pro Wrestling (SPW). In addition to running classes, Cooper hosts his own professional wrestling shows at local high school gyms, utilizing the connections he's built as a locksmith for the school systems facilities department.

"This year, I'd really like to expand our shows so that we have one about every eight weeks," said Cooper.

For Cooper, wrestling is a hobby that developed out of a childhood fascination. Cooper previously



A group of wrestlers face off during the inaugural Friday Night Prospects match on Jan. 3 at West Coast Wrestling Federation's ring in Yuba City.



Olumide Coker extends his hand to Travis Alexander, left, one of the winners of the inaugural Friday Night Prospects match hosted on Jan. 3 at West Coast Wrestling Federation's ring in Yuba City.

owned another local gym and credits his physical fitness for keeping him alive during a cancer scare.

"I only had like three months to live when I got diagnosed," said Cooper. "The doctors attributed to me being able to pull through it based on my activity and being at the gym all the time. But I always wanted to get back into wrestling, so I ended up buying a ring to start training. My wife at the time liked to throw themed birthday parties for our son and one year, our son wanted to have a wrestling party, so I ended up turning it into a show and got almost 400 people to come. I've been doing it ever since."

Cooper kept things going with the West Coast

Wrestling Federation and soon met Reeb at a chance encounter at a local grocery store. The two quickly bonded over wrestling and now share much of the region's best talent, including Olumide Coker, Nathan Brink and the young Ethan Reyno.

"Ethan is a senior at River Valley High School, so that's another reason we started doing matches there," Cooper said.

The West Coast Wrestling Federation's next big match is scheduled for Feb. 15 at River Valley High School in Yuba City. Meanwhile, fans can check out "Prime Time" or other promotional materials online at pwnor-cal.com.

Friday Night Prospect matches are hosted and

filmed on the first and third Friday of every month at the West Coast Wrestling Federation ring, located at 1257 Hassett Ave., Yuba

City. Seating is limited to the first 50 fans only. For more information on training, email westcoast-wrestling@yahoo.com. ★

Suspect Sought After Shooting Sends Victim to Hospital

Yuba County Sheriff's Department News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - At approximately 5:35 p.m. Jan. 3, deputies assisting with an unrelated call heard gunfire behind the Super X Market on North Beale Road in Marysville.

Upon further investigation, they located a victim

of an apparent gunshot wound and immediately began administering first aid and radioed for medical to respond. The victim was transported for treatment.

The Detectives Unit is taking over the investigation and has asked for anyone with information to please contact the Yuba County Sheriff's Office at (530)-749-7777. ★

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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
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COUNTY OF YUBA
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CASSANDRA RUSSELL and JEFFREY HOOKER,
PETITIONER(S)
CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-01779
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE:
2/10/2025
DEPT: 4
TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Cassandra Russell and Jeffrey Hooker, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Oswin Elizabeth Hooker
to: Clara Oswin Elizabeth Russell
from: Dexter camp MacKenzie Hooker
to: Dexter James Camp MacKenzie Russell
from: Delilah Scarlett Pearl Hooker
to: Delilah Scarlett Pearl Russell
from: Emmeline-Vaida Juniper Charlotte Hooker
to: Emmeline-Vaida Juniper Charlotte Russell

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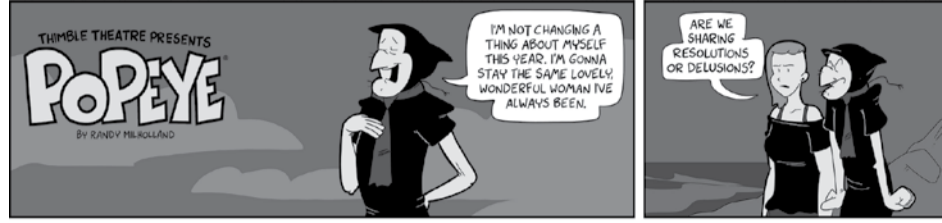
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Two Bodies Recovered at Thermalito Afterbay



The bodies of 17-year-old Wesley Cornett, left, and 19-year-old Andruw Cornett have both been recovered. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office

Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

THERMALITO, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 31, a Butte County Sheriff's Office pilot was flying in the Thermalito Afterbay area, as part of the continuous search for Andruw Cornett, 19, and Wesley Cornett, 17. The teenage brothers have been missing since Dec. 14, after duck hunting at the Afterbay.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. Dec. 31, the Butte County Sheriff's Office pilot spotted a body in the north side of the Afterbay, within the original search area. The Butte County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit and Butte County Sheriff's Search

and Rescue immediately responded and recovered the body. The decedent has been positively identified as Andruw Cornett and next-of-kin has been notified.

During the recovery, the Butte County Sheriff's Office pilot was forced to land, due to a drone flying extremely close to the Butte County Sheriff's Office helicopter.

On Jan. 5, at approximately 9:12 a.m., a citizen walking on the west bank of the Thermalito Afterbay, just south of the Highway 162 bridge, spotted a body in the water and called 911. The Butte County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit was on the water at the time as part of the limited continuous

search for missing duck hunter Wesley Cornett.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit immediately responded and recovered the body. Through DNA analysis, the body was positively identified as Wesley Cornett. We send our condolences to the family and friends of Wesley and Andruw Cornett during this devastating time. We would also like to thank the many allied agencies and volunteers who assisted in the search.

Anyone with any additional information or questions is urged to contact the Butte County Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit at 530-538-7671. ★

LaMalfa Sworn in for Seventh Term

Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Jan. 3, Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) was sworn in for his seventh term as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing California's 1st Congressional District. With a Republican majority in the House, Senate, and the White House, Rep. LaMalfa is optimistic about the chance to advance legislation that supports rural areas, strengthens forest management, and ensures that energy remains affordable and sourced right here in America.

"This Congress is a fresh start for America," said Rep. LaMalfa. "With Republicans leading both chambers of Congress and the White House, we have an opportunity to focus on what really matters for rural America—returning common sense to government by reducing spending, removing illegal immigrants, and bringing consumers prices down on energy. Plus, we'll focus on needed actions for keeping American Farmers producing and thinning our overgrown forests. We've got everything it takes to get things done right here at home. We can't afford more policies that drive up energy costs and leave us dependent on foreign food, foreign building supplies, or foreign energy.



Doug LaMalfa

We need to prioritize American workers and American families."

Rep. LaMalfa emphasized his commitment to practical reforms. "Whether it's addressing wildfire risks, ensuring prosperity in rural areas, or making sure energy is affordable again, there's a lot of work ahead. I'm ready to get to work for the people I represent and I'm hopeful we'll see real progress this session."

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

LaMalfa Introduces the TORCH Act

Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On Jan. 3, Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) announced the introduction of the Targeted Operations to Remove Catastrophic Hazards (TORCH) Act—a critical piece of legislation aimed at reducing wildfire risk and restoring the health of America's forests. With the introduction of the bill on day one of the 119th Congress, Rep. LaMalfa is making it clear that forest management and wildfire prevention are top priorities for this legislative session.

"The TORCH Act is a direct response to the pressing threat of catastrophic wildfires that continue to devastate rural areas, wildlife, and critical infrastructure across the country. This legislation streamlines and accelerates forest management projects, giving us the tools we need to restore healthy forests, reduce wildfire hazards, and protect the lives and livelihoods of those who live in high-risk areas. We can't wait for the next fire to come—this bill will allow us to act now, at a larger scale, and in a smarter way.

Managing our forests and reducing wildfire risk isn't just a task for one agency, it requires cooperation across all levels of government and the private sector. By encouraging partnerships and removing regulatory roadblocks, the TORCH Act gives us the tools we need to make progress and protect the people and lands of rural America," said Rep. LaMalfa.

Key provisions of the TORCH Act include:

Categorical Exclusions and Zone Expansions: These provisions will make it easier to address wildfire risks and clean up after wildfires by expanding categorical exclusion from NEPA to allow thinning and post-fire recovery across much larger areas of our national forests. This is a huge

step forward in increasing the pace-and-scale of wildfire resilience efforts.

Clear Zones: This provision expands upon Rep. LaMalfa's previous work with the CLEAR Zones Act, which focuses on improving the safety of electrical lines by removing hazardous trees and vegetation in high-risk areas to help reduce unintended wildfire ignitions.

The Cottonwood Fix: These provisions include a key fix to the Endangered Species Act by exempting the U.S. Forest Service from re-consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on new species information. This will eliminate unnecessary delays that slow down much-needed forest restoration projects.

Grazing and Wildfire Risk Reduction: These provisions are from Rep. LaMalfa's previous bill, H.R. 7666, which directs the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a strategy to expand livestock grazing as a means of reducing wildfire risk.

Additional measures in the TORCH Act promote cross-boundary wildfire mitigation, wildfire resilience, forest restoration, and collaboration with local partners. The bill also includes Good Neighbor Authority provisions, which allow federal agencies to partner with state and local governments for more effective, efficient wildfire risk reduction projects.

The TORCH Act will be a cornerstone of Rep. LaMalfa's legislative efforts in the 119th Congress, reinforcing his commitment to promoting healthy forests, reducing wildfire risks, and ensuring the safety and prosperity of rural areas.

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

Homicide Occurs at Lovey's Landing

Sutter County Sheriff's Office News Release

MERIDIAN, CA (MPG) - At around 10 a.m. Jan. 5, Sutter County Deputies responded to a call for service at Lovey's Landing in Meridian for a female under the influence of narcotics causing a disturbance.

Upon arrival, an 11-year-old male juvenile was found deceased in a mobile travel trailer. The suspect in the incident was identified as 44-year-old Megan Dixon of Meridian. Dixon was taken into custody without incident and booked into the

Sutter County Jail on charges relating to child endangerment and homicide.

Sutter County Detectives, Sutter County District Attorney's Office and the Department of Justice are investigating this as a homicide. We will provide more information as the investigation progresses. Credible and substantiated information will only come from official sources, such as our office.

Dixon's first court appearance was scheduled for 3 p.m. Jan. 7, after press time.

Her bail is set at \$1,000,000. ★

Olivehurst Man Sentenced to Prison

Yuba County District Attorneys Office

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 16, Yuba County Judge Julia Scrogin sentenced Christopher Ryan Brown to six years in state prison for multiple felonies he committed in 2022 and 2023.

Brown pled no contest to felony domestic violence in November 2022. He was sent to a residential drug rehab program while pending sentencing. In March 2023, Brown was kicked out of the program and failed to appear for court. While on the run, he also attempted to victimize a 10-year-old child, asking her for sex and nude photos. Yuba County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brown in August 2023. In October 2024, a jury found Brown guilty of attempting to solicit child pornography

and the court found him guilty of failing to appear. The aggregate six-year sentence included consecutive time for each of the offenses.

"I want every parent to understand how Brown used social media to try and solicit sex and nude photos from a child," said District Attorney Clint Curry. "Please keep tabs on any social media apps you let your children use. Men like Brown are out there and we need to remain vigilant."

The victim in the case had an Instagram account, where she clearly identified as a 10-year-old girl, who loves singing and dancing. The account also clearly stated it was monitored by a parent.

On June 19, 2023, the victim's mother noticed that Brown had started following her daughter's Instagram account.

Posing as her daughter, she messaged Brown, "Hi." Believing he was communicating with the 10-year-old, Brown asked if she wanted to have sex and repeatedly requested she send him nude photos.

Yuba County Sheriff's Detective Tyler Johannes, Deputy Shaun Hammond, and Deputy Brady Beymer investigated the case. When deputies went to arrest Brown at his residence on Aug. 11, 2023, he jumped naked out a back window and led law enforcement on a 10-minute foot chase through alleys and backyards. He didn't get away.

Thank you to the Yuba County Sheriff's Department deputies for investigating the case and Senior Deputy District Attorney Brad Morrow for trying the case. ★

Assembly Republicans Respond to Newsom's Budget Preview

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Jan. 6, Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher and Assembly Budget Committee Vice Chair Heath Flora responded to Gov. Newsom's budget "preview," calling for real action to improve the lives of Californians.

"Newsom is doubling down on the same failed programs that stuck Californians with record homelessness, soaring energy and housing costs, and one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. The only new thing in this budget is a giveaway to the governor's Hollywood donors and even higher taxes on small

businesses," said Gallagher. "Californians were clear in the last election - they want lower prices, safer streets and a government that works for them. This budget doesn't even come close to getting that done."

"The governor can say whatever he wants, but fancy words don't change the reality Californians see every day. It's time to put ideology and ambition aside and do what's right for the people of our state," said Flora. "The problems facing Californians have come to a head under Gov. Newsom - he needs to show he's serious about turning things around."

Budget Fast Facts

Newsom's budget is only balanced with \$7.1 billion pulled from the rainy day

fund.

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office is expecting deficits of \$20 billion - \$30 billion for three straight years starting in 2026.

This plan will grow general fund spending by \$17.4 billion from this year's levels.

Last year's budget promised to eliminate 10,000 vacant state jobs and reduce spending by \$4.9 billion by operating more efficiently. Now Newsom is backpedaling from that promise - only cutting 6,500 positions and falling short on operational efficiency savings by \$1.4 billion.

There is no additional funding for drug treatment programs that will be necessary thanks to the passage of Proposition 36. ★

Orchard Show Legacy Lives on in Colusa Farm Show

By Susan Meeker

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - The seed planted for the Sacramento Valley Orchard and Machinery Show in the mid-1960s has grown into a legacy of the late Tom Aldrich and the organizers who spearheaded what would become the Colusa Farm Show, the oldest continuous farm equipment exhibition on the West Coast.

According to the archives of the Territorial Dispatch, the Colusa County Pioneer Review, and other local publications, Aldrich and colleagues from the University of California Cooperative Extension Service met with prune, olive, and nut growers in the summer of 1965, to discuss a method for farmers to keep up with rapid mechanizations of the 20th century in the agriculture industry.

"The demand was great enough that it compelled us to put a show together to allow growers to see and compare various types of orchard equipment in one place," Aldrich said in an earlier interview. "We couldn't imagine it would become such a success."

Organizers and farmers held the first Orchard Show committee

meeting on July 7, 1965, at the Country Kitchen in Gridley to begin planning a dead-in-the-winter, middle-of-the-week exhibition when they could realistically bring equipment manufacturers and farmers together.

Aldrich, Colusa County farm advisor, reached out to then Colusa County Fair Board President Hugh Jones and Fairgrounds Manager Morris DeLay to secure the Colusa County Fairgrounds as the location. He then arranged 85 exhibits, demonstrations, and educational programs that highlighted custom-built equipment for pruning, spraying, and harvesting. The first Orchard Show was held Jan. 11-12, 1966, with an expectation that 3,000 people would attend.

At the time, the Sacramento Valley was anxious to have some organization take the responsibility of allowing growers to see and compare various types of orchard equipment in one place, and all the Sacramento Valley UC farm advisors, including Wallace Schreder, Arthur Retan, Dave Chaney, Ralph Parks, and D.C. Alderman, obliged.

What the Extension Service



Thomas Morgan Aldrich, longtime Colusa County Farm Advisor with the University of California Cooperative Extension Service, founded the "Granddaddy" of all farm trade exhibitions on the West Coast by starting an Orchard Machinery Fair 60 years ago. Aldrich died in 2013 but his legacy lives on with the Colusa Farm Show.

did not expect was the 14,000 people that would attend the first show and the particular interest from rice growers, cattle and dairy farmers, aviators, and other crop producers up and down California to see more than wind machines and limb shakers.

A year after the first show, the Colusa Chamber of Commerce

named Aldrich "Citizen of the Year" in recognition of exceptional service to the citizens of Colusa County by establishing the first exhibition with the plan to make it an annual event.

By the third year, the UC Cooperative Extension Service teamed up with the 44th District Agriculture Association (Fair Board), who wanted to create a farm trade show that would benefit everyone in the agriculture industry. It was not long before majestic metal giants, manufactured by John Deere and Caterpillar, would become a main attraction.

In 1975, on the 10th anniversary of the Colusa Farm Show, which was still commonly referred to as the Orchard Show, more than 41,000 people came through the gates, slightly down from the previous two years, due to severe weather on the final day, although machinery sales were up overall, with visitors coming from South Africa, Sweden, and Canada to view the latest innovations in agriculture, Fairgrounds Manager Robert Bisho said in an interview.

In 1995, with the Colusa Farm Show still going strong after 30

years, the Colusa County Farm Bureau recognized Aldrich with the "Distinguished Service to Agriculture" Award. In addition to getting the Colusa Farm Show off the ground, Aldrich was instrumental in starting the Nickels Soils Lab, the largest almond research facility in the United States, whose early work on soils and drip irrigation was a breakthrough in modern agricultural practices.

After the turn of the 21st century, the fairgrounds continued to burst at the seams the first week in February with 350 vendors sprawled across the grounds to offer information, services, and equipment to everyone from home gardeners to major crop producers and has stayed on the forefront of agriculture.

At 60, the Colusa Farm Show has well earned its moniker "The Granddaddy of All Farm Shows," as it was the forerunner for Tulare's World Ag Expo, now the largest farm trade show in the world; the Northwest Agricultural Show, in Oregon; and the Spokane Ag Expo, in Washington.

Aldrich died at the age of 90 on Oct. 24, 2013. ★

Six Decades of Agriculture in the Sacramento Valley

Story by Susan Meeker, photos by Cheri Azevedo

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - Something was happening in agriculture in the mid-1960s that inspired farm trade shows to spring up to educate farmers on the latest innovations that would help them survive the challenges of the 20th century.

The Sacramento Valley helps produce the world's grain, nuts, meat, fruit, and dairy products, according to the annual agriculture crop statistics the state requires from county agricultural commissioners.

Milk, rice, cattle, tomatoes, prunes, peaches, pears, walnuts, wheat, and sugar beet values from the annual harvest, when the Colusa Farm Show was first organized, were reported to be in the hundreds of millions, although the statistics of gross agriculture values were often misinterpreted as an indicator of the farmer's prosperity.

"Over the years, production and operating costs have steadily increased while the value of farm products has shown only slight gains," reported Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner Herbert W. Chandler, in his 1965 crop report, the year when planning began for the first Colusa Farm Show (Orchard Show). "Technological advances in farming practices have made it possible to increase production of the various farm commodities - and only through these technical advances have the farmers been able to stay in business."

Colusa County's agriculture was valued at only \$44.2



Sunset marks the end of rice harvest in Colusa County, once again the leading producer of the crop in the Sacramento Valley.

million that year, after Butte, Sutter, Glenn, and Yolo, and surrounding counties reported a devastating crop year that left farmers looking for answers.

Throughout the Sacramento Valley, 1965 ushered in a prolonged cool and wet spring that delayed rice, milo, bean, and sorghum plantings. It slowed the development of deciduous fruit crops and an unusual and damaging rain in the middle of August dealt peach and prune growers a severe blow.

"Brown rot and fruit drop, resulting from this storm, caused growers to lose considerable fruit and, in some instances, their entire crop," reported Butte County Agricultural Commissioner Donald J. Black, in his 1965 crop report.

Although livestock, regionally, and Sacramento County's leading industry, milk, realized favorable gains for the year from advantageous rainy conditions, and the favorable fall weather provided

excellent harvesting conditions for nuts, a severe freeze in December of 1965 resulted in the loss of nearly two-thirds of the valley's citrus crop.

A decade after the first Farm Show, crop values nearly doubled throughout the valley.

In Colusa County, rice was king, with a gross value of \$67.3 million in 1975, topping tomatoes (\$11.9 million); sugar beets (\$11.2 million), and wheat (\$7.9 million). Prunes (\$2.8 million), Barley (\$2.6 million), and walnuts (\$2.3 million) held a distant eighth, ninth, and 10th place, respectively.

The same year, the passage of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, which gave farmworkers the right to unionize, left farmers and consumers facing higher prices for farm goods. As a result of the legislation, California imported agricultural workers to work for lower wages and landowners suffered significant losses in land

values, according to the Journal of Labor Research.

By the mid-1980s, crop values in Colusa County stayed steady, from \$140.8 million in 1984, up to \$141.6 in 1985; and up again slightly to \$143.3 in 1986, as farmers sought out the best practices and farm equipment to meet the increasing costs of production.

In the mid-1990s, planting acres varied for the region's tomatoes, while wheat made significant gains with increased acreage, production, and price in product.

Yet, 1995 started with devastating predicaments for the agriculture industry, with widespread flooding and late planting contributing to serious problems for growers.

Colusa County's largest crop, rice, took a reduction in value from \$112.9 million in 1994 to \$95.6 in 1995 to \$92.3 million in 1996 as both production per acre and value per unit decreased.

At the same time, tomatoes and almonds would continue to increase in value and production acreage, along with significant increases in both livestock and livestock products.

"Even with the terrible start in 1995, total county production value set another all-time high of \$304.9 million," reported Agricultural Commissioner Harry Krug, in his 1995 crop report.

At the turn of the 21st century, the farming landscape would remain unchanged.

The 2005 crop year for Colusa County was valued at \$392.7 million, which was a \$41 million increase from 2004 and \$31.1 million more than the prior record high of \$361.6 million in 2003.

By 2020, Colusa County's gross crop values would reach nearly \$1 billion, with almonds surpassing rice as the county's top crop in 2014, 2019, and 2022, with significant gains made in the production of seed crops.

According to the latest crop report (2023), the gross value of Colusa County's agricultural production reached \$878 million, reflecting a substantial increase of 102.7% compared to the estimated value for 2022, when drought, freeze, and high fall temperatures decimated rice, almond, and walnut production.

"This recovery marks a significant positive shift for our agricultural industry, following the challenges faced during the 2022 crop year," said Agricultural Commissioner M. Anastacia Allen, in her 2023 crop report. ★

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